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17 September 1953

SUBJECT: Deferred Search Roster, Poland

THRU: Commander-in-Chief
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer
7770 USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Recent review of files for decedents listed on the Deferred Search Roster, Poland resulted in the deletion of fifty-five (55) names. Inclosed is a listing of the deleted names.

2. All of subject cases are reinstated as nonrecoverables with the exception of Miller, Richard G., Z-412941 (civilian), which is considered closed by administrative decision. Public Law 383 has expired and there are no funds available to the Department of the Army to effect disposition of these remains.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
Listing

/s/ J. C. MacFARLAND
/t/ J. C. MacFARLAND
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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Richard M 75289235

DELETION DEFERRED SEARCH CASES = POLAND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>
AHO, Edward W.	Sgt	36 831 090
ANDERSON, Frank	T/Sgt	19 101 445
ARBOGAST, Linn S.	Sgt	37 537 640
BAILEY, Walter A.	T/Sgt	13 094 692
BANIS, Paul P. C.	T/Sgt	11 057 199
BATES, Cecil R.	1/Lt	0 796 282
BEIMBRINK, William J.	2/Lt	0 715 691
BREWER, Robert R.	S/Sgt	14 163 552
BROWN, Frederick H.	S/Sgt	12 209 075
BURKLUND, Joel	Sgt	16 118 932
CAPUTO, Carl G.	S/Sgt	13 092 084
CURRAN, Joseph J.	T/Sgt	12 009 163
DAVIS, Otto S.	S/Sgt	18 118 499
EHRET, Clinton L.	2/Lt	0 742 186
ERICKSON, Bernard G.	Pvt	37 021 176
FARMER, Pat	Pvt	18 031 779
FOREMAN, Harry W., Jr	Sgt	33 562 898
FRY, William D.	Cpl	33 916 793
GILMORE, John H., Jr	2/Lt	0 682 109
GRAPEY, Sidney S.	1/Lt	0 719 850
HEIMBUERGER, John A.	S/Sgt	32 731 239
HILGER, James W.	2/Lt	02 060 988
KERLEY, Herman L.	Pvt	15 055 640
KESSEY, Clarence S.	S/Sgt	39 275 833
KIBBEE, Forrest H.	S/Sgt	6 143 557
KING, Theodore C.	1/Lt	0 820 033
LANGLEY, Theodore C.	T/Sgt	32 625 944
LUNETTA, Salvatore J.	Pfc	12 043 320
MASIE, John, Jr.	Sgt	35 649 870
MAZUR, Michael F.	Sgt	32 120 824
McLEAN, Aloysious J.	Pvt	36 042 935
MERCER, Melvin A.	2/Lt	0 750 813
MILCZEWSKI, Edmund J.	T/Sgt	35 288 051
MILLER, Howard G.	S/Sgt	37 539 423
MILLER, Richard G.	M/Seaman	2 412 942

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>
MOORE, Lamoine G.	S/Sgt	15 014 587
MULLINS, James S.	1/Lt	0 805 517
MUNOZ, Ralph	2/Lt	0 757 018
MURRAY, Wallace G.	1/Lt	0 821 535
NAVINS, William G.	1/Lt	0 557 995
OFFER, Carl G.	Pfc	35 550 126
PETERSON, Donald P.	2/Lt	0 686 134
POPE, Donald E.	S/Sgt	13 127 857
SASACKA, Itsumu	S/Sgt	30 101 548
SCHAMS, Bernard W.	1/Lt	0 824 910
SHAFFER, Lukey C.	S/Sgt	18 219 607
SHIPE, Cletis P.	S/Sgt	6 944 175
SPANO, Frank	S/Sgt	16 025 333
SUMMEY, Bennie	Sgt	34 013 087
TRAUTMAN, Dale E.	T/Sgt	19 148 230
VICKERY, Joe P.	1/Lt	0 706 472
WALKER, Robert K.	2/Lt	0 754 396
WILLIAMS, Glenn A.	S/Sgt	20 813 905
WOOD, James N.	S/Sgt	35 320 174
ZIRN, Richard H.	T/5	35 289 235

NAME: ZIRN, Richard H.
RANK: T/5
ASN: 35289235

MAP SHEET: Poland

12 Feb 52

DEFERRED SEARCH CASE

1. Decedents name is currently on Deferred Search Agenda.
2. Request all action be suspended until otherwise notified by Liaison Office.

CANCELLED

Mary A. Edwards

MARY A. EDWARDS
1st. Lt. - OMC
Chief Nonrecoverability Section
Identification Branch

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FILE

L. A. Cauffman

L. A. CAUFFMAN
Deferred Search Unit
Nonrecoverability Section
Identification Branch

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

293

ZIERN RICHARD H.

