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219 N. Lee Street
Alexandria, Virginia

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON



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TECHNICAL RECORDS SECTION

DRB, TAGO

219 N. Lee Street
Alexandria, Virginia

QMGMF 293
Backfish, Alfred J.
SN 32 206 734

1 July 1954

Veterans Administration

Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed copy of letter dated 11 June 1954 with a footnote inquiry made thereon by Mrs. Mary Backfish, mother of the late Sergeant Alfred J. Backfish, is forwarded to your Office for further reply regarding her request for a flag.

The records of this Office indicate that Sergeant Backfish's remains were permanently interred on 2 May 1949 in Plot A, Row 8, Grave 63, in the United States Military Cemetery Epinal, France, by direction of his father, Mr. William J. Backfish. The flag which draped the casket was sent to the father. The parents were not living at the same addresses at the time of overseas interment, the father's address being care of Box 22, Altamonte, Florida.

The correspondent has been advised of this referral.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN D. MARTZ JR.
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

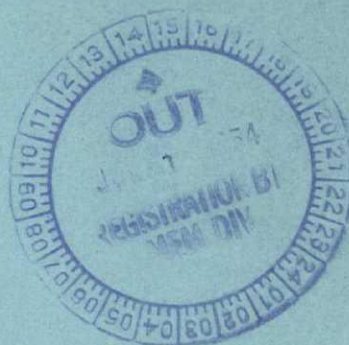
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- 2. Cy ltr dtd 1 Jul 54

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH
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CORRESPONDENCE ROUTING SLIP

FROM: THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

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THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL			
CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU	FROM		
CHIEF OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>18 JUN 1954</p> <p>OPERATIONS BRANCH</p> <p><i>CR Moore</i></p> <p>Ext 52053 73464</p> </div>		
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Home Service Chairman
Home Service Director
MISS F. MARGERY SKEATS

Telephone Orange 4-4074

232 SOUTH HARRISON STREET • EAST ORANGE • NEW JERSEY

June 11, 1954

Mrs. Mary Backfish
71 South Harrison Street
East Orange
New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Backfish:

When you were in the office the other day, you asked me about the flag which draped your son's casket when he was buried overseas. I find that it was the practice not to remove the flag from the casket.

I would suggest that you write to the Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., asking for confirmation of this information and also whether or not a duplicate flag could be issued to you.

Please let me know if you feel we can be of further service.

ACTION

Very sincerely yours,

F. Margery Skeats

(Miss) F. Margery Skeats
Home Service Director

FMS/hb

I would like very much to have a duplicate flag as my son died in battle it be the only thing I would like to have his Mother.
Mary Backfish.
(OVER)

193 Backfish, Alfred G. (32208734)

Cop. Al. Backfish - 32206734.

He received the 4 lives Star
Bronze Star Medal.
Purple Heart.

He was killed in France Sep 8th - 1944.

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QMGMF 293
Backfish, Alfred J.
SN 32 206 734

1 July 1954

Mrs. Mary Backfish
71 South Harrison Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Backfish:

Your recent communication, addressed to the Department of the Army, concerning your son, the late Sergeant Alfred J. Backfish, has been referred to this Office for reply.

The records of this Office indicate that the remains of your son were permanently interred in Plot A, Row 8, Grave 68, in the United States Military Cemetery Epinal, France. The flag which draped your son's casket was sent to his father on 6 May 1949.

I have noted your request for a flag and have forwarded a copy of your letter to Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C., for consideration and further reply to you.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN D. MARTZ JR.
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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USMC EPINAL, FRANCE
PLOT A ROW 8 GRAVE 68
DATE REBURIED: 2 May 1949

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A -
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER
3515 00126

DATE
15 03 49

NAME
BACKFISH ALFRED J

SERIAL NUMBER
32206734

GRADE
SGT

ARM
1

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1

RELIGION
1

CEMETERY
CHAMPIGNEUL FRANCE

PLOT ROW GRAVE
B 9 208

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
3502 80
CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE
EPINAL, FRANCE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
WILLIAM J. BACKFISH (FATHER)
C/O BOX 22
ALTAMONTE, FLORIDA (FLAG SENT)
6 MAY 1949

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SERIAL NUMBER GRADE DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ORGANIZATION RELIGION IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY
 REMAINS USAGF
 MARKER

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

(SEE ATTACHED DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE)

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE BY CASKET SEALED BY EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE BY I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

RECORD OF CUSTODIAN TRANSFER

QMC FORM REV 11 FEB 48 1194

FINAL LETTER SENT 7 JUN 1949

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REPARATION RECORDS BRANCH
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DATE JUN 15 1949
NAME B. A. HATTING
MR. MEM. DIV.

