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QMCMC 293
Fratus, Russell J.
6187994.

8 December 1951

Mrs. Margaret J. Fratus
88 Union Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Fratus,

Reference is made to the interment of your son, the late First Sergeant Russell J. Fratus, and his comrades, which was made in Grave 251, Section I, Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. It is regretted that because of the fact that it was impossible to identify individually the remains of your son, you were deprived of the comfort and consolation which you might have been afforded by interring his remains at home.

It is felt that you might like to have the inclosed photographs of the stone which has been placed at the grave.

You are assured that the grave will always be cared for in a manner fully commensurate with the sacrifice your son has made for his country. Any desired information concerning the grave or the cemetery will be furnished upon request.

Sincerely yours,

JAS. F. WATT
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT:

TYPE WORD #39

3. DATE:

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4. FROM:

5. TO:

6. SUBJECT:

Attached correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to the following Group Burial.

7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

293 - *Zachary Taylor NC #126048-486*
(or #1 - Group Burial)

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FINAL SEARCH AND COMPARISON OF 293 FILE

NAME FRATUS, RUSSELL J.	RANK 1st Sgt.	ASN 6 137 994	ORG Co. "C" 17th TANK BN 9th ARMD DIV
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ITEM	DOCUMENTS FOR PROCESSING	FOR ACTION	ACTION TAKEN	DATE AND INITIALS
1	AG/R PRESENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	1		
2	B/R PRESENT (Latest if reburial) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO CEMETERY: _____ PLOT: _____ ROW: _____ GRAVE: _____		N.R. Translation	April 14, 1947
3	PREVIOUS B/R'S (If reburial) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO CEMETERY: _____ PLOT: _____ ROW: _____ GRAVE: _____		X 2 M9321 Ltr to file 29 Aug 47 B. McNamee	28 MAR 1947
4	BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	4		
5	ORGANIZATION INFORMATION COMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	5	X 3 Completed	31 March 47 M. Baker
6	RACE: WHITE CREED: CATHOLIC	6		
7	NEXT OF KIN* (Relationship) WIFE NAME: FRATUS, MARY E STREET: 1435 WEST 11th ST. CITY AND STATE: OWENSBORO KENTUCKY	7		
8	GR/L TO NOK BY CORRESPONDENCE SECTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Dated) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	8	X	
9	ALL ACTIONS TAKEN AS REQUIRED IN 293 FILE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9		
10	"A-2" PRESENT, COMPLETE AND CURRENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO CEMETERY: _____ PLOT: _____ ROW: _____ GRAVE: _____	10		
11	FORM No. 333 PRESENT, COMPLETE AND CURRENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO CEMETERY: _____ PLOT: _____ ROW: _____ GRAVE: _____	11		
12	PLOTTINGS OF ITEM No. 3 REMOVED FROM P/M AND OLD FORM No. 333 SENT TO "DEAD FILE" <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	12		
13	LETTER OF INQUIRY TO NOK DATED:	13		
14	REPLY TO LETTER OF INQUIRY RECEIVED (Date)	14		

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*Doubtful case. Refer to Legal Branch, OQMG.

FILE-293
DATE
INITIALS

LACHARY TAYLOR NATIONAL CEMETERY
Route 6, Box 24, Louisville, Ky

Mrs. Fratus, Russell J.

6 December 1950

Mrs. Margaret J. Fratus
38 Union Street
Cambridge, Mass

Dear Mrs Fratus:

On Wednesday 6 December at 11:00 AM the remains of the late 1/507
Russell J. Fratus, were permanently buried in Section I, grave number
251, of this National Cemetery, along with other remains comprising
the group which could not be separated because of the circumstances
under which their deaths occurred. Customary military honors were rendered.

An appropriate headstone will be erected and maintained by the
Government to perpetually mark the grave of these fallen heroes.

