

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

GOERS, LEO W

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

TEC 4

36173737

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

29 OCT 44

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. COX

29 FEB 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

THOMAS

28 FEB 51

REMARKS

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Goers, Leo W.

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (<i>Cemetery and Country</i>)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
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PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (<i>Cemetery and Country</i>)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
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ADDRESSEE <i>Loretta M. Goers</i>	ADDRESS (<i>Street, City, State</i>) <i>R.D. # 11</i>
RELATIONSHIP <i>Widow</i>	<i>St. Paul 7, Minn.</i>

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
<i>110-A</i>	
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GRADE
9/4

SERIAL NUMBER
37 174 737

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE <i>Bennett 2/7/51</i>	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE 26 January 1951	
FROM (Branch and Section) Repat Br., Corres. Section	REQUESTED BY E. Puthorosky	TEL. EXT. 54428	ROOM NO. 2519-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) Goers, Leo W. (WW II)	RANK Tec 4	SERIAL NUMBER 37 174 737	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Marital status and current address of widow
Address of parents

INFORMATION FURNISHED

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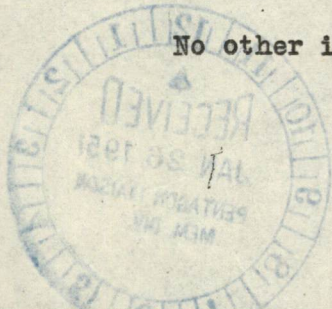
DO - 8, Ft. Snelling, St. Paul, Minn.

Marital status and current address of widow:

(Unremarried)

Loretta M. Goers
RD # 11
St. Paul 7, Minn.

No other information pertaining to address of parents.



PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

U. L. NEWMAN
MAJOR, OMC (R)
OMC PENTAGON LIAISON

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

25 January 1951

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Marital status and current address of widow
Address of parents



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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vic of Asten-Leijel, Holland	CASE NUMBER 14922
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>293</i> Goers, Leo W.	RANK T/4	SERIAL NUMBER 37 174 737
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>G.M.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>G.M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

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File

JAN 24 1951

W.H.

Identification Branch

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. J. ...</i>	

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

NUMBER 14922 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Goers, Leo W.

RANK

T/4

SERIAL NUMBER

37 174 737

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

Individual Case

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

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

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

None

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NAME OF CASE ANALYST

E. B. Mulford/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

W. A. Wolf
W. A. WOLF

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

C. C. WASSON, Capt QMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC

DATE

One Case

31 Oct 50

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

#14,922

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

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO 108, headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August 1950, at Liege, Belgium on **23 OCT 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 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE NO.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
	GOERS, Leo W.	T/4	37 173 737

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, O-41448 TC

JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Maj. O-1576321 QMC

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. O-1239071 QMC

CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311 QMC

HENRY F. MYERS, CWO, W-2104773 USA

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QMGMF 293
Goers, Leo W.
SN 37 174 737

9 February 1951

Mrs. Loretta M. Goers
Rural Delivery #11
St. Paul 7, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Goers:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your husband, the late Technician Fourth Grade Leo W. Goers.

It is with deep regret that your Government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your husband's remains. Since all efforts to recover and/or identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your husband's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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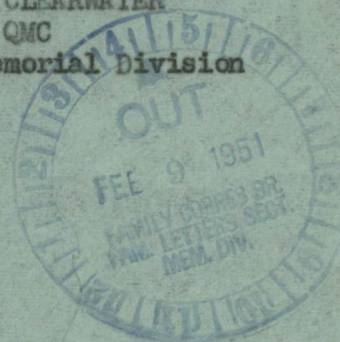
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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROUP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGFC

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

NAME: GOERS, Leo W. T/4 37 173 737

ORGANIZATION: Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion

DATE OF DEATH: 29 October 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Asten-Leijel, Holland.

SYNOPSIS: The above named casualty was one (1) of four (4) crew members reported on OQMG Form 371, as killed in action, on the date cited above. Missing report submitted by the subject casualty's organization dated 30 October 1944, describes the incident in brief statements as follows:

"The tanks mission was to repulse an enemy attack and give support to the infantry. As the tank moved off a highway on to a small trail and was working its way forward, the tank was hit by enemy fire and started to burn. No individual saw the incident as the battalion was under fire at that time. The tank was under direct fire and artillery fire and it was impossible to conduct a search of the area around the tank. One (1) of the tank crew members was able to escape the burning tank and evacuated by the 48th A.I. Bn Medical."

