

293 BOSCH, FRANCIS H. 33 136 897 CPL. AD EUROP . ARE(PA.)45g1

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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS			
AREA OF DEATH Vicinity of Overloon, Holland		CASE NUMBER	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Bosch, Francis H.		RANK Cpl	SERIAL NUMBER 33 136 897
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED			
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			INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT			
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT			
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
REMARKS			
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>T. Guinn</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Robert G. [Signature]</i> ROBERT G. [Signature]	DATE OCT 25 1950

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Captain, GMD

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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)

BOSCH, FRANCIS H

Rank

Serial Number

CPL

33136897

Arm of Service

ARMY

Date of Death

Area of Death

4 OCT 1944

VICINITY OF
OVERLOON
HOLLAND

Name of Auditor

Date

BETHEL

12 OCT 1950

Name of Reviewer

Date

M. COY

18 OCT 50

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NAME: Bosch, Francis H. ASN: 33136897 RANK: CP1.

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE: Feb. 2, 1942

RACE: White

RELIGION: Catholic

BORN: March 1, 1918

PLACE: Allentown, Penna.

WEIGHT: 144 lbs.

HEIGHT: 66 in.

EYES: Blue

HAIR: Brown

COMPLEXION: Ruddy

SHOE SIZE: 8-D

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

NONE

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARKS

NONE

FORM 79'S - NONE

DENTAL - JAN. 6, 1942

Right

Left

Upper

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

Lower

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

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

Sol. was a member of Co. "C" 172nd Tank Battalion.

Sol. K.I.A. 4 Oct. 1944 approximately 1 mile of Overloon, Holland.

with from
IRS 12/21/49
filed
593 Jones Thomas
B 3317776

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ON
PENTAGON LIAISON
MAIL DIV.

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 10 Sep 45 glm/2831

FULL NAME Bosch, Francis H.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 33 136 897	GRADE Cpl.
HOME ADDRESS Limeport, Pennsylvania		ARM OR SERVICE Armd Div.	DATE OF BIRTH 1 Mar. 18
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 2 Feb. 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mr. Walter Bosch, brother, Star Rt., Limeport, Pa.			
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Walter Bosch, brother, address shown above. Charles Bosch, brother, xxxxxxx Limeport, Pa.			
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
YES	NO	YES	NO
IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> 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 6 Sep 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
James Rinkart

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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**ON
PENTAGON LIAISON
MEM. DIV.**

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C O P Y

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 BOSSH, Francis H. ASN 33136897 GRADE Cpl. Service Inf. Arm or
Date
ORG Co. "C" 17th Tank Bn. APO 257 Reported MIA 4 Oct. 1944

MISSION Capture of Overloon

POINT OF DEPARTURE St. Anthonis DATE 4 Oct. 1944

INTENDED DESTINATION Overloon

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Approximately 1 mile N.W. of Overloon

BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

Cpl. Bosch was the Gunner in #12 Tank which was struck by an Anti-Tank weapon and burst into flames.

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 Oct. 1944

2nd Lt. Howard Ruth
(Signature of preparing Officer)

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ON
PENTAGON LIAISON
INTEL. DIV.

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AG 201 Bosch, Francis H.
PC-O ETO 245

7 September 1945

Mr. Walter Bosch
Star Route
Limeport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Bosch:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your brother, Corporal Francis H. Bosch, 33,136,897, Armored Division, who was previously reported missing in action in Holland on 4 October 1944.

An official message has now been received which states that he was killed in action on the date he was previously reported missing in action. Provisions have been made for the unit Commander or chaplain to send a letter containing further information to the emergency addressee or next of kin of each person who dies overseas in the service of our country. It is not known just when the letter can be expected, but it is hoped that it will not be long delayed.

I realize the anxiety you have suffered since he was first reported missing in action and deeply regret the sorrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice for his home and country be a source of sustaining comfort.

My sympathy is with you in this time of great sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

1 Inclosure
WD Pamphlet No. 20-15

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7 September 1945

AG 201 Bosch, Francis H.
RCLO HQ 245

Mr. Walter Bosch
Post Office
Limerick, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Bosch:

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1 Enclosure
AG Pamphlet No. 20-12

ON
GENERAL LIAISON
HEAD. DIV.

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AGPC-G 201 Bosch, Francis H.
(5 Oct 44) 33136897

22 February 1945

Mr. Walter Bosch
Star Route
Limeport, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Bosch:

I am writing you concerning your brother, Corporal Francis H. Bosch, who has been reported missing in action in Holland since 4 October 1944.

It is sincerely regretted that up to the present time no further information regarding the status of your brother has reached the War Department. A report has now been received, however, which discloses that on October 4, Corporal Bosch was the gunner of a tank crew, with a company engaged in an attack on Overloon, Holland. The tank sustained severe damage from an enemy anti-tank weapon and it was following this action, that Corporal Bosch was reported missing. It was impossible to make a search, as the disabled tank was in enemy territory; therefore, further details surrounding the disappearance of your brother were not available.

Lists of prisoners of war received from the enemy, through the International Red Cross, have been carefully checked, but Corporal Bosch's name has not been found on any of them. The military authorities are utilizing all the means at their disposal to locate our men missing in action, and you may be assured that if any information is received in this office concerning your brother, it will be communicated to you without delay.