With the thought that it will prove to be of sentimental value
to you, this United States flag is forwarded to you by the Government
as a token of sympathy and appreciation of a grateful nation.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J GARR
Superintendent

M. J. Fratus
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mrs. Mary F. Fuqua
General Delivery
Orlando, Florida

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QUEST 293 *Ident*
GNE European
SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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Dept. of the Army, GCSG, Washington 25, D. C., 27 September 1950

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

1. Reference is made to paragraph 1, previous memorandum.
2. A Corrected Report of Burial effecting an administrative concentration of remains for any reason creates an additional Unknown designation and alters the population of the cemeteries concerned. This necessitates a change in the audit of remains per cemetery, an amendment of Machine Record Locator Cards, Plot Maps and Master of Unknown Remains in this Office. Further an adjustment is necessary in all related reports and statistics so that an accurate balance is maintained and the disposition of the remains is indicated.
3. Where a cemetery is closed to further interments, the audit and statistics may also be considered closed pertaining to remains interred and it is most desirable to avoid further changes where possible. In this respect, it would be advantageous to record all future interments in USMC Neuville-en-Condros, Belgium.
4. The simultaneous submission of Corrected Reports of Burial with Board Findings for Group Burials would not facilitate the above action, however, it would create a further unnecessary amendment of records in your headquarters in such cases where the Board Findings could not be approved by this Office.
5. It is requested that the original Cemetery and Unknown designation be retained in such cases where remains are involved in Group Burial identifications.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incls n/c

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Cy furnished: Adm Sec

THOMAS I. COX
Capt GCSG
Memorial Division

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11 Sept. 1950

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

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION SHEET

Supplement to Disinterment
Directive No. 1260-GB-436
4650-GB-395

DATE 2 October 1950

OVERSEAS BURIAL LOCATION:

94
NAME Evans, Russell J., 1/Sgt., 6137994

CEMETERY Newville-sur-Condros, Bel.

Margraten, Holland
PLOT 2 ROW 1 GRAVE 18
KK 6 150

Request that instructions to notify Mrs. Mary F. Fuqua (Rem. Widow),
General Delivery, Orlando, Florida, be disregarded.

FILE *B. Taylor*
Date *2 Oct 50*
Acceptance Section
Family Corres. Branch
ARTEST
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

11 September 1950

IN REPLY REFER TO

1st Sgt Russell J. Fratus, 6 137 994
Group Burial

Mrs. Mary F. Fuqua
General Delivery
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Fuqua:

The Department of the Army desires that you be given the most recent information concerning your former husband, the late First Sergeant Russell J. Fratus, ASN 6 137 994.

The American Graves Registration Service in their search for deceased American personnel recovered certain remains from the area in which your former husband and others of his comrades met their death. As individual identification could not be established at the time of the recovery, unknown designations were assigned pending further investigations, and temporary interments were made in a United States Military Cemetery overseas.

The investigation has now been completed and it has been impossible to individually identify your former husband's remains. It has been established however that the remains recovered are the only recoverable remains of your former husband and the two comrades with whom he lost his life. This group of remains are now casketed, and being held overseas, pending return to the United States for interment in Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, located at Louisville, Kentucky.

This plan for the burial in one of our country's shrines of all the known groups of men for whom individual identity cannot be established is based on the provisions of Public Law 383, 79th Congress as amended by Section 3, Public Law 368, 80th Congress. It is fitting and proper that our honored dead be interred in a national cemetery in the United States where perpetual care will be given the graves. This particular national cemetery was selected in order that no undue burden of travel might be placed on any one family wishing to attend the services.

You and the next of kin of the other men will be informed of the date and time of final interment sufficiently in advance to permit you and any interested persons to attend the ceremonies. In order that you may receive information concerning these rites it is essential, in case you change your address, that you promptly inform the Commanding General, New York Port of Embarkation, Attention PQMD, First Avenue and 58th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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Andrew that person
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1. FILE UNDER NO.

