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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

BARKER, BOBBY J

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

PVT

39851618

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DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

22 DEC 45

BELGIUM

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. COX

30 JAN 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

BOWMAN

30 JAN 51

REMARKS

**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME <b>BARKER, Bobby J.</b>	GRADE <b>Pvt</b>	SERIAL NO. <b>39 851 618</b>
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION DATE: 13 Feb 51

FROM (Branch and Section): Repat Br., Corres. Section REQUESTED BY: E. Puthorosky TEL. EXT.: 54428 ROOM NO.: 2519-B

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial): Barker, Bobby J. ( WW II ) RANK: Pvt SERIAL NUMBER: 39 851 618

INFORMATION REQUIRED: Current address of ~~brother~~ sister - Mrs. William D. Lucas

INFORMATION FURNISHED: XC - 6 038 025 DO, - 12, 1509 Clay, Oakland, Calif. No other information in folder.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature): D. A. HENNER MAJOR, OMC QM PENTAGON LIAISON

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION		



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMF 293  
Barker, Bobby J.  
SN 39 851 618

*YJH*

31 January 1951

Mrs. William D. Lucas  
4312 East Bayley  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Lucas:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your brother, the late Private Bobby J. Barker.

It is with deep regret that your Government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your brother's remains. Since all efforts to recover and/or identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your brother's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

*J. B. Clearwater*  
JAMES B. CLEARWATER  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

*No further action  
necessary. Father  
has already had  
nonrecoverable letter.  
Cape*

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27 Feb 1951  
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FEB 12 4 24 PM '51

MEMORIAL DIVISION

Chief, Memorial Division  
Colonel, USA  
JAMES B. STEVENSON

*[Handwritten signature]*

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

The following is a notice of emergency conditions for your  
unit. The knowledge of your presence, a honorable service to  
your unit and the information that there is no blame or action to  
be taken on the part of your unit, this unit's assistance

that the situation is not deteriorating.  
and/or identify the situation where it has been necessary to describe  
the importance of your presence, a situation. Since all efforts to recover  
information from your unit's service and information have failed to locate  
it is your duty to report that your Government finds it necessary to

Form 9. Backer.  
Form 11. Which case the title of your presence, the date of service  
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Form 12. Index:

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Form 14. Backer  
Form 15. Index

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64



WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

QMCMF 293  
Barker, Bobby J.  
SN 39 851 618

31 January 1951

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Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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O. O. M. G. BRANCH  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



QMCMF 293  
Barker, Bobby J.  
SN 39 851 618

31 January 1951

Mr. Hearvy M. Barker  
Box 1197  
Benson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Barker:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Private Bobby J. Barker.

It is with deep regret that your Government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your son's remains. Since all efforts to recover and/or identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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cc: DPRB  
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MAIL & RECORDS



CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. <del>MRS.</del> <del>MPS</del> <i>Henry M. Barker</i>	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>Box 1197 Benson, Arizona</i>		
RELATIONSHIP <i>father</i>			

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)  
*Barker, Henry J.*

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)  
*110-A*  
*110-B*  
*110-C*

ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS  
  
*Also send 110-A to sister:  
Mrs. William D. Lucas  
4312 East Bayley  
Wichita, Kansas*

GRADE  
*Private*

SERIAL NUMBER  
*39 851 618*

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE  
*Bennett 1/26/51*

TYPIST INITIALS

REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE

Shore letter

Ltr from sister requesting information  
regarding recovery of remains.

DDM's reply dated 13 Sept 46 advising  
that report of discovery not received  
search being made - will advise  
upon receipt of further information.

## NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

Area of Death European, vic of St. Vith, Belgium		Case Number 14453
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Barker, Bobby J.	Rank Pvt	Serial Number 39 851 618

In the course of this reexamination it has been determined that the circumstances of death were such that: (Check appropriate box)

- The remains of the decedent could not have been recovered
- The remains of the decedent could have been recovered. However, after review of the following it has been determined that evidence does not exist to contradict a finding of non-recoverability:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 File of Decedent	E.M.
2. Geographical clue index file of unknowns recovered from appropriate area, compared with decedent	E.M.
3. Other documents or sources	

Remarks

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	Date
Name of Case Analyst	Case Reviewer, Final Determination Section	Chief, Final Determination Section	
E. Miller		<i>Mary E. Davis</i> W.H. QMC	

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE  
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER 14453 (2)

AREA OR ZONE(S)  
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) RANK SERIAL NUMBER  
\*\*\* Barker, Bobby J. Pvt 39 851 618

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Fisher, Alfred E. Pfc 31 373 210  
\*\*\* Barker, Bobby J. Pvt 39 851 618

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	<i>WFL</i>	a. <del>INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA</del> b. FINDING OF DEATH c. <del>ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED</del>	<i>WFL</i>
A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS.	<i>WFL</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>WFL</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>WFL</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES *** AG Memorandum For Record (23 Mar 50)			<i>WFL</i>

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

\*\*\* An examination of the 293 file of the subject decedent and that of 2nd Lt Richard C. Carver, O-710 230, established the fact that the remains and ID Tags referred to in Narrative by H. L. Veigh, dtd 10 Mar 47, attached to the Field Board Proceedings, are those of 2nd Lt. Carver who was KIA on 24 Dec 44, in the same area in which the subject decedent was reported missing.

