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*on*

*PVT Stephens*

*(38 438 152)*

**USA**



293 STEPHENS, ARRIE A. 38 438 152 PVT. EUROP.A. (N. MEX)  
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GENERAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE  
**REQUEST FOR SERVICE**

RETURN TO  
MILITARY RECORDS CENTER  
ARMY-AIR FORCE DEFENSE-UNIT  
GSA R3 FRC  
219 North Lee St.  
Alexandria, Va.

TYPE OF SERVICE REQUESTED (Check one)

INFORMATION       DOCUMENT       RESEARCH

AGENCY

*Qm 60*

ADDRESS

*T-13*

INDIVIDUAL

*McLaughlin*

ROOM NUMBER

*1421*

EXTENSION

*54033*

RECORD GROUP NUMBER

*92*

DATE

*10/31/58*

SEARCHER'S INITIALS

*V59*

NO RECORD

MISSING FROM

TO

NOV 25 1958

CHARGED TO

*Mrs. Farmer*

BUILDING AND ROOM NUMBER

DATE

*109*

*5*

DESCRIPTION

*Stephens, Arrie A*

*38 438 152*

*Just*

REQUEST RECEIVED BY

DATE



MILITARY RECORDS SECTION  
ARMY-AIR FORCE DEFENSE-UNIT  
GSA R3 FRC  
219 North Lee St.  
Alexandria, Va.

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
**FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER**  
**REGION 3**



**MILITARY RECORDS BRANCH**



MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

STEPHENS ARRIE A

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

38438152

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

7 AUG 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

BROOKS

DATE

13 APR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

RAGSDALE

DATE

16 APR 51

REMARKS



**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME STEPHENS, Arrie A.	GRADE Pvt	SERIAL NO. 38 438 152
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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) <del>Capt Lay</del>
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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. <del>14 694</del>	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 299 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION. ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

OQMG FORM 1900  
5 APR 48



QMCMF 293  
Stephens, Arrie A.  
SN 38 438 152

5 January 1951

Mr. and Mrs. John William Stephens  
1822 North Cambridge  
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stephens:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Private Arrie A. Stephens.

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 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, CMC  
Chief, Special Division



JFV  
CMO

LS/lop

cc:DPRB

*mailed Direct*

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JAN 5 4 58 PM '51  
MAIL ROOM



CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
MRS. <i>Yeona Faye Stephens</i>	<i>Box 38B, Route 1</i>		
RELATIONSHIP <i>widow</i>	<i>Roswell, New Mexico</i>		

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)  
*Stephens, Annie Q.*

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
<i>110-A</i>	<i>husband</i>
<i>110-B</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>110-C</i>	
	<i>Mrs. and Mrs. John William Stephens</i> <i>1822 North Cambridge</i> <i>Roswell, New Mexico</i>
<i>110-A</i>	<i>row</i>
<i>110-B</i>	
<i>110-C</i>	

GRADE  
*R/T*

SERIAL NUMBER  
*38 438 152*

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE <i>LS 2 Jan 57</i>	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE <i>2 Jan 1951</i>	
FROM ( <i>Branch and Section</i> ) <i>Corres. Sec., Repat Br.</i>	REQUESTED BY <i>E. Puthorosky</i>	TEL. EXT. <i>54428</i>	ROOM NO. <i>2519-B</i>
NAME OF DECEDENT ( <i>Last, First, Middle Initial</i> ) <i>Stephens, Arrie A.</i>	RANK <i>Pvt.</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>38 438 152</i>	

## INFORMATION REQUIRED

Marital status and current address of widow

## INFORMATION FURNISHED

Information furnished by Miss Hughes - QM Liaison

Widow remarried 10 - 1 - 45

Veona Faye Poff  
Box 734  
Portales, New Mexico

XC - 4 102 004

DO - 13

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (*Signature*)



Scott Letter

Ltr from Service Officer ~~At~~ in behalf  
of mother requesting burial location.

OQ/M. Reply dtd 17 June 48 advising  
that burial information not received.  
AKS continuing search - when  
report is received, will advise.



NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

Area of Death European, between St. Lo and Mortain, France	Case Number 14694
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Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>243</i> Stephens, Arrie A.	Rank Pvt	Serial Number 38 438 152
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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	<i>E.M.</i>
2. Geographical clue index file of unknowns recovered from appropriate area, compared with decedent	<i>E.M.</i>
3. Other documents or sources	

Remarks

*W. J. Miller*  
DEC 18 1950  
Identification Section

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



NON-RECOVERABLE CASE  
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER 14694 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)  
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Stephens, Arrie A.

RANK

Pvt

SERIAL NUMBER

38 438 152

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.)

Individual Case

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) VAI	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION VAI	VAI
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS VAI	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA VAI	VAI
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN VAI	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED VAI	VAI
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES After Action Report		VAI

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:

MIA on 7 August 1944 between St. Lo and Mortain, France

DEC 18 1950  
[Handwritten signature and stamp]

NAME OF CASE ANALYST: Vincent A. Thomas  
 Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.  
 CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO: Vincent A. Thomas/cwt  
 FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION C. C. WASSON, Capt QMC	APPROVED CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC	DATE 50 Dec 50
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HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
REGISTRATION 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 <sup>1- SEPT 1950</sup>  
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
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See attached roster.

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.

ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, TC

*James C MacFarland*  
JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, QMC

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. QMC CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC

*Henry F. Myers*  
HENRY F. MYERS, CWO, 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  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division



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

GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing In Action or Killed In Action during ground air or naval operations in the department of Manche, France, from the period of 5 June 1944 to 15 August 1944. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigations have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of the Manche, have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Manche department, for the most part, consists of farm and pasture land which has been under constant cultivation and daily use since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore only be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide evidence, and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these



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conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan, concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to The Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the department of Manche, France: On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

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

*C. W. Steinsiek*  
C. W. STEINSIEK  
Captain QMC *TCW*



AVRANCHES, MORTAIN, GER LA HAYE DU PUITTS

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1.	Atchison, Fred	Pfc.	34 813 906
2.	Bickelman, Eugene P.	Pfc.	13 068 337
3.	Borghardt, Joseph	Cpl.	37 512 586
4.	Brown, Donald E.	Pvt.	37 190 660
5.	Cruthis, Chalmer M.	Sgt.	36 313 615
6.	Davenport, Glenn W.	Pvt.	35 347 391
7.	Dooley, Thomas T.	Pvt.	34 611 119
8.	Forman, Samuel (NMI)	Pvt.	32 960 099
9.	Gerrald, Jule D.	Sgt.	34 389 023
10.	Gielow, Walter B.	Pfc.	36 327 153
11.	Grinaldi, Anthony J.	Pvt.	33 589 544
12.	Heitz, Sam J.	Cpl.	35 283 379
13.	Howard, Charles S.	Pfc.	6 290 692
14.	Hutchison, Roger E.	Pvt.	20 746 699
15.	Kevedras, John F.	Pfc.	36 645 597
16.	Larson, Robert J.	Pfc.	37 418 798
17.	Lehane, John A.	Pfc.	32 820 919
18.	Lemm, Herbert H.	T/5	36 373 622
19.	Lohmann, Raymond A.	Pvt.	37 305 264
20.	Mariner, Robert E.	T/4	6 998 987
21.	Matelske, Steve	Cpl.	38 054 388
22.	Miller, Russell W.	Capt.	0 661 787
23.	Newton, Paul A.	Pvt.	14 010 321
24.	Norell, Gustave A., Jr.	Cpl.	32 714 748
25.	O'Donnell, Robert C.	Pfc.	37 547 649
26.	Pierce, Le Roy L.	Cpl.	17 057 646
27.	Sochinski, Walter A.	Pvt.	32 208 697
28.	Spears, Eldon C.	T/5	36 311 415
29.	Stein, Donald F.	Cpl.	37 095 254
30.	Stephens, Arrie A.	Pvt.	38 438 152
31.	Vail, Archie H.	Pvt.	32 944 819
32.	Vidrine, Francis J.	Sgt.	38 258 368
33.	Wyatt, Earl M.	Pvt.	38 043 949



VICINITY OF ST. LO

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HICKEY, James G.	Pfc	33 439 460
MAKOWSKI, Stanislaus J.	Pvt	32 562 358
BRAMLET, Claude O.	Pvt	36 776 699
WAUGAMAN, Peter M.	Pvt	35 057 210
HARTIGAN, Chester W.	Sgt	33 043 695
HEADS, Raymond	T/Sgt	38 117 175
SALMI, Uno A.	Capt	0 438 098
BROMAN, Donald W.	Pvt	37 485 648
HOWARD, Llvln E.	Cpl	38 333 715
VITELLO, Alphonse J.	T/4	33 030 167
PEYTON, Ralph A.	Pvt	35 807 391
RANSOM, Edward J.	Pvt	32 945 520
STUART, James L.	Pfc	13 058 719
HAWKINS, Andrew J.	Pvt	33 690 254
HOEY, Edwin B.	T/5	37 664 776
ADAMS, Wilburn W.	Pvt	34 710 002
BELLIS, John F.	T/5	31 240 839
BUTLER, Archie J.	Pfc	33 659 432
BANKS, Darrell E.	Pvt	34 826 491
BAKER, Floyd C.	Pvt	39 305 447
BUCH, Nelson B.	Cpl	38 032 909
BLACKMAN, Abraham W.	S/Sgt	32 057 116
CHAGOURIS, George L.	Sgt	13 069 366
CODY, Gordon H.	Pfc	37 333 825
GYURKO, Edwin	S/Sgt	36 101 119
KAYS, Kenneth E.	Pfc	36 079 288
BLAND, George W.	S/Sgt	34 008 209
JADAK, Joseph	Pfc	32 209 538
MOLITOR, Harvey N.	Pvt	36 833 898
CLARK, John H.	Pvt	12 166 192
BIL, Carl J.	Pvt	36 868 601
MENESTRINA, Herbert	T/4	36 318 819
COAKLEY, Frank C.	T/Sgt	32 064 745
COTTINGHAM, Clyde Jr.	Pvt	35 658 671
DUNCAN, Charles S.	Pvt	34 518 044
NELSON, Stanley C.	Pfc	37 273 595
PARKER, Lincoln C.	Pvt	38 521 246
PHELPS, John P.	Pfc	14 000 141