RANK

TEL. 5

SERIAL NUMBER

35 289 235

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

31 JAN. 45

AREA OF DEATH

POLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

KATZ

DATE

18 SEP 53

NAME OF REVIEWER

M. DANT

DATE

21 SEP 53

REMARKS

JH
M. Dant
24 Sep 53

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CONTROLLED CASE *Richard*

NAME Zirn, Richard H.	GRADE T/5	SERIAL NO. 352 89 235
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DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:

<input type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (Initials)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (Initials) Lt De Weese
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UNKNOWN X-	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 11495	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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IMPORTANT

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 293 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION. ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

21 July 1953

TO: Chief, Investigation Section

SUBJECT: Deletion from Deferred Search Roster, Poland

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1. Nonrecoverable Findings for Technician Fifth Grade Richard H. Zirn, 35 289 235, were approved 20 October 1949. NOK has been notified of nonrecoverability.

2. Technician Fifth Grade Zirn was a POW of Stalag III-C, located at Alt-Drewitz, Poland, when it was liberated by the Russians on 31 January 1945. The prisoners were forced to evacuate the Camp and had marched only a short distance when they were caught between Russian and German cross-fire, compelling them to find whatever protection they could in an open field. When the fighting ceased, many were dead and wounded.

3. According to Field Headquarters, Technician Fifth Grade Zirn was killed 31 January 1945 by machine gun fire at Stalag III-C, Kustrin, Poland. No information has been received concerning him since that date, and it is logical to assume that he either was killed or died of wounds received during the liberation.

4. Technician Fifth Grade Zirn is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 17 September 1944 until such absence was terminated by a report from the German government through the International Red Cross of a POW status on 10 December 1944. The POW status was terminated on 20 January 1946, on which date, evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death on 31 January 1945 was received by the Secretary of War.

5. The only German records on file for any of the decedents listed by the Field as killed on 31 January 1945 are for Technician Fifth Grade Paul J. Wisniewski, 32 605 898. Case was approved on 13 July 1953 for retention on the Deferred Search Roster.

6. Two intensive searches were made by AGRC in the Community Cemetery at Alt-Drewitz and vicinity, and many unmarked single graves were found. The bodies exhumed from these graves were found to be without clothing or identification, and AGRC was unable to identify any of them as American by dental comparison.

7. All 1944's for remains recovered from pertinent area were screened for possible association with above decedent, with negative results.

8. In view of lack of specific burial information and the thorough investigation outlined in paragraph 6, above,

RECOMMEND DELETION of the above listed decedent on the Deferred Search Roster.

NAW
File
Wm M. Callahan
29 July 1953
Identification Branch

Zilpha M. Sparks
ZILPHA M. SPARKS
Investigator, Unit #2

CONCURRENCES :

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Major, QMC
Chief, Investigation Section

*Concur
JLJ
28 July '53*

Poland Detachment
 First Field Command
 AGRC
 U S Military Attache Warsaw, Poland

5 April 1948

Subject: Coastal Search Report, Poland

TO : Commanding Officer, First Field Command AGRC-STA
 APO 62 US Army

1. The detachment completed a search of the Baltic coast and the shores of Stettiner Haff as shown on attached map, incl. 1. The search was accomplished as part of three different field trips carried on in February and March 1948. We were not permitted to visit the coast east of the point shown on the map at Dankeport.

2. Incl. 2 lists the towns covered, arranged alphabetically in German. As part of Incl. 2 are such burgermeister certificates as could be obtained. In some localities statements are substituted for certificates where better information was obtained. It should be noted that no set form for these certificates could be used as we were allowed to search only on sufferance and the use of a military form would have been inadvisable.

3. The following bodies were recovered along the coast. Each was located as a result of having a definite basic document, and not one single body was located as a direct result of the coastal search itself.

Case 7286	1st Lt Jack W. Splam	IF 10196	Kolberg	0-55/M-14
" "	2nd Lt William H. Duff	197	"	"
" "	S/Sgt Thomas C. Zittleman	199	"	"
" 7311	S/Sgt Warren W. McNeil	198	"	"
" 7813	S/Sgt Donald J. Morris	200	"	"
" 7672	2nd Lt. Victor T. Copeland	206	Althagen	0-54/Q-37

4. As inclosures 3 to 7 incl. certain cases are returned as negative. Except as shown in each individual case none of these dead were ever reported as buried in Poland, and are all probably unrecoverable. All were lost by crashing in the sea.

5. The Polish government has notified us that no further searching will be permitted. Only if a burial document is found on any of these cases before our departure from Poland will any further effort be possible.

Incl 7 a/s

CHARLES J. JOHNSON
 Maj PA
 Poland Detachment

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Zirn, Richard H.
SN 35 289 235

22 November 1949

Mrs. Marie Zirn
1035 June Street
Fremont, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Zirn:

More than four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II which cost the life of your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade Richard H. Zirn, and it is with reluctance that I am writing to you, for I must furnish information which may bring added sorrow.

Full consideration has been given to all available information pertaining to your son since he was reported killed on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Alt-Drewitz, Poland. According to the reports received from our Overseas Command and Department of the Army records, the German Prisoner of War Camp Stalag III-C was liberated on 31 January 1945 by the Russians. At that time your son, with other Prisoners of War were forced to evacuate the camp. All of the prisoners, according to statements obtained from several of the survivors, had marched only a short distance when they were caught between Russian and German cross fire and were forced to find what protection they could in the open field, where the skirmish took place. When the fighting ceased there were many Prisoners of War dead and wounded, and your son was one of the dead.

