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293 PERRI, FERDINAND F.



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ARM OF SERVICE

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DATE OF DEATH

25 SEPT 44

AREA OF DEATH

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NAME OF AUDITOR

KATZ

DATE

13 DEC. 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

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DATE

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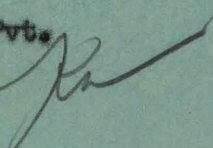
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QMGR 293
Perri, Ferdinand F., Pvt.
33 774 742



10 December 1951

Mrs. Anna Perri
7839 Nixon Street
Philadelphia 28, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Perri:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your husband, the late Private Ferdinand F. Perri.

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. CLAINWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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

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

1. The Board convened pursuant to par. 4, SO 32, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 10 April 1951, at Liege, Belgium, on 18 June 1951.

2. Members present:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND	Lt Colonel,	QMC
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR.	Major,	QMC
ALLAN L. LAWSON	Captain	QMC

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of the remains of World War II dead lost in the geographical area described below:

a. Area $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Southeast of Longueville, Moselle, France, Case # 763.

b. FACTS:

The casualties listed below, members of the 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, were reported as Killed in Action in the location as set forth above, on 25 September 1944.

<u>PERRI, Ferdinand F.</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>33 774 742</u>
PONCE, Alfonso	Pvt	39 577 559

4. FINDINGS:

a. The only information available on the two casualties is that given by Mr. John L. Margreiter Jr., who in two letters has outlined the area where the two casualties were last seen.

b. Field Investigations were conducted in the appropriate area in April, December 1950 and 4 May 1951 in conjunction with information given by John L. Margreiter Jr., however, these complete investigations have ended negatively, thus the remains of the two casualties must be considered Non-Recoverable.

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18 June 1951

c. Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; Letters received from John L. Margreiter Jr., dated 21 May and 28 September 1948: On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

d. Reference is also made to: Narratives of Investigations, dated 25 April, 11 December 1950 and 4 May 1951: Attached.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the deceased herein considered, be determined Non-Recoverable.

James C. MacFarland
 JAMES C. MacFARLAND
 Lt Colonel, QMC
 Member

George Gunderman, Jr.
 GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR
 Major, QMC
 Member

Allan L. Lawson
 ALLAN L. LAWSON
 Captain QMC
 Member

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4. 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, dtd 3 Mar 49, a Board of Ofs 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 JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC., President
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,
CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,
1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,
2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947, 298, QMC.,


BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
Capt., QMC,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
CAPT., QMC,
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:


MARY A. EDWARDS
1st Lt QMC

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

25 April 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY

In compliance with the instructions contained in Investigation Directive # 193 dated 7 April 1950, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of LONGUEVILLE-les-CHEMINOTS and BOUXIERE-sous-FROMONT in an effort to locate the foxhole described by John L. Margreiter Jr. in his letter dated 28 September 1948.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

The information contained in the above mentioned letter and accompanying sketch, indicates that Pvt. Ferdinand FERRI and Alfonso PONCE were part of a group of replacements which were moved into position in the rear of "C" Company, 23 Armored Infantry Battalion, on the night of the 22 September 1944. The men were instructed to "dig in" along the edge of a road between BOUXIERE and LONGUEVILLE-les-CHEMINOTS. This road had been "zeroed in" by the enemy, who were in possession of the town of LONGUEVILLE and a mortar shell landed in the foxhole which the two men were occupying.

III. FINDINGS

Upon arriving at the town of LONGUEVILLE-les-CHEMINOTS, 25 kilometers South West of METZ, it was found through questioning of local residents, that the Gendarmerie having jurisdiction over this area is located in the town of SOLGNE, approximately ten (10) kilometers away. Upon arriving at this town, contact was made with the Commandant of the Brigade, Mr. Touvenot. He stated that he was familiar with the territory in question and that he had been stationed in the area in November of 1944. During part of the time subsequent to this date, he had been attached to a unit of the Military Police and had been instrumental in the recovery of the remains of several American deceased. He also stated that his office had never been previously contacted regarding the recovery of the two deceased involved in this case. After regarding the map which was inclosed as part of the letter from Mr. Margreiter, he suggested that the owner of a farm located near the scene of this incident

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25 April 1950

might be able to furnish additional information. In the company of Mr. Touvenot, this investigator proceeded to the farm of Mr. Louis Borsenberger, located at MARLEY-AUX-BOIS. Here it was discovered that the brother of Mr. Borsenberger had found a wallet and prayer book sometime in 1945 and had turned them over to the Gendarmerie where they were forwarded to the AGRC headquarters either at Nancy or Paris. In addition it was discovered that this particular farm had been used by the American troops as a hospital and dispensary and Mr. Borsenberger was still in possession of a book or register in which were entered the names of patients treated between the 21 June 1944 and the 15 October 1944. This record is marked simply as "SICK CALL RECORD 3rd Bn" with no unit designation given and is being forwarded with this report only as a matter of record, as it is believed that it has no direct bearing on this case. Further questioning of Mr. Borsenberger disclosed the fact that the area indicated in the sketch inclosed as part of the letter from Mr. John L. Margreiter Jr. is situated slightly below this farm and that it has previously been investigated with negative results. A visit was then made to the area in question and it was discovered that many foxholes are still in this vicinity. Most of these holes show evidence of having been investigated. Brush and shrubs have been cut down and the dirt disturbed. These foxholes also show, by the presence of empty "C Ration" cans and traces of cardboard cartons, as well as the reinforcing of the sides by boards and burlap sacking, that they were occupied for a longer period of time than is indicated by Mr. Margreiter's letter.