My sympathy is with you during this long and difficult period of anxiety.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General

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22 February 1945

ADDRESS: 2nd Bosch, Francis H.
(2nd Lt) 3313000

Mr. Walter Bosch
Star Route
Bismarck, Pennsylvania

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Major General
The Adjutant General

OFFICE OF THE
PENTAGON LIAISON
OFFICER
A.I. DIV.

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

CASE NUMBER 14357 (2)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
 European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Bosch, Francis H. RANK Cpl SERIAL NUMBER 33 136 897

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

The above decedent and one (1) other

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.

1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
		VAT	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAT	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	VAT
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAT	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	VAT
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
a. After Action Report, 17th Tank Bn			VAT

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:

Unknown X-5823, Neuville and Unknown X-1215 Margraten have been positively identified as a group burial including the remains of the following:

Ahearn, Gerald J.	Cpl	13 050 934
Fratius, Russell J.	1/Sgt	6 137 994
Peterson, Harold A.	Pvt	37 543 967

SEP 22 1950

Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST
Vincent A. Thomas
 Vincent A. Thomas/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO
 FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <u>T. W. Guiner</u> T.W. GUINER	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <u>Robert G. Lay</u> ROBERT G. LAY, Capt QMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <u>Thomas E. Cox</u> THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC	DATE <u>30</u>

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6 Sep 50

#14,357

Case Case

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 24 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
11.	BOSCH, Francis H.	Cpl.	33 136 897
	JONES, Thomas B. Jr.	Pvt.	33 179 776

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 Gunderman, Jr.
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. OMC

Robert V. Gansel
ROBERT V. GANSEL, 1st Lt, OMC

RAYMOND T. RODRIGUEZ, CWO, USA

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

SPECIAL ORDER)
NUMBER 31)

28 March 1950

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3. PAC Ltr WD-AGO-S 293.9, 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 820-110-5 DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as following 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.,	0 359 598,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND,	QMC.,	0 1 576 321	
CAPT EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,	QMC.,	0 1 588 236	
1ST LT GAYLORD E. LUTZ,	QMC.,	0 1 595 665	
CWO LEODORE GOUDREAU,	USA.,	W 2 113 434	

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BALLARD:

s/t/WILLIAM J. WOOD
CAPT., FA,
ADJUTANT

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ WILLIAM J. WOOD
CAPT., FA
Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:

Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
Capt QMC

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

GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES:	BOSCH, Francis H.	Cpl	33 136 897
	JONES, Thomas B. Jr.	Pvt	33 179 776

ORGANIZATION: Company "C" 17th Tank Battalion

DATE OF DEATH: 4 October 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Overloon, Holland

SYNOPSIS: Subject casualties are listed, in the After Action Report and a statement of eyewitness of Company "C" 17th Tank Battalion, as killed in action on the date indicated above. Information contained in the statement of eyewitness indicated that Albert H. Litchford, 36 313 846, Company "C" 17th Tank Battalion was driver of Tank # 11, 2nd Platoon, Company "C", on 4 October 1944 when it was hit by enemy anti-tank fire in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland. I left the tank after assisting remaining members from tank. Due to intense artillery and small arms fire I was unable to leave the immediate area and took cover nearby. Shortly after taking cover I observed Tank # 12, also of the 2nd Platoon, manned by Lt Urbom, T/5 Mathes, Cpl Bosch, Pvt Jones Jr., and Pvt Baker sustaining a direct hit by enemy anti-tank fire and starting to burn. I saw Lt Urbom, T/5 Mathes and Pvt Baker leave the tank. A few minutes later the tank was hit a second time and continued burning with the ammunition inside the tank exploding. I observed the tank burning with ammunition exploding for approximately thirty to forty minutes. During that time I did not see Cpl Bosch or Pvt Jones Jr., leave the tank. After the period of time stated elapsed, I managed to return to the rear on another withdrawing tank.

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GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

It is my belief that Cpl Bosch and Pvt Jones Jr., did not leave the disabled and burning tank and must have been killed. A Field Investigation was conducted in the appropriate area, on 11 June 1947. From this investigation the fact was disclosed that in and around tank # 3011069 was found a few charred remains, one (1) tooth, and pieces of clothing. Nothing else could be found at the tank, but however, scrap dealers have been removing sections of this tank for scrap purposes. All attempts to associate recovered unknowns with subject casualties proved negative. It is logical to conclude that Cpl Francis H. Bosch and Pvt Thomas B. Jones Jr., were killed in their tank, which was hit by enemy anti-tank fire in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland, on 4 October 1944; that their remains were reduced to a state by the intense fire and terrific explosions which resulted from the ammunition, and that recovery of their remains was impossible. It is, therefore, recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

Reference is made to: OMC Forms 371; After Action Report; Statement of Eyewitness Albert H. Litchford, Co C 17th Tank Bn; Narrative Report of Field Investigation, dated 11 June 1947; On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

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

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Capt, QMC

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EXTRACT COPY

AG 704 (A) (Cas)

4th Ind

FSM/pae

Hq 17th Tank Bn, APO 257, U.S. ARMY 20 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U.S. Army.

