



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

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

26 September 1947

QMGMU 293
Unk. X-1212
(Margraten) Holland

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO: Commanding Officer
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Columbus General Depot, U. S. Army
Columbus 15, Ohio

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Major, QMC
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Franklin, Paul E.</i>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>33652284</i>		GRADE <i>Priv</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 8 1/4"</i>	WEIGHT <i>133</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2 B</i>
DATE OF DEATH <i>5 Oct 45</i>				

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

Co B, 38th Armed Infantry Battalion

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Reported missing in action in Holland

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	DATES
<i>Camp Lee, Virginia</i>	<i>Jun 43 to Jul 43</i>
<i>Fort Sutter, Virginia</i>	<i>Jul 43 to Nov 43</i>
<i>Camp Stewart, Georgia</i>	<i>Nov 43 to May 44</i>
<i>Camp Horn, Mississippi</i>	<i>May 44 to Aug 44</i>
<i>Fort Lee, S. Mass., Massachusetts</i>	<i>Aug 44 to Aug 44</i>

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

See attached photo copy 1 Form 79

DENTAL CHART

14 Jun 43

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

UPPER RIGHT

UPPER LEFT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

LOWER RIGHT

LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED

O - CARIOUS

/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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In Reply Refer To
QMG R 293
Blankenship, Paul G
SN 33 652 284

19 November 1946

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SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

HEADQUARTERS
-3 DEC 1946
3049

- Reference is made to letter this office, OAGC 31446 Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.
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FOR THE FOLLOWING INDICATE MAY BE

M-1212.. CEM. Margraten
P K.K.K. R ..10.... G 234.
Date 21 Feb 47. Initial ...
A 1213

Capt. Joseph J. Ferrari 32249728
MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, OQMG
Assistant

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file
11-12-46
J.S.W.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Age: 20 Yrs. as of MIA date Soldier was among those missing after his unit encountered enemy forces near St. Antonis, Holland																																					

REPORT OF BURIAL

20 November 1959

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

33 652 284

*Reclar
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~~89321~~ *Paul G.* Date

Unk First Initial Rank Serial No. Unk

Unk Unit Organization Unk

Vierlingsbeek, Holland WW II Unknown

1500 19 Nov 59 Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death

Frankfurt Mausoleum Frankfurt/Main, Germany

323 Time and Date of Burial 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?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on :

Deceased's Right :	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
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.



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 :

Recovered as SR 5043 from a shallow grave beside a farm building on the farm "HET KLEVERBLAD" near Vierlingsbeek, Holland.

W. M. Sawyer *Full Authority D. G. 1/1/60*

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Myron C. Fuller

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

MYRON C. FULLER
Captain OMC
Operations Officer

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

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REPORT NUMBER A 0004	REPORT OF DEATH (AR 600 - 400)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> RETIRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE	DATE 4 Jan 1960
NAME Blankenship, Paul Grey			SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
ORGANIZATION AND STATION (If assigned to medical holding detachment, also list prior organization) European Command			SERVICE NUMBER 33 652 284	
HOME ADDRESS (City, county and state) Christiansburg, Montgomery, Virginia			ARM OR SERVICE INF	
SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER, LOCAL BOARD NUMBER, CITY AND STATE Local Board No. 1, Christiansburg, Virginia		DATE OF BIRTH 6 Mar 1925	COMPONENT AUS	
PLACE OF DEATH Vierlingsbeek, Holland		DATE OF DEATH 7 Oct 1944	RANK AND PAY GRADE PVT	
CAUSE OF DEATH AND CIRCUMSTANCES Killed in action			BASE PAY	
			INCENTIVE PAY	
			DATE OF LAST ENTRY 28 June 1943	
			PRIOR SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
			RACE Caucasian	
REPORTED BY: LOD AND ROI			DATE EVIDENCE OF DEATH RECEIVED IN DA 4 Jan 1960	
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ACTIVE DUTY FOR TNG FROM: TO:			DATE DROPPED FROM ROLLS	
ADULT LEGAL NEXT OF KIN (Name, address, relationship, and date notified) Mr. Teddy D. Blankenship, 502 Craig Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, Brother, 4 January 1960.				
BENEFICIARY FOR GRATUITY PAY (Name, address, and relationship) Mrs. Jessie J. Blankenship, Cambria, Virginia, Mother, Deceased Alternate: Mr. James H. Blankenship, Cambria, Virginia, Father, Deceased				
BENEFICIARY FOR UNPAID PAY AND ALLOWANCES (Name, address, and relationship) None shown				
REMARKS Finding of Death has been issued previously showing presumed date of death 8 October 1945. Public Law 490, applies				
DISTRIBUTION E-9-10 ✓			BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY Adjutant General	

FILE
EXPOSITION BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION
Allston
7 Jan 60

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

4304

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Paul G. Blankenship, Army Serial Number 33,652,294, Infantry to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 7th day of October 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 8th day of October, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Heahent

ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA		FIGHTING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European		No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PRISONER OF WAR							
None							
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
6 Mar 1925	Christiansburg, Virginia	28 Jun 1943		YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
				Under	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Jessie J. Blankenship	Mother	Cambria, Virginia

BENEFICIARIES

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James Hensley Blankenship	Father	Cambria, Virginia

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Circumstances of disappearance: Soldier was among those missing after his unit encountered enemy forces near St. Antonis, Holland.



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

IN REPLY REFER TO 283328

PUM/LC/bw
24 April 1947

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Mrs. J. H. Blankenship
Cambria, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Blankenship:

This acknowledges your recent letter relative to the personal effects of your son, Private Paul G. Blankenship.

We have carefully checked our records and those of the European Theater Area, now at this Bureau, and regret that they do not reveal any information regarding the personal effects of Private Blankenship. In view of the lapse of time since he was reported a casualty, it is doubtful that any of his effects were recovered.

You may be assured that in the event any of his property is received here at a later date, prompt disposition will be made.

