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Jones, Thomas

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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)

JONES, THOMAS B JR

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

33179776

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

406T 44

AREA OF DEATH

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

C VRUS

DATE

JAN 23 1951

NAME OF REVIEWER

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REMARKS

**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME <b>JONES, Thomas B. Jr.</b>	GRADE <b>Pvt</b>	SERIAL NO. <b>33 179 776</b>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (Initials) <b>Capt. Lay</b>	
UNKNOWN <b>X -</b>	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. <b>16357</b>	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY <b>333 CARD FLAGGED BY</b>
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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)

**Jones, Thomas B., Jr.**

RANK

**Pvt**

SERIAL NUMBER

**33 179 776**

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.

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

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
Fratus, Russell J.	1/Sgt	6 137 994
Peterson, Harold A.	Pvt	37 543 967

**SEP 22 1950**

NAME OF CASE ANALYST  
*Vincent A. Thomas*  
**Vincent A. Thomas/cvt**

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

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>T. W. Guiner</i> <b>T. W. GUINER</b>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Robert G. Lay</i> <b>ROBERT G. LAY, Capt MAJ</b>	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> <b>THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC</b>	<i>[Signature]</i>





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.

*E. D. Mulvanity*  
EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt Col, OMC

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

*George Gundersen, Jr.*  
GEORGE GUNDERSEN, JR., Maj, OMC

*Robert W. Gansel*  
ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1st Lt, OMC

RAYMOND T. RODRIGUEZ, CWO, USA

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. MULVANY,	QMC.,	O 359 598,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND,	QMC.,	O 1 576 321	
CAPT EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,	QMC.,	O 1 588 236	
1ST LT GAYLORD E. LUTZ,	QMC.,	O 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



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
**INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET**

DUE, HOUR, AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1 NO.	2 FROM-	3 TO-	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE						
1	Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div	QM Liaison Pentagon	31 Oct 1949	<p>1. It is requested that this Office be furnished with the names of the crew members of Tank #12 and Tank #3011069, which were lost in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland on or about 4 October 1944. Cpl Francis H. Bosch, 33136897 and Pvt. Thomas B. Jones Jr., 33179776, Co. A, 17th Tank Bn., 7th Armd. Div., are believed to have been members of the crew of Tank #12.</p> <p>2. It is further requested that a listing of the casualties of Co. A, 17th Tank Bn., 7th Armd Division, on or about 4 October 1944, be forwarded, if possible.</p> <p>3. After Action Report, 17th Tank Bn., 4 October 1944 is on file in this Office but does not include the information requested above.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BERRY                      COFFEY 72993                          72993</p>						
2	QM-Pent Liaison Adm.Br. Mem Div	Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div	21 Dec 1949	<p>Inclosed is all the information available which was obtained from DPRB 201 Files and Army Ground Forces Historical Files, Operations Report, pertaining to the following named enlisted men:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>w/p filed 29 3 1950</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"><i>293</i> BOSCH, Francis H.</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Cpl.</td> <td style="width: 25%;">33,136,897</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JONES, Thomas B., Jr.</td> <td>Pvt.</td> <td>33,179,776</td> </tr> </table> <p>There is no further information available pertaining to paragraphs #1 and #2, First Indorsement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B. J. SEKOWSKI                      E. J. DYER 6679                                      73090</p>	<i>293</i> BOSCH, Francis H.	Cpl.	33,136,897	JONES, Thomas B., Jr.	Pvt.	33,179,776
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JONES, Thomas B., Jr.	Pvt.	33,179,776								



**ON**  
**PENTAGON LIAISON**  
**OFF. DIV.**  
NOV 1 1949

NAME: Jones, Thomas B., Jr. ASN: 33179776 RANK: Priv.

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE: Apr. 4, 1942

RACE: White

RELIGION: Catholic

BORN: June 6, 1917

PLACE: Cumberland, Md.

WEIGHT: 158 lbs.

