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SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

On 10 September 1944, Private First Class Wilburn T. Underwood, SN 34269379, assigned to B Company, 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion was Killed in Action while holding a bridgehead on the East bank of the Moselle River, approximately one-half mile from Dornot, France.

The 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, advancing through Dornot, France was engaged in heavy fighting on 10 September 1944. Some elements of the Battalion had crossed the Moselle River, but determined enemy forces counterattacked in such large numbers, with artillery, mortar and tank fire that a withdrawal of all US troops from the bridgehead was ordered.

Private Underwood was considered to have been in a missing in action status from 10 September 1944 until such absence was terminated on 20 July 1945, when sufficient evidence established the date of death as 10 September 1944.

INVENTORY OF ARTIFACTS

CILHI NUMBER
CILHI 0177-88

DATE OF RECOVERY
8 July 1988

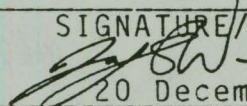
S&R NUMBER
S&R #5159-A

PLACE OF RECOVERY
Dornot
France

INVENTORY OF ARTIFACTS

QUANTITY	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1	ID tag, and chain, corroded W URN T UNDER 342 9379 T42 43
1	Metal ring with heart shape on top, corroded
1	Picture, in plastic cover, stapled closed
1	Pair combat boots, brown, Weathered
1	Pocket knife, rusted
1	Leaf in plastic cover
1	Bowling pin shaped ornament, on bottom, Pat Pending, KEM INC DETROIT MICH
1	Button, brown
1	Metal buckle with material attached
1	Piece of metal, rusted
5	Misc. pieces of cloth fragments
3	Pieces of plastic
1	Piece of leather
1	Metal buckle, rusted

RECOVERED BY (NAME GRADE UNIT) DD 567 ATTACHED YES NO
United States Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe (USAMAAE)

INVENTORIED AT CILHI BY (NAME GRADE) SIGNATURE/DATE
Jay S. Warner, SFC

20 December 1988

ANTHROPOLOGIST ASSIGNED (NAME GRADE DATE)
Ms. M. Hinkes, GS-12
Dr.
Madeleine J. Hinkes, Ph.D.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY.

ANTHROPOLOGY SUMMARY

CILHI 0177-88

14 November 1989

BIOLOGICAL DETERMINATIONS

These fairly complete skeletal remains are one of two sets received at CILHI from the U.S. Army Mortuary, Frankfurt, FRG, on 12 September 1988 (the second set has been designated CILHI 0178-88). The bone is in good condition, with some deterioration of cancellous bone, notably in the vertebral column. The face is missing, except for the mandible and malars. Except for four duplicated left tarsal bones, all bones can be attributed to a single individual. The four commingled bones have been matched with the CILHI 0178-88 remains.

SEX

Cranial and pelvic indicators are all masculine.

AGE

The most commonly used age indicators are not present. Although most cranial sutures are obliterated, the sacral lines are not. Vertebral and joint surfaces cannot be evaluated. An age estimate of 25-35 years seems appropriate, and this individual appears older than the CILHI 0178-88 remains.

RACE

Cranial and postcranial conformation indicate Caucasoid ancestry.

STATURE & PHYSIQUE

Using the measured lengths of the left femur and tibia (47.4 cm, 39.4 cm) in Trotter's formula for White males yields a stature estimate of 69.3" S.E. 1.2". Muscle markings are average except for a pronounced supinator ridge on the right ulna.

TRAUMA

There is a projectile wound to the right rear frontal, with an asymmetrical defect measuring 1.75 x 1.5 cm. The defect is beveled inwards; no exit wound is apparent (but as noted above, the face is absent). Radiographs showed no metallic residue.

PATHOLOGIES & ANOMALIES

None are noted.

CILHI 0177-88, ANTHROPOLOGY SUMMARY, Cont.

COMPARISON WITH ANTEMORTEM RECORDS OF WILBURN T. UNDERWOOD

Received with the remains was a dog tag for Pfc Wilburn T. Underwood. Casualty records were searched for those individuals lost around the time and place of Pfc Underwood, and 33 associated cases were compiled. Dental evaluation excluded all but eight (two for whom no records were available). The other six include:

NAME	UNIT	DATE OF LOSS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	AGE
Pvt Foy	23rd Armd	Sept 10, 1944	63.5"	145 lb	24 yr
Pfc Gebhards	11th Inf	Sept 8, 1944	68"	133 lb	26 yr
Sgt Matuszak	11th Inf	Sept 11, 1944	68"	170 lb	31 yr
Pfc Underwood	23rd Armd	Sept 10, 1944	70.25"	151 lb	26 yr
Pvt Williams	11th Inf	Sept 11, 1944	67"	135 lb	20 yr
Sgt Zalac	204th Engr	Sept 10, 1944	68"	175 lb	23 yr
CILHI 0177-88			ca 69"		25-35 yr
CILHI 0178-88			ca 64"		22-28 yr

The best fit with CILHI 0178-88 is Pvt Foy (refer to case file for CILHI 0178-88). Since both remains were found together, it is reasonable to assume that the two men were lost from the same unit and the same time. Given that assumption, the best match for CILHI 0177-88 would be Pfc Underwood. Age and height estimates, along with the recovered dog tag, are supportive of this identification.

Madeleine J. Hinkes
 Madeleine J. Hinkes, Ph.D.
 Diplomate, A.B.F.A.

14 November 1989

DENTAL SUMMARY: CILHI 0177-88

FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY SECTION
U.S. ARMY CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY, HAWAII

RECOVERY OF REMAINS: The remains of CILHI 0177-88 were received from the United States Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe on 12 September 1988.

POSTMORTEM EVIDENCE: The dental remains of CILHI 0177-88 consist of a warped and fractured mandible with three right molars (#30, #31, and #32) that match their appropriate alveolar sockets. Teeth #17 through #29 appear to have been lost postmortem. No portions of the maxillae or maxillary teeth were recovered. Refer to DD Form 891 dated 8 November 1989 and Dental Photograph 1 for a graphic representation of the dental evidence. All teeth were radiographed in duplicate with Size 2 film at 10 MA, 80 KVP, and 18/60 seconds. The results are the 7 periapical films dated 8 November 1989.