Sincerely yours,

P. U. MAXEY
Lt Col, GMC
Effects Quartermaster

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KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

S-18 Apr 47
PUM/LC/mw
16 April 1947

Case No. 283328

REQUEST

TO: European Theater Records Branch - Army Effects Bureau

Request examination of ETA records and report concerning missing, or allegedly missing, personal effects of:

<u>Blankenship</u> (Last Name)	<u>Faul</u> (First Name)	<u>G.</u> (MI)	<u>33652284</u> (ASN)	<u>Pvt.</u> (Rank)
<u>Infantry</u> (Organization)	<u>Deceased 8 October 1945 near St. Antonis, Holland</u> (Status)			

Bureau records do not indicate that any property of subject has been received here.

Property received at AEB is listed on following overseas inventories:

Allegedly missing items, not received here, consist of:

Remarks:

Inquiry received from his mother, Mrs. J. W. Blankenship.

N. WHIPPLE
Chief Clerk
Correspondence Branch

REPLY

TO: Correspondence Branch - Army Effects Bureau

- No record of any effects.
- No record of missing items.
- (*) Inventory received from:

_____ (Dated)

_____ (Signed by)

Effects shipped to:

Parcel _____ Date _____ Baggage List _____ Sheet _____
Parcel _____ Date _____ Baggage List _____ Sheet _____

Funds: \$ _____ Transmitted on List F- _____ Date _____

Remarks:

No information

ETA Records Branch

(*) This information need not be given on inventories covering property already received at AEB.

253-298
Cambria, Virginia
April 1, 1947

War Department
Bureau of Personal Effects
Building 205
St. Louis, Mo

RE: BLANKENSHIP, Paul G
ASN: 33 652 284

Dear Sir:

My son, the above captioned, was reported missing on August 22, 1944 and reported dead October 8, 1945. He was with Inf. Co D Misc. Apo 15426, % PM New York. To date we have received none of his personal belongings. Will you kindly check and ascertain whether or not there is anything belonging to him? We are very anxious to have his things.

Thank you very much.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. J. H. Blankenship
(Mrs) J.H. Blankenship, mother
Cambria, Virginia

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AG 201 Blankenship, Paul G.
33652284 (1 Aug 49)

LHM/mmh/10676/11478

1 August 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance
of Private Paul G. Blankenship, 33652284.

1. Private Paul G. Blankenship, 33652284, Company B, 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, was reported missing in action in Holland on 7 October 1944 by WFO Shipment No. 270. Under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, a finding of death was made in the case of this soldier, which finding indicated that he was presumed dead as of 8 October 1945 (S. R. & D. No. 4304, file AG 704 Dead 8 Oct 45).

2. The circumstances surrounding the disappearance of this soldier are contained in 4th Indorsement, dated 28 August 1945, Hqs. 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, file AG 704 1 Aug 45. This communication states that on 7 October 1944, Company B was located 6 miles southeast of St. Antonis, Holland. The mission at that time was to clear the wooded area surrounding the town. During this mission the company encountered enemy forces and was greatly scattered. When a physical check was made, the company was found to have suffered many losses, among whom was Private Blankenship. It was assumed that the missing men had been either killed or captured by the enemy. Due to the tactical situation no search could be made. St. Antonis, Holland, is approximately 15 miles south of Nijmegen. - *SV SD, 50 52 E*

3. Nothing further is known regarding the loss of this soldier. He was never reported a prisoner of war, nor can any reference to him be found in captured German records. There is no burial report on file in the office of the Quartermaster General for him at the present time.

4. Inasmuch as it cannot be determined whether this soldier was killed in action or captured and died at a later date, it is concluded that it is not feasible at the present time to issue a report of death under the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

CONCUR:

L. H. Muncaster
Investigator

JAMES A. FRIX
Captain, AGD
Asst. OIC, Determination Unit
Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

COPY FOR:
OQMG, Memorial Div.
AG 201 file

FILE

AUG 8 1949

G. W. Rogers
Capt., OMC

PAUL G BLANKENSHIP 33652284 EYES BLUE HAIR BROWN COMPLEXION
RUDDY FRAME MED SHOE SIZE 9 1/2 RACE WHITE HT 64 1/4 WT 133 DENTAL EXAM
AT INDUCTION 14 JUNE 43 SHOWS TEETH MISSING RIGHT 6 16 LEFT 8 RESTORABLE
CARIOUS TEETH RIGHT 8 LEFT 7 1 FORM 79 BEING SENT

File
26 Feb. 1952
H. M. Miller
J. S. Seal

QMGT 293
GRS European

5 March 1952

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

1. The records of this Office indicate that the following named deceased are in an unresolved status:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
ALISON, Denis J.	2/Lt	0-303133	Air Corps
ANDERSON, Philip D.	F/O	T-190877	Air Corps
BERGMAN, Harold E.	1/Lt	0-739889	Air Corps
BLANKENSHIP, Paul G.	Pvt	32652281	Ground Forces
BURTON, Harlan D.	S/Sgt	37375829	Air Corps
CARTER, Thomas F.	Pfc	32039755	Ground Forces
CENAC, Bert L.	S/Sgt	18149811	Air Corps
DILLINGHAM, Thomas B.	Pfc	34987311	Ground Forces
EATON, John P., Jr.	Pvt	39093986	Ground Forces
EISENHAUSER, Elwood P.	Sgt	33516190	Air Corps
EVELAND, Berthal D.	S/Sgt	36075583	Air Corps
KELLY, Jack A.	1/Lt	0-733320	Air Corps
STONE, Melvin	Pfc	38048756	Ground Forces
STUMPF, George W.	Pfc	32642834	Ground Forces
TCASELLO, Joseph J.	T/Sgt	31032187	Air Corps
UHRIN, Michael	S/Sgt	32459151	Air Corps

2. It is requested that the cases be reviewed and processed in accordance with paragraph 59h, SR 830-110-5.

3. The 293 files for the above deceased have been screened and any information not previously furnished your headquarters is inclosed.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

5 Incls

1. 371 (in dup) w/attachs (Alison)
2. " " " (Blankenship)
3. " " " (Burton)
4. " " " (Carter)
5. " " " (Eaton)

THOMAS E. COX
Major QMC

Memorial Division

H. Martin
5 Mar 52
Identification Branch
JMH

H. Martin/jlj
Clements

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

²⁹³ BLANKENSHIP, Paul G. *anf*

GRADE

PVT

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

33 652 284

ORGANIZATION

Co. "D"

38th Armd Inf. Bn 7th Armd. Div

RACE

White

CREED

Protestant

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

~~8 Oct 44~~
7 Oct 44

CAUSE OF DEATH

Finding of Death

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Near St. Antonis, Holland

DATE OF FOD

8 Oct 45

HEIGHT

5' 8 1/2"

WEIGHT

133

COLOR EYES

Blue

COLOR HAIR

Brown

SHOE SIZE

9 1/2 B

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Photostatic Copies of Dental Attached

LOWER RIGHT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: 6 March 1925

Copy of Circumstances attached.