Subsequent to the reported death of your son, units of the American Graves Registration Service thoroughly searched the area in which he was known to have been killed, however, no trace could be found of his remains. In order to determine whether your son's remains had been recovered, a check was made of the records of all the cemeteries throughout the vicinity of which he was reported killed, but no information pertaining to the location of his remains was found. A further contact was made with the Russian authorities in the hope that they might have records of American prisoners released by them, but they state there are no such records in Potsdam or Berlin.

In view of the fact that the extensive investigations conducted by our forces in the field failed to reveal any trace of your son's remains, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

CMCWP 293
Zirn, Richard H.
SN 35 289 235

22 November 1949

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult 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,

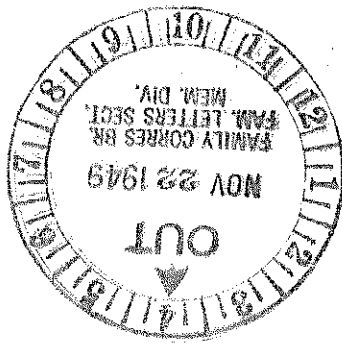
L. W. ALLEN
Lt. Colonel, OMC
Memorial Division

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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

FILE NUMBER

11 495 (10)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

ZIRN, Richard H.

RANK

T/5

SERIAL NUMBER

35 289 235

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.)

The above decedent and nine (9) others.

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>ABK</i>	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. REPORT OF DEATH CROSS-COUNTRY REVIEW OR DETERMINATION	<i>ABK</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>ABK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>ABK</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>ABK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>ABK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES NONE			<i>ABK</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:

SEE: ATTACHED STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION.

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

A. Kennedy/viw

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Br -Correspondence Sec.
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

W.A. Wolf
W. A. WOLF

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

W.R. Deweese
W.R. DEWEESE, 1st Lt QMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

G.W. Rogers
by G.W. ROGERS, Capt QMC

25 Oct 1949

STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

18 October 1949

The ten (10) decedents referred to in the attached Board Findings are believed to have been killed by gun-fire from Russian tanks on the 31 January 1945 during the evacuation of a German Prisoner of War Camp, Stalag III-C, near the village of Alt-Drewitz, Poland.

Information extracted from the Adjutant General's Casualty files reveals that the German guards forced the American and Russian Prisoners of War to leave Stalag III-C. They had marched only a short distance when they were caught between Russian and German Cross fire.

An investigation revealed that Stalag III-C had been burned to the ground when the Russians liberated it. No records could be found and it is believed that they were lost in the fire.

At the Community Cemetery which is very large, the American Graves Registration Service made a search and found many unmarked single graves. Since the old German population had been completely evacuated, the people now living in the village have no idea who are buried in these graves. The 293 file of Paul Wisniewski contains a German burial card, showing the Community Cemetery at Alt-Drewitz as his burial place. Possibly he is in this group of unmarked graves.

An extensive exhumation of unmarked graves in this town and vicinity was unsuccessful. The American Graves Registration Officials found that most of the bodies exhumed were without clothing or other identification and they were unable to identify any one of them as American by comparing the tooth charts on OQMG Forms # 371.

At Forest Cemetery a visual check was made. There is a large plot of French Prisoner of War Graves but they all have names and the French Colors on the crosses and were buried during 1940 and 1941. There were no graves that could possibly be those of Americans.

No unknowns recovered from this area can be associated with subject decedents.

All information secured confirms the Findings and substantiates the recommendations made by the Overseas Board.

A. Kennedy
A. KENNEDY
Analyst

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 U S ARMY

13 SEPT 1949

Proceedings 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 4, SO No.33, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U.S. Army, 22 March 1948, as amended by par 1, SO 43, Hq AGRC dated 19 April 1949 and par 4, SO 92, Hq AGRC dated 17 August 49, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on 13 SEPT 1949. 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 witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, 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	ASN	GRADE
	SARACKA, Edmund	31101948	S/Sgt
	SMITH, Clotis P.	6944178	S/Sgt
	AND, Edward W.	36811070	Sgt
	FURBERMAN, Harry W. Jr.	13962596	Sgt
	SUNSHY, Bonnie	34013087	Sgt
	CHIRMAN, Joseph J.	12009163	T/Sgt
	STRE, Richard E.	30209236	P/S
	WISNIEWSKI, Paul J.	22009098	P/S
	OPPEN, Carl G.	39550126	Pfc
	MOLAN, Aloysius J.	36042975	Pvt

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.

JACK C. HAYES, Capt. QMC

GAYLORD E. LUTZ, 1 Lt., QMC

E. D. MULVANITY, Lt Col. QMC

H. P. HENRY, Colonel, QMC

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 US ARMY

7-17-53

German Records

RRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board AGRC

* Misc. Rep. Vol #2 - Transport List for
 POW, which were transferred from Service
 Unit "Stahlhelm" or Force
 Chartres, to Research Center West,
 Oberusel/Darmstadt: on
 4 August 1944. (37 other names
 on list)

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

NAME: SASACKA, Itsumi S/Sgt 30101548
 ORGANIZATION: Co "A" 100th Bn 442 Inf Rgt

NAME: SHIPE, Cletis P. S/Sgt 6944175
 ORGANIZATION: Co. "G" 60th Inf. Rgt.

