

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME

BARRAS, JAMES J.

GRADE

CPL

SERIAL NO.

38 364 750

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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO.

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IMPORTANT

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

BARRAS, JAMES J.

RANK

CPL

SERIAL NUMBER

38264750

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

4 OCT 44

AREA OF DEATH

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

KINKEAD

DATE

28 FEB 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

M. COX

DATE

28 FEB 51

REMARKS

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH <p style="text-align: center;">European, Vic of San Anthonie, Holland</p>		CASE NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;">14271</p>
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>J. J.</i> Barras, James J.</p>	RANK <p style="text-align: center;">Cpl</p>	SERIAL NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;">38 264 750</p>
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED		
<input checked="" 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:		
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	INITIALS OF ANALYST <i>E. M.</i>	
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>E. M.</i>	
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		

REMARKS

NAN
File

FEB 19 1951

James J. Barras
Identification Branch

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER 14271 (17)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Barras, James J.

RANK

Cpl

SERIAL NUMBER

38 264 750

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)	WRK	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH INDEXING REPORT INDEXING REPORT	WRK
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	WRK	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	WRK
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	WRK	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	WRK
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		WRK

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

NAN

File

FEB 19 1951

J. Kennedy
Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy/cwtg

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

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 case:

NAME: BARRAS, James J., Cpl., 38 364 750

ORGANIZATION: Company "C" 17th Tank Bn 17th Armd Div

DATE OF DEATH: 4 October 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vic. of San Anthonie, Holland

SYNOPSIS: Subject casualty was reported by the 17th Tank Battalion as killed in action on the date indicated above. Information contained in a statement of a survivor (Albert H. Litchford) indicated that the tank in which subject decedent was a crew member was knocked out by enemy anti-tank fire and burned immediately. It further stated that Cpl Barras was the gunner and occupied the turret position, and could not have dismounted from the tank before it was destroyed by fire, as the tank received three (3) direct hits on the left front of the turret and Cpl Barras was killed in this action. Three (3) of the crew members, Lt William M. Binders, T/4 Albert H. Lichtford and Pfc Donald H. Cox, were able to evacuate the tank and returned to US military control. One (1) of the crew members, Pfc Bernie E. Kimmons, killed in the action was removed from the tank. His remains were later recovered and buried at USMC Henri Chapelle, Belgium. A field investigation conducted in the appropriate area, in February 1947, failed to locate the remains or provide clues as to ultimate disposition. All attempts to associate recovered unknowns with subject decedent proved negative. It is logical to conclude Cpl James J. Barras was killed when his tank was hit by anti-tank fire, and his remains were cremated by the fire and explosions and later disposed of by the enemy in an unknown manner and location which precludes recovery. It is, therefore, recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

GPRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; 8th Ind. Hq ETO; Affidavit of Albert H. Litchford; On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Narrative Report of Field Investigation undated.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file headquarters American Graves Registration Detachment.
3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case 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
C. W. STEINSIEK *TCO*
Captain QMC

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

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 66)

14 June 1950

E X T R A C T

1. 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 118b, SR 830-110-5, DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is 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	EDWARD D. MULVANITY	QMC	O 359 598	President
MAJCR	JAMES C. MacFARLAND	QMC	01 576 321	
MAJCR	GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR.	QMC	01 289 071	
1ST LT	GAYLORD E. LUTZ	QMC	01 595 665	
1ST LT	ROBERT W. GANSEL	QMC	01 599 085	
CWO	RAYMOND T. RODRIGUEZ	QMC	W2 107 098	

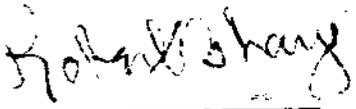
BY ORDER OF COLONEL BALLARD:

EDWARD F. PRICE, JR.
Capt, QMC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, JR.
Capt, QMC
Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT G. LAY

N A R R A T I V E

Reported missing in action after battle activities in the vicinity of St. Antonis and Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

Investigation in the St. Antonis and Overloon areas revealed that a total number of 26 tanks still remained in these communities as a result of the battles there in October 1944.

Below is a list of these tanks, giving locations, serial numbers, names, and the investigator's finding on each one. This list is compiled from information received from the Town-Halls of St. Antonis and Overloon and from various individuals contacted.

1. Two tanks, American model in British Service:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
T 148021	Not applicable	Not applicable
T 263186	" "	" "

These tanks put out of action in September 1944 at Oploo, Community of St. Antonis.

2. Two tanks, American, located in Peelkant, Overloon:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036782	7/ 40/ A5	Able Abe
	7/ 40/ A16	Not visible

3. Four tanks, American, located in Vortum, Overloon:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
--- --22871*	7/ 31/ B15	Not visible
USA 3033274	7/ 31/ B7	Boomerang
USA 3022896	7/ 31/ B6	Bull Dog-Radio 528
USA 3022891	7/ 434 F HQ 23	Paper Doll

Search of tank USA 3033274 revealed the possible presence of human remains. Search of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

*Number not totally visible---probably USA 3022871

Narrative (Cont'd)

4. One tank; American model in British Service, located on Vommunity property, Duivenbosch, Overloon.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
T 148039	Not applicable	Not applicable

5. Four tanks, American, located near the house of J.A. Hendriks, Cl67, Overloon.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3011069	7/ 17/ Cl5	Catherine-St-----?
USA 339520	Not visible	Charger
USA 3099781	7/ 434 F HQ 22	Tiger Ann 2
Not visible	7/ 17/ Cl2	Not visible. Gun Number: 75 mm M3 4130 4 EMP ORD CORP 893 lbs 1942 Insp. D.M.G.