*w/ID from letter 3-5-52
filed 293 MRS Blankenship
J. Blankenship*

CORRECTED COPY

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

1 October 1953

In Reply Refer To
Q'GMT 293

GRS - EUROPEAN *Ident.*

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

THRU: ~~Commander-in-Chief~~
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer
7770 USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to our letters dated 5, 25 and 27 March, and 12 September 1952 respectively, and to our radio DA 358174 dated 10 September 1952.

2. The records of The Office of The Quartermaster General indicate that the following named deceased are still in an unresolved status:

Alison, Denis J.	0803433	Jacobs, Frederick W.	14202685
Anderson, Philip D.	T-190877	Kelly, Jack A.	0733320
Benson, Samuel H.	37635006	Koloeki, Clinton P.	36829179
Blankenship, Paul G.	33652284	Krause, Joseph D.	33596468
Booth-Walters, J. F.	32179473	MacDonald, Arthur G.	31268886
Bowmtt, Elaine	39906866	McCrath, Walter A.	0816521
Cenac, Bert L.	18149811	Riordan, John F.	31372344
Dillingham, Thomas B.	34987344	Robertson, Frank S.	34375878
Eaton, John P., Jr	39093986	Stone, Melvin	38048756
Eveland, Berthal D.	36075583	Taylor, George F.	37300671
Glasman, Kenneth E.	35092585	Tomasello, Joseph J.	31032187
Grunert, Theodore Jr	33602171	Tsirmulas, Michalis	33724908
Hayes, Martin A.	6592530	Uhrin, Michael	32459151
Heard, Felton	36102450	Watson, Earl W.	33317700
Hepler, Glenn C.	31078887	Wilson, Ronald A.	36761382
Hille, William B.	0664597		

3. It is requested that your Headquarters advise the approximate date resolution of these cases may be expected.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

J. C. MacFarland
J. C. MacFARLAND
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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Ident Bu
5 Oct 53

213 - Blankenship, Paul G., 35652284

- 1 -

~~REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT~~
33652284
 Dental Clinic, 1-A Camp Stewart, Ga.

(1) SURNAME	(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS	(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS	
Blankenship	Paul G.	Pvt.	B	145th AAA Gn Bn	18	W	Pa.	9/12	11 R1 D 11 R1 M 11 L1 M 11 R1/4 MO 11 L15 O	S S S OA OA	Cl. II 3-10-44 3-17-44	Cl. IV VAF

Lt. U. C. Falcone
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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L. P. ...
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

COM 293 I (5 Jan 54) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Findings - Transmittal Letter #6493

Headquarters, U. S. Army, Europe, Quartermaster Division, APO 403,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York, 8 Jan 54

TO: The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, DC

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1st Ind Europe (non-1954)

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5 x 3 ✓

Inventories ✓

From Quota

Action to be taken.

Blankenship, Paul G. 33652284 Pvt. C/602,803

GA

1607 Air Terminal Squadron
ATTN: TRO

Shipment of Remains
Mortuary Officer

Date: 11 Feb 60 Comment No. 1
Mrs. Miles/693

1. Request necessary action be taken to ship the remains of the late _____

4573
PVT PAUL G. BLANKENSHIP, 33 652 284

BY RAIL TO Christiansburg, Va. on or about 15 Feb 1960

Receiving Funeral Director: Richardson & Company Funeral Home
Christiansburg, Virginia

TOTAL WEIGHT 545 lbs.

2. Request recapitulation of cost be indorsed hereon and returned for necessary recording.

Jack L. George

JACK L. GEORGE, Captain, USAF
Mortuary Officer

TO: Mortuary Officer FROM: TRO DATE: 24 Feb 60 Comment No. 2

Recapitulation of charges for travel are as follows:

Remains	<u>\$24.64</u>	✓
Escort	<u>43.68</u>	✓
Total Cost	<u>\$68.32</u>	✓

OK

Robert H. Holley
ROBERT H. HOLLEY
Captain, USAF
Coml Transportation Officer

2/13/60

ITINERARY OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Submit in triplicate. Use typewriter or ink, and complete both sides.

ABBREVIATIONS TO BE USED:

TRANS FURN BY US GOVT

RAIL	T/R
AIR (Coml Airlines)	T/A
GOVT AUTO	G/A
MIL ACFT	G/P

TRANS NOT FURN BY US GOVT

RAIL	NONE/R
AIR	NONE/A
PRIVATELY OWNED CAR	NONE/P
BUS	NONE/B

OTHER

TEMPORARY DUTY	TDY
PERM CHANGE OF STATION	PCS
REMAIN OVERNIGHT	RON
REFUEL	RF
DELAY AWAITING TRANS	DAT
CREW REST	CR
ADVERSE WEATHER	WX
MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY	MEC

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

1. Two copies of travel orders, and amendments thereto; one copy of travel orders for Airmen must be indorsed.
2. Copy of all transportation requests; also receipts from transportation officer for any unused portion of transportation requests or tickets, and/or meal tickets.
3. Receipts if actual cost of transportation is claimed.
4. Certificate of installation commander (in duplicate) covering non-availability of government quarters, government rations and military aircraft when appropriate.

