

293 BERTRAND, ARTHUR H. PVT. ENGRS. 37614437 EUROP.A. (MO) 45 mam

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USMC HENRI CHAPELLE
 PLOT F, ROW 2, GRAVE 188
 DATE OF BURIAL: 18 Sept 48
 VERIFIED BY GRS OFFICER:

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

REPORTED ON
 BY: CHARLIE TINSLEY
 6285177
 LEFT: MERLE J MILLER
 36972879

SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASEDDIRECTIVE NUMBER
1240 01107DATE
26 09 47
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME BERTRAND ARTHUR H	SERIAL NUMBER 37614437	RANK PVT	ARM 1	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR 26 09 47
CEMETERY HENRI CHAPELLE EUPEN				DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DAY MONTH YEAR 1 1201 80
PLOT NNN	ROW 10	GRAVE 188	COUNTRY BELGIUM	CAUSE OF DEATH 1

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE HENRI-CHAPELLE, BELGIUM	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN ARTHUR R. BERTRAND 810 BROWNELL AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
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FLAG SENT 7 Sept 48

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME BERTRAND ARTHUR H	SERIAL NUMBER 37614437	RANK PVT	DATE OF DEATH EST 25 JAN 45	DATE DISINTERRED 23 OCT 47
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS GRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER GRS	ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION UNK.	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY HARRIE D NELSON EMB. FOS. PROV. NAME AND TITLE SUPV	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL UNIFORM AND MATTRESS COVER	CONDITION OF REMAINS FRACTURED LEFT PELVIS, RIGHT PELVIS, LEFT FIBULA, LEFT TIBIA, MUL- TIPLE FRACTURES, HEAD CRUSHED.
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION GRS TAG (SAME AS ABOVE) FOUND IN BETWEEN LEGS.	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES NONE	
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET DATE 30 OCTOBER 1947 BY HARRIE D NELSON EMB. SUPV.	
CASKET SEALED BY HARRIE D NELSON EMB. SUPV.	EMBALMER (Signature) HARRIE D NELSON EMB. SUPV. FOS. PROVISIONAL.
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 30 OCT 47 BY JOHN SHINKO CLERK RECORDER	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY HARRIE D NELSON EMB. SUPV.

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

(Signature)
RAYMOND G JOHNSON 1/LT. INF.
 SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

FILE
 RECORDS ANNOTATED
 DATE **15 Nov 48**
 NAME **J.R. [Signature]**
 S & R BR.

QMC FORM REV 15 MAR 46 1194

FINAL LETTER SENT 3 NOV 1948

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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3 November 1948

Mr. Arthur R. Bertrand
810 Brownell Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Pvt Arthur H. Bertrand, ASN 37 614 437
~~Plot F, Row 2, Grave 72~~
Headstone: Cross
Henri-Chapelle U. S. Military Cemetery

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

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, the central address of which is Room 713, 1712 "G" Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interment and beautification activities are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. However, upon completion thereof, due notice will be carried by the press.

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,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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QUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Pvt. Arthur H. Bertrand, 37 614 437
 Plot 1111, Row 10, Grave 188,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

14 March 1947

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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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, Arthur R. Bertrand
(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. Henri Chapelle, Belgium
 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 _____, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(FOREIGN COUNTRY) (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.)

Pvt. Arthur H. Bertrand - A.S.N. 37614437

APPROVED - 4 September 1947

Earl T. McCullough
 EARL T. McCULLOUGH
 Colonel, OMC

P. P. Liwski
 P. P. Liwski
 Lt. Col., OMC

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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
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.
EXPRESS OFFICE (<i>Nearest railroad passenger station</i>)		

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 (<i>Nearest railroad passenger station</i>)	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.**)

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.

(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

(STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this _____ day of _____,

19____, at city (or town) of _____, county of _____, and State (or Territory or

District) of _____

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

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

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

QMGHF 293
Bertrand, Arthur H.
S.N. 37 614 437

26 August 1947

Mr. Arthur R. Bertrand
810 Brownell Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Private Arthur H. Bertrand, has come to my attention.