In attempting to orient the sketch which was inclosed as part of this letter, it was found that the road, as indicated on this plan, is not shown in the correct geographical location. It is actually located further North East, as the road makes a sharp bend some three hundred yards below the spot indicated. In an effort to determine the exact location and the owner of the property concerned, I next visited the Mairie of the village of Cheminot where contact was made with the secretary. Examination of a large scale map of this section of the terrain disclosed the section, which appears to be that indicated by Mr. Margreiter, as being under cultivation at the present time. (see sketch of area attached). Mr. Hurstel, the secretary, stated that he had been told that a few foxholes had been found in this area but that they had been filled in by the owner of the land several years ago. He also stated that no report of the findings of any remains had ever been made to the Mayor's office. (Statement attached).

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The area in question was then visited and it was found to be under cultivation as previously stated. Three shallow depressions found along the edge of the road were investigated with negative results.

Mr. Touvenot, Commandant of the Gendarmerie stated that he would have a notice circulated in the area stating the fact that the remains of two American soldiers might still be buried there and that all foxholes and shell craters were to be investigated before being filled in by the land owners concerned. The correct address of this headquarters was left at the Gendarmerie and any information obtained by the Commandant will be forwarded.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Previous investigation in this area was made in a section which could not have been occupied by the subject casualties.

The area where the foxholes indicated by Mr. Margreiter were located, is now under cultivation and has been for several years.

Foxholes that may have existed have been filled in and no trace of remains has been found by persons working this land.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Gendarmerie at SOLGNE be given time to inform the land owners in question of the facts as stated and that another investigation be conducted later when conditions will permit the excavation of parts of the area now under cultivation.

- 4 Incls
1. Statement
Mr. Touvenot
 2. Statement
Mr. Victor Hurstel
 3. "SICK CALL RECORD 3rd Bn"
 4. Sketch of Area

H. E. WARNER
DA CIV
Investigator

Moselle 765

S T A T E M E N T

Cheminot, 25 April 1950

I the undersigned HURSTEL Victor, school teacher, secretary to the Mayor declare the American GRC, made an investigation concerning the soldiers killed in September 1944 in the territory of the Commune. This work was done in the presence of Mr. Thouvenot, Chief Policeman at Solgne.

Furthermore, searches were conducted in the course of the year 1949 by an employee of the searching services.

certified a true translation

Jean Laurain
JEAN LAURAIN
Investigator
IBS

/s/ HURSTEL

Seal

Moselle 763

GENDARMERIE NATIONALE

Solgne 25 April 1950

Today 25 April 1950, we accompanied a searching party with the purpose of discovering the remains of an American soldier killed in 1944, near Cheminot.

We found the place indicated by the witness, but no remains could be found.

from the information obtained at Monly-aux-Bois, Longeville, and Cheminot, we located 50 foxholes, mostly killed in by the land-owners.

Certified a true translation:

Jean Laurain
JEAN LAURAIN
Investigator
IBS

/s/ The Chief Policeman
Thouvenot

/s/ Illegible

Seal

11 December 1950

This investigation could not be completed due to the fact that the area in which excavation and probing operations are to be conducted, is flooded. It is recommended that the case be held in suspense until Spring.

H. S. EPHRAIM

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

4 May 1951

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. In compliance with the instructions contained in Investigation Directive # 554, dated 13 November 1950, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of LONGUEVILLE-Les-CHEMINOTS and BOUXIERE-SOUS-FROIDMONT in an effort to recover the remains of Pvt FERDINAND F. PERRI, 33774742 and Pvt ALFONSO, PONCE, 39577559 reported to have been killed in action in this area.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Information contained in letters received from Mr John L. Margreiter Jr, indicates that Pvts Ferdinand PERRI and Alfonso PONCE were part of a group of replacements which were moved into position in the rear of "C" Company, 23 Armored Infantry Battalion, on the night of the 22 September 1944. The men were instructed to "dig in" along the edge of a road between BOUXIERE and LONGUEVILLE-LES-CHEMINOTS. This road had been "zeroed in" by the enemy, who were in possession of the town of LONGUEVILLE and a mortar shell landed in the foxhole which the two men were occupying, killing them instantly and almost completely covering the remains with earth. Due to the tactical situation, the remains were not evacuated and it is believed that the men were not reported missing until some time after their organization had left the area.

A previous investigation was made in this area in April 1950 with negative results. Area indicated in sketch furnished by Mr Margreiter was under cultivation and many of the foxholes had been filled in by the owners of the land.

III. FINDINGS:

As this case had been previously investigated with the assistance of Mr TOUVENOT, Commandant of the Brigade of Gendarmes for this region, located in the town of SOLGNE, he was visited in an attempt to find out if additional research carried out by the police had revealed any further information. Mr TOUVENOT stated that he had caused the story of the circumstances surrounding the death of the subject casualties to be circulated in the area concerned but that to date, no additional information had been received from land owners or local residents.

A visit was next made to the area concerned and a thorough search was made. Woods and fields were subjected to a foot by foot examination, the sides of the roads leading to BOUXIERE-SOUS-FROIDMONT and MARLY-AUX-BOIS were also checked as far as the outskirts of these two villages. All foxholes and shell craters were excavated to a depth sufficient to eliminate

Narrative of Investigation: (Cont'd)

4 May 1951

the presence of human remains. The area indicated in the sketch provided by Mr. Margreiter was also carefully checked and any depression resembling either a foxhole or a shell crater was excavated. The results of this search were completely negative.

