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Dear Ma. and Mrs. Worthington:
Hose than four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostileties of World war II, which cost the $21 f e$ of your son, tho late Staff Sergeant Leo R. Horbhington.

The unfortunate airewastances surrounding the death of your son have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon information presently available, the Department of the Amy has been forced to determine that his remains are not recoverabi.g. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence some to our attention Indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under aircunastances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pesty homage. Nay the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,


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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 757 . (Liege) US ARMY
11 JAN. 1950
Proceedings of a Bard of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47), D-M, War Dent, TAGO, 9 April 1947

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO Mo. 1, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 757, U.S. Army, 2 January 1950, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France, on 11 JAN 1950 . The purpose of the Board was to determing the nonムrecoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this commend.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers, contained in the files of fAmerican Graves Registration Command, $3 A$, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE Yo. 4

WORTHINGTON, Leo R.
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GRAD B s/sgt ASS 13043347

FJIDIIGS: The Bor rd having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds, the remains of said casualty/casualties, are nonrecoverable.

RECOMMTDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the office of the Quartermaster General for final approval.

## HAROLD P. HENT, COL. QI



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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY
RRE 293.9 (IB)
SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board AGRC

1. It is recommended that the board take action on the following case:

NAME: WORTHINGTON, Leo R., S/Sgt, 13043347
ORGANIZATION: Hq Co 33rd Armd Engr Bn
DATE OF DEATH: 19 Sept 1944
PLACE OF DEATH: Vic. of Sillegny, France
SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above mentioned unresolved casualty was a member of an engineer reconnaissance mission engaged in an attempt to construct a bridge across the Seille river in the vicinity of Sillegny, France, on 19 Sept 1944. Information contained in After Action Report of 33 rd Armored Engineer Battalion indicates that extremely heavy enemy opposition was encountered during the course of this operation and unit was forced to withdraw. The enemy regained and occupied the territory concerned for some time after this action, thereby making it impossible to evacuate the remains of casualties incurred. A Field Investigation was conducted in the appropriate area in Aug. 1947 with negative results. This entire area, including both banks of the Seille and Moselle rivers, has been repeatedly investigated in the search and recovery of American deceased who were lost in the action surrounding the liberation of Metz without disclosing any additional information. It is logical to conclude that S/Sgt Leo R. Worthington was killed in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Sillegny, France, on 19 Sept 1944 and that his remains were disposed of by the enemy in a manner which precludes recovery. The fact that Field Investigation was negative and the fact there are no unknowns on record that may be associated with the subject casualty would tend to substantiate this conclusion: It is therefore recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; Letter Hq 33rd Armored Eng Bat did 27 July 1945; After Action Report of 33rd Arm Eng Bat dud 9 Sept 1944; Report of Field Investigation, did 9 Sept 1947.
2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records in file headquarters American Graves Registration Command.
3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in U S Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.
4. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Age: 24 yrs.
He was KIA while engaged in combat with the enemy in vic. od "Sillegny" (849442) word. France.

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OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS \#87
X-6020 from Sillegny, now interred at St Avold, cannot positively be associated with above deceased. No further burial information available.

It is directed that area of Sillegny be re-investigated.
-HEADQUARTERS
33d ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION Office of the Chaplain APO $25^{7}$
c/o Pm., New York, N. Y.
27 July, 1945
Mrs. Anna H. Worthington, Gravel Avenue, Raspeburg, Maryland.

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Mrs. Anna H. Worthington
27 July 1945
aggressive spirit made him invaluable in the Reconsection, his sense of duty was very high. He felt it his personal obligation to be out in front of every operation and jet he was not careless. Many owe their lives to him for the excellence of his previous work".

Sincerely,

CLAIR F. YOHE Chaplain, (Capt) USA

## 33RD ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION

## After Action Report

On 9 September 1944, assault boats and assault rafts were made available for the establishment of a bridgehead across the Moselle River, north of Metz. A total of 71 assault boats were ready to move on short notice, while the 991st Engineer Tredway Bridge Company was alerted together with one company of the 206th Combat Engineer Battalion for the construction of the bridge. An advance CP, $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Doncourt, France was established on this date by the Battalion Commander, and was situated six miles from the location of the remainder of the command. Joining of command was effected on 10 Septerber 1944, and a continuation of assembling equipment for the contemplated river crossing took place. Company "C" reverted to combat command, C C "R".

