

293 BUKIN, CHARLES H. 341396-3 PVT. EUROPEAN AREA (MISS.) (C.OF ENGRS) 44 jt

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4 April 1949

Pvt Charles E. Bufkin, ASN 34 139 643
~~Plot C, Row 29, Grave 47~~
Headstone: Cross
St. Avoird (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mr. Joseph E. Bufkin
Catchings, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Bufkin:

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,

H. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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USMC, ST. AVOLD, FRANCE
Plot C, Row 29, Grave 47
Date reburied: 28 Jan 49

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

W. R. Bailey

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED
DEWEY R. BELL
1st Lt., CAV

DIRECTIVE NUMBER
3547 00707

DATE
15 02 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME
BUFKIN CHARLES H

SERIAL NUMBER
34139643

RANK
PVT

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DATE OF DEATH

CEMETERY
LIMEY TOUL

DAY MONTH YEAR

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
3503 80

PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY
H 7 151 FRANCE

CODE DIST. PT.

CAUSE OF DEATH
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SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

ST. AVOLD, FRANCE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

MR. JOSEPH E. BUFKIN (FATHER)

CATCHINGS, MISSISSIPPI

FEB 2 1949

(Flag sent)

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME
BUFKIN, Charles H

SERIAL NUMBER
34139643

RANK
Pvt

DATE OF DEATH
19 Sept 44

DATE DISTINTERRED
30 Apr 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON
 REMAINS
 MARKER

ORGANIZATION
USAGF

RELIGION
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IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY
W R BAILEY, Embalmer
NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL
Military clothing

CONDITION OF REMAINS Advanced stage of decomposition; partly disarticulated; fractured rt. femur, tibia & fibula; skull, mandible, maxilla rt. ulna & radius missing.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION
Embossed plate found on marker. Report of Burial found with remains.

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ transfer box

DATE 5 May 1948

BY

W. R. Bailey
W R BAILEY, Embalmer

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

Geo W Lowry
Geo W Lowry, Embalmer

Geo W Lowry
Geo W Lowry, Embalmer

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY All markings, plates & tags verified by:
H. MEAD, CAPT, CWS

DATE 28 May 48 BY Geo W Lowry, Embalmer

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

except casketing

Elmo R King
Elmo R KING, 2nd Lt. Inf. 538

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

RECORDED & INDEXED
DATE 19-APR-49

MADE BY *H. Mead*

R & R INC.

QC FORM 1194
15 MAR 46

FINAL LETTER SENT 4 APR 1949

FORM 100-100-100 1 1968 1210

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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RRE Form #43
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Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

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<u>BUFKIN</u>	<u>CHARLES</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>PVT</u>	<u>34139643</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United States Military Cemetery ST AVOLD

STATION FILE

Incl #

13
(Day)

November
(Month)

1944
(Year)

1. I, the undersigned, certify that these remains which I have personally viewed are those of:

UNKNOWN
(Name)

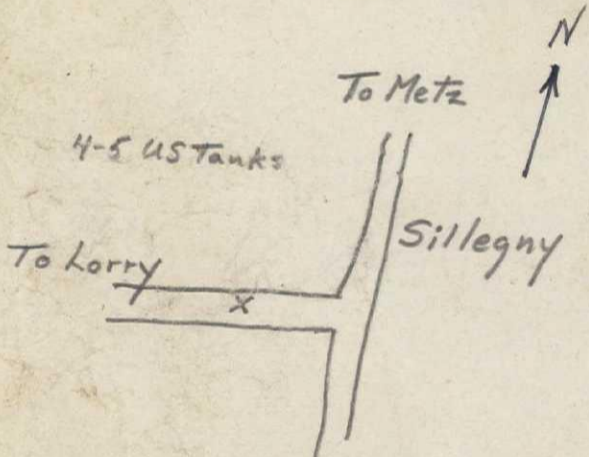
(Rank)

(Serial Number)

(Organization)

2. I base my identification on personal acquaintance of the deceased, covering a period of _____ months, (years).

3. Remarks: Body found at machine gun position, 844440, 1/50000, Metz Sheet.
close to side of road along with two medical EM identified as: ALFRED
SEIDMAN, 82557517 and ANTONINO TAORMINA, 32678364, unit unknown. Body
found with clothing torn off and no identification found in pockets,
combat shoes on both feet. Trousers marked inside waist with B-9643.



Signed Earl Nameth
 Rank Private
 Serial Number 15014974
 Organization Ser. Co. 11th Inf.