HEIGHT: 71 in.

EYES: Blue

HAIR: Black

COMPLEXION: Ruddy

SHOE SIZE: 9 1/2 - D

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

OLD HEALED SCARS OF OSTEOMYELITIS RIGHT FOMUR - LOWER 3RD -- ACUTE WHEN 3 YEARS OLD -- ALL HEALED FOR OVER 10 YEARS.

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARKS  
NONE

FORM 79'S - NONE

DENTAL - MARCH 4, 1942

Right

Left

Upper

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

Lower

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 ~~X~~ 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" 17<sup>TH</sup> Tank Battalion.

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

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 8 September 1945

FULL NAME <b>Jones, Thomas B. Jr.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>33 179 776</b>	GRADE <b>Pvt cgn</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Cumberland, Maryland</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Armored Forces</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>6 Jun 17</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>4 Oct 44</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY OR CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>4 Apr 42</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) <b>Mrs Anna M. Jones (mother) 106 Karns Ave., Cumberland, Maryland</b>			
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) <b>Anna M. Jones (mother) 106 Karns Ave., Cumberland, Maryland</b> <b>Thomas B. Jones (father) same as above</b>			
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)		BATTLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/>	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 4 October 1944 until such absence was terminated on 6 September 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*B. F. Davis*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

Jones, Thomas B., Jr.  
PC-N ETO 219

2 May 1945

Mrs. Anna M. Jones  
106 Karns Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Jones:

It distresses me to inform you that no report of any change in status has been received since my last letter concerning your son, Private Thomas B. Jones, Jr., 33,179,776, who was reported missing in action.

A report, however, regarding the circumstances surrounding his disappearance now available in the War Department discloses that your son was a member of a tank battalion. He became missing when the tank of which he was a crew member was attacked by the enemy, while on a mission to capture Overloon, Holland.

If a missing person has not been accounted for at the termination of twelve months' absence in a missing status, all available information concerning his disappearance is reviewed pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended. Following that review the War Department is authorized to continued the person's missing status or to make a finding of death if the missing person may no longer reasonably be presumed to be living. In the process of reviewing the case of missing persons the War Department gives careful consideration to all pertinent data or evidence which can be collected from any available source. Occasionally relatives and friends of missing persons receive communications containing pertinent and reliable information which has not been reported officially to the War Department. If you have received any such communications, it will be greatly appreciated if you will forward the communications or photostatic copies thereof to this office. After examination they will be returned to you if you so desire.

The War Department is mindful of the anguish you have so long endured and you may rest assured that, without any further request on your part, you will be advised promptly if any additional information concerning your loved one is received. Should it become necessary to establish his status in accordance with the provisions of the law cited, you will be notified of the findings shortly after the expiration of the twelve months' absence.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow and it is my

earnest hope that the fortitude which has sustained you in the past will continue through this distressing period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

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

AG 201 Jones, Thomas B., Jr.  
PC-O ETO 245

7 September 1945

Mrs. Anna M. Jones  
106 Karns Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Jones:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Private Thomas B. Jones, Jr., 333,179,776, Armored Forces, who was previously reported missing in action on 4 October 1944 in Holland.

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.

It is deeply regretted that such a lapse of time has occurred before notification of his death was made to you. The various theater commanders make every effort to submit prompt and accurate reports but delays sometime occur due to the exigencies of combat operations and the many difficulties encountered in active theaters in reporting casualties.

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,

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

## 17TH TANK BATTALION

### After Action Report

3 October 1944

At 0630 on 3 Oct 44, the leading elements of Task Force WEMPLE moved out of the assembly area. The guide from 87th Rcn Sqd joined the force at St. Anthony 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 WEMPLE 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 783350. At 1110 another tank was hit by fire from an AT gun which fired from the woods to the south but the tanks 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 Nebelwebers or rockets on them. The Nebelwebers 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 fired 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. Every time 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 WEMPLE went to a meeting at C.C."R" Hq and received orders for a night attack. At 2130 Lt. Col WEMPLE 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 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 Bazooks 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 their 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 4 of Oct 44 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 groups 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 in 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 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 KIA or MIA.