The river crossing was not effected due to enemy resistance, and the division was moved to the sector south of Metz where a bridgehead had already been established by the 5th Infantry Division.

On 18 September 1944, plane were made for the crossing of the Seille River. Treadway Bridge was kept available for construction of bridges. Intensive engineer work went on at this time. All of these operations and proposed plane were made by companies during heavy enemy artillery fire.

On 20 September 1944, the engineer companies reverted to infantry tactics in order to hold ground. Construction of a bridge across the Seille River was declared impracticable at this time due to heavy enemy artillery concentrations. The following day, CC "B" made plane for another bridge site on the Seille River, and planned to use Company "B" as an infantry company. The Battalion Commander protected the use of engineers as infantry to the Chief of Staff, 7th Armored Division, but was refused at that time. Company "B", acting as infantry, established a bridgehead, but was withdrawn by CC "B" the following morning.

Plane were made for a combined operation on the crossing of the Seille River using four bridges for the crossing on the 23 September 1944. Engineer companies were to be used strictly as engineer troops, and were to make all roads passable, and to control all traffic across the bridges. This plan was called off, and the entire division left the vicinity of the Seille River, and withdrew across the Moselle River, the 5 th Infantry Division taking over our former positions.

WORTHINGION, IEO R. Staff Sergeant 13,043,347
Headquarters Company 33rd Armored Engineer Battalion
Killed in action
19 September 1944

## HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE

531 QUARIERMASTER GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 (NANCY) US ARMY
GRW
9 September 1947
SUBJECT: Isolated Burial Case (Moselle) 10055.
TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, EA, APO 58, US Army

1. Attention is invited to attached letter from the 539 GM Sv CO , dtd 8 Sept 47, five (5) statements and diary relative to investigation conducted in an effort to locate the remains of $S / S g t$ Leo $R$. WORTHINGION, ASN 13043347.
2. Investigation resulted in negative findings, no more remains of American soldiers have been recovered since 1946, and a search of records in this Headquarters fails to reveal any Unknowns which might be associated with subject deceased.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl: $\mathrm{a} / \mathrm{s}$
LAWRENCE A. HAYES
Capt
Adjutant

Tel: Nancy 8415
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Worthington, Leo R. S1F-13043347
SUBJECT: Request for Information
Dept of the Army, OqZic, Washington 25, D. C., 5 October 1949
POs Commanding General, American Graves Registration Comaand, European Area, APO 58, of Postmaster, How York, Hew York

1. There is no Determination of Status Report available for Sgt Leo R. Worthington, 13043347.
2. Inolosed horewith are photostat copies of all information available in the records of the Department of the Army for subject decedent.

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RRE 293.9 (IB)
16 June 1949
SUBJICT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to OQNG Form 371 for Staff Sergeant Leo R. Worthington, 13.043347 , indicating place of death as vicinity of Sillegny, France.
2. Investigation in that area was conducted with negative result.
3. It is requested that Determination of Status Report and any additional information which may aid in the search for the remains of subject deceased be forwarded.

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27 July, 1945
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Miss Vita Worthington
Gravel Avenue \#6
Raspeburg, Maryland
Dear Miss Worthington:
I received your letter last week and it took me until now to obtain all the information that we have concerning the death of your brother Leo. The information we have is scanty but might afford some consolation to you and your parents.

Your brother Leo was killed in action while on a reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Sillegny, France. The area where he was killed was inside the enemy lines and as far as we know, the body was not recovered. If a report of $t$ is burial reaches our headquarters, in the future, you will be notified to that effect.

It is one of the most difficult jobs that I have, writing to the folks of our soldiers, and trying to console them in their grief. When circumstances permitted, I celebrated mass for the 33rd Engineers and I am sure Leo, being a good Catholic, was always present. We made it as easy as possible for the men to receive the Sacraments because we always gave the men General Absolution and allowed them to receive Holy Communion even though they were not fasting.

So you need not have any fear concerning his spiritual pereparedness. What we still have left, our Faith, will sustain us here on earth and make us yearn for that blessed reunion in heaven.

In my daily Mass and prayers I continually beg God to grant rest to the souls of our dead soldiers and to comfort the family they left behind.