Inspection of Tank USA 3011069 revealed the presence of human remains. However it was learned from the town hall that two bodies had previously been removed from this tank and buried near the wreckage. These were later disinterred by American authorities and removed to Margraten as unknown soldiers. Remains found in tank in this investigation consisted of small bones and parts of the skull. Inspection of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

6. One tank, American, located on property of G. Gerrits, C237, Overloon.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA -----	Not visible	Carouse

Inspection of this tank revealed the presence of human remains. Statement of G. Gerrits certifies that in the immediate vicinity of the tank the remains of one or more of the crew members of this tank are buried. Grave is unmarked and exact location is not known.

7. Two tanks, American, located in War Museum, Overloon:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
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Narrative (Cont'd)

8. Four tanks in the Oploosche dijk, Overloon.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036640 S	7/ 40/ B4	Not visible

This tank was on property of J. Hubers.

USA _____ 86	7/ 40/ B5	Not visible
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First five numbers not visible. This tank on property of G. Jacobs.

USA 3099821	7/ 40/ B11	Big Boy 2
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This tank on property of Widiw V. Duinhoven.

USA 3099908	7/ 31/ C3	Not visible.
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9. Five tanks in the district named Hatert, Vierlingsbeek, all on the property of Jager. Three of these tanks have been totally blown up and the greater parts have been removed by scrap-iron dealers. Due to this it is impossible to obtain any identification numbers, however it can be said with certainty that these were American tanks by the parts left behind. Of the other two tanks the following information is available.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 30100099	7/ 17/ A31	Not visible
USA 3099846		Not visible Not visible

10. One tank in the district Tuut-Heesch, Vierlingsbeek, on the property of Deenen.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3039158	7/ 17/ B9	

Statements were obtained from the town-halls, local police, and parish priests, certifying that there are no records or knowledge of the interment of whereabouts of the above mentioned deceased in the communities of St. Antonis and Overloon.

NB: Reference is made to Holland Case # 5738 for results of action taken on the four remains found in tank numbers: USA 3036782, USA 303327 USA 3011069, and USA _____.

NAME: Barrax, James J. ASN: 38264750 RANK: Cpl

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION:

DATE 28 November 1942

RACE: White

ORGN.: Co "C" 17th Tank Bn

RELIGION: Catholic

STATUS: KIA - 4 Oct 1944

BORN: 26 Feb 1922

PLACE OF CASUALTY: Approximately

PLACE: Krotz Springs, La. one (1) mile N.W. of Overlook, Holloman

WEIGHT: 132 lbs

FRACTURES: none

HEIGHT: 5' 6 1/2"

EYES: gray

HAIR: brown

SCARS: none

COMPLEXION: ruddy

SHOE SIZE: 8 D

HAT SIZE: Not shown

FORMS 79: none

DENTAL

(Date: _____)

Right

Left

28 Nov 42

Upper

~~X~~ 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ~~X~~

Lower

~~X~~ 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 ~~X~~

Teeth: Indicate restorable carious teeth by circling; nonrestorable carious teeth by /; missing natural teeth by X.

DENTAL CHART, DTD. _____ SHOWS: .

Case Cover

14 Aug 50

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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
REGISTRATION DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) 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 2, SO # 66, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 14 June 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 14 AUG 1950

The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of American 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
1.	<u>BARRAS, James J.</u>	Cpl.	38 364 750

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.

Edward D. Mulvanity
EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt Col, OMC

James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, OMC

George Gonderfal, Jr.
GEORGE GONDERFAL, JR., Maj, OMC

Robert W. Gahsel
ROBERT W. GAHSEL, 1st Lt, OMC

RAYMOND T. RODRIGUEZ, CWO, USA

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO:		DATE	
PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		19 September 1950	
FROM (Branch and Section)	REQUESTED BY	TEL. EXT.	ROOM NO.
Final Determination Sec. Identification Br. E. Mulford	<i>EM</i>	73216	1517
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	
Barras, James J.	Cpl	38 364 750	

INFORMATION REQUIRED Ref. NR #14,271

Statement by T/4 Albert H. Lichford, which should be in the 201 file of above decedent. Also, the names of the crew of the tank in which decedent was killed.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

16 November 1950

Inclosed herewith all the information available which was obtained from DPRB 201 Files and AGO Casualty Files pertaining to the death of Corporal James J. Barras, 38,364,750, of Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion.

Requested Statement by Technician Fourth Grade Albert H. Lichford, 36,513,846, was not included in records available to this office. However, if you have an interest in corresponding directly with T/4 Lichford concerning this case, his address is shown as 31 E Main Street, Shelbyville, KY.