Woodcutters at work cutting the trees along a portion of the road to BOUXIERE and local residents of LONGUEVILLE-LES-CHEMINOTS and CHEMINOTS at work in nearby fields were also questioned with negative results. All persons interrogated stated that they had never heard of any remains being discovered in this area.

Due to the fact that information furnished by Mr. Margreiter indicates the area where the subject casualties were killed as "½ mile South East of Longueville-les-Cheminots along the road to Bouxiere-sous-Froidmont", when this road actually runs South West of Longueville it had previously been supposed that this was a natural error on his part due to the lapse of time and circumstances involved. In order to verify this however, the region East and South East of Longueville was also investigated. The results of this further research were also negative. Nothing could be found in this direction which corresponds in any respect with the description of the area furnished by Mr. Margreiter.

IV. CONCLUSION:

The entire area between Longueville-les-Cheminots and Bouxiere-sous-Froidmont has been thoroughly investigated with negative results.

All foxholes and shell craters have been excavated and fields have been carefully inspected.

The condition of the area where the subject casualties occurred; ie: under cultivation or open fields which are used for grazing, would seem to preclude the possibility of any remains being undiscovered after normal operations were resumed by local farmers. Local residents and persons cultivating the land in the area in question have been interrogated by the French police with negative results since the previous investigation in April 1950.

It therefore seems logical to conclude that the remains of the subject casualties were discovered and removed by American units that occupied the area shortly after this incident occurred.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That a final attempt be made to associate the subject casualties with unknown deceased recovered from this area.

That if the results of this further research are negative, consideration be given for Non-Recoverable action in the case of the subject

Narrative of Investigation: (Cont'd)

4 May 1951

casualties, predicated upon the results of this investigation.

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

Refer to:
 QMGMS 293
 Perri, Ferdinand F.
 Ponce, Alfonso

712 West Pierce Street
 Kirksville, Mo.
 2 May, 1949

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Lt. Col. Metz, QMC Memorial Division
 Office of the Quartermaster General
 Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Colonel Metz:

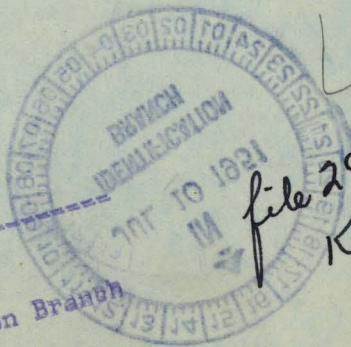
I received your letter of 26 April, 1949, concerning the remains of the late Pvts. Perri and Ponce and was very glad to learn that my story had been substantiated and that the search would be continued. I want to thank you personally for including the addresses of the next-of-kin, since I know that most relatives of men killed in action would like to know the details. I have written to both widows and explained that I was present and that death came instantaneously and painlessly. I also explained how I got their addresses and that I would give them all details if they so desired, at the same time making it clear that I was only hoping to ease their minds--too many war widows have been victimized by people who offered spurious information for a sum of money. I have been interested in this matter and its solution primarily through a sense of duty and also because of the fact that if the mortar round that killed these men had fallen 25 feet shorter it would be me buried by that road in France.

If I may be of any further assistance in this matter please let me know. And, if it is not too much trouble I would like to ask if you would notify me when and if the remains are found, since I would like to see the end of this matter. Thanking you for your co-operation, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

John L. Marguiter, Jr.

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 MAY 18 1949
 G. W. ROGERS
 Capt., QMC
 Identification Branch



*file 293 Perri, Ferdinand F.
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 6 May 49*

712 West Pierce Street
Kirkville, Mo.
2 May, 1949

Refer to:
OMM 202
Terry, William T.
Force, Airborne

Lt. Col. Metz, GNC Memorial Division
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Colonel Metz:

I received your letter of 22 April, 1949, concerning the remains of the late Pvt. Terry and Force and was very glad to learn that my story had been substantiated and that the search would be continued. I want to thank you personally for including the addresses of the next-of-kin, since I know that most relatives of men killed in action would like to know the details. I have written to both widows and explained that I was present and that death came instantaneously and painlessly. I also explained how I got their addresses and that I would give them all details if they so desired. The same time making it clear that I was only hoping to ease the pain of too many war widows have been victimized. I offered various information for a sum of money. I stated in this matter and its solution primarily because of duty and also because of the fact that it killed these men had fallen 22 feet shorter than they should have been.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter please let me know. I do not see how I would like to see it done. I would like to see the end of this matter. Thanking you for your co-operation.

Very sincerely yours,

John A. Metzger, Jr.



*John A. Metzger, Jr.
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Hospice
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W. W. Rogers
W. W. Rogers*



Wife
MAY 18 1949
G. W. ROGERS
Capt., GNC
Identification

QMGS 293

Perri, Ferdinand F. *en*
Ponce, Alfonso

26 April 1949

Mr. John L. Magreiter, Jr.
712 West Pierce Street
Kirksville, Missouri

Dear Mr. Magreiter:

Further reference is made to your letters to this Office concerning the two persons killed in a fox hole in the vicinity of Longville or Bouxieres, France.

The two individuals mentioned by you have been identified as Pvt. Ferdinand F. Perri, whose wife, Mrs. Anna Perri, resides at 7839 Nixon Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Pvt. Alfonso Ponce, whose wife, Mrs. Maria W. Ponce, resides at 810 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Both men were members of Company C, 3rd Armd Inf Bn, and were killed in action on 25 September 1944 near Bouxieres, France.