NAME: AHO, Edward W. Sgt 36831090
 ORGANIZATION: Co. "D" 134 Inf Rgt

NAME: FOREMAN, Harry W. Jr. Sgt 33562898
 ORGANIZATION: Hq Co. 117th Inf Rgt 30 Inf Div

NAME: SUMMEY, Bennie Sgt 34013087
 ORGANIZATION: Co. "A" 117 Inf Rgt 30 Inf Div

* NAME: CURRAN, Joseph J. T/Sgt 12009163
 ORGANIZATION: Co. "K" 18 Inf Rgt 1 Inf Div

NAME: ZIRN, Richard H. T/5 35289235
 ORGANIZATION: Hq Co. 401 Glider Inf.

NAME: WISNIEWSKI, Paul J. T/5 32605898 (*German Records in 293 file*)
 ORGANIZATION: Med. Det. 115 Inf Rgt 29 Inf Div

NAME: OFFER, Carl G. Pfc 35550126
 ORGANIZATION: Co. "C" 508 Paracht Inf

NAME: McLEAN, Aloysius J. Pvt 36042935
 ORGANIZATION: Co. "A" 17 Tank Bn

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Alt-Drewitz, Poland


DATE OF DEATH: 31 January 1945

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above ten men were killed on 31 January 1945 during the evacuation of Stalag III C, by fire from Russian tanks. The following information was extracted from AG Casualty files: " We were told by our German guards that we were to prepare to leave the camp. At the time we did not want to leave so we tried our best to stall as long as we could. We were supposed to leave at 7 o'clock and finally at 11 in the morning they made us leave by force. We started out marching. About 3 or 4 kilometers from the camp, Russian tanks at a distance of about 600-800 yards opened fire at the front of the column. There were about 25 to 35 men killed at the time and quite a few wounded. After that happened we were all disorganized. -- We had not marched long before we were caught between Russian and German cross fire. We were forced to find what protection we could in the open field where the skirmish took place. When the fighting ceased there were many dead and wounded. The wounded we took to a Russian Aid Station. At that point we were told to make our way, the best way we could to Warsaw. I wish that I could give more definite information concerning these men, but each of us was thrown upon his own, and the struggle to get across Poland and down to Odessa, occupied each man individually." "G-1 assigned an officer to the investigation and after obtaining a Russian permit that officer proceeded to Alt-Drewitz where he contacted the Russian authorities. He found that Stalag III C had been burned to the ground at the time the Russian Army liberated it. This had been done by the freed American and Russian prisoners of War and Polish civilians. The Russians have no records pertaining to the camp and it is assumed they were lost in the fire. There are quite a number of dead buried there in a common grave, but there is no way to identify them and to distinguish the Americans from the Russians. A further contact was made with the Russian authorities in the hope that they might have records of the American prisoners released by them, but they stated that there were no such records in Potsdam or Berlin." Two thorough investigations have been conducted on this case with negative results. Extensive exhumations of unmarked graves in Alt-Drewitz and vicinity was unsuccessful. Most of the bodies were found to be without clothing or identification. In Poland AGRC has been limited to one exhumation team, therefore it has been impossible to work on large mass graves or on all unmarked graves in localities where they were extremely numerous. All graves that were suspected were opened. The village is practically deserted due to almost total destruction and there are no residents left who were there during the war. There is no question that the burials of the dead listed above occurred, however, no clues were found to substantiate this supposition. In view of the fact that it is unlikely that Graves Registration teams will be permitted to re-enter this area for further investigations, it is suggested that the case of subject ten deceased be closed.

Reference is made to OCMG Forms 371 (ten men); Narrative, 13 July 1948; Letter FFC, 12 May 1948; Narrative, 23 April 1948.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records in file headquarters American Graves Registration Command.

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


JOHN M. NEFF
Capt. CAC

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECP^d RED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
ZIRN, Richard H.		Tec/5	35 289 235	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicab)
Hq. Co. 401st Glider Inf.		White	Catholic	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
31 Jan 45	KILLED IN ACTION		Kuestrin Poland While A POW	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
69"	136	blue	brown	9-D
DENTAL CHART 3 Feb 42				
UPPER RIGHT			UPPER LEFT	
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT	
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
X = Extracted			O = Carious	
			I = Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK	
NONE			NONE	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				

BERLIN DETACHMENT (PROV)
FIRST FIELD COMMAND
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
BERLIN GERMANY

AFO 742-A
13 July 1948

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION
Seefeld, Germany
(N 53/V 06; 1:250.000)

The undersigned, with S/Sgt Koch, interpreter, T/5 Mike Zuber, interpreter, and a Russian escort officer, arrived in SEEFELD at 1900 hours, to investigate AGRC Case # 4064.

We talked with Herr Zeimer, the Burgermeister, and the chief of police. The chief of police said he had been in Bonn during the war. However, Herr Zeimer said he had lived in Seefeld during the entire war.

