

# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

Ponsone, John, PFC 34192303 CILHI 2000-114 FRANCE HORSESHOE QMGMF 293 Ponsone, John SN 34 192 303

13 April 1951

Mr. Vince Ponsone c/o Mrs. Rena P. Lunati 1615 Alta Vista Road Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ponsone:

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Sincerely yours,

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JAMES B. CLEARWATER Colonel, QMC Chief, Memorial Division M

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### MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

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DATE OF DEATH

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QMGMF 293 Ponsone, John SN 34 192 303

15 March 1951

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Colonel, QMC

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REQUEST	FOR INFORMATION		
TO:		DATE	
PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEM	MORIAL DIVISION	29 March	1951 .
FROM (Branch and Section)	REQUESTED BY	TEL. EXT.	ROOM NO.
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NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUM	BER
Ponsone, John (WW II)	PFC	34 199	2 303

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Current address and marital status of widow Current address of father

INFORMATION FURNISHED

On Ponsone, John 34192303 XC - 4100340

Mrs. Margie K. Ponsone, widow 526 Physician & Surgeon Bldg. Memphis, Tenn. 31 Aug. 49

Mrs. Rena P. Lunati, Sister 1615 Alta Vista Rd. Memphis, Tenn. 13 Dec 1950

DO#-3 No other info in folder.



PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

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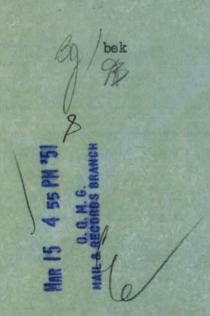
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THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

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THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

KIA 10 September 1944 in the vicinity of Author, France MAR 9 IDENTIFICATION BRANCE

NAME OF CASE ANALYST A. Kennedy/cwt 9 CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES. APPROVED RECOMMEND APPROVAL

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINA-TION SECTION

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# HEADQUARTERS 1887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETAC OPERATIONS DIVISION APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

15167 :

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 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves
Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium
on
. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE #

NAME

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#### SEE ATTACHED ROSTER.

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.

	s/ James C. MacFarland
EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt.Col. 0-359598, QMC	JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, 0-1576321 QMC
s/ George Gunderman, Jr.	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, 0-1289071	CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt, 0-1040311, QMC
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s/ Allan L. Lawson,	
ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, 0-1288075, QMC	ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, 0-1599085, QMC
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JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt 0-947298, QMC	ROBERT G. TAY
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Mariai Tonis A	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
Morici, Louis A.	Pvt -	34 899 335	8 Sep 44
Nash, Willie G. Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI)	Pvt	32 637 746	10 Oct 44
	Pvt	32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paletta, Joseph F.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	32 750 453	8 Nov 44
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	35 681 500	10 Oct 44
Pollard, Oscar Ponsone, John (NMI)	Pfc	34 192 303	10 Sep 44
	Pvt	38 440 765	24 Nov 44
Pruitt, Orval B. Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	36 456 254	1 Jan 45
	Pvt	20 229 636	13 Dec 44
Richter, Herbert R.	S/Sgt	32 112 032	10 Sep 44
Risoli, Samuel G.	Pvt	36 058 741	25 Sep 44
Roelfs, Harm A.	Pvt	31 440 318	26 Sep 44
Rosa, Dominio T.	Pvt	36 214 242	10 Sep 44
Ruffolo, Tennie (NMI)	Cpl	19 133 953	21 Dec 44
Santos, John C.	Pfc	36 227 835	11 Sep 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.	Pfc	33 843 335	17 Nov 44
Schue, George E.	S/Sgt	33 154-539	20 Sep 44
Shenk, Charles W.	Pfc	36 168 398	3 Jan 45
Siple, Clayton L.	Pvt	36 845 252	10 Mar 45
Skaar, Robert L.	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
Slankard, Evan (NMI)	Pfc	37 607 293	28 Dec 44
Slinkard, Von O.	Pvt	6 277 121	16 Oct 44
Smith, Albert A.	Sgt	37 213 150	18 Nov 44
Smith, Ira L.	T/Sgt	6 985 951	11 Sep 44
Smith, James S.	Pvt	34 827 976	10 Oct 44
Smith, Paul A.	Pfc	32 796 578	10 Oct 44
Smolinski, Lec E.	T/Sgt	36 103 576	10 Sep 44
Spear, Harold H.	Pyt	35 927 044	10 Sep 44
Standridge, wendell F.	Pfc	32 847 571	5 Sep 44
Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	34 573 608	21 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.	Pvt	34 912 164	12 Nov 44
Tew, Charles R.	S/Sgt	34 573 833	1 Jan 45
Thornton, Robert L.	Pfc	36 643 937	8 Sep 44
Tommassone, Edward E.	Pfc	34 269 379	10 Sep 44
Underwood, Wilburn T.	T/5	18 119 800	16 Sep 44
Valdez, Joe M.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
Wells, Thomas H.		32 747 445	10 Oct 44
Wenzel, Peter H.	T/5		10 0 11
West, Robert D.	S/Sgt	6 345 808	18 Sep 44
Wilkins, Joe J.	Pvt	19 018 654	12 Nov 44
Williams, Evan (NMI)	S/Sgt	6 393 665	19 Sep 44
Williams, Gomer (NMI)	Pvt	33 113 760	10 Sep 44 10 Sep 44
Williams, James L.	Pfc Pfc	36 568 028	19 Dec 44
Willis, Robert W.	1/Lt	37 357 968	10 Sep 44
Wirtz Matthew (NMI)	1/Lt	01 287 638 0 402 766	10 bep 44
Wright, James E.	Pfc	37 516 472	10 idar 45
Young, John F.	Pfc	32 605 630	10 Oct 44
Zahradnik, menry E.		36 813 035	10 Sep 44
Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	Sgt	رون وين مي	10 -05 44