To date, no information has been received in this Office indicating that the remains of Pvts. Ponce and Perri have been recovered. However, copies of your letters have been submitted to the Graves Registration Command in Europe and it is hoped that the information contained therein will assist the Search Teams in the recovery of the bodies.

May we again thank you for your very commendable interest in this case and assure you that every effort will be made to recover the bodies of Pvts. Ponce and Perri.

Sincerely yours,

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



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293 Ponce, Alfonso

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Perri, Ferdinand F.
~~Perri, Ferdinand F.~~

26 April 1949

Mr. John L. Karpavich, Jr.
712 West Pine Street
Kirkaville, Missouri

Dear Mr. Karpavich:

Further reference is made to your letters to this Office concerning the two persons killed in a fox hole in the vicinity of Langvill or Langvies, France.

The two individuals mentioned by you have been identified as Pvt. Ferdinand F. Perri, whose wife, Mrs. Anna Perri, resides at 7839 Nixon Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Pvt. William Ponce, whose wife, Mrs. Maria M. Ponce, resides at 810 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Both men were members of Company D, 3rd and 1st Bn, and were killed in action on 25 September 1944 near Langvies, France.

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Sincerely yours,



T. H. WETZ
Lt. Colonel
General Division

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Ferdinand F. Perri

AIR MAIL

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QMG 293
Ponce, Alfonso, 39577559
Perri, Ferdinand F., 33774742

26 April 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

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

1. Attached, for your information, are photostatic copies of two letters received from Mr. John T. Margreiter, Jr., a former member of Company C, 23rd Armd Inf Bn, concerning his eye-witness account of the deaths of two soldiers killed near Bauderes, France on 25 September 1944.

2. The two individuals mentioned by Mr. Margreiter have been identified as Pvt. Alfonso Ponce, 39577559 and ²⁹³ Pvt. Ferdinand F. Perri, 33774742. OAGC Forms 371 for both men were forwarded your Headquarters on 25 May 1948.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls:
Incl 1 cy ltr dtd 21 May 48
Incl 2 cy ltr dtd 28 Sept 48

T. H. MERTZ
Lt. Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

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AIR MAIL

710 West Main Street
Flat River, Mo.
21 May, 1948

293 Perrin Ferdinand F.
The Quartermaster General
Memorial Division
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear sir:

A few weeks ago I read an article, "The Search for Soldier X", in Foreign Service, the V.F.W. monthly. The article was a report on the search for the bodies of those still missing and caused me to think of a matter which I had almost forgotten-- a matter pertaining to two men whom I believe to be buried in the foxhole in which they died.

I wrote to the editor of Foreign Service and asked which government agency I should contact, and they forwarded my letter to the American Graves Registration Division at the Kansas City Quartermaster Depot. This morning I received a letter from the latter telling me to send my information to you, hence this letter.

In September, 1944, the 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion of the 7th Armored Division was held up in its advance before the town of Longville, France, which is in the vicinity of Metz. I was in a large replacement package which joined that unit on 21 September, a large ^{group} of us going to "C" Company which lay in battalion support behind "B" and "A" Companies. Our group was taken up to the line on the night of 22 September and we were not assigned to any particular platoons, but instead were shown where to dig in as a separate group behind the company. I believe that the idea of this scheme was to give us some experience with artillery and mortar fire, but the noncom who placed us picked a very bad position, an area that was close to a road and hence "zeroed in" by the enemy.

On 24 September (I know these exact dates because I kept a small diary while overseas) a mortar round fell into a foxhole about 25 feet from mine and killed both occupants instantly. I crawled over to their hole and saw that one had been completely blown to bits and that the other was completely buried. Since it had been a direct hit I didn't bother to uncover the latter. Later that afternoon an aid man named Wright came by and looked at the remains, but we were the only men in the company who saw them. That night the 7th Armored pulled out to go to Holland, leaving the two dead men in the hole. I might mention that the weather and the terrain in the sector were very bad, so that the chances of the bodies being found even if the line had moved on were very slim. I happen to know that the town of Longville was not taken for at least five weeks, although the 5th and 95th Infantry Divisions both fought in this sector, and I feel that the mud and rain completely obliterated these bodies which were already almost totally covered. I don't believe that any of the men of the 5th and 95th used our holes because (as I said before) they were in a dangerous position and were of no tactical use whatsoever.

On 28 October, 1944, I was wounded and the other man who had seen the bodies was captured. In June, 1945, I returned to my company (after being evacuated a second time) and was called

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K. Hospel
Sd 13th
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the orderly room a few days later. There I was asked if I knew what had happened to the two men in question and I swore under oath that they were dead. The first sergeant told me that they had been carried as "missing in action" since September, so I believe that the bodies were never picked up.

I think that both men were from California; and I know that their names were Pancey (I'm not sure about the spelling of this but I do know that the man was of Mexican extraction) and Perry. The former had at least one child and the latter had three, one of which he had never seen. If their bodies have been picked up I would like to have the names and addresses of their next of kin (if this is permissible) in order to write and put their minds at ease. If they were not recovered by Graves Registration then they are still in that foxhole between Bucsières (I'm not sure about the spelling of that name) and Longville. I doubt that I could find the spot on a map now, since it has been three years and eight months since I saw the area, but I do feel that I could find the place if I were ^{there} and if the edge of the forest wasn't mangled too badly by the artillery fire. It might be of help to you to know that these two men were in the replacement package which I believe (I have no record of this however) was designated "X-82-F" and had a temporary APO of 15422.