NAME OF CASE ANALYST: *W. F. Lawing*  
W. F. Lawing/cwt  
CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO: \*\*\*Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.  
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>C. C. Wasson</i> C. C. WASSON, Capt OMC	IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Capt OMC

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HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

Proceeding of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO 108, headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 22 SEPT 1950. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, 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 No.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
	FISHER, Alfred E.	Pfc	31 373 210
	BARKER, Bobby J.	Pvt	39 851 618

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

*James C. MacFarland*  
ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, O-41448 TC      JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Maj. O-1576321 QMC

*George Gunderman, Jr.*      *Clyde W. Steinsiek*  
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. O-1289071 QMC      CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311 QMC

*Henry F. Myers*  
HENRY F. MYERS, CWO, W-2104778 USA

HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS)

29 August 1950

NUMBER 108)

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2. PAC, Ltr WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

- LT COL ROBERT D. MILLER, TC., O 41 448, President
- MAJOR JAMES C. MAC FARLAND, QMC., O 1 576 321
- MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., QMC., O 1 289 071
- CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, QMC., O 1 040 311
- CWO HENRY F. MYERS, USA, W 2 104 778

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MULVANITY:

ROBERT K. COLE,  
CWO USA,  
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ ROBERT K. COLE,  
CWO USA,  
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY

*Robert G. Lay*  
ROBERT G. LAY  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

HEADQUARTERS  
 7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
 OPERATIONS DIVISION  
 APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

I. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following cases:

NAMES: FISHER, Alfred E. Pfc 31 373 210  
 BARKER, Bobby J. Pvt 39 851 618

ORGANIZATION: Co "A", 38th Armored Infantry Battalion,  
 7th Armored Division

DATE OF DEATH: 21 December 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of St Vith, Belgium

SYNOPSIS: The above named casualties were reported by OQMG Forms 371 as Missing In Action on the date cited above. The casualty incident pertaining to Pvt Barker which occurred in the vicinity of St Vith, Belgium is described in a Casualty Clearance Plan in the following manner: "Pvt Barker was last seen in the fields and area North east of St Vith, Belgium. The entire company was to have pulled out of the enemy lines by working through in small groups, to Krombach, Belgium for reorganization. The reason a search was not conducted is apparent; the terrain over which the enlisted men were last seen, was in enemy hands and made a search of any nature impossible". OQMG Form 371 for Pfc Fisher contains the only information concerning the subject enlisted man which is described in the following excerpt: "He failed to return to his organization when the area around St Vith, where he was in a defensive position, was over-run by enemy forces".

Field Investigations conducted in the area in March and October 1947 failed to reveal any information pertaining to the two subject decedents. Records available to this headquarters reveal that sixteen (16) unknown

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

were recovered from the area, but none of these unknowns can be associated with the subject casualties.

From the above recorded facts and the lack of information concerning the disappearance of Pfc Alfred E. Fisher and Pvt Bobby J. Barker it can only be concluded that they were killed in the action and that their remains were disposed of by the enemy in a manner and location which precludes recovery.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; Casualty Clearance Plan (Pvt Barker); dated 27 August 1945: On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigations, dated 10 March and 20 October 1947: Attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.

3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

*C. W. Steinsiek*  
C. W. STEINSIEK  
Captain, OMC *Ro*

Belgium 5769

N A R R A T I V E

10 March 1947

The commandant of the Gendarmerie in Recht to whom all isolated burials are reported declared in his statement that to the best of his knowledge there are no more isolated burials in the area of the communities of Ligneuville, Bellevaux and Recht.

The Burgomaster of St Vith declared that there are no Americans buried on the territory of the town of St Vith.

The priest of the community of Ligneuville declared that no Americans are buried in the community of Ligneuville and Bellevaux.

The Service of "Identification and burial of War Victims, Group of Luxembourg" at Sibret near Bastogne was contacted. The man in charge is Sgt Desmet. In August or September 1946 one of Desmet's men found an American body, in the woods called Bois du Pont, community of Ligneuville. On the body he found two identity tags. Sgt Desmet definitely remembers the name "Barker". He doesn't remember however the first name and ASN. American authorities were notified and in October 1946 an American investigator came to Sibret in order to obtain identity discs and statements pertinent to the case. Ligneuville was checked and it was proved that deceased mentioned above had been disinterred. No disinterment notice was left.

Be it noted that Ligneuville is N. of St Vith and that at the time of Barker's disappearance there was still some fighting around Ligneuville.

s/t H. L. Veigh  
US WD Civ.  
D 150 596

Belgium 9558

20 October 1947

N A R R A T I V E

Concerning completion of Belgium 9558 case referred to in letter Hq First Zone, AGRC, 551st QM Group, GRU 293.9, dated 26 June 1947, relative to Fisher, Alfred E., Pfc., 31 373 210, MIA in the vicinity of St Vith, Belgium, as of 21 December 1944.