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Pvt. Charles H. Bufkin, # 139 643
Plot H, Row 7, Grave 151,
United States Military Cemetery
Lisieux, France

21 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

1. Joseph E Bufkin
(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. *St. David's France*
- 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

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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
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		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.)

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.

Joseph B. Bufkine (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)
 _____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)
 _____ (STREET AND NUMBER)
CALCHINGS MISS (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 13th day of Aug., 1947 at city (or town) of Richey, county of SHARKEY, and State (or Territory or District) of MISSISSIPPI

P. H. Hodges (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Justice of Peace (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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

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)
_____	_____ (CITY AND STATE)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	

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)
_____	_____ (CITY AND STATE)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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



Pvt. Charles H. Bufkin, 34 139 643
Plot H, Row 7, Grave 151,
United States Military Cemetery
Limey, France

21 July 1947

Mr. Joseph E. Bufkin
Catchings, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Bufkin:

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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QMCMR 293
Bufkin, Charles H.
A.S.N. 34 139 643

21 April 1947

Mr. Joseph E. Bufkin
Catchings, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Bufkin:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Linay, France, in which your son, the late Private Charles H. Bufkin, 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,

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

1 Incl
Photograph

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G. A. HORKAN

SPQYG 293
Bufkin, Charles H. 34/139643

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7 May 1946

Mr. Joseph E. Bufkin
Catchings, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Bufkin:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private Charles H. Bufkin, A.S.N. 34 139 643.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Limy, France, plot H, row 7, grave 151.

This cemetery is located approximately sixteen miles east of St. Mihiel and fifteen miles north of Toul, both in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

It is anticipated that, in the near future, the War Department will receive authority to comply, at Government expense, with your wishes regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your son. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide you with full information and solicit your detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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293 - Burkin, Charles H.

13 November 1944
Day Month Year

1. I, the Undersigned, certify that these remains which I have personally viewed are those of:

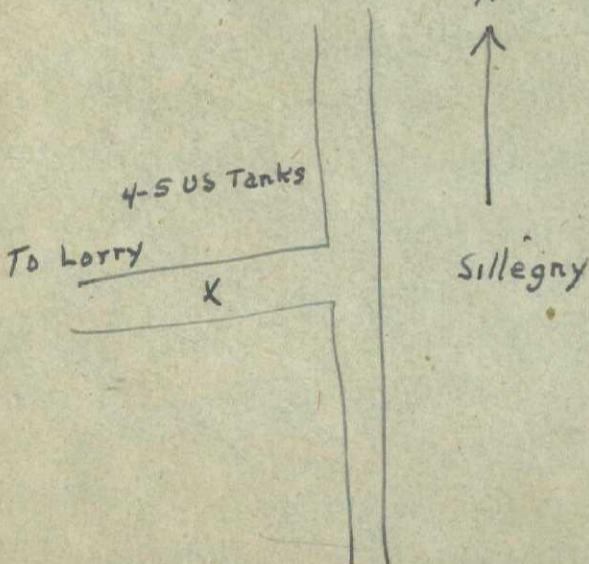
Unknown Name	Rank	Serial Number
Organization		

2. I base my identification on personal acquaintance of the deceased, covering a period of _____ months, (Years).

3. Remarks:

Body found at machine gun position 844440, 1/50000, Metz Sheet close to side of road along with two medical FM identified as ALFRED SEIDMAN, 32557517 and ANTONINO TAORMINA, 32678364, unit unknown. Body found with clothing torn off and no identification found in pockets, combat shoes on both feet. Trousers marked inside waist with B-9643.

To Metz



Signed Carl Nameth
 Rank Private
 Serial Number 15014974
 Organization Ser Co 11th Inf

1993 Burkin, Charles H. 34139643

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no BR 5/7/46
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HEADQUARTERS
 COMMUNICATIONS ZONE
 EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
 Office of the Chief Quartermaster
 UNITED STATES ARMY
 APO 887

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(S: 6 January 1945)
 22 December 1944

O-GRS (Limey, H-7-12)

SUBJECT: Unknown X-1 (Limey)

TO : The Graves Registration Officer, Third United States Army,
 APO 409, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to letter file AG-293-GRECO-2, Subject: "Transmittal of GRS Form 1", from your headquarters to the Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, dated 12 December 1944, which letter enclosed Report of Burial, (in duplicate), for Pvt. Charles H. Bufkin, 34129643.

2. This correspondence and the inclosures were forwarded to the Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, by this headquarters.