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 779351 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 patrols 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 arms 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.

The R & I Platoon of the 17th Tank Bn was given the mission of patrolling down to the houses in the vicinity of 779339. They worked down to a point in the vicinity of 781341 where they were pinned down by small arms and mortar fire. The fire came from the houses to their south and from the east and west. They located the enemy dug in along the canal in the vicinity of 784341 and in a field in the vicinity of 777342. We brought three tanks up to 779349 and placed fire on the enemy positions while the I & R Platoon pulled back. There was no enemy activity during the night except arty and nebelwefer fire. We did not lose any tanks or personnel during the day or night.

ROSCH, Francis H.  
JONES, Thomas B. Jr.

Corporal  
Private

33,136.897  
33,179.776

Company "C"

17th Tank Battalion

Killed in action

4 October 1944

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**AIRMAIL**

*Ident*  
QMGMT 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

Cy furnished: Adm Sec  
rar/Coffey  
N. Farmer

THOMAS E. GOX  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

*293 - Jones, Thomas B.*  
REB  
JMN  
33179976

**AIRMAIL**

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# AIRMAIL

QMCMT 293 *Jones*  
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:

*use as given*

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

Cy furnished: Adm Sec  
rar/Coffey  
N. Farmer  
REB

*293 Jones, Thomas B. - 33179776*

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# AIRMAIL

(Holland) 12711

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

10 March 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Information

*293 Jones, Thomas B. Jr. 33179776*

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to attached OJMG Form 371 for Private Thomas B. Jones Jr., 33 179 776.

2. Historical records indicate that Company "C", 17th Tank Battalion, was in a battle in the Overloon area from 3-5 October 1944. The town of Stavenisse is located eighty (80) miles inland.

3. It is requested that latest available dental chart and all information which may aid in the further search for this deceased, be forwarded this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl  
OJMG Form 371

GEORGE L. FREEMAN  
1st Lt QMC  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

QJMG 293  
Jones, Thomas B. Jr.  
SN-33179776

1st Incl

Dept. of the Army, OJMG, Washington 25, D. C., 16 May 1949

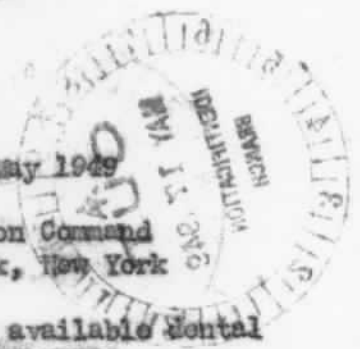
TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command  
European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Submitted herewith are Forms 79 containing all available dental information pertaining to Private Thomas B. Jones, 33179776.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

3 Incls:  
✓ Incl 1 n/o  
Added 2 Incls  
Incls 2 & 3 Forms 79

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





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Jones, Thomas B. 33179776

ON THOMAS B JONES JR 33179776 DENT CHART AT INDCTN 4 APR 42 TEETH  
MISSING R 1 9 2 FORMS 79 BEING SENT

✓  
**FILE**

**MAY 10 1949**

G. A. [unclear]  
Capt., MC  
[unclear]



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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Wall Thomas B</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>33179 796</i>		GRADE <i>PO1</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 11"</i>	WEIGHT <i>168</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>4 Oct 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

*17th Tank Bn Co C*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

*Missing in vicinity Stavenisse, Holland*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Fort Meade, Md</i>	<i>4 Apr 42</i>
<i>Fort Knox, Ky.</i>	<i>10 Apr 42</i>
<i>Camp Peck, Ark</i>	<i>20 Jul 42</i>
<i>Fort Benning, Ga</i>	<i>20 Sep 42</i>

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS  
*Scar - right femur*

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

DENTAL CHART *4/2/42*

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	X	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT							

