


293 TOWNSEND, ARTHUR R. 32829637 PFC. EUROPEAN AREA INF. (N.Y.) 45mc


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TO: **REVIEW**

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

TOWNSEND, ARTHUR R.

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

PFC

32 829 637

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

24 NOV. 45

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

GRAVES

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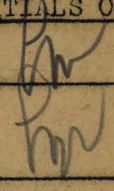
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DATE

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REMARKS

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS			
Area of Death France		Case Number	
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) TOWNSEND, Arthur R.	Rank Pfc.	Serial Number 32 829 637	
<p>In the course of this reexamination it has been determined that the circumstances of death were such that: (Check appropriate box)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The remains of the decedent could not have been recovered</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 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:</p>			
		INITIALS OF ANALYST	
1. 293 File of Decedent			
2. Geographical clue index file of unknowns recovered from appropriate area, compared with decedent			
3. Other documents or sources			
<p>Remarks</p> <p>Identification data for the above decedent has been compared with QMC Forms 1944 for all Unresolved World War II Unknowns recovered from the area of Grening, France, (K-49 & K-50) with negative results.</p>			
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	Date
Name of Case Analyst <i>Leah Marks</i>	Case Reviewer, Final Determination Section <i>G. E. Dowlak</i>	Chief, Final Determination Section <i>C. C. Wasson</i> C. C. WASSON CAPT QMC	DEC 13 1950

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Townsend, Arthur R.		GRADE Pfc	SERIAL NO. 32 829 637
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials) Lt De Weese	
UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 12759	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY

IMPORTANT

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<p>NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL</p>	<p>NUMBER 12,759 (2)</p> <p>AREA OR ZONE(S) EUROPEAN</p>
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<p>NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) TOWNSEND, Arthur R.</p>	<p>RANK Pfc.</p>	<p>SERIAL NUMBER 32 829 637</p>
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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.)

<p>DUGGAN, Eugene T. TOWNSEND, Arthur R.</p>	<p>Sgt. Pfc.</p>	<p>32 700 920 32 829 637</p>
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	<i>J. A. B.</i>	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>J. A. B.</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>J. A. B.</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>J. A. B.</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>J. A. B.</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>J. A. B.</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	NONE		

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:

NONE

file ✓
JAN 26 1950
J. A. Brown
Identification Branch

<p>NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>J. A. Brown</i> J. A. BROWN / nih</p>	<p>CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.</p>
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<p>RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF</p>	<p>CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. R. Deweese</i> W. R. DEWEESE, 1st Lt QMC</p>	<p>APPROVED CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>T. H. Metz</i> T. H. METZ, Lt. Col. QMC</p>
		<p>DATE 24/150</p>

REPORT OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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FORWARDED, Arthur R.

IN THE WAKE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE... THE REVIEW OF THIS MATTER TO THE... THE REVIEW OF THIS MATTER TO THE...

<p>1. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p> <p>2. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p> <p>3. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p>	<p>4. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p> <p>5. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p> <p>6. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p>	<p>7. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p> <p>8. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p> <p>9. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p>	<p>10. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p> <p>11. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p> <p>12. IDENTIFICATION OF SUBJECT</p>
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RECOMMENDATION APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

SIGNATURE

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 US ARMY

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

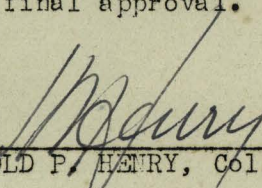
The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO No. 124, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U.S. Army, 2 November 1949, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France, on 12 DEC 1949. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

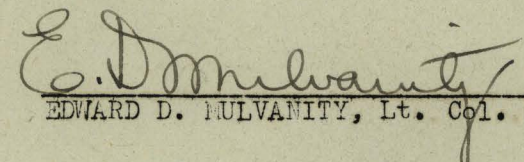
The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers, contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered,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

CASE No. 9	NAME	GRADE	ASN
	DUGGAN, Eugene T.	Sgt	32700920
	TOWNSEND, Arthur R.	Pfc	32829637

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.


 HAROLD P. HENRY, Col. QMC

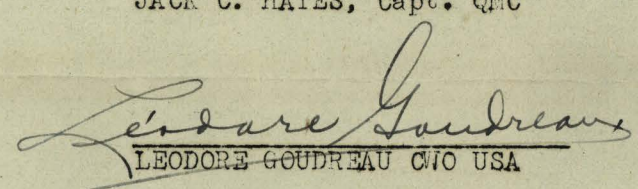

 EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt. Col. QMC

CHARLES REYNOLDS, Maj. T.C.