The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

# OSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECI. CARD FINDINGS OF NONRECOVERABILITY TO ACCOMPANY PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO.	DATE KIA OR MIA
Addabro, Joseph J.	Pvt	32 847 803	5 Sep 44
Bates, Charlie (NMI)	T/5	38 286 573	1 Jan 45
Battin, Harold A.	Pfc	37 364 691	15 Mar 45
Binder, Howard A.	Pvt	39 305 680	10 Oct 44
Black, James W.	Pfc	33 837 051	1 Jan 45
Bonds, Alfred B.	Pfc	42 012 457	8 Nov 44
Brazowski, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc	31 255 517	15 Mar 45
Bulin, Edward J.	Pvt	32 796 939	10 Oct 44
Bundrock, William J., Jr.	Pvt	39 622 035	10 Oct 44
Busby, Woodrow W.	Pvt	34 392 872	14 Nov 44
Castilone, Stephen J.	Pvt Pfc	42 091 109	22 Nov 44
Cerny, Jaro J.	Pvt	35 921 362 32 783 174	14 Oct 44 10 Oct 44
Clark, Charles E.	Pfc	36 227 750	8 Sep 44
Clement, Alfred J.	Sgt	37 542 237	12 Jan 45
Clement, Laurent H. Collino, Dominic P.	Pfc	35 835 516	2 Jan 45
Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34 254 893	8 Sep 44
Crews, Robert A.	Pfc	34 771 711	15 Oct 44
Cullison, Thomas J.	1/Lt	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	Pfc	36 227 925	8 Sep 44
Eaton, James A.	S/Sgt	32 855 293	12 Nov 44
Erardi, Joseph, Jr.	Pvt	32 254 567	15 Sep 44
Finlay, Robin L.	S/Sgt	37 071 020	17 Dec 44
Fisher, Syphes B.	Cpl	20 817 194	2 Jan 45
Fisher, Willard C.	Sgt	39 339 014	16 Sep 44
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pfc	33 843 709	8 Feb 45
Foy, Lloyd (MfI)	Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45 17 Feb 45
Garvey, Thomas F., II	Pfc	33 888 119 32 <b>7</b> 96 280	10 Oct 44
Gaulton, John H.	Cpl Pfc	36 052 118	8 Sep 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc	14 140 023	14 Nov 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Gopfert, Arthur C.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
Halloran, William F.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Hamilton, Woodrow W.	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Harris, Ralph (JMI) Hatch, Stewar H.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Chaton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Holl, Ri 'ard L.	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Hunt, Orvilla (NMI)	Pfc	16 006 889 35 896 040	9 Sep 44 10 Nov 44
Johnson, Ervan N	Pfc	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Johnson, Redger A.	Pvt		
Keeley, Thomas F.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Kigor, Earl W.	Pfc	36 228 224	10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
Krepfia, Jerry J.	Cpl	32 796 241	10 Oct 44
Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pfc Pvt	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pfc	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.		36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Maguire, John O.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	. Sgt Pvt	36 214 574	11 Sep 44
Mizutowicz, Walter M.	- 70	36 950 283	19 Sep 44