X - EXTRACTED      O - CARIOUS      / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Lawrence Thomas B</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>33179796</i>		GRADE <i>PO1</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 11"</i>	WEIGHT <i>168</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Black</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>4 Oct 47</i>

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

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA (STAVENISSE?)  
*Passing in vicinity Stavenisse, Holland*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Fort Meade, Md</i>	<i>4 Apr 42</i>
<i>St Louis, Ky.</i>	<i>10 Apr 42</i>
<i>Camp Park, Ariz</i>	<i>20 Jul 42</i>
<i>St Benning, Ga</i>	<i>20 Sep 42</i>

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>scar-right femur</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>2</i>
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DENTAL CHART *11 Apr 42*

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT							

X - EXTRACTED      O - CARIOUS      / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Lawrence Thomas B</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>33 179 776</i>		GRADE <i>PO1</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 11"</i>	WEIGHT <i>168</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Black</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>7 Oct 47</i>

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

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA (L STAVENISSE?)  
*Missing in vicinity Starnonis, Holland*

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<i>St Bonny, Pa</i>	<i>20 Sep 42</i>

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>scar - right hand</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>2</i>
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DENTAL CHART *4 Apr 42*

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 UPPER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 LOWER RIGHT	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UPPER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 LOWER LEFT
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X - EXTRACTED      O - CARIOUS      / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE



293 FILE <i>W</i>		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED <i>Holland</i>		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>JONES, THOMAS B. JR.</i>		GRADE <i>PVT.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>33179776</i>	
ORGANIZATION <i>Co, 'C', 17th TANK BN.</i>		RACE <i>WHITE</i>	CREED <i>CATHOLIC</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>4-OCT.-44</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>KILLED IN ACTION</i>		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>STAVEHISSE, HOLLAND</i>	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT <i>5ft.</i>	WEIGHT <i>168 lbs.</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BLUE</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>BLACK</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>7 1/2 - D.</i>
DENTAL CHART <i>4-APR. 42</i>				
UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 <i>X</i>		UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 <i>X</i>		LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>Acros, Rt. femur.</i>		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <i>—</i>		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				

**FILE**  
**MAY 26 1948**  
**G. J. Collins, Lt. Col., USA**  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 8 September 1945

FULL NAME <b>Jones, Thomas B. Jr.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>33 179 776</b>		GRADE <b>Pvt cgh</b>	
HOME ADDRESS <b>Cumberland, Maryland</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Armored Forces</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>6 Jun 17</b>	
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>		CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>4 Oct 44</b>	
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY OR CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>4 Apr 42</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESS (Name, relationship, and address) <b>Mrs Anna M. Jones (mother) 106 Karns Ave., Cumberland, Maryland</b>					
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) <b>Anna M. Jones (mother) 106 Karns Ave., Cumberland, Maryland Thomas B. Jones (father) same as above</b>					
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)					
YES NO					
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT					
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE</p> <p>The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 4 October 1944 until such absence was terminated on 6 September 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.</p>					
<p>12 SEP 1945 BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR <i>[Signature]</i> ADJUTANT GENERAL</p>					

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

DATE 8 September 1945

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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  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 4 October 1944 until such absence was terminated on 6 September 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*B. F. ...*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

268149

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	APM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
JONES THOMAS <sup>SR</sup> B JR		33179776		PVT	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
HOLLAND9		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
		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
MRS ANNA M JONES	MOTHER	23 OCTOBER 1944
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
.106 KARNS AVENUE CUMBERLAND MARYLAND		

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 *P. J. ...*

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

*file  
ja*

(S-11-14-45)  
RTB:BT:dt  
September 6, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 268149

Mrs. Anna M. Jones  
106 Karns Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Jones:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your son, Private Thomas B. Jones, Jr.:

1 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 prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your son.