Investigation of above mentioned case has proven negative as per following signed statements:

- a. Julien Bonmariage, Rodt-St Vith Forest Guard.
- b. Leonard Gans, Community of Crombach Forest Guard.
- c. Joh. Peter Maraite, Crombach's Burgomaster.

As area in question though demined was classified as not entirely clear of mines and sundry ammo, this investigator requested Lt Lenaerts, Belgium Army Demining Officer in charge of a platoon in Malmedy, to kindly have his men go over the area again with the warning to especially be on the look out for any remains of US Army deceased that might be found.

Search not only proved negative but attached signed statement of Lt Lenaerts removes any doubt whatsoever as to the existence of any deceased US Army personnel in area in question.

As at last resource this investigator went through the cemeteries of St Vith and Crombach finding no burials that might be associated to deceased US Army personnel.

s/t/ Thomas L. JUAN  
Investigator  
Hq First Zone, AGRC

*393* Barker, Bobby J. 39, 851, 618

OMGDU 293

~~ACRS - European Zone~~

25 January 1951

SUBJECT: Nonrecoverability of Remains

TO: Commanding Officer  
7887 Graves Registration Detachment  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Board of Officers that convened at your headquarters and determined that the remains of the following decedents are nonrecoverable:

BARKER, Bobby J.	Pvt	39 851 618
FISHER, Alfred E.	Pfc	31 373 210

2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on all decedents whose names appear in paragraph 1, above.

3. It is requested that all records of your headquarters pertaining to these decedents be amended to read REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

meh

THOMAS E. COX  
Capt  
Memorial Division

*CCW*

cc: Resol. Sec., Repat Br.  
Adm. Unit, Ident Br



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*4293 MRS Emma Fisher*  
*4393 Fisher, Alfred E.*

AIRMAIL

*31, 373, 210*





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 AGPO-CR 201 Barker, Bobby J.  
 39,851,618 (23 Mar 50)

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23 March 1950

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of  
 Private Bobby J. Barker, 39,851,618, Infantry

1. Private Bobby J. Barker, 39,851,618, Infantry, was reported missing in action on 21 December 1944 in Belgium by ETO Shipment No. 008, and was presumed dead as of 22 December 1945 by SR&D No. 4952.

2. The Casualty file of the subject person contains the Missing Report of his organization, dated 26 December 1944, which discloses that he was a member of Company A, 38th Armed Infantry Battalion which participated in a mission "to hold and stop the Enemy," the intended destination being "Withdrawal to Krombach Belgium," and the place where Pvt Barker was last seen "1/4 mile North East of St Vith Belgium." The Report includes the following detailed resume of circumstances:

"The entire Company was to have pulled out of the enemy lines, by working through in small groups, to Krombach-Belgium for reorganization. The Enemy was between the Company and the town of St Vith Belgium. The above enlisted man of this organization was last seen in the fields and area North East of St Vith Belgium. The entire town of St Vith and area around it were over run with enemy patrols and tanks of all makes, making it impossible for the above enlisted man to have returned to Krombach-Belgium."

REMARKS: "The reason a search was not conducted is apparent; the terrain over which the enlisted man was last seen was in Enemy hands and made a search of any nature almost impossible."

3. The AG 201 file of the subject enlisted man contains a photostatic copy of a report, under the Casualty Clearance Plan, dated 27 August 1945 which includes the following statements:

"1. Pvt Barker was last seen in the fields and area North East of St Vith, Belgium (Approx La Beole V.P. 4896 Nord De Guerre). The entire Company was to have pulled out of the enemy lines, by working through in small groups, to Krombach-Belgium for reorganization. . . . .

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Identification Branch  
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AGPO-CR 201 Barker, Bobby J.  
39,851,618 (23 Mar 50)

"2. The entire town of St Vith and area around it were over run with enemy patrols and tanks of all makes, making it impossible for the above enlisted man to have returned to Krombach-Belgium.

"3. It is not known whether soldier was wounded or captured inasmuch as there are no available witnesses.

"4. Search of area was impossible.

"5. Approximately 266 Casualties occurred during the engagement against the Enemy in the Battle of St Vith.

"6. There are no available witnesses in this company. Therefore, an opinion as to the fate of Pvt Barker cannot be expressed. It is believed that since soldier was not with company when physical check was made that he was either killed or captured during the engagement."

4. A search of Captured German records has resulted in failure to find any identifiable record of the subject enlisted man, nor has any record of burial been found pertaining to him upon search of the records of OQMG.