1. The following information has been obtained regarding the missing in action status of Cpl Francis H. Bosch, 33 136 897 and Pvt Thomas B. Jones Jr., 33 179 776 of Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion:

a. Members of the tank crew:

- (1) Capt ROBERT E. URBOM, 01 013 174, LWA 23 Dec 44.
Tank Commander. Rank 1st Lt on 4 Oct 44. Present address:
1351st Labor Supervision Co., APO 226, U.S. Army
- (2) Tec 5 Harley W. Mathes, 36313843, LIA 26 Jan 45.
Driver. Present address: 384th Fighter Squadron, 364th Fighter
Group APO 557, U.S. Army
- (3) Cpl Francis H. BOSCH, 33 136 897, MIA 4 Oct 1944
Gunner.
- (4) Pvt Thomas B. JONES Jr 33 179 776, MIA 4 Oct.
Cannoneer.
- (5) Pvt George C. BAKER, 31 261 070, Asst. Driver. Trfd to 19th
Reinf Depot, APO 176, U.S. Army 15 Aug 1945.

2. Mission of tank at time of casualties was to support elements of infantry in attack on Overloon, Holland.

3. In the vicinity of Overloon, tank sustained two hits from enemy anti-tank fire. On the first hit Capt URBOM, Tec 5 Mathes and Pvt Baker evacuated the tank. the tank burst into flames and burned. On the second hit tank continued burning and ammunition inside tank began exploding. Cpl Bosch and Pvt Jones Jr were not seen to leave the tank.

4. Due to intense artillery and small arms fire, an immediate search of the area was impossible. The following day tank was still smoldering but under direct enemy anti-tank and small arms fire and search of area impossible. This Battalion was subsequently relieved by other elements before the area was clear of the enemy.

5. Inclosed herewith is affidavit of Tec 4 Albert H. Litchford, 36 313 692, Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion, only available witness having information of casualties.

***** "

Extract copy

Handwritten signature and initials:
Jeffrey
JH-SP
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HEADQUARTERS 17TH TANK BATTALION
APO 257, U.S. ARMY

18 August 1945

A-F-F-I-D-A-V-I-T

I, Albert H. Litchford, 36313846, Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion was driver of tank #11, 2nd Platoon, of Company "C", on 4 October 1944 when it was hit by enemy anti-tank fire in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland. I left the tank after assisting remaining members from tank. Due to intense artillery and small arms fire I was unable to leave the immediate area and took cover nearby. Shortly after taking cover I observed Tank #12, also of the 2nd Platoon, manned by Lt URBOM, Tec 5 Mathes, Cpl Bosch, Pvt Jones, Jr, and Pvt Baker sustaining a direct hit by enemy anti-tank fire and starting to burn. I saw Lt URBOM, Tec 5 Mathes, and Pvt Baker leave the tank. A few minutes later the tank was hit a second time and continued burning with the ammunition inside the tank exploding. I observed the tank burning with ammunition exploding for approximately thirty to forty minutes. During that time I did not see Cpl Bosch or Pvt Jones, Jr leave the tank. After the period of time stated elapsed, I managed to return to the rear on another withdrawing tank. It is my belief that Cpl Bosch and Pvt Jones Jr., did not leave the disabled and burning tank and must have been killed.

Albert H. Litchford, 36313846
Tec 4, Co "C", 17th Tank Bn.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day 18th August 1945
at APO 257, U.S. Army.

PAUL S. MCKENNEY
Capt., Infantry
Asst. Adjutant

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FROM REG DET LIEGE

RR UEPC

MSG NO AGRC 1261

DE UFKAE 9

D.T.G. 231300Z

R 231300Z

ACTION QMC

MC IN NO 69425

FM CO 7887 GRAVES REG DET LIEGE

TO OQMG WASHINGTON 25 DC
GRAVES GRNC

REF AGRC ONE TWO SIX ONE PD FOR MEMORIAL DIVISION PD RE URLTRS DTD

FIFTEEN FEBRUARY AND TWENTY EIGHT APRIL CMA REMAINS XRAY FIVE EIGHT TWO THREE

5823

NEUVILLE PAREN CPL BOSCH AND PVT JONES UNPAREN WERE NOT RECOVERED FROM

TANK TWELVE CMA BUT FROM TANK NR THREE ZERO ONE ONE ZERO SIX NINE PAREN

TANK FIFTEEN UNPAREN PD REIDENTIFICATION XRAY FIVE EIGNEEEEE FIVE EIGHT

TWO THREE AND XRAY ONE TWO ONE FIVE MARGRATEN AS ONLY RECOVERABLE REMAINS

FIRST SGT FRATUS CPL AHEARN AND PVT PETERSON IS BEING SUBMITTED TO BD

FOR APPROVAL PD RESULTS WILL BE FWD APRX TWELVE JUNE PD END SIGNED BALLARD
23/1300Z

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OQMG DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC

CO 7887 GRREG DET
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AGRC 968

FROM QMGMT URMSG AGRC 968

1ST IND REC. CASE SUSPENDED PENDING REPLY LTR THIS OFFICE 15 FEB 50
REF XRAY 5823 NEUVILLE EN CONDROZ

AGRC 968 IS MC IN NO 62440 (2 MAY 50)