<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
PRICKETT, Joe	Pvt	37 140 918
TARIN, Lucas R.	Pvt	18 011 253
BRANDHORST, Richard J.	Pvt	15 054 574
CLIBURN, David H.	Pfc	37 514 439
CORE, Barton W.	1/Lt	0 408 676
BRANDT, Charles K.	S/Sgt	32 798 542
CLARK, Russell E.	T/Sgt	35 366 464
BONITZ, Nicholas D.	S/Sgt	33 150 771
DIXON, Robert E.	Sgt	33 419 829
HAHN, Burton F.	2/Lt	0 686 150
HARVEY, Loy M.	S/Sgt	34 263 034
ISLES, Peter J.	S/Sgt	13 108 325
HARGETT, Tearsie E.	Pfc	14 092 645
GENTILE, Thomas	Sgt	32 024 450
GOODSPEED, Norman L.	Pfc	32 292 966
LINDNER, John W.	Pvt	36 396 807
MURRAY, Howard G.	Sgt	17 049 636
SHORT, Charles W.	Pfc	37 512 517
FLICK, John F.	S/Sgt	36 325 584
CALLAWAY, David L.	1/Lt	0 674 033
FERRER, Mike A.	Pvt	32 792 624
FEORENE, Trentre F.	Pvt	35 227 919
KING, Sterling	Pfc	35 646 627
FRANCOIS, Leonard D.	Pvt	31 316 479
JACQUES, Armando S.	S/Sgt	39 568 226
NAREHOOD, Charles B.	1/Lt	0 801 336
HORAN, Roger J.	2/Lt	01 012 610
REID, Arthur J.	Pfc	32 268 309
LINSLEY, Louis L.	2/Lt	01 168 339
SWITKA, Frank J.	Pvt	32 486 173
KORHORN, Louis G.	T/5	36 398 872
KNUTSON, Raymond W.	T/5	37 328 564
CHRISTY, Charles J.	Pfc	37 129 217
KAPRAL, Andrew G.	Pvt	33 264 840
OSTAPOW, Edward T.	T/4	32 087 120
LAMASCUS, Noble P.	T/Sgt	6 298 090
DUGAN, William P.	Pfc	37 607 028
GOAD, Benjamin F.	Pfc	17 166 776
McKINNEY, Bob	Pvt	37 130 094



<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
OLIARO, Albert D.	T/4	37 016 097
NORMAN, Robert R.	Cpl	34 300 738
POLK, James E.	Sgt	14 042 740
CROWTHER, Edwin F.	Pvt	35 759 448
HOLDER, Claude H.	T/4	36 058 619
McCALL, John A. Jr.	Pvt	34 603 232
WRIGHT, Norman F.	Cpl	17 018 400
RADOS, Steve	Pfc	35 026 219
LANGFORD, Norman R.	Pvt	35 694 359
POTTER, Henry	T/5	32 214 416
TOLLEY, William R.	Pvt	34 284 482
WORSTER, Linton C.	Pfc	36 205 086
PEACE, Chester	Pfc	35 132 460
MORAN, Walter J.	T/4	37 120 540
YOHIM, Walter H.	T/Sgt	10 601 574
KLEKOSKI, Ivan L.	T/5	36 234 785
JACOBSEN, Gerald L.	S/Sgt	37 096 991
KOROWLOTNY, Bronislof	Pvt	31 281 027
BERTELS, Alphonse H.	Pvt	38 876 615
HALL, Cleatus E.	Pfc	34 596 252
McGOVERN, Edward P.	Cpl	31 025 187
PROBST, Arthur C.	Pvt	33 340 447
ROBERTS, Hubert G.	Pvt	14 012 111
McCANN, Raymond S.	2/Lt	01 017 378
KELLEY, Ray	Pvt	34 385 674
MLINARIO, Elmer F.	Pfc	33 430 616
SHIELDS, Leo W.	2/Lt	01 321 959
SCHAEFER, Elden D.	Pfc	35 536 457
WEBER, Louis J.	Pfc	32 998 857
MARTIN, Richard J.	Pvt	39 294 804
HARRIS, William W.	2/Lt	0 445 641
NICHOLAS, Vandan A.	Sgt	37 190 627
MILCAREK, Joseph	Pvt	13 132 369
ROMEO, Joseph T. Jr.	T/5	33 025 115
TALLEY, Marlin C.	Pfc	34 589 730
HO, Hom Jin	Pfc	32 962 980
HEISLER, Anthony J.	T/4	37 178 958
KASSANITSH, Elmer A.	Pfc	36 364 177



OMAHA BEACH

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HAAF, Howard S.	Sgt	18 081 540
MITCHELL, Claude H.	S/Sgt	18 036 992
SCHULTZ, Lars F.	2/Lt	0 735 932
SHAVER, Thomas L.	T/Sgt	14 120 849
DAHLMAN, Raymond	Pvt	37 147 278
LATIMER, Joe L.	Capt	0 520 631
KOKOSH, Joseph	Pvt	37 569 139
ROCK, Wallace E.	2/Lt	0 816 159
UZZO, Joseph H.	Pvt	13 021 998
BRINKER, Kenneth R.	Pvt	36 669 589
MINER, Charles A.	Cpl	33 001 772
SAUER, Louis O.	Pfc	32 822 006
MARTIN, Sandy Jr.	1/Sgt	35 201 316
LOCKEY, Luther C.	T/4	7 040 231



AVRANCHES, MORTAIN, GER LA HAYE DU PUIFS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
MARINER, Robert E.	T/4	6 998 987
DAVENPORT, Glenn W.	Pvt	35 347 391
HOWARD, Charles S.	Pfc	6 290 692
ATCHISON, Fred	Pfc	34 813 906
BORGHARDT, Joseph	Cpl	37 512 586
CRUTHIS, Chalmer M.	Sgt	36 313 615
BROWN, Donald E.	Pvt	37 190 660
GERRALD, Jule D.	Sgt	34 389 023
LARSON, Robert J.	Pfc	37 418 798
LEHANE, John A.	Pfc	32 820 919
O'DONNELL, Robert C.	Pfc	37 547 649
HUTCHISON, Roger E.	Pvt	20 746 699
GIELLOW, Walter B.	Pfc	36 327 153
HEITZ, Sam J.	Cpl	35 283 379
STEIN, Donald F.	Cpl	37 095 254
WYATT, Earl M.	Pvt	38 043 949
FORMAN, Samuel (NMI)	Pvt	32 960 099
SPEARS, Eldon O.	T/5	36 311 415
GRINALDI, Anthony J.	Pvt	33 589 544
BICKELMAN, Eugene P.	Pfc	13 068 337
KEVEDRAS, John F.	Pfc	36 645 597
SOCHINSKI, Walter A.	Pvt	32 208 697
DOOLEY, Thomas T.	Pvt	34 611 119
JACKSON, James J.	Pfc	34 367 240
LOHMANN, Raymond A.	Pvt	37 305 264
MATLSKE, Steve	Cpl	38 054 388
NEWTON, Paul A.	Pvt	14 010 321
PIERCE, Le Roy L.	Cpl	17 057 646
STEPHENS, Arrie A.	Pvt	38 438 152
VAIL, Archie H.	Pvt	32 944 819
VIDRINE, Francis J.	Sgt	38 258 368
MILLER, Russell W.	Capt	0 661 787
LETT, Herbert H.	T/5	36 373 622
NORELL, Gustave A. Jr.	Cpl	32 714 748



VICINITY OF CHERBOURG

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
SAWYER, William A.	S/Sgt	18 163 248
WEIRICH, Glen L.	Pvt	35 544 533
BERRY, Matt C.	Pfc	34 043 263
SIMANETTI, John R.	S/Sgt	32 021 788
KITTLE, Charles R.	Sgt	15 354 672
MARANZ, Henry S.	T/Sgt	32 590 448
EVERETT, Evert G.	2/Lt	0 686 837
BRYAN, Keith K.	Pvt	17 068 435
BURG, Harry L. Jr.	Pfc	15 117 552
FERNANDEZ, George V.	Pvt	20 228 814
FINDER, Edwin	Pvt	6 932 428
HAWKINS, Jesse N.	Pvt	34 631 599
JAPHET, James H.	S/Sgt	18 119 195
KINZY, Robert C.	Pvt	35 754 486
MANLOVE, Beverly J.	Sgt	17 099 551
MARGOTTO, Albert T.	S/Sgt	17 107 478
MEZO, Roy	Pvt	16 074 597
SMITH, Christopher C.	Pfc	12 138 478
TURKOVICH, Victor A.	Sgt	12 131 780
WEATHERSBY, Newton P.	Pfc	13 106 168
EASTMAN, Ralph T. Jr.	1/Lt	0 792 008
OGRIN, Joseph	2/Lt	0 689 813
STEVENS, Donald C.	2/Lt	0 804 246
ERICKSON, Archie V.	Pfc	37 465 784
LANGSTON, Jack D.	2/Lt	0 756 621



VICINITY OF UTAH BEACH, CARENTAN, STE-MERE-EGLISE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HOPKINS, John V.	1/Lt	01 294 841
VAN SICKLE, Jark D.	Pvt	36 408 881
MADEAU, Armand E.	Pvt	11 131 551
BAKER, Lester R.	Pfc	17 109 674
GREGGS, Robert E.	Pfc	35 136 548
MIKSA, Edward W.	Pfc	32 827 230
SARVAS, Dave	Pfc	15 112 600
CALI, Dominick D.	Pvt	32 598 866
DENNING, Lloyd J.	Cpl	33 306 262
LAWRENCE, James W.	Pfc	35 370 538
SADOSKI, Peter P.	Pfc	31 211 410
HEALEY, Frederick S.	Pfc	55 305 98
RUSHING, Cleo	Pvt	34 812 959
SCHERER, Casper A.	T/4	32 156 708
SMITH, R.V. (IO)	Pvt	20 402 383
AUMAN, Pershing D.	Pvt	33 050 442
HILL, Joseph D.	Pvt	16 039 974
LAPIKAS, John M.	Cpl	33 113 283
RODRIGUEZ, Julio T.	Pvt	20 133 561
SPARKS, Carl J.	Sgt	18 070 327
BACON, Lewis C.	Pvt	37 302 484
BARR, Charles E.	Pvt	38 513 883
BAUR, Frank K.	Pfc	33 143 678
LEGG, Joseph H.	T/5	15 112 780
O'BRYAN, Charles E.	Pvt	20 746 704
WHITE, Melvin G.	S/Sgt	35 135 831
BURRI, Herman A.	Sgt	20 656 749
DANZIGER, Benjamin	2/Lt	01 299 211
CONDON, John W.	Pvt	17 076 365
BEISSER, Chester	Pvt	35 599 108
CHAVOUS, Samuel J.	Cpl	34 054 771
MAGNEY, Roy A.	Cpl	19 096 754
LOCKERMAN Colon A.	Pfc	34 571 683
REIDER, Foster P.	Pfc	33 010 611
BOYLAN, Richard E.	Sgt	32 023 449
CHELLINS, John E.	T/4	13 004 985
DONOHUE, Edward D.	Pvt	36 752 230
DUDGEON, Sidney G.	Pfc	32 093 950
FANNELLI, Andrew J.	Sgt	32 023 169