I would like to hear from you in regard to this matter, as I have been wondering about it for a long time and probably should have written sooner. Hoping that I may be of some help, I remain,

Yours in comradeship,

095 John L. Margreiter, Jr.

P 11240



712 West Pierce Street
Kirksville, Mo.
28 September, 1948

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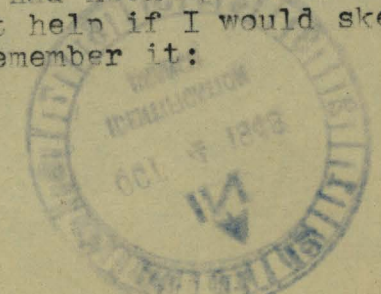
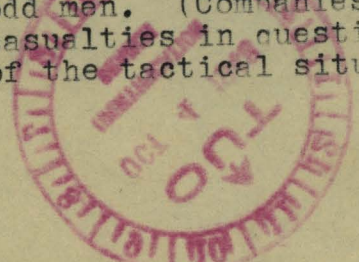
The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear sir:

I received your letter of 14 September a few days ago and would have answered sooner but for the fact that I am at college and needed some papers which were at my home. My first letter seems to have been somewhat confusing to you, but I'm sure that I can clear up some of the issues with this one.

In the first place, you stated that the historical records and Morning Reports of Company "C", 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, had been checked and no parallels for the two casualties could be found. This is easily understandable if the situation is considered, since only two of us saw the men in question after they had been killed and the C. P. half-track (where the Morning Reports were always made out) was six miles to the rear at the time. Also, let me explain the circumstances which preceded the arrival of our group of replacements: on about 10 September, 1944, elements of the 5th Infantry and 7th Armored Divisions crossed the Moselle River at a town called Dornot and were contained by the enemy within a very small bridge-head. After three days of heavy fighting a withdrawal was effected, but most of the remaining members of the 23rd Armored Inf. Bn. were forced to swim back. Casualties were excessive, and a large number of men were being carried on the records as M.I.A. on 21 September, 1944, when the replacement package to which the late Pvts. Pancev and Perry and myself belonged was assigned to Company "C". Hence, the company records were full of missing men, and evidently the absence of the two men in question wasn't noticed until much later. And, on 29 October the C.P. half-track was hit by a shell and burned. The two men were killed before they could be assigned to a squad: the first time we went "up" we went as a group of replacements and dug in behind Company "C", which at that time consisted of one officer (Lt.-later Captain-William D. Tomney) and forty some-odd men. (Companies "A" and "B" had nothing to do with the casualties in question) It might help if I would sketch a map of the tactical situation as I remember it:

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Margaret, John & Joe



710 East ...
Washington, D.C.
September 1948

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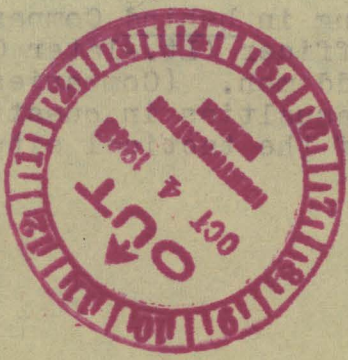
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Washington 25, D.C.

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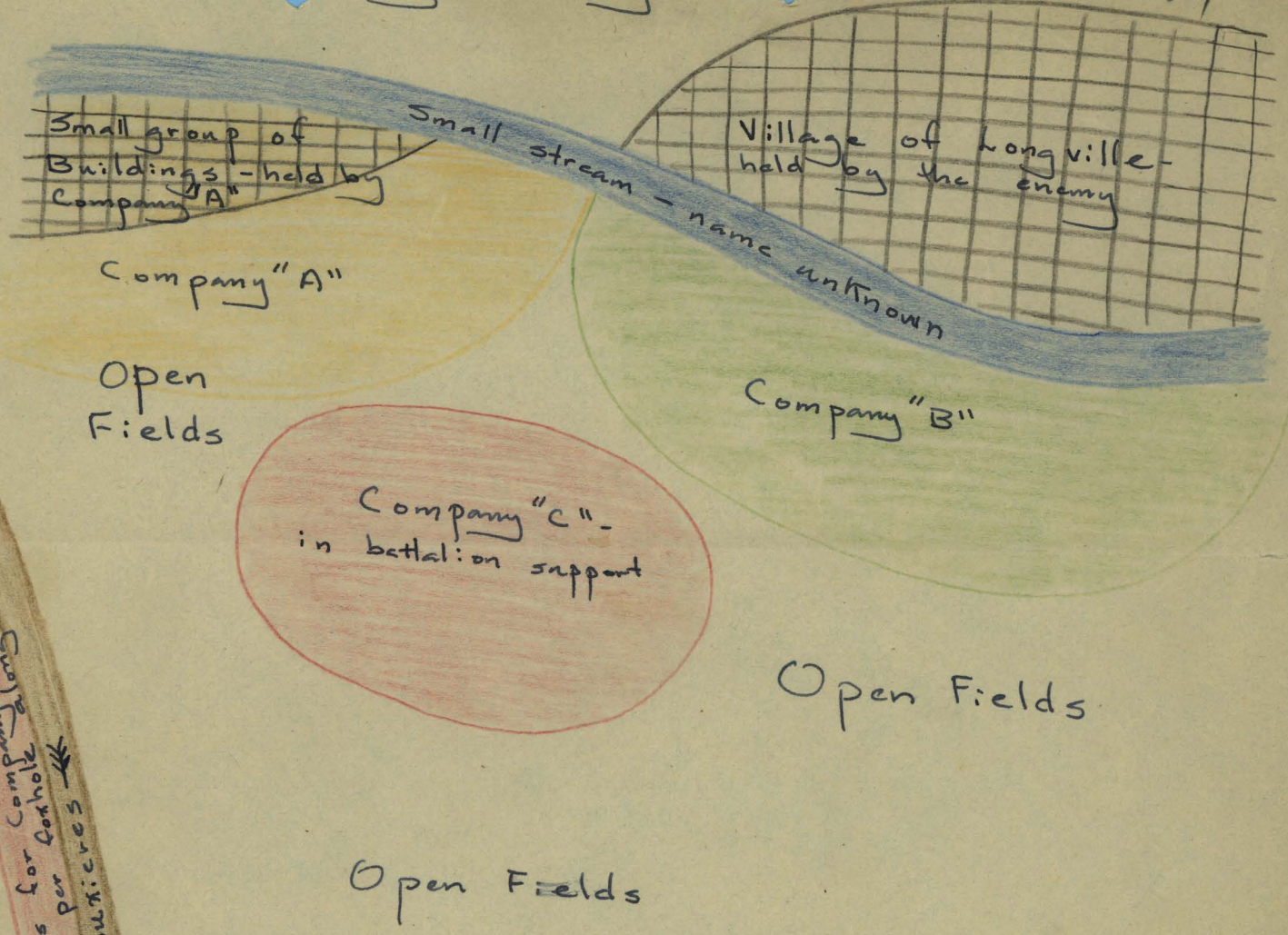
I received your letter of 11 September a few days ago and would have answered sooner but for the fact that I am at a distance and needed some papers which were at my home. My first letter seems to have been somewhat confusing to you, but I am sure I can clear up some of the issues with this one.