JMN

TEC

Duncan;cdt
Clements
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GRAVES

QMGMT CAPT BERRY EXT 72947
293 GRS EUROPEAN

MAY 50

D A RENNER
CAPT QMC MEM DIV

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QJMG DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC

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CO 7847 GRIND DHT
LINDS BELGIAN

DEFERRED

AGHC 968

FROM QJMG USMSO AGHC 968 & MYLTH 15 FEB 50 QJMG 293 GRS EUROPEAN
NEUVILLE INDIVIDUAL

INFO INDICATED AGHC 968 REC. CASE SUSPENDED PENDING REPLY MYLTH
15 FEB 50 REF XRAY 5823 NEUVILLE

AGHC 968 IS IN HQ IN NO 62440 (2 MAY 50)

Duncan:can
Clement: ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
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GRAVES

QJMG CAPT BERRY XRY 72947 ² MAY 50
293 GRS EUROPEAN

D. A. HENNER
CAPT, QMG, MEM DIV

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AIRMAIL

QICMT 293
GRS European
(Neuville) Belgium

15 February 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO: Chief, Registration Division
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to corrected Report of Burial for Unknown X-5823, Plot Z, Row 1, Grave 18, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, identified by your headquarters as the recoverable remains of Cpl. Francis H. Bosch, 33146897 and Pvt. Thomas B. Jones, 33179776.

2. Original Burial Report for Unknown X-5823 states remains were recovered from, in and around tank #3011069. Corrected Report of Burial states remains were recovered from tank 12, of which Cpl. Bosch and Pvt. Jones were crew members. Affidavit signed by Albert H. Litchfield substantiates the fact that Cpl. Bosch and Pvt. Jones were crew members of tank 12. Report of Burial for Unknown X-1215, Margraten, Holland, identified by your headquarters as the recoverable remains of Gerald J. Ahearn, 13050934, Russell J. Fratus, 6137994 and Harold A. Peterson, 37543967 indicates these three men were crew members of tank 15 #3011069. Clarification is requested.

3. Page 2, paragraph 5 of "Narrative", attached to original Report of Burial for Unknown X-5823, indicates the serial number of tank 12 was not visible.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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

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rar/Coffey
N. Farmer
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QUART 293
GRS European

28 April 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

1. Reference is made to letter this Office dated 15 February 1950, copy inclosed, to which no reply has been received.

2. It is requested that this Office be advised the date information may be expected.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
Cy ltr dtd 15 Feb 50

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMG
Memorial Division

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QMRT 293
QMS European
(Margraten) Holland

24 February 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO: Commanding Officer
7837 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Narrative Report of Investigations in the St. Anthony's and Overloon area dated 10 June 1947 sent as an inclosure to 1st Indorsement dated 15 September 1947, File BSE 293.9 (IB) to Basic letter WD QMAG QMAG 293 A'Hearn, Gerald J. 13050934.

2. Paragraph 5 indicates that prior to removal of the remains now designated Unknown X-1215, Margraten, from tank No. USA 3011069, two (2) bodies had been removed and buried near the wreckage. These two bodies were later disinterred by American Authorities and removed to Margraten as Unknown soldiers. Request this Office be informed of disposition of subject remains.

3. Case cited above will be suspended by this Office pending reply from your headquarters.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMS
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CO 7387 CBRNG DET
LIEGE BELGIUM

DEFERRED

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FROM QMG: MILITARY COUNCIL 293 CBR BUNOPKAN MANGHATEN 28 FEB 50 SUBJECT
IDENTIFICATION. BEST DATE REPT MAY 1215 MAY BE EXPECTED

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GRAVES

QMG: CAPT BERRY EXT 72947 17 APR 50
293 X-1215 (MANGHATEN)

D. A. BROWN
CAPT, QIC, MEM DIV

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FROM: CO 7887 GRAVES REG DET

MSG NO.: AGRC 968

D.T.G.: 010900Z

ACTION: QMC

MC IN NO.: 62440

REF AGRC NINE SIX EIGHT PD FOR MEMORIAL DIVISION PD RE URMSG WCL
FOUR EIGHT ONE EIGHT TWO PD REPLY BY FIRST INDORSEMENT FOLLOWS BY
AIRMAIL PD END SIGNED BALLARD
02/0900Z