201 **FRATUS, Russell J. 6137994**
SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT:

3. DATE: **11 Sept 50**

4. FROM:

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5. TO:

6. SUBJECT:

Nea 6 + District Div. / **1260-02-436** covering Group of Mas.
Serial from **Newville, Belgium** to **Zachary Taylor**
Missionary Gen Serv. **Louisville, Kentucky**

7. DOCUMENT FILED
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Serial)
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1. FILE UNDER NO. 293- FRATUS, Bassell J. 6137994

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: IQ/N/S 3. DATE: 8 Sep 50

4. FROM: Chief Mes Sec Rept Br Men Div

5. TO: Chief Corres. Section Rept Br Men Div

6. SUBJECT: Group Burial-Neuville-en-Candros, Bel.
2-1-18, Margraten, Hol. KE-6-150

A'Hearn, Gerald J. 13050934 - First Entry.

7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - Zachary Taylor M/U (1260-08-436)

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1. FILE UNDER NO.

FRATUS, Russell J. 6137994
SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT:

3. DATE:

11 Sept 50

4. FROM:

5. TO:

6. SUBJECT:

6 - Confidential File # 4650-OB-395
Party 1 from Margaret - Holland to Zachary Taylor
at 13 and 14 - Louisville, Kentucky

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Zachary Taylor H/O

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1. FILE UNDER NO. **FRATUS, Russell J. 6137994**

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT:

3. DATE: **2 Aug 50**

4. FROM:

5. TO:

6. SUBJECT:

A'RIANI, Oswald J. GFL. 13-20934
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7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

Anthony Taylor H/O

(13-20-436)

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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IC 3868243 ADVISE THIS OFFICE NAMES AGES AND ADDRESSES CLOSE
SURVIVING BLOOD RELATIVES 1/SQT RUSSELL J FRATUS 6137994.
REPLY BY TELEGRAM END KERSCHER

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Memorial Division
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QMCMF 293 1st Ind
GRS European *Ident*
SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

Department of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C. 1 September 1950

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

1. Corrected Report of Reburial reflecting the designation of Unknown I-1215 Margraten (part of Group Identification of 1/Sgt. Russel J. FRATUS, 6137994 and two others) to Unknown I-8364 in Plot KK, Row 4, Grave 82 USMC Neuville-en-Condres, Belgium, is herewith returned.

2. Corrected Reports of Burial are not required by this Office for administrative and statistical purposes. It is requested that in this and similar cases the original Unknown and Cemetery be retained to facilitate administrative clearance of Group Burials and avoid additional Unknown designations.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

3 Incls
n/e

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

Cy furnished: Adm Sec
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Handwritten: 6137994
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VA DISTRICT OFFICE #5
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XC 3868243 ADVISE THIS OFFICE MARITAL STATUS AND CURRENT
ADDRESS OF WIDOW 1/SGT RUSSELL J. FRATUS 6137994.
REPLY BY TELEGRAM END KERSCHER

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QNGMR 293
Fratus, Russell J.

6137994

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Robert
D A RUSSELL
Captain, QNG, Memorial Division

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11 September 1950

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1st Sgt Russell J. Fratus, 6 137 994
Group Burial

Mrs. Mary F. Fuqua
General Delivery
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Fuqua:

The Department of the Army desires that you be given the most recent information concerning your former husband, the late First Sergeant Russell J. Fratus, ASN 6 137 994.

The American Graves Registration Service in their search for deceased American personnel recovered certain remains from the area in which your former husband and others of his comrades met their death. As individual identification could not be established at the time of the recovery, unknown designations were assigned pending further investigations, and temporary interments were made in a United States Military Cemetery overseas.