Names of crew members of decedent's tank was not shown.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

Donald A. Salinger
DONALD A. SALINGER
CAPT QMC

Jm/rp

AG 201 Barras, James J.
PC-N ETO 219

25 October 1944

Handwritten initials

Mrs. Corine Barras
Krotz Springs, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Barras:

This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your son, Corporal James J. Barras, 38,264,750, Infantry, has been reported missing in action in Holland since 4 October 1944.

I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received, I will gain communicate with you at the expiration of three months.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports. However, in order to relieve financial worry, Congress has enacted legislation which continues in force the pay, allowances and allotments to dependents of personnel being carried in a missing status.



period of uncertainty to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this

Sincerely yours,
William Jaster
Lt. Col., A.S.C.

J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General

MISSING REPORT*

To accompany WD AGO Forms 66-1 or 24 of Missing or Missing in Action Personnel (other than those covered by Missing Air Crew Report).

NAME Barras, James J. ASN 38,264,750 GRADE Cpl Arm or Inf Service
ORG Co "C", 17th Tank Bn APO 257 Date Reported MIA 4 Oct 44

MISSION Capture of Overloon, Holland

POINT OF DEPARTURE St. Anthonis DATE 4 October 1944

INTENDED DESTINATION Overloon, Holland

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Approximately one (1) mile N.W. of Overloon, Holland

BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

Cpl Barras, the gunner on tank #11 was in the tank when it burst into flames after being struck by an anti-tank weapon (presumably an 88)

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY:

None

REMARKS: (Any information not covered above, including details and results of search, if any, conducted)

None. Tanks in enemy territory

Date of Report 5 October 1944

s/ Howard Ruth

(Signature of preparing Officer)
2nd Lieutenant

C O P Y

COMPANY "C" 17TH TANK BATTALION
APO 257, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

14 April 1945

Mrs. Corrine Barras
Krotz Springs
Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Barras:

It is with the greatest personal sorrow that I write to express our sense of loss in the death of your son and our comrade, Corporal James J. Barras, 38,264 750.

He was killed in action on 4 October 1944 while we were engaged in a particularly hazardous undertaking in Holland. You will, I am sure, be glad to know that the rites of his religion were extended him by an Army Chaplain before he entered battle.

During the course of the engagement fierce enemy resistance was encountered and the lives of many of our soldiers endangered. Corporal Barras, by his heroic actions on that occasion, contributed materially to the success of our mission and in so doing lost his life.

Those of us who knew your son always respected him and admired him for his courage and devotion to duty. Your sorrow and ours on his loss is something beyond writing or speech. We are proud to have known him and will always remember him with affection. He died for his country.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN C. WILSON JR.
1st Lt., Infantry
Commanding.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 28 April 1945

FULL NAME Barras, James J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 264 750	GRADE Cpl.
HOME ADDRESS Krotz Springs, La.		ARM ON SERVICE Armored Division	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		DATE OF BIRTH 26 Feb 22	
CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 4 Oct 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 28 Nov 42	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)			

Mrs. Corine Barras, mother, Krotz Springs, La.

BENEFICIARY NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS:

Mrs. Corine Barras, mother, Krotz Springs, La.
Vera Barras, sister, Krotz Springs, La.

INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECREASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Dept. to have been in a missing in action status from 4 Oct 44, until such absence was terminated on 23 Apr 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

COPIES FURNISHED:

S. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O., U. S. A.
S. O. G. S.	G. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
S. A. G.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 301 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:



ADJUTANT GENERAL

WD AGO FORM 52-1
1 FEBRUARY 1945THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 1 DECEMBER 1944,
WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL EXISTING STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 28 April 1945

FULL NAME Barras, James J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 264 750		GRADE ^{File 2629} Cpl.	
HOME ADDRESS Krotz Springs, La.		ARM OR SERVICE Armored Division		DATE OF BIRTH 26 Feb 22	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 4 Oct 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 28 Nov 42		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
		YEARS		MONTHS	
		DAYS			
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Corine Barras, mother, Krotz Springs, La.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Corine Barras, mother, Krotz Springs, La. Vera Barras, sister, Krotz Springs, La.					
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
				X	
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW) YES NO					

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293

GRS European

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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Dept of the Army, COMG, Washington 25, D. C., September 1949

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

1. Inclosed herewith are photostatic copies of all dental information available for the following:

X-293

Aiello, Michael	16055052
Barker, Delford W.	38656426
Berras, James J.	38264750
Bondo, Howard T.	34272642
Dew, Robert G.	17067016
Donalds, Robert L.	32471708
Dover, Roland V., Jr.	0-481608
Hatus, Rudolph W.	38433558
Kaeller, William W.	37514904
Pease, Carl E.	11014727
Richardson, Jeff B.	38381542
Sersha, John P.	37580467
Slado, Melvin H.	56752091
Spoctor, Sidney M.	42057879
Tompkins, Tom T.	38356901
Wiening, Paul G.	0-520506
Yonner, Thomas R.	0-2056513

2. Dental information for the following individuals is as submitted on OCMG Forms 371. There are no Forms 79 available for these individuals:

Alfonso, Jafet	32002285
Amerson, Leonard C.	34263729
Clawson, Harry A.	19106358
Collier, Garland W.	39849456
Davenport, William G.	35456698
Hoag, Edward J.	18023366

3. Reference is made to letter this Office dated 28 July 1949, file QMGMS 293 GRS European, subject: Additional Information for dental information on Bondo, Anthony P., 35610515 and Martin, James O., 0-686649.