NAME (Last, first, MI) TORRES-RODRIGUEZ, RAFAEL	GRADE MSGT(E7)	ORGANIZATION 2d US Army Escort Det	SERVICE NR RA30 433 556	DATE 29Feb60	TEL EXT 281
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I ORDERS		II PREVIOUS PAYMENTS UNDER THIS ORDER			
SO C-198	HEADQUARTERS 1607ATW(H) (MATS)	DATE 13Feb60	LOCATION	AMOUNT	DATE
PAR	Dover AFB, Del	PCS XX		None	
		TDY			

III ITINERARY						
DATE	DEP	STATION	TIME 24 HR CLOCK - Give Local Time	MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR DELAY	TRANSPORTATION REQUEST NRS
13 Feb 60	DEP	Dover AFB, Del	1630	G/A		
"	ARR	Dover RR Sta, Del	1650			
"	DEP	Dover, Del	2020	T/R		M6, 336, 362
19 Feb 60	ARR	Wash, D.C.	0200			
"	DEP	Wash, D.C.	0900	T/R		
"	ARR	Christianburg, Va	1430			
26 Feb 60	DEP	Christianburg, Va	1400	T/R		
"	ARR	Wilmington, Del	2400			
27 Feb 60	DEP	Wilmington, Del	0900	None/B		
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CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

DATE	NATURE OF CLAIM	FROM	TO	AMOUNT
19 Feb 60	Baggage Check (1pc)	Wash, D.C.		\$.25
26 Feb 60	Baggage Check (1pc)	Christianburg, Va		.25
"	Baggage Check (1pc)	Wash, D.C.		.25
27 Feb 60	Baggage Check (1pc)	Wilmington, Del		.25
19 Feb 60	Taxi Fare	Wash RR Sta, DC	Hotel	2.00
19 Feb 60	Taxi Fare	Hotel	Wash RR Sta, DC	2.00
26 Feb 60	Taxi Fare	NOK	Christianburg RR Sta, Va	3.00

SUPPORTING STATEMENTS

IT IS CERTIFIED:

- A. That the itinerary and other information listed hereon is true and correct and that such itinerary and information is a part of the voucher on which reimbursement for travel is claimed. Ref. Para. 80105d AFM 173-30.
- B. That during the period covered by this voucher Government quarters as defined in Para. 1150-5, JTR, were utilized on the following dates:
- C. That a Government mess* as defined in Para. 1150-4, JTR, was utilized on the following dates for the number of meals indicated:
- D. That I have not received monetary travel allowance of any nature from any other agency of the United States, a foreign government, or the United Nations for the travel and/or temporary duty set forth herein, except as jointly authorized by the secretaries of the departments concerned.

* Not applicable to officer members except under the provisions of Para. 4206-6C and D and 4256-113, JTR.

TPA AUTHORIZED MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO GOVERNMENT

I certify that the automobile used in the performance of official travel enumerated in the above itinerary was owned by me and/or the operating expenses were borne by me.

License Number	Signature of Member claiming TPA/MAG
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COMPUTATION OF PAYMENT (For use of Finance Office only)

ALLOWANCE		DEDUCTIONS		COMPUTED BY
DAYS @ \$9.00		MEALS @ \$1.50		COMPUTED BY
DAYS @ \$		MEALS @ 15%		AUDITED BY
DAYS @ \$		QTRS @ 40%		COMPUTATIONS
MILES @		QTRS @		
ADDITIONAL EXPENSE		PRIOR PAYMENTS		
TOTAL		TOTAL		
Total Deductions				
NET PAYMENT				

PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

Use continuation sheet(s) if necessary

D. O. VOU. No. 5938
BU. VOU. NO. _____

U. S. DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE
(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Voucher prepared at DOVER AF BASE, DEL. 15 MAR 60
(Give place and date)

Payee's Account No. _____ Discount Terms NET

TO RICHARDSON FUNERAL HOME, INC.
(Payee)

(Address) CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA

PAID BY
H. E. DURHAM
CAPT, USAF
DSSN C5284
DOVER AFB, DE
MAR 17 1960

Contract No. _____ Date _____ Req. No. _____ Date _____ Invoice Rec'd. _____
Shipped from _____ to _____ Weight _____ Govt. B/L No. _____

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	ARTICLES OR SERVICES (Enter description, item number of contract or Federal supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary)	Quantity	UNIT PRICE		AMOUNT
				Cost	Per	
		PER DETAILED DA FORM ²⁶⁸³ 10-164 <u>10-164</u> HEREWITH INTERMENT EXPENSES FOR PVT PAUL C. BLANKENSHIP				200.00
TOTAL						200.00

PAYMENT: COMPLETE PARTIAL FINAL PROGRESS ADVANCE

(PAYEE MUST NOT USE THIS SPACE)

DIFFERENCES _____

Amount verified; correct for _____

(Signature or initials) _____ * 200.00

200.00

MEMORANDUM

15 MAR 60

A. P. WESSICK
CERTIFYING OFFICER

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (Appropriation Symbol must be shown; other classification optional)

2102020 07-22 P2540.5-07 S99-999 \$ 200.00

Handwritten initials and date: 2/13/63

Paid by { Check No. _____ on Treasurer of the United States
Check No. _____ on _____ (Name of Bank)
Cash, \$ _____, on _____, 19 _____

**REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES
INCIDENT TO FUNERAL AND/OR INTERMENT**

(AR 638-40)

Form Approved
Budget Bureau No. 49-R350.2

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM

TO: (Name and address of Army authority approving payment)

Mortuary Officer, Dover AFB, Delaware

PART I - INFORMATION CONCERNING DECEDENT

1. NAME PAUL G. BLANKENHOP		2. GRADE 2nd	3. SERVICE NUMBER 3552284
4. ORGANIZATION NA			
5. DATE OF DEATH NA	6. PLACE OF DEATH VA. AFB		
7. NEXT OF KIN Mr. Teddy B. Blankenhop Blankenhop			8. RELATIONSHIP Brother
9. STREET ADDRESS 502 Craig Street		10. CITY OR TOWN AND STATE Christiansburg, Va.	