Sincerely yours,
Father LAVRENCE H. KEATING
Re: S Sgt Leo R. Worthington, 13043347


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12 October 1944
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Gravel Avenue
Raspeburg, Maryland

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Worthington:
It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Staff Sergeant Leo R. Worthington, 13,043,347, Corps of Engineers, who was killed in action on 19 September 1944 in France.

I full understand your desire to learn as much as possible regarding the circumstances leading to his death and I wish that there were more information available to give you. Unfortunately, reports of this nature contain only the briefest details as they are prepared under battle conditions and the means of transmission are limited.

I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic service to his country, even unto death, may be of sustaining comfort to you.

I extend to you my deepest sympathy.
Sincerely yours,
J. A. ULIO Major General The Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 33RD ARID ENGR BN APO 257, c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

14 October 1944

Mrs. Anna Worthington
Gravel Avenue
Raspeburg, Maryland
Dear Mrs. Worthington:
Please permit me to extend to you my deepest regrets and sympathy in the death of your son Staff Sergeant Leo R. Worthington, 13043 347, which occurred in France where he was killed in action on 19 Sentember 1944. Perhaps by now the official announcement has been made by the War Department.

It is fully realized that words are in adequate to assuage your sorrow and bereavement inssuch a personal loss, However, consolation may be found in the realization that the patriotism of your son will live eternally in the memory of his country. Though a sharp and erse tribute, no greater service can be rendered in the struggle to preserve the principles for which we fight and suffer will never be forgotten by the liberty loving people in the nations of the world.

Again permit me to extend my deepest regrets and
sympathy.
Very sincerely and respectfully,

JOHN E. KENNEDY JR,
Captain, CE
Commanding.

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$\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{q}}, 33$ rd Armd Engr Bn, APO 257, US Army, 31 Dec 1944.
TO: Commanding General, 7th Armd Div, APO 257, US Army.

1. S Sgt Leo R. Wortington, 13043 347, Hq Co, 33rd Armd Engr Bn, was killed in action in France on 19 Sep 44, and was reported on Battle C sualty Report, Control No. 26 , dated 29 Sep 44.
2. Soldier was killed by enemy small arms fire while on an engineer reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Selligny, France, since that area remained under enemy control for some time after this action the soldiers body was not recovered at the time. To date no report has been received from any graves registration unit to the effect that the remains of this soldier was ever recovered. A certificate signed by list Lt DONAID R. VARNER, 01116268 , CE, who saw the remains of the deceased, was used as the basis for submitting the battle casualty report.

For the Commanding Officer:

JAMES W. WEBB, CWO USA, Asst Ådj.

AG 704 (Worthington, Leo R.) (A) 2d Sranper Ind.
$H_{q}$ 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U. S. Army, 1 January 1945
TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Ooerations, APO 887, U. S. Army
(Attn: A. G. Casualty Division) (Thru Channels)

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33RD ARMORED FMTGINTER BATTALION

## After Action Report

On 9 Soptember 1944, assault boats and assault rafts were made avallable for the establishnent of a bridgehead across the Mosolle River, north of Metz. A total of 71 assault boats were ready to move on short notice, while the 991st Ingineer Tredway Btidge Company was alerted together with one company of the 206th Combat Figineer Battelion for the construction of the bridge. An advance $C P$, $1 \frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Doncourt, France was established on this date by the Battalion Commander, and was situatid six miles from the location of the remainder of the command. Joining of command was offected on 10 Septomber 1944, and a continuation of assombling equipment for the contemplated river crossing took place. Company "C" reverted to combat command, C C "R". .

The river crossing was not offected due to onemy resistance, and the division was moved to the sector south of Metz where a bridgehead and already been established by the 5 th Infantry Division.

On 18 September 1944, plans were made for the crossing of the Seille River. Treadway Bridge was kept available for construction of bridges. Intensive engineer work went on at this time.. All of these operations and proposed plans were made by companies during heavy oneny artillery fire.

On 20 September 1944, the ongineer companies reverted to infantry tactics in order to hold ground. Construction of a bridge scross the Seille River was declared impracticable at this time due to heavy enemy artillery concentrations. The following day, CC "BQ made plans for another bridge site on the Seille River, and planned to use Company "B" as an infantry company. The Battalion Commander protested the use of ongineers as infantry to the Chief of Staff, 7 th Armored Division, but was refused at that time. Company "B", acting as infantry, established a bridgehead, but was withdrawn by CC "B" the following morning.