5. The subject enlisted man was a member of a company participating in action against the enemy in the vicinity of St Vith, Belgium on 21 December 1944, scheduled to "pull out" of enemy lines in small groups and withdraw to Krombach, Belgium. The country around St. Vith, Belgium was overrun by enemy patrols and no search for Pvt Barker was deemed possible after he was last seen approximately one fourth mile northeast of St. Vith. Capture by the enemy is a possibility and, in view of this fact, it is concluded that sufficient information is not available at the present time to warrant issuance of a report of death on 21 December 1944 under provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

Alice L. Ward  
Investigator

CONCUR:

N.B. STARR  
Captain, AGD  
Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit  
Casualty Section, P.A. Br., AGO

APP-GR 201 Barker, Bobby J.  
39, 821, 618 (23 Mar 50)

"2. The entire town of St Vith and area around it were over-  
run with enemy patrols and tanks of all makes, making it impossible  
for the above enlisted man to have returned to Krombach-Belgium.

"3. It is not known whether soldier was wounded or captured in-  
asmuch as there are no available witnesses.

"4. Search of area was impossible.

"5. Approximately 200 casualties occurred during the engagement  
against the enemy in the Battle of St Vith.

"6. There are no available witnesses in this company. Therefore,  
an opinion as to the fate of Pvt Barker cannot be expressed. It is  
believed that same soldier was not with company when physical check  
was made that he was either killed or captured during the engagement."

4. A search of captured German records has resulted in failure to find  
any identifiable record of the subject enlisted man, nor has any record of  
burial been found pertaining to him upon search of the records of OMSG.

5. The subject enlisted man was a member of a company participating  
in action against the enemy in the vicinity of St Vith, Belgium on 21 December  
1944, scheduled to "pull out" of enemy lines in small groups and withdraw to  
Krombach, Belgium. The company around St Vith, Belgium was overrun by enemy  
patrols and no search for Pvt Barker was deemed possible since he was last  
seen approximately four miles northwest of St Vith. Capture by the  
enemy is a possibility. In view of this fact, it is concluded that  
sufficient information is not available at the present time to warrant is-  
suanee of a report of death under provisions of Section  
9 of the Missing Persons Act.



Alice J. Ward  
Investigator

CONCUR:

W. B. STARR  
Captain, AGO  
Asst. OIC, 1st & 2nd Unit  
Casualty Section, P. A. Br., AGO

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Identification Section  
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade	
BARKER	BOBBY	J <sup>38</sup>	39851618	PVT	
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size	Date of Death
65	116	GREEN	BLACK	8D	22 DEC 45

Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)

CO A 38<sup>th</sup> ARMD INF BN.

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

AREA NORTH EAST of ST VITH BELGIUM

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION	DATES
FT. MAC ARTHUR CALIF	OCT 42
CAMP BEALE, CALIF	NOV 42
CAMP BOWIE TEXAS	MAY 44
FT GEO G. MEADE MD	JULY 44

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

Fractures and/or Breaks	Tattoos and/or Birth marks
NONE	NONE

NO DEFECTS NOTED

DENTAL CHART 23 OCT 42

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X - Extracted      O - Carious      / - Carious non-restorable

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown



(Belgium)  
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(Basic Ltr WD OCMG, QMGMM 293 BARKER, Bobby J. SN 39 851 618  
dtd 1 November 1946

RRE 293.9 (IB)

1st Ind

Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58,  
US Army, 4 September 1947

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

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2. Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl: w/d  
added a/s

*Walter B. Morrow*  
WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

*file  
4 Nov 47  
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RECORDS BRANCH  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORDS BRANCH  
SUBJECT: [Faint text]

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added a/s





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1 November 1946

In Reply Refer To  
QMGYG 293  
Barker, Bobby J.  
SN 39 851 618

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

TO : Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

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4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

NEGATIVE REPORT  
Date 26 Feb 47 Initial B.G.

RECORDS BRANCH  
MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

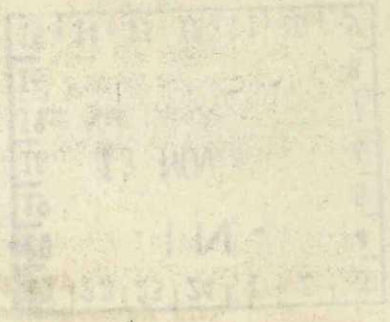
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REGISTRATION AND  
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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



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B/L: Hq. First Zone, 551 QM Gp, AGRC, APO 887 (Liege) US Army, dtd 24 Feb. 1947  
Subject: Isolated Burials

1st Ind.

GRU 293.9

HEADQUARTERS, 4527 QM SERVICE CO. (AG), FIRST ZONE, AGRC, APO 887 (Maastricht)  
US ARMY  
22 March 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, First Zone, Hq 551 QM Group, AGRC, APO 887 (Liege) US Army

1. An investigation was conducted in the communities of Ligneuville, Bellevaux and Recht in an effort to discover the remains of Pvt. Bobby J. Barker, ASN 39 851 618, as requested in the basic communication.

2. In August or September 1946 Sgt. Desmet of the Service of Identification and Burial of War Victims, Group at Luxembourg found a body in the woods called Bois du Pont in the community of Ligneuville which is located North of St. Vith. Upon finding the body, Sgt. Desmet also found two dog tags which he turned over to an investigator in October 1946 and he states the name on the tag was Barker.