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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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DISINTERMENT OPERATIONS RECORD

SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME: **BACKFISH ALFRED J** SERIAL NUMBER: **32206734** GRADE: **SGT** ARM: **1** RACE: RELIGION:

CEMETERY: **CHAMPIGNEUL FRANCE** PLOT: **B** ROW: **9** GRAVE: **208** DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: CODE: DIST. CTR.:

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN:

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME: **BACKFISH, ALFRED J.** SERIAL NUMBER: **32206734** GRADE: **SGT** DATE OF DEATH: DATE DISTINTERRED: **16 AUGUST 1948**

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON: REMAINS MARKER ORGANIZATION: RELIGION: **P.** IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY: **WILLIAM E. DUNN, EMBALMER.** NAME AND TITLE:

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL: **O.D. UNIFORM.** CONDITION OF REMAINS: **SKELETAL FORM. FRACTURED R/HUMERUS, R/FEMUR, AND R/CLAVICLE.**

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION: **NONE.**

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.): **NONE.**

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ **TRANSFER BOX.**

DATE: **17 AUGUST 1948** BY: **WILLIAM E. DUNN, EMBALMER.**

CASKET SEALED BY: **J EARL TUCKER** EMBALMER (Signature): **J EARL TUCKER**

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED: ~~SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY~~ **All tags, markings and plates verified by: JOHN A FAGAN 1st LT CAV**

DATE: **4 Oct 48** BY: **A H SALTZMAN**
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.
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John A. Fagan
JOHN A. FAGAN, 1/LT, CAV, 548 QM SV CO.
SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

FROM: USMC CHAMPIGNEUL (FRANCE)

TO: OIC, USMC EPINAL (FRANCE)

KIND OF CONVEYANCE: RAIL

NAME OF CONVOYER: CARLO PAPIA, PFC, RA 6376979

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

DEWEY R. BELL, 1st Lt Cav

17/9/48

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

M. N. Podlowsky 24-9-48

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7 June 1949

Sgt. Alfred J. Backfish, ASN 32 206 734
Plot A, Row 8, Grave 68 *gn*
Headstone: Cross
Epinal (France) U.S. Military Cemetery

Mr. William J. Backfish
c/o Box 22
Altamonte, Florida

Dear Mr. Backfish:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
H. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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O. O. M. C.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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MR WILLIAM J BACKFISH
C/O BOX #22
ALTAMONTS FLORIDA

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SERGEANT ALFRED J BACKFISH COMMA 32206734 COMMA

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Backfish, Alfred J., 32206734 24 Mar 49

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32206734 CHAMPIGNEUX B-9-208

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I DESIRE PERMANENT OVERSEAS BURIAL FOR SERGEANT ALFRED J
BACKFISH 32206734 / 293 NOTIFY ME AS TO LOCATION OF HIS CEMETERY
OVERSEAS

WILLIAM J BACKFISH (FATHER) c/o Box 22 ACTAMONTE, FLA.
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293 BACKFISH, ALFRED J

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293 Backfish Alfred J (SP)

32206734

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Date 3/19/49
Acceptance Section
Family Comm. Section

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MR WILLIAM J BACKFISH
175 ALBANY STREET
CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS

293

SERGEANT ALFRED J BACKFISH COMMA 32206734

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SECTION

Backfish, Alfred J 32206734 17 Mar 49

Sgt Alfred J. Backfish, 32 206 734
Plot B, Row 9, Grave 208,
United States Military Cemetery
Champigneul, France

30 April 1948

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Mr. William J. Backfish
175 Albany Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Backfish:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