NAME ASSOCIATIONS: Historical research, as described in the Memorandum dated 28 November 1988, resulted in a list of service members whose remains may have been represented by CILHI 0177-88. The dental records of 33 of these individuals were reviewed and 27 were excluded on the basis of incompatibility with the observed dental features of CILHI 0177-88.

ANTEMORTEM EVIDENCE: **Dental records:** All available written records for personnel listed on page 3 of the memorandum by the Senior Casualty Data Analyst. **Dental radiographs:** None available

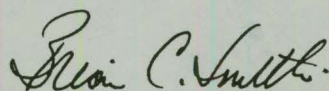
OPINION: I have compared the dental remains of CILHI 0177-88 with the records referenced above and found six individuals whose antemortem dental condition is consistent with the postmortem evidence. Each service member had no missing teeth in the mandibular arch or had clinically "missing" third molars that, considering their age, may have been incompletely erupted at the time of the examination.

FOY, Lloyd/PVT/34253686
GEBHARDS, Harry A./PFC/36052118
MATUSZAK, Thaddeus S./SGT/36214574
UNDERWOOD, Wilburn T./PFC/34269379
WILLIAMS, James L./PFC/36568028
ZALAC, Michael J., Jr./SGT/36813035

Two of the records requested were not received, and therefore unavailable for review. Those individuals are listed below:

BURTON, William R./PFC/1515898
HILLYARD, Johnny R./1LT/O-450246

Based on the circumstantial evidence and examination of the 33 records isolated by the Casualty Data Analyst, it is my opinion that the dental remains of CILHI 0177-88 represent one of the individuals cited above. No further conclusions are possible due to the limited antemortem evidence.



BRION C. SMITH
MAJ, DE, USA

RECOMMENDATION

CILHI 0177-88

PROPOSED IDENTIFICATION: Pfc Wilburn T. Underwood, USA

ACQUISITION

These remains were received from the United States Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, on 12 September 1988.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

These are the remains of an adult male Caucasoid approximately 70 inches tall and 25-35 years of age. There is a projectile entrance wound on top of the skull toward the rear of the frontal bone.

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

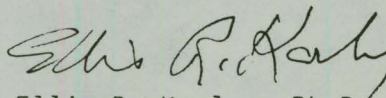
An identification tag for W _____ URN T UNDER _____ bearing the Army serial number 342_9379 was exhumed with the remains by the European Search & Recovery team. Comparison of the dentition with dental records of 33 American soldiers missing in the area of recovery in WWII narrowed the possibility down to six individuals. The stature of the remains most closely matched that of Pfc Underwood, the name represented by the identification tag. All military equipment recovered with the remains was consistent with that issued to Infantrymen in WWII.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of the anthropologist and odontologist, circumstance of recovery and the identification tag exhumed with the remains, it is recommended that these remains be identified as those of

UNDERWOOD, WILBURN T.
34269379
Pfc USA

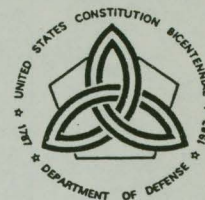
12 January 1990



Ellis R. Kerley, Ph.D., D.A.B.F.A.
Scientific Director



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY, HAWAII
FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5480



25 January 1990

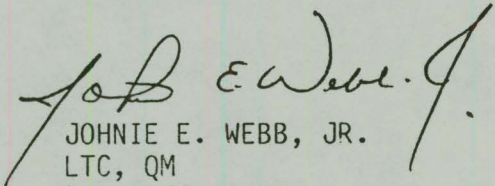
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND, ATTN: TAPC-PED-F,
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22331-0482

SUBJECT: Remains CILHI 0177-88

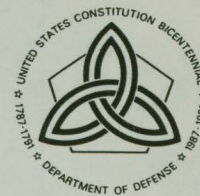
1. Forwarded for your review and evaluation are the processing charts, photographs, and associated documentation (Encl 1) to support the proposed identification of CILHI 0177-88 as the remains of Pfc Wilburn T. UNDERWOOD, SN 34269379, USA.
2. Upon completion of the board action on this recommendation, it is requested that this office be advised of the identification decision and disposition instructions.
3. Also enclosed are all original medical and dental records (Encl 2) of Pfc UNDERWOOD for appropriate disposition by the parent service.

Encls


JOHNIE E. WEBB, JR.
LTC, QM
Commanding

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND
ALEXANDRIA, VA
22331-0482



TAPC-PED-F

A Board of Officers appointed by Commander, PERSCOM (MEMO, TAPC-PED-F, 24 Jan 90, subject: Announcement of HQ Department of the Army Casualty and Memorial Affairs Board of Officers) (Enclosure 1), convened for the purpose of reviewing all relevant data (Enclosure 2) pertaining to the cases cited below and to consider the recommended identification of these remains made by the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii. The Board, after considering all data presented, and the absence of any contradictory evidence, duly approved the identification of these remains as:

<u>PROC NO.</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>SN</u>
CILHI 0177-88	UNDERWOOD, Wilburn T.	PFC	USA	34 269 379

Robert M. Long
ROBERT M. LONG
DAC, GS-12

Lawrence J. Gomez
LAWRENCE J. GOMEZ
LTC, GS

James G. Cole
JAMES G. COLE
LTC, GS

APPROVED:

M. T. Spinello
M. T. SPINELLO
Colonel, GS
Director, Casualty and
Memorial Affairs

Date: 4 JUN 1990

2 Encls

1. Memo, TAPC-PED-F, 24 Jan 90
2. Memo, TAPC-PED-H, 25 Jan 90 w/encl

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

HINDERWOOD, MILBURN T.

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

PFC

34269379

ARMY OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

10 SEPT 144

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

NAPLES

2 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

W. J. BLATCHLEY

MAY 3 1951

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

X NAME UNDERWOOD, Wilburn T.	GRADE Pfc	SERIAL NO. 34 269 379
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:		
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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 15195	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY 333 CARD FLAGGED BY

IMPORTANT

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 293 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION.
ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vicinity of Dornot, France		CASE NUMBER 15195
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Underwood, Wilburn T.	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 34 269 379
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:		
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		INITIALS OF ANALYST E.M.
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		E.M.
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		
REMARKS		
<p>NAN FILE</p> <p>MAR 15 1951</p> <p>Wolk</p> <p>IDENTIFICATION BRANCH</p>		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
NAME OF CASE ANALYST E. Miller	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt., QMC
		DATE MAR 15 1951

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

CASE NUMBER

15195 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Underwood, Wilburn T.