Three (3) of the crew members were recovered from isolated graves as unknowns. These remains were evacuated and their identity was established as Lt. Robert Denny, Cpl Elwyn Holdiman and Pvt Ferris, reburied in USMC Margraten, Holland. Unknown X-57 Margraten recovered from a tank near Meijel cannot be associated with subject decedent. The fifth crew member who escaped the burning tank and returned to US military control is not known.

GROUP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-recoverable remains

Field Investigation conducted on 21 August 1950, failed to locate the remains. The fact was revealed that all American deceased in this area were removed by unknown search and recovery units late in 1944 and 1945. Attempts to associate unknowns recovered from this area with subject decedents have met with negative results.

From the above recorded facts and the lack of evidence that T/4 Leo W. Geors escaped the burning tank it can only be concluded that he perished therein and that his remains were reduced by the ensuing fire to a state which precludes recovery or identification.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; After Action Report 17th Tank Bn; Missing Report dated 30 October 1944; On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Narrative of Field Investigation dated 21 August 1950: Attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.

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

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

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

21 August 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY:

In compliance with the information contained in Investigation Directives # 302, dated 26 May 1950, # 348, dated 28 June 1950, # 381, dated 31 July 1950 and OI # 49, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of ASTEN (3/E-61) and Meijel (3/E-70) Holland for the possible recovery of the following casualties:

RICHARDS, Louis L.	36 313 695	Pvt	Btry "A" 440th AFA Bn 27 October 1944
HARRISON, Clay T.	34 262 016	S/Sgt	Co "C" 48th AI-Bn 29 October 1944
GOERS, Leo W.	37 173 737	T/4	Co "C" 17th Tank Bn 29 October 1944
ANDRAKO, William	32 227 000	Pfc	Co "F" 87th Cav hcn Sq. 27 October 1944

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

These four cases are not related but due to the similarity of date, circumstances and place of death they have been grouped for the purpose of this investigation. Information contained in each of these cases indicates that these casualties were incurred during an attack by enemy tanks and a superior force of infantry troops during an attempt to capture Asten and Meijel, Holland.

III. FINDINGS:

The towns of Asten and Meijel were visited and records at the town halls in each place were examined with negative results. (See statements attached to individual cases). No record was found of any American remains recovered from this area. Information furnished by local officials indicates that remains of all American deceased in this area were removed by unknown American units late in 1944 and/or early in 1945. No information was ever furnished for the town records and they do not know where the remains were taken. The burgomaster at Asten remembers a tank (may be that indicated in ID # 381) which was knocked out on the highway just over the Asten Meijel town line.

Narrative of Investigation:

21 August 1950

He also stated that he could recall three (3) graves by the roadside near the wrecked tank. There were about eleven (11) tanks destroyed in this area and all wreckage was removed by American units. A Mr. Neussen, an employee of the town hall stated that two (2) American casualties were removed from a house (may be the one mentioned in IL # 302) and were buried nearby. He stated that one of these casualties was a Lt. These remains were also removed by the Americans.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Records on file in the town halls at both Asten and Meijel were checked with negative results.

Statements of local residents indicate that the remains of all American deceased in this area were removed by American units. Statements also indicate that the wreckage of eleven (11) tanks in this area were removed by the American forces. There are no isolated graves reported and no remains interred in local cemeteries that may be associated with the subject casualties.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That a recheck of all remains still in an Unknown status which were recovered from this area be made in an effort to obtain an association with the subject casualties.

That if the results of this investigation are negative, consideration be given for Non-recoverable action in the case of the subject decedents.

/s/ HAROLD E. WARNER
DA Civ D-046899
Investigator

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

SPECIAL ORDERS)

29 August 1950

NUMBER 108)

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2. PAC, Ltr WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

LT COL ROBERT D. MILLER,	TC.,	0 41 448,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MAC FARLAND,	QMC.,	0 1 576 321	
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.,	QMC.,	0 1 289 071	
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK,	QMC.,	0 1 040 311	
CWO HENRY F. MYERS,	USA,	W 2 104 778	

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MULVANITY:

ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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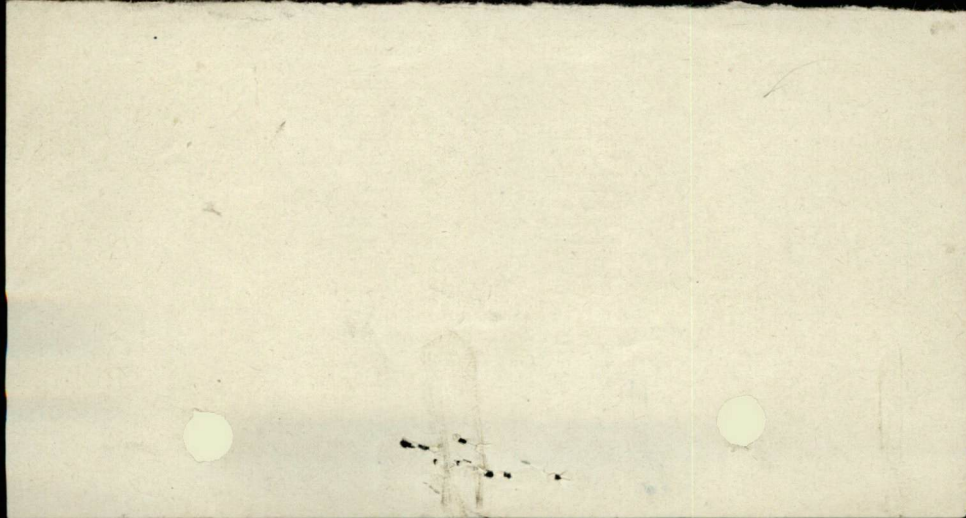
Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

Short Letter

Ltr from widow dated 21 Aug 45 requesting
burial location.

O Q M Reply dated 29 Dec 45 advising that
burial information not received - inquiry being
made, upon completion, will advise.

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Goers, Leo W.

ASN 37173737

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 17 July 1950

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

The attached Missing Report and After Action Report of 17th Tank
Battalion obtained from DPRB 201, AGO Casualty and AGF Historical files,
covers all available information surrounding the disappearance of T/4
Leo W. Goers, 37 174 737.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

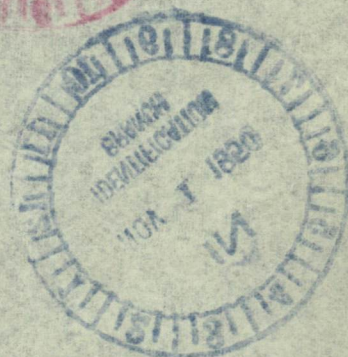
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- 2. After Action Rpt

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMG
Memorial Division

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

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GRRE 293.9 (IB)

20 April 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

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1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 pertaining to
T/4 Leo W. GOERS, 37 173 737.

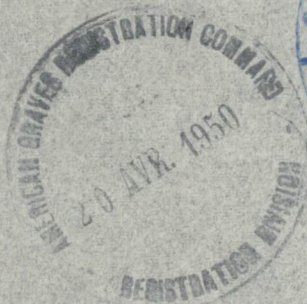
2. It is requested that all available data contained
in records your office, including Status Review and Deter-
mination Report, After Action Report and returned to duty
statements, if any, be forward this headquarters as a pos-
sible aid in resolving this case.

3. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the
data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major OMC
Registration Division





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QMGMS 293
Gears, Leo W.
SS 37173727

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14 June 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 20 April 1950, file GMR 293.9 (IB), subject as above.
2. Requested information will be forwarded your headquarters approximately 31 July 1950.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMG
Memorial Division

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INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Search Info Sed Ident Br Mem Div HOSPTEL	OQMG Liaison Pentagon Major Sekowski	5 May 1950	<p>Request all available information surrounding the death of:</p> <p>Goers, Leo W. T/4 37173737</p> <p><i>213</i></p> <p>Ref. Ltr #674</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>H</i> HOSPTEL 72000</p>
2	QM Pent Liaison Admin Br Mem Div	Search Info Sec Ident Br Mem Div	7 Jul 1950	<p>Inclosed herewith all the information available which was obtained from DPRB 201 Files; AGO Casualty Files and Army Ground Forces Historical Files, pertaining to the death of Technician Fourth Grade Leo W. Goers, 37,174,737, of Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sekowski</i> SEKOWSKI (MOR) 56679</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Dyer</i> DYER (MOR) 73090</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FILE JUL 14 1950 Identification Branch</p>

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Co: "C"; 17th TANK BN.

KIA - 29 OCT. '44

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NAME: GOERS, LEO W. ASN: 37174737 RANK: T/4

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE 7 APR. '42

RACE: WHITE

RELIGION: CATHOLIC

BORN: 24 MAY 1917

PLACE: MENDOTA, ILLINOIS

WEIGHT: 171 #

HEIGHT: 5' 11 3/4"

EYES: BLUE

HAIR: BROWN

COMPLEXION: RUDDY

SHOE SIZE: 9 1/2 E

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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 Goers, Leo W. ASN 37174737 GRADE Tec/4 Arm or Service Inf.
Date
ORG Co. "C", 17th Tank Bn. APO 257 Reported MIA 2 Nov 1944
MISSION Repulse enemy attack and give support to Infantry
POINT OF DEPARTURE 400 yds south, 400 yes. DATE 29 Oct 1944
INTENDED DESTINATION Infantry front lines.
LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS 400 yds south 400 yds west of Infantry C.P.

BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

Tank moved off highway on to a small trail and was working its way forward when tank was hit by enemy fire and started to burn.

One E.M. was able to get out and was evacuated by the 48th A I. BN

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STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY:

NONE. No individual saw the incident as we were under fire at that time.

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

NONE. Tank was under direct fire and artillery fire and it was impossible to conduct a search of the area around the tank. Tank was burning and it was impossible to conduct a search of the tank.

Date of Report 30 Oct 1944

/s/ Robert F. Urbom

(Signature of preparing Officer)

1st Lt. Co. "C"- 17th Tank Bn

OUT
PENTAGON LIAISON
JUL 7 1950
MEM. DIV. OQMG

Ref. Goers, Leo W., T/4, 37,174,737, KIA 29 Oct 44
Co "C", 17th Tank Bn

AFTER ACTION REPORT

17TH TANK BATTALION

The 17th Tank Battalion was engaged in heavy fighting against the enemy during 27th through 30 October 1944, near MAARHEEZE, ZOMEREN, HEEZE and LEENDE, BELGIUM. The Battalion suffered heavy tank casualties and
Officers: Wounded 7, Missing in Action 2; Enlisted Men: Killed 3, Wounded in action 37, Missing in Action 28.

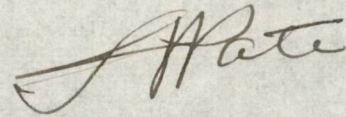
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WAR DEPARTMENT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME				SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE		ARM OR SERVICE		REPORTING THEATRE	
Goers, Leo W.				37174737			Tec 4		INF		ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY				DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER	
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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	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE					

REMARKS:

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AG 704 (6 Mar 45)

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

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

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

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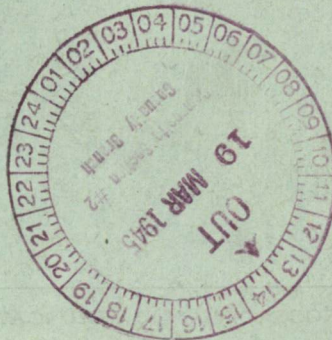
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OUT
PENTAGON LIAISON
JUL 7 1950
MEM. DIV. OQMG

Re: Goers, Leo W.
37174737

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

WBH/pae

16 July 1945

Mrs. Loretta Goers
R. R. #11
St. Paul 7, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Goers:

Your letter dated 9 June 1945 addressed to The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., has been referred to me for reply. I can well understand your perturbed state of mind and know it is very difficult to understand why it took four months for you to receive word of your husband's death. This seems inexcusable and yet there is a very logical explanation.

The tank your husband was driving was hit and could not be evacuated inasmuch as it lay in an area covered by direct enemy fire. At a later date, this organization received word from the unit recovering the vehicle that one of its occupants was your husband and you were notified accordingly.

As you must know, Leo was admired by his comrades and his was indeed a great loss to the company.

If there is anything further I can do for you please feel free to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

/t/ WILLIAM B. HAMMAR
1st Lt., Infantry,
Commanding.

OUT
PENTAGON
JULY 1945
MEM. DIR. COMD

C-O-P-Y

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000-100000)

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100-100000-100000

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated 9 June 1950 addressed to the Director General, FBI, has been referred to me for review. I can tell you that your report is very interesting and that I am very glad to hear that you are looking for a way to resolve your own personal problems. This seems to be a very logical explanation.

The fact that your husband was driving was not the cause of the accident as it is in any other case. The fact that you were driving is not the cause of the accident. The fact that you were driving is not the cause of the accident. The fact that you were driving is not the cause of the accident.

As you may know, you were advised by the company and his wife that you were not to be in the company.

If there is anything further you wish to know, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

W. J. ...
1st Lt., Infantry
Commanding

OUT
PENTAGON LIAISON
JUL 7 1950
MEM. DIV. OQMG

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SPXPC 201 Goers, Leo W.
(9 Jun 45) 37174737

21 June 1945

Mrs. Loretta M. Goers
R. F. D. #11
Saint Paul 7, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Goers:

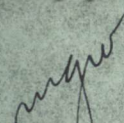
This is in reply to your recent letter relative to your husband, Technician Fourth Grade Leo W. Goers.

I can fully understand your desire to receive a detailed account of the circumstances surrounding his death and regret that you have not received a communication from overseas containing this information. I am forwarding your letter to the commanding general of the theater of operations in which he was serving at the time of his death requesting that the desired letter be transmitted to you.