8 Incls. *g*

May 5 1948
U.S. M. & RECORDS

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OQMG FORM 399 2 APR 48		REQUEST FOR NEW LETTER OF INQUIRY	
TO <i>WZ</i> LETTER OF INQUIRY SECTION REPATRIATION RECORDS BRANCH		FROM REPLY FORM ACCEPTANCE SECTION FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH	
NAME OF DECEDENT (First, Middle, Last) <i>Alfred J. Backfish</i>		GRADE <i>Sgt.</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>32206734</i>
GRAVE LOCATION <i>Champagneul</i>			
CEMETERY <i>Champagneul</i>	PLOT <i>B</i>	ROW <i>9</i>	GRAVE <i>208</i>
LETTER OF INQUIRY TO BE SENT TO: <i>Father</i>			
MR. <i>William J. Backfish</i>			
MISS _____ ADDRESS _____			
STREET <i>175 Albany St.</i>		CITY AND STATE <i>Cambridge Mass.</i>	
AUTHORITY FOR LETTER OF INQUIRY <i>Father Is OK</i>			
CLERK'S SIGNATURE <i>Lunham</i>		DATE <i>23 April 48</i>	

new LOI Sent 30 APR 1948 *to father post*

DDMG FORM 381
11 MAR 47

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

NAME OF DECEASED ALFRED J. BACKFISH	RANK SGT.	SERIAL NUMBER 32 206734
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NAME OF NEXT OF KIN MARY K. BACKFISH	RELATIONSHIP MOTHER
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OLD ADDRESS
101-41 125th St
Richmond Hill, New York

NEW ADDRESS
45 Crescent Place
Short Hills, New Jersey

REMARKS

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Richmond Hill, N.Y.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
MEMORIAL DIVISION, R. R. BRANCH
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

293 Backfist, Alfred J.

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

297
Sgt. Alfred J. Backfish, 32 206 734
Plot B, Row 9, Grave 208,
United States Military Cemetery
Champaign, France

29 July 1947

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose. If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, MARY K. BACKFISH

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- WIDOW
- WIDOWER
- SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER
- MOTHER
- BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY) _____
- 3. BE RETURNED TO _____ (FOREIGN COUNTRY), THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
- 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
 YES NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

NONE

LOI Sent

30 APR 1948

to father and

Handwritten signatures and initials in red ink.

PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		TELEPHONE No.

OR I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)*

Blank lines for additional instructions.

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mary H. Backfish (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) 42 Crescent Pl. (STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) Short Hill, N.J. (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 8 day of August,
1947, at city (or town) of New York, county of Ny, and State (or Territory or
District) of N.Y.

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation:

Paul Grupper
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
NOTARY PUBLIC, NEW YORK COUNTY
CLERK'S No. 290 REGISTER'S No. 333-G-8
(OFFICIAL TITLE)
COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 30, 1948

PART II - RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE MOTHER (PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP), AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME <u>BACKFISH</u>	FIRST NAME <u>WILLIAM</u>	MIDDLE INITIAL <u>J.</u>
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED <u>FATHER</u>		
NUMBER AND STREET <u>175 ALBANY ST.</u>	CITY OR TOWN <u>CAMBRIDGE</u>	STATE OR COUNTRY <u>MASS.</u>

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

Mary K. Backfish
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

AUGUST 7, 1947
(DATE)

45 CRESCENT PL
(STREET AND NUMBER)

MARY K. BACKFISH
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

SHORT HILLS, N.J.
(CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE)

(STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

(CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

NAME OF PARTY OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RESIGN MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED

RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY OR TOWN

STATE OR COUNTRY

DATE

ADDRESS

NAME OF PARTY OF THIS FORM

RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY OR TOWN

STATE OR COUNTRY

DATE

ADDRESS

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin and are not a next of kin, you must fill in PART III with the name of the next of kin and the address of the next of kin.

NAME OF PARTY OF THIS FORM

RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED

NUMBER AND STREET

CITY OR TOWN

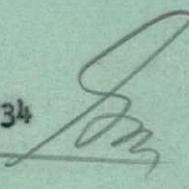
STATE OR COUNTRY

DATE

ADDRESS



Sgt. Alfred J. Backfish, 32 206 734
Plot B, Row 9, Grave 208,
United States Military Cemetery
Champigneul, France



29 July 1947

Mrs. Mary Backfish
45 Crescent Place
Short Hills, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Backfish:

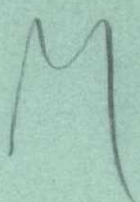
The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,



THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

Incls.