In the first place, you stated that the 1st Cavalry Division and 7th Armored Division, 23rd Armored Artillery Battalion, 7th Armored Division, had been located and no remains for the two casualties could be found. This is easily explained. The situation is complicated, since a number of us saw the remains after they had been killed and the D.C. file shows (where the 7th Armored Division were always seen) and the fact at the time. Also, let me explain the situation which preceded the arrival of our group of men, which preceded the arrival of the 7th Armored Division, 23rd Armored Artillery Battalion, 7th Armored Division, ordered the Moselle River in a town called Dornot and were contained by the enemy within a very small bridge-head. After three days of heavy fighting, the 7th Armored Division, 23rd Armored Artillery Battalion, 7th Armored Division, were forced to withdraw. Casualties were excessive, and a large number of men were killed. The records as M.I.A. on 21 September, 1948, when the 7th Armored Division was assigned to Company "D", 7th Armored Division, were full of missing men, and evidently the men in question were not listed as missing. On 21 October the G.I. half-track was hit by a shell and two men were killed before they could be rescued. The fact that the men were not listed as missing is a matter of record in the 7th Armored Division, 23rd Armored Artillery Battalion, 7th Armored Division, records.

REPATRIATION
RECORDS BRANCH
OCT 4 3 12 PM '48
MEMORIAL DIVISION



Nemy Territory



Small group of Buildings - held by Company "A"

Village of Longville - held by the enemy

Small stream - name unknown

Company "A"

Company "B"

Open Fields

Company "C" - in battalion support

Open Fields

Open Fields

Pvt. Pancy and Perry were killed somewhere in this area

Replacements for Company along "C" road

2 men per Co. hole

→ Road to Dornieres

Situation of 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, on 24 September, 1944. (In ~~XX~~ Corps Sector of the 3rd Army)

My guess would be that we replacements were not assigned to squads and platoons the first time "up" because of the expectation of a divisional move to another sector and also because of the very accurate mortar and artillery fire which made movement impossible during the hours of daylight.

After receiving your letter I sent home for a company roster I happened to have and received same yesterday. It did not include the ranks and only listed the men in the company in July of 1945, but I believe the name of the topkick was George Lande, and his address at the time was 1 Tennis Court, Brooklyn, N.Y. At the time of my sworn statement he was a staff sergeant acting as First Sergeant. As I said in my previous letter, I do not remember which officier witnessed my statement, but a list of names and addresses of the company's officers in July, 1945, (of course, some of the addresses may have been changed by now) follows:

Tomney, William D. (C.O.)

Murfreesboro, Ark.

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Amos, Charles L., Jr.	1034 Rockford Road,	High Point, N.C.
Bray, Jack J.	401 Forest St.	Marion, Ohio
Finnell, Ishmael E.	925 Idlewild Ct.	Lexington, Ky.
Harding, Richard D.	2402 Chase St.	Falls City, Nebr.
Payne, Gordon H.	2640 E. 5th Ave.	Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennent, Henry D.	513 Lawton St., S.W.	Atlanta, Ga.

The only other man besides myself who saw the two casualties after they were dead was a T/5 medic named Wright. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Dornot and was captured at Meijel, Holland, on 29 October, 1944, the day after I was evacuated the first time. Hence, by the time the company headquarters section got around to straightening out the roster we were both gone, and so Pvt. Pancev and Perry were listed as M.I.A. I don't know Wright's first name or his address, but I think that a buddy of mine may know his present whereabouts, and I will write and try to get this information. All the other men ~~present in~~ close to the men in question at the time of their deaths were subsequently killed or evacuated with wounds, and I can't remember their names.