I feel confident you realize the magnitude of the task to prepare, assemble, and verify all available information in each case and the variations of time required but I wish to assure you that our theater commanders make every effort to dispatch these letters as expeditiously as possible.

It is hoped that the information you so earnestly desire will soon be forthcoming and that it will be a source of sustaining comfort to you. Permit me again to express my heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerely yours,


J. A. ULLO
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army

OUT
PENTAGON
JUL 2 1945
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JUL 7 1950

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

4 April 1945.

Mrs. Loretta M. Goers,
Rural Route #11,
St. Paul 7, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Goers:

I am in receipt of your letter of 20 March 1944 requesting information about the death of your husband Technician Fourth Grade Leo W. Goers, 37 174 737.

Leo was the driver of a medium tank whose mission it was to repulse an enemy attack and give support to the infantry on 29 October 1944 near Heusden, Holland. The tank was hit by enemy fire and burned. Leo was killed then, but because the tank lay under direct artillery fire it was impossible to investigate any further at that time.

Leo was a fine and brave soldier. His performance of duty was in every sense excellent and his loss is felt by all of us. He will not soon be forgotten.

I hope that the little information I have been able to give you will help to ease the blow. If there is anything further I can do for you, please feel free to write again.

Very truly yours,

/t/ CHARLES D. CAGLE
1st Lt., Infantry,
Commanding.

OUT
PENTAGON LIAISON
JUL 7 1950
MEM. DIV. COMG

C-O-P-Y

COMMUNITY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
115 5th Avenue, New York, N.Y.

4 June 1950

Mrs. Loreta ...
Rural Route #1
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Goret:

I am in receipt of your letter of 20 June 1950 regarding in-
formation about the death of your husband, Captain Fourth Grade
1st Lt. Goret, 37 1st St.

It was the driver of a station wagon, whose mission it was to
provide an enemy attack and give support to the Infantry on 29
October 1944 near Leiden, Holland. The car was hit by enemy fire
and burned, causing the driver, 1st Lt. Goret, to be killed under
direct artillery fire. It was a most heroic and gallant deed.
to that place.

There was a fine and brave soldier. His performance during
the war was excellent and his loss is felt by all of us. He
will not soon be forgotten.

I hope that the facts I have given you will help to ease the blow. If there is anything further I can do
for you, please feel free to write again.

Very truly yours,

W. CHARLES D. CAMP
1st Lt., Infantry
Commanding

OUT
PENTAGON LIAISON
JUL 7 1950
MEM. DIV. OQMG

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AGPC-S 704 (2 Feb 45)

Military Personnel Casualty SR&D SFPC-S
Washington 25, D. C. Room 4602

Commanding General,
United States Forces,
European Theater of Operations
APO 887, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

CBC

1. Your casualty shipment number 238 reported Technician Fourth Grade Leon W. Goers, 37174737, Company C, 17th Tank Battalion, missing in action in Holland since 29 October 1944.
2. Information received indicates that subject soldier was a member of the crew of a tank which was hit by enemy fire and set aflame. One enlisted man was able to get out of the tank.
3. Your attention is invited to paragraph 6, a and c, Circular 373, WD, 1944. Under the provisions of paragraph 6a, the recovery of the remains of a deceased is not essential to the submission of a report of death when evidence is reasonably conclusive thereof. If the circumstances of the case justify a report of death, request compliance with paragraph 8 of said circular. If the circumstances do not warrant a change of status, request that you forward a detailed account of the facts upon which you base your presumption of survival, including statements from survivors, persons who may have examined the remains of the tank, and any other witnesses.

OUT
PENTAGON LIAISON
FEB 1945

ULIO
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

MEM. DIV. COM.
OFFICIAL:

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

C-O-P-Y

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ST-10

Form 1000

Washington, D. C.

Director General
United States Forces
European Theater of Operations
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

The receipt of your letter of 23 June 1950 regarding the
report of a German soldier who stated that he had seen
a tank in the area of the front lines on 23 June 1950.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the
report of a tank in the area of the front lines on 23 June 1950
is being investigated by the appropriate authorities.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the
report of a tank in the area of the front lines on 23 June 1950
is being investigated by the appropriate authorities. If the
circumstances do not warrant a change
of status, a request that you forward a detailed account of the facts upon
which you base your reservation of judgment. In making statements from
any other persons who may have examined the remains of the tank, and
any other witnesses.