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new LBI Sent 30 APR 1948 *to father*

OQMG FORM 381
11 MAR 47

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

243 NAME OF DECEASED ALFRED J. BACKFISH	RANK SERGEANT	SERIAL NUMBER 32 206 734
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NAME OF NEXT OF KIN (Mrs Mary Backfish) MRS. MARY BACKFISH	RELATIONSHIP SON
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OLD ADDRESS
3 William St. Valley Stream,
Long Island, N.Y.

NEW ADDRESS
45 CRESCENT PLACE
SHORT HILLS, NEW JERSEY

REMARKS
243 Backfish, Alfred J in

*Not file
47
C. J. [unclear]
only*

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



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
(GPO)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
MEMORIAL DIVISION, R. R. BRANCH
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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QMCMF 293
Backfish, Alfred J.
A.S.N. 32 206 734

2 June 1947

Mrs. Mary Backfish
3 William Street
Valley Stream
Long Island, New York

Dear Mrs. Backfish:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Champigneul, France, in which your son, the late Sergeant Alfred J. Backfish, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Photograph

G. A. HORKAN
Brigadier General, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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[Handwritten signature]

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O. G. M. S.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH
JUN 2 3 20 PM '47

27 September 1946

Mrs. Mary Backfish
3 William Street
Valley Stream, Long Island, New York

Dear Mrs. Backfish:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Sergeant Alfred J. Backfish, A.S.N. 32 206 734.

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The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the United States Military Cemetery Champigneul, plot B, row 9, grave 208. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located twenty miles southeast of Reims, France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

SEP 27 12 20 PM '46
C. O. M. G.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

Handwritten initials/signature

GRAVES REGISTRATION
FORM No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

RESTRICTED
REPORT OF BURIAL
TM-10-630 AND AR 30-1815

43326

159 11 Sept 1944
Date

Backfish Alfred J. Sgt 32200734
 Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.
7th Armored Div.
 Unit 33rd Armd. Eng. Bn Organization
Near Metz, France Sept 8 1944 (Est) KIA, SW Back
 Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death
10 Sept 1944 1600 US Mil. Cem. No. 1, Champigneul, France 407405
 Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location
208 9 B Temporary
 Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

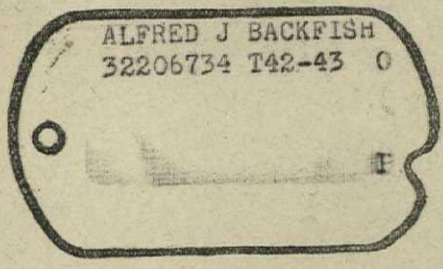
If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:	<u>Carlyle Packard</u>	<u>31423400</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>207</u>
Deceased's Right:	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	<u>Hiram L. Lucy</u>	<u>33543002</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>209</u>
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee Mrs. Mary Backfish (Mother)
Name
3 William St., Long Island, N. Y.
Address

Religion Protestant

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

- Knife
- Bracelet
- Pin
- 8 Coins--Souv.
- Receipt

F. A. Greulich

F. A. GREULICH Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
Capt., QMC
3041 QM GR CO

F. A. Greulich

SEP 14 1944

me #2

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Height: | Laundry Marks: |
| Weight: | Number of Rifle: |
| Color of Eyes: | Wear Glasses? |
| Color of Hair: | Is Tooth Chart Attached? |
| Race: | |

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

4		4
3		3
2		2
1		1
Thumb		Thumb
Left Hand		Right Hand

TOOTH CHART

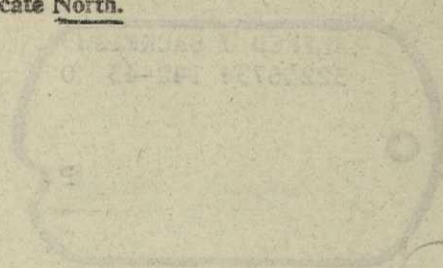
If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