Yours very truly,

*P. L. Koob*

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

1 Inol--  
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Anna M. Jones Oct 8, 1945  
(Signature of Bailee) (Date)  
Eff. Q. Form 205 (11 Apr 45)



KANSAS CITY, MO.

OCT 10 1945

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Anna M. Jones

106 Karns Avenue

Cumberland, Maryland

Effects of:

Name

Pvt. Thomas B. Jones, Jr.

ASN

33179776

Case No.

268149 M

Wt.

DATE 6 September 1945

RTB:BT:dt

*Saylor*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check

Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Inclose "Valuables" item

Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.

Note discrepancy in \_\_\_\_\_

Films removed

Diary removed

Laundry removed

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch

Warehouse Division

Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS *[check]*

Franked

SEP 10 1945

Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of packages \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
Shipping Clerk

168149

ATTACHMENTS			EFFECTS INVENTORY			STATUS		
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CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO				INFORMATION				
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NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS				CROSS REFERENCE				
				File # 7-4				
CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK					
MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	TRANSMIT ORIGINAL					
BOND		AMOUNT	ORIG. REG. MAIL					
TRAV. CHECK		DATE	TO G. A. O.					
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED					
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY					
BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE								
PAYEE								
REMITTER OR DRAWER								
TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.					
76	1	27 Aug 45	9					
NAME			SHEET					
Thomas B. Jones Jr.			4					
ORGANIZATION			OF SHEETS					
17th Tank Div. 7th Arm'd Div.			1					
WAREHOUSE SPACE			A. S. N.					
1356			33179776					
PACKED BY			RANK					
[Signature]			Pvt					
INSPECTED BY			CASE NO.					
[Signature]								
STORED BY			DIARY REMOVED					
			PHOTO FILM REMOVED					
			MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED					
			SHIPPED					
DATE			BY WHOM					
SEP 10 1945			[Signature]					



NAME JONES, THOMAS B PVT 9776

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	5	9	26
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG			

ER OM Form 48

RESTRICTED  
INVENTORY FORM

13 JANUARY 1945

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

JONES JR                      THOMAS                      B                      PVT                      33179776  
(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

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 HAT ✓
- 1 BAG SHAVING BRUSH SOAP AND CONTAINER ✓
- 1 PAIR OF SHOES ✓
- 1 PAIR SUN GLASSES ✓

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. Pyle  
Rank & ASN SAN B PYLE  
C. PT JMC 0-10-266  
Organization HEADQUARTERS 7TH AID.

any additional pertinent information:

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

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CAPT QMG 0410-266  
Organization HEADQUARTERS 7TH AID.

Any additional pertinent information:



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**AIRMAIL**

**QUEST 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

1. Reference is made to corrected Report of Burial for Unknown X-5823, Plot 2, 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. 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. Howinski  
REB

**AIRMAIL**

*293 - Jones, Thomas B. - 33179776*

*REB*

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT 86

Fort Benning, Ga. AsN. 33179776

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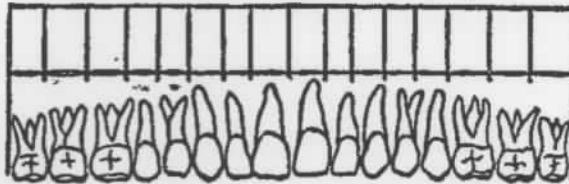
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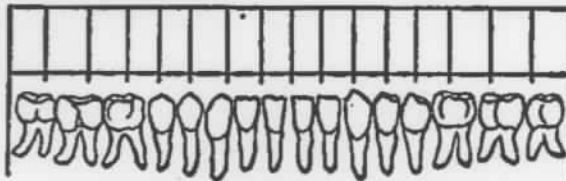
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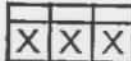
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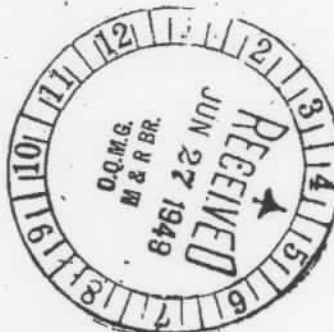
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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2. Receipt of 2 Forms 79 for the above acknowledged. Additional information as to exact location of death is requested.