GERALD SWARTHOUT SR. Maj. C.E.

JACK C. HAYES, Capt. QMC

EDWARD F. PRICE JR. Capt. QMC


 LEODORE GOUDREAU CWO USA

FRANK CEER CWO USA

FREDERICKS S. DAVID 1st Lt. Cav

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RAG 300.4

22 Mar 48

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 33

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-368, 14 May 47 and AR 420-5, the following Board of officers is appointed to meet at Liege, Belgium, or at such other place as the president may designate at the call of the president thereof, for the purpose of considering whether such EM as may be brought before it should be discharged prior to the expiration of their term of service. Proceedings of the Board will be in conformity with AR 420-5. Findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, and entered on ED AGO Form 37.

LT COL	PARK W. BAILEY	0242216	INF
MAJ	DAVID MINS, JR	0228758	FA
MAJ	JOHN W. LONG	0333779	INF
CAPT	THOMAS C. HAYDEN	01584337	QMC
1ST LT	ALVIN C. BECK	01646841	INF
1ST LT	ROBERT VANINA	01786119	MC

2. Par 3 and 4, SO 6, this hq, 14 Jan 48 pertaining to appointment of Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area), are rescinded.

3. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, subj "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area):

LT COL	PATRICK W. GUINEY	019066	QMC
MAJ	GEORGE M VER HULST	A0650035	USAF
MAJ	MARSHALL J. BLACKMON	0277013	INF
CAPT	JACK C. HAYES	01577297	QMC
1ST LT	JOSEPH E McCLUSKEY	01338110	INF

4. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for non-recoverability of remains (European Area):

LT COL	EDWARD D. MULVANTY	0359598	QMC
MAJ	GROSVENOR W. FISH	042932	QMC
MAJ	FRANCIS P. SWEENEY	034435	INF
CAPT	OWEN F. McCANN	01595680	INF
1ST LT	GEORGE L. FREEMAN	0159551	QMC

5. VOCCG 6 Jan 48 auth CAPT GORDON L. ALDERMAN 0479536 CHC to tvl fr Second Zone, AGRC, APO 58; Carentan, France, to First Zone, AGRC, APO 58, Liege, Belgium, by TPA are confirmed, the exigencies of the service having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance.

AUTH: Sec I, Cir 157, Hq USFET, 23 Oct 46 & Cir 28, Hq EUCOM, 9 May 47.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

CARL W. RAGUSE
Colonel, QMC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/t/ FRANK FRANCIS
Major, - AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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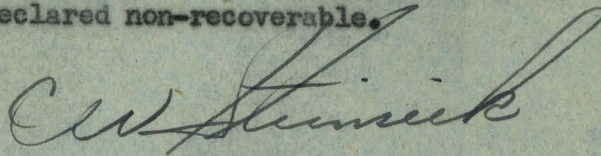


WILLIAM R. DeWEESE
1st Lt. QMC

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

3. Every effort has been made to correlate these cases with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.

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



C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain, OMC

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

RFE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board AGRC

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

NAMES: DUGGAN, Eugene T., Sgt., 32700920
TOWNSEND, Arthur R., Pfc., 32829637

ORGANIZATION: Co "L" 320th Inf.

DATE OF DEATH: 23 November 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Grening, France

SYNOPSIS OF CASES: The above mentioned unresolved casualties were members of a patrol sent out to determine enemy strength in the town of Grening, France on 23 Nov. 1944. Upon entering the town they met with intense enemy opposition, and were not seen afterwards by members of their organization who entered the town on the next day. A thorough search was conducted, but no trace of the missing persons could be found. Field Investigation was conducted in the appropriate area in Apr. 1947, with negative results. It is logical to conclude that Sgt Eugene T. Duggan and Pfc. Arthur R. Townsend were killed in action in the town of Grening, France on 23 Nov, 1944 and that their remains were disposed of by the enemy in a manner which precludes recovery. The fact that Field Investigation proved negative, together with the fact that there are no unknowns on record that may be associated with the subject casualties would tend to substantiate this conclusion; It is therefore recommended that this case be deemed non-recoverable.