<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HARDY, Joseph G.	T/5	14 024 716
HARDZOG, Floyd	Pfc	34 180 153
HARPER, Felix M.	T/5	13 016 604
HERSHMAN, Ralph W.	Pvt	13 042 608
INGENITO, Harold E.	Pfc	12 036 296
JEZAK, Joseph	Cpl	33 071 037
KELLER, William B.	Cpl	34 141 272
MASON, Conrad C.	Pfc	35 739 701
MORGIA, Anthony C.	Pvt	12 073 036
NICHOLS, Noel N.	Pvt	34 275 298
PATAKY, Bernard L.	T/4	13 002 415
PHELPS, John W.	T/4	32 024 275
SCHLOTT, Robert	S/Sgt	13 002 240
SMITH, Harry J.	Pvt	20 245 579
SPINA, Thomas	Pvt	32 572 316
STEPHENS, Horace S.	Pfc	34 141 354
VOSEN, Raymond F.	Pvt	16 132 054
WAUGH, Luther L.	T/5	35 664 638
FRATAGO, Michael H.	Sgt	33 345 371
HENRY, Richard B.	Pvt	36 885 105
WOJCIK, Walter A.	T/Sgt	37 186 511
VAN METLER, Walter F.	Cpl	34 585 089
PINKOSKI, John	Pvt	13 059 409
BERLIN, John C.	T/5	18 151 944
KUEHLEY, John F.	F/O	T-61635
McKAMEY, James B.	2/Lt	0 668 479
SCOTT, Jess M.	Sgt	39 233 319
BARTO, Steve	Pvt	35 266 795
BRANNEN, William F.	T/5	11 064 090
TORTORELLO, Anthony	Pvt	36 334 642
HARRIS, Dale (NMI)	2/Lt	0 763 584
FITZGERALD, Jark D.	Pvt	37 343 112
KENNEDY, Thomas M.	Pfc	32 600 334
O'CONNELL, Norman V.	Pvt	19 132 872
O'ROURKE, James W. Jr.	T/5	32 370 027
SIMPSON, Jack M.	Pvt	37 454 639
LOUIS, Charles K.	Pvt	19 096 999
ELLIS, Elmer	Pvt	20 406 903
ROBERTS, Harry Jr.	Pfc	35 617 857
FRANKEL, Merton	Cpl	39 124 515



<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HALL, Charlie L.	Pfc	14 140 065
ZWIERS, Robert W.	Pvt	15 333 992
GUYTON, Wilbur M.	Pvt	34 663 591
HORMBAKER, Nelson F.	S/Sgt	6 948 738
McKEE, William R.	Pvt	32 949 592
HOLLOMAN, Wallace S.	Cpl	66 968 562
LESKO, John P.	Pfc	13 048 930
YESKO, Nicholas	Pvt	32 927 063
HUDAK, Joseph B.	Pvt	33 423 375
LONG, Houston H.	Pvt	32 359 883
EADY, Caley J.	T/4	14 142 168
RECORD, Orson B.	Pvt	20 157 352
BERGSTRESSER, Glenn	T/4	39 385 460
COUGHLIN, Lawrence J.	Pfc	35 069 317
FOSTER, Norman B.	Pvt	37 701 436
GOBLE, Francis W.	T/5	37 248 656
HERNANDEZ, Guadalupe	T/5	38 120 358
KLINE, William S.	2/Lt	01 013 442
METZ, Charles L.	Pvt	32 968 560
MOYER, Robert H.	Pvt	13 026 533
NEAL, Donald R.	Cpl	39 385 528
RHIMER, Nicholas W.	Cpl	13 008 950
KIRK, James	Pvt	34 673 669
PEDERSON, Harry B.	2/Lt	0 810 407
CERNY, Otaker	Pvt	6 902 607
SIMONS, Robert C.	Pvt	15 324 590
KOENIG, Thomas C.	Cpl	16 124 803
JONES, Theodore T. Jr.	1/Lt	0 456 301
ECKHOFF, Kenneth A.	Pfc	34 625 674
OLUBOWICZ, Steven	T/4	31 278 325
SCHECTER, Karl	Pfc	32 863 593
CAPLINGER, Robert D.	Pfc	35 801 083
HAGGINS, Sylbester D.	Pfc	32 552 252
HOMER, Mack	Pvt	34 740 215
SIMONS, Henry	Pvt	38 227 090
WYATT, Daniel	T/5	38 311 942
ASHENFELTER, Edgar J.	Pvt	35 614 531
JENKINS, Earl F.	Pfc	35 590 188
ELLISON, Isidore	Pvt	32 008 511
NICHOLSON, Robert L.	Pfc	35 111 192



<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
KIBBONS, David L.	Pfc	34 142 881
OKREPKI, Harry D.	Pfc	20 221 898
BARRACO, Andrew J.	Cpl	32 560 061
GEYER, Roy W.	S/Sgt	36 351 713
ROMNEY, Walter R.	2/Lt	0 807 313
HOKE, James T.	Pfc	38 094 200
LANGSTON, William L.	Pfc	18 086 596
SANDERS, Raymond C.	Pfc	37 107 418
HILL, Dewey D.	T/4	38 294 542
GUSTAFSON, Roy O.	Pfc	36 647 856
JESPER, Robert E.	Pvt	32 804 484
SOKOL, Sylvester F.	Pvt	33 365 213
HARPER, James T.	Pfc	35 671 355
MAGUFFEE, Henry B.	T/5	38 333 718
MAINE, Roger M.	Pfc	37 551 879



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14 November 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section  
 Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Private Arrie A. Stephens, 38438152, Company D, 137th Infantry, was reported missing in action on 7 August 1944, by ETO Shipment No. 175.

2. A Finding of Death was made in the case of the above-named enlisted man, under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, by SR&D No. 3793, showing the presumed date of death as 8 August 1945.

3. This soldier's AG 201 file contains a Missing Report, dated 30 August 1944, signed by Capt Roger N. Baker which states that Pvt Stephens departed on a combat mission with his company on 6 August 1944 from the St Lo area, France to the Mortain area, and that he was last seen at the time of dispersal from vehicles. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Pvt Stephens:

"When enemy planes dropped flares, troops dispersed from vehicles. When scattered bombing was over, the troops reassembled at vehicles and it was at this time that Pvt Stephens was missing. A search was made that night by Captain Baker and T/Sgt Dunler and the next day a further search was made by S/Sgt Henson and Sgt West without finding any trace of Pvt Stephens."

4. The following pertinent information is quoted from replies to letters of inquiry addressed to former members of subject soldier's company:

a. Mr. Nathan G. McGee, 520 Colorado St., Lawrence, Kansas

"a. We were in a large motor convoy moving into Mortain to help an outfit that was trapped....the whole convoy stopped bumper to bumper for several minutes. While we were stopped, a German plane flew over us and dropped a light smoke flare that stayed at that point. He left and a short time later several bombers and pursuit planes came over us. They started dropping flares that made it like daylight. We jumped off to

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the side of the road. They dropped a good many 500 pound bombs and then personal bombs. They were all right in our platoon area. We lost several men and we found bits of clothing that showed where some had gotten direct hits. Private Stephens was in our platoon.

"b. ....I believe he received a direct hit. I last saw him with the rest of us getting off trucks and going to the side of the road."

b. Mr. Smith H. Downes, Route 5, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

"He was in the same squad as I....We were going through St Hilaire about midnight when German bombers were heard over head they dropped flares which made it almost light as day. Arrie and I were together when we left the trucks. I laid down in a sunken road and Arrie went into the corner of the field, just up the bank from where I was a bomb landed in the corner of the field. We looked the next day. All we could find was a couple little pieces of cloth where he had been so to the best of my belief he is dead for we never found any more traces of him."

c. Mr. Dick M. Wheeler, Box 274, Okaloosa, Kansas

".....There were three others killed that night in company D - 137 Inf.....I talked to some of the men and they all said they found the three that were killed but didn't find anything of Stephens but a few bits of G.I. clothing."

d. Mr. Wilbur Leatherman, Fowler, Kansas

"I.....got in touch with First Sgt Wallace Feldman...and he said that....on the night of 7th of August 1944...3 of our boys were killed and one was missing, the one Pvt Stephens, he was never heard of again.

"Mr. Feldman said he just [suppose] he was killed there but never was found."



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e. Mr. Albert G. Dunler, Westview Gardens, Dodge City, Kansas

".....three fellows I knew were killed.....These three fellows were Anderson, Reinert, and I can't think of the third persons name, but it wasn't Private Stephens."

5. The three men referred to in paragraph 4e are identified as S Sgt Floyd V. Reinert, 20724999, Tec 4 James H. Eakin, 37070318 and Tec 4 Lemuel C. Anderson, 20724920. S Sgt Reinert's AG 201 file contains a report from the regimental commander which states that S Sgt Reinert was killed instantly while with his company in a convoy which was bombed by enemy planes at St Hilaire du Harcourt, France. Tec 4 Anderson's next of kin was notified that his death occurred at Landivy, France.

6. St Hilaire du Harcourt is located approximately nine miles southwest of Mortain and Landivy lies about the same distance south of St Hilaire du Harcourt.

7. Captured German Records make no reference to Pvt Stephens. There is no Report of Burial for subject in the office of The Quartermaster General.

8. Pvt Stephens was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, per Circular 151, WD 1943.

9. While Pvt Stephens was with his company in a convoy, the troops dispersed when the convoy was bombed by enemy planes near St Hilaire du Harcourt, France, approximately nine miles southwest of Mortain. Subject took refuge in the corner of a field just up a bank from where one of his comrades lay (See par 4b). A bomb landed in the corner of the field and a subsequent search revealed only small fragments of clothing. Losses sustained during the attack were three killed and one, Pvt Stephens, missing. The three who were killed were found by company members. The foregoing facts are considered sufficient evidence to conclude that Pvt Stephens was killed when the bomb exploded at the approximate location where he lay in an effort to conceal himself. This conclusion is further substantiated by the fact that three other members of the company who were killed during the same incident were known and were found by company members and only subject was missing. In view of the above it can only be concluded that the fragments of clothing found near the spot where Pvt Stephens lay were his and that he did not survive.



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10. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that the person named in paragraph one, above, was killed in action on 7 August 1944, near St Hilaire du Harcouet, France. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

"Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 8 August 1945. This 'Report of Death' is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9."

Systemat will be routed to Operating Unit for notification and processing.

Station and place of death: European Area

ELIZABETH A. RIDGWAY  
Investigator

CONCUR:

T. J. COLLUM  
Major, AGP  
OIC, Det and Review Unit

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN  
Lt Col, AGD  
OIC, Casualty Section  
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO





Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.



It is recommended, therefore, that you be advised of the results of the investigation conducted by the Chicago Office on the matter of the person named in the report of death, and that a copy of the report be furnished to you as requested. The report of death is dated August 1954, and the person named in the report is identified as [Name]. The report of death is dated August 1954, and the person named in the report is identified as [Name].

The report of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Title 28, U.S.C., and is dated August 1954. This report of death is issued in accordance with Section 5 of said Title 28, and the effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 5.