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NAME: Jones, Thomas B., Jr. ASH: 33179776 RANK: Pvt.

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INJECTION: DATE: April 4, 1942

RACE: White

RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_

BORN: June 6, 1917

PLACE: Chamberland, Md.

WEIGHT: 158 lbs.

HEIGHT: 71 inches

EYES: Blue

HAIR: Black

COMPLEXION: Ruddy

SHOE SIZE: 9 1/2 - D

DENTAL

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org: Co. "C" 17<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion

Sol. Killed in action vic. of St. Anthony, Holland  
4 October, 1944.

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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 Jones, Thomas B., Jr. ASN 33179776 GRADE Pvt 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. 44

INTENDED DESTINATION Overloon.

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

BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

Pvt. Jones was cannoneer of tank #12 when it was struck by an Anti-Tank Weapon and immediately 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. 44

2nd Lt Howard Ruth  
(Signature of preparing Officer)



COPY

Jones, Thomas B., Jr.  
PC-N ETO 219

10 May 1945

Mrs. Anna M. Jones  
106 Karns Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Jones:

It distresses me to inform you that no report of any change in status has been received since my last letter concerning your son, Private Thomas B. Jones, Jr., 33,179,776, who was reported missing in action.

A report, however, regarding the circumstances surrounding his disappearance now available in the War Department discloses that your son was a member of a tank battalion. He became missing when the tank of which he was a crew member was attacked by the enemy, while on a mission to capture Overloon, Holland.

If a missing person has not been accounted for at the termination of twelve months' absence in a missing status, all available information concerning his disappearance is reviewed pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended. Following that review the War Department is authorized to continue the person's missing status or to make a finding of death if the missing person may no longer reasonably be presumed to be living. In the process of reviewing the case of missing persons the War Department gives careful consideration to all pertinent data or evidence which can be collected from any available source. Occasionally relatives and friends of missing persons receive communications containing pertinent and reliable information which has not been reported officially to the War Department. If you have received any such communications, it will be greatly appreciated if you will forward the communications or photostatic copies thereof to this office. After examination they will be returned to you if you so desire.

The War Department is mindful of the anguish you have so long endured and you may rest assured that, without any further request on your part, you will be advised promptly if any additional information concerning your loved one is received. Should it become necessary to establish his status in accordance with the provisions of the law cited, you will be notified of the findings shortly after the expiration of the twelve months' absence.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow and it is my

earnest hope that the fortitude which has sustained you in the past will continue through this distressing period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

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

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AG 201 Jones, Thomas B., Jr.  
PC-O ETO 245

7 September 1945

Mrs. Anna M. Jones  
106 Karns Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Jones:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Private Thomas B. Jones, Jr., 33,179,776, Armored Forces, who was previously reported missing in action on 4 October 1944 in Holland.

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.

It is deeply regretted that such a lapse of time has occurred before notification of his death was made to you. The various theater commanders make every effort to submit prompt and accurate reports but delays sometime occur due to the exigencies of combat operations and the many difficulties encountered in active theaters in reporting casualties.

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

17TH TANK BATTALION

After Action Report

2 October 1944

The battalion remained in the same assembly areas. 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 Millen 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 boundry of this force was the railroad running north-west 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 WEMPLE moved out of the assembly area. The guide from 87th Rcn Sqd joined the force at St. Anthony 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 WEMPLE 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 tanks 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 WEMPLE went to a meeting at C. C. "R" Hq and received orders for a night attack. At 2130 Lt Col WEMPLE 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 into the woods and removed them. The tanks started to move into the woods but the small arms fire and

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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 in 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 gunfire, including the company commanders tanks. Three more tanks had been hit but were able

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, there 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 arms 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.

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