Reference is made to : OQMG Forms 371; Review and Determination of Status Report dtd 24 Nov 1945.

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) TOWNSEND Arthur R		GRADE Pfc	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 32829637
ORGANIZATION Co "L" 32nd Inf/	RACE white	CREED protestant	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 23-11-44	CAUSE OF DEATH FOD	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Grening France	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT 5'9 1/4"	WEIGHT 129	COLOR EYES brown	COLCR HAIR brown
SHOE SIZE 7 EE			

DENTAL CHART 22 Jan 43

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
<p>X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable</p>	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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C O P Y

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AG 704 Dead (24 Nov 45)
S. R. & D. No. 4761

24 November 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status
Under the Missing Persons Act.

I. - FACTS

1. The following-named persons have been carried on the records of the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations since 23 November 1944, as reported by shipment numbers which appear opposite their names:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SHIPMENT NO.</u>
Towsend, Arthur R.	32,829,637	Private First Class	267
Duggan, Eugene T.	32,700,920	Sergeant	267

3. a. Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan and Private First Class Arthur R. Towsend were members of Company L, 320th Infantry. A Missing Report filed in each enlisted man's Casualty Branch file states that he was a member of a patrol sent out to determine the strength of the enemy at Grening, France. Upon entering the town, they met intense enemy opposition and were not seen afterward by members of their organization who entered the town on the next day. A thorough search for the missing persons was conducted, but no trace of them was found.

b. Sergeant Duggan's AG 2-1 file contains photostatic copies of two package wrappers addressed to him and returned to sender as of 23 February 1945 and marked "Hospitalized 12/18/44".

II. - CONCLUSIONS

2. Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan and Private First Class Arthur R. Towsend were members of a patrol sent out to determine the strength of the enemy at Grening, France. At the entrance to the town, they met intense enemy opposition. On the next day their organization entered the town and a search for the missing persons was conducted, but no trace of them was found.

C O P Y

AG 704 (21 Dec 49)

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21 December 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead.

1. The following-named enlisted men, members of Company "L", 320th Infantry Regiment, were reported missing in action in France, 23 November 1944, by ETO Shipment No. 267, and were presumed dead as of 24 November 1945, under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act:

293 MFB
 Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan 32700920
 293 Private First Class Arthur R. Townsend 32829637

2. SR&D Case No. 4761, dated 24 November 1945, File: AG 704 Dead (24 Nov 45), reviewed the circumstances of the disappearance of Sergeant Duggan, Private Townsend, and others, and recommended that findings of death be made, showing the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 24 November 1945. Information on which the presumption of death was based, in the case of the subject soldiers, was found in "Missing Reports" in their Casualty files. According to these Reports, Sergeant Duggan and Private Townsend were members of a patrol which was sent to Grening, a village a few miles southeast of St. Avold, France, to get information regarding the strength of the enemy there. On entering the village they met opposition, and the subject enlisted men failed to return. On the following day, when their Company entered the village, they could not be found.

3. Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan, 32700920, and Private First Class Arthur Townsend, 32829637, were members of a patrol sent out to obtain information regarding the enemy strength in Grening, France. They did not return, and, when their Company entered the village the following day, no trace of them was found. It is therefore concluded that the information of record in the Department of the Army at this time does not warrant the issuance of an official report of death, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

MFB

Mildred F. Bickford
 Investigator

CONCUR:

N. B. STARR
 Captain, AGD
 Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit
 Casualty Section
 PA Branch, AGO

COPY FOR:
 OQMG, Memorial Div.

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AL 704 (21 Nov 49)

21 December 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

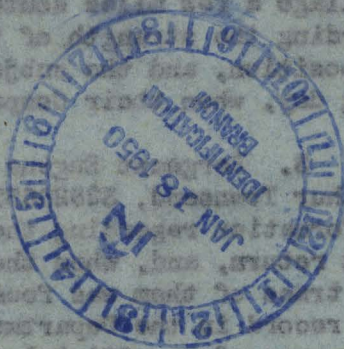
SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead.