OUT
PENTAGON LIAISON
JUL 7 1950
MEM. DIV. OQMG

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 16 March 1945

FULL NAME <p style="text-align: center;">Goers, Leo W.</p>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;">37 174 737</p>		GRADE <p style="text-align: center;">1st Sp 3609 Tec 4</p>									
HOME ADDRESS <p style="text-align: center;">Mendota, Minnesota</p>		ARM OR SERVICE <p style="text-align: center;">Armored Division</p>		DATE OF BIRTH <p style="text-align: center;">24 May 17</p>									
PLACE OF DEATH <p style="text-align: center;">European Area</p>		CAUSE OF DEATH <p style="text-align: center;">Killed in action</p>		DATE OF DEATH <p style="text-align: center;">29 Oct 44</p>									
STATION OF DECEASED <p style="text-align: center;">European area</p>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <p style="text-align: center;">7 Apr '42</p>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">YEARS</td> <td style="width: 33%;">MONTHS</td> <td style="width: 33%;">DAYS</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS					
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs. Loretta M. Goers, wife, RFD #11, Saint Paul, ^{7,} Minnesota</p>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <p style="text-align: center;">Loretta M. Goers, wife, same as above Anna L. Goers, mother, same as above</p>													
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

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 29 October 1944 until such absence was terminated on 9 March 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

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		A. S. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Ed. J. Fowler

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OUT
PENTAGON LIAISON
JUL 7 1950
MEM. DIV. OQMG

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

Camp Polk, La.

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(1) SURNAME

(2) CHRISTIAN NAME

Goers, Leo W.

(3) RANK

(4) COMPANY

(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS

Pvt. "I" Lt. Co. 31st Arm'd Reg't

(6) AGE, YEARS

(7) RACE

(8) NATIVITY

(9) SERVICE, YEARS

25

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Minn.

2/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS (NOT)
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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY 334

UPPER TEETH

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LOWER TEETH

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CLASS I (II)

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

cal. removal.

Date 6-19- 1942

Lt E A Notawa

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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

Teeth replaced by denture
(horizontal line)

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

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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

DC-Hospital Area, Camp Polk, La. 343

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Goers, Leo		W. 37174737	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Pvt.	"I"	31st. Arm'd Reg't	
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Major Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

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CLASS II

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

Date 2/17, 19 43

William Patousky Capt.
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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File

MAR 9 1949

G. W. ROGERS

Capt., QMC

Identification Branch

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Goers, Leo W.		GRADE Tec 4	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 37-174-737 8717487
ORGANIZATION Co C 17th Tk Bn	RACE W	CREED Catholic	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA 29 Oct 44	CAUSE OF DEATH KIA	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA NEAR HEUSDEN, HOLLAND		
DATE OF FOD		HEIGHT 5' 11 3/4"	WEIGHT 171	SHOE SIZE 9 1/2 E
		COLOR EYES blue	COLOR HAIR brown	

INDUCTION DENTAL CHART DATE **7 apr 42**

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X = Extracted O = Cavious 1 = Cavious Non-Restorable

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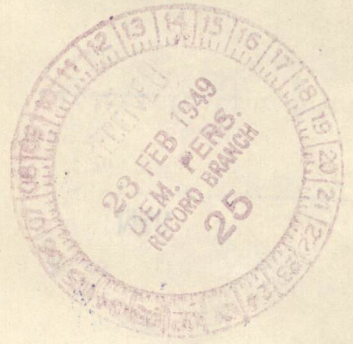
Born: 27 May 17

2 Forms 79. Attached

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 G. W. ROGERS
 Capt., QMC
 Identification Branch

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IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
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MEMORIAL DIVISION

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DATA REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Goers, Leo W.

GRADE

T/4

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

37174737

ORGANIZATION

Co C. 17th Tk Bn

RACE

White

CREED

Catholic

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MTA
29 Oct 44

CAUSE OF DEATH

KIA

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Near Heusden, Holland

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

5' 11 3/4"

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171

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Blue

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Brown

SHOE SIZE

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DENTAL CHART

7 Apr 43

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None shown

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Born: 27 May 17



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IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL GOERS Leo W			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 3717437		GRADE Tec
HEIGHT 5 Ft	WEIGHT 113 1/2 LBS	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR BROWN	SHOE SIZE 9 1/2 E	DATE OF DEATH 29 OCT 44

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co. "C" 17th TK BN

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA **Killed in Action 29 OCT 44 IN HOLLAND**

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

STATION	FROM	TO
HQ Rec. Cen. Ft. Snelling, MINN	APRIL 42	APRIL 42
Co ARMd. Force RTC, Ft. Knox, KY	APRIL 42	JUNE 42
CG, 7th ARM DIV CAMP POLK, LA	JUNE 42	SEPT 43

FROM: IND. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
CO. RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS None	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS None
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DENTAL CHART 7 APRIL 42

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MEMORIAL DIVISION



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HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA

293 Goers, Leo W.
AGRRE 293.9 (IB)

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AFPO 887

8 February 1946

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials.