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

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Regoverable Board; AGRC

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

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

The casualties listed on attached roster are re-SYNOPSIS: ported by official records as Missing in action or Killed in Action during ground or air operations in the department of Moselle, France, from the period 5 September 1944 to 16 March 1945. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigation have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of Moselle have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. terrain of the Moselle department, for the most part, consists of farm, pasture and forested areas which has been under constant cultivation and supervision by farmers and forest guards, since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide

GROP 293.9 SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

evidence and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of world War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan; concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to The Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the Department of Moselle, France; on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C:

Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

- 2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.
- 3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

s/C. W. Steinsiek t/C. W. STEINSIEK Captain QMC

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT C. LAY

NOTE: The Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 50 referred to above, "Narrative of Investigation" is filed with 293 file of Addabbo, Joseph J., Pvt., 32 847 803. It substantiates general area search in the locality where the decedents are believed to have been lost.

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

15 November 1950

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

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, O 359 598, QMC., President MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC., MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC., CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC., CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC., CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, 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.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT S. LAY

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DATA ON REMAIN	S NOT YE	T RECOVEED OR IDE	NTIFIED
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
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TONSONE, SOM			34192303
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
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AGRS-DC Ponsone, John
(15 Jul 47) 34-192-303

Mrs. Frank Lunoti

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Mrs. Frank Lunoti Route 2, Box 56 Memphis 10, Tennessee

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COPY FOR: The Quartermaster General Washington 25, D. C.

Copy 1tr 15 Jul 47

Sincerely yours,

E. C. GAULT Colonel, AGD -Commanding

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Memphis, Tenn. July 15, 1947

RE: Ponsone, John 34 192 303

Dear Sir Major General

#### EXTRACT

We want to know, how he met his death and just where he was buried. We believe this would help us out a lot just having the satisfaction in our hearts knowing that he was buried there in France somewhere.

#### EXTRACT

Yours truly,

Mrs. Frank Lunoti R #2, Box 56 — Memphis 10, Tenn.

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(Besic Ltr, WD OQMG QMGMM 293 Underwood, Wilburn T SN 34 269 379 dtd 27 Jun 47).

RRE 293.9 (IB)

1st Ind

Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58, U S Army, 24 September 1947.

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

- 1. Attention is invited to first indorsement, this headquarters, dated 24 September 1947, on Pfc John Ponsone, 34 192 303.
- 2. Negative report received on the above covers also investigation conducted for the remains of Pfc Wilburn T. Underwood, 34 269 379.
  - 3. Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl w/d WALTER B. MORROW Major, Infantry Actg Asst Adj Gen



1st Ind 12 Sept 49

QMGMS 295 GRS European SUBJECT: Request for Information

7. For dental information on Sgt Paul Stull, 16040702 see letter this Office dated 2 August 1949, file QMMMS 293, Stull, Paul, 16040702, subject: Additional Information.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERWASTER GENERAL:

10 Incls:

1. Form 79 (Bil) 2. Forms 79 (Bargood) 3. Form 79 (Hartson)

4. Forms 79 (Kroulik)

5. Form 79 (Menestrina)

6. Forms 79 (Millaney)

7. Form 79 (Pennetta) 8. Form 79 (Bonsone)

9. Forms 79 (Strays) 10. Forms 79 (Underwood)

T. H. METZ Lt Colonel, QMC Memorial Division



QMCMS 293 GRS European

1st Ind

Subject: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, 00MG, Washington 25, D. C., 17 July 1950