	Deceased's Left								Deceased's Right																									
	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Upper																																		
Lower																																		

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ⊙ linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth, X

Characteristics: _____

Other Data: _____



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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 30 Sept. 1944
FM 4627

FULL NAME <i>293</i> Backfish, Alfred J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 32 206 734	GRADE Sgt.										
HOME ADDRESS <i>hs</i> Bloomfield, N. J.		ARM OR SERVICE Corps of Engrs.	DATE OF BIRTH 16 Feb '20										
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 8 Sep 44										
STATION OF DECEASED European Area	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 3 Feb '42		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS										
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Mary Backfish, mother, 3 William St., Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y.													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Mary Backfish, mother, address shown above. Alice Backfish, sister, 160 Garner Ave., Bloomfield, N. J.													
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

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

7 OCT 1944 FILE

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

BATTLE
 NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
James W. Reinhart
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

293 Backfish, Alfred J. Age 32206734
B

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. William J. Backfish
3 William Street

Sgt. Alfred J. Backfish

Valley Stream, L. I., New York

Effects of:
Name

32206734

ASN

241440 D

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 21 April 1945
JAM:JFH:pam

Helen Larson
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check
 Acct. No.
 Amount
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

 Remove G.I.
 Note discrepancy in
 Films removed
 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

 Accounting Branch
 1 Warehouse Division
 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

1 pkg

REMARKS:

FRANKED **APR 28 1945**
Franked
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages

Shipping Clerk

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SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> SHEETS	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED
BOX NUMBER <u>7</u>	ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES <u>1</u>		MISSING
TALLY NUMBER <u>7061</u>	INVENTORY DATE <u>30-Mar-45</u>	CASE NUMBER <u>241440</u>	P.O.W.
EFFECTS OF <u>Alfred J. Backfish</u>	RANK <u>Sgt.</u>		ABANDONED
A.S.N. <u>32206734</u>	ORGANIZATION <u>Co. A. 33rd Armd. Engr. Bn</u>		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <u>#7 (Pkg)</u>			

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
BELT	BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	BAGS, CLOTH
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BRUSHES	BAGS, TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	CAMERAS	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
COATS	GLASSES	CASE, _____
FOOTWEAR, PR.	KNIVES	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR.	LIGHTERS	KIT, SEWING
HANDKERCHIEFS	MISC. INSIGNIA	KIT, TOILET
HEADWEAR	MISC. ITEMS	KIT, WRITING
JACKETS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	PAPERS AND MISC.
OVERCOATS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	BOOKS
SCARFS	PIPES	BOOKS, ADDRESS
SHIRTS	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	BOOKS, NOTE
SOCKS, PR.	RIBBONS, DECORATION	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
TIES	RINGS	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
TOWELS	TOBACCO	FILMS
TROUSERS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	LETTERS
TRUNKS, PR.	WATCH	PAPERS, PERSONAL
UNDERWEAR	WINGS	PHOTOS
		SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		SHORT SNORTER
		SOUVENIRS
		SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS: from form 29- ATTACHMENTS: FORM #54 FORM #100

Mrs Mary Backfish
3 William St.
Valley Stream Long Is. N.Y.

1 Inventory ✓
1 & P label ✓

* Rusty

Mrs Mary Backfish
C.A.T. 3 William St.
Long Island N.Y.

WAREHOUSE SPACE <u>1959</u>	STORED BY <u>ACM</u>	DATE SHIPPED <u>APR 28 1945</u>	GI REMOVED
INVENTORIED BY <u>BH Smith</u>	PACKED BY <u>Wyatt</u>	CHECKED BY <u>E</u>	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
			IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
			DIARY REMOVED
			LOCKED STORAGE
			LAUNDRY REMOVED
			FILM REMOVED

DAMAGED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

241440

JHM:JFH:pan
April 20, 1945

Mrs. William J. Backfish
3 William Street
Valley Stream, L. I., New York

Dear Mrs. Backfish:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, Sergeant Alfred J. Backfish.