Rec'd 2 May 50

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FROM CO 7887 GRAVES REG DET

MSG NO. AGRC 1355

D.T.G. 010900Z

ACTION QMC

MC IN NO. 71522

FM 7887 GRAVES REG DET LIEGE

TO OQMG DEPT AR WASH DC

GRAVES GRNC

REF NR AGRC ONE THREE FIVE FIVE PD

FOR MEMORIAL DIVISION PD RE URMSG WCL TWO THREE SEVEN TWO SEVEN

PD REPLY TO URLTR DTD ONE FIVE FEB XRAY FIVE EIGHT TWO THREE

NEUVILLE CONTAINED IN MYMSG AGRC ONE TWO SIX ONE DTD

TWO THREE MAY PD END SGD BALLARD

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17TH TANK BATTALION

After Action Report

2 Oct 1944

The battalion remained in the same assembly area. The Bn Staff and the Bn Commander made visits to higher headquarters and to the headquarters of the unit in contact in order to keep up with the situation. Late in the afternoon the Bn Commander went to a meeting at CC"R" Hq and received the plan and his order for the attack which was to begin on 3 Oct 44. C. C. "R" had been ordered to relieve C. C. "B" who was in contact with the enemy in the vicinity of the town of Mullen and Vortun. C.C."A" was attacking the town of Overloon from the west and they had been stopped by heavy enemy resistance before they were in the town. C. C. "R"'s plan briefly was to the south and east remaining on the west side of the Railroad and to seize positions directly east of the town of Overloon. The C. C. "R" commanding Officer divided his command into two forces, one commanded by Lt. Col FULLER to be known as Task Force FULLER and one commanded by Lt. Col WEMPLE to be known as Task Force WEMPLE. Task Force WEMPLE Consisted of the 17th Tank Battalion minus Company "D" and Company "C"; Company "C" of the 38th Inf. Bn., and one platoon from Company "A" of the 82nd Engineer Bn. Company "D" of the 17th Tank Bn was still with Task Force JONES and Company "C" of the 17th was to be with Task Force FULLER. Task Force WEMPLE was to move from the assembly area through St. Anthonis and southeast along a route which had been picked by the 87th Rcn. Sqd. to the line of departure which was the road going southwest out of the small town of Hof. The left or east boundary of this force was the railroad running northwest and southeast. The Rcn. Squadron was to furnish a guide to lead the force to the line of departure and the force was to be in position on the line of departure ready to start the attack at 0800, 3 October 1944.

At 2230, 2 October 1944 Lt. Col WEMPLE called all of the officers of his force together and gave them the plan and their orders. Since the force did not expect to encounter any strong enemy resistance until after the L.D. had been crossed the force was ordered to stay on the road until that point had been reached and the following march order was given; 1 Platoon of Medium Tanks from Co "B", 1 Platoon of Infantry from Co "C" of the 38th Inf Bn followed by the remainder of the tanks in Co "B", then the platoon of Engineers followed by the Force Commanders Tank and his S-3 in a half track and the air support tank, then the remainder of Co "C" of the 38th Inf Bn followed by Co "A" of the 17th, then the assault Gun platoon, the Mortar Platoon and the rear command group. Elements of the 87th Rcn Sqd were to act as left flank guard for Force WEMPLE and were to advance on the east side of the railroad.

All elements of Task Force WEMPLE were ordered to stay on the road until contact was made then the Force was to leave the road and to deploy as much as the terrain would permit. The force had been ordered to be in position on the line of departure by 0800 and to wait there until C. C. "R" ordered the force to attack.

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3 October 1944

At 0600 on 3 October 44, the leading elements of Task Force WEMPLIE moved out of the assembly area. The guide from 87th Rcn Sqd joined the force at St. Anthonis and guided us down to the line of departure. We failed to mention that the leading tank company had a forward observer with them mounted in a tank and the Infantry Company had a R. O. with them who had a half track and a quarter ton vehicle with radios. The 440th Field Arty. Bn. was in a position so they could support our advance and we could call for fire at any time through the F.O.

At 0800 Task Force WEMPLIE was in place on the line of departure awaiting orders from C. C. "R" to continue the attack. At 0950, we received the order to attack and at 1012 Co "B" of the 17th followed by one company of Infantry on foot moved out. Co. "A" of the 17th and the platoon of Engineers had been deployed along the line of departure to support the attack. At 1030 the leading tanks started receiving small arms fire and mortar fire from the woods to their direct front which was the woods in the vicinity of 785347. The attack continued to push forward until 1100 at which time the Infantry was pinned down by mortar and small arms fire in the vicinity of 783351 and at 1105 the leading tank from company "B" was knocked out by a mine at 783330. At 1110 another tank was hit by fire from an AT gun which fired from the woods to the south but the tank could not determine the exact location. The infantry was pinned down and the tanks were maneuvering to the east and west firing into the woods and trying to locate the enemy AT gun positions. At 1145 another Co "B" tank was knocked out by AT fire but the enemy gun position could not be located. By this time the enemy had started laying heavy arty fire on our leading elements and they were also dropping Nebelwefers or rockets on them. The Nebelwefers and the arty was coming directly from the south from the woods in the vicinity of 789335. The infantry was pinned down by mortar, small arms, rocket and arty fire; the tanks had run into mines and AT fire therefore the attack was stopped in the vicinity of 783350. Co "B" tanks were deployed to hold what ground had been gained. The force commander brought the Co "A" tanks up to try to maneuver to the east of the woods where the heaviest enemy resistance seemed to be. The plan was for Co "A" to try to envelope the enemy position while Co "B" and the Infantry fire on the enemy positions.

At 1600 Co "A" moved out on their attack and at 1625 one tank was knocked out by AT fire at 786355. The enemy AT fire came from the east but the exact positions of the enemy guns could not be located. The Co "A" attack was stopped by heavy AT gun fire and arty fire. Everytime the Co "A" tanks moved out on their attempt to circle around to the east they were simply covered with a heavy arty fire and direct AT gun fire, therefore their tanks were pulled back to a position in the vicinity of their original line of departure. The assault guns were pulled up to a position on the line of departure and they placed fire on the enemy positions.