4. All dental information on Biggs, Cecil W., 0-671490 was forwarded by letter this Office dated 2 February 1949, file QMGMS 293 Biggs, Cecil W., 0-671490, subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

QMGMS 293 GRS European 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Request for Information

5. Giloud, William S., 35567679, is not a casualty according to records of this Office. Report of Death for subject individual was cancelled 27 November 1943.
6. For dental information for Collins, Richard K., O-395514, see letter this Office dated 17 May 1949, file QMGMS 293 GRS European, subject: Additional Information.
7. For dental information on Colletto, William H., O-669424 see 1st Indorsement this Office dated 3 February 1949, file QMGMS 293 Colletto, William H., O-669424, subject: Request for Information.
8. All available dental information for Johnson, Nathan Jr., 35654663 and Rosenbrantz, David 39018089 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement dated 4 March 1949, file QMGMS 293 GRS (European), subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased.
9. There are no Forms 79 available for Kelly, Raymond P., 36879533. DES Form 221 dated 4 September 1948 shows teeth missing R-16, L-8, 16.
10. All available dental information for Lillard, Thomas J., O-1319902 was forwarded your headquarters by letter dated 15 June 1949, file QMGMT 293 Lillard, Thomas J., O-1319902, subject: Investigation for Recovery of Remains.
11. Information requested on Melendez, Timoteo G., 38441216 will be forwarded your headquarters in reply to cable 4404 dated 29 June 1949.
12. All available dental information for Miller, Harry L., 6279215 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement this Office dated 30 March 1949, file QMGMS 293 Miller, Harry L., 6279215.
13. All available dental information for Sreat, Ellis J., 34531017 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement this Office dated 24 February 1949, file QMGMS 293 Sreat, Ellis J., 34531017.
14. For all available dental information for Weber, Norman L., O-1514983 reference is made to letter this Office dated 15 April 1949, file QMGMS 293 GRS (European), subject: Additional Information.
15. Dental report for Buren, Clifford L., 39812844 and Shaw, Robert W., O-887922 is incomplete. If any additional dental is received in this Office it will be forwarded your headquarters.

QMGAS 293 GRS European 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Request for Information

16. Records of Donald, Robert L., 52471788 indicates an old fracture of nose.
17. Records for Pease, Carl E., 11014727 indicates fracture upper third right fibula, simple, complete.
18. Records of Dover, Roland V. Jr., C-481508 indicates fracture left arm - lower one-third.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

17 Incls:
1-17 Photo cys of
Dental Records

T. H. METZ
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

293 FILE

● DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

BARRAS, JAMES J.

GRADE

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

38264750

ORGANIZATION

RACE

CREED

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR

SHOE SIZE

5 ft 6 1/2

132

Grey

Brown

8 D.

DENTAL CHART

28 / Nov - 42 /

UPPER RIGHT

X	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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UPPER LEFT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X
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LOWER RIGHT

X	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
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LOWER LEFT

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	X
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X = Extracted

O = Carious

I = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2 Farm # 79
attached

FILE
SEP 8 1949
G. A. Roberts
Capt. JMC
Military Personnel

(Basic Ltr WD OQMG, QMGMM 293 BARRAS, James J. SN 38 264 750
dtd 6 November 1946

RRE 293.9 (IB)

1st Ind

Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58,
US Army, 12 September 1947

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

1. Inclosed herewith all documents pertaining to negative report received from the field on investigation conducted for the recovery of the remains of the above individual.

2. Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl: w/d
added a/s

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

74A
*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
✓															X
+	+														

LOWER TEETH

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

CLASS *I*

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No
Other conditions

Plm R-8

Date *2-8*, 19*44*

Capt. B. Bennett
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	D
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

DC-Hospital Area, Camp Polk, La. **73**

(1) SURNAME
 (2) CHRISTIAN NAME
 Barras, James J. 38264750
 (3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
 Pvt. 11th 31st Arm'd Reg't
 (6) AGE, YEARS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YEARS
 21 W La. 2/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
	1943 February R	
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Car. L-15 O	OA	
Car. R-2 M	S	
Car. L-2 M	S	17 Cl-4 SHR

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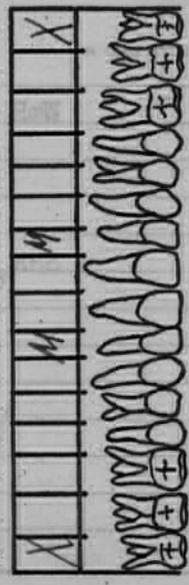
Quentin C. Clark
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

73A

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

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



LOWER TEETH

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



CLASS II

Occlusion : Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
Periodontoclasia
Dental foci suspected: Yes No
Other conditions

Date 2-17, 1943
William Patrick Cook
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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



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

In Reply Refer To
QMCG 293

Barrus, James J.
SN 38 264 750

6 November 1946

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

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

1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMCG 314.6, Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.
2. Attached hereto, in duplicate, is COMC Form 371 for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

NAME

Barrus, James J.