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

Attached herewith are photo copies of After Action Report of the 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, Missing Report for Pfc. Wilburn T. Underwood, 34269379, Letter to next-of-kin of Pvt. Lloyd Foy, 34253686 dated 6 July 1945 and Letter to next-of-kin of Pfc. John Ponsone, 34192303 dated 29 September 1947 which includes all available information on above decedents.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

4 Incls

1. After Action Rpt

2. Missing Rpt

3. Itr to NOK (Foy)

4. Ltr to NOK (Ponsone)

THOMAS E. COX Capt QMC

Memorial Division

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16 June 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO:

Commanding Officef 7887 Graves Registration Detachment APO 757, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

- 1. Reference is made to your letter dated 26 April 1950, file GRRE 293.9 (IB), subject as above.
- 2. Requested information will be forwarded your headquarters for the following individuals approximately 16 August 1950:

Poy, Lloyd Pvt 34283686
Ponsone, John Pfc 34192503
Underwood, Wilburn T. Pfc 34269379

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS B. COX Capt., SIC Memorial Division

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AG 201 Ponsons, John PC-0 ETO 198

21 July 1945

Mrs. Margie L. Ponsons Frazier Station Memphis, Tennesses

Dear Mrs. Ponsone:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your husband, Private First Glass John Ponsone, 34,192,303, Infantry, who was previously reported missing in action in France since 10 September 1944.

An official message has now been received which states that he was killed in action on the date he was previously reported missing in action. Provisions have been made for the unit commander or chaplain to send a letter containing further information to the emergency addresses or next of kin of each person who dies overseas in the service of our country. If this letter has not already been received it is hoped that it will not be long delayed.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

St. Lt., AGL

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EDWARD F. WITSELL Major General

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29 September 1947 AGRS-DC 201 Ponsone, John (15 Jul 47 Mrs. Frank Lunoti Route 2, Box 56 Memphis 10, Tennessee Dear Mrs. Lunoti: Reference is again made to your letter addressed to The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., requesting additional information concerning the death of your brother. Your desire to be fully informed regarding the death of your brother, Private First Class John Ponsone, Army serial number 34 192 303, Infantry, is most understandable. The casualty message received from the Commanding General of the European Theater of Operations stated only that he was killed in action 10 September 1944 in France, the same day he was previously reported missing. Additional information has now been received which shows that at the time he became missing he was in the vicinity of Dornot, France, but unfortunately no further details regarding his death, or the specific cause, were given. I am sure you will appreciate how the conditions under which our military forces operated made it extremely difficult to record all details concerning casualties. With reference to your statement, a report from your brother's organization shows that on 10 September 1944 his company engaged the enemy in the vicinity of Dornot, France and fought all day on the same ground until 9:00 p.m., when they were ordered to withdraw from their position. Casualties were high and loss of equipment heavy when our men were forced to swim the river under fire. The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas. A copy of your letter has accordingly been forwarded to that officer for necessary action. Permit me to extend my sympathy to you and your father in the great loss you have sustained. PENTAGE. V LIAISON Sincerely yours, JUL 7 1950 Bet. /t/ E. C. GAULT MEM. DIV. COMG DIV. COMG Colonel, AGD Commanding.

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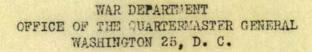
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#### AIR MAIL





In Reply Refer To OMCAIM 293 Ponsone, John 34 192 303

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery

and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO:

Commanding Goneral

American Graves Registration Command

European Area

APO 58, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

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SERIAL NO.

Ponsone, John

Pfc.

