US ARMY HRC CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS OPERATIONS CENTER

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Identification data for the above decedent has been compared with QMC Forms 1944 for all Unresolved Warld War II Unknowns recovered from Helland, with negative results. (Dental Information insufficient — also information in file indicates that remains were destroyed in the burning of tank)

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

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MEEKS, Thurman	Pvt.		34 263	482

INFORMATION REQUIRED

All available dental information on above decedent.

Completed Form Attached.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

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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.

CMGMU 293 Meeks, Thurman (IMI) SN 34 263 482

22 August 1950

SUBJECT: Nonrecoverability of Remains

TO:

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

- 1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Board of Officers that convened at your headquarters and determined that the remains of the decedent, Mecks, Thurman, Pvt., SN 34 263 482, are nonrecoverable.
- 2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on the decedent whose name appears in paragraph 1, above.
- 3. It is requested that all records of your headquarters pertaining to the deceased be amended to read REMAINS NORRECOVERABLE.

FOR THE QUARTERLASTER GENERAL:

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THOMAS E. COX Capt Memorial Division

cc: Resol Sec, Repat Br





NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

NUMBER 14254 (1)

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NAME (Last irst, Middle Initial)

> Thurman (NMI) Meeks,

Pvt

SERIAL NUMBER 34 263 482

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 INITIALS OF ANALYST (CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)

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None

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:

None

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CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINA-

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REGISTRATION DIVISION

APO 757 (Liege) US ANNY

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Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AG.O-S 293.9 (27 Har 47), D-H, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO # 66, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 14 June 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 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 witnesses and other papers, contained in the files of American Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following names casualty/casualties, the renains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

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2. MEEKS, Thurman (NMI)

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34 263 482

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the cyidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Difice of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

EDWARD D. HULVANITY, Lt 'Col, QMC

JAMES C. MacFARL ND, Major, QMC

GEORGE GUNDERHAN, JR., Maj.QIC

GAYLORD E. LUTZ, 1st Lt,

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

SPECIAL ORDER)

28 March 1950

NUMBER 31)

EXTRACT

3. PAC Ltr WD AGO-S 293.9, 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 820-110-5 DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as following is apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

0 359 598, President LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, QMC., QMC., 0 1 576 321 MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, OMC., 0 1 588 236 EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr., QMC.. 0 1 595 665 1ST LT GAYLORD E. LUTZ, W 2 113 434 USA., LEODORE GOUDREAU, CHO

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BALLARD:

s/t/WILLIAM J. WOOD
CAPT., FA,
ADJUTANT

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ WILLIAM J. WOOD CAPT., FA Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT G. LAY Capt QMC

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

GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following case:

NAME: MEEKS, Thurman (NMI) Pvt 34 263 482

ORGANIZATION: Company "B" 31st Tank Battalion

DATE OF DEATH: 1 October 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Mullen, Holland

SYNOPSIS: Subject casualty was reported by casualty Clearance Plan, dated 27 August 1945, as killed in action, on 1 October 1944. Further information indicated the tank in which subject decedent was a crew member, was hit by enemy anti-tank fire. All members of the crew, with the exception of Pvt Meeks, evacuated the tank and took cover in a nearby ditch, tank was set on fire by additional anti-tank fire and burned completely. Statement of one of the survivors, Set Belowus the tank commander, indicated Pvt Meeks was unable to leave the vehicle and burnt to death. Three (3) of the crew members, Sgt Harold Belowus, Cpl Clenn A. Seaton and T/5 James C. Pickrel, who evacuated the tank, returned to US military control. The fifth member of the tank is unknown. There is no additional information on file in this headquarters, or in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C. concerning the subject decedent. The area was repeatedly investigated in connection with search and recovery of American deceased, and all attempts to associate recovered unknowns with subject decedent proved negative. It is logical to conclude Pvt Thurman (NMI) Meeks was killed when his tank was hit by antitank fire. His remains were reduced by fire and subsequent explosions to minute portions and these remains were later

GRRE 293.9 SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

removed as unidentifiable and buried in an unknown location which precludes recovery. It is, therefore, recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; Casualty Clearance Plan dated 27 August 1945; Statement of Survivors; On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

- 2. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deec ceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.
- 3. It is recommended that the remains based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

C. U. STEINSIEK TO Captain, QMC

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

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GRRE 293.9

31 July 1950

SUBJECT: Transmittal Letter # 5044

TO:

The Quartermaster General

Washington 25. D.C.

ATTENTION: Memorial Division

Forwarded herewith are four (4) cases, fifteen (15) inclosures pertaining to U.S. deceased personnel who have been declared Non-Recoverable by a Board of Officers, this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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GRRE 293.9 SUBJECT: Transmittal Letter # 5044

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13 June 1950

Meeks, Thurman ASN 34 263 482

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 1st Indorsement, this Office dated 12 May 1950, file QMGMS 293, Meeks, Thurman, 34263482, Subject: Request for Information.
- 2. Attached herewith are photostat copies of replies from Reuben J. Sather and Glenn Seaton pertaining to the death of Private Thurman Meeks, 34263482.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1. Cy Ltr from Sather 2. Cy Ltr from Seaton THOMAS E. COX Mapt QMC Memorial Division

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24 May 1950

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SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

2. Reference is made to let Indorsement, this Office, file OMONS 298 Vocks, Thurs IN 54-62182, subject: Request for Information dated 12 May 1950.