GRADE

Cpl

SERIAL NO.

38 264 750

3. The attached COMC Form 371 contains all information available from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the AG Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Clinical Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, and captured enemy documents, and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl - Par 2

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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

RECORDS AND
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COMMUNICATIONS
DIVISION

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293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
Barras, James J.		Col CREED	38264750 FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
ORGANIZATION	RACE	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
Co C, 17 Tank Bn, 7 Armcd Div	White	Catholic	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	COLOR HAIR	
4 Oct 44	Killed in Action	San Antonio, Holland	
DATE OF FOD	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	SHOE SIZE
	132	Gray	Brown 80
HEIGHT			
5' 6 1/2"			

DENTAL CHART 28 Nov 42

UPPER RIGHT

X	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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UPPER LEFT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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LOWER RIGHT

X

16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
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LOWER LEFT

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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X = Extracted

O = Cavious

I = Cavious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age - 23

Holland 5738

Overloon 12 March 1947

S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned certifies that no soldiers were buried in this cemetery and further that JAMES BARRAS has never been discovered by the population of OVERLOON COMMUNITY OF VIERLINGSBEEK

S/ M. V. Bostel
Priest
Overloon

Certified true Copy.

Dorell B. Hartman
DURELL B. HARTMAN,
1st. Lt. Inf.

Certified true translation,

A. Meyer
A. Meyer,
Interpreter.

Holland 5738
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

C O M M U N I T Y of O P L O O

St. Anthonius , 27.2.1947

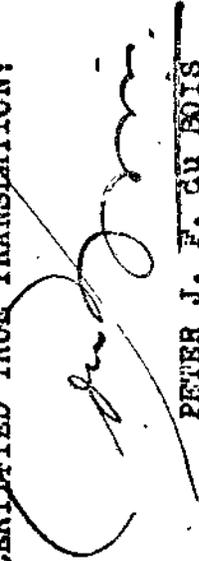
The Burgomaster of OPL00 declares that the body of BARRAS, James J., American soldier, who was killed on 4.10.44 in the vicinity of OPL00 and OVERHLOON, not is buried in this community.
A few American tanks which were destroyed during the battle stayed behind here.

~~For~~ the Burgomaster of Oploo
s/ W. VERSCHUREN

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY;

Orland W. Canby
ORLAND W. CANBY
1st Lt. Inf

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:



PETER J. F. DU BOIS
Investigator
4527 AM Serv Co(AC)

Holland 5738

S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned declares that the soldier James J. BARRAS never was buried in the Cemetery.

St. Antonius, Febr. '47

s/A. van Delft.
Priest

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Orlando W. Canroza
ORLAND W. CANROZA
1st Lt.

~~CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:~~

Peter J. P. du Bois

PETER J. P. DU BOIS
Investigator
4527 QM Serv Co.(AC)

STATE POLICE OF
OVERLOOK

Holland 5738

Overlook, 12 March 1947

S T A T E M E N T

Undersigned, W. Weymans, Sergeant 1st Class of the State Police at Overlook, declares, that he does not know anything about the remains of James J. Barras, 38 264 750.

Sergeant 1st Class

/s/ W.W. Weymans

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Orlando W Carroza
ORLANDO W CARROZA
1st Lt. ILL

Certified True Translation:

E. de Nijis

E. de Nijis
4527 CM Service Co. (AG)

Group State Police
Post St. Anthony

Holland 5738

St. Anthony 28-2-1947

S T A T E M E N T

I, undersigned, Gerardus Hendrikus Maria Vervoort, Sergeant of the State Police, belonging to above mentioned Group, herewith declare, that I cannot give any information concerning James J. Barros, Cpl. 38264750, belonging to the Co. C. 17 Tank Bn. 7 Arm'd Div., who probably got killed on 4 October 1944 in the vicinity of the Community of Overloon.

The Sergeant
/s/ G. VERVOORT

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Orlando W. Carroza
ORLANDO W. CARROZA
1st Lt. Inf

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

E. de Wijs
E. de Wijs
4527 CM Service Co.

COMMUNITY OF VI ERL I N G S B E E K

VI RLINGSBEEK, 11 March 1947

The Burgomaster of the Community of Vierlingsbeek declares that there are no data at the Town Hall here concerning the place of the grave in this community of:

Opl. JAMES J. BARRAS 38 264 750

He further declares that at least 13 destroyed tanks of American type are lying in the community of Vierlingsbeek, to which 6 other villages belong to:

The places were these 13 tanks are is as follows:

1. 2 tanks at Overloon, district Peelkant
2. 4 tanks at Vortum
3. 2 tanks in the War Museum at Overloon
4. 1 tank at the bodrder of the Duivenbosch at Overloon
5. 1 tank at the Pritterschewag at Overloon
6. 3 tanks Helkenteveld at Overloon (of which 1 tanks on the field of J. Koenen and 2 tanks on the field of M. van Mil)

With reference to No. 1: We were informed that parts of a human body are still in the tank. We supposed it was one of the crew members.

With reference to no. 2: It is very possible that there are still remains in one of the tanks. There are no remains found in the other three tanks. All four were destroyed on 3 October 1944 during the fights near Overloon.