I am gratified to inform you that the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, has been designated as a permanent American Military Cemetery, dedicated in grateful remembrance of the Dead of World War II.

As an American Military Cemetery it will be beautified, maintained, and permanently cared for by the American Battle Monuments Commission as a shrine to the memory of our heroic dead. The remains of your beloved son may repose forever in this hallowed ground.

I am sure you will understand that it may be necessary to move the remains of your son during the beautification and consolidation of the cemetery.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time if you believe we can assist you further.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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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 _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)
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	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

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

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) (STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (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)

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Major, Memorial Division

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO Burial ofPvt. Arthur H. Bertrand, 37614437Plot MNN, Row 10, Grave 188

US Military Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

13 May 1947

Mr. Arthur R. Bertrand
810 Brownell Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

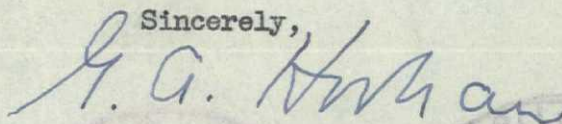
Reference is made to the "Letter of Inquiry - Disposition of Remains" sent to you about 45 days ago, requesting you to complete and mail the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form.

Since no reply has been received, you are again respectfully urged to return this completed form at the earliest possible date in order to avoid any unnecessary delay in the final disposition of the remains of your loved one.

Due to the tremendous amount of work involved in carrying out final burial arrangements for all of the deceased Americans of World War II, this program must proceed cemetery by cemetery in each area of the world.

The cemetery in which the remains of your loved one are buried is expected to be evacuated in the near future. In the absence of any reply from you by that time, the Government will assume that you have no objection to the final burial of the deceased in a permanent American Military Cemetery Overseas.

Sincerely,



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

Dear Sir:- Enclosed please find form which I have filled out and am returning. I would like to have our son (above named) buried in a permanent American Military Cemetery overseas. Please advise me of this charge giving information as to name of cemetery. Thanks. Arthur R. Bertrand

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General's orders
upon to the first part of the deceased in a business American military
from you at that time. The following will explain that you were no longer
expected to be employed in the next future. In the absence of any reply
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to permit this completed form to the military board in order to
since no reply has been received, you are urged to recontact the

with the "request for distribution of remains" form.
which, sent to you upon the date also, requesting you to complete and
reference to the letter of inquiry - distribution of re-

Dear Mr. [Name]:

2510 Route 1, Missouri
210 Boulevard Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63103

Missouri-Cigarette, Virginia
18 Military Cemetery
1700 Main St. St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis, Mo. 63103

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

13 MAY 1947

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE SUBSECTION
RECORDS SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

Pvt. Arthur H. Bertrand, 37 614 437
Plot NNN, Row 10, Grave 188
United States Military Cemetery
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

12 June 1947
(Date)

SUBJECT: Remains to be interred in a Permanent Overseas Cemetery, per instructions from the Next of Kin.

The Remains of Arthur H. BERTRAND, Pvt
(Name) (Rank)

37 614 437, buried in Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, NNN,
(ASN) (Cemetery) (Plot)

10. 188, are to be interred in a Permanent Military
(Row) (Grave No.)
Cemetery Overseas; per authority:

Remarks on the bottom of LOI by the Next of Kin, Mr. Arthur R. Bertrand, to the effect that he wishes the remains of his son to rest permanently overseas.

POOLE ROGERS, Captain, GMC

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

(Mr.)
~~Miss.~~

Addressee: ~~Mrs.~~ Arthur R. Bertrand Father
Relationship
State 810 Brownell Avenue
City, State Saint Louis, Missouri '47
Date letter

Cemetery
Temporary: _____
Permanent: _____
Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

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In second par. omit "if you, as his next of kin, so desire.

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cc and 345 to Mr. Arrowsmith

Decedent:

Bertrand

Arthur

AT

Pvt.