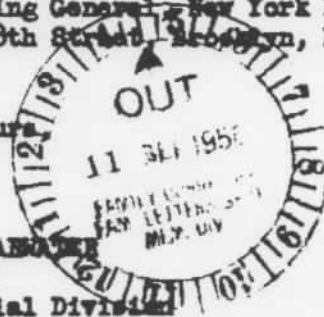
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Sincerely yours,

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JAMES B. CLEARBURN
Colonel, GMC
Chief, Memorial Division



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11 September 1950

1st Sgt Russell J. Fratus, 6 137 994
Group Burial

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Dear Mrs. Fratus:

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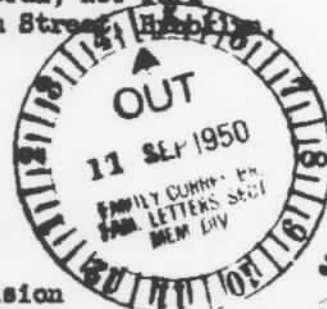
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Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, GMC
Chief, Memorial Division



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1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Fratus, Russell J. 6137994

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: **Letter** 3. DATE: **7 Sept. 50**
4. FROM: **QMC**
5. TO: **Supt. Zachary Taylor H/ C Louisville, Ky.**
6. SUBJECT: **Group Burial**
A'Hearn, Gerald J. Opl. 13050934

7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. **293 - Zachary Taylor National Cen (Group Burials)**

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SUBJECT: Group Burial-USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Bel.
 2-1-18, ~~XXXXXX~~ - Margraten, Hol. KK-6-150

1. Forwarded herewith are 293 files for remains of subject group burial in which A'Hearn, Gerald J., Cpl., 13050934 is the first entry.

2. Next of kin have been verified and are listed below for your information.

3. Request you designate National Cemetery for final interment.

A'Hearn, Gerald J. 13050934 Cpl White-Catholic
 Next of Kin: Mrs. Agnes A'Hearn (Mother)
 Wauken, Iowa

*Mrs. Mary F. Fratus (Remar.-
 Widow)
 Gen. Del.
 Orlando, Fla.

Fratus, Russell J. 6137994 1/Mgt White-Catholic
 Next of Kin: Mrs. Margaret J. Fratus (Mother)
 38 Union St.
 Cambridge, Mass.

Peterson, Harold A. 37543967 Pvt White-Protestant
 Next of Kin: Mr. & Mrs. Lars P. Peterson (Parents)
 7030 Orient St., St. Paul 1, Minn.

*to be notified in addition to next of kin.

293 Fratus, Russell J. 1/Sgt 6137994

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 Opns Sec Rep Br Sept
 Cem Br Mem Div 1950
 Mem Div ATTN:
 Reg Sec
 Unit #4

QMGMC 293 Zachary Taylor National Cemetery
 SUBJECT: Group Burial

With reference to preceding comment, Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, R.F.D. #6, Box 26, Louisville, Kentucky, has been designated as the place of interment for the above mentioned Group Burial in which Cpl Gerald J. A'Hearn, 13050934, is the first entry.

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TO OFFICE QMG MEMORAL DIV WASHDC

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/KERSCHER/ RETEL SEPTEMBER 5 CMA 1950 CMA 1/SGT RUSSELL J FRATRUS CMA
613 79 94 CMA XC 3 868 243 PD REMARRIED WIDOW CMA MRS MARY FRATRUS
FUQUA CMA CURRENTLY RESIDES GENERAL DELIVERY CMA ORLANDO CMA FLORIDA PD
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REQUEST FOR NEW LETTER OF INQUIRY

TO LETTER OF INQUIRY SECTION REPATRIATION RECORDS BRANCH		FROM	
NAME OF DECEDENT (First, Middle, Last) 1/1 RUSSELL J. FRATUS		GRADE 1st Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 6 137 994
GRAVE LOCATION			
CEMETERY Newville	PLOT A-100	ROW B	GRAVE B-100
LETTER OF INQUIRY TO BE SENT TO: MR. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input type="checkbox"/>		RELATIONSHIP	
ADDRESS VADO # 5			
STREET 7C-3868243	CITY AND STATE		

AUTHORITY FOR LETTER OF INQUIRY AND REMARKS

7C 3868243 Advise This Office NAMES AGE AND ADDRESS Close Surviving Blood Relatives 1/1 Sgt RUSSELL J. FRATUS 6137994. Reply By TELEPHONE ERIC KERSCHER

7C 3868243 Advise This office MARITAL STATUS AND CURRENT ADDRESS of widow 1/1 Sgt RUSSELL J. FRATUS 6137994. Reply By TELEPHONE FILE ERIC KERSCHER

Home ~~Admitted~~
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Date 6 Sept. 50

DATE 8 Sept. 50 30 Aug. 50	CLERK'S SIGNATURE Accept... Section Family Corres. Branch Eric Kersch
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293 Fratus, Russell J.