3. Attention is invited to IZ 1224 (No case Number) involving the remains of 2nd Lt. Richard C. Carver, O-710230. The remains of Lt. Carver were disinterred from the vicinity of Recht, Belgium 4 November 1946 and forwarded to the C.I.P., Strasbourg, France, for further processing. It is assumed that in view of the fact that the names Carver and Barker closely resemble each other, Sgt. Desmet was in error in stating that the identification tags were those of Barker. File Copies of IZ 1224 held at this Headquarters prove the point since a statement is attached which reveals evidence of a bit of Parachute being found at the time the disinterment was made.

4. If a complete file copy of IZ 1224 is needed as additional information, it is requested that this Headquarters be notified.

5. Forwarded for action under existing regulations.

THEODORE C. THOMAS  
Captain, Infantry  
Commanding.

## Incls:

Narrative - H.L. Veigh  
Statement - Desmet  
Statement - H. Lehnen  
Statement - Priest of Ligneuville  
Statement - Meurnier  
Statement - Bourgomaster of Ligneuville.

Telephones: Maastricht 4033, 4333.

Belgium 5769

## NARRATIVE

19 March 1947

The commandant of the Gendarmerie in Recht to whom all isolated burials are reported declared in his statement that to the best of his knowledge there are no more isolated burials in the area of the communities of Ligneuville, Bellevaux and Recht.

The Burgomaster of St. Vith declared that there are no Americans buried on the territory of the town of St. Vith.

The priest of the community of Ligneuville declared that no Americans are buried in the community of Ligneuville and Bellevaux.

The Service of "Identification and burial of War Victims, Group of Luxembourg" at Sibret near Bastogne was contacted. The man in charge is Sgt. Desmet. In August or September 1946 one of Desmet's men found an American body, in the woods called Bois du Font, community of Ligneuville. On the body he found two identity tags. Sgt. Desmet definitely remembers the name "Barker". He doesn't remember however the first name and ASN. American authorities were notified and in October 1946 an American investigator came to Sibret in order to obtain identity discs and statements pertinent to the case. Ligneuville was checked and it was proved that deceased mentioned above had been disinterred. No disinterment notice was left.

Be it noted that Ligneuville is N. of St. Vith and that at the time of Barker's disappearance there was still some fighting around Ligneuville.

*H. L. Veigh*  
H. L. Veigh  
US MD Civ.  
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~~CERTIFIED TRUE COPY~~ *OBV*

~~DURRILL B HARTMAN~~ *OBV*  
~~1st Lt. Infantry~~

Belgium 5769

Kingdom of Belgium  
Ministry of Interior  
Inspection of Fire Department  
Identification and burial of War Casualties  
Group of Luxembourg at Sibret

Sibret 11-2-47

S T A T E M E N T

I the undersigned F. Desmet, Chief of the Group of Luxembourg at Sibret Detachment declare that during the visit of 2 American soldiers of the Graves Service I gave: an identity tag with the name of BARKER and a piece of parachute having American markings, found near the body.

The release of these articles was made by myself during the month of October 1946.

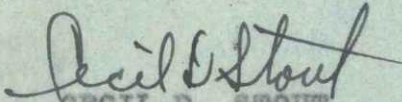
The Chief of Detachment

/s/ Desmet

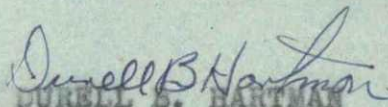
P.S. This body was in the woods of the bridge, near Ligneuville.

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

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CECIL D. STOUT  
US WD Civilian  
A 441414



DURRELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Inf

Belgium 3272 5769

Representative St. Vith  
CREST  
City of Saint Vith

St. Vith 26 February 1947

S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned, acting in the name of the burgomaster of the City of Saint-Vith, states that the soldiers of the American Army fallen on the territory of this community were disinterred in the course of the year 1945 thru the efforts of the American authorities. An identity tag was recently found in the ruins of a destroyed house. The body of the wearer of this identity tag has not been found. The destroyed house was in the grand rue.

/s/ Lehnen H

SEAL

Secretary

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*Cecil D. Stout*  
CECIL D. STOUT  
US WD Civilian  
A 441414

*Durrell B. Hartman*  
DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt.           Inf

Belgi 5769

Parish of  
~~xxxxxx~~  
Ligneuville-Belleaux

S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned pries of Ligneuville states ~~that~~ herewith that to his knowledge there are no more bodies or graves of American soldiers on the territory of Ligneuville du Pont and Belleaux.

The Priest of Ligneuville

/s/ illegible

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*Cecil D. Stout*  
CECIL D. STOUT  
US WD Civilian  
A 441414

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Dorell E. Hartman*  
DORELL E. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Inf

Belgium 5769

I the undersigned MEUNIER, Leon, 1st mdl. Chief, commanding the Gendarmerie of Recht, state that to my knowledge there is not any more a grave of an American soldier in this section of the communities of Bellevaux-Ligneuville and of Recht.