At 1730 the force commander Lt Col WEMPLIE went to a meeting at C. C. "R" Hq and received orders for a night attack. At 2130 Lt Col WEMPLIE called a meeting of his Cmdg officers at his rear C.P. in vicinity of 757351 to give the orders for the night attack. The plan was for the Infantry to advance along the original axis of advance to a point beyond the minefield and to hold that position while the engineers removed the mines so the tanks could move up. At 0030 the Infantry moved out on the attack and they advanced to the edge of the first woods where they were pinned down by fire from the woods and from both flanks. However the Engineers got up to the mines and removed them. The tanks started to move into the woods but the small -----

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the woods and from both flanks. However the Engineers got up to the mines and removed them. The tanks started to move into the woods but the small arms fire and the mortar fire was so intense that the Infantry could not follow them so the attack progressed no further. The tanks drew Bazooka and AT rifle grenade fire from the woods so it was impossible for the tanks to enter the woods without Infantry to support them. By 0300 all except one platoon of the Infantry had moved back to about the line of departure. The platoon which did not move back had been pinned down by cross M.G. and mortar fire. Before dawn the force was pulled back to the original positions just south of the line of departure.

Task Force losses for the 3rd Oct 44 were 4 medium tanks, one was knocked out by mines and three by AT guns. There were only three men wounded in the 17th Tank Bn and the seriousness of their wounds is not known. The Infantry had 15 casualties.

4 October 1944

At 0845 Capt Pilat, Co "B" Commander reported a German patrol of 12 men approaching our front line elements from the east. The patrol was taken under fire and at least 5 were killed or wounded and the remainder went into dug in positions on the east side of the railroad track. The enemy continued to place arty and Nebelwefer fire on our front line units but all tanks crews were in the tanks and the Infantry was dug in so we suffered no casualties. By this time the enemy strength to our immediate front in the woods was estimated as two companies of Infantry in well dug in positions armed with mortars, M.G.'s, rifles and Bazookas. Several probable AT gun positions had been reported and fired on by our arty but we could not determine whether the arty fire was doing any good. The forward observer who was up with our front line tanks placed fire on enemy positions continuously and caused some casualties to the enemy but their positions were so well dug in that it was impossible to clean them out with arty.

At 1005 on the 4th of Oct we received word that the Company Commander of Co "C" of the 17th which was attached to Task Force FULLER HAD BEEN wounded and that Company had also lost two other tanks from German AT fire.

Lt Col WEMPLE had received orders early in the morning of the 4th of Oct 44 to attack again however we were supposed to receive some air support and the force commander had been ordered to hold up his attack until 1100. The air support did not come so the attack was started at 1100. We did not have enough Infantry to support the attack but the plans were made and the attack was started regardless. Our mission was to over run the enemy position in the woods and to take the woods with the tanks. The plan was for Co "A" to move down to the woods from the north and west and to move between the two group of woods in the vicinity of 785346. The tanks were to rush into the woods and the Infantry was to follow the tanks and dig it around them to keep the enemy Bazooka men from getting the tanks. Co "B" was to support the action by firing on the enemy positions. At 1100 the attack was started. One platoon of Co "A" tanks moved around to the west of the woods then cut back to the east and got up between the two wooded areas then the German AT Guns cut loose. The German guns were so well camouflaged that our crews could not see them, the tanks fired continuously at all probable positions but they could not silence the German guns. By 1253 Co "A" had 5 tanks knocked out by German AT gun fire, including the company commanders tanks. Three more tanks had been hit but were able

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to pull back to the original starting point. In addition to the AT fire the enemy was placing heavy arty fire on our tanks and infantry. Since it was impossible to get the tanks into the woods, the force commander pulled his force back to the original position. In this action Co "A" lost 5 tanks completely, three were damaged and had to be carried back for repairs and three more had developed mechanical trouble which required maintenance work. Actually Co "A" had only one tank left that was ready for action. Capt PIER, the company commander of Co "A", was wounded and evacuated, one enlisted man was killed one enlisted man was wounded and one officer and 20 enlisted men were missing in action. The Infantry had one officer M.I.A. and 31 EM either K.I.A. or M.I.A.

Late in the afternoon of the 4th of Oct 44, Lt. Col WEMPLE pulled his remaining force back to a point in the vicinity of 779551 and set up a defensive position. The tanks were deployed in a semi-circle with fields of fire to the east and south and the infantry was dug in around the tanks to protect them from enemy bazookas. The force remained in this position throughout the day, the only activity being dismounted patrols. Three infantry patrol were sent out trying to determine the strength of the enemy in the woods in the vicinity of 784347 and 786350 but the patrols obtained very little information because the enemy were so well dug in and camouflaged. The enemy would pin the patrols down with small army and mortar fire every time they would get within 300 yards of their positions. The enemy placed Nebelwefer and arty fire on our position forward throughout the day and night of 5 October 44 but we did not have any casualties.