37 614 437

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Modifications

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Burial of
Pvt. Arthur H. Bertrand, 37614437
Plot NNW, Row 10, Grave 188
US Military Cemetery
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

13 May 1947

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810 Brownell Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

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Sincerely,

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

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Form 3811
Rev. 1-4-40

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

1 Arthur R Bertrand
(Signature or name of addressee)

2 Edith M Bertrand
(Signature of addressee's agent - Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

Date of delivery 5-19, 1947

Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
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Return to

The Office of The Quartermaster General

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

REGISTERED ARTICLE and T Sts., S.W., Room 1250 Temp. Bldg A

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Pvt. Arthur H. Bertrand, 37 614 437
 Plot NN, Row 10, Grave 188,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

14 March 1947

Mr. Arthur R. Bertrand
 810 Brownell Avenue
 Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

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

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QMGR 293
Bertrand, Arthur H.
A.S.N. 37 614 437

3 January 1947

Mr. Arthur R. Bertrand
810 Brownell Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, in which your son, the late Private Arthur H. Bertrand, A.S.N. 37 614 437 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.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

GEO. A. HORKAN
Brigadier General, QMC
Assistant

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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SPQYG 293
Bertrand, Arthur H.

27 August 1945

Mr. Arthur Robert Bertrand
810 Brownell Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your son, the late Private Arthur H. Bertrand.

The records of this office disclose that he is interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery #1, Henri Chapelle, Belgium, plot MMN, row 10, grave 186.

This cemetery is located approximately 7 miles southwest of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Sincerely yours,

E. B. GREGORY
Lieutenant General
The Quartermaster General

Orig. Dispatch
GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
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GRAVES REGISTRATION FORM NO. 1 (Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

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REPORT OF BURIAL

10 Feb. 45.

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1315

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BERTRAND

Last Name

ARTHUR

First

Initial

PVP

Rank

37614437

Serial No.

Unknown

Unit

33rd Army Air Corps

Unknown

Organization

Vic. St. Vith Belgium

25 Jan 45 Est.

of Body. D.Hit Upper Part

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1600-hrs

10 Feb. 45

Henri Chapelle # 1

K 721-348

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Perm.

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?

Paybook

What means of identification were buried with the body?

Embossed Plate.

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:

Zrada, Walter J. 33343371

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Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Deceased's Left:

Mc Cord, Louis C. 34378531

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Name

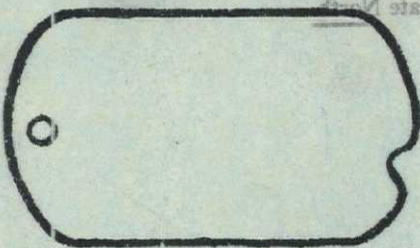
Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Signature of 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

Name

Address

Religion

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

FILE MAY 28 1945

#22

Neal J. Raker

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

N. F. RAKER

1st Lt. GMC

G.R.O.

RESTRICTED

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

**REPORT OF BURIAL
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: _____ 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.

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

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

Embossed Plate.

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

Who is buried on:
 Deceased's Right: _____
 Deceased's Left: _____

Left Hand

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3	K 721-348
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1	
Thumb	189 187

Right Hand

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3	188
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Thumb	

TOOTH CHART

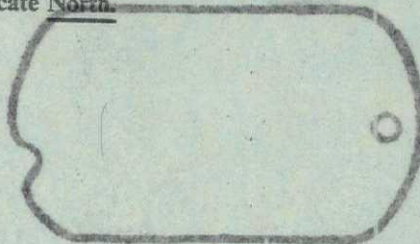
If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

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

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

Characteristics:

Other Data:



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

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 7 March 1945

FULL NAME Bertrand, Arthur H.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 37 614 437	GRADE Pvt
HOME ADDRESS Glendale, Mo.		ARM OR SERVICE Corps of Engrs	DATE OF BIRTH 26 May 24
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 22 Dec 44
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 15 May 43	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Edith L. Bertrand, mother, 810 Brownell Ave., St. Louis, Mo.			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Edith Louise Bertrand, mother, address above Mr. Arthur Robert Bertrand, father, same address			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 22 Dec 44, until such absence was terminated on 1 March 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General of the European Area.