1. The following-named enlisted man, member of Company "I", 350th Infantry Regiment, was reported missing in action in France, 23 November 1944, by ETO Shipment No. 367, and was presumed dead as of 24 November 1945, under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act:

Sergeant Eugene J. Duggan
Private First Class Arthur S. Townsend

2. ETO Case No. 4791, dated 24 November 1945, File: AL 704 Lead (24 Nov 45), reviewed the circumstances of the disappearance of Sergeant Duggan, Private Townsend, and others, and recommended that findings of death be made, showing the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 24 November 1945. Information on which the presumption of death was based in the case of the subject soldiers, according to these reports, Sergeant Duggan and Private Townsend were members of a patrol which was sent to destroy a village situated southeast of St. Avold, France, on 24 November 1944. On entering the village they met opposition and the patrol failed to return. In the following day, the patrol entered the village, they could not be found.

3. ETO Case No. 4791, dated 24 November 1945, File: AL 704 Lead (24 Nov 45), reviewed the circumstances of the disappearance of Sergeant Duggan, Private Townsend, and Private First Class Arthur S. Townsend, who were members of a patrol sent out to destroy a village situated southeast of St. Avold, France, on 24 November 1944. Information on which the presumption of death was based in the case of the subject soldiers, according to these reports, Sergeant Duggan and Private Townsend were members of a patrol which was sent to destroy a village situated southeast of St. Avold, France, on 24 November 1944. On entering the village they met opposition and the patrol failed to return. In the following day, the patrol entered the village, they could not be found.



WFC
Richard F. Blackford
Investigator

WV/1027/1751
JAN 8 - 1950
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

AIRMAIL

QMOMS 293

~~Townsend, Arthur R. SN-32829637~~
Duggan, Eugene T. SN-32700920

293

17 March 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to First Indorsement this Office, file QMOMS 293, Duggan, Eugene T. SN-32700920, Townsend, Arthur R., SN-32829637, subject, Request for Information, dated 4 March 1949.

2. Inclosed herewith is copy of S. R. & D. No. 4761, giving circumstances of death for Private First Class Arthur R. Townsend, 32829637 and Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan, 32700920.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Cy of SR&D No. 4761

T. H. METZ
Lt. Col. QMC
Memorial Division

X Ref. 293 Townsend; Arthur R. 32829637

AIRMAIL

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b. Sergeant Duggan's AG 201 file contains photostatic copies of two package wrappers addressed to him and returned to sender as of 23 February 1945 and marked "Hospitalized 12/18/44".

II. - CONCLUSIONS

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HEADQUARTERS, 320TH INFANTRY
APO 35 U.S. Army

AFTER ACTION REPORT

Mission: The Mission of the 320th Infantry from 8 November to 12 November inclusive was to seize, clear and secure from the enemy the Foret de Chateau-Salins. The mission during the period from 18 November to 25 November, inclusive, was to seize, clear and secure from the enemy all ground within its assigned sector.

Information of the enemy: In the attack on the Chateau-Salins Forest our troops encountered thoroughly prepared enemy defensive positions. All roads and open spaces were thoroughly strewn with mines. There were barbed wire entanglements and well established fire lanes for automatic weapons, well supplemented with foxholes and dug-outs. The enemy had good observation for the employment of its mortars and artillery which were used very effectively. The enemy at all times during this period had the use of armor with which he effectively supported his infantry forces. The use of the enemy mortars and artillery was very effective against our troops in the forest because of trees bursts. The efficiency and the morale of the enemy troops were very good.

Decision on Tactical Maneuver: In actions during the month tactical decisions were designed to accomplish missions assigned in directives of higher headquarters. Local tactical maneuver was in conformity with decisions of the Regimental or appropriate subordinate commanders.

Units Used: During the period the 1st Battalion was commanded by Major Frank Waring until he was evacuated on 7 November 1944. Lt. Col. James T. Walker then assumed command of the unit and directed its activities until he was wounded in action on 18 November 1944. Major Walton, Battalion Executive Officer, then assumed and remained in command until the end of the period. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions were commanded by Lt. Col. Warren T. Hannum and Lt. Col. Joseph D. Alexander respectively throughout the period. Special Unit commanders were Captain Edmund R. Casey who commanded Headquarters Company until he was evacuated on 8 November at which time Captain Dwight D. Bonham became the commander for the rest of the period; Captain Paul H. Heil, Service Company; Captain A. D. Wilson, Anti-Tank Company. Cannon Company was in command of First Lieutenant E. Cammack until 6 November when Captain Robert N. Ekstrum assumed command of the unit for the remainder of the period. Major L. A. Smith, Regimental Surgeon, was in command of the Medical Detachment. The regiment was commanded by Colonel B. A. Byrne. Lt. Col. William F. Northam was Executive Officer. The Regimental Staff consisted of First Lieutenant Milton Ginsburg, Major George W. Jamieson, Major Thomas P. McElroy Jr., and Major Harold V. Hughes, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, respectively.