34 192 303

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Form 371 (5 cys)

POOLE ROGERS

Captain, QMC

Memorial Division

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE 531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN AREA APO 58 (NANCY) US ARMY GRW 11 September 1947 SUBJECT: Investigation on Isolated Burial Case (Moselle) 10039. TO : Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, EA, APO 58, US Army. 1. Attention is invited to attached form from the 539 QM Sv Co, dtd 8 Sept 47, five (5) statements and diary relative to investigation conducted on subject case. 2. Investigation resulted in negative findings and a check of records in this Headquarters fails to reveal any Unknowns which might be associated with subject deceased. FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER: LAWRENCE A. HAYES Capt AGD Incl: a/s Adjutant Tel: Nancy 8415 Ext 49

#### DIARY

26 August 1947

Left Nancy 0930 . Arrived Dornot 1030 hours.

Contacted Mr. BODA, Henri, Mayor of Dornot. Received a negative statement concerning UNDERWOOD, Wilburn.

Contacted in turns

Mr. Chosseler, Victor, Clerk at French National Railways - negative statement on Underwood.

Mme Manginot - Grover- Negative statement on Underwood.

Mme Louis Marguerite - Negative statement on Underwood. Mme Leiritz Marguerite - Negative statement on Underwood.

The Mayor stated that the area had never been mined and that this investigation was the fifth or sixth that had passed through DORNOT.

Left Dornot 1145 hours.

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LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER 1st Lt, Inf. jud

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

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In Reply Refer To

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 18 September 1949

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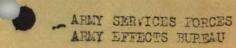
1. Inclosed hasswith are photostats of all available dental charts for the following:

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	Kroulik, Harry	Pfc T/4	37328386
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- 2. Dental chart at induction for Pvt Carl J. mil, 36868601 indicates the following extractions: R-S, 14, 15, L-5, 8, 14, 16.
- 3. Records on file for Cpl Harry L. Mullaney, 21138125 indicates compound fracture right cheek CSW 16 August 1943.
- 4. Dental information for the following was submitted your headquarters by letter this Office dated 24 August 1949, file QMGHS 293 GRS (European) subject: Additional Information in reply to your radio AGRC 5108:

Pulkas, Walter W. Pvt 36'.56254
Thronton, Robert L. S/Sgt 78833
Norell, Gustave A., Jr. Opl 4748

- 5. There are no Forms 79 available fo William V. Lawson, 20453694. Dental information for subject decedent was arwarded your headquarters by radio this Office WCL 42663 dated 8 February 1949.
- 6. There are no Forms 79 available for Pvt Lester F. Rue, 35872163. Dental chart at induction dated 17 July 1943 shows teeth missing R-8, 16, L-8, 16.



#### ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

	SHIP TO:	Mrs. Margie L. Fonsone
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WD AGO FORM 52-1 1 FEBRUARY 1945

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THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 1 DECEMBER 1944, WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL EXISTING STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

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

3 August 1945 MLD REPORT OF DEATH DATE FULL NAME ARMY SERIAL NUMBER GRADE Ponsone, John 34 192 303 Pfc. HOME ADDRESS ARM OR SERVICE DATE OF BIRTH Frayser, Tenn. Inf. 17 Sept 08 PLACE OF DEATH CAUSE OF DEATH DATE OF DEATH European Area Killed in action 10 Sept 44 STATION OF DECEASED DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE LENGTH OF SERVICE European Area 11 March 42 YEARS MONTHS EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Margie L. Ponsone, wife, Frazier Station, Memphis, Tenn. BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Margie L. Ponsone, wife, Frazier Station, Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Vince Ponsone, father, Gen. Del., Frayser, Tenn. Mrs. Rena C. Launa, sister, same as father's INVESTIGATION IN LINE OF DUTY OWN MISCONDUCT WAS DECEASED MADE? AUTHORIZED IN FLYING PAY OTHER PAY STATUS ON DUTY STATUS ABSENCE (SPECIFY BELOW) NO NO X ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT BATTLE The individual named in this report of death ism held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 10 Sept 44 until such absence was terminated on 20 July 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the KNEAR European Area.

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In Reply Refer To: 243259

Mrs. Margie L. Ponsone Frazier Station Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ponsone:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal effects belonging to your husband, Private First Class John Ponsone.

This property is being forwarded to you in one package and should reach you in the near future.

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 husband.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB 2nd Lt. Q.M.C.

Officer-in-Charge

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