RANK

Pfc

SERIAL NUMBER

34 269 379

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

Individual Case

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

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	<i>CBK</i>	2. REPORT OF DEATH STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>CBK</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>CBK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>CBK</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>CBK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>CBK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		<i>CBK</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:

Killed in action 10 September 1944 in the vicinity of Dornot, France

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IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy/cwt

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

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION
A. Kennedy
for

W. A. WOLF

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION
Mary A. Edwards

MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt QMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

John M. Neff
JOHN M. NEFF, Capt QMC

MAR 14 1951

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

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable 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

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported 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. The 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.

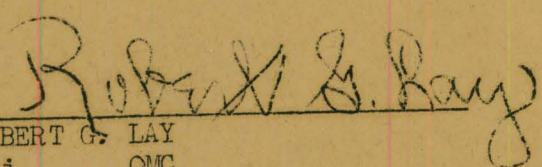
Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

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 G. LAY
Maj QMC

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.

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HEADQUARTERS
887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS 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 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.

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
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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.

EDWARD D. MULVANI, Lt. Col. 0-359598, QMC	s/ James C. MacFarland JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, 0-1576321 QMC
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s/ George Gunderman, Jr. GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, 0-1289071	CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt, 0-1040311, QMC
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LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt, 0-1543042, MSC/QMC	JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. 0-1055924, 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	
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A TRUE COPY:

Robert G. Lay

ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

MASTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC FINDINGS OF NONRECOVERABILITY
TO ACCOMPANY PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE KIA OR MIA</u>
Addabbo, 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	42 091 109	22 Nov 44
Cerny, Jaro J.	Pfc	35 921 362	14 Oct 44
Clark, Charles E.	Pvt	32 783 174	10 Oct 44
Clement, Alfred J.	Pfc	36 227 750	8 Sep 44
Clement, Laurent H.	Sgt	37 542 237	12 Jan 45
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.	l/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 (NMI)	Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
Garvey, Thomas F., II	Pfc	33 888 119	17 Feb 45
Gaulton, John H.	Cpl	32 796 280	10 Oct 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc	36 052 118	8 Sep 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	14 140 023	14 Nov 44
Gopfert, Arthur C.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Halloran, William F.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
Hamilton, Woodrow W.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Harris, Ralph (NMI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Hatch, Stewart H.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Clinton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Holl, Richard L.	Pvt	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Holl, Richard L.	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Holl, Richard L.	Pfc	16 006 889	9 Sep 44
Hunt, Orville (NMI)	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Ervan N.	Pfc	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Johnson, Rodger E.	Pvt	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Keeley, Thomas F.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Kiger, 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	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pvt	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.	Pfc	36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Maguire, John O.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	36 214 574	11 Sep 44
Mizutowicz, Walter M.	Pvt	36 950 283	19 Sep 44

Morici, Louis A.	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt	34 899 335	8 Sep 44
Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI)	Pvt	32 637 746	10 Oct 44
Paletta, Joseph F.	Pvt	32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	32 750 453	8 Nov 44
Pollard, Oscar	Pfc	35 681 500	10 Oct 44
Ponsone, John (NMI)	Pfc	34 192 303	10 Sep 44
Pruitt, Orval B.	Pvt	38 440 765	24 Nov 44
Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	36 456 254	1 Jan 45
Richter, Herbert R.	Pvt	20 229 636	13 Dec 44
Risoli, Samuel G.	S/Sgt	32 112 032	10 Sep 44
Roelfs, Harm A.	Pvt	36 058 741	25 Sep 44
Rosa, Dominio T.	Pvt	31 440 318	26 Sep 44
Ruffolo, Jennie (NMI)	Pvt	36 214 242	10 Sep 44
Santos, John C.	Pfc	19 133 953	21 Dec 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.	Pfc	36 227 835	11 Sep 44
Schue, George E.	Pfc	33 843 335	17 Nov 44
Shenk, Charles W.	S/Sgt	33 154 539	20 Sep 44
Siple, Clayton L.	Pfc	36 168 398	13 Jan 45
Skaar, Robert L.	Pvt	36 845 252	10 Mar 45
Slankard, Evan (NMI)	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
Slinkard, Von O.	Pfc	37 607 293	28 Dec 44
Smith, Albert A.	Pvt	6 277 121	16 Oct 44
Smith, Ira L.	Sgt	37 213 150	18 Nov 44
Smith, James S.	T/Sgt	6 985 951	11 Sep 44
Smith, Paul A.	Pvt	34 827 976	10 Oct 44
Smolinski, Leo E.	Pfc	32 796 578	10 Oct 44
Spear, Harold H.	T/Sgt	36 103 576	10 Sep 44
Standridge, Wendell F.	Pvt	35 927 044	10 Sep 44
Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	32 847 571	5 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.	Pfc	34 573 608	21 Sep 44
Tew, Charles R.	Pvt	34 912 164	12 Nov 44
Thornton, Robert L.	S/Sgt	34 573 833	1 Jan 45
Tommassone, Edward E.	Pfc	36 643 937	8 Sep 44
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34 269 379	10 Sep 44
Valdez, Joe M.	T/5	18 119 800	16 Sep 44
Wells, Thomas H.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
Wenzel, Peter H.	T/5	32 747 445	10 Oct 44
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
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36 568 028	10 Sep 44
Willis, Robert W.	Pfc	37 357 968	19 Dec 44
Wirtz, Matthew (NMI)	1/Lt	01 287 638	10 Sep 44
Wright, James E.	1/Lt	0 402 766	10 Sep 44
Young, John F.	Pfc	37 516 472	10 Mar 45
Zahradnik, Henry E.	Pfc	32 605 630	10 Oct 44
Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	Sgt	36 813 035	10 Sep 44

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

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

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 139)

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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.,
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- 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:

A TRUE COPY:

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

Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

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C-O-P-Y

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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	<u>Underwood, Wilburn T.</u>	ASN	<u>34269379</u>	GRADE	<u>Pfc</u>	Arm or Service	<u>Inf.</u>
ORG	<u>Co B, 23d Armd Inf Bn</u>	APO	<u>257</u>	Date of Battle Casualty Report	<u>Reported MIA 14 Sep 44</u>		

MISSION Mortar Gunner in squad to cross river at Dornot, France.