Respectfully,  
Special Agent in Charge

Section and place of death: [Name]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Approved: Recommended action will be taken

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF FBI

STANLEY L. BRIDGEMAN  
Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago Office



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S. R. & .D. No. 3793

8 August 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF STATUS  
UNDER THE MISSING PERSONS AGR.

## - 1 - FACTS

1. The following named persons have been carried on War Department records as missing in action in France since 7 August 1944, as reported by the MTO Shipments cited below, and are individually considered in the paragraphs, the numbers of which are listed beside their names:

<u>PAR. NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SHIP NO.</u>
3	MAXWELL, FRANK	01324277	Second Lieutenant	178
13	MONAGHAN, LEO F., JR.	01106319	Second Lieutenant	167
11	CLARK, ULRIC C.	20847682	Sergeant	165
4	VIDRINE, FRANCIS J.	38258368	Sergeant	169
9	MATELSKI, STEVE	38054388	Corporal	168
10	PIERCE, LEROY L.	17057648	Corporal	167
5	ANTONELLI, JIDDO & M.	33673976	Private First Class	165
5	KRAMER, ROBERT M.	36682844	Private First Class	165
5	LOUIN, JOHNNIE	32820347	Private First Class	165
12	TARCZNSKI, MITCHELL F.	36584985	Private First Class	200
8	DOOLEY, THOMAS F.	34611119	Private	110
6	KLIMEK, JOSEPH S.	36878421	Private	169
8	NEWTON, PAUL A.	14010321	Private	110
7	STEPHENS, ARRIE A.	38438152	Private	175
4	WILLET, DALLAS M.	34493204	Private	169

2. The subject persons were members of Infantry, Armored Force, and Engineer Corps units, which on 7 August 1944 were engaged in repulsing the counterattack made by the enemy against the advance of Allied forces in the Mortain sector of Normandy, France. On that date elements of four armored German divisions made a drive on a five-mile front, directed against Mortain, which is located south of Vire, in an attempt to cut the United-States-held corridor from Normandy through Avranches to Brittany and thus sever U.S. supply lines. Mortain was lost in the ensuing battles, but was regained by our forces on 12 August.

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3. Second Lieutenant Frank Maxwell. 120th Infantry. 2nd Battalion.  
Company "H".

a. Lieutenant Maxwell was initially reported missing in action since 16 August 1944, in France, by ETO Shipment No. 173. The later report, ETO Shipment No. 178, ~~in France~~, revealed 7 August 1944 as the correct missing in action date. Records indicate that the officer's emergency addressee was not notified.

b. In response to a request for information from Mrs. Florence Maxwell, the mother of Lieutenant Maxwell, to Commanding Officer, 120th Infantry, dated 20 December 1944, and found in the subject officer's AG 201 file, the 4th Indorsement, undated, from Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 120th Infantry, is quoted below:

"Lt Maxwell was last seen near Mortain, France where the Battalion was cutoff. No further information is available."

c. A report, dated 23 October 1944, from Colonel Paul T. Goode, Senior American Officer, at Oflag 64, Altburgund Germany, Subject: Fourth Report on Deaths and Wounds, to The Adjutant General, through the Swiss Legation, Casualty Branch Message No. 001093, contains the following listing on page 8, under the heading "Killed and Probably Fell into Enemy Hands":

"84. Maxwell, Frank, O-1324277, 2nd Lt. Co H 120 Inf., killed by small arms fire 8/8/44 at Mortaine (sic), France. Witness: Hardaway, E. G. 020855, Lt. Col., 120 Inf. 5733 Cabanne St., St. Louis, Mo."

4. Sergeant Francis J. Vidrine. of 117th Infantry. Company "A". and  
Private Dallas M. Willet. of 117th Infantry. Company "C":

a. Vidrine's AG 201 file contains a report dated 26 August 1944, and signed by Captain William A. Buckley, Personnel Officer, 117th Infantry, which states that on 7 August 1944 Company ~~was engaged in the defense of the town of St. Barthelemy, France. Sergeant Vidrine disappeared during a counterattack by the enemy, and was not seen after that time.~~

b. Willet's Service Record contains the following notation under the heading "remarks - Administrative":

"Missing in action near St. Barthelemy, France on 7 August 1944."

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c. Under date of 31 May 1945, this office dispatched a confidential message form to Commanding General, USF, ETO, file: AG 201 Willet, Dallas M. (31 May 45) 34,493,204, requesting a report of the circumstances under which Willet became missing in action. The basic communication was received back by 7th Indorsement dated 25 June 1945. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is a certified true copy of report pertaining to Private Willet, dated 25 August 1944 and signed by Second Lieutenant Quinton W. Robb, Infantry, which states that Willet was last seen on 7 August 1944 in the vicinity of St. Barthelmy, France, while his company was in a defensive position. The report also contains the following remarks:

"Defensive positions of the company overrun by enemy tanks forcing the organization to withdraw. This soldier was reported missing during re-organization of the company.

On 13 August 1944 following withdrawal of enemy the area was searched but no trace of this soldier was found."

d. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, St. Barthelemy, France, is located north of Mortain, in Normandy, at the coordinates 48° 43' N - 0° 57' W.

5. Privates First Class Antonelli, Kramer and Louie, 119th Infantry, Company "L":

a. The AG 201 files of Antonelli, Kramer and Louie contain identical reports dated 10 October 1944, signed by the Commanding Officer, Company "L", with variation only with respect to names, grades, and serial numbers. According to the reports, these enlisted men departed with their company from Pasture, France, on 6 August 1944 on a mission to rout remaining enemy troops from Juvigny, France, and were last seen in the vicinity of Juvigny. A portion of the report pertaining to Antonelli is quoted below:

"Company was ordered to rout remaining enemy troops from Juvigny, France, encountering heavy resistance and suffering many casualties. A check of men present was made late in the evening of 7 Aug 44 and Pfc. Antonelli could not be accounted for either wounded or evacuated and therefore was reported as missing in action."

b. The town of Juvigny, France, is in Normandy, southeast of Vire. The town of "Pasture" could not be identified, however.

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6. Private Joseph S. Klimek. 116th Infantry. Company "K":

a. The soldier's AG 201 file contains a report, dated 22 August 1944, and signed by Captain John R. Woodbridge, Personnel Officer, 116th Infantry, which states that Klimek was last seen on 7 August 1944 at his Platoon command post near Vire, France, just before his company began an attack on high ground in the vicinity.

7. Private Arrie A. Stephens. 137th Infantry, Company "D":

a. The soldier's AG 201 file contains a Missing Report dated 30 August 1944, and signed by Captain Roger N. Baker, which states that Stephens departed on a combat mission with his company on 6 August 1944 from the St. Lo area, France to the Mortain area, France, and that he was last seen at the time of dispersal from vehicles. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the subject soldier:

"When enemy planes dropped flares, troops dispersed from vehicles. When scattered bombing was over, the ~~troops reassembled~~ troops reassembled at vehicles and it was at this time that Pvt. Stephens was missing. A search was made that night by Captain Baker and T/Sgt. Dumler and the next day a further search was made by S/Sgt. Henson and Sgt. West without finding any trace of Pvt. Stephens.:

8. Private Thomas T. Dooley and Paul A. Newton. of 33rd ArmoredRegiment Company "F":

a. Private Dooley and Newton were initially reported missing in action since 9 August 1944, in France, by ETO Shipments Nos. 166 and 167, respectively, which were received in the War Department 25 August 1944. A later report, ETO Shipment No. 110, received in the War Department 23 April 1945, disclosed that 7 August 1944 was the correct missing in action date. Records indicate that their emergency addressees were not notified.

b. Private Dooley's AG 201 file contains a report, dated 13 September 1944, from Headquarters 33rd Armored Regiment, which states that on 7 August 1944 the subject enlisted man departed with his company from a point located one-quarter mile south of Reffuveille, France, on a mission to Le Nes Nil Adelle, France, to stop an enemy counter-attack, and that he was last seen one-quarter mile west of Le Nes Nil Adelle. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the subject soldier:

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"Pvt Thomas T. Dooley, was driving tank that was hit by enemy fire on the front slope plate, and set fire. The shell as it hit the front slope plate wounded Pvt Dooley so he was unable to get out of the tank, and it is believed that he burned in the tank. No burial report has come down on Pvt. Dooley so it is believed he burned in the tank, and his body could not be identified.

"Fellow crew members believe that Pvt Dooley was so badly wounded when the shell hit he was unable to get out of the tank. Their statement is impossible to get now as they have been transferred to Hospital."

c. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, Reffuveille, France, is located at the coordinates 48° 40' N - 01° 06' W, and Le Nes Nil Adelee ( Adelle) is at the coordinates 48° 42' N - 01° 04' W.

d. In response to a request for information from Staff Sergeant Carl R. Newton, the brother of Private Paul A. Newton, to Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 33rd Armored Regiment, dated 10 September 1944, and found in the subject soldier's AG 201 file, a letter, dated 17 October 1944, from Headquarters 33rd Armored Regiment, is quoted below:

"Pvt. Paul A. Newton was driving a tank that was hit by enemy fire, and set on fire. Pvt. Newton was last seen by an unidentified Infantry soldier as he was leaving the tank. No word has been received of him. It may have been possible that he was captured by enemy."

The place where the casualty occurred was given as near Le Nes Nil Adelle, Nord de Guerre Zone, France.

e. In response to a request from this office to the Commanding General, USF, ETO, made by a confidential message form dated 24 January 1945, file: AG 704 (24 Jan 45), the 5th Indorsement, dated 21 February 1945, from Headquarters 33rd Armored Regiment, listed the crew member ~~ix~~ of the subject tank and their status as follows:

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Private	THOMAS T. DOOLEY	34,611,119	MIA
Corporal	RICHARD M. OLSEN	37,120,469	LWA
Private	PAUL A. NEWTON	14,010,321	MIA
Tech 5.	JAMES B. CROW	35,265,373	LWA

Attached to the 5th Indorsement is an affidavit, executed by Technical Sergeant Delon E. Sanders, 6,271,643, of Company "F", 33rd Armored Regiment on 17 February 1945, in which he expressed the belief that Private Dooley was killed in action on 7 August 1944. This affidavit contains the following account of the circumstances surrounding the death of Private Dooley:

"I was about 100 yds from the tank \* \* \* when it was hit by enemy fire. The tank burned and after it burned I examined the tank and found a charred body in the drivers seat. I did not see the men who got out of the tank, but all of them except Pvt. Dooley have been accounted for in a hospital.

"The body I saw was in the drivers seat. Pvt Dooley and Pvt. Newton were the only qualified drivers in the crew. Infantry soldiers later stated that Pvt Newton was seen to escape from the tank."

The 6th Indorsement to this correspondence, dated 13 March 1945, from Headquarters Third Armored Division, reads in part as follows:

"4. Status of Pvt. Thomas T. Dooley, 34611119 is not being changed due to fact that no definite information can be ascertained at this time as to whether either Pvt Dooley or Pvt Paul A. Newton, 14010321 was the party that escaped from ~~the~~ tank or remained \* \* \*. Attention invited to statement by T/SGT Sanders. The mere fact that Pvt Newton was seen to escape by Infantry soldiers is not deemed conclusive. Mistake identity could easily have been made. \* \* \*"

f. In response to a request for more detailed information concerning the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Private Dooley and Newton, made by a confidential message form from Headquarters European

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Theater of Operations to Commanding General, First US Army, dated 26 March 1945, file: AG 201 Dooley. Thomas T. 34611119 /Cas., the 3rd Indorsement, dated 10 April 1945, from Headquarters 33rd Armored Regiment, is quoted in part below:

"2. T Sgt Sanders, who made affidavits referred to in basic letter, has been further questioned regarding the incident. He states that it is impossible to determine who the Infantry men were who are supposed to have seen Pvt Newton evacuate the tank.