2. Attached herewith is a copy of a reply received from former Sgt. Harold Belows.

3. Letter to former T/5 James C. Pickrel was returned to this Office as undeliverable.

FOR THE QUARTERKASTER GENERAL!

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May 19, 1950

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QMGMS 293 Meeks, Thurman SN 34263482

12 May 1950

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours.

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THOMAS E. COX Capt., QMC Memorial Division

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OGMG, Washington 25, D. C., 12 May 1950

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

Returned to duty erew members of Pvt. Thurson Keeks' tank have been contacted for additional information surrounding his death. Immediately upon receipt of their replies, your headquarters will be advised.

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

GRRE 293.9 (IB)

24 April 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

To: The Quartermaster General Washington 25. D.C.

ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to the attached copy of Casualty Clearance Plan of the 31st Tank Battalion, dated 27 August 1945.

- 2. Attention is invited to the statement made by T/Sgt Reuben J. Sather, as set forth in subject CCP, which indicates that Pvt Meek's remains consisted only of bones and were found in the gun position maintained by Pvt Meek.
- 3. It is requested that your office communicate with returned to duty crew members of subject decedent tank and that T/Sgt Sather be interrogated as to the disposition of subject remains, in an effort to resolve this case.
- 4. Further action withheld pending receipt of additional information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl: CCP dtd 27 Aug 45 JAMES C. MacFARLAND Major QMC Registration Division



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31th Tank Battalion

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CASUALTY CLEARANCE PLAN

27 August 1945

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7. Before being transferred, the undersigned interviewed Sgt Belowus and T/Sgt Sather. These two men were transferred before the investigation could be completed but prior to transfer, their opinion was very definite in favor of declaring Pvt Meeks KIA, as he was the only member of the crew that did not dismount after the casualty.

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It is believed that in view of the evidence presented by the affidavits attached a change in status is justified.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend casualty status of soldier be changed from MIA to KIA.

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/t/	H. J. SOLARES	olth tank Bn
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29 may, 1950 Thomas E, Cook Capt., GNS C Memorial Division Vear Capt, Cox: Aflectived your letter a few days ago in regards to Thurmon mecks, (34263482) Odid investigate the tank in which horseeks was in, there was a shell have three the turnet on the left to the 75 MM, gun where the Boader would ordensly he sitting. I talked to the of Att | Kingston, mich, he said They all got out but meeks, it all happened so fast he couldn't go

Declassified in accordance with E.O. 13526, dated 5 January 2010 soch because it was on fire t shells explodeing, I looked into the tank a day or son later, IT was completly hurned out in the to no and see white askes that to me looked like Nomes, but I did not enter it or examine it any further. The stank was advancing for an attacks at the time so apparently the crew were in there respective positions, if so, the sell shall that hit the tank where threeks Avar suppose to of heen, If you would want more information jurite to Harold Blaws P. Hingston, mich, he was the tank commender, or if I can beef feel free to write. Oll be glad to lesp you out many way, Isoms truly, Denken J. Sather CHOICE 203 Heate, Thurson SF 34263482

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Mr. Renben J. Sather

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Dear Hr. Spiners

The Office of the Quartermaster General is attempting to sid the Graves Registration Service in Murope in its attempt to recover the remains of Pvt. Thurman Mocks, who was reported billed in action near Bullen, Holland on 1 October 1944, when the tenk in which he was riding was hit by enemy unti-tank fire and completely burned.

Records in this office indicate that you investigated the vehicle after the above action and reported the finding of bones in Pvt. Heeks' gam position in the tank.

It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can supply any information as to the disposition of the remains which you found in the above mentioned touch.

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelops, which requires no postage, to assell the delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

l Incl Penalty Envelope Capt. QUO Memorial Division

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

QMGMS 293 Meeks, Thurman SN 34263482

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12 May 1950

Mr. James C. Pickrel 2809 Bellaire Street Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Pickrel:

The Office of the Quartermaster General is attempting to obtain all possible information surrounding the death and burial of Pvt. Thurman Meeks of Company "B", 31st Tank Battalion, who was reported as killed in action on 1 October 1944.

Our records indicate that you were a crew member serving in the same tank at the time of Pvt. Meeks! death. It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can supply any information relative to the following questions concerning him:

- 1. When did you last see Pvt. Meeks?
- 2. What was his physical condition when you last saw him?
- 3. Do you have any reason to believe that he may have been captured by the enemy?
- 4. Did you witness his death?
- 5. If you witnessed his death, do you know his burial location?
- 6. Can you give a brief discription of the action in which he was killed?
- 7. Any other information that you may be able to furnish concerning his circumstances of death.