PART II - EXPENSES

		AMOUNT
11. FUNERAL EXPENSES (For a complete funeral service, including embalming, casket, shipping or outer case, professional services, funeral coach, passenger car, and other related costs)		\$ 150.00
12. INTERMENT EXPENSES (For interment, including cost of gravesite, opening and closing grave, vault, flowers, obituary notices, clergy's honorarium, local hearse service, and other related costs)		\$ 50.00
a. NAME OF CEMETERY OR MAUSOLEUM Christiansburg, Va.	b. ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR MAUSOLEUM Christiansburg, Va.	\$ total 200.00
13. TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (Other than local hearse service)		
a. FROM	b. TO	
c. NAME OF CARRIER		

PART III - STATEMENT OF CLAIMANT

I MAKE THIS CLAIM WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PENALTIES INVOLVED FOR WILFULLY MAKING A FALSE CLAIM. (U. S. Code, Title 88, Section 287, formerly Section 80, provides a penalty as follows: A maximum fine of \$10,000 or maximum imprisonment of 5 years, or both.)

14. (Check appropriate box)

COMPLETE PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE PARTIAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

NO PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE

15. I UNDERSTAND THAT EXPENSES OVER AND ABOVE THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWANCE ARE PAYABLE BY THE PERSON WHO AUTHORIZED MY SERVICE.

a. NAME OF FIRM Richardson Funeral Home, Inc.	b. ADDRESS OF FIRM Christiansburg, Virginia
c. DATE Feb 22, 1960	d. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>[Signature]</i>

16. I AUTHORIZED THE SERVICES AND ITEMS LISTED AND UNDERSTAND THAT ANY AMOUNT OVER AND ABOVE THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWANCE IS A MATTER BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR LISTED ABOVE.

a. I DESIRE THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWANCE BE PAID AS FOLLOWS (Check appropriate box):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TO THE ABOVE NAMED FUNERAL DIRECTOR ON HIS UNPAID BILL	<input type="checkbox"/> AS REIMBURSEMENT TO ME ON EXPENSES PAID
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b. STREET ADDRESS 16 East Main Street	c. CITY OR TOWN AND STATE Christiansburg, Virginia
d. DATE Feb 22, 1960	e. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>

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DA

TONG DA WASHDC

CO USA CM MORT SYS EUR FRANKFURT GERMANY

INFO: COMSARCOMZEUR ORLEANS FRANCE

MORTUARY OFFICER ADCE DOVER AFB DEL

UNCLAS DA 464343 from OMCNE-D

Ident remains dsg X-9321 as Pvt Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 294,
appr. Remains be casketed USN 9930-163-2604 and airlifted to US.

Admsg ETD and ETA

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O. O. COMMUNICATIONS
TELE-COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Mrs Whittingham/mbb
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OMCNE-D 293 Blankenship, Paul G.
33 652 294

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F. J. Kerscher, Chief, Operations Sec

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CARL R ALBEE
Assistant Chief
Memorial Division

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ARMY - February

EXPENSE

REPORT

DATE: 3 June 60

NAME OF DECEASED:	RANK & SERIAL NO.:	CONTRACTOR FURNISHED: Item #1 of AF Contract	EXPENSE	REPORT	DATE
BLANKENSHIP, Paul G <i>WWT</i>	BRIZENDINE, Infant Depn of	BURK, Thomas J. M/Sgt RA 20112 197	CASTLER, Michael, Depn of	CLARK, Mose, Jr. XXXXXX	COLLIER, L. T
<i>33652 284</i> PVT (No Ser Number)	BRIZENDINE Floyd B SFC RA 172 24 302	BURK, Thomas J. M/Sgt RA 20112 197	CASTLER Kenneth M/Sgt RA 32934954	Sgt (E-5) RA 34 006 087	PVT RA 170 52 913
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1607 ABG Form 361 E Ja: 60

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MEMORIAL DIVISION
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3 June 60
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293. Blankenship, Paul H 336522

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UNCLAS LATCC 82-1831. ATTN QUARTERMASTER GENERAL. THE FOLLOWING
REMAINS OFF-LOADED FROM C12A-5982 TRIP EGC 88/16 AND RE-LOADED ON ²⁹²
C12A-186' TRIP 396/16. PVT PAUL G. BLANJEN SHIP SERIAL NR. 33652284
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CO 8TH INF. DIV. AAPP0111 US FORCES, ADDRESS CARL C. WEST RFD NR 2
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DISPOSITION BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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293 *Blanchard, Paul G*
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RUETJG/CO USARMY GARRISON INACTIVE INDIANTOWN CAP.

INFO RUEPOG/OCMG DEPT OF ARMY WASH

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UNCLAS FROM 1607TH ABG/MORTUARY 16-B-6

FOR MORTUARY BR. REMAINS OF THE LATE PVT PAUL G. ?)-, (3, #00, WWII,
33 652 284. CONSIGNED TO THE RICHARDSON & COMPANY FUNERAL HOME,
CHRISTIANBURG, VIRGINIA, ESCORTED BY W/SGT RAFAEL TORRES-

RODRIGUEZ, RA 30 433 556, DEPART VIA RAIL, DOVER, DEL, 2020 HRS

18 FEB 1960. DUE TO ARRIVE CHRISTIANBURG, 1417 HRS, 19 FEB 1960

ON SOU -M&W TR NR 45. NOK AND REC FUNL DIRECTOR NOTIFIED

SHIPMENT. REMAINS, MALE, CAU, PROT.

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18/2126" FEB RJEDSE

Reviewed by Duty Officer: *[Signature]*

FILE
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MEMORIAL DIVISION

[Signature]
Name
19 Feb 60
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COMDR 1614TH SUPPRON MATS GER

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RUEPC/THE QUARTERMASTER GEN WASH DC

RUFYAX/USAR 7770-AU MORTUARY FRANKFURT GER

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BT

UNCLAS FROM 1614TH 16-B-1'.&55

AT 1510Z ON 16 FEB. 60. FLT EGC-8/16, C-124 3002.