According to Herr Zeimer, statement attached, only the headquarters to Stalag III C came to Seefeld during the month of February 1945. The camp and the prisoners of war were moved from Kuestrin, now in territory claimed and occupied by Poland, during the latter part of January and the first part of February. No records remained in the town.

The incident of the shooting of American POW's during the interception of a forced march by the Russians occurred on 31 January 1945. This is mentioned in connection with cases 4064 and 5255, and the cases involving Harry W. Foreman, Jr., Itsumi Sasacka, Bennie Summey, and Carl S. Opfer. The above dates correspond with this story.

The Russians did not arrive in Seefeld until April 21 of that year so it is hardly possible that they intercepted a forced march of prisoners in January on that year in this vicinity.

The Burgermeister also states that the prisoners were not brought to Seefeld but were transported to Luckenwalde Map sheet N 53/Y 07. He was also unfamiliar with any incident involving Americans in this town but said all allied dead were buried in a military cemetery in WERNEUCHEN Map sheet N 53/V 06. This unit had disinterred five (5) deceased airmen from that town in September 1947.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of deceased recovered in POLAND in the vicinity of KUESTRIN be compared with the physical records of these believed to have been killed in this incident. The date of the incident places it beyond doubt on the eastern side of the Oder-River.

OWEN L. NEATHERY
1st Lt INF
Investigating Officer

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

POLAND DETACHMENT
FIRST FIELD COMMAND
AGRC
US MILITARY ATTACHE WARSAW, POLAND

12 May 1948

SUBJECT: Unrecovered Remains

TO : Commanding Officer, First Field Command, AGRC,
EA, APO 62, US Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are basic reporting documents for AGRC Case # 3390 which we have been unable to solve.

2. Two investigations by this detachment at Alt-Drewitz (Drzewice) (O-53/V-66) Poland and vicinity failed to disclose any information that would aid in locating the graves of these dead.

3. Extensive exhumation of unmarked graves in this town and vicinity was also unsuccessful. Most of the bodies exhumed were found to be without clothing or identification and we were unable to identify anyone of them as American by comparing the tooth charts on OQMG Forms # 371. In Poland we have been limited by the Polish Government to one exhumation team and have not, therefore, been able to work on large mass graves or on all unmarked graves in localities where they were extremely numerous. All graves that were suspected were opened.

4. The village is practically deserted due to almost total destruction and there are no residents who were there during the war. This is not unusual in that part of Poland, but is more true here than elsewhere as it is only 2 km from the German frontier and the old German population has been thoroughly evacuated.

5. There is no question that the burials of the dead listed on the attached cases occurred but we have found no clues and must close them as unrecoverable. If any former prisoner of war from Stalag III C can be located, who can say precisely where any of these men are buried it is just possible that a special re-entry into Poland to recover the bodies could be arranged.

CHARLES J. JORGENSEN
Major FA
Detachment Commander

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

23 April 1948

1. Alt-Drewitz (Drzewice) O-53/V-66, Poland is a village which is practically deserted due to the damage caused by artillery fire during the war. We went to the Burgermeister's home and asked Grzegorz Torbiczuk if he knew about any American deceased or burial place. He states that he has only been here for the past two years and that there are no burial records. We tried to get the name and addresses of some of the old Germans who were here during the war but he states that they have all left and most of them are in Germany.

2. We then started asking every civilian on the street if they knew of the burial place of any American prisoners of war who died in the Stalag Camp here. They all gave the same answer that they have only been here a short time. We tried to locate some of the old Germans who were in this area during the war but there are none living here at the present time. We drove to the forest cemetery where we made a thorough visual check with negative results. There is a large plot of French Prisoners of War graves but they all have names and the French colors on the crosses. There were no graves that we thought could be possibly American. The French were buried in 1940 and 1941.

3. At the Community Cemetery we made a search of the cemetery and found many unmarked single graves. The people of the village have no idea who are buried in these graves. We have a German green burial card showing the community cemetery Alt-Drewitz as the burial place of Paul Wisniewski, possibly he is in this group of unmarked graves. Started opening the graves from one end of the unmarked rows. We found the deceased all buried without clothing and in coffins. As we opened each coffin we checked the teeth with each form 371 on the men we have missing in this area. We have been unable to find dental work which corresponds with any of the form 371. There is positively no information as to who is buried and since the deceased have no clothing the only thing we have to depend on is the dental work. To-morrow we will return and continue our exhumations.

24 April 1948

4. We went to the Community Cemetery and continued uncovering the unmarked graves. Many unmarked graves were uncovered but nothing was found to indicate American remains.

5. The Community Cemetery here is very large. One big section has no mounds at all and it is possible that there may be some burials there with the dirt just leveled off even with the ground. It would be impossible to dig up this complete area in a few weeks or months. The complete absence of mounds made any effective work impossible.