All the graves and bodies of American soldiers killed in this section have been disinterred and identified.

Recht, 27 February 1947  
The 1st mdl. Chief MEURNIER

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/s/ illegible

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

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*Cecil D. Stout*  
CECIL D. STOUT  
US WD Civilian  
A 441414

*Durell B. Hartman*  
DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Inf



Belg. A 5789

Province of Liege  
Department of Verviers  
Community Administration of  
Bellevaux-Ligneuville

Ligneuville

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S T A T E M E N T

The burgomaster of the community of Bellevaux-Ligneuville states herewith that there are no more graves of American soldiers on the territory of our community.

Ligneuville, 27 February 1947  
The burgomaster,

P.O. /s/ illegible

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DURELL B. HARTMAN  
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**AIRMAIL**  
**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
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4 MAR 1947

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QMGR 293  
Barker, Bobby J., Pvt  
A.S.N. 39 851 618

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

**TO :** Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to WD, QMGR Letter, file and subject as above, dated 1 November 1946, for which there is no record of receipt of a reply in this office.

2. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement on the above referred to letter within 20 days of receipt of this communication.

**FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:**

MARVIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMG  
Memorial Division

**AIRMAIL**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1 November 1946

In Reply Refer To  
QMGYG 293

**Barker, Bobby J.**  
SN 39 851 618

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, OMC  
Assistant

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Barker, Bobby J.			Pvt	39 851 618	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co. "A" 38 Armd. Inf. Bn. 7 Armd. Div. White		White	Catholic		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
21 Dec 44	FOD		Area Northeast of St. Vith, Belgium		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
22 Dec 45	65"	116	Green	Black	8 D
DENTAL CHART					
UPPER RIGHT			UPPER LEFT		
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			23 Oct 42		
No Defects Noted			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT		
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X = Extracted                      O = Cavious                      I = Cavious Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
None			None		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
Age: 22yrs.					

QMGYG 293  
Barker, Bobby J.  
SN 39 851 618

13 September 1946

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. William D. Lucas  
4312 East Bayley  
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Lucas:

Your letter to the Finance Office, Washington, D. C. concerning your brother, the late Private Bobby J. Barker, has been referred to this office.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in searching operations in an endeavor to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that your brother's remains have been discovered.

Information being utilized by these searching units includes data gathered from captured enemy records, from reports submitted by various commanders as well as fellow soldiers, and from reports rendered after the interrogation of returned prisoners of war.

I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and identification of your brother's remains. Please be assured that when further information is received, you will be informed with a minimum of delay.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your brother.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

at

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39 851 618

OCF, Office of Dependency Benefits, 213 Washington Street, Newark 2,  
New Jersey. **AUG 19 1946**

TO: Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office, inasmuch as it  
pertains to decedent's body.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*C. F. Hathaway Jr.*  
C. F. HATHAWAY, Jr.,  
Captain, FD  
Cas Pay & Almt Accts Branch

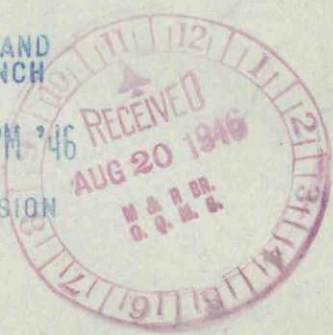
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Ltr dtd 24 Jun 46

*W.A. - Forwarded file  
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Mun. Pay*

REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BRANCH

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MEMORIAL DIVISION



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ONE COPY OF THIS LETTER  
SUBMITTED TO  
C. E. WILSON, JR.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Reference to precedent, a copy  
forwarded as a matter of routine to your office, transmitted as if  
to: Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.  
New Jersey.  
Office of Quartermaster General, 213 Washington Street, Newark 5,

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WILSON, J. E. 1. 111 111

*Muster Pay*

June 24, 1946

*4312 E. Bayley  
Wichita, Kansas*

The Finance Office  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

My brother, Pvt. Bobby Barker, G. F. R. S. A. P. O. 739  
Repl. Pod, % P. O. New York, N. Y., has been missing now  
for over a year. My Grandmother, Mrs. R. F. Cummings,  
1001 E. Second St., Tucson, Arizona, received a telegram  
thus in regards December 1943.

I was living in Tucson at the time, but lost contact with  
my Grandmother when I moved to Wichita, Kansas with my  
husband last year. I am assuming that after a year, hearing  
nothing, that my brother is officially dead.

I have waited this long hoping to hear from my Grandmother,  
but have heard nothing, so thought perhaps you would give  
me the information I wish to know. I believe my brother was  
lost in the "Belgian Bulge". Is it possible to know whether  
they located his body? Also who receives his Six Months Gratuity?  
Other than our father, I am his next of kin.

I have written to the Veterans' Administration in regards  
to his insurance.

Any other information regarding him would be very much  
appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wm. D. Lucas

*Mrs Wm. D. Lucas*

Formerly (Natalie E. Barker)

*39 851*

*J. Lucas*  
JUL 22 1946

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CASUALTY BRANCH  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington, D. C.