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

1. Reference is made to letter, your Office, SPQYG-293, Goers, Leo W., S.N. 37174737, subject, "Report of Burial", dated 4 January 1946.

2. Information was received from the British Government that upon one of its Army organizations moving into the area where T/4 Goers was reported MIA, they discovered a burnt-out Sherman tank (3082237) with remains of four (4) thereat. Three were buried by this organization and the fourth according to the report, was left in the tank.

3. An inquiry was made to the British Government as to the exact circumstances of burial, and as to whether the fourth person was recovered from tank, and if so, where he was buried.

4. A reply was received from British Army Chaplain, A. I. Dunlop from which the following is extracted:

"I have not been to the location of this particular one which is clearly recorded in my return as beside a track in the middle of a peat bog.

Ferris's body was about (20) twenty yards from the tank and was unburned. (Note: Pvt. Michael Ferris, 33601604, Cannoneer).

Another body was burned very badly, and was lying about (2) two yards from the tank - quite unidentified. (Note: 2nd Lt. Robert W. Denny, 01996426, tank Commander, identification tags).

A third was below the left hand front seat of the Sherman. All that was left I lifted out easily-again quite unidentified. (Note: Cpl Elwyn Holdiman, 36313921, Gunner, identification tags).

File up
7 Mar 46
PP

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TO : THE DIRECTOR, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, FBI

DATE: 10/10/50

RE: [Illegible subject line]

The fourth was behind this last man and was so burnt that it was difficult to decide that the remains of a human being lay in the corner among the metal. I failed to remove it". (Note: Undoubtly Tec 4 Leo W. Goers who would ordinarily be in this position as tank driver, and is the only member of crew not accounted for.)

5. For your information the fifth member of the crew Pvt Frank F. Velus, 36903476, Light machine gunner escaped from the tank.

6. After further inquiries, a report was received from the British Second Army, giving the location of the three graves, and stating, "The burned-out Sherman with the fourth body inside it has been removed."

7. Information is not available at this time as to when and who removed the tank, but investigations are being conducted and your Office will be notified if tank or remains are discovered.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

W. J. BLONDELL
Lt. Col., A. G. D.
Adjutant General

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ON THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT BY THE
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 100, AND
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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 100, AND
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 100

HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA

293 Goers, Leo W. W. W.

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AGRRE 293.9 (IB) *3 7174737*

APO 887

8 February 1946

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials.

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

1. Reference is made to letter, your Office, SPOYG-293, Goers, Leo W., S.N. 37174737, subject, "Report of Burial", dated 4 January 1946.

2. Information was received from the British Government that upon one of its Army organizations moving into the area where T/4 Goers was reported MIA, they discovered a burnt-out Sherman tank (3082237) with remains of four (4) thereat. Three were buried by this organization and the fourth, according to the report, was left in the tank.

3. An inquiry was made to the British Government as to the exact circumstances of burial, and as to whether the fourth person was recovered from tank, and if so, where he was buried.

4. A reply was received from British Army Chaplain, A. I. Dunlop from which the following is extracted:

"I have not been to the location of this particular one which is clearly recorded in my return as beside a track in the middle of a peat bog.

Ferris's body was about (20) twenty yards from the tank and was unburned. (Note: Pvt. Michael Ferris, 33601604, Cannoneer).

Another body was burned very badly, and was lying about (2) two yards from the tank - quite unidentified. (Note: 2nd Lt. Robert W. Denny, 01996426, tank Commander, identification tags).

A third was below the left hand front seat of the Sherman. All that was left I lifted out easily-again quite unidentified. (Note: Cpl Elwyn Holdiman, 36313921, Gunner, identification tags).

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The fourth was behind this last man and was so burnt that it was difficult to decide that the remains of a human being lay in the corner among the metal. I failed to remove it". (Note: Undoubtly Tec 4 Leo W. Goers who would ordinarily be in this position as tank driver, and is the only member of crew not accounted for.)

5. For your information the fifth member of the crew Pvt Frank F. Velus, 36903476, Light machine gunner escaped from the tank.

6. After further inquiries, a report was received from the British Second Army, giving the location of the three graves, and stating, "The burned-out Sherman with the fourth body inside it has been removed."