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FM SLATON WADO ATANTA GA

TO OFFICE OF THE QM GEN MEMORIAL DIV WASH DC

VETS GRNC

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 /KERSCHER/ RETEL 1/SGT RUSSELL J FRATUS CMA 613 79 94 CMA XC 3 868
 243 PD SURVIVING BLOOD RELATIVES AS FOLLOWS CLN MOTHER CMA MARGARET
 JOSEPHINE FRATUS CMA 63 CMA 38 UNION STREET CMA CAMBRIDGE CMA
 MASS. SON CMA GARY LEE FRATUS CMA 7 CMA GENERAL DELIVERY CMA ORLANDO
 CMA FLORIDA PD SISTERS CMA IRENE MORABITO CMA 57 FLEET ROAD CMA
 BELMONT CMA MASS. AND LILLIAN FRATUS HAMILTIN CMA 282 SUMMER STREET
 CMA SOMERVILLE CMA MASS. BROTHERS CMA THOMAS A FRATUS CMA 54 HOWARD
 STREET CMA SAUGUS CMA MASS. AGES OF BROTHER AND SISTERS NOT KFOVS PD
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 station _____
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Rep.

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 MEMORIAL DIVISION
 REPAIRS
 RECORDS BRANCH

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE: 21 Aug '50
FROM (Branch and Section): Res. Sec, Mem Div	REQUESTED BY: Bowman	TEL. EXT. 55395 ROOM NO. 'B' 2525
NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle Initial): FRATUS, Russell J.	RANK: 1/SGT	SERIAL NUMBER: 6 137 994

- INFORMATION REQUIRED
1. Current marital status of the widow
 2. List of surviving blood relatives
 3. VA DO #
 4. XC #

INFORMATION FURNISHED from Veterans Administration

XC 3568 243
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 wife Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Denton
 40 Madison H. Park
 Rt 2
 Utica, Kentucky

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/KERSCHER/ RETEL 1/SGT RUSSELL J FRATUS CMA 613 79 94 CMA IC 3 868
243 PD SURVIVING BLOOD RELATIVES AS FOLLOWS CLN MOTHER CMA MARGARET
JOSEPHINE FRATUS CMA 63 CMA 38 UNION STREET CMA CAMBRIDGE CMA
MASS. SON CMA GARY LEE FRATUS CMA 7 CMA GENERAL DELIVERY CMA ORLANDO
CMA FLORIDA PD SISTERS CMA IRENE MORABITO CMA 57 FLEET ROAD CMA
BELMONT CMA MASS. AND LILLIAN FRATUS HAMILTIN CMA 282 SUMMER STREET
CMA SOMERVILLE CMA MASS. BROTHERS CMA THOMAS A FRATUS CMA 54 HOWARD
STREET CMA SAUGUS CMA MASS. AGES OF BROTHER AND SISTERS NOT KNOWS PD
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cc: Admin Sec
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D A RUTNER
CAPT QMC MDM DIV

1993 matter, Francisco J. Delgado

BURIAL INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	ASN	GRADE
GROUP BURIAL		
ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH	
Co. C, 17th Tank Bn., 7th Arm. Div.		
PLACE	DATE OF BURIAL	DATE OF REBURIAL
Vicinity of Overloon, Holland		

REMARKS
 Remains of Unknown I-5823, interred in U. S. Military Cemetery, Neuville-en-Cendros, Belgium, Plot Z, Row 1, Grave 18; I-1215, interred in U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, Plot KK, Row 6, Grave 190; have been identified as a Group Burial, RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF: A'HEARN, Gerald J., Cpl., 13050934; FRATUS, Russell J., 1st/Egt., 6137996; PETERSON, Harold A., Pvt., 37543967.