These effects, contained in one package, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

Extending every sympathy, I am

Sincerely yours,

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P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

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NAME -

BLACKFISH, ALFRED J SGT

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
		1	7061

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
GRB		

Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPO
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRM:DW:ms
Case No. 241440
Date 29 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Alfred J. Backfish, 32,206,734 late a
(Name of decedent) (Army Serial Number)
Sergeant, Corps of Engineers who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 8 day of September, 19 44, at European Area.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo, pursuant to S.O., 228, Hq., KQCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. none.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt none, Incl. none)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 21 March 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KQCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. William J. Backfish for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. William J. Backfish of (Name of person found entitled) 3 William Street, Valley Stream, L. I. State of (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village) New York, is the mother of the (Relationship or Capacity) above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)
JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, G.M.C.
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

241440 ✓

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JRM:DW:ms
March 29, 1945 ✓

Mrs. William J. Backfish
3 William Street
Valley Stream, L. I., New York ✓

Dear Mrs. Backfish: ✓

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Sergeant Alfred J. Backfish.

I am inclosing an identification card which was received here with his effects. The remainder of the property is being forwarded to you in one carton.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son. ✓

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit ✓

Incl--Identification Card ✓

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. William J. Backfish

3 William Street

Valley Stream, L. I., New York

Effects of:

Name Sgt. Alfred J. Backfish

ASN 32206734

No 241440 D

Wt.

DATE March 22, 1945

JRM:SP:mmh

hl we
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check
 Acct. No. _____
 Amount _____
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.
 Note discrepancy in _____
 Films removed
 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch
 1 Warehouse Division
 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

1 ctn
Franked. FRANKED
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
No. of packages 1

MAR 23 1945

mk
Shipping Clerk

APR 3 1945

24 1440 *lib*

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>H. O. N.</i>	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY	DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>
		P.O.W. <input type="checkbox"/>
		ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
		TALLY NO. <i>6972</i>
		INV. DATE <i>9-Mar-45</i>
		ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>
NAME <i>ALFRED J. BACKFISH</i>		BOX NO.
A.S.N. <i>32206784</i>	RANK <i>Sgt.</i>	SHEET OF <i>1</i> SHEETS
		ORGANIZATION <i>7th Armored Div</i>

BELT	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	BRACELET, IDENT.	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
COATS	BRUSHES	CASE
FOOTWEAR, PR	CAMERAS	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR	GLASSES	KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
HANDKERCHIEFS	KNIVES	BOOKS
HEADWEAR	LIGHTERS	BOOKS, ADDRESS
JACKETS	MISC. INSTANTIA	BOOKS, FLOT LOG
OVERCOATS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUP)
SCARFS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	FILMS
SHIRTS	PIPES	LETTERS
SOCKS, PR	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	PAPERS, PERSONAL
TIES	RIBBONS, DECORATION	PHOTOS
TOWELS	RINGS	SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
TROUSERS, PR.	TOBACCO	SHORT SHORTER
TRUNKS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	SOUVENIRS
UNDERWEAR	WATCH <i>Pocket. Origin</i>	SOUVENIR MONEY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		190 U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT) <i>0.00</i>

REMARKS *Home address.*
160 Larned Ave. - Bloomfield, N.J.
** Not in running order.*

ATTACHMENTS
 FORM #54
 FORM #100
1 Inventory
1 Ident. card

C.A.T. *none*

WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>1959</i>	STORED BY <i>mk</i>	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
INVENTORIED BY <i>Moran</i>	DATE SHIPPED <i>MAR 23 1945</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHORTAGE ON REVERSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PACKED BY <i>6-11</i>	CHECKED BY <i>L</i>		IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
			DIARY REMOVED
			LOCKED STORAGE
			LAUNDRY REMOVED
			FILM REMOVED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

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I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

Moran
INVENTORY CLERK

Blumenthal
SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

NAME

BACKFISH, ALFRED J. SGT.

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TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG.			

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

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JRM:HA:mam
October 23, 1944

Mrs. Wm. J. Backfish
3 William Street
Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Backfish:

This refers to your recent letter inquiring about the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Alfred J. Backfish.

I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of your son's property. There is inclosed an information circular which will give you some idea of the time which may elapse before personal effects arrive here from overseas.