Weapons used: Small arms, grenades, rockets, mortars, artillery, tanks and tank destroyers.

Artillery, Tank and Air Support: Artillery support during the entire period was excellent. The regiment had the use of tank destroyers throughout the period, which was excellent, although terrain conditions often made their use difficult or impossible. In the first three days of the attack on the Forêt de Château-Salins, 8 November to 10 November inclusive, the regiment had the use of tank support. However, this support was cut to a minimum as a result of losses incurred by the tank company on the first day of the action, and by conditions of terrain. After 11 November all tank support was withdrawn entirely and the regiment had no tank support for the rest of the period. The unit had periodic air support throughout the period.

Effects of Weather: All operations during the entire period were hampered by rain, mud and snow, which in many cases made conditions extremely difficult and uncomfortable.

Supply: During the period the supply problem was mainly one of refitting and equipping the men for winter warfare. Sleeping bags, sweaters, extra blankets, overshoes and combat boots were issued with priority to line companies. A critical shortage of tires, tubes and tube patching developed. This was due to tire failures from shrapnel and nails picked up from the roads. During this period a salvage crew was organized, comprised of men suffering from battle fatigue. The objective of this crew was to salvage lost, dropped or discarded equipment by following units through their zones of action. The recovery of considerable amounts of salvagable equipment attests to the success of having such an organization.

Communications: Communications were by wire and radio, with appropriate use of messengers. The operations of the wire crews were very often made difficult by the mud and the long dark nights. The lines were often cut by shell fire and vehicles, and one wire crew was the victim of a mine explosion.

Honest appraisal of troop morale and troop efficiency: Excellent throughout the operations.

Casualties for this period:	Officers	EM	Total
Killed in Action	5	40	45
Wounded in Action	31	684	715
Missing in Action	0	122	122

Decorations: The following decorations have been recommended.

- 6 - Distinguished Service Cross
- 31 - Silver Star
- 83 - Bronze Star

Prisoners Taken: 300 Prisoners were taken during this period

Complete summary of accomplishments, Remarks concerning mistakes, Incidents: All operations of the regiment during this period were performed in an efficient and excellent manner. The ability of the infantry and their attached units to endure the most unfavorable living and fighting conditions and keep up a high state of morale and efficiency has been demonstrated to the fullest extent. The living conditions and the fighting positions were the most uncomfortable and unfavorable yet encountered by this regiment. Rain, mud and snow were the rule and never the exception. In the advance through the forest almost every round of enemy artillery and mortar fire resulted in a tree burst, equivalent to well placed time fire. From this the advancing troops had little or no protection, while the enemy from his defensive positions in dug-outs and pillboxes had very good protection from our shellfire. Because of the short hours of daylight many operations had to be concluded or carried out during the hours of darkness and because of the rainy and cloudy weather there was very little light, if any at all, in the forest after nightfall. Very often the units found themselves subjected to enemy fire from the rear and the flanks as well as to their fronts. At times their routes of supply and communication to the rear were cut by by-passed or infiltrated enemy troops. At one time the command post of Company "B" was attacked from the rear and Captain Frank Gardner, the company commander, was killed. Only the swift fall of darkness enabled other members of the command group to escape. Twice the reserve battalion had to be used to mop up by-passed groups and to establish blocks against infiltration from the rear and the flanks. In the second operation for the towns and villages in the open country, the flooded low ground and enemy demolitions greatly hampered the supply of the advanced troops. In the taking of one town by Company A under the command of First Lieutenant Charles W. Bell the men had to swim a flooded area, or cross on a rudely constructed foot bridge to reach their objective. The bridge was constructed and most of the crossing made during the hours of darkness. Just before daylight the last elements crossed and ran into the town as enemy tanks charged down on them from high ground nearby. In the fight that followed, the enemy tanks were knocked out by bazooka fire and their crews eliminated by the use of hand grenades, Molotov cocktails and small arms fire. Lieutenant Bell called for artillery fire on one section of the town while he and his men fought in the other sections. After the barrage had lifted his company completed the occupation of the town.