John M. Nest
 JOHN M. NEST
 Capt. QMC
 Ident. Section

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 2 Aug. 50
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AIRMAIL

QMBE 293
QMS 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 Encl
By ltr dtd 15 Feb 50

THOMAS R. COX
Capt QMG
Memorial Division

By furnished: Adm Sec
rar/Coffey
N. Parner

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JME
f. 6137994

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GRS European *Index*
(Neuville) Belgium

15 February 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO: Chief, Registration Division
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 88, 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-an-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:

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

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rar/Coffey
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*293 - Francis Russell
- 6137994*

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dr. ON RUSSELL J FRATUS

6137994 WD AGO FORM 21 DTD 13 MAY 35 TEETH MISSING R 14 L 8 TEETH
RESTORABLE L 13 WD AGO FORM 21 DTD (26 AUG 40) TEETH MISSING R 14 L 13
TEETH RESTORABLE L 14 WD AGO FORM 21 DTD (7 AUG 37) TEETH MISSING R 14
TEETH RESTORABLE L 13 NO FORMS 79 FOUND



*File
20-12-19
Baltimore
Ed Hill*

WAR DEPARTMENT
MEMO ROUT' G SLIP

1	NAME OR TITLE <i>FRATUS, RUSSELL J.</i>	INITIALS <i>6137474</i>	CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>Co. C 17th TANK BN 7th TANK DIV</i>	DATE	CONCURRENCE
2	<i>O/A</i>		FILE
	<i>5 OCT. 44</i>		INFORMATION
3	<i>LOCATION AT ABOVE</i>		NECESSARY ACTION
	<i>DATE</i>		NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
	<i>A. STAINS 2429-B</i>		SIGNATURE
REMARKS He was missing in action when they were attacking the town of "OVERLOON"(7732)coord, HOLLAND. GSNS 4042 Map; N.W. EUROPE 1:250,000 Sheet# 2-A & 3-A			
FROM NAME OR TITLE		DATE	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE	

MMT 293
X-1215 (Margraten, Holland)

29 December 1949

Mr. Michael P. Mahoney
912 North Broadway
Stanley, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

An investigation is being conducted by this Office to identify an Unknown Decedent of World War II.

Information on file in this Office shows that you were a member of the same company as the following named men, who were killed in action 5 October 1944:

Ahearn, Gerald J.	Cpl	13050934	Co. C, 17th T.B 7th Armd. Div.
Fratus, Russell J.	1/Sgt	6137994	Co. C, 17th T.B 7th Armd. Div.
Peterson, Harold A.	Pvt	7543967	Co. C, 17th T.B 7th Armd. Div.

It would be of the utmost value if you could answer the following questions:

- Were the above named men crew members of the same tank? If so, can you name the other occupants of the tank?
- Did any of the members get out of the vehicle?
- If these men were not members of the same tank, do you know who their associated crew members were?
- Do you recall the names of the men who were in the tank which bore the following markings?

7th Armd. Div. 17th Regt. Co. C
Tank 15 Tank #3011069
Catherine-St.....

Any information you furnish will be of great assistance to this Office.