( 9 January 1946)

DEATH

*ml* AGPC-G-201 <sup>293</sup> ~~Barker, Bobby J.~~  
~~(7 Dec 45) 39851618~~

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Change of Addressee:

A communication has been received from \_\_\_\_\_

**Mrs. Esther V. Cummings**

requesting that the records of this office be amended as follows:

FROM  
**Mrs. Esther V. Cummings**  
**1604 East 4th Street**  
**Tucson, Arizona**

TO  
**Mrs. Esther V. Cummings**  
**1001E 2nd Street**  
**Tucson, Arizona**

Adjutant General

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Copies furnished:

- Army Effects Bureau
- CG 9th Service Command
- Decorations and Awards Branch
- Director, Bureau of Public Relations
- Director, Veterans Administration
- General Accounting Office
- Liaison Branch, Office of Special Settlement Accounts, Room 2535,  
Tempo. T-7, Gravelly Point, Washington, D. C.
- Memorial Branch, Overseas Section, OQMG
- Notification Branch, Personnel Affairs Division, Assistant Chief of Air  
Staff, Personnel, Room 4310, Munitions Building, (AAF personnel only)
- Prisoner of War Information Bureau (POW personnel only)
- Mr. E. A. Bloomquist, Claims Section, Division of Maritime  
Insurance, Warshipping Administration, 99 John St., New York 7, New York  
(Civilian ATS employees only)
- Seaman's Record and Welfare Unit, U.S. Coast Guard (Civilian ATS employees  
only)
- United States Civil Service Commission (Civilian only)
- United States Employees Compensation Commission (Civilian only)
- AG 095 file (War Dept. contract employees and other civilians subject to  
Military Law)
- AG 201 file (Military and War Dept. civilian employees)

Inves & Corres Sec., 8 August 1945  
(See Oper. Bul. and Changes, No. 34, 1945)

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Barker, Bobby J.

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Form prescribed by  
Comptroller General, U.S.  
7 October 1944

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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## FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Bobby J. Barker, Army Serial Number 39,851,618, Infantry, <sup>243</sup> to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 21st day of December 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 22nd day of December, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*George F. Herbert*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European	FLYING STATUS No	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None						
DATE OF BIRTH 12 Apr 1922	HOME ADDRESS Tucson, Arizona	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 7 Nov 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
			YEARS Over	MONTH three	DAYS years	

## EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. Esther Cummings	RELATIONSHIP Grandmother	ADDRESS 1604 East 4th Street Tucson, Arizona
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## BENEFICIARIES

NAME Mr. Hearvy M. Barker	RELATIONSHIP Father	ADDRESS Box 1197 Benson, Arizona
NAME Miss Natalie Barker	RELATIONSHIP Sister	ADDRESS Tucson, Arizona

## REMARKS

Distribution 56

Circumstances of disappearance: The subject person failed to return to his organization when the area around St. Vith, Belgium, where he was in a defensive position, was overrun by enemy forces.

28 DEC 1945  
FILE *mh*

WD AGO FORM 0353  
1 FEB 1945

THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 0353, 1 NOVEMBER 1944,  
WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL EXISTING STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

365161

RTB:LK:sh  
October 12, 1945

Dear Mrs. Cummings:

This refers to your recent inquiry concerning the personal effects of your grandson, Private Bobby J. Barker.

As this Bureau has jurisdiction only over matters relating to personal effects, I suggest you communicate with the Director, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C., for information pertaining to insurance.

I hope this information will be useful to you.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEG  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Correspondence Branch

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**SCREENED**  
*3-30-48 sk*

Oct, 4<sup>th</sup> 1945

Dear Sirs

I am so sorry I waited so long in sending the signed receipt, but I felt so bad, when I rec<sup>d</sup> the little package, mislaid it + couldn't find it until today. It is indeed a blow as I looked to Bobby as my help in old age.

What or where would I write to inquire if Bobby had any insurance? It has been so long since he was missing, since the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1944 that I am afraid I will never see him again.

Thanking you I remain,

Esther V. Cummings

1001 - E - 2nd, st.

Tucson Arizona

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OCT - 8 1945

KANSAS CITY, MO.





ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

(S-11-14-45)  
RTB:HL:po  
September 10, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 365161

Mrs. Esther Cummings  
1604 East 4th Street  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Cummings:  
The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your **grandson, Private Bobby J. Barker:**  
**1 package and contents**

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending the return of the owner, who has been reported missing in action. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your **grandson.**

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Branch

Incl--  
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:  
*Esther V. Cummings*  
(Signature of Bailee)

*note new address*  
*Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> - 45*  
(Date)

ECC. Form 205 (11 Apr 45)  
*Grandmother 1001-8-229*  
Case Tucson Ariz.

*file*  
*10-11*  
*ac*

RECEIVED  
DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY, MO.  
OCT - 8 1945

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Esther Cummings  
1604 East 4th Street  
Tucson, Arizona

Effects of:

Name

ASN

Case No.

Wt.