Plans were made for a combined operation on the crossing of the Seille River using four bridges for the crossing on oht 23 September 1944. Fngineer companies were to be used strictly as engineer troops, and were to make all roads passable, and to control all traffic across the bridges. This plan was called off, and the entire division left the vicinity of the Seille River, and withdrew across the Moselle River, the 5 th Infantry Division taking over our former positions.


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#### Abstract

                




















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| ORGANIZATION | VA CLAIM NUMBER |  |


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## REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

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QMGII 293
Worthington, Leo $\mathrm{R}_{\text {. }}$.
7 March 1949
SN 13043347

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Worthington
8001 Rohe Avenue
Raspeburg 6, Maryland
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Worthington:
Your letter pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Leo R. Worthington, has come to my attention.

With deep regret I must inform you that no information has been received in this office indicating that the remains of your son have been recovered.

A continuous and intensive search is being made of the area in which he died, and it is my sincere hope that it will be possible to recover and rebury his remains in an established Military Cemetery.

Although fully understanding your natural anxiety, I regret that I cannot assure you, 梅. and Mrs. Worthington, that it will be possible to return the remains of your son, until a report of burial is received.

Every effort is being made to recover and positively identify all remains of our heroic dead. Upon receipt of any information pertaining to your son, I shall immediately notify you.

A change in your mailing address from Gravel Avenue, Raspeburg, Maryland, which is the address entered on our records, to the above address, has been noted in your last letter.

If this new address is to be your permanent mailing addragitipioase so inform us immediately, using the inclosed post card which requites $h(9)$ postage.

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JAMES F. SMITH Major, QMC Memorial Division

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$\qquad$ 4 FER 47
TO: Identification Branch
FROM: Family Letters Section
SUBJECT: Case Name $\qquad$ WORTHINRTON, LEOR, S/sqt-13043 347
Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate, applicable to this case.

TO: FL
This office is unable to associate a Report of Burial for an Unknown with S/Sgt. Leo R. Worthington, 13043347.

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France Sub-Sec.
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3001 Rohe Avenue Raspeburg 6, Maryland February 2, 1949

Office Quartermaster General
Mermorial Division
Washington 25, D.C.
Re: Body of staff Sergeant 993 Leo R. Worthington, Serial Number 13,043,347

## Gentlemen:

I hereby request all proper forms to be filled out for the return from France of the body of my son Staff Sergeant Leo R. Worthington, Corps of Engineers, Serial No. $13,043,347$ to be forwarded me as soon as possible.

Thanking you in advance for granting this request.

Yours sincerely,

George J. Worthington (Father) Anna H. Worthington (Mother)


(Basic Ltr WD OGMG, QNGMM 293 WORTHINGTON, Leo Ro SNI 13043347 dtd 27 June 1947

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Ha American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58 , US Army, 22 September 1947

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Inclosed herewith all documents pertaining to negative report recelved from the fleld on investigation conducted for the recovery of the romains of the above individual.
2. Forwarded for your information. FOR THE CONMANDING GENERAL:

> Incl: $\mathrm{w} / \mathrm{d}$ added $\mathrm{a} / \mathrm{s}$

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\#2 - 539 quil Serv. 3rd Zone Transm, note
\#3 - Investigator Diary

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTER" ASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To Qramr 293
Worthington, Leo R.
27 JUN 1947

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SIT 13 043 347
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SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For.

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command European Area APO 58, coo Postmaster New York, New York

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, OQMG Form 371 (covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

| NAME | GRADE | SERIAL NO. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Worthington, Leo R. | 13043347 |  |

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1547.

FOR THE CUARTERNASTEF GENERAL:

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Form 371 ( 5 cys)

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## 29 August 1947 , Sillegny

I the undersigned Saulnier J. resident of Sillegny certify that to the best of ry knowledge there are no American soldiers buried in the territory of the Commune. The American authorities disinterred then at various periods in 1946.

Further I can give no information concerning the soldier worzhinoroil, Leo R.

> /s/. Saulnier, Joseph

CERT IF IED A TRUE TRANSLATION:


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29 August 1947

I, the undersigned, Bir. Baudinet, state that to the best of my knowiedge there are ho longer buried in the territory of the Commune ony Anerican soldiers. They have been removed during 1946 by the American Authoritites.