X 293 Fratus, Russell J. (6137994)

AGMT 193
I-1215 (Margraten, Holland)

Continued

27 December 1949

In replying, please use the self-addressed envelope, which re-
quires no postage, in order to expedite delivery.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl:
Envelope

T. H. MEYER
Lt Colonel, USMC
Memorial Division

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Clements
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GROUP AND MASS BURIAL CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET

GROUP BURIAL NUMBER		NUMBER OF REMAINS IN GROUP		NUMBER OF CASKETS		TEMPORARY OVERSEAS CEMETERY		U.S. NATIONAL CEMETERY	
4690 CO-395						MARGARET J. HOLLAND NEWVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA		LAWRENCE H. HENDRICKS	
PLUT KK, ROW 6, GRAVE 150 (MARGARET)						4690 CO-395			
PLUT Z, ROW 1, GRAVE 18 (NEWVILLE)						1260 CO-435			
DECEDENT IN GROUP									
NAME OR "X" NUMBER	RACE	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CREED	NAME	NEXT OF KIN	ADDRESS		
ARMSTRONG, REBECCAH J.	(WHITE)	CPL	13050934	CATH	AGNES ARMSTRONG (MOTHER)		WALKER, IOWA		
FRIEDMAN, ESTHER	(JEWISH)	1ST LT	613724	CATH	MARGARET J. FRYTUS (MOTHER) ALSO NOTIFY MRS. MARY F. FUGUA (REBARRIED-WIDOW)		30 UNION STREET CAMBRIDGE, MASS.	GENERAL DELIVERY ORLANDO, FLORIDA	
PETERSON, HAROLD J.	(WHITE)	PVT	37543967	PROT	MR. & MRS. LARS P. PETERSON (PARENTS)		703 LORIENT STREET ST. PAUL, MINN.		

File 11/15/50

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Fort Knox, Ky	27 Nov	27 Feb 41	41352 11
"	3 Nov	13 Nov 41	41352-58436

Sarkis 3 Feb 46 - C. 16
Clerk Date Branch

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Francis Russell</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>6 134 994</i>		GRADE <i>1-59</i>
HEIGHT <i>65"</i>	WEIGHT <i>137</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Blond</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>6EE</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>5 Oct 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
CAC 17th Tank Bn

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Hitler in Holland

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Fort Benning, Ga</i>	<i>26 Nov 40</i>
<i>Fort Knox, Ky</i>	<i>1 Dec 40</i>

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS
None

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

DENTAL CHART *26* | *49-9-40*

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(Holland)
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W. Fogel, Lt.
8/29/47

(Basic Ltr WD O&MG, WGMGM 293 Fratus, Russell J. SN 6 137 994, dtd 29 August 1947)

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Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58,
US Army, 7 January 1948

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

Forwarded herewith negative report on investigation conducted for the recovery of the remains of 1/Sgt Russell J. Fratus, 6137994.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. Mulvanity
E. D. MULVANITY
Lt Colonel, W.C.
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Incls:

1. O&MG Form 371 with report
2. Narrative
- 3/ Statement (Jans)

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



29 AUG 1947

In Reply Refer To
QMGM 293
Fratus, Russell J.
SN: 6 137 994

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery
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TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. There is attached hereto, five copies QMGM Form 371
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
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2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be
furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The
Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject
Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead
Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incl
Form 371 (5 cys)

Paul Rogers
POOLE ROGERS
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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NEW YORK OFFICE
AUG 29 1947
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28 October 1947

(Holland)

293 FILE	DATA JN REMAINS NOT YET RECOVER. OR IDENTIFIED			10724
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Fratas, Russell J.		1/Sgt	6137994	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co C 17 Tank Bn 7 Tank Div 5 Oct 44	White	Catholic		
DATE OF DEATH/PLACE	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
DATE OF FOD	KIA	Holland		
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
65 1/2	139	Blue	Brown	6 EE
DENTAL CHART				
26 Aug 40				
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK	
<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Age: 27</p> <p>He was KIA while his unit was engaged in a particularly hazardous undertaking in Vic of "Overloon" (770320) Coord, Holland. During the course of engagement fierce enemy resistance was encountered and lives of many soldiers endangered Fratas, by his heroic actions on that occasion contributed to success of his units mission and in so doing lost his life.</p> <p>OSOS - 1042 Operational Instructions #131 Map - N.W. Europe 1:250,000 Sheet - #2A & 3A Unknowns X-1215 Margraten and X-5825, X-5855 and X-5786 Neuville recovered from this area cannot be associated with the above. Your records will be checked for additional unknowns. If necessary area will be re-investigated.</p>				

*Unknown T/3rd Lieut
Gd*

Unknowns I-1215 and I-1212(USMC Margraten) I-5577 and I-5785(USMC
Neuville) were recovered from this area and cannot be associated
with subject deceased.