"3. Sgt Sanders further states that while in combat, crew often switch positions and that it is impossible to determine the position occupied by members of subject tank at thime it was hit. However, it is his opinion that Pvt Dooley was driving the tank as he was the best qualified driver in the crew.

"4. Sgt Sanders was not able to find any identifiable features or clues on or near the charred remains in the tank.

"5. It is believed that the information given, although not definitely conclusive, is reasonable proof that Pvt Dooley is the person who was burned in the drivers seat of the tank. He has not been reported as a Prisoner of War or as a patient in a hospital."

9. Corporal Steve Matelske, 67th Armored Regiment, Company "G":

a. Matelske's Service Record contains the following notation under the heading "Remarks - Administrative":

"Missing in Action : While participating in fround attack 7th Aug 44 at Barenton 1 Mile South, Normandy France."

b. Under date of 31 May 1945, this office dispatched a confidential messageform to Commanding General, USF, ETO, file: AG 201 Matelske, Steve (31 May 45) 38,054,388, requesting a report of the circumstances under which Matelske became missing in action. The basic communication was received back by 7th Indorsement dated 25 June 1945. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is an undated Missing in Action Report pertaining to Corporal Matelske, with affidavits by three eyewitnesses. According to this report, on 7 August 1944 Corporal Matelske was serving as the driver of tank No. W-3033254, further identified as "Gabby", when it was knocked

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out near Le Mesnil-Gilbert, in the vicinity of Barenton, France. The four remaining tank crew members, with their crew positions and present status, are as follows:

Sgt.	JAMES EDGAR	32,024,417	Tank Commander	Duty
Pfc.	EUGENE BICKLEMAN	13,068,337	Loader	WIA-to hospital
Pfc.	FREDERICK S. GERSTNER	38,188,401	Ass't Driver	WIA-To U.S.
T/4	MARGARITO MARCIAS	38,054,192	Gunner	Rotated -to U.S.

Included in the Report is the following statement by Captain James F. White, Company Commander at the time of the casualty:

"The platoon of which the tank in which Corporal Matelski was a crew member was in action near Le-Mesnil-Gilbert, France. \* \* \*. The tank was hit and four members of the crew are known to have escaped. The tank burned. Before the action was completed the company was withdrawn on another mission and the 4th Infantry Division took over our section. Due to the fact the area the tank was in was still unoccupied by troops and the tank was still burning when we left on another mission the tank was not examined by any known member of my command."

The Report also contains the following statement by Sergeant James Edgar, Tank Commander:

"My tank was advancing up the road in an attack. The tank was hit on the front slope, penetrating on the drivers side. The projectile exploded under the gun approximately to the rear of the drivers head. I was knocked to the floor. I gave the order to abandon tank because the tank caught on fire immediately. Marcias and Bickleman asked me if I was all right. We separated when dismounting from the tank and met again at the Bn. Aid Station. I then asked Gerstner what happened to Matelski. He said that Matelski was killed."

A statement by First Lieutenant Charles W. Finley, of the 67th Armored Regiment, who was identified as a witness other than a crew member, contains no additional pertinent information.

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c. Attached as Inclosure No.2 to the aforementioned Missing in Action Report is a memorandum, dated 17 May 1945, from the Commanding Officer, Company "G", to the Personnel Officer, 67th Armored Regiment, which contains the following information concerning the casualty:

"1. The tank was not examined by any member of this command.

"2. \* \* \*

"3. No crew members are present at this time.  
\* \* \*

"4. There are no witnesses present at this time.

"5. \* \* \*

10. Corporal LeRoy L. Pierce, 743rd Tank Battalion, Company "C":

a. Pierce's Service Record contains the following notation under the heading "Remarks - Administration":

Missing in Action at Juvigny Le Tertre, France,  
7 August 1944."

b. The soldier's Ag 201 file contains a report dated 23 September 1944, and signed by First Lieutenant Harry F. Hansen, which states that Corporal Pierce was last seen on 7 August 1944 about one mile south of Le Mesnil Trove, France, while en route to attack this town. The resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance is quoted below:

"As his tank was proceeding south on main road to Le Mesnil Trove, it was hit by enemy anti-tank gun and immediately burst in flames. Cpl. Pierce no doubt died before he could get out, but it is not certain.

"I asked two men if Pierce had gotten out of the tank when they did, but they did not know."

c. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, Le Mesnil Trove (Trove), France, is located at the coordinates 48° 42' N - 01° 01' W.

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11. Sergeant Ulric C. Clark, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.Company "A":

a. In response to a request from this office to the Commanding General, USF, European Theater of Operations, made by a confidential messageform dated 31 May 1945, files: AG 201 Clark, Ulric C. (31 May 45) 20,847,682, the 6th Indorsement, dated 19 June 1945, from Company "A", 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, is quoted in part below:

"2. On 7 August 1944, while Company A, 823 Tank Destroyer Battalion was occupying defensive positions at Mortain, France Sgt. Ulric C. Clark, 20847682, was a gun commander on a 3" Towed Tank Destroyer gun. His gun was inside the city of Mortain. To secure a vulnerable flank of his position, Sgt. Clark set up a .50 Cal. MG outpost. During the enemy counterattack that followed, Sgt. Clark went to this outpost to see if everything was alright. While at this position, he was seriously wounded. Of the personnel that saw what happened, Sgt. Simmons, Cpls. Deitrick and Baldwin, and Pvt. Gonzalez are the only ones available. \* \* \*"

b. Attached to the 6th Indorsement as Inclosure No. 1 are undated statements by Sergeant George K. Simmons, 39,551, 705 and Corporal Rex W. Deitrick, 39,197,893.

## (1) Sergeant Simmons' statement reads as follows:

"Deitrick and Baldwin were on a .50 Cal. Mg. outpost that was covering the road. Sgt. Clark came up to our position to check on the outpost. As he approached the position, he was shot by small arms fire. The bullet entered his stomach and went out through his back. I crawled up to where he fell, and with the aid of Deitrick brought him back to comparative safety, and helped dress his wounds. It was apparent that he was in a very critical condition, and as there were no Medics around, I got permission from S/Sgt. Allensworth to take a jeep and get some Medics. After leaving the position, the jeep was shot out from underneath, and as a result I never reached any Medics. It was impossible to get back to the original position, the enemy having overrun the position by that time. I never saw Sgt. Clark again."

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(2) Corporal Deitrick's statement is quoted in part below:

" \* \* \* \* There were no available Medics at the time, so S/Sgt. Allensworth told Sgt. Simmons to take a jeep and get some medics from the nearest aid station. After Sgt. Simons left, our position was being threatened by enemy fire, so we carried Sgt. Clark to the comparative safety of a garage where we laid him beside out half-track. About an hour later, while Sgt. Clark was still there (he had lost consciousness some time before this) our position was over-run by the enemy. At that time, our infantry was withdrawing through our positions, and S/Sgt. Allensworth ordered us to withdraw as soon as they passed through. We did this, and as Sgt. Clark was in no condition to be moved inasmuch as we had no way to carry him, we left him lying there along side the half-track. I never saw Sgt. Clark again."

Attached to the 6th I dorsement as Inclosure No. 2 are undated statements by Corporal Harold F. Baldwin, 39907107, and Private Valdemar Gonzalez, 38,363,547, which furnish substantially the same information as the statements quoted above.

c. On 21 March 1945 Mrs. Minnie R. Clark, the wife of Sergeant Clark, sent a letter of inquiry to the Adjutant General's Office, requesting that an investigation be made as to her husband's whereabouts, on the basis of a letter, dated 27 January 1945, which she had received from a Miss Jeanne F. Douville, 9 East Street, Attleboro, Massachusetts. Miss Douville's letter, a copy of which was forwarded to the War Department by Mrs. Clark and filled in Sergeant Clark's AG 201 file, reads in part as follows:

"Through correspondence with one of the men in his outfit, I received a letter in November saying that Sgt. Clark was in a hospital although he had been officially listed as missing in action since August. I have had no further news since then  
\* \* \* "

In her letter of 21 March, Mrs Clark also stated that she had been unable to obtain either a copy of the letter mentioned by Miss Douville, or the name of her informant.

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12. Private First Class Mitchell F. Tarczynski. 298th Engineer Corps Battalion. Company "A" :

a. Tarczynski's AG 201 file contains a report dated 10 August 1944, and signed by Warrant Officer (JG) Edward Bielewocz, Adjutant, which states that on 7 August 1944 Tarczynski's battalion departed from a point three miles north of Reffuveille, France to proceed to a new bivouac area in the vicinity of Oisseau, France. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance:

"Convoy on night movement to new bivouac area, in the vicinity of Oisseau, France. Surprise attack by enemy forces, forced the men to disperse immediately. The whereabouts of EM concerned are not known, although repeated efforts have been made to locate him."

b. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, Milly, France is located at the coordinates 48° 35' N - 01° 01' W.

13. Second Lieutenant Leo F. Monaghan, Jr., 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company:

a. This officer's AG 201 file contains a Missing Report, dated 26 August 1944, and signed by Second Lieutenant O. H. Feldman, Personnel Officer, which states that at 0100 hours on 7 August 1944 Monaghan and several others departed from Reffuveille, France, acting as the advance element to prepare the movement of company to a new bivouac area. It is further stated that Monaghan was last seen at a point one mile southeast of La Durietiere, France. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance:

"While following prescribed route set by his Co. Lt. Monaghan riding in 1/4-ton truck, followed by two 4-ton cargo trucks, both pulling R-4 bulldozers on 8-ton flat bed trailers, ran into a crossfire of small arms in vicinity of La Durietiere. Lt Monaghan attempted to supervise the turning around of both trucks with bulldozers so that they could follow new route. The first truck with bulldozer turned around and returned to unit at new bivouac area. No trace of the second truck, with bulldozer, or Lt. Monaghan and one EM could be found thereafter."

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"After fighting in the vicinity of La Durietiere had subsided, a search was made of Lt. Monaghan, and the 4-ton cargo and bulldozer. There were no signs of either in that area. It is known that a German unit had broken through the American Lines in that area and that Tech 5 Leon S. Strong of this unit, who was a member of the same advance party, hid behind the German Lines for three days in the vicinity of la Durietere, and returned to this unit after the Germans had been forced back."

b. Attached to the Missing Report are statements by Technicians Fifth Grade Arthur A. Kowalski and Robley T. Champion, of the 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company, who were eyewitnesses to the casualty

(1) Statement of Technician Kowalski:

"I was a member of the advance party on 6 August 1944 which included Lt. Monaghan and Sgt. La Ruffa. I was driving the first # 4-ton truck which was pulling ~~a flat bed trailer at la Durietiere, in the area of the~~ a flat bed trailer and bulldozer. When we approached the inter-section at la Durietiere, I heard small arms fire which sounded as though it was a short distance away. Lt Monaghan had stopped us and about that time Captain Coue, our commanding officer, came by in the command car. I understood that Capt. Coue was going to ~~plan a new route to move the company to investigate the~~ plan a new route to move the company convoy. Lt Montaghan and Sgt. La Ruffa went down the road to investigate the noise and at the same time to find a place to turn around my truck and the one in back of me. Lt. Monaghan told me to move down the road where he had found a place to turn around. I turned around at the specified place and started on my way to follow the new route as revised by Captain Coue. I last saw Lt. Managhan and Sgt. La Ruffa at the turnaround. Lt. Monagh an said that I should tell the other truck that was in back of me to come where he was and turn around as I did. I approached the other vehicle and was fired upon as I neared it. When I got ~~up to the other truck~~ up to the other truck no one was around it or in it. I kept going a little way and met Strong (driver of the second truck). He hopped on my and I gave him Lt. Monaghan's instructions. He got off and I proceeded towards the intersection at la Durietiere. I came across the men from the other truck and they hopped on. When I

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US Army, Paris, France to War Department, Casualty Branch Message No. 052032, stated that a burial report had been received on this soldier and that the estimated date of death was 7 August 1944. Accordingly, La Ruffa's status was changed from missing on action since 7 August 1944 to killed in action on 7 August 1944.