JONES, Thomas B. Jr.	Private	33, 179 776
Company "C"	17th Tank Battalion	
Killed in action	4 October 1944	

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QMGMT 293
Unknown X-5823
(Neuville) Belgium

31 October 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

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2. Inclosed herewith are Skeletal Chart and Form 1044 for Unknown X-411, USMC Margraten, Holland, which were attached to corrected Report of Burial for Unknown X-5823, Neuville. Physical characteristics for Unknown X-411 are shown on the Form 1044. Unknown X-411, Margraten, has been identified as Leonard C. Dash, AAF, ASN 13170728.

3. It is requested that Skeletal Chart and Form 1044 for Unknown X-5823, Neuville-en-Condroz, be forwarded to this Office as soon as possible.

4. Case Narrative for Unknown X-5823 states "The other casualties reported from Co. C, 17th Tank Battalion have either been identified or disassociated from Tank #12 by eyewitness statements or by A. G. tank crew reports which list these other casualties as crew members of other tanks". It is requested that the A.G. tank crew reports referred to, be furnished this Office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls:

- 1. Cy Skeletal Chart (X-411)
- 2. Cy Form 1044 (X-411)

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

cc: Adm Sec
rar/Coffey
L.B. Rowinski
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QMGT 293 *Ident*
GRS European
(Neuville) Belgium

15 February 1950

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7887 Graves Registration Detachment
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3. Page 2, paragraph 5 of "Narrative", attached to original Report of Burial for Unknown X-5823, indicates the serial number of tank 12 was not visible.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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

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QMGMM 293 Bosch, Francis H 2nd Ind.
SN 33 136 897

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/c

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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(Holland 5770)

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

GRU 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. Francis H. BOSCH, 33136897, has been forwarded to the field 21 February 1947, for necessary action.
2. Current information received from the field indicates that the OVERLOON area contains a heavy concentration of allied and enemy isolated burials which are being 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

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

In Reply Refer To
QMGR 293
Bosch, Francis H
SN 33 136 897

20 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, QMGG-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 OQMG Form 371 for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Bosch, Francis H	Cpl	33 136 897

3. The attached OQMG 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 hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL :

1 Encl - Par 2

MARTIN G. FOLEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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RECORDS BRANCH AND
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ARMY AIR FORCES
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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Bosch, Francis H		Cpl	33136897	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co C., 17th Tk Bn. 7th Arm Div	White	Catholic		
DATE OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
4 Oct 44	Killed in Action	St. Anthonis, Holland		
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5'6"	147	Blue	Brown	8-D
DENTAL CHART				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
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LOWER RIGHT		LOWER LEFT		
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X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable				
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
NONE SHOWN		NONE SHOWN		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
AGE: 26 Yrs.				

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Identification Section
 Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade
BOSCH	FRANCIS	H	133 136897	CPL
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Show Size
5' 6"	147	Blue	Brown	8 D
				Date of Death
				4 Oct 44

Last Organization to which atchd or asgd (Give complete designation)

COC 17th Tr. BN.

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

MIA in St. Anthony's, Holland

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

STATION	DATES
St. George I. Meade, Md.	Feb 42
Cp. Polk, La.	Feb 42 to Sep 43
St. Benning, Ga.	Sep 43 to not shown

Fractures and/or Breaks	Tattoos and/or Birth marks
not of record	not of record

DENTAL CHART
 2 Feb 42

⑧ 7 6 5 4 3 X 1	1 X 3 4 5 X ⑦ ⑧
Upper Right	Upper Left
⑬ ⑫ ⑪ ⑩ 9	9 10 11 X 13 ⑭ 15 X
Lower Right	Lower Left

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

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 10 Sep 45 glm/2831

FULL NAME Bosch, Francis H.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 33 136 897	GRADE Cpl.
HOME ADDRESS Limeport, Pennsylvania		ARM OR SERVICE Armd Div.	DATE OF BIRTH 1 Mar. 18
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 2 Feb. 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mr. Walter Bosch, brother, Star Rt., Limeport, Pa.			
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Walter Bosch, brother, address shown above. Charles Bosch, brother, XXXXXXXXXX Limeport, Pa.			
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
YES	NO	YES	NO
IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT			
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 6 Sep 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

14 SEP 1945

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
James Binkley

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 ADJUTANT GENERAL

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Mr. Walter Bosch

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Star Route

SHIP TO:
Cpl Francis H. Bosch

Lineport, Pennsylvania

Effects of:

33136897

Name

265740 M

ASN

265740

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 9 August 1945

RTB:MH:hms

Betty C. Zembergen
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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

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

ROUTING:

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

SCREENED

4/21/48
JKW

FRANKED

REMARKS:

Franked
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages 1

14 AUG 1945

Shipping Clerk

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PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

#1 by
 #1 ctn

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

268,740

DECEASED
 MISSING
 P.O.W.
 ABANDONED
 TALLY NO. 9781
 INV. DATE 18 July 45
 ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1
 BOX NO. 4
 SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS
 ORGANIZATION 17th Inf Bn. 7th Armel Div.