T/Sgt Wilmer C. Fason
Investigator AGRC
Poland Detachment

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE 10 Jan. 52	
FROM (Branch and Section) IDENT. BR. DEFERRED SEARCH	REQUESTED BY <i>H. Quinn</i>	TEL. EXT. 73940	ROOM NO. 1322B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) ZIRN, RICHARD H	RANK T-5	SERIAL NUMBER 35289 235	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

DENTAL DATA

INFORMATION FURNISHED

31 January 1952

Attached herewith is all available dental information for T/5 Richard H. Zirn, 35,289,235, after checking all records from DPRB.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

S. Gibbs
S. GIBBS (ms)
Major, QMC.

Zinn, Richard Henry

35289 235

(NAME)

(FA #)

(SERIAL NUMBER)

Reception Center, Camp Perry, Ohio

23 Mar 1942

(PLACE)

(DATE)

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
<i>No Markings Shown</i>	
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(PLACE)

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Howard J. Pats Ext 75713

Zinn, Richard Henry

35282-235

NAME

(RANK)

(SERIAL NUMBER)

Reception Center Camp Perry, Ohio 23 Mar 1942

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Shawnee Park Ext 75713

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293. FILE		DA. ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) LIRN, RICHARD H.			GRADE T/5	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 35 289 235	
ORGANIZATION Hq Co. 401st Cavalry Inf.		RACE W	CREED Catholic	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 31 JAN. 45	CAUSE OF DEATH KIA		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA NEAR KUSTRIN/GERMANY		
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS None			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARKS None		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					

FILE
DEC 3 1948
G. W. Boyd Capt.
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
 29
Peterson

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE
ZIRN RICHARD H.			35289235		TEC. 5.
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH
69	136	BLUE	BROWN	9-D	JAN. 31, 45

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
 Hq. Co. 401ST GLIDER INF

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
 KIA AT KOSTRIN, GERMANY WHILE A P.O.W.

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	DATES
CR. CLAYBORNE LA	MAR 28, 1942
FT. BRAGG N.C.	OCT. 1, 1942

FROM: HQ, 401ST GLIDER INF
 NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

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ORGANIZATION CAV.	RACE WHITE	CREED CATHOLIC	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 31-JAN-45	CAUSE OF DEATH KIA	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA EUROPEAN AREA	
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION **25 yrs. old. (27 MAR. 1919)**

Request Selective Service Board No. _____ and Address _____

No records found DPRB

While a POW at Stalag 3c on 31 JAN. '45, the Russian Army approached Kustrin, Germany, site of the prison camp, the Germans attempted to evacuate the camp, using the prisoners as shields. They ran into a spearhead of Russian tanks which opened fire on them. In the ensuing skirmish several of the POW's were killed, & **ZIRN** was one of them.

DPRB - 29 Jan 46

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

14 May 1948

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Records, this headquarters, reveal that Tec 5 Richard H. Zirn, 35 289 235, was killed 31 January 1945 by machine gun fire at Stalag IIIC, Kustrin, Poland.
2. It is requested that all available information on the above, as contained in your files, including OQMG Form 371, be forwarded this headquarters.
3. In view of the fact that field units are at present conducting investigation in Poland, it is further requested that information be expedited.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen



AIR MAIL

QMOMS 293

1st Ind.

ZIRN, Richard H.

ASN 35289235

Department of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C.

27 May 1948

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

Submitted herewith OQMG Form 371 for T/S Richard H. Zirn, 35289235, containing all information available in this office for subject deceased.

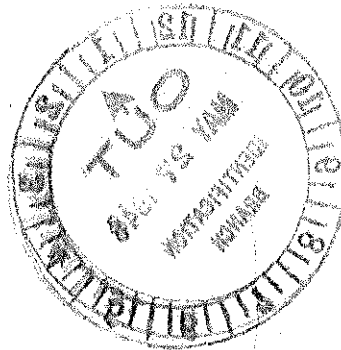
FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

Incl. OQMG Form 371 (in dup)

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HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON

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[Handwritten signature]

QMGMF 293
Zirn, Richard H.
SN 35 289 235

MB

6 February 1948

Mrs. Marie Zirn
1035 June Street
Fremont, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Zirn:

In our letter dated 5 January 1948, you were advised that further information would be forthcoming concerning your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade Richard H. Zirn.

I sincerely regret that I cannot assure you that it will be possible to return the remains of your son, as no information has been received in our office indicating that his remains 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 the remains of your son in an established Military cemetery. Meanwhile, please rest assured that when a report is received we will inform you immediately.

May I extend my sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

[Vertical stamp: RECEIVED FEB 6 1948]

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Date 1-20-48

TO: Identification Section

Case Name 4/5 Zinn, Richard H. 35-2892

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate, applicable to this case. _____

E. Hobbs
Rm 1522 B

NO BURIAL INFORMATION IN IDEN. SEC. THIS DATE. *mac*

Stanton
Jan. Dec. 1/21/48

Tab A

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr. ~~Miss.~~ Mrs. MARIE ZIRN mother
Addressee: Relationship
State 1035 JUNE ST
City, State FREMONT, OHIO '47
Date letter

Cemetery
Temporary: _____
Permanent: _____
Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS (sequence) -- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

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41-A Par 2 only ----- "we will inform, etc"

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Accident: ZIRN RICHARD H 7/5 35 289 235
Last First Initial Rank ASN