14. An examination of the files of these persons in Casualty Branch and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and of the Index in Prisoner of War Information Bureau, PMGO, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review.

#### 11. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The persons herein considered were members of five Infantry Regiments (the 116th, 117th, 119th, 120th and 137th), four Armored Force units (the 33rd Armored Regiment, 67th Armored Regiment, 743rd Tank Battalion, and the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion), and two Engineer ~~Light Pontoon Company~~ Tank Destroyer Battalion), and two Engineer Corps units (the 298th Engineer Corps Battalion and the 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company). These Organization participated in the intense fighting in and around the Mortain area of Normandy, France, on 7 August 1944, when Allied forces were defending their positions against a counterattack by the enemy. Records reveal that the subject persons disappeared during the action, under the circumstances set forth in the following paragraphs.

2. Lieutenant Maxwell, of the 120th Infantry Regiment, was last seen near Mortain, France when his battalion was cut off. Subsequently, a report was received in the War Department, through the Swiss Legation, from the Senior American Officer at a German prisoner-of-war camp, to the effect that an American Officer had witnessed the death of Lieutenant Maxwell at Mortain on 8 August 1944, and that he was believed killed by small arms fire. (See paragraph 3c Part 1, above)

3. Sergeant Vidrine and Private Willet, of the 117th Infantry Regiment disappeared when their companies' defensive positions near St. Barthelemy, north of Mortain, France, were counterattacked and overrun by the enemy. A search of the area, made a few days later after the enemy had withdrawn, failed to reveal any trace of these soldiers.

4. Privates First Class Antonelli, Kramer and Louie, of the 119th Infantry Regiment, were last seen near Juvigny, southeast of Vire, France, while

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participating with their company in a mission to drive enemy troops from Juvigny. During this mission, heavy resistance was encountered, and the company suffered many casualties.

5. Private Klimek, of the 116th Infantry Regiment, was last seen at his platoon command post near Vire, France, just before an attack was launched by his company on high ground in the vicinity.

6. Private Stephens, of the 137th Infantry Regiment, became missing between St. Lo and Mortain, France, when his company reassembled at their vehicles, after having dispersed during a night bombing raid. Searches made that night and the next day failed to reveal any trace of him.

7. Private Dooley and Newton, of the 33rd Armored Regiment, were crew members of a tank which was hit by enemy fire and set on fire in the vicinity of Le Nes Nil Adelee, in the Mortain area, France. The two remaining crew members, who managed to escape from the tank with slight wounds, stated that Private Dooley was seriously wounded in the tank by an enemy shell, and expressed the belief that he was unable to leave the vehicle. An eyewitness to the incident examined the tank after it burned, and found a charred body, with no identifying marks, in the driver's seat. These remains could be those of either Dooley or Newton, as eyewitnesses disagree as to which of these soldiers was driving the tank, and both of them were rated as qualified drivers.

8. Corporal Matelske, of the 67th Armored Regiment, was driving a tank when it was hit by enemy fire and set on fire in the vicinity of Barenton, France, which is located south of Mortain. The four remaining crew members, two of whom were wounded, managed to escape from the tank. One of them told a fellow soldier that Matelski was killed when the enemy shell penetrated the tank on the driver's side and exploded behind the driver's head. The tank was not examined subsequent to the casualty, due to the fact that the company left the area on another mission while it was still burning.

9. Corporal Pierce, of the 743rd Tank Battalion, was a crew member of a tank which was hit by an enemy anti-tank gun and set on fire near Le Mesnil Tove, in the Mortain Area, France. Two crew members who succeeded in escaping from the tank had no knowledge of what happened to Pierce.

10. Sergeant Clark, of the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, was seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire while acting as a gun commander on a tank destroyer gun, at a machine gun outpost in the city of Mortain, France. His fellow soldiers administered first aid, but were unable to locate any medical men to assist them in caring for the injured soldier. About an hour later, the

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unit's position was overrun by the enemy, forcing the gun crew to withdraw. Sergeant Clark was left behind, since he had lost consciousness some time before and was in no condition to be moved.

11. Private First Class Tarczynski, of the 298th Engineer Corps Battalion, became missing near Milly, France, in the Mortain Area, when a surprise night attack by the enemy forced his convoy, which was en route to a new bivouac area, to disperse immediately. Subsequent efforts to locate the missing soldier proved to be futile.

12. Lieutenant Monaghan, of the 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company, became missing near La Duretierre, France, in the Mortain area, while leading an advance party of three trucks in a night movement of the company to a new bivouac area. As the party neared an intersection at La Duretierre, enemy small arms and machine gun crossfire was encountered: and Lieutenant Monaghan and an enlisted man (a Sergeant LaRuffa) left their vehicle to supervise the other trucks in turning around at a suitable place and setting out on a new route. They were last seen at the turnaround, and searches made that night and later on, after the fighting in the vicinity had subsided, failed to reveal any trace of them. On 19 February 1945 Headquarters Communications Zone, ETO, notified the War Department that a burial report had been received on Sergeant LaRuffa, and that the estimated date of death was 7 August 1944. On the basis of this report, LaRuffa's status was changed to killed in action as of 7 August 1944.

13. Although it is twelve months since these persons became missing in action and approximately three months since the cessation of hostilities in Europe, no report has been received in the War Department to indicate that any of them are alive.

14. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, it is concluded that these persons may not reasonably be presumed to be living.

## 111. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of section 5 of the Missing Persons Act in the cases of the persons named

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in paragraph 1, Part I, above, and that these findings show the presumed date of death in each case to be 8 August 1945.

/s/ Comtome L. Couklin  
Investigator

/s/ Theodore G. Weinberger  
First Lieutenant., AGD

CONCURRED IN:

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Colonel, AGD  
Chief, Casualty Branch

Second Lieutenant Frank Maxwell,  
01324277, Infantry, et al.

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HEADQUARTERS 137th INFANTRY  
APO 35 U.S. ARMY

SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

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The regiment remained in the same area and awaited further orders. Casualties for 5-6 August were 1 killed on the 5th, 2 wounded on the 5th, 6 missing on the 5th, and 2 missing on the 6th.

A resume of casualties incurred to date, before leaving the St Lo-Vire area, would show:

In the battle for St Lo, from 10 July to 19 July, 196 were reported killed, 592 wounded, and 32 missing in action. Additional casualties during the continued operation of the area taken, up to 30 July, and delayed reports of earlier casualties, together with information gained from various sources, boosted these figures to 145 killed, and 704 wounded, while these missing were reduced to 6. One officer remained missing in action, 11 officers had been killed, and 29 wounded, of whom 4 had already been returned to duty.

After beginning the attack south of St Lo, operating as Task Force S with the XIX Corps in the drive through Tessy toward Vire, the regiment lost 30 killed, 80 wounded and 34 missing from 31 July to 4 August. Scattered casualties during the continued occupation of this area brought the total to 31 killed, 262 wounded and 42 missing in action before leaving this sector. Among those killed were 3 officers, while 6 officers had been wounded and 2 were missing. Twenty-one prisoners had been taken.

Since arriving in France the 137th Infantry had suffered 1183 casualties, consisting of 177 killed, 956 wounded, and 40 missing in action. Many of the wounded had returned to duty, and these and new replacements totaled 826.

At 1750 the 137th Infantry left the St Lo-Vire area. Their destination was the vicinity of Louvigne, lying southwest of Avranches, where the latest German thrust was threatening to cut off the entire Brest Peninsula.

Proceeding to Pontfarcy, the motor convoy turned southwest, swung around Villendieu, then continued southwest to Ponts, within sight of Avranches on the Mont Saint Michel Bay. Turning east at Ponts to Grecey, then south, the convoy reached the devastated city of St Hilaire at midnight.

With the regiment now fully battle tested, it became apparent that time should be taken to cite certain members for outstanding acts of heroism displayed in previous battles. By the end of the week, fifteen men had been recommended for awards ranging from the Bronze Star to the Distinguished Service Cross. On the 4th of August



1944. Hq. 35th Inf Div. announced the following awards to men of this regiment: T/5 Peter G. Sliwert member of medical detachment from Garden Plains, Kans, for gallantry in action was awarded the Silver Star; Sgt Allen C Allburty member of Co. I, who hails from Aberdeen, Washington, for heroic achievement was awarded the Bronze Star; Pfc. Cofford F. Goza who drives a truck for Company M and answers the roll call from Avans, Georgia was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement.

August 7

When the convoy had almost cleared St. Hilaire it was caught in a heavy bombing by a large force of German Planes, which pounded the city and the highways leading south to Louvigne and St James, after first dropping flares. Despite the vulnerability of the long convoy in the brightly lighted highway, the vehicles were damaged only slightly and the convoy moved on to the assembly area northwest of Louvigne immediately after the raid. However, four men were killed and three wounded by the bombing, with one missing.

Shortly after 1500 the 137th Infantry moved east to the area near St Symphorien and at 1830 received the Division order to begin movement by motor to secure the high ground in the Mortain-St. Cyre area. With the enemy threatening from the northwest and already reported in the 134th Infantry area, the plan called for an attack at 2000- only one and a half hours notice.

The 35th Division was now under XI Corps of the Third Army. The coming operation called for the 30th Division on the left, with the 2nd Armored Division operating within the sector.

Various sources of information indicated that a large force of Germans were packeted in the Mortain Forest.

With Company B of the 737th Tank Battalion and Company B of the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached, the 137th jumped off on schedule, but met no resistance. They continued to advance until 2230, then dug in for the night, in conformance with Division orders. At this time their line was in the vicinity of Villechien.

August 8

The Attack was resumed in the morning according to schedule, and at 0720 Companies E and F were on the objective, followed by the 1st Battalion, which was about 1000 yards back.

The 3rd Battalion was released to the 134th Infantry on order of the Commanding General, 2nd Armored Division after confirmation by the 35th Division's Commander. The 1st and 2nd Battalion, after reaching their objective, assumed outpost, roadblock and patrol activity previously done by the 3rd Battalion.