3. The above mentioned inclosures state that Pvt Bufkin is buried at Limey American Military Cemetery in Plot H, Row 7, Grave 151.

4. Records at this headquarters indicate that the remains buried in Plot H, Row 7, Grave 151 are unidentified and were designated as Unknown X-1. To date no information relating to the identification of Unknown X-1, or Pvt Bufkin, has been received at this headquarters.

5. If identification has been definitely established, it is requested that copies of all information pertaining to the same, and corrected copies of the Report of Burial, (in triplicate) for Pvt Bufkin, be forwarded to this office.

6. Request reply by indorsement.

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BENY ROSALER,
 Colonel, GSC,
 Chief, GR & E Div.

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DISTRIBUTION:

Orig & dup - Addressee
 1 Copy - M & R 887 File
 1 Copy - GR & E File *Section 80 Section*
 1 Copy - Suspense File

Ltr, Hq Com Z, ETOUSA, C-GEF (Limey, H-7-151), Sub: Unknown X-1 (Limey, dtd 22 December 1944, continued.

AG 293 - GNMCC-2
(22 Dec 44)

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY, Office of the Quartermaster, APO 403, U. S. Army, 27 December 1944.

TO: Chief, Graves Registration and Effects Division, Office of the Chief Quartermaster APO 887-A, U. S. Army.

1. Corrected copies of report of burial requested in paragraph 5 of basic communication were forwarded to your headquarters with 5th Indorsement dated 18 December 1944 on letter from this headquarters, file AG 293 - GNMCC-2, dated 22 November 1944, Subject: "Request for Identification of Deceased Personnel".

2. Identification of Unknown X-1 as Private Charles H. Bufkin, 34139643 was established by this correspondence.

For the Quartermaster:

FRANK KEMMERER,
Major, QMC,
Army Graves Registration Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
 THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
 APO 403

AG 293 - GNMCQ-2

22 November 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Identification of Deceased Personnel

TO : CG, 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U.S. Army

THRU : CG, Ninth U.S. Army, APO 339, U.S. Army

1. The remains of an unidentified soldier were buried in U.S. Military Cemetery No.1, Limey, France on the 14 November 1944 as Unkown X-1. Death was estimated to have occurred on 21 September 1944. The body was found near the edge of road GC-49 leading from Sillegney to Lorry, France. Sillégney is 16 kilometers south of Metz on highway D-41. The bodies of two other men were found in the same area as Unkown X-1. They were identified as Alfred Seidman, 32557517, and Antonio Taormina, 32878364. Four or five U.S. Tanks were in the vicinity.

2. It is believed that the three men may have been assigned to units of the 7th Armored Division. It is requested that an inquiry be made to discover if Unkown X-1 can be identified as any man from any unit which was operating near Sillégney during the month of September who is now being carried as KIA or MIA. The trousers of Unkown X-1 were marked B-9643. If a man whose clothing mark was B-9643 is now MIA or KIA, it is requested that his weight, height, and shoe size be compared with those shown on the attached report of burial of Unkown X-1 to determine if there is sufficient agreement to establish identification. Figures for height and weight on the Report of Burial were estimated and can not be considered very reliable, because of the period of time between estimated date of death and date of burial.

3. If any other clues are discovered which assist in identifying Unkown X-1, it is requested that they be forwarded to this headquarters with this correspondence.

For the Commanding General:

/s/t/ H.A. ENGLER
 Captain, A,G,D,
 Asst. Adjutant General

1 Incl.
 Copy of Report of Burial

A TRUE COPY:

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AG 293 (A)

2nd Ind.

MZ/wtc

(22 Nov 44)

Hq 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U.S. Army, 30 November 1944.

To: Commanding General, Ninth U.S. Army, APO 339, U.S. Army
(Attn: A,G, Casualty Division)(Thru Channels)

1. Investigation, in an effort to identify Unknown X-1, buried in U.S. Military Cemetery No.1, Limey, France, on 14 November 1944, was conducted by this headquarters and revealed the following facts:

a. Pvt Alfred Seidman, 32557517, was previously reported "Missing in Action" in France as of 21 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No. 31, headquarters, 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, dated 29 September 1944; and subsequently reported from "Missing in Action" to "Killed in Action" ^{in France} as of 21 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No. 91, dated 28 November 1944.

b. Pvt Antonino Taormina, 32 878 364, was previously reported "Missing in Action" in France as of 20 September 1944; on Battle Casualty Report No. 4, Headquarters, 77th Medical Battalion, Armored, dated 26 September 1944; and subsequently reported from "Missing in Action" to "Killed in Action" in France, as of 20 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No.7, dated 28 November 1944.