POINT OF DEPARTURE _____ DATE _____

INTENDED DESTINATION Unknown

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS East bank of Moselle River

BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

He was with the Company when given a mission to form a River Crossing. He did cross the river and from 8 Sep to 10 Sep 44, he was with the other members of his squad.

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY:

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

No search was made by members of the organization due to the tactical condition.

Date of Report 23 September 1944

/s/ Robert L. Lloyd
(Signature of preparing Officer)

/t/ ROBERT L. LLOYD, WOJC, USA
Asst. Adj.

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

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-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME UNDERWOOD WILBURN T	SERIAL NUMBER 34269379	GRADE PFC	ARM OR SERVICE INF	REPORTING THEATRE ETO		
PLACE OF CASUALTY FRANCE 9	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT U	TYPE OF CASUALTY MIA	SHIPMENT NUMBER 196
	DAY 10	MONTH SEP	YEAR 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 MRS EARNSTINE T UNDERWOOD	RELATIONSHIP WIFE	DATE NOTIFIED 25 SEPT 1944 lvw
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE 309 EAST GASTON STREET SAVANNAH GEORGIA		

REMARKS:

 CORRECTED COPY


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ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CER. FOR.	RESIDENCE		COMP.	RACE											
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY													
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WAR DEPARTMENT
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

05 JUL 1945

AG 201	NAME UNDERWOOD WILBURN T ASN 34 269 379	GRADE PFC HUS	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED DATE TELEGRAM SENT 20 JULY 1945
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A. MRS BARNSTINE T UNDERWOOD 309 EAST GASTON STREET SAVANNAH GEORGIA			

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE 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.

RELATIONSHIP **HUSBAND**

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	FOR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
PFC	UNDERWOOD WILBURN T	34 269 379	INF	ETO	U	198
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
WAS KILLED IN ACTION		IN FRANCE		DAY 10	MONTH SEP	YEAR 44
						19

SEE SPECIAL TELEGRAM

REMARKS: CORRECTED COPY



Examined and Cleared for Processing
 S.R.&D. Sec.

JUL 20 1945

Date
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CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO *HP-12* DATE _____

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<i>Ship</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>PMIA</i>	<i>10 Sept 44 Eto</i>	<i>25 Sept 44</i>

FORWARDED TO: SPEC. IDEN. C. & P. TELEGRAM LETTER CERTIF. F. REL. CORRES. REPAT. S. R. & D. NON-DEL.

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

REPORT OF DEATH

djc/3831 DATE 24 July 1945.

FULL NAME UNDERWOOD, WILBUEN T.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 34 269 379	GRADE PFC				
HOME ADDRESS Hazelhurst, Georgia		ARM OR SERVICE Inf	DATE OF BIRTH 30 May 18				
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 10 Sep 44				
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 16 May 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS over 3 yrs.				
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood, wife, 309 E. Gaston St., Savannah, Georgia							
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood, wife, same as above. Ivory Jo Underwood, daughter, same as above. Leo Andrews, cousin, Hazelhurst, Ga. Odis Andrews, cousin, same as above.							
INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS	OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
						X	X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE NON-BATTLE

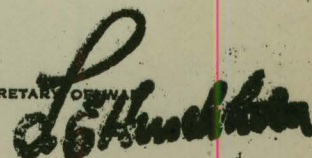
Expert Infantryman, GO #33, Hq. 7th AD, 6 Aug 44.

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 10 September 1944, 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.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR



ADJUTANT GENERAL

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YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
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L. E. Underwood

ADJUTANT GENERAL

QMGMF 293
Underwood, Wilburn T.
SN 34 269 379

20 March 1951

Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood
309 East Gaston Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your husband, the late Private First Class Wilburn T. Underwood.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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cc: DPRB
mailed direct

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. <u>ERNESTINE T. UNDERWOOD</u> MRS. RELATIONSHIP <u>- WIDOW</u>	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <u>309 E. GASTON ST</u> <u>SAVANNAH, GA.</u>		

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
UNDERWOOD, Wilbur T.

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
<u>110-A</u> _____	
<u>110-B</u> _____	
<u>110-C</u> _____	<u>cc: DPLB</u>

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SERIAL NUMBER
34 269 379

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE <u>Henderson 3/16/51</u>	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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AIRMAIL

QMCMS 293
GRS European
Subject: Request for Information

1st Ind

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

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

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. Ltr to NOK (Foy)
- 4. Ltr to NOK (Ponsone)

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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X 293 UNDERWOOD, WILBURN T.
34269379

AIR MAIL

No 702

QMOMS 293
GRS European

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16 June 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Commanding Officer
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 GRRM 293.9 (IB), subject as above.

2. Requested information will be forwarded your headquarters for the following individuals approximately 14 August 1950:

Foy, Lloyd	Pvt	34235686
Ponsone, John	Pfc	34192503
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34269379

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS H. COX
Capt., QMC
Memorial Division

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AG 201 Underwood, Wilburn T.
PC-O FPO198

23 July 1945

Mrs. Earnestine T. Underwood
309 East Gaston Street
Savannah, Georgia

*Miss Parson
Expert Inf. P-6
to ind 16 May 42
over 3 yrs
Part 41
CS*

H. H. H. H.

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your husband, Private First Class Wilburn T. Underwood, 34,269,379, Infantry, who was previously reported missing in action on 10 September 1944 in France.

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. If this letter has not already been received it is hoped that it will not be long delayed.

The significance of his heroic service to his country will be preserved and commemorated by a grateful nation, and it is hoped that this thought may give you strength and courage in your sorrow.

I extend to you my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

*John M. O'Donnell
Capt., A.G. B.*

EDWARD F. WHITEELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

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*John M. O'Donnell
Capt., A.G. B.*

MEM. INCLOSURE

WD Pamphlet No. 20-15

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AG 201 Underwood, Wilburn T.
PC-O ET0198

23 July 1945

Mrs. Pearl Underwood
Box 315
Hazlehurst, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

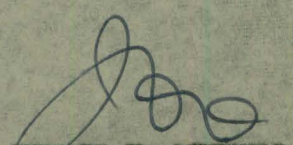
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I realize the anxiety you have suffered since he was first reported missing in action and deeply regret the sorrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice for his home and country be a source of sustaining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

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

Sincerely yours,



EDWARD F. WISELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

1 Inclosure
WD Pamphlet No. 20-15

MEM. DIV. COMG
JUL 27 1945
PENTAGON LIAISON

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COMPANY "B", 23D ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION
AFO 257, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

6 July 1945

Mrs. Earnestine Underwood
309 East Gadsen Street
Savannah, Georgia.

Dear Mrs. Underwood,

It is with the greatest personal sorrow that I write to extend our deep sense of loss in the death of your husband and our comrade, Private First Class Wilburn T Underwood, 34 269 379.

He was killed in action on the 10th of September 1944, while we were engaged in a particularly hazardous undertaking in Dornot, France. Our mission was to clear this town to open the way for an attack on the fortress town of Metz, France. During the course of this engagement fierce enemy resistance was encountered and the lives of many of our soldiers endangered. Pfc Underwood, by his heroic actions on that occasion contributed materially to the success of our mission and in so doing lost his life.

Those of us who knew your husband always respected him and admired him for his courage and devotion to duty. Your sorrow and ours on his loss is something beyond writing or speech. We can only say this: we are proud to have known him and we will always remember him with affection. He died for his country.

You will, I am sure, be glad to know that the rites of his religion were extended him by our Chaplain before he entered battle.

Very sincerely yours,

/t/ KENNETH H PAULHAMUS
Captain Infantry
Commanding.

OUT
PERSONNEL DIVISION
JUL 7 1945
MEM. DIV. COMM.

AIRMAIL

Delet

QMGMS 293 GRS European 1st Ind
 SUBJECT: ~~Request for Information~~

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 27 October 1949

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

Submitted herewith are copies of all available dental information available for the following:

Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34254893
Hunt, Orville	Pfc	16006889
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt	34899335
Pihera, Joseph J.	S/Sgt	15013922
Weber, Ross W.	Pfc	16017602
<i>R</i> Buffalo, Bennie	Pvt	36214242
Leano, Joseph A.	T/5	32936045
Lobacz, Casimir P.	Pfc	36228207
McGregor, C. R.	Pfc	34147889
Pescik, Albin J.	Pvt	31274929
Van Dorn, James E.	Pfc	37503303
Van Horn, James B., Jr.	2/Lt	01303233
Vitousky, Charles F.	Pvt	33605102
<i>X 273</i> Underwood, Wilburn	Pfc	34269372
Didello, Lewis S.	2/Lt	01326046

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

15 Incls

1-5. Photo cys Forms 79
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 15. Photo cy TWX

T. H. METZ
 Lt Colonel, QMC
 Memorial Division

AIRMAIL

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QMGMS 293
GRS European

1st Ind

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 12⁹ September 1949

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

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

Bil, Carl J.	Pvt	36868601
Eargood, Milton R.	Sgt	6665593
Hartson, John C.	1/Lt	0-1015309
Kroulik, Harry	Pfc	37328386
Menestrina, Herbert	T/4	36318819
Mullaney, Harry L.	Cpl	31138125
Pennetta, William F.	Pvt	42011332
Ponsone, John	Pfc	34192303
Strzyz, George	T/5	36005480
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34269379

2. Dental chart at induction for Pvt Carl J. Bil, 36868601 indicates the following extractions: R-8, 14, 15, L-5, 8, 14, 16.

3. Records on file for Cpl Harry L. Mullaney, 31138125 indicates compound fracture right cheek GSW 16 August 1943.

4. Dental information for the following was submitted your headquarters by letter this Office dated 24 August 1949, file QMGMS 293 GRS (European) subject: Additional Information in reply to your radio AGRC 5108:

Bechtold, William E.	Pfc	13138578
Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	36456254
Thronton, Robert L.	S/Sgt	34573833
Norell, Gustave A., Jr.	Cpl	32714748

5. There are no Forms 79 available for Pfc William V. Lawson, 20453694. Dental information for subject decedent was forwarded 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.

QMOMS 293 GRS European
SUBJECT: Request for Information

1st Ind ⁹ 12 Sept 49

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

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

10 Incls:

1. Form 79 (Bil)
2. Forms 79 (Eargood)
3. Form 79 (Hartson)
4. Forms 79 (Kroulik)
5. Form 79 (Menestrina)
6. Forms 79 (Mullaney)
7. Form 79 (Pennetta)
8. Form 79 (Bonsone)
9. Forms 79 (Strzyz)
10. Forms 79 (Underwood)

T. H. METZ
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

(Moselle)
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293 Underwood, Wilburn T. ~~34 269 379~~ *atto*
lts b-27/47

(Basic 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:

Walter B. Morrow
WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Incl
w/d

X293 Ponsone, John. - 34, 192, 303 (Pfc)

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Bureau
10/2/47*

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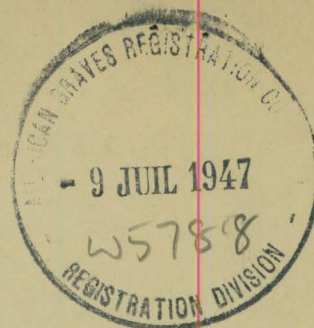
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Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen



A I R M A I L

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



In Reply Refer To
OQMG 293
Underwood, Wilburn T.
SN 34 269 379

27 JUN 1947

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery
and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For.

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

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, OQMG Form 371
(covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by
this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34 269 379

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be
furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The
Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject
Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead
Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incl
Form 371 (5 cys)

Martin G. Riley
MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

A I R M A I L

Handwritten initials

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

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

10 43 AM '47
O. Q. M. G.
MAIL RECORDS BRANCH
Handwritten signature

Incl Form 371 (5 cys)
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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMG
Memorial Division

MEMORIAL DIVISION
10 02 AM '47
REGISTRATION AND
RECORDS BRANCH

A I R M A I L

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309 E. Gaston St.
Savannah Ga.
May, 17, 1946

Dear Sir;

This is to inform you
I would like for you to
send the remains of my
husband home.

P. F. C. ²⁹³William T. Underwood

A.S.N. 3426 93 79.

Co. B. 23rd Armd. Inf. Bn.

A. P. O. 257 9th postmaster

New York, N.Y.

Thank you.

Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood

309 E. Gaston St.

Savannah Georgia

QMGYG 293
Underwood, Wilburn T.
S.N. 34 269 379

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

11 July 1946

Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood
309 E. Gaston Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

Your letter concerning your husband, the late Private First Class Wilburn T. Underwood, 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.

The War Department has now been authorized to remove, at Government expense, to the final resting place designated by the next of kin, the remains of those American citizens who died while serving overseas with our armed forces during this war.

When the necessary preliminaries have been completed, a letter with an information pamphlet and a "Request for Disposition" form attached will be sent to the next of kin of those American dead. The "Request for Disposition" form, when properly filled out, will constitute the formal expression of the next of kin's detailed desires. Since letters to next of kin will be dispatched automatically and according to the records here, communications with this office regarding this subject will not be necessary.

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QMOYG 293 Underwood, Wilburn T. 34 269 379 *at* 11 July 1946 (Cont'd)

As you probably know, the supply of steel for the manufacture of cas-
kets is at present uncertain. Without this essential item, the movement
of remains cannot properly be initiated. This fact and the necessity for
complete coordination of movement in many parts of the world make it im-
possible, at this time, to estimate when these forms will be mailed. Re-
sponses to them will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

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

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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SPQYA 293
Underwood, Wilburn T.
S.N. 34 269 379

smp

25 September 1945

Mrs. Ernestine Underwood
309 E. Gaston Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter requesting the return of the remains of your husband, the late Private First Class Wilburn T. Underwood.

At the outbreak of the war it became necessary to adopt the policy that the remains of our American dead overseas should not be returned to the United States until after the cessation of hostilities.

Now that Japan has been defeated immediate plans are being formulated with a view to returning to the next of kin the remains of their loved ones. This sacred duty will be carried out by the Government at its expense and, insofar as practicable, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the legal next of kin who will be notified well in advance of the actual return of the remains. The mission as a whole is world wide in scope and of necessity time consuming, but you may rest assured that this office fully appreciates your desires and will do everything in its power to fulfill them at the earliest possible date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR L. WARREN
Colonel, QMC
Assistant

SEP 24 3 29 PM '45
MEMORIAL DIVISION

CCP

Mr. B.
6-19-46
Merrill

RECORDS

Sept. 17. 1945

Dear Sir:

In regards of my husband
who was killed over seas
Sept. 10. 1944. I would like
to requests his body to be
send back to the United
States for burial here
please.

yours Truly

Mrs Ernestine Underwood
309 E. Gaston St.
SAVANNAH Georgia

293 Mrs Ernestine Underwood, Savannah, Georgia

Anderwood W. L. Brown J.

Last Name

First Name

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital

From

To

Register Number

Sta. Hosp. Ft.
McPherson, Ga.

5/19/42

5/26/42

62676

W. Weiss 9/24/46

DPRB

Clerk

Date

Branch

WAR DEPARTMENT
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

1	NAME OR TITLE <i>UNDERWOOD, WILBURN T</i>	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>34 269 379</i>	DATE	CONCURRENCE
2	<i>CO. "B" 23RD ARMD INF BN</i>		FILE
	<i>0/A</i>		INFORMATION
3	<i>10 SEP 44</i>		NECESSARY ACTION
	<i>LOCATION AT ABOVE DATE</i>		NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
	<i>A STAINS 2417-B</i>		SIGNATURE

REMARKS

He was killed in action while engaged in combat with the enemy in the vic. of "DORNOT" (770510) coord, FRANCE.

GSGS 4416

Map: CENTRAL EUROPE 1:100,000

Sheet # V-1

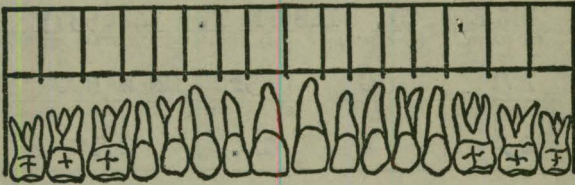
FROM NAME OR TITLE	DATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	TELEPHONE

REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

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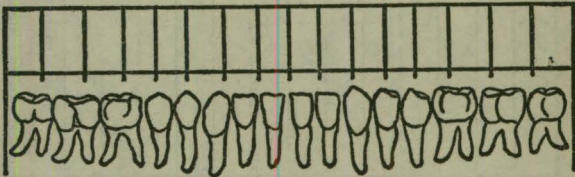
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Right 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Left



LOWER TEETH

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CLASS I

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

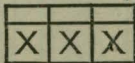
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Date 7-30-42, 19

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line)



Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (oval to include abutments)



REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

Ft. Benning, Ga. ASN 34269379 **87**

(1) SURNAME: Underwood, (2) CHRISTIAN NAME: Wilburn
 (3) RANK: Pfc., (4) COMPANY: B., (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS: 23rd Armd. Inf. Bn.
 (6) AGE, YEARS: 24, (7) RACE: W., (8) NATIVITY: Ga., (9) SERVICE, YEARS: 1-6/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
Cal.	10-28-43 C.R.	BK Class II
St. Vinc.	10-26-43 G.T.	BK Class II
St. Vinc.	10-27-43 G.T.	BK Class II
St Vinc	12-10-43 G.T.	EM Class II
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Reappt.	12-13-43 G.T.	EHB Class II
Cal.	12-13-43 C.R.	EHB Class II
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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

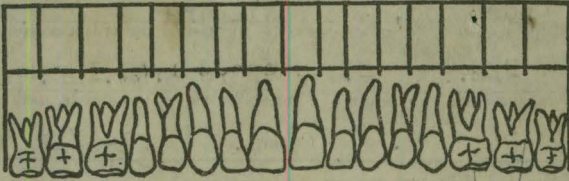
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UPPER TEETH

Right

Left

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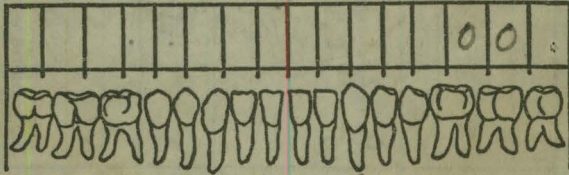


LOWER TEETH

Right

Left

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16



CLASS II

Occlusion -----: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia -----

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions None

P.M. - R-16

OCT 26 1942

Date -----, 19-----

EDWARD P. BURVANT
CAPT., D. C.

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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

Teeth replaced by denture
(horizontal line)

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

○	X	○
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293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>293</i> UNDERWOOD, WILBURN T.	GRADE <i>Pfc</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34269379
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ORGANIZATION <i>Co "B" 23d Armd Inf</i>	RACE <i>W</i>	CREED <i>Methodist</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
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DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>10 Sept 44</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
DATE OF FOD		

HEIGHT <i>70 1/4 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>151</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2 D</i>
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INDUCTION DENTAL CHART DATE *16 May 42*

UPPER RIGHT <i>X</i> 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
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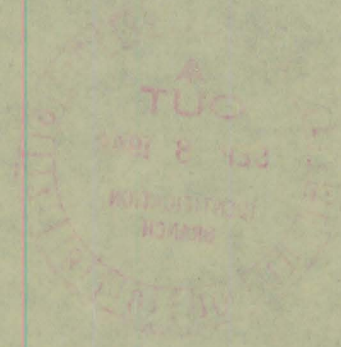
LOWER RIGHT <i>X</i> 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 <i>X</i>
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X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>none</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <i>None</i>
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2 forms 79 - attached



264

FILE
SEP 8 1949
 G. W. Rogers
 Capt. QMC
 Identification Branch

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Underwood, Wilburn T.

GRADE

Pfc

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

34 269 379

ORGANIZATION

Co "B" 23rd Armd Inf

RACE

White

CREED

Protestant

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

10 Sep 44

CAUSE OF DEATH

Killed in Action

PLACE OF DEATH OR-PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

European Area
France

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

5'10 1/2"

WEIGHT

151

COLOR EYES

Brown

COLOR HAIR

Brown

SHOE SIZE

9 1/2 D

DENTAL CHART

16 May 42

UPPER RIGHT

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LOWER RIGHT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 X

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Aged 26 yrs.

He was KIA while engaged in combat with the enemy in vic.
of "Dornot" (770510) coord, France.

GMS

4416

Map

Central Europe 1:100,000

Sheet

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27 JUN 1947

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Underwood Wilburn T.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>34269379</i>		GRADE <i>PFC</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 10.9"</i>	WEIGHT <i>151</i>	COLOR EYES <i>brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2 D</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>10 SEPT. 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co. "B" 23rd Arm'd Inf.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
MIA 10 SEPT. 44 in France

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

STATION	DATES
<i> Ft. McPherson, Ga.</i>	<i> 5/16/42 — 6/5/42</i>
<i> Ft. Knox, Ky.</i>	<i> 6/6/42 — 8/26/42</i>
<i> Camp Polk, La.</i>	<i> 8/26/42 — 9/20/42</i>
<i> Ft. Benning, Ga.</i>	<i> 9/20/42 —</i>

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

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS: *Not of record*

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS: *Not of record*

DENTAL CHART *5/16/42*

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

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

Co. B, 23rd ARMORED INF. BN.

KIA-10 Sep. '44
DORNOT, FRANCE

Missing Report - after action Rpt
23rd Armored Inf. Bn

NAME: UNDERWOOD, WILBURN T. ASN: 34269379 RANK: PFC.

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE 16 MAY '42

RACE: WHITE

RELIGION: PROT.

BORN: 30 MAY 1918

PLACE: JEFF. DAVIS CO., GA.

SCAR, RT. SIDE OF NOSE
NO FRACTURES.

WEIGHT: 151#

HEIGHT: 5'10 1/4"

EYES: BROWN

HAIR: BROWN

COMPLEXION: RUDDY

SHOE SIZE: 9 1/2 D

DENTAL 16 MAY '42

Right

Left

Upper

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

Lower

~~16~~ 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 ~~16~~

Geeth: Indicate restorable carious teeth by circling; nonrestorable carious teeth by /; missing natural teeth by X.

FILE
JUL 6 1950
Identification Branch

293 Underwood, Wilburn T-34/269.379

ON WILBURN

T REPEAT T UNDERWOOD 34269379 REPEAT 34269379 INDCTN RECORD DATED
16 MAY 42 SHOWS TEETH MISSING R 8 16 L 16 TWO FORMS 79 SENT TO OCMG

IDEN SEC MEM DIV 29 AUG 49 FORMS 79 NOT FOUND

FILE

OCT 21 1949

G. H. Rogers
CHOT - JB

Declassified in accordance with E.O. 13526

pl.

pl.

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

239,484

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

REPORT OF DEATH

djc/3831 DATE 24 July 1945.

FULL NAME UNDERWOOD, WILBUEN T.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 34 269 379	GRADE PFC										
HOME ADDRESS Hazelhurst, Georgia		ARM OR SERVICE Inf	DATE OF BIRTH 30 May 18										
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 10 Sep 44										
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 16 May 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS over 3 yrs.										
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood, wife, 309 E. Gaston St., Savannah, Georgia													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood, wife, same as above. Ivory Jo Underwood, daughter, same as above. Leo Andrews, cousin, Hazelhurst, Ga. Odis Andrews, cousin, same as above.													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
												X	X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE NON-BATTLE

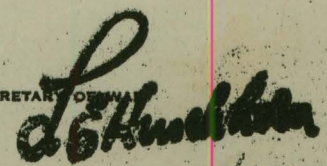
Expert Infantryman, GO #33, Hq. 7th AD, 6 Aug 44.

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 10 September 1944, 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.

COPIES FURNISHED:

S. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O., U. S. A.
S. O. C. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
S. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR



ADJUTANT GENERAL

239484

CLR/BLF/br
26 August 1946

Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood
309 East Gaston Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

Reference is made to our previous correspondence in connection with the personal effects of your husband, Private First Class Wilburn T. Underwood.

As advised, tracer was instituted to determine disposition of Private Underwood's personal property. Report recently received here from overseas revealed that the tracer was unsuccessful in recovering any of his property.

Anticipating your disappointment, I am indeed sorry to convey this report.