NAME FRANCIS H BOSCH
 A.S.N. 33136887 RANK. CPL

Belt		TCWELS & WASHCLOTHS		WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	X	CLOTHING		BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, Wash		BRACELET IDENT.		BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
Coats		Brushes		Case
Footwear, Pr.		CAMERAS		Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.		Glasses		KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs		Knives		BOOKS
Headwear		Lighters		Books, Address
Jackets	X	MISC		Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats		Pen, Fountain		DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
Scarfs		Pencil, Mechanical		FILMS
Shirts		Pipes		Letters
Socks, Pr.		RELIGIOUS ARTICLES		Papers, Personal
Ties		RIBBONS, DECORATION		Photos
Towels		Rings		Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.		Tobacco		SHORT SKORTER
Trunks, Pr.		Toilet Articles		SOUVENIRS
Underwear		WATCH		SOUVENIR MONEY
				stationery
				TESTAMENTS
				U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS no information rechecked

ATTACHMENTS FORM #54 1 inventory FORM #100 1 sub label

H.E.

C.A.T. none	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
WAREHOUSE SPACE 2505	STORAGE	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
INVENTORIED BY Shuler	DATE SHIPPED	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
PACKED BY Bailey	AUG 1945	DIARY REMOVED
CHECKED BY	#43 OR ADDITIONAL	LOCKED STORAGE
		LAUNDRY REMOVED
		FILM REMOVED

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SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

*I certify that the above listed items were
not in the containers inventoried by me:*

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

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

In Reply Refer To: 268740

am:MH:ms
August 9, 1945

Mr. Walter Bosch
Star Route
Limeport, Pennsylvania

file

Dear Mr. Bosch:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your brother, Corporal Francis H. Bosch:

One carton and contents.

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

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

I regret the circumstances preventing this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your brother.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt., QMG
Officer-in-Charge
S1 Unit

Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Walter Bosch
(Signature of Bailee)

8/23/45
(Date)

EFF. 24 Form 205 (11 Apr 45)

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RECEIVED
U.S. AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS
MEMPHIS CITY, MO.
AUG 27 1945

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R E S T R I C T E D
I N V E N T O R Y F O R M

13 JANUARY 1945

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

BOSCH

FRANCIS

H

CPL

33136887

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(MI)

(Rank)

(ASN)

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

The above named individual of 17TH TANK BN 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
(Unit) (Organization)

was reported MIA about 4 OCTOBER 1944
Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible NOT KNOWN

I N V E N T O R Y O F E F F E C T S

- 2 HATS ✓
- 1 PAIR SHOES ✓
- 1 DOG TAG ✓
- 2 COLLAR INSIGNIAS ✓

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
SAM B. PLYLER
Rank & ASN CAPT QMG O-1016266
Organization HEADQUARTERS 7th A.D.

Any additional pertinent information:

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RESTRICTED

C/147184

4 OCT 1944
Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

BOSCH FRANCIS H. CPL. 33136897
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (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 was reported MIA
(Organization) (Status-Killed, MIA,

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

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Walter Bosch (brother)
Star Route, Lineport, Pennsylvania

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

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

RESTRICTED

Incl #5

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RESTRICTED

Money in the amount of Nine 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 for-
warded to the Effects Depot by _____ on
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

_____ 194__.

Name Howard I. Ruth Jr.
Rank & ASN 2nd Lt 0-1016817
Organization CGC 17th TRB

Any additional pertinent information:

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Cpl. Francis H. Bosch

33136887

MIA 4 Oct. 1944

17th Tank Bn. 7th A.D.

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NAME BOSCH, FRANCIS H. CPL. 6887

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
66	15	4	9781
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG			

Eff. QM Form 43

The Army Effects Bureau has received and forwarded to you for safekeeping the following additional property of your

BOSCH, FRANCIS H. ⁹ CPL 33136887 MIA
 Box 21 1 Bag
 Rec 22 Jan 45 Ship 24 Jan 45

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BOSCH FRANCIS H. Cpl. 33136887 MIA Case/ 147184
 WHSE SP 657 E

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

The Army Effects Bureau has received and forwarded to you, for safekeeping, the following additional property of your

When you have received the property, please acknowledge receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning that copy to this Bureau.

For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Sincerely yours,

M. E. Mohr

M. E. MOHR
Major, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

1 Incl
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

(Signature of Bailee) _____
(Date)

EFF QM Form 207
1 Apr 1947

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

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME			SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
BOSCH FRANCIS H			33136897			CPL	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
HOLLAND 9		04	OCT	44		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—LAST NAME		RELATIONSHIP		DATE NOTIFIED	
MR WALTER BOSCH		BROTHER		23 OCT 44 NM	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE			STAR ROUTE		
			LIMEPORT, PENNSYLVANIA		

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY

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

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO _____ YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 10 Sep 45 glm/2831

FULL NAME Bosch, Francis H.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 33 136 897		GRADE Cpl.									
HOME ADDRESS Limeport, Pennsylvania		ARM OR SERVICE Armd Div.		DATE OF BIRTH 1 Mar. 18									
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 2 Feb. 42		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS									
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mr. Walter Bosch, brother, Star Rt., Limeport, Pa.													
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Walter Bosch, brother, address shown above. Charles Bosch, brother, XXXXXXXXXX Limeport, Pa.													
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	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT												<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 6 Sep 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
James Rinkart
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Reed, L. C. Jr.

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