c. The bodies of Seidman and Taormina were found near the edge of GC-49, leading from Sillegney to Lorry, France; the remains of Unknown X-1 were found in the same area. (See inclosures 1 and 2).

d. The following identifying features, regarding Unknown X-1, were found:

- (1) Waistband of wool OD trousers, marked B-9643
- (2) Combat boots, size 11EE

(See Inclosures 1 and 2).

e. Pvt Charles H. Bufkin, 34 139 643, was reported "Missing in Action" in France as of 19 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No. 25, Headquarters, 33d Armored Engineer Battalion, dated 24 September 1944.

f. Extract of Bufkin's Individual Clothing And Equipment Record (WD AGO Form No. 32) indicates that soldier wore size 11EE shoes. (See inclosure 3).

g. "Missing Report", dated 17 October 1944, submitted with regard to Pvt Bufkin discloses that soldier was last seen on 19 September 1944, 3 miles south of Lorry, France, being the locality where the remains of Unknown X-1 were found; that soldier (Bufkin) suffered a wound in the back and that the wound was of the type which would ordinarily result in death. (See Inclosure 4).

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2. In view of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this headquarters that there is reasonable conclusive evidence, and circumstances which can lead to no other logical conclusion, that Pvt Bufkin is dead.

3. It is the further opinion of this headquarters that Unkown X-1 and Pvt Bufkin are one and the same person.

✓ A TRUE COPY:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

293 GNMAG-BC
(22 Nov 44)

1st Ind.

FTK/rrh

HQ, NINTH US ARMY, APO 339, US Army, 26 Nov 44.

TO: CG, 7th Armored Division, APO 257, US Army.

1. Attention is invited to the basic communication and to messageform, this headquarters, file No 293, dated 22 Nov 44, pertaining to the same subject.

2. Request results of your investigation of this matter be indicated by indorsement, of both pieces of correspondence, since sources of inquiry are two different headquarters.

By Command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

/s/t/ FREDERICK T. KINGDON
1st Lt. Inf.
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl: n/c

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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293 - GNMAG-BC
(22 Nov 44)

3rd Ind.

FTK/rrh

HQ, NINTH US ARMY, APO 339, US ARMY, 2 Dec 44.

THRU: CG, ETOUSA, APO 887, US ARMY, (Attn: AG Cas Div)

TO: CG, Third Us Army, APO 403, *US* Army.

1. Pvt Charles H. Bufkin, 34139643, 33rd Armored Engineer Battalion has been reported from MIA 19 Sep 44 to KIA 19 Sep 44 on BCR No X-118, this headquarters.

2. Request that this headquarters be furnished a copy of corrected GRS Form number 1.

For the Commanding General:

/s/t/ M.J. BARTOSIK
Major, A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

5 Incl:
4 Incl n/c
1 Incl added: Msgfm Hq. NUSA

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HQ, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, US ARMY 7 DEC \$\$

TO : Commanding General, Third Army, APO 403, US ARMY
(Attn: Battle Casualty Sec)

1. Attention is invited to preceding correspondence.
2. Request compliance with para 2, preceding indorsement, and reply thru this headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

M. GRANO,
1st Lt., AGD,
Asst. Adj. General

5 Incl: n/c

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(22 November 1944)

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY, Office of the Quartermaster, APO 403,
U. S. Army, 18 December 1944.TO: Chief, Graves Registration and Effects Division, Office of the Chief Quarter-
master, APO 887-A, U. S. Army.

1. Information contained in the 2d Indorsement identifies Unknown X-1, who is buried in Plot H, Row 7, Grave 151, U.S. Military Cemetery No. 1, Limey, France, as Pvt Charles H. Bufkin, 34139643, 33d Armored Engineer Battalion, 7th Armored Division.
2. It is requested that all records pertaining to the burial of Unknown X-1 be changed accordingly.
3. The Commanding Officer, 609th QM Graves Registration Co, at U. S. Military Cemetery No. 1, Limey, France, is being sent a copy of this correspondence by which he is directed to change the grave marker and all cemetery records in accordance with this identification.

For the Quartermaster:

FRANK KEMMERER
Major QMC

Army Graves Registration Officer

7 Incls.

5 Incls n/c

2 Incls added

Incl #6 - Copy of ltr to CG NUSA dtd 12/12/44

Incl #7 - Corrected GRS Form #1 in trip.