(Holland 10724)

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HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE, 551ST QM GROUP, AGRC, APO 58 (Liege)
US ARMY 4 December 1947

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 58 (Paris) US Army

1. Investigation conducted in the Overloon area failed to locate the remains of 1/Sgt Russell J FRATUS, 6137994.
2. Unknowns, as listed above, previously recovered from the Overloon area cannot be associated with 1/Sgt Fratus.
3. Report of investigation and attached statement pertaining to subject case is inclosed herewith.

2 Incls:

1. Narrative Report - Veigh
2. Statement - Jans

N A R R A T I V E

The Burgomaster of Overloon, Community of Vierlingsbeek, was contacted in regards to American isolated burials in his area.

He declared that in August and July 1947 Mr. Chatelain, investigator from Liege, First Zone, conducted a very extensive and thorough investigation in the Overloon - Vierlingsbeek area.

Each and every tank was examined and charred human remains were recovered from three of them.

Each and every isolated grave of which the nationality of the body in it was not definitely known was investigated by Mr. Chatelain, Mr. Hilljegerdes and Lt. Richard Yunck, all this Headquarters. One American was found. All the other graves contained German bodies.

Since this last investigation no other graves or tanks have been found.

Result investigation: Negative.

Hendrick Veigh
HENDRICK VEIGH
DAC D-150596
Investigator

incl. 2

COMMUNITY OF VIERLINGSBEK

Holland 10724

Subject: Statement

N A R R A T I V E

The burgomaster of Vierlingsbeek, including the villages of Vierlingsbeek, Maashees, Holthees, Overloon, Groeningen and Vortum-Mullem, declares, that, according to a statement of the American investigator Chatelain, in July and August 1947 all destroyed American tanks and present graves which are in the Community of Vierlingsbeek, and which probably contain the body of a German soldier, have been closely examined, and that since this investigation he did not obtain any further information and indication concerning deceased American soldiers, or if other tanks have been found.

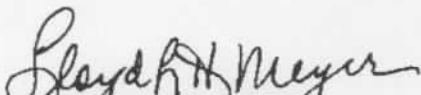
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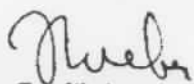
/s/t/ A. Jans

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Certified True Translation:


LLOYD L. H. MEYER
1st Lt. Infantry


I. Weber
Translator

AIR MAIL

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

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In Reply Refer To
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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Captain, QMG
Memorial Division

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293 FILE D. A ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) GRADE PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
Fratus, Russell J. **1/Sgt** **613794**

ORGANIZATION RACE CREED FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
Co C **White** **Catholic**
17 Tank Bn

DATE OF DEATH/MIA CAUSE OF DEATH PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
~~5 Oct 44~~ **MIA** **Holland**
5 Oct 44

HEIGHT WEIGHT COLOR EYES COLOR HAIR SHOE SIZE
65 1/2 **130** **Blue** **Brown** **6 EE**

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REGS - 1342
 Map - M.F. Europe 1:250,000
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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REPORT OF DEATH

DATE

FULL NAME Fratus, Russell J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 6137994	GRADE 1st/ Sgt				
HOME ADDRESS Somerville, Massachusetts		ARM OR SERVICE Inf	DATE OF BIRTH 6 May 17				
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed In Action		DATE OF DEATH 5 Oct 44				
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 26 Aug 40	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS Over 9 yrs				
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YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT BATTLE NON-BATTLE

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*N.A.M.
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 Blent. Br.
 23 Aug 45*

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:
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YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
							X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT BATTLE NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 5 Oct 44 until such absence was terminated on 24 Feb 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from Commander of European Area.

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