AND NAME RANK SN ORGN

744 OSCAR, WILMA L, DEPN OF:

JOSEPH A OSCAR PFC RA12562661 ARMY

2746 BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G

WORL WAR II REMAINS PVT 33652284 ARMY

2745 WEST, BETH INF. DEPN OF:

CARL WEST PFC RA 15597193 ARMY

FILE

DISPOSITION BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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Name

19 Feb 60

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ROUTINE

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF ARMY WASHINGTON DC

MR TEDDY D BLANKENSHIP, 502 CRAIG ST, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA

UNCLAS In reply refer to QMGME-D 313

Remains your brother Paul expected to arrive United States Port approximately 19 February. Do not set date of funeral until port authorities notify you and funeral director date and scheduled time of arrival destination

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTION
O. Q. M. G.
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Mrs. ^WWhittingham/ace

54309 QMGME-D 293 Blankenship, Paul G.
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F. J. Kerscher, Chief, Operations Sec

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DONALD L. WABLE
Lt. Colonel, OMC
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

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UNCLAS MO-160. DA FOR QM ME-D. REMAINS SHPNG REPT PER PAR 53C 638-40

1. AIRLIFTING REMAINS OF PVT PAUL G BLANKENSHIP 33652284 WW TWO
REMAINS ABT 16 FEB ETA DOVER AB 18 FEB
2. REMAINS DLVR RHEIN MAIN AB 15 FEB
3. FLT NR FURN BY RHEIN MAIN AB

4. MW PROT

5. CASKET

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BT

CFN MO-160 53C 638-40 1 33652284 16 18 2 15 3 4 5 6 408

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF ARMY WASHINGTON DC

MR TEDDY D BLANKENSHIP, 502 CRAIG ST, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA

UNCLAS in reply refer to OMCME-D 272

Remains your brother Paul will be shipped to Richardson & Co. Funeral Home, Christiansburg, Virginia, as requested. You will be furnished scheduled date arrival United States port at later date

Mrs Whittingham/mbb
54309

OMCME-D 293 Blankenship, Paul G.
33 652 294

F. J. Kerscher, Chief, Operations Sec
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DONALD L WARDLE
Lt Colonel, OMC
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SECTION
O. Q. M. G.

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DA

TQMG DA WASHDC

MORTUARY OFFICER AFCE DOVER AFB DEL

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PLEASE SHIP REMAINS OF BLANKENSHIP PAUL G SN 33652284 TO RICHARDSON'S 3519

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QMGRS-D 293
Blankenship, Paul G.
SN 33 652 264

3 February 1960

Mr. Teddy D. Blankenship
502 Craig Street
Christiansburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Blankenship:

I am writing to you in reference to your brother, Private Paul G. Blankenship, who died in Europe during World War II.

At the close of World War II, many of our deceased servicemen were recovered and buried in accordance with desires of their next of kin. A number of our servicemen, however, who were killed in action were buried by the enemy in unmarked graves in Prisoner of War Cemeteries or in isolated graves in the area in which they fell. Upon cessation of hostilities, our Graves Registration Service conducted many searches for our deceased personnel who were buried under these conditions, but not all of the graves could be located at the time the searches were made.

Official records reveal that on 7 October 1944, Private Blankenship and the other members of his organization, Company "B", 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division were located 6 miles southeast of St. Antonis, Holland. The mission of the company at the time was to clear enemy forces from the wooded area near St. Antonis to Overloon, Holland. During the encounter with enemy forces, the company members were greatly scattered. A physical check made later, revealed that the company had suffered many losses. Private Blankenship and many of his companions were found to be missing, however, because of the tactical situation, a search for those missing was not possible. It was assumed that they had either been killed or captured by the enemy, however, German records pertaining to Private Blankenship or the other enlisted men reported missing during this enemy encounter were never received by the Army.

Our Graves Registration Service conducted many searches in the area where your brother was last seen and although many remains were recovered in the area, none could be associated with him. He was, therefore, determined to be nonrecoverable.

A special investigation was conducted in November 1953 in an effort to locate the remains of your brother, but the search was unsuccessful and Findings of Nonrecoverability was approved 11 March 1954.

QMME-D 293
Blankenship, Paul G.
SN 33 652 284
Blankenship, Mr. Teddy D.

3 February 1960

Even at this date, however, developments occur in former battle areas overseas which result in the location of remains of our deceased servicemen. Such an event has taken place in your brother's case. Reports received in this Office indicates that the remains of an American World War II casualty were discovered near a building on the farm "Het Klaverblad" near Vierlingsbeek, Holland, a town in the area of St. Antonis and Overloon, Holland. Found with the remains were items of United States Armed Forces clothing and equipment and two identification tags inscribed BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G. - 33 652 284. Dutch authorities contacted United States Army officials in Europe whereby arrangements were completed for anthropological examinations to be made in the United States Army Mortuary in Frankfurt, Germany. Comparisons were made of the physical and dental characteristics of the remains against the Army medical and dental records for all our unresolved casualties who were reported missing in the general area, as well as against similar records for your brother.

These examinations, which were performed under the direction of an accredited anthropologist and other identification specialists, resulted in a favorable comparison of physical characteristics of Private Blankenship such as height, weight, age, and an excellent agreement of dental characteristics with the remains. Therefore, after a careful consideration of all the facts in the case, your brother's identification was established.

I know that considerable anxiety has been experienced since word was first received concerning your brother's death in the European area, and it is earnestly hoped that you may obtain some consolation from the knowledge that his remains are now in our custody. They have been casketed and are being held overseas pending instructions from you, either for return to the United States or for permanent interment in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.

It is requested, therefore, that you advise this Office:

- a. The name of the city or town to which the deceased should be delivered and the name and address of the funeral director engaged to receive his remains, or
- b. The name and location of national cemetery, if it is desired that shipment be made to the Superintendent of a national cemetery, or
- c. That the remains should be interred in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.

QMOHE-D 293
Blankenship, Paul G.
SN 33 652 204
Blankenship, Mr. Teddy D.

3 February 1960

For your convenience, the disposition instructions may be sent by collect telegram and should be addressed to:

The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C.
Attention: Disposition Branch

If the remains are interred in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial the Army will make all arrangements and pay all costs involved. Burial in such overseas cemeteries is permanent and removal therefore at a subsequent date, either at government or private expense, is not permitted.