Pvt. Bobby J. Barker

39851618

365161 M

DATE 10 Sep 1945  
RTB:HB:po

T. Larson  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check  
        Acct. No.           
        Amount           
         Inclose "Valuables" item  
         Ship "Valuables" item(s)

         Remove G. I.  
         Note discrepancy in           
         Films removed  
         Diary removed  
         Laundry removed

ROUTING:

         Accounting Branch  
1          Warehouse Division  
2          Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS: SHIP DAMAGED PROPERTY

Franked           
Est. Exp. Chgs.           
Est. Frt. Chgs.          SEP 13 1945  
No. of packages         

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10-11  
ac*

          
Shipping Clerk

365/161 *HW*

ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY		STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INBOUND INVENTORY ✓		<b>ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU</b>		DECEASED	
<input type="checkbox"/> G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL				MISSING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.				P. O. W.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TALLY IN FORM 43 ✓				ABANDONED	
		UNKNOWN			
BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	BELT	OVERCOATS			
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, ADDRESS	PAPERS, PERSONAL			
BILDFOLD (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, PILOT LOG	PENCIL, MECHANICAL			
BOOKS	BRUSHES	PEN, FOUNTAIN			
BRACELET, IDENT.	CASE	PHOTOS			
CAMERAS	CLOTH, WASH	PIPES			
CLOTHING	COATS	RINGS			
MISC. ARTICLES ✓	FOOTLOCKER	SCARFS			
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	FOOTWEAR, PR.	SHIRTS			
RIBBONS, DECORATION	GLASSES	SOCKS, PR.			
SHORT SNORTER	GLOVES, PR.	STATIONERY			
SOUVENIR MONEY ✓	HANDKERCHIEFS	TIES			
SOUVENIRS ✓	HEADWEAR	TOBACCO			
TESTAMENTS	JACKETS	TOILET ARTICLES			
TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	KITS	TOWELS			
U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	KNIVES	TROUSERS, PR.			
WATCH	LETTERS	TRUNKS, PR.			
WINGS	LIGHTERS	UNDERWEAR			

DAMAGED

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
None	<p><i>Natalie Barker</i>  <i>1614 East Speedway</i>  <i>Tucson, Ariz</i></p>
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
<input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
<input type="checkbox"/> BOND		SYMBOL	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIG. REG. MAIL
<input type="checkbox"/> TRAV. CHECK		AMOUNT	<input type="checkbox"/> TO G. A. O.
<input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN CURRENCY		DATE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUTILATED
<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. CURRENCY		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	<input type="checkbox"/> TO ISSUING AGENCY
		PAYEE	
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	
TALLY NO. <i>761</i>		ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>	EXAMINING DATE <i>29 Aug 45</i>
		BOX NO. <i>15</i>	SHEET <i>1</i> OF <i>1</i> SHEETS
NAME <i>BOBBY J. BARKER</i>		A. S. N. <i>39851618</i>	
ORGANIZATION <i>Co A, 38th Arm Bde Bn</i>		RANK <i>Pvt</i>	CASE NO.
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>2023</i>	EXAMINED BY <i>Cwick</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> DIARY REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>HI Pkg</i>	PACKED BY <i>Satter</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY <i>L</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
	STORED BY <i>Mew</i>	<b>SHIPPED</b>	
		DATE <i>SEP 13 1945</i>	BY WHOM <i>[Signature]</i>

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G.I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

Coin Bracelet broken

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above items were not in the containers inventoried by me.

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

NAME BARKER, BOBBY J. PVT 1618

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	8	15	761

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
PKG		

Eff. QM Form 43

RESTRICTED  
INVENTORY FORM

Date Feb. 45

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Barker Bobby J.  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) 3985161a (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 887 US Army

The above named individual of Co. "A" 38th Armid Inf. Bn. APO 257  
(Unit) (Organization)

was reported MIA about 24 Dec. 1944  
Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Souvenir Coins  
Wallet (without currency)  
Set Of Photos

Money in the amount of none has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Finance Office  
and symbol number) Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of  
the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot  
by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 194\_\_\_\_.  
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Name Herbert J. Silroy  
Rank & ASN 2nd Lt. 38th AIB  
Organization Co. "A"

Any additional pertinent information:

T/OMEA 1040  
25 MAR 45  
KC

C/192132

TALLY IN NO. F207

27 MAR 1945

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TALLY IN RECORD

NAME BARKER, BOBBY, J RANK PVT ASN 39851618

SHOWN ON CONSIGNORS T.O.AS \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 23 MAR 45 CASE \_\_\_\_\_ PARCEL PKG STATUS MIA

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_ 547 D

TALLED IN BY Pygdata WAREHOUSE SPACE ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

TYPE CONTAINER \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )



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PHYSICAL INVENTORY.

APRIL 1945

NAME : BARKER, BOBBY. J

RANK : PVT.

NO : 39851618 STATUS MIA

PKG : PKG BIN SPACE 547-D

WEIGHT SHIPPED

INVENTORY OUT NUMBER INV. BY

6 JUN 1945



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