I am wondering if you have substantiated the fact that these men are really dead, since there must be a record concerning them somewhere in Washington. They both had families (Perry told me the day before he was killed that he had one child which he had never seen) and I very much want to get in touch with their wives in order to set their minds at ease as to what happened to them.

You will note that I am writing this from my college address, and I would appreciate it if you would send any future communications to me here. I hope that you will be able to throw more light on this matter with the information enclosed herewith, and I shall be eagerly awaiting the outcome of this affair.

Very sincerely yours,

John L. Marguiter, Jr.

Tamm, William D. (D.O.)
 Tamm, Harry H.
 Payne, Gordon H.
 Harding, Richard D.
 Finnerell, James E.
 Fry, Jack J.
 Cross, Charles J., Jr.
 513 Larkin St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga.
 2640 E. 24th Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.
 2102 Chase St., Tulsa, Okla.
 905 16th St., Lexington, Ky.
 401 Forest St., West, Ohio
 107A Rockwood Road, High Point, N.C.

The only other war-related message... after they were dead was a... awarded the Silver Star for... was captured at Meifal, Holland, on 20 October, 1944... after I was evacuated the first time... company headquarters section... roster we were both gone... listed as M.I.A. I don't know... but I think that... and I will write and try to... and I was... deaths were subsequently killed... can't remember their names.



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Very sincerely yours,

John D. Thompson, Jr.

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>PERRI FERDINAND F</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>33774742</i>		GRADE <i>Priv.</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 4 3/4</i>	WEIGHT <i>150</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Black</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>10A</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>25 Sept 1944</i>

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

CO C 23RD ARMO. INF. BN.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Boupieres, France

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

STATION	DATES
<i>I.R.T.C. Co. Akuler, Ia.</i>	<i>March 1944</i>
<i>A.G.F.R.D. #1 Ft. Guadalupe, Md.</i>	<i>July 1944</i>

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>nose shown</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>nose shown</i>
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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Perri, Ferdinand F.		GRADE Pvt	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 33 774 742
ORGANIZATION 23 Armd Inf Bn 7 Armd Div		RACE White	CREED Catholic
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 25 Sep 44	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Bouxieres, France	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT 5' 4 3/4"	WEIGHT 150	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Black
			SHOE SIZE 10 A

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE
MAY 25 1948
E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMG
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

SPQYG 293
Perri, Ferdinand F.
A.S.N. 33 774 742

14
~~22~~ June 1946

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. Anna Perri
7839 Nixon Street
Philadelphia 28, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Perri:

Your letter concerning your husband, the late Private Ferdinand F. Perri, has been received in this office.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in searching operations in an endeavor to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that your husband's remains have been discovered.

Information being utilized by these searching units includes data gathered from captured enemy records, from reports submitted by various commanders as well as fellow soldiers, and from reports rendered after the interrogation of returned prisoners of war.

I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and identification of your husband's remains. Please be assured that when further information is received, you will be informed with a minimum of delay.

There are no provisions at the present time whereby the War Department may furnish photographs of individual graves located overseas. However, it is anticipated that, within the current calendar year, the War Department through the Headquarters, Army Air Forces, will be able to provide, upon request of the next of kin, a photograph of the military cemetery in which rest the remains of their loved one.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WM. B. CHRISTENSEN
1st Lieut., QMC
Assistant

MEMORIAL DIVISION
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& RECORDS BRANCH

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May 7, 1946.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in Reference
to my husband who was
killed in France on Sept
25, 1944. I would appreciate it
very much if you could tell
me just where he is buried
his name is

293 P^{te} Ferdinand Pemie

serial no. 3377 4742 he was
a catholic religion.

You see we do have 3 children
and we are interested in just
where he is buried & if it were
possible to know if you are
yet sending any pictures
of the graves.

I know where he was killed
in around a town of Nancy on the
out side of town called L'Ormeville
if that will help you any to
locate his cemetery.

I do thank you from all
your cooperation. I remain

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Yours truly
Mrs Anna Perri
7839 Myon St.
Rox
Philad (Pa)
Pa



RECORDS BRANCH
MAY 9 3 42 PM '46
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 20 December 1944
 ot/4632

FULL NAME Perri, Ferdinand F.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 33774742		GRADE PVT	
HOME ADDRESS Philadelphia, Pa.		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry		DATE OF BIRTH 31 Jul 09	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 25 Sep 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 16 Mar 44		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
				YEARS	MONTHS
				DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Anna Perri, wife, 7839 Nixon Street, Philadelphia Pa.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Anna Perri, wife, same as above Alfred Perri, Julia, Perri, & Robert, Perri, children, same as above					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
				WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	
				YES	NO
				AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
				YES	NO
				IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
				YES	NO
				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
				YES	NO