With reference to no 5: In February 1945 the remains of one of the crew members were found and buried in the immediate vicinity. Some time later a second body was found, that also was buried near the tank. The first grave (of the first deceased) was marked with a wooden cross, of which the inscription is not known anymore at the Town Hall. The grave of the second deceased was also marked with a cross, on which the inscription: Unknown American Driver 3 011 069.

In June 1945 these bodies were disinterred by American soldiers and removed to Margraten.

With reference to No. 6: These three tanks were destroyed in the beginning of October 1944, during the Battle of Overloon. No trace of any remains of the occupants was found in these tanks.

The BURGOMASTER OF VI ERL I N G S B E E K
For him
/s/t/ H. van Daal
Comm. at the Secretary

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Richard W. Carroza
RICHARD W. CARROZA
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

E. de Wije
E. de Wije
4527 OM Service Co. (AC)

Overloon, 5 March 1947

S T A T E M E N T

I, the undersigned, declare that there is a tank about 200 meters south of my house, on ground of the Community. This tank was destroyed during fights on 3 October 1944 and the same day, about half an hour after the tank was hit, I saw it burning.

As far as I know, two members of the crew escaped, two got killed in or in the vicinity of the tank and one was badly wounded.

One of the deceased is still buried in the vicinity of the tank

What has happened with the rest of the crew is unknown to me.

In Spring of 1945 an English Investigation Team investigated the tank and told me, that the crew members and tank were English.

The number that is painted on the tank is T 148039. Further data on the tank are not visible anymore.

/s/ J. Hendriks
C 212
Overloon

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Certified True Translation

Orlando W. Carroza
ORLANDO W. CARROZA
1st Lt. Infantry.

E. de Vrij

/s/ E. de Vrij
4527 OM Service Co. (AO)

NARRATIVE

reported missing in action after battle activities in the vicinity of St. Antonis and Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

Investigations in the St. Antonis and Overloon areas revealed that a total number of 26 tanks still remained in these communities as a result of the battles there in October 1944.

Below is a list of these tanks, giving locations, serial numbers, names, and the investigator's findings on each one. This list is compiled from information received from the Town Halls of St. Antonis and Overloon, and from various individuals contacted.

1. Two tanks, American model in British Service:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
T 148021	Not applicable	Not applicable
T 263186	" "	" "

These tanks put out of action in September 1944 at Opleo, Community of St. Antonis.

2. Two Tanks, American, located in Peelkant, Overloon:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036782	7 / 40 / A5	Able Abe
USA 3033368	7 / 40 / A16	Not visible

3. Four Tanks, American, located in Vortum, Overloon:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
22871*	7 / 31 / B15	Not visible
USA 3033274	7 / 31 / B7	Boomerang
USA 3022896	7 / 31 / B6	Bull Dog-Radio 528
USA 3022891	7 / 434 F HQ 23	Paper Doll

Search of Tank USA 3033274 revealed the possible presence of human remains. Search of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

* Number not totally visible--probably USA 3022871.

Narrative, (Cont '6)

Holland 5788

4. One tank, American model in British service, located on Community property, Duivenbosch, Overloon.

Serial number

Unit

Name

T 148039

Not applicable Not applicable

5. Four tanks, American, located near the house of J. A. Hendriks, GL67, Overloon.

Serial Number

Unit

Name

USA 3011069
USA 339520
USA 3099781
Not visible

7/ 17/ GL5
Not visible
7/ 434/ F HQ 22 Tiger Ann 2
7/ 17/ GL2

Catherines-St
Charger
Not visible, Gun Number:
75mm M3
4130 4 EMP ORD CORP
893 lbs 1942
Insp. D. M. G.

Inspection of Tank USA 3011069 revealed the presence of human remains. However it was learned from the town hall that two bodies had previously been removed from this tank and buried near the wreckage. These were later disinterred by American authorities and removed to Margraten as unknown soldiers. Remains found in tank on this investigation consisted of small bones and parts of the skull. Inspection of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

6. One tank, American, located on property of G. Gerrits, GL27, Overloon.

Serial Number

Unit

Name

USA -----

Not visible

Carouse

Inspection of this tank revealed the presence of human remains. Statement of G. Gerrits certifies that in the immediate vicinity of the tank the remains of one or more of the crew members of this tank are buried. Grave is unmarked and exact location is not known.

7. Two tanks, American, located in War Museum, Overloon:

Serial Number

Unit

Name

USA 3022601
USA 3033401

QMCHM 293

Barras, James J.
LN 38 264 750

2nd Ind.

WD, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C.

10 JUL 1947

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

1. Reference is made to preceding correspondence.
2. Forwarded for processing in accordance with AG Letter, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 47) D-M, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl: n/o

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

AMT

REGISTRATION AND
RECORDS BRANCH
JUL 10 2 30 PM '47
MEMORIAL DIVISION

JUL 10 3 51 PM '47
O. C. H. S.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

Pratt
11/15/47

AIR MAIL

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(Basic Ltr OCMG, QMCHMR 293 Barras, James J. SN 38 264 750, dtd 6 Nov 1946).