I have never heard anything concerning the soldier wORTHMOTON, Leo $\mathrm{F}_{0}$.

/s/ Baudinet, Ferd.

## GERTIFIED A TRUS TRANSLATION:

JEAN P. DEMER
French Givilian
Translator.

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Sillegny 29 August 1947

I the undersigned MATHIS Charles, Mayor of Sillegney (Moselle) declare that there are no remains of American soldiers on the territory of the Commune. During the year 1946 the American Authorities removed all remains from the territoty of our commune. The notices are at the Town Hall. I have never heard mention of the soldier wonTumarol, leo $\mathbb{R}^{2}$.

The Mayor:

/s/ Mathis

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:


## (Moselle)

 10055

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\text { Sillegny, } 29 \text { Aug. } 1947
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I the undersigned VION, Louis, declare that to the best of my knowledge there are no longer any American soldiers buried
in this territory of the commune of sillegny.
They were all removed in 1946 by the AGRC.
I have never heard anything concerning the soldier wORTHIMGTON, Leo R.

/s/ Vion Louis

GERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

## Case \#633

## (Moselle)

10055

## STATEMENT

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Sillogny, 29 Aug. 47
I, the undersigned, Fiacre, Alphonse, living at Slllegney certify that to the best of my knowledge there are no longer any Americans buried in the territory of our Commune.

I have never heard anything conceming the soldier wORTHINGTON Leo R. reportedly killed at Sillegny 19 september 1944.
/s/ Place, Alphonse

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:


539 GU SERVICE COLS ANY (LC) THIRD ZONE
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SUBJECT: Investigation of Case \#10055.
TO : Commanding officer, Third Zone, acRE, APO 58, US Army. ATIN: Operations Officer

1. Transmitted herewith are results of the investigation of case \#10055, in Sillegny (Moselle). Negative findings are reported.
2. Your attention is invited to per inent statements and transcript of the Investigator's Diary in triplicate, which are inclased with the basic communication.
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LOUIS A BOCLSSTAHLER
list Lt Inf
commanding
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1 Investigator's Diary.

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## Left Naney 0930.

Arrived Sillegny 1100.
Contacted the Hayor, MATHIS CHARIRS, Mayor of Sillegny (Moselle). He stated that the last remains of American soldiers had been removed in 1946. As far as WORTHINGTON was concerned he lmew nothing.

The disinterment records are listed below

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| 14. | Piacre Alpho | - Negative |  |  |
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|  | Baudinet | - Negative |  |  |

None of the above had ever heard mention of WORTIINGION, and their statementa complenented that of Mr . Mathis, the Mayor.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

> OFFICE OF THE QUARTERNASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON $25, \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{C}$.

In Reply Refer To QugM 293

27 Jun 1947

## Northtigton, Zeo R. SII 13043342

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For.

TO: Commanding General
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European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
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GHG:VJ:dn June 12, 1945

Mr. George J. Worthington
Gravel Avenue
Raspeburg, Maryland
Dear Mr. Worthington:
The Arny Effeots Bureau has received from overseas some property of your som, Staff Sergeant Lee R. Worthingtone

This property, consisting of a few items, is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been reoeived at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

I regret the oircumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,
P. L. KOOB

2nd Lt. QuM.C. officer-in-Charge SJ Unit

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## 25 Setember 1944

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

| Worthington | Ieo | Re | S/Sgt. |
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| (Iast Name) | 13043347 |  |  |
| (First Name) | (MI) | (Rank) | (ASN) | TO: Effects Quartermaster, Comiunication Zone, APO

The above named individual of Hq Ce 33rd Armd Engr Bn., A.F.0. 257 (Unit)


Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible $\qquad$ INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

1 ea Razor, safety and blades
1 ea Badge,marksman
1 ea Book, prayer
1 ea Cap.wool
1 ea Cap,fur
1 ea Lighter, ciggarette
1 ea Case, cigarette
No funds,legal papers,wills, deeds or negotiable instruments.

## RESTRICTED



Names and addresses of any Banlis in which accounts may be

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I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were for warded to the Effects Depot by
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Any additional pertinent information:

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## Date 11 June ig45 .-.

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: The Adjutant Genoral, War Departmant, Washinsion 25, D.C.

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