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

WD AGO FORM 52-1
1 DECEMBER 1944

THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 29 MAY 1944, WHEN STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

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

James
Gale

16 MAR 1945

Pots

293 Bertrand, Arthur H.
MS

37614437

365183 ✓

JRM:VJ:bh ✓
May 16, 1945 ✓

Mr. Arthur Robert Bertrand ✓
810 Brownell Avenue ✓
St. Louis, Missouri ✓

Dear Mr. Bertrand: ✓

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas
some property of your son, Private Arthur H. Bertrand. ✓

This property, consisting of a few small items, is
being sent you. Regrettably the photos were damaged prior to
receipt at this Bureau. ✓

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the
expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so
that tracer may be instituted. ✓

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 ✓

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

JRM:VJ:bh

Case No. 365183Date 16 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Arthur H. Bertrand 37614437 late
 (Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Private Corps of Engineers who died
 (Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 22 day of December, 1944, 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., KCQM 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. _____.)

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 _____, Incl. _____)

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 12 May 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Arthur Robert Bertrand 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, Arthur Robert Bertrand of 810 Brownell Avenue, St. Louis State of Missouri, is the father of the above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)
 SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mr. Arthur Robert Bertrand

810 Brownell Avenue

St. Louis, Missouri

Effects of:

Name

Pvt. Arthur H. Bertrand

ASN

37614437

Case No.

365183 D

Wt.

DATE

16 May 1945

JRM:VJ:bh

A. Niska
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
 Warehouse Division
 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

SCREENED
5-4-48wc

hpkq

REMARKS:

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

AD
Shipping Clerk

MAY 18 1945

MAY 10 1945

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i># 1 pkg</i>	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY	DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<i>365,183</i>	MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>
NAME <i>ARTHUR H. BERTRAND</i>		P.O.W. <input type="checkbox"/>
A.S.N. <i>37614437</i>		ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
RANK <i>SUT</i>		TALLY NO. <i>7671</i>
		INV. DATE <i>2 May 45</i>
		ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>
		BOX NO.
		SHEET <i>1</i> OF <i>1</i> SHEETS
		ORGANIZATION

BELT	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	BRACELET IDENT.	BILFOLD, (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. INSIGNIA	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
OVERCOATS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
SCARFS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	FILMS
SHIRTS	PIPES	LETTERS
SOCKS, PR.	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	PAPERS, PERSONAL
TIES	RIBBONS, DECORATION * X	PHOTOS ✓
TOWELS	RINGS	SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
TROUSERS, PR.	TOBACCO	SHORT SNORTER
TRUNKS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	SOUVENIRS
UNDERWEAR	WATCH	SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS *no info checked* ATTACHMENTS *Inventory* FORM #54 *Labels* FORM #100

** Damaged by water.*

C.A.T. <i>none</i>	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>399</i>	STORED BY <i>AM</i>	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
INVENTORIED BY <i>Connett</i>	DATE SHIPPED <i>MAY 19 1945</i>	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
PACKED BY <i>Connett</i>	CHECKED BY <i>AM</i>	DIARY REMOVED
		LOCKED STORAGE
		LAUNDRY REMOVED
		FILM REMOVED

DAMAGED

NAME BERTRAND, ARTHUR H PVT 4437

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
		2	7671
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
GRB			

Mailed direct to KC

Pouch No. 284 294

Reg. No. 136

R E S T R I C T E D
I N V E N T O R Y F O R M

Henri pelle # 1 WNW 188

10 Feb 45

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Bertrand Arthur H. Pvt. 37614437
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO 827 US Army

The above named individual of _____
(Unit) Unknown (Organization)

was reported buried Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.) about 10 Feb 45 1944.
(Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Unk

I N V E N T O R Y O F E F F E C T S

pictures
receipts
1 wallet

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

Unk

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 reg mail on _____ 194____.
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Name H. Shackelford
Rank & ASN H. SHACKELFORD
1st Lt, OMC
O-1596803
Organization G. R. O.

Any additional pertinent information:

R E S T R I C T E D