If the remains are returned to the United States, the Army will bear expense of transportation to any city or town desired or to any United States National Cemetery having grave space. In addition, an allowance for costs incident to interment is authorized and is payable as reimbursement to the person whose funds are used to defray such expense. This allowance may not exceed \$200.00 if burial is in a civilian cemetery, \$125.00 if remains are shipped to a funeral director prior to interment in a national cemetery or \$75.00 if remains are shipped direct to a national cemetery for interment. A list of national cemeteries is inclosed for your information.

Upon receipt of your disposition instructions, you may be assured that the Department of the Army will exert every effort to comply with the instructions.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD L. HANDLE
Lt. Colonel, GNC
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

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

A Board of Officers appointed by paragraph 1, Division Order No. 10 dated 27 May 1959 (Tab A), convened at 1000 hours 21 Dec 1959, and after consideration of the factors presented, approved the identification of Unknown X-9321 Frankfurt Mausoleum, as the remains of Private Paul G. Blankenship, ASN 33 652 284, Company "B", 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Infantry Division.

SUMMARY

Remains designated Unknown X-9321 (S&R #5043) were discovered buried at a depth of approximately 30 inches near a building on a farm near Vierlingsbeek, Holland. Two identification tags for "BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G. 33652284" and items of U.S. military clothing and equipment were recovered with the remains. "PAUL G. BLANKENSHIP" was stamped in gold on a portion of leather billfold. The foot bones were removed from U.S. service shoes size 9½-B.

Private Paul G. Blankenship was reported by the AGO as Missing in Action 7 October 1944 in Holland (near St. Antonis). Finding of Death was subsequently issued showing the presumed date of death as 8 October 1945. Private Blankenship was a member of Company "B", 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division. According to information in AGO Status Review and Determination Report, on 7 October 1944, Company "B", 38th Armored Infantry Battalion was located 6 miles southeast of St. Antonis, Holland. The mission of the company at that time was to clear enemy forces from the wooded area near St. Antonis to Overloon, Holland. Enemy forces were encountered and the company members were greatly scattered. When a physical check was made it was found that the company had suffered many losses, but due to the tactical situation a search for those missing was not possible. It was assumed that they had either been killed or captured by the enemy.

There are no German records pertaining to Private Blankenship or the other enlisted men reported missing during this enemy encounter. (See map sketch - Tab B.)

A special investigation was conducted in November 1953 in an effort to locate the remains of Pvt Blankenship, but the search was unsuccessful and Findings of Nonrecoverability were approved 11 March 1954. (Tab C)

CONCLUSION:

The following identifying factors confirm the association of Unknown X-9321 with Private Paul G. Blankenship:

- 1) Two Identification Tags

(Unknown X-9321 Frankfurt Maus. Assoc with BLANKENSHIP, Paul G. 33652284)

Conclusion (Contd):

- 2) Name stamped on portion of billfold
- 3) Excellent dental and physical comparison (Tab D)
- 4) Private Blankenship's organization was in the near vicinity of the place of recovery (sketch of grave location submitted with case papers for Unknown X-9321.)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the identification of Unknown X-9321 Frankfurt Mausoleum be approved as Private Paul G. Blankenship, ASN 33 652 284, and that Findings of Nonrecoverability be canceled.

Submitted by N. M. Farmer
N. M. Farmer
Clerk (Ident)
Claims & Effects Unit
Disposition Branch

CONCURRENCE:

E. W. Culbertson
EVAL W. CULBERTSON
Colonel, QMC

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Elmer J. Neary
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Approved:

Date: 22 Dec 1959

James G. Hattox
JAMES G. HATTOX
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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FOREST REICHSWALD

G E R M A N Y

St. Antonis:	51° 38' N 5° 54' E
Overloon:	51° 34' N 6° 03' E
Maashes:	51° 34' N 6° 02' E
Groeningen:	51° 36' N 6° 00' E
Vortum:	51° 36' N 6° 01' E
Vierlingsbeck:	51° 36' N 6° 02' E
Holthees:	51° 35' N 6° 01' E

FOREST

x St. ANTONIS

x Vortum
x Groeningen

x Vierlingsbeck

x Holthees

x Maashes

Wooded area

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x Overloon
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x Vierlingsbeck

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x Maashes



SKETCH - Map 2A - HOLLAND

GAZETTEER to Maps of FRANCE, BELGIUM & HOLLAND
GSGS 2738 & GSGS 4042, Scale 1:250,000 (March 44)
shows following coords:

ST. ANTONIS.....	51°38'N -	5°52'E (2a&3a/E73)
VIERTLINGSBEEK.....	51°36'N -	6°01'E (2a&3a/E83)
OVERLOON.....	51°34'N -	5°57'E (2a&3a/E73)

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

MEMORIAL DIVISION

27 May 1959

Division Order
No. 10

SUBJECT: Memorial Division Board of Review

1. Under provisions of AR 15-6, dated 25 July 1955, the following of-
ficers are hereby appointed members of the Memorial Division Board of
Review:

Colonel Eual W. Culbertson, QMC, O-42263
Lt. Colonel Elmer J. Neary, QMC, O-34964
Lt. Colonel Donald L. Wardle, QMC, O-1582245
Major William H. Murray, QMC, O-2011085

Senior member present will serve as President of the Board.

2. The purpose, authority, and scope of activities of the Memorial
Division Board of Review will be in accordance with the provisions of
Memorial Division Order No. 3 dated 17 February 1959.

3. Memorial Division Order No. 4 dated 17 February 1959, Subject:
Memorial Division Board of Review, is rescinded.

BY ORDER OF THE DIVISION CHIEF:

OFFICIAL:

CARL R. ALLBEE
Memorial Division

M. Edith Hranac
M. EDITH HRANAC
Chief, Division Services Section
Disposition Branch

DISTRIBUTION:

Branch and Office Chiefs (1)
Each Officer concerned (2)
Operations Section, Disp. Br. (30)

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

MEMORIAL DIVISION

17 February 1959

Division Order
No. 3

SUBJECT: Memorial Division Board of Review

1. Establishment. Under provisions of AR 15-6, dated 25 July 1955, there is hereby established the Memorial Division Board of Review (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to assist the Chief, Memorial Division, in the resolution of special cases which involve the identifiability, nonidentifiability, or nonrecoverability of the remains of deceased persons.