1944 No. 1st Div. announced the following awards to men of this  
regiment: Sgt Peter G. Sawyer member of medical detachment from  
Garden Plains, Kansas, for gallantry in action was awarded the Silver  
Star; Sgt Allan G. Murphy member of Co. I, who hailed from Aberdeen,  
Washington, for heroism in action was awarded the Bronze Star; Pfc.  
Colford E. Jones who drove a truck for Company W and answers the roll  
call from Avana, Georgia was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achieve-  
ment.

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St. Symphonien and at 1830 received the Division order to move  
west by motor to secure the high ground in the Mortar-St. area.  
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With Company B of the 77th Tank Battalion and Company B of the  
88th Tank Battalion attached, the 18th Infantry jumped off on  
schedule, but met no resistance. They continued to advance until  
0230, then dug in for the night, in accordance with Division orders.  
At this time their line was in the vicinity of Villachon.

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QMGMS 293 1st Ind  
Stephens, Arrie A.  
SN 38 438 152  
SUBJECT: Request for information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 11 February 1949

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

In compliance with request made in basic communication, submitted herewith is extraction of SR&D Report from Casualty Branch, accompanied by all information available in Historical Files, Operations Report, concerning the death of Pvt. Arrie A. Stephens, 38438152.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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SR&D Report  
w/attachment

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MEMORIAL DIVISION  
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IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

AIRMAIL



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12343

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

10 December 1948

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. MULVANITY  
Lt Colonel, QMG  
Actg Asst Adj Gen



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Pentagon Liaison  
12 JAN 1949  
MEM. DIV. OQMG



293 FILE		<b>DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED</b>		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>Stephens, Arrie A.</i>		GRADE <i>PVT.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 38438152	
ORGANIZATION <i>Co "D", 137th INF REGT.</i>		RACE <i>W</i>	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>7 Aug. 44</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>DIED</i>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>BETWEEN ST LO AND MORTAIN, FRANCE</i>		
DATE OF FOD <i>8 Aug. 45</i>				
HEIGHT ✓	WEIGHT ✓	COLOR EYES ✓	COLOR HAIR ✓	SHOE SIZE ✓

INDUCTION		DENTAL CHART		DATE												
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT														
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
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X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable												

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Chg. To Flynn, Cas. Pa. Pent 1 B. 739 10 Aug. 48*

*201 file returned to St. Louis.*

*TW x attached*

*FILE*

*SEP 24 1948*

*REMOVAL DIVISION*

*SEP 13 3 34 AM '48*

*IDENTIFICATION BRANCH*



503 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		STEPHENS, Arrie A.	
ORGANIZATION		G. D. 1275	
RACE		W	
GRADE		PVT	
PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER		38738152	
FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (if applicable)			
DATE OF DEATH		1949	
DATE OF BIRTH		1918	
DATE OF FOD		1949	
CAUSE OF DEATH		DIED	
PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN (if MIA)		ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	
HEIGHT		5' 10"	
WEIGHT		170	
COLOR EYES		BRO	
COLOR HAIR		BRN	
SHOE SIZE		10	

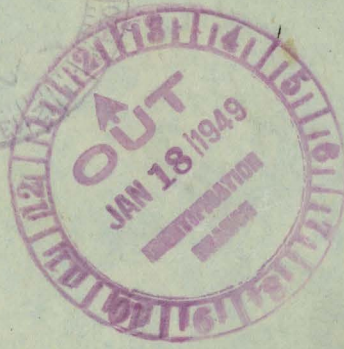
DENTAL CHART

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LOWER LEFT	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



IDENTIFICATION BRANCH  
 JAN 13 3 34 AM '49  
 MEMORIAL DIVISION

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD

DDMG FORM 371



FOR MAJ SEKOWSKI QM LIA RM 1E624 PENT ON ARRIE A STEPHENS 38438152 HT  
67 IN WT 143 HAIR BLOND EYES BLUE COMPLEXION RUDDY FRAME MEDIUM  
BORN 18 JUL 23 SHOE SIZE 8D RELIG PREF METHODIST NO REC FD OF FRACTURES  
OR TATTOOS HOWEVER DSS FORM 221 SHOWS MAN ALLEGED SKULL FRACTURE  
DENTAL CHART AT INDCTN DTD 8 JAN 43 NO TEETH MISSING NO TEETH FILLED  
FORMS 79 NOT FD DPRB TWO FORMS 79 SENT OQMG IDENT SEC MEM DIV 1 JULY 48

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TWX FR DEM PERS REC BR AGO SL NO 25 AUG 48



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FILE

SEP 24 1948

E. J. ...  
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TELEPHONE CALL FROM VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

VA BRANCH NUMBER

CLERK CALLING

DATE OF CALL

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

NAME	GRADE	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER
ORGANIZATION	VA CLAIM NUMBER	

THE VA WANTS INFORMATION OR VERIFICATION ON THE ITEMS CHECKED OR ADDED BELOW

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER

VA CLAIM NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

INSURANCE

DATE OF ENLISTMENT OR INDUCTION

DISCHARGE (Give date, reason, and character of)

NATURE OF DISABILITY

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

HAS FORM 3101 BEEN FURNISHED ?

DATE

OTHER ITEMS:

REMARKS:

SURNAME OF CLERK HANDLING CASE IN THIS OFFICE:

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILED WITH THE PAPERS OF VETERAN IF IT FORMS THE BASIS OF A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION PREPARED IN THIS OFFICE.

(Used by Hq. Personnel Records Section and Special Service Unit. See also Arc. Div. Min. Nos. 42, 154, and 181.)



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ITEMS CHECKED		
TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH		FROM: SEARCH + INFORMATION IDENTIFICATION BR. 371 UNIT. Q.M.C. 1539 "B" BLDG
NAME OF DECEDENT ( Last, First, Middle) STEPHENS, ARRIE A.		<input type="checkbox"/> GRADE OR RANK PVT. SERIAL NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/> EM 3843 8152 <input type="checkbox"/> OFF
<input type="checkbox"/> ORGANIZATION	<input type="checkbox"/> STATUS ( Date )	<input type="checkbox"/> AG REPORT OF DEATH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RACE WHITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREED METHODIST	REMARKS:  <b>FILE</b> SEP 23 1948 E. J. ROBERTSON, 1st Lt., USA IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEIGHT 67	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WEIGHT 143	
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<input type="checkbox"/> DENTAL	<input type="checkbox"/> FRACTURES / BREAKS	
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIFIC PLACE OF DEATH		REVIEWER'S NAME
<input type="checkbox"/> S - R & D REPORT		DATE REQUESTED
		E.S. ROBERTSON
		9-JULY-48

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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT  
DIVISION DENTAL CLINI  
CAMP RUCKER, ALA.

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
STEPHENS		ARRIE	
		38438152	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Pvt.	B	137th Inf.	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
20	W	N.M	9/12

										(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, OCCASIONS, SEQUELAE, ET
										(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENT AND OPERATIONS
										(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS

*J. S. Boles*  
Dental Corps, U. S. A.







**REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT  
DENTAL CLINIC #2 (Dv)  
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										Class
										R.S.

Dental Corps, U. S. A.



**\*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

**UPPER TEETH**

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**LOWER TEETH**

Right								Left							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS II

Occlusion good: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia no

Dental foci suspected:  Yes  No

Other conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Date 2-3-44, 1944

Capt Simms  
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

\*Restorable carious teeth by O  
Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line) 

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (oval to include abutments) 

○	X	○
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Stephens Arrie A.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>38 438152</i>		GRADE
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

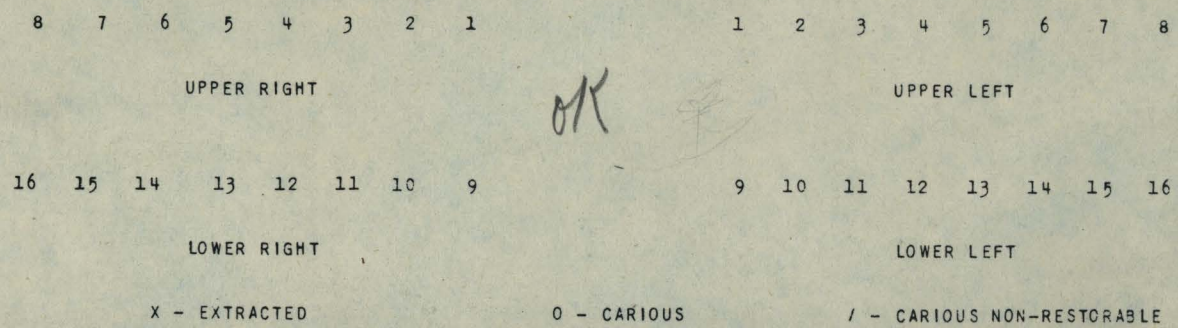
LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	DATES

**FILE**  
SEP 23 1948  
E. J. Galtman, 1st Lt., GPO  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
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DENTAL CHART



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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH <i>8-8-45</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)  
*Co-D-137th INF -*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA  
*ST. LO and MORTAIN AREA, FRANCE*  
*Killed in European -*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>FT. Bliss Tex</i>	<i>23 Jan-43 - 26 Jan-43</i>
<i>Camp Rucker -</i>	<i>5 APRIL 43-43 5 APRIL 43</i>
<i>New York - N.Y -</i>	<i>9-Jan-44 9-June-44</i>
<i>.. .. P.O.E. ..</i>	<i>2 Aug-44</i>

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FILE  
SEP 23 1948  
E. J. Nathan, 1st Lt., CAP  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
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DENTAL CHART

*8 Jan-43 3-FEB-44*

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QMGMF 293  
Stephens, Arrie A.  
SN 38 438 152

17 June 1948

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Roswell, New Mexico

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Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

cc: Mr. Riemen

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JUN 17 3 55 PM '48  
O. D. M. G.  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



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Major, GSC  
Memphis, Tennessee



cc: Mr. Hixson

RECORDED  
O. D. M. C.  
JUN 17 3 25 PM '48

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**CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET**

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)		GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	
<i>Stephens, Avril A.</i>		<i>Pvt</i>	<i>38 438 152</i>	
PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE		ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
MR. MISS MRS. <i>Ollie Stephens</i>		<i>1822 N. Cambridge</i>		
RELATIONSHIP		<i>Roswell, New Mexico</i>		
<i>Mother</i>				
PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS			
<i>165-7</i>	<i>-- from Mr. E. H. Riemen, Service Officer Associated Veterans Council, P. O. Box P. O. Box 166, Roswell, New Mexico</i>			
	<i>do. omit "the late" ---</i>			
<i>166-m</i>				
	<i>cc To: Mr. E. H. Riemen (see address above)</i>			

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE <i>ESH 6-4-48</i>	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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CONTROL SUB-SECTION  
REPATRIATION & RECORD BRANCH

Information From A-Z Files

Burial

Reburial

Stephens, Arnie A  
Name of Deceased

PRV  
Rank

38438152  
Serial No.

Cause of Death

Organization

Date of Burial

Emergency Addressee:

Name

Relationship

Address

Mo Az

Cemetery

Plot

Row

Grave

Ernest L. Ford 3/28/48  
Information Furnished by

Approved by Sub-Section Chief



MEMORIAL DIVISION  
FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

DATE 28 May 1948

TO: Identification Branch

FROM: Family Letters Section

SUBJECT: Case Name Mie S. Stephens

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

*No burial information.  
Becker*

3 June 1948

Findings of non-recoverability have not been received from  
the field to date.