RRE 293.9 (IB)

1st Ind

Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Theater Area,
APO 58, U S Army, 26 May 1947.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of a report received from Headquarters, First Zone, AGRC, dated 16 May 1947 concerning investigation being conducted for the recovery of the remains of Corporal James J. Barras, 38264750.

2. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
e/s

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen



(Holland 5738)

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE
551ST QM GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 58 (LIEGE) US ARMY

GHU 293.9

16 May 1947

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 58, US Army

1. OQMG Form 371 pertaining to Cpl. James J. BARRAS, 38264750 has been forwarded to the field 21 March 1947 for necessary action.
2. Current information received from the field indicates that there is a heavy concentration of allied and enemy isolated burials in the OVERLOON area which will be disinterred for verification.
3. Your headquarters will be furnished complete details upon completion of investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

TRUMAN D ECKOLS
Major Inf
Asst. Chief of Operations

Tel: Liege 19526

OLINGHITS JOURNAL - I AM HERE EVERYWHERE
WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH DATE **28 April 1945**

FULL NAME Barras, James J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 264 750	GRADE Cpl.
HOME ADDRESS Krotz Springs, La.		ARM ON SERVICE Armored Division	DATE OF BIRTH 26 Feb 22
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action.	DATE OF DEATH 4 Oct 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 28 Nov 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSES (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
Mrs. Corine Barras, mother, Krotz Springs, La.

BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
Mrs. Corine Barras, mother, Krotz Springs, La.
Vera Barras, sister, Krotz Springs, La.

INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECREASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (REGULAR SERVICE)	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT
 BATTLE NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Dept. to have been in a missing in action status from 4 Oct 44, until such absence was terminated on 23 Apr 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

FILE
MAY 8 - 1945

COPIES FURNISHED:

S. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O., U. S. A.
S. G. M. S.	O. P. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
S. A. O.	VEV. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 503 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:
James E. Benhart
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

()
 ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
BARBAS, JAMES J.		CPA	38 264 750
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
CO.C	WHITE	CATHOLIC	
17 TANK BN.	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
7 ARMD DIV.	CAUSE OF DEATH		
DATE OF DEATH/HAZ	KILLED IN ACTION		
4 OCT 94	COLOR EYES		
DATE OF FOD	GRAY	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
	132	BROWN	8 D
HEIGHT	DENTAL CHAR 08 NOV. 42		
5' 6 1/2"			

UPPER RIGHT

UPPER LEFT

X 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 X

LOWER RIGHT

LOWER LEFT

X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 X

X = Extracted

O = Cavious

I = Cavious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

NONE

NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AGE - 23

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY SUPPLY BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Corine Barras

SHIP TO:

Krotz Springs, Louisiana

Cpl. James J. Barras

Effects of:

Name

38264750

ASN

27703 D

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 28 July 1945

REMARKS

U. Sturichen

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check

Acct. No. _____

Amount _____

Inclose "Valuables" item

Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.

Note discrepancy in _____

Weight received _____

Wt. removed _____

Laundry removed _____

ROUTING:

1 Accounting Branch

1 Warehouse Division

2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

SCREENED

4-27-48 woc

REMARKS:

FRANKED

Franked

Est. Exp. Chgs. _____

Est. Frt. Chgs. _____

No. of packages _____

1945

AUG 3

B7

Shipping Clerk

HTB:RW:im
July 28, 1945

277703

Mrs. Corine Barras
Krotz Springs, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Barras:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your son, Corporal James J. Barras.

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

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

(67)

Summary Court-Martial
ARMY QUARTERMASTER DEPT
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Broadway Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRL:AC:sm
Case No. 277703
Date 28 July 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of
James J. Barras late a
(Name of decedent) (Army Serial Number)
Corporal who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 4 day of October, 1944, 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 26 July 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Corine Barras 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. Corine Barras of
(Name of person found entitled)
Krots Springs State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
Louisiana, is the Mother 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, C.M.C.
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

DECEASED

MISSING

P.O.W.

ABANDONED

TALLY

NO.

9781

INV.

DATE

16 July 45

ORIG. NO.

OF PKGS.

BOX

NO.

23

SHEET

OF

SHEETS

ORGANIZATION

17 Sub Bn

7 Am Div

18

277,703

NAME

JAMES J BARRAS

A.S.N.

38764750

RANK

Cap

Belt		TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS		WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	X	CLOTHING		BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, wash		BRACELET IDENT.		BELTFOLD, (NO MONEY)
Coats		Brushes		Case
Footwear, Pr.		CAMPBAG		Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.		Glasses		KIT, SEW, PPT, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs		Knives		BOOKS
Headwear		Lighters		Books, Address
Jackets	X	Lighters		Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats		Pen, Fountain		DIARY (REMOVED FOR DNR)
Scarfs		Pencil, Mechanical		FILMS
Shirts		Pipes		Letters
Socks, Pr.		RELIGIOUS ARTICLES		Papers, Personal
Ties		RIBBONS, DECORATION		Photos
Towels	X	Rings		Shoe shine articles
Trousers, Pr.		Tobacco		SHORT SHORTS
Trunks, Pr.		Toilet articles		SOUVENIR
Underwear		WATCH		SOUVENIR MONEY
				Stationery
				TOILET ARTICLES
				U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS

No Information
Requested

ATTACHMENTS

FORM #54

FORM #100

Inventory Log
9/2/45

C.A.T.