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 25 Sep 44, until such absence was terminated on 15 Dec 44, 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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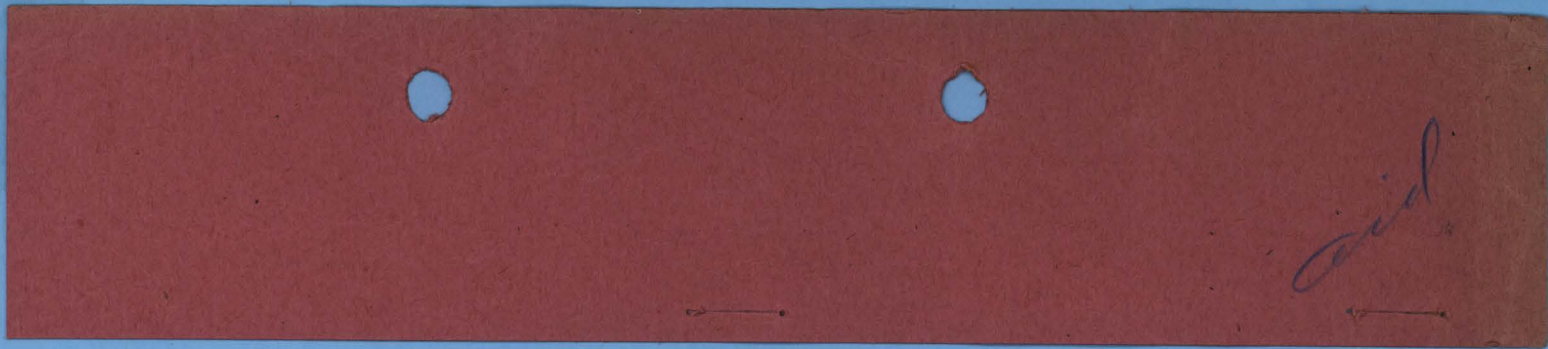
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

[Signature]

ADJUTANT GENERAL



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

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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)			
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[Signature]
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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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	
PERRI FERDINAND F			33774742			PVT	INF	ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY			DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
FRANCE 9			DAY	MONTH	YEAR		MIA	213	
			25	SEP	44				

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 PERRI			WIFE		14 OCT 44	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE						
7839 NIXON STREET			PHILADELPHIA		PENNSYLVANIA	

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY



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

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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

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

REPORT NOT VERIFIED NO FORM 43 NO CAS. BR. FILE CHECKED BY *[Signature]* REVIEWED BY _____

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

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CHE:LD:rfs
July 3, 1946

Mrs. Anna Perri ✓
7839 Nixon Street ✓
Philadelphia 28, Pennsylvania ✓

Dear Mrs. Perri: ✓

This refers to our previous correspondence concerning the personal effects of your husband, Private Ferdinand F. Perri. ✓

After checking the European Area records, which were recently forwarded to this Bureau, it was found that no effects of Private Perri were recovered. Further tracer action at this late date is deemed inadvisable, in view of the inactivation of overseas units. ✓

Anticipating the disappointment, I regret to convey this report. ✓

Yours very truly, ✓

C. H. ESSERT ✓
Administrative Assistant ✓
Army Effects Bureau ✓

RLS:dp
19 June 1946

REPLY

TO: Correspondence Branch - Army Effects Bureau

- No record of any effects.
- No record of missing items.
- (*) Inventory received from:

_____ (Dated)

_____ (Signed by)

Effects shipped to:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Parcel _____	Date _____	Baggage List _____	Sheet _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parcel _____	Date _____	Baggage List _____	Sheet _____

Funds: \$ _____ Transmitted on List F- _____ Date _____

Remarks:

1. ETA records do not reveal the existence of/or disposition of effects belonging to this soldier.

2. Inventory dated 4 November 1944, submitted by the 23rd Armd. Inf. Bn., and signed by 1st Lt. Stephen M. Kew, states no effects were recovered in the unit area.

3. It is recommended that burial records of the Memorial Division be checked to ascertain if any personal property was found with the remains.

4. Further tracer action in the European Theater is inadvisable at this late date.

Robert L. Smith

ROBERT L. SMITH
Chief Clerk

ETA Records Branch

(*) This information need not be given on inventories covering property already received at AEB.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Case No. 263985

NW:LD:mcB
12 June 1946

REQUEST

TO: European Theater Records Branch - Army Effects Bureau

Request examination of ETA records and report concerning missing, or allegedly missing, personal effects of:

Perri Ferdinand F. 33774742 Pvt.
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (ASN) (Rank)

Infantry Deceased 25 September 1944, European Area
(Organization) (Status)

Bureau records do not indicate that any property of subject has been received here.

Property received at AEB is listed on following overseas inventories:

Allegedly missing items, not received here, consist of:

Remarks:

N. WIPPLE
Chief Clerk
Correspondence Branch

263985

DSJ:LD:pw
May 22, 1946

jc

Mrs. Anna Perri ✓
7899 Nixon Street ✓
Philadelphia 28, Pennsylvania ✓

Dear Mrs. Perri: ✓

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date, concerning the personal effects of your husband, Private Ferdinand F. Perri. ✓

We have carefully checked our records and regret to state that we have not received any information regarding his belongings. ✓

Records pertaining to recovery of personal effects of men who served in the European Area have been forwarded to this Bureau. After a complete check of these records to ascertain whether any personal property belonging to Private Perri was recovered, you will be informed promptly. ✓

Yours very truly, ✓

D. S. JOHNSTON ✓
2nd Lt., QMG ✓
Chief, Adm. Division ✓

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INQUIRY CLERK

May 7, 1946

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a war widow of Ferdinand F. Perri who was killed in France on Sept 25 1944 who would like to have his personal belongings if there are any.

He was killed in France in a town of Nancy & was in Louville when he was killed his name was Pvt Ferdinand F. Perri - 33774742

Please advise me if there are anything of my husband as my children & I sure would like to have any little thing that belonged to him.

I thank you for your service.

I remain yours truly

Mrs Anna Perri

7839 Nixon St

Rd Phila Pa

Pa.

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