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QMGMF 293
Zirn, Richard H.
SN 35 289 235

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5 January 1948

Mrs. Marie Zirn
1035 June Street
Fremont, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Zirn:

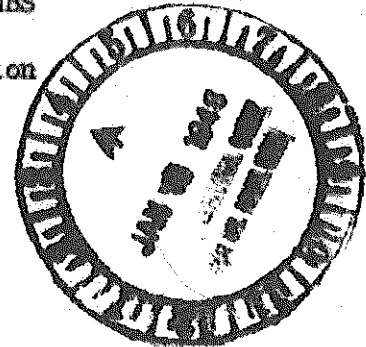
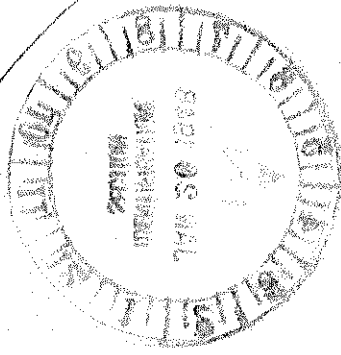
I regret that an immediate and proper answer cannot be made to your inquiry regarding your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade Richard H. Zirn. The records are being reviewed and information obtained upon which to make an adequate reply. Please rest assured that when this information is made available, you will receive a complete answer immediately.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMG
Memorial Division

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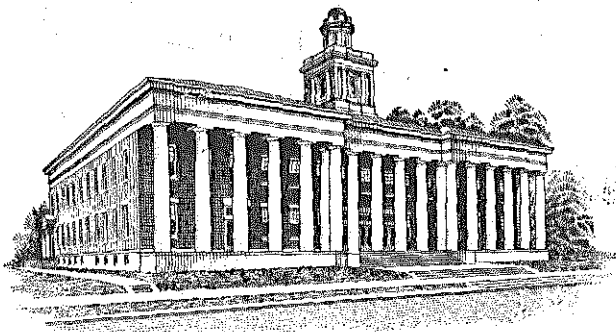
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Service Officer

SOLDIERS RELIEF COMMISSION

SANDUSKY COUNTY
FREMONT, OHIO

November 21, 1947

Quartermaster General
Memorial Division
Washington, D. C.

RE: ZIRN, Richard H.
T-5
ASN 35289235

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Victoria R. Zirn, the widow, of the above named, who was my son, has remarried and that any future action upon identification of the above named, should be referred to me as his mother instead of his widow, who has remarried.

Any communications with reference to the return of the body upon identification should be directed to me at the address given.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Marie Zirn
MRS. MARIE ZIRN
1035 June St.
Fremont, Ohio

QMCMR 293
Zirn, Richard H.
S. N. 35 289 235

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

28 February 1947

Mrs. Victoria R. Zirn
303 Lime Street
Fremont, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Zirn:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your husband, the late Technician Fifth Grade Richard H. Zirn, 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 husband's remains have been discovered.

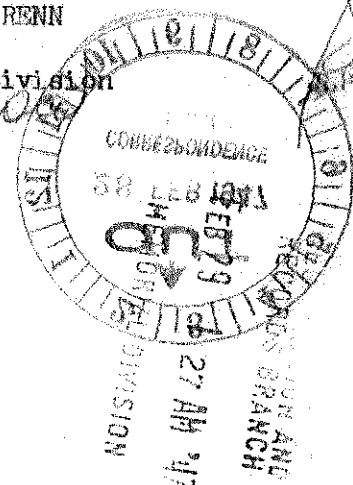
Information being utilized by these searching units includes data gathered from captured enemy records, from reports submitted by various commanders as well as fellow soldiers, and from reports rendered after the interrogation of returned prisoners of war.

I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and identification of your husband'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 husband.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

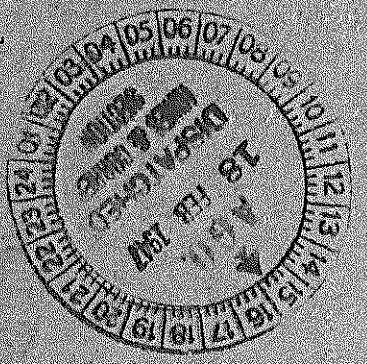


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WAR DEPARTMENT
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

1	NAME OR TITLE	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
2	DIT, Memorial Division Organization and Location Room 2401 Tempo Building B Washington, D. C.	gml	CONCURRENCE
3	<i>293 gml, Richard H.</i>		FILE
4			INFORMATION
			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

REMARKS
For necessary action. Pertaining to place of burial and location of grave.



Approved

1 Incl

FROM NAME OR TITLE
Personnel Actions Branch
DATE 19 Feb

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION
Fam. Rel. Unit Room 1E-615
TELEPHONE 72450



etc

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Mrs. Victoria R. Zirn
303 Linn St
Tremont, Ohio

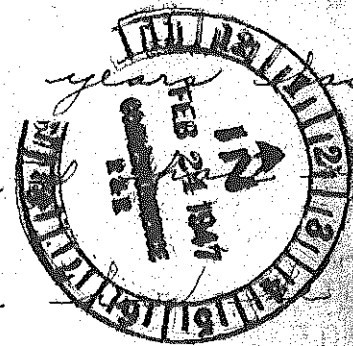
February 13 - 1947

Dear Sir:

I am inquiring through your office for the exact location of my husband's burial place.