None

BZ

WAREHOUSE SPACE

724

STORED BY

RK

INVENTORIED BY

McCluskey

PACKED BY

Perry

CHECKED BY

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DATE SHIPPED
AUG 3 1945

FORM #3 OR
ADDITIONAL

WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
	LOCKED STORAGE
	LAUNDRY REMOVED
	FILM REMOVED

file

TH

T. O. M. A. 561
17 APR 1945 = K. C.

TALLY IN NO

F-37

143772

TALLY IN RECORD

NAME BARRAS, JAMES T

PLANE CP4

ASN 38864150

SHOWN ON CONSIGNORS T.O.A.S

ORGANIZATION

DATE 15-2-45

CASE

PARCEL BAC

STATUS MIA

ITEMS

DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

TALLIED-IN BY *W. H. Smith* WHEE SPACE 657-A

TYPE OF CONTAINER

CTN

PHYSICAL INVENTORY. C/145772

APRIL 1945

NAME :

BARRAS JAMES

RANK :

CP2

ASN :

38264750

ITEM :

PKG

STATUS

MIA

BIN

SPACE

657-A

DATE SHIPPED

TALLY OUT NUMBER

IN7 BY

NAME BARRAS, JAMES T. CPL. 4750

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
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66

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9781

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

CTN.

Est. QM Form 43

Serial No. 382264750 Name James J. Barry.

Grade C.P.I. Rank C.P.I.

Organization 17th T.A.K. Bn., 7th A.D.

Address

Nearest Relative

Address

Killed in Action MIA Died of Disease

Date 4 Oct. 1944 Hospital

Battle Area Information

Place of Burial

Point of Coordination

Description of Body

Members Missing

Signed Sam B. Plyler

Capt. Q.M.C.

BARRAS JAMES T. Cpl. 38264750 MIA Case/ 145772

WISE SP 657 A

BARRAS, JAMES T OPL 36264750 MIA
Box 21 1 Bag Ship 24 an 45
Rec 22 Jan 45

RESTRICTED
INVENTORY FORM

13 JANUARY 1945

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

BARRAS (Last Name) JAMES J (MI) OPL (Rank) 38264750 (ASN) US Army

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 72ND ARMORED DIVISION

The above named individual of 17TH TANK BN (Unit) about 4 OCTOBER (Date) 1944
was reported MIA Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp, etc.) NOT KNOWN

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 HAT
- 1 BAR HOOKS
- 1 COLLAR INSIGNIAS
- 2 MEDALS

Money in the amount of NONE has been turned into (Name of Finance Office)

Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

and symbol number) NOT KNOWN

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 TRUCK on 13 JANUARY 1945
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Name Sam B. Plyler
 Rank & ASN SAM B PLYLER
CAPT QMC 0-1016266
 Organization HEADQUARTERS 7th A.D.

Any additional pertinent information:

RESTRICTED

c/145442.

4 OCT 1944
Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

BARRAS (Last Name) JAMES (First Name) J. (MI) RPL 38264750 (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 257 US Army

The above named individual of Co. C - 17th TANK BN (Unit)

Co. C - 17th TANK BN (Organization) was reported MIA (Status-Killed, MIA,

Hospitalized, etc.) about 4 OCT (Date) 1944

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Corrine Barras (mother)

Krotz Springs, Louisiana

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

NONE DESTROYED IN FIRE OF TANK
DUFFLE BAG STORED AT DIV Q.M.

RESTRICTED

Corrine Barras

RESTRICTED

Money in the amount of NONE has been turned into

Form WDFD 38

(Name of finance officer and symbol number)

enclosed.

NONE

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 _____ (Rail, Truck, etc.)

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Name Howard S. Reed A.

Bank & ASN 2nd St 0-1016817

Organization Co E 17th TA Bn

Any additional pertinent information:

RESTRICTED

SENSITIVE SURFACE HANDLE

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

DATE 28 April 1945

REPORT OF DEATH

FULL NAME Barras, James J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 264 750	GRADE Cpl.
HOME ADDRESS Krotz Springs, La.		ARM OR SERVICE Armored Division	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		DATE OF BIRTH 26 Feb 22	
CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 4 Oct 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 28 Nov 42	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)			

Mrs. Corine Barras, mother, Krotz Springs, La.
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
Mrs. Corine Barras, mother, Krotz Springs, La.
Vera Barras, sister, Krotz Springs, La.

INVESTIGATION MADE	IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Dept. to have been in a missing in action status from 4 Oct 44, until such absence was terminated on 23 Apr 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

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		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

James W. Barkhoff
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

217703

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE		ARM OR SERVICE		REPORTING THEATRE	
BARRAS JAMES J		38264750		CPL.		INF.		ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER	
HOLLAND9		04 OCT 44		MIA		MIA		219	

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--BARRAS RELATIONSHIP MOTHER DATE NOTIFIED 23 OCTOBER 44

MRS CORNINGE
MAYNOR

NO. AND NAME OF STREET--CITY--STATE
KROTZ SPRINGS LOUISIANA

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY

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