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Q-GRE (Limey - H, 7, 151)
Identification of Unknown.

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AG Casualty GR & E
Division Division
Hqs Com Z OCQM
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1. Report of Burial has been received at this headquarters for Unknown X-1 buried in Limey American Military Cemetery in Plot H, Row 7, Grave 151.

2. Information has been received that Unknown X-1 has been identified as BUFKIN, CHARLES H., Pvt., 34139643, 33 Armd Bn, 7 Armd Div. Identity was established through marks in clothing found on the remains, plus the fact that Pvt. BUFKIN was reported MIA on 19 September 1944.

3. Request status of Unknown X-1 be shown as KIA and this headquarters furnished with locator card for same.

BENY ROSALER,
Colonel, QMC,
ELY 9126.

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

REPORT OF BURIAL

14 Nov 1944

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

34139643

--Unknown-X-1--

BUFKIN, Charles H.

--Unknown--

--Unknown--

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

--Unknown--

33d Armd Engr Bn.

Pvt.

7th Armd Div.

Sheony, France, Machine Gun Position

Organization

Coord 844440 Metz Sheet 1/50000

27 Sep 44 (Est)

KIA Decapitated

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1700 14 Nov 44

U S Military Cemetery

Limey, France

Time and Date of Burial

151

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

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?

Clothing Mark "B-9643" on waistband of wool OD trousers

What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS Form No 1 in sealed GRS Bottle

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

Who is buried on:

Beginning of Row

Deceased's Right:

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Hummer

35899372

Pfc

Co G 104th Inf

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Deceased's Left:

Name

Serial No.

Rank

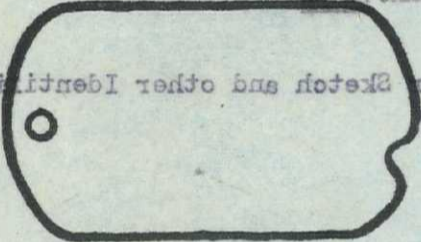
Organization

Grave No.

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

No Identification tags

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



Emergency Address

Unknown

Name

Address

Religion

Unknown

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

No Personal Effects

A CORRECTED COPY:

Frank Kemmerer
FRANK KEMMERER

Major QMC

Army Graves Registration Officer

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

JAMES T. PASSMAN

Major Verified QMC U.S. Officer

Commanding 609th QM Gr Reg Co.

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IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

Height: 6' 0" Approx Laundry Marks: B-9643
 Weight: 195 Approx Number of Rifle: Unk
 Color of Eyes: Unk Wear Glasses? Unk
 Color of Hair: Unk Is Tooth Chart Attached? No
 Race: Unk

(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.

Decapitated

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

Combat Boots size 11 EE
 Clothing Mark "B-9643" on waistband of wool trousers

Fingers too badly decomposed to fingerprint

Left Hand

Right Hand

Thumb

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.

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

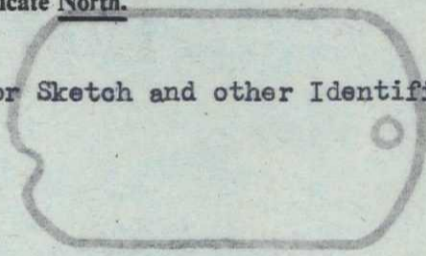
Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ○; link anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data: Body decapitated

See Certificate for Sketch and other Identification

AG P BR HQ SOS 22560
 Major James T. Farnham
 Army Graves Registration Officer
 Major Frank Kimmner
 A CORRECTED COPY:



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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 15 Dec 44

FULL NAME <u>Bufkin, Charles H.</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>34 139 643</u>		GRADE <u>Pvt</u>	
HOME ADDRESS <u>Catchings, Mississippi</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Corps of Engineers</u>		DATE OF BIRTH <u>14 Oct 16</u>	
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>		CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>19 Sep 44</u>	
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>12 Feb 42</u>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
				YEARS	MONTHS
					DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mr. Joseph E. Bufkin, Father, Catchings, Miss.</u>					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Fannie Everette, Bufkin, Mother, } Mr. Joseph Ernest Bufkin, Father, } Catchings, Miss.</u>					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
				IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
				YES	NO
					X
				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
				YES	NO
					X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 19 Sep 44 until such absence was terminated on 9 Dec 44, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General in the European Area.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> A. G. 201 FILE

BATTLE
 NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

James W. Pinkhart
 ADJUTANT GENERAL