/s/ B. A. BYRNE
Colonel, 320th Infantry
Commanding

TOWNSEND, Arthur R.	Pfc	32,829,637	Co L, 320th Inf Regt
DUGGAN, Eugene T.	Sgt	32,700,920	Co L, 320th Inf Regt

Missing in Action 23 November 1944

NO
ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS
SERIALIZED
DEC 1944

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W. A. HYMAN
 Colonel, 320th Infantry
 Commanding

Co I, 320th Inf Regt	28,829,827	Pfc	TOWNSHEND, Arthur H.
Co I, 320th Inf Regt	28,700,280	Sgt	DUGGAN, Eugene T.

Missing in Action 27 November 1944

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 MEM. DIV.

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AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293 1st Ind
Duggan, Eugene T. SN-32700920
Townsend, Arthur R. SN-32829637
SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 4 March 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, the following dental information is submitted herewith:

DSS Form 221, dated 22 January 1943 for Private First Class Arthur R. Townsend, 32829637, shows teeth missing R-8, 16; L-8, 16. Forms 79 not on file.

Dental Chart at Induction, dated 31 December 1942 for Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan, 32700920, shows teeth missing L-8, 14. Restorable carious teeth R-7, 16; L-4. Non-restorable carious teeth R-13, 14, 15; L-6. Two Forms 79 inclosed herewith.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls:
Incls 1 & 2 Forms 79 (Duggan)

T. H. METZ
Lt. Col. QMC
Memorial Division

*X 298 Townsend Eugene T. SN-32700920
Arthur R. SN-32829637*

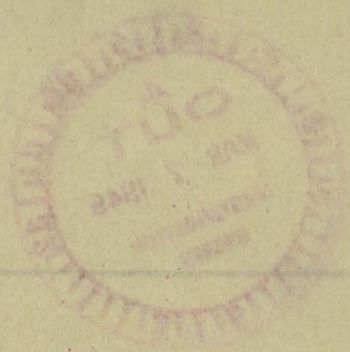
AIRMAIL

293 Townsend, Arthur R. - 32,829,637

11 XFR DEM PERS REC BR AGO SL MO 2 MAR 49 15

REURNR 32 1 MAR FOR MAJ SEKOWSKI QM ON ARTHUR R TOWNSEND

32829637 DSS FORM 221 DTD 22 JAN 43 SHOWS TEETH MISSING R 8 16 L 8 16
NO FORM 79 FD



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J. H. H. H.
3 Mar 49*

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.)

WD AGO FORM 0511
1 NOV 1944

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

20345

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Townsend Arthur R.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>32 829 637</i>		GRADE <i>Pfc</i>
HEIGHT <i>5'9 1/4"</i>	WEIGHT <i>129</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>7-EE</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>11-24-1945</i>
LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation) <i>Co. 4 32nd Inf.</i>					

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Killed in action in Germany, France.

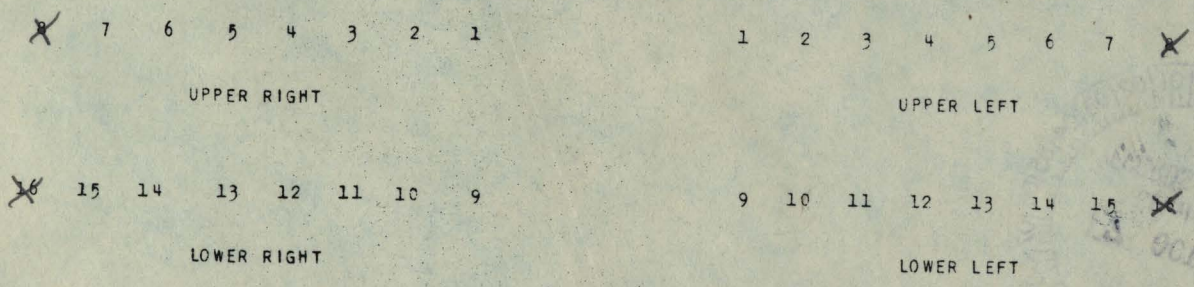
LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	DATES
<i>Vallejo, Calif.</i>	<i>17 April 43 10 Sept 43</i>
<i>Cp. Howze, Tex.</i>	<i>7 May 44 12 May 44</i>