You will note from Paragraph 3 of the circular that this Bureau needs certain information in order to make disposition of property. You may furnish the necessary information at this time, if you wish, so that your son's effects may be forwarded promptly upon receipt here.

For your convenience, there is inclosed a self-addressed return envelope which requires no postage.

I wish to express my sincere regret of the circumstances prompting this correspondence.

Yours very truly,

A. F. TIMMS
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau

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Envelope

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October 6, 1944
(Date)

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Backfish Alfred J. Sgt. 32206734
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO US Army

The above named individual of 33rd Engineer Bn.
(Unit)

7th Armored Division was reported KIA
(Organization) (Status--Killed, MIA,

Hospitalized, etc.) about September 8, 1944 194
(Date)

Designated Beneficiary of information readily accessible Not accessible

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 Elgin Pocket Watch in Case ✓
- 15 Snapshots ✓
- 1 Dime card full of dimes ✓ ①
- 1 Photograph ✓
- 1 Pocketbook ✓

RESTRICTED

R E S T R I C T E D

No Money

Money in the amount of _____,
(English Money) (French Money) (U.S. Money)

has been turned into _____,
(Name of finance officer and symbol number)

Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

Do Not Know

(Names and addresses of any banks in which accounts may be carried:)

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 _____ on _____ 194____.
(Rail, Truck, etc) (Date)

H.A. Pickford
Name H.A. PICKFORD
1st Lt., GAO, 9-2016279
Rank & ASN Headquarters
Organization Ignored Division

Any additional pertinent information:

R E S T R I C T E D

ALFRED J BACKFISH
32206734 T42-43 0

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

U. S. Military Cemetery No. 1. 11 September 1944
Champigneul, France. (Date)

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SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

BACKFISH ALFRED J. SGT. 32206734
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 113
US Army

The above named individual of 7th Armored Div.
(Unit)

(Organization) was reported KIA (Status-Killed, MIA,
about 8 July 1944 1944.
Hospitalized, etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible _____

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- Knife ✓
- Bracelet ✓
- pin ✓
- 8 Coins, souvenir ✓
- Receipt ✓

CURRENCY:
None

Money in the amount of _____ has been turned into _____
(Name of _____
finance officer and symbol number) . Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:

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 _____ on _____ 1944.
(Rail, Truck, etc.) (Date)

Name *F. A. Greulich*
Rank & ASN F. A. GREULICH
Capt., QMC
Organization 3041st QM G. R. Co.

Any additional pertinent information:

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Serial No. 32206734 Name Backfish, Alfred J.
 Grade Sgt. Rank _____
 Organization Co. A. 33rd Army Engr. Bn.
 Address _____
 Nearest Relative Mrs. Mary Backfish (mother)
 Address 3 William St. Long Island, N. Y.
 Killed in Action yes Died of Disease _____
 Date 9/10/44 Hospital _____
 Battle Area _____ Information _____
 Place of Burial U. S. Military Cemetery No. 1
 Point of Coordination Champigny, France 407-465
 Description of Body _____
 Members Missing _____

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3 William ST
Valley Stream, N.Y.

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Dear Sirs.

My son Sgt. Alfred J. ^(serial No. 32206734)
Backfish was killed in action
in France on Sept 8th
if any of his personal effects
were recovered would you
please send them to

(his mother)

MRS. Wm. G. BACKFISH
3 WILLIAM ST.
VALLEY STREAM
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

DECEASED NAME.

SGT. ALFRED J. BACKFISH
SERIAL NO. 32206734

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 KANSAS CITY, MO.
 OCT - 6 1944

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

241440

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 30 Sept. 1944
 TM 4627

FULL NAME Backfish, Alfred J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 32 206 734	GRADE Sgt.										
HOME ADDRESS Bloomfield, N. J.		ARM OR SERVICE Corps of Engrs.	DATE OF BIRTH 16 Feb '20										
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action ✓		DATE OF DEATH 8 Sep 44										
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 3 Feb '42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS										
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Mary Backfish, mother, 3 William St., Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y.													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Mary Backfish, mother, address shown above. Alice Backfish, sister, 160 Garner Ave., Bloomfield, N. J.													
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
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT



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		A. G. 201 FILE

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
James W. Reinhart
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

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