7. Information is not available at this time as to when and who removed the tank, but investigations are being conducted and your Office will be notified if tank or remains are discovered.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

V. J. Blondell

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Adjutant General

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

SPQYG 293

Goers, Leo W.
 SN 37 174 737

4 January 1946

SUBJECT: Report of Burial

TO: **Commanding General**
European Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York
FOR: The Quartermaster

1. Request that a Report of Burial, if completed, or other currently available information be furnished concerning the following named decedent for whom no report is on hand in this office:

NAME: **GOERS, Leo W.** DATE OF DEATH: **29 October 1944**
 RANK: **Technician Fourth Grade** PLACE OF DEATH: **European Area**
 SERIAL NO.: **37 174 737**

2. The following information has been received in this office which may aid in the location and recovery of his remains:
 The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 29 October 1944 until such absence was terminated on 9 March 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

3. If no Report of Burial is on hand, it is requested that this office be furnished the approximate time during which the particular area where his remains are believed to be located will be searched.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAMES L. PRINN
 Major, QMC
 Assistant

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SPQXG 293
Goers, Leo W.
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Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

29 December 1945

Mrs. Loretta Goers
RR #11
St. Paul 7, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Goers:

Your letter concerning your husband, the late Technician Fourth Grade Leo W. Goers, has been received in this office.

It is regretted to advise you that, up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your husband has not been received in this office. An inquiry is being made to ascertain information regarding the remains of your husband. Upon completion of this inquiry you will be advised as to the results.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
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Referring to SPQYG 095
Gours, Loretta

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November 25, 1945

James L. Preen
Major, 2 M.C.
Assistant
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Preen:

In reference to your letter
of October 19, 1945, you requested me
to send you the name, rank, and
serial number of my husband, con-
cerning his death and burial, which
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293 - Sgt. Leo W. Gours 37174737

Hoping to hear from
you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours
Mrs. Loretta Gours
R. B. # 11
St. Paul 7 Minn.

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~~Goers, Loretta~~

19 October 1945

293 Goers, Leo W

Mrs. Loretta Goers
R. R. #1,
St. Paul 7, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Goers:

Your inquiry, directed to The Adjutant General's office, concerning the death and burial of your late husband has been referred to this office.

It is requested that the name, rank, and serial number of your husband be furnished this office so that the information you desire can be supplied.

This office wishes to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
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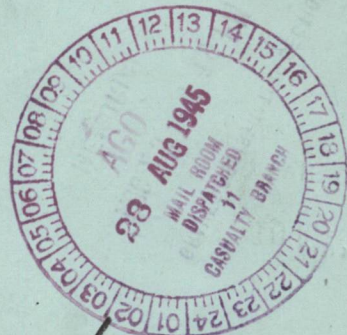
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FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
	Casualty Branch, Composite Section # 2 Family Relations Sub-Section		Room 3613	27 Aug 45
				TELEPHONE 77826



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Request writer to furnish name, rank, S. N. of husband.

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August 21, 1945

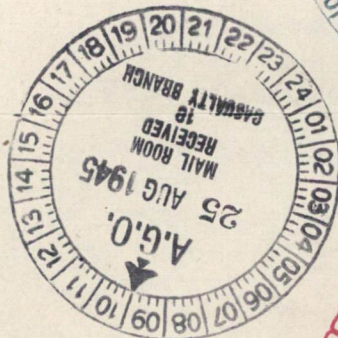
J. A. Ulio.
Major General
Adjutant General's Office
Washington D. C.

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Dear Mr. Ulio:

I received a reply from the Commanding Officer, overseas, with more information about my husband's death, but he didn't mention where he was buried. So would you please tell me who I should write to, to find that out, if I should write to the Commanding Officer again? How I would like to know very much, where they buried him.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation,
Very Truly Yours
Mrs. Loretta Gove
R. R. # 11
St. Paul, Minn.



WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

293 Goers, Leo W

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 16 March 1945

FULL NAME Goers, Leo W.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 37 174 737	GRADE 1sp 3809 Tec 4
HOME ADDRESS Mendota, Minnesota		ARM OR SERVICE Armored Division	DATE OF BIRTH 24 May 17
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 29 Oct 44
STATION OF DECEASED European area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 7 Apr 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
Mrs. Loretta M. Goers, wife, RFD #11, Saint Paul, ^{7,} Minnesota

BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
Loretta M. Goers, wife, same as above
Anna L. Goers, mother, same as above

INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:
Ch. L. Fowler

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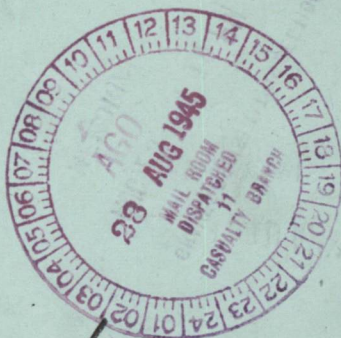
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