My husband Cpt. Richard H. Zirn,
35,289,235, was killed in Germany, while a prisoner of war in Stalag III C. ^{Jan. 31-45}

Cpt. Zirn's parents, and myself, would appreciate knowing where Cpt. Zirn was buried. Two years have passed of his death and I have never been notified, where, or how he was buried.



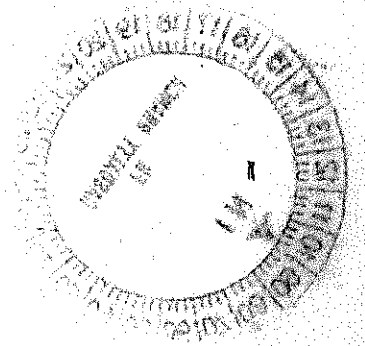
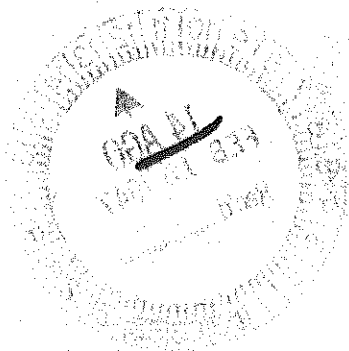
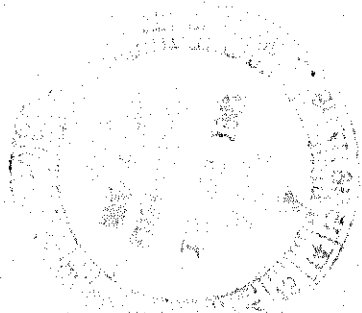
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Please write me soon

Rev. 2-24-47

as you can, for I assure you
we at home would be very
greatful knowing where our loved
one is buried.

Yours truly,
Victoria R. Fern



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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE *pmr* 3709 29 Jan 46

FULL NAME ZIRN, RICHARD H. (POW German Gov't)		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 35 289 235	GRADE T/5
HOME ADDRESS Fremont, Ohio		ARM OR SERVICE Cavalry	DATE OF BIRTH 27 Mar 1919
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action		DATE OF DEATH 31 Jan 45
STATION OF DECEASED European Area	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 23 Mar 42		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Victoria R. Zirn, wife, 303 Lime St., Fremont, Ohio.			
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Victoria R. Zirn, wife, address shown above. Marie Ann Zirn, mother, 1035 June St., Fremont, Ohio. *			
INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO	IN LINE OF DUTY YES NO	OWN MISCONDUCT YES NO	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS YES NO
			AUTHORIZED ABSENCE YES NO
			IN FLYING PAY STATUS YES NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below) YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT BATTLE NON-BATTLE

*Norma Jane Zirn, sister, 1035 June St., Fremont, Ohio.
 Expert Infantryman-SO #78 Hq. 327th Gl. Inf. dtd 6 Jun 44 - EFF. 10 Jun 44.

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 17 Sep 44 until such absence was terminated by a report from the German Government thru the International Red Cross of a prisoner of war status on 10 Dec 44. The Prisoner of War status was terminated on 20 Jan 46 on which date evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death on 31 Jan 45 was received by the Secretary of War.

FILE *jm*

FEB 1 1946

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Ernest L. George

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

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-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
ZIRN, RICHARD H.		35289235			CPL	CAC	
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
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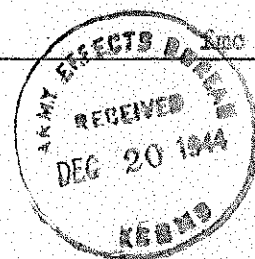
NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS VICTORIA H ZIRN	WIFE	XXI 10 DEC 44
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
303 LIME STREET FREMONT OHIO		

REMARKS: AG 388.6 (30 Nov 44) CORRECTED COPY

US2559 Thru PMG IRC Germany, Parachutist. Westfront.



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM 43 AG 201 REQ

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO DATE

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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REPORT NOT VERIFIED NO FORM 43 NO CAS. BR. FILE CHECKED BY REVIEWED BY

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME				SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE		ARM OR SERVICE		REPORTING THEATRE	
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PLACE OF CASUALTY				DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER	
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME				RELATIONSHIP			DATE NOTIFIED	
MRS VICTORIA R ZIRN				WIFE			3 OCT 44 SDP	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE								
303 LIME STREET FREMONT OHIO								

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August 3, 1945

Mrs. Victoria Zirn
303 Lime Street
Fremont, Ohio

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Dear Mrs. Zirn:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your husband, Corporal Richard H. Zirn:

1 carton and contents

My action in transmitting the property does not vest title in you. The items are forwarded only in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them, pending the return of the owner.

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.

Very truly yours,

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

Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Victoria R. Zirn
(Signature of Bailee)

8/2/45
(Date)