FROM: W'D, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>None</i>
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DENTAL CHART *22 Jan 1943*



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IDENTIFICATION SECTION					

Townsend Arthur R.
Last Name First Name

32 829 037

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Ft. Sill, Okla.	18 Feb 43	26 Feb 43	138117

H. Johns Clerk 10-3-46 Date *H.P.R.B.* Branch

293 FILE	DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
TOWNSEND ARTHUR R		PFC.	32829637	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
Co. L 32-Inf.		WHITE	PROT-	—
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
23-11-44	F.O.D.		GREENING, FRANCE	
DATE OF FOD				
24-11-45				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5'9 1/4"	129	BROWN	BROWN	7 EE
DENTAL CHART				
22 Jan. 43				
UPPER RIGHT			UPPER LEFT	
8 X 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT	
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
X = Extracted			O = Carious	
			1 = Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK	
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE
MAY 26 1948
E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMC
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

ARC

EXTRACT P-YAG 704 Dead (24 Nov 45)
S. A. & D. No. 4761

24 November 1945

293 Townsend, Arthur R.
32,829,637 *plc*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status
Under the Missing Persons Act.

I. - FACTS

1. The following-named persons have been carried on the records of the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations since 23 November 1944 as reported by shipment numbers which appear opposite their names:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SHIPMENT NO.</u>
Duggan, Eugene T.	32,700,920	Sergeant	267
Townsend, Arthur R.	32,829,637	Private First Class	267

2. The above-named enlisted men of different infantry Regiments became missing in action during the time of the intense action against Aachen and the Hurtgen Forest areas. Some were reported as missing in action in France and some in Germany. The available information concerning them is set forth in paragraphs three through eleven which follow.

3. a. Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan and Private First Class Arthur R. Townsend were members of Company L, 320th Infantry. A Missing Report filed in each enlisted man's Casualty Branch file states that he was a member of a patrol sent out to determine the strength of the enemy at Grening, France. Upon entering the town, they met intense enemy opposition and were not seen afterward by members of their organization who entered the town on the next day. A thorough search for the missing persons was conducted, but no trace of them was found.

b. Sergeant Duggan's AG 201 file contains photostatic copies of two package wrappers addressed to him and returned to sender as of 23 February 1945 and marked "Hospitalized 12/18/44".

II. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The eleven persons whose cases are considered in this review were members of different Infantry Regiments which participated in the offensive action in the areas of Aachen, Germany, and the Hurtgen Forest on 23 November 1944. They became missing in action under conditions set forth in paragraphs 2 through 11 which follow:

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W. A. [unclear]
210 [unclear] 49

S. R. & D. No. 4761

2. Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan and Private First Class Arthur R. Townsend were members of a patrol sent out to determine the strength of the enemy at Grening, France. At the entrance to the town, they met intense enemy opposition. On the next day their organization entered the town and a search for the missing persons was conducted, but no trace of them was found.

III. - RECOMMENDATIONS

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 in paragraph 1, Part I, above and that these findings show the presumed date of death to be 24 November 1945 in each case.

Investigator

Captain, AGD

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

JOHN T. BURNS
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Officer in Charge
Status Review and
Determination Section

GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch

Sergeant Eugene T. Duggan,
32,700,920, Infantry, et al.

S. R. & D. No. 478

3. Sergeant Eugene F. Higgins and Private First Class Arthur H. Townsend were members of a patrol sent out to determine the strength of the enemy at Greening, France. At the entrance to the town, they met intense enemy opposition. On the next day their organization entered the town and a search for the missing persons was conducted, but no trace of them was found.

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Investigator

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

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

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private First Class Arthur R. Townsend, Army Serial Number 32,829,637, Infantry,

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 23rd day of November 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 24th day of November, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

293 Townsend, Arthur R.

George F. Heahent

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)			
17 Feb 1923	Jamestown, New York	29 Jan 1943	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Under	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Nina R. Townsend	Mother	444 Buffalo Street Jamestown, New York

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Nina Ruth Townsend	Mother	444 Buffalo Street Jamestown, New York
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Loren Edward Townsend	Father	444 Buffalo Street Jamestown, New York

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Awarded Combat Infantryman's Badge as per General Order Number 11, 1 October 1944, Headquarters 320th Infantry.

Circumstances of disappearance: He was a member of a patrol sent to reconnoiter the area around Grening, France.

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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