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BADEN  
73472

*[Faint circular stamp]*

*[Faint circular stamp]*







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

9 NOV 17 13 53

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AG 201	NAME <b>STEPHENS ARRIE A</b> ASN 38438152	GRADE <b>PVT</b> <b>HUS</b>	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED
NAME AND AD. DRESS OF E. A.	<b>MRS VIONA F STEPHENS</b> <b>RURAL ROUTE 1 BOX 38 B</b> <b>ROSWELL NEW MEXICO</b>		DATE TELEGRAM SENT

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE 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.

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR HUSBAND

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
PVT	STEPHENS, ARRIE A.	38438152	INF			320019- U-1X	
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN FRANCE		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
				7	AUG	44	

*File  
J. Shupe  
30 Nov 49*

REMARKS: AG 201 /14 NOV 49/  CORRECTED COPY

MEMO DET UNIT APPROVED OIC CAS SEC PAB. KILLED NEAR ST HILAIRE DU HARCQUET. FOD ISSUED PREV UNDER SEC 5, PL 490, 7 MAR 42, AS AMENDED, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH 8 AUG 45. RPT OF DEATH ISSUED IN ACCORD WITH SEC 9 OF SAID ACT AND ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PROVIDED IN SEC 9.

STA AND PL OF DEATH ETC. **ROSWELL, LEE CO., NEW MEXICO**  
HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY: ~~STEPHENS ARRIE A~~  
ROUTE TO OPER UNIT FOR NOTIF AND PROCESSING.

Reports of Death issued 28 Nov 49/lgj

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ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		FORM 43	AG 201 REQ
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____	
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(AS INDICATED BELOW):
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE <b>Dead</b>	DATE AND AREA <b>6 Aug 45</b>
FORWARDED TO			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REPORT NOT VERIFIED		NO FORM 45	NO CAS. BR. FILE
CHECKED BY <b>asc</b>		REVIEWED BY <b>Chamber</b>	

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P. O. BOX 166

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

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Rep. Veterans Organizations

Elmer H. Riemen  
Executive Secretary

## SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

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Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Roswell Post No. 2575  
Disabled American Veterans  
Sunshine State Chapter No. 4

Quarter Master General  
Memorial Division  
Washington 25, D. C.

293  
Re: STEPHENS, Arrie A.  
ASN 38 438 152 (deceased)

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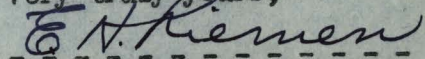
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Please direct your reply to Mrs. Ollie Stephens 1822 N. Cambridge, Roswell, N. M. sending this office a copy for our files.

Very truly yours,



service officer



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ASSOCIATED VETERANS COUNCIL

P. O. BOX 188

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

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- County of Bernalillo
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- Spanish State Chapter No. 1

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Elmer H. Korman  
Executive Secretary

ROSWELL, N.M. 86203  
AUG 23 1945 (checked)

Quarter Master General  
Memorial Division  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Executive Secretary





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

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

3793

**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 Arrie A. Stephens, Army Serial Number 38,438,152, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 7th day of August 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 8th day of August, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
18 Jul 1923	Roswell, New Mexico	15 Jan 1943	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Under	three	years	

## EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Veona F. Stephens	Wife	Rural Route Number 1, Box 38 B Roswell, New Mexico

## \* BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Veona Faye Stephens	Wife	Rural Route Number 1, Box 38 B Roswell, New Mexico
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
John William Stephens	Father	General Delivery Roswell, New Mexico

## REMARKS

\*Second Alternate Beneficiary: Ollie Stephens (Mother)  
19th and Washington Streets  
Roswell, New Mexico

Distribution 56

Circumstances of disappearance: Infantryman became missing while on a combat mission with his company between St. Lo and Mortain, France.

FILE  
AUG 14 1945  
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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.







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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.

3793

220,837  
no**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 Arrie A. Stephens, Army Serial Number 38,438,152, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 7th day of August 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 8th day of August, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
18 Jul 1923	Roswell, New Mexico	15 Jan 1943	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Under	three	years	

## EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Veona F. Stephens	Wife	Rural Route Number 1, Box 38 B Roswell, New Mexico

## \* BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Veona Faye Stephens	Wife	Rural Route Number 1, Box 38 B Roswell, New Mexico
John William Stephens	Father	General Delivery Roswell, New Mexico

## REMARKS

\*Second Alternate Beneficiary: Ollie Stephens (Mother)  
19th and Washington Streets  
Roswell, New Mexico

Distribution 56

Circumstances of disappearance: Infantryman became missing while on a combat mission with his company between St. Lo and Mortain, France.



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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME			SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	
STEPHENS ARRIE A			38438152			PVT	INF	ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY			DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
FRANCE 9			DAY	MONTH	YEAR		MIA	175	

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 VYONA F. STEPHENS		WIFE		3 SEPT. 1944	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE					
RURAL ROUTE NUMBER 1 BOX 38 B ROSWELL NEW MEXICO					

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY



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):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED

FORWARDED TO  SPEC. IDEN.  TELEGRAM  WOUNDED  LETTER  CORRES.  S. R. & D.  CERTIF.  M. & M.  NON-DEL

REPORT NOT VERIFIED \_\_\_\_\_ NO FORM 43 \_\_\_\_\_ NO CAS. BR. FILE  CHECKED BY *Betty Reynolds* REVIEWED BY *Grundy*

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE		COMP	RACE											
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY													
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

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RTB:IB:eo  
August 30, 1945  
*ms.*

Mrs. Veona Faye Stephens  
Rural Route #1, Box 38 B  
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Stephens:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, Private Arrie A. Stephens.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOEB  
1st Lt., QIC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Branch

65  
SCREENED  
4-20-48 *etc*



ARMY SERVICE WORDS  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Veona F. Stephens  
Rural Route #1, Box 38 B  
Roswell, New Mexico

Effects of:  
Name Pvt. Arrie A. Stephens  
ASN 38438152  
Case No. 220837 D  
Wt.

DATE 30 August 1945  
RTB:IB:eo

*Schreiber*

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 ITEM

SEP 7 1945  
Franked  
Est. Exp. Chgs.           
Est. Frt. Chgs.           
No. of packages   1  

*BQ*

Shipping Clerk



ARRIE Stephens

38438152

220,837

PVT.

MIA T/O 252

PKG 333-E

MIA

6 Apr 45

SHIPPED VIA MAIL

K.C.



220,837  
no.

ATTACHMENTS		STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INBOUND INVENTORY		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	

**EFFECTS INVENTORY**  
**ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	<input type="checkbox"/> BELT	<input type="checkbox"/> OVERCOATS
<input type="checkbox"/> BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS, PERSONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, PILOT LOG	<input type="checkbox"/> PENCIL, MECHANICAL
<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS	<input type="checkbox"/> BRUSHES	<input type="checkbox"/> PEN, FOUNTAIN
<input type="checkbox"/> BRACELET, IDENT.	<input type="checkbox"/> CASE	<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAMERAS	<input type="checkbox"/> CLOTH, WASH	<input type="checkbox"/> PIPES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOTHING	<input type="checkbox"/> COATS	<input type="checkbox"/> RINGS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISC. ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOTLOCKER	<input type="checkbox"/> SCARFS
<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOTWEAR, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> SHIRTS
<input type="checkbox"/> RIBBONS, DECORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/> SHORT SNORTER	<input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> STATIONERY
<input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIR MONEY	<input type="checkbox"/> HANDKERCHIEFS	<input type="checkbox"/> TIES
<input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIRS	<input type="checkbox"/> HEADWEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO
<input type="checkbox"/> TESTAMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> JACKETS	<input type="checkbox"/> TOILET ARTICLES
<input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> KITS	<input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS
<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	<input type="checkbox"/> KNIVES	<input type="checkbox"/> TROUSERS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/> WATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> LETTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> TRUNKS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/> WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
<i>none</i>	<i>Wesley Jay Stephens Box 38-B Rt 1 Roswell New Mexico (WJ)</i>
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE
<i>43 July gives unidentified # 62</i>	

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER			TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		SYMBOL	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		AMOUNT	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY		DATE	TO ISSUING AGENCY
		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	
		PAYEE	
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

TALLY NO. <i>78</i>	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>	EXAMINING DATE <i>18 Aug 45</i>	BOX NO. <i>11</i>	SHEET <i>1</i> OF <i>1</i> SHEETS
NAME <i>ARRIE A STEPHENS</i>			A. S. N. <i>38438152</i>	
ORGANIZATION <i>Co 137 inf</i>			RANK <i>Pvt</i>	CASE NO.
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>1854 A</i>	EXAMINED BY <i>J. S. Brennan</i>	DIARY REMOVED		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>#1 Pkg.</i>	PACKED BY <i>Bell</i>	PHOTO FILM REMOVED		
WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY <i>P</i>	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED		
	STORED BY <i>plu</i>	SHIPPED		
		DATE <i>SEP 7 1945</i>	BY WHOM <i>plu</i>	

DAMAGED



ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G.I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

*file in T  
bag of shells*

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 UNIDENTIFIED #

BAY	PALLET	BQX	TALLY
31	6	11	78
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG			

Eff. QM Form 43



HEADQUARTERS 137th INFANTRY  
APO #35 U.S. Army

2 Sep 44

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Stephens                      Arrie                      A                      Pvt                      38438152  
(Last Name)                      (First Name)                      (M)                      (Rank)                      (ASN)

TC: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 871

The above named individual of Company D, <sup>US Army</sup> 137th Infantry  
(Unit)

was reported Missing in Action About 9 August 1944  
(Status-Killed, MIA, Hospitalized, etc.)                      (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Wife

Veona Faye Stephens, Box 38-B, Route 1, Roswell, New Mexico

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 Garrison Cap
- 1 File
- 1 Hunting Knife Sheath
- Toilet Articles
- 1 Lighter
- 1 Watchstone



Money in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of finance officer)

Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Symbol of finance Office)

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1944.  
(Mail, truck, etc.)

Name John E Keller  
Rank & ASN Capt 033825E  
Organization 137 AF

Any additional pertinent information:



Summary Court-Martial  
 ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
 601 Hardesty Avenue  
 Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRM:IB:eo

Case No. 220837

Date 30 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Arrie A. Stephens, 38438152 late a  
 (Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Private, Infantry who died  
 (Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 8 day of August, 1945, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. \_\_\_\_\_.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt \_\_\_\_\_, Incl. \_\_\_\_\_)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below).

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 25 August 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Veona Faye Stephens for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered:

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Veona Faye Stephens of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of person found entitled)

Rural Route #1, Box 38 B, Roswell State of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

New Mexico is the Widow of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, QMC

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name, Rank, Organization)  
 SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL