

15 September 1946
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IM 293 France (Foreign National)

James C. MacFarland:
Major, D.M.C.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter dated 19 July 1946 and I hope that in the following paragraphs I will be able to help you in establishing the identity of Unknown X5. Before I go any further I would like to let you know that while I was a member of the Seventh Armored Division, the Commanding General had conducted an investigation in regards to the identity of X5. I am sure that if you check the records you will be able to get some information in addition to what I will give you.

1944
On August 14, 1946 we (Company B, 23 AIC, were in a big field on the outskirts of Chartres with our half tracks awaiting orders to go into the city from the right side. During the time we were waiting there a group of about 30 Frenchmen come over to the C.P. to find out if they were able to ride with us on the half tracks and help to

24 the town. It wasn't very long before they were split up into small groups and assigned to different tracks. I was in the C.P. track and we got five men out of the group of Frenchmen to ride with us. Out of the five men two of them were colored men from the French African Army. The reason why I mention this is because during our trip to Chartres outside of the town of Chateaudun it started to rain and I loaned my raincoat to the two colored men and my field jacket to one of the Frenchman. This is probably the jacket found on X-5. I am not very sure as to who finally got the jacket because at the time we were fixed on, out of the group of us in the half track just myself and one of the colored Frenchman went over the left side of the track and the rest went over the right side. At the time I handed my jacket to this Frenchman it was a matter of a half hour later that I last saw the jacket and the Frenchman. If this man that was found with my jacket was wearing G. I. clothing besides my jacket then it was a good

3/ chance that one of our boys picked up my jacket after the Frenchman let it go. If he was wearing civilian clothing then I would say he was one of the Frenchman that rode on the track with us.

I cannot write anything definite in regards to that because as I wrote before I and one of the colored Frenchman were the only one to go over the left side of the track and I hadn't seen the others who got away until the next morning. I would like to add that before I jump over the side of the track I remember seeing two of the other fellows in the company were in the front of the track with me. Later I found out that both were killed and identified."

I hope I made myself clear in the above paragraph and I am sorry that I am unable to give you some definite information as to whether X5 is a Frenchman or one of our boys. I wish I was able to give you more information but I am afraid that is all I remember.

Sincerely yours
Salvatore J. Berzina

WAR DEPARTMENT
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Major Matt*

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Unknown K-5
(St. Cornelle) France

W 293 France Foreign National 19 July 1946

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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Mr. Salvatore J. Peragine
3228 - 100th Street
Cereona Long Island, New York

Dear Mr. Peragine:

This office is conducting an investigation to determine the identity of an Unknown American Soldier whose remains were recovered at Mehine, France, in August 1944.

Deceased was wearing a jacket bearing Serial Number 32997721 and in the pocket was a handkerchief with the same serial number and a Postcard having the name Peragine on it.

It is requested that you advise this office whether you can recall the name of the soldier who might have been wearing your jacket at that time. Any other information that will aid in establishing identification will be appreciated.

I am sure that you appreciate the importance of this inquiry and will give it prompt and complete attention.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is inclosed for your convenience.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Assistant

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15 October 1946

IN REPLY REFER TO QMDDKEB - 600916

SUBJECT: Disposal of Unidentified Effects

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

1. The Army Effects Bureau has received personal effects recovered from the remains of Unknown decedent, X-5, buried in U. S. Military Cemetery St. Corneille, France, Plot B, Row 1, Grave 4. Pertinent Graves Registration label and overseas inventory of effects are submitted for your information.

2. The only items of personalty received here for subject Unknown decedent consists of one 7th Armored Corps sleeve insignia and one postal card. These items have been damaged by blood and oil stains. Due to damage of card, the written data is in part undecipherable; however, from Bureau examination of the postal card following information is furnished:

Card addressed to : Pvt. S.J. Peragine, 32997721
Co. "B", 23rd Arm'd Btry.
APO 257, c/o P.M.
New York City
N. Y.

Return addressee : W.O.-R.J. Peragine, 1-211883 (?)
Hq. Btry. 43 -----
APO 726, c/o P.M.
Seattle, Wash.

Card dated: 20 June 1944

Message:

Dear Sal -

This is what you should have sent to me.
Everything is fine. But it's the same old story.
Letter follows.

/s/ JOHN

Card is post marked by U. S. Army Postal Service, APO 726, June 22, 1944.

3. The records available at this Bureau fail to indicate casualty report for Salvatore J. Peragine, Pvt., 32997721, or R. J. Peragine, W/O, 1-211883.

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