Sincerely yours,

C. L. RUMFIELD
2nd Lt, QMC
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

af

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

n.R.

RTB:VM:imb
23 January 1946

In Reply Refer To SPQDK 220.87 (239484)

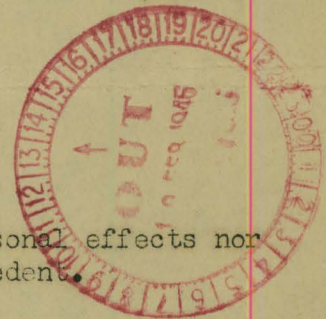
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SUBJECT: Disposal of Personal Effects of

Wilburn T. Underwood, 34269379, Pfc.,
(Name) (ASN) (Rank)

Infantry, deceased, 10 September 1944 European Area.
(Branch) (Date) (Place)

TO: Commanding General
USFET
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York



1. The Army Effects Bureau has received no personal effects nor inventory of effects in the case of above-named decedent.
2. To close case file of this Bureau, and to be in a position to reply to an inquiry concerning personal property of decedent, request investigation, to ascertain the disposition made of his effects, with report to this Bureau of result.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

W. F. Nehman
W. F. NEHMAN
Major, QMC
Effects Quartermaster



HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA

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APO 887 U.S. Army

9 March 1946

SUBJECT: Personal Effects.

TO : Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot,
601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the following letter from
your headquarters concerning effects of person listed below:

<u>Date of Letter</u>	<u>File Reference</u>	<u>Name and ASN</u>
23 January 1946	SPQDK 220.87 (239484)	UNDERWOOD, Wilburn T. Pfc., 34269379

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2. Reply will be forwarded as soon as the requested
information becomes available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Joseph F. Vogl
JOSEPH F. VOGL
Capt. QMC
Chief, Pers Eff Br.

Subject: Disposal of Personal Effects.

AGRST 201-C/551761 1st Ind. JFV/ar
 HQS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER
 AREA, APO 887, U.S. ARMY., 29 March 1946

TO: Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot,
 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri.

1. Personal effects records of this command do not reveal the existence or disposition of any effects belonging to Pfc. Wilburn T. UNDERWOOD, 34269379, reported "missing in action" 10 September 1944 while assigned to the 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion. His status was subsequently changed to "killed in action".
2. Inventory of effects (form WD AG #54) was not submitted by the 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion and since this organization is no longer in the European Theater, it is recommended that its records, currently stored at Organization Records Branch, Building 102, Records Administration Center AGO, 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, be searched to determine if any property was recovered in the organization area.
3. This command has no burial report on file for this soldier. Therefore, it can be assumed that any property which Pfc. Underwood had on his person when reported "missing in action", was either lost, destroyed or taken by persons unknown.
4. Further tracer action in the European Theater is inadvisable.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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 Chief., S & T Div.

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ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, 25 April 1946

TO: Organization Records Branch, Building 102, Records Administration Center AGO, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis 20, Missouri

1. Attention is invited to paragraph 2, preceding 1st Indorsement.
2. It is requested that such information as can be obtained from unit records concerning the disposition made of personal property of subject enlisted man, be furnished this Bureau to enable further reply to inquiry.

FOR THE EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER:

D. S. Johnston
 D. S. JOHNSTON
 2nd Lt., QMC
 Chief, Adm. Div.

AGRS-AC 201 Underwood, Wilburn T. (23 Jan 46)

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WD, AGO, Orgn Records Br, Records Adm Cen, 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, St Louis 20, Missouri 5 Aug 46

TO: Commanding Officer, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri

Retained copy of Inventory of Effects, Hq 23d Armd Infantry Battalion dated 2 November 1944 shows Wilburn T. Underwood, 34269379, had no personal effects.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

[Signature]
 Adjutant General

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QMDDKEB 220.87 (239484)

SUBJECT: Disposal of Personal Effects

TO: Organization Records Branch
Building 102
Records Administration Center AGO
4300 Goodfellow Boulevard
St. Louis 20, Missouri

1. Attention is invited to inclosed copy of 2nd Ind., this Bureau, 25 April 1946, on Bureau letter, 23 January 1946, relative to personal effects of Wilburn T. Underwood, 34269379, Pfc., Inf., deceased.

2. To date, no reply has been received.

3. It is requested report of investigation be furnished this Bureau as soon as practicable, to enable further response to the inquiry.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl--a/s

W. F. HEHMAN
Major, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

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309 E. Gaston St.
Savannah Ga.
Dec. 23 1945

INQUIRY CLERK

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1/22/46
Dear Sir:

I don't want to trouble you
but I would like to know
why I haven't received my
husband personal things he
was killed in France first reported
missing the 10th of Sept. 1944 then
reported killed the 20th of July
1945, William Ches Underwood

A.S.N. 34269379

Co. B. 23rd Armd. Inf. Bn.

A.P.O. 257, 2 Postmaster New York, N.Y.

I Thank a lot.

Mrs Ernestine T. Underwood
309 E. Gaston St.
Savannah Georgia.

AGRS-AR
Orig Records Branch

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

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15 July 46

Adm Ctr. St. Louis, Mo.

Your communication of 23 January, 1946, concerning SPQDK 220.87
(239484) Disposal of Personal Effects of Wilburn T. Underwood has been received.

This brief reply has been adopted to conserve time, personnel, and paper.

1. Further response will be made with the least practicable delay.
2. Reply will be delayed pending receipt of essential information. records
3. Your comments on a subject of interest to the War Department are appreciated.
4. The War Department publication requested is being mailed to you today.
5. The service requested has been discontinued.
6. This office is unable to identify the records of the person concerned.

Edward F. Witsell
EDWARD F. WITSELL,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

WD AGO FORM 0101
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RTB:VM:imb
January 23, 1946

Mrs. Ernestine T. Underwood
309 East Gaston Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Underwood:

Reference is made to your letter of December 23, 1945, regarding personal effects of your husband, Private First Class Wilburn T. Underwood.

I regret to advise that we have no information regarding the personal effects of your husband. However, we are, this date, instituting a tracer to determine disposition of his effects.

You may be assured that upon receipt of your husband's effects, or any information pertaining thereto, you will be promptly notified.

Yours very truly,

R. T. BROWN
1st Lt., QMC
Chief, Adm. Division