QMGMS 293 Meeks, Thurman SN 34263482 12 May 1950

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
Memorial Division



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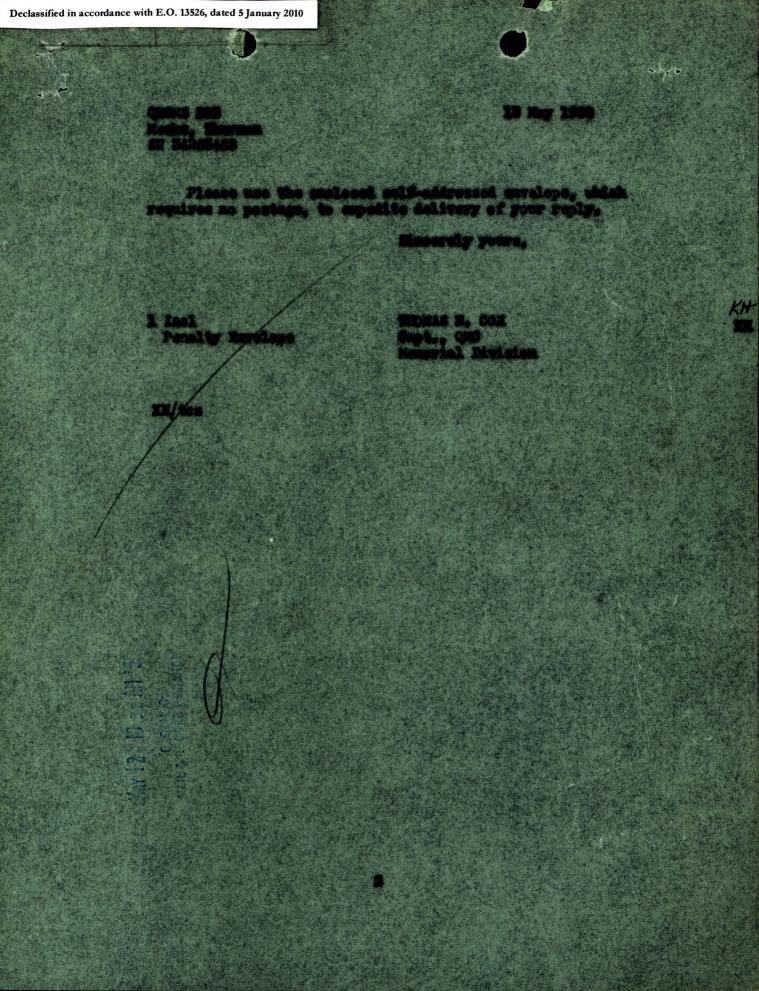
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Mr. Harold Belows Route 1 Kingston, Michigan

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- 5. Do you have any reason to believe that he may have been captured by the enemy?
- 4. Did you witness his death?
- 5. If you witnessed his death, do you know his buriel location?
- 6. Can you give a brief description of the action in which he was killed?
- 7. Any other information that you may be able to furnish concerning his circumstances of death.

May 28,1850 10: Dear Sir: I am answering the request Concerning Put. mesks. Distos a gunner at the same time that But muke was killed by an anti tank gun in Halland The name of the town I don't recall or the date of witch he was Killed. To the best of my knowledge I don't think this to body was ever removed from? the tank because the tank & burned shortly after it was Knockedout. I have no reason to believe Pot. merkie body was even burried. Sincerely. Glenn Statun Hilliards Pa, PDT

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12 May 1950

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours.

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George 203 Hooks, Thurson St 34263482

12 May 1950

Mr. Glamm A. Seaton

Forrestville, Ponnsylvania

Dear Mr. Beston:

The Office of the quartermaster General is attempting to obtain all possible information surrounding the death and burial of Pvt. Thurman Neeks of Company "B", Slat Trak Battalian, who was reported as killed in action on 1 Gotober 1944.

Our records indicate that you were a crew member serving in the same tank at the time of Pvt. Neeks' death. It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can supply any information relative to the following questions concerning him:

- 1. When did you last see Pvt. Meeks?
- 2. What was his physical condition when you last say his?
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				Seaton, Glenn A. (Cpl) 13060947
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Mrs. Cora H. Meeks Route #1 Culverton, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Meeks:

(S-10-12-45) RTB:BT:amr August 9, 1945

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belon-ing to your son, private Thurman Meeks:

1 Carton and contents

My action in transmitting the preperty does not, of itself, vest title in you The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailed in caring for them bending the return of the owner, who has been reported missing in action. In the event he later is recorted 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 co venience, 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 yourson.

Yours very truly.

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

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Receipt acknowledged:

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ORDER FOR SHIPMUNT

Mrs. Cora H. Meeks

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Culverton, Georgia

Effects Quartermaster

Pvt. Thurman Meeks

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Effects of:

34263482

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October 25 1944

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of: Pvt Thurman MMI Meeks 34263482 31st Tank B 31st Tank Bn 7th Armored Division

: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone TO

Designated beneficiary not readily accessible.

Inventory of Effects Toilet Kit Brush -Fountain Pen Stamp w/stamp pad Money belt Sewing Kits Dog Tag Chain ETO Ribbon Tank Insignia

No Money Names and addresses of any banks not known

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by truck on October 25 1944.

> H.a. Prekford H. A. PIOKFORD

1st Lt. QMC 0-1016270 Headquarters 7th A.D.