2. Membership. The Board will consist of not less than 3 officers. The senior member present will serve as President of the Board. One member, as designated by the president, will act as recorder for the Board and will be responsible for the documentation of the findings of the Board. A majority of the members of the Board will constitute a quorum.

3. Authority. In the resolution of all cases referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Board will serve as the reviewing channel between the operating Branch and the Division Chief. The Board is authorized to review all such cases as are referred through it to the Division Chief. After documentation of its findings, the Board will recommend the approval of the Division Chief or his designated representative or return the case to the operating branch for reconsideration of its determinations.

4. Duties. The Board is charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

a. Establish a set of standards and procedures to determine the adequacy, authenticity, and completeness of records which serve as an operating basis for the Board.

b. Review case history reports concerning the identifiability of recovered remains as submitted by the operating branch.

c. Review case history reports concerning the nonidentifiability of individual recovered remains and the nonidentifiability of individual remains from group recoveries.

17 February 1959

d. Review case history reports concerning the nonrecoverability of remains of persons in the following categories:

(1) Persons for whom The Adjutant General has issued presumptive findings of death.

(2) Persons known to be in a KIA status, whose remains, because of the circumstances of death, are determined to be nonrecoverable.

(3) Persons whose remains are officially reported lost at sea.

e. Based upon its findings, either recommend the approval of the Division Chief, or return the case to the operating branch for further reconsideration of the case.

5. Convening of the Board. The Board will convene at the time and place designated by the president and will adjourn at his direction.

6. Rescission. Memorial Division Order No. 29, dated 19 September 1957, Subject: Memorial Division Board of Review, is rescinded.

BY ORDER OF THE DIVISION CHIEF:

OFFICIAL:

CARL R. ALBEE
Memorial Division

M. Edith Hranac
M. EDITH HRANAC

Chief, Division Services Section
Disposition Branch

DISTRIBUTION:

BRANCH AND OFFICE CHIEFS (1)
Each Officer concerned (2)
Operations Section, Disp Br. (50)

DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

UNKNOWN	Grave: 323 x-9321, Frankfurt, Mausoleum	NAME	BLANKENSHIP, Paul G. Pvt. 33 652 284	
R-8	X	R-8	X	0
R-7	dofA	R-7		dofA
R-6	oA	R-6		X
R-5		R-5		
R-4		R-4		
R-3	to R-4: 1mm	R-3		
R-2		R-2		
R-1	dS mS	R-1	dS mS	
L-1	mLS	L-1	mS	
L-2		L-2		
L-3		L-3		
L-4		L-4		
L-5		L-5		
L-6	oA	L-6		
L-7	dofA	L-7		dofA
L-8	X	L-8		0
R-16	Unerrupted; imp horiz against R-15	R-16	X	X
R-15	(o)	R-15		X
R-14	moA	R-14	moA	
R-13	(dof)	R-13		
R-12		R-12		
R-11		R-11		
R-10		R-10		
R-9		R-9		
L-9		L-9		
L-10		L-10		
L-11		L-11		
L-12		L-12		
L-13		L-13		
L-14	(o)	L-14		
L-15	oA	L-15	oA	
L-16	(o)	L-16		
ESTIMATED HEIGHT	5' 8 1/3" ✓	HEIGHT	(1) 5' 8 1/4" ✓	(2) (3)
ESTIMATED WEIGHT	130 - 150 ✓	WEIGHT	133 lbs ✓	
ESTIMATED AGE	19 yrs ✓	AGE	19yrs 7mos 1da ✓	
HAIR	None found	HAIR	Brown	Race: White ✓ Shoe Size: 9 1/2-B
RACE	White ✓			
SHOE SIZE	9 1/2-B ✓			
REMARKS:	Remains processed: 19/20 Nov 59; Fractures: Left humerus - middle shaft. Date & place of recovery: On 3 Aug 59, remains desig S&R-5043 were orig discov by a Dutch National in a shallow grave beside a farm bldg on his farm "Het Klaverblad" near Vierlingsbeek, Holland. PE recov: 2 ID tags for "Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 283"; portion of billfold with name gold stamped: "Paul G. Blankenship"; 2 large plastic buttons from US wool CD overcoat; 1 brass US Inf label	REMARKS:	Fractures: No record Dental: (1) Fm 79, 3-10-44; (2) Fm 79, dtd 7-17-43; (3) Induction rec, 14 Jun 48. Orgn: CO "B", 38th Armd Inf Bn., (7th Armd Di Date & place MIA: On 7 Oct 44, EM became MIA while on a mission with his Co to clear a wooded area approx 6 mi SE of St. Antonis, Holland when enemy forces were encountered. Many losses were suffered. Due to the tactical situation, no search for the missin could be made.	

Space

insignia; 1 pair US Sv shoes, size 9 1/2-B; 1 photo of girl.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY
QUARTERMASTER MORTUARY SYSTEM, EUROPE
APO 757, US FORCES

20 November 1959

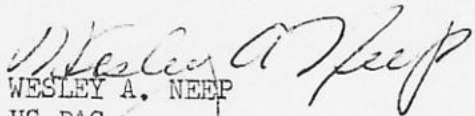
CASE: X-9321 (SR 5043) US WW II casualty recovered Vierlingsbeek, Holland.

1. Recently, while installing a drainage ditch, the remains of a US WW II casualty were discovered near a building on the farm "Het Klaverblad" near Vierlingsbeek, Holland by Mr. Albret Ars. Found with the remains were items of US clothing and equipment and two (2) identification tags for "BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G. - 33652284".

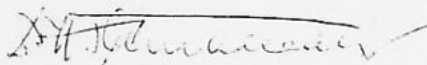
2. The physical characteristics of subject remains have been favorably associated with like data available on the OCMG Form 371 for Pvt. Paul G. Blankenship who was reported missing 7 October 1944 in the vicinity of Vierlingsbeek 6 miles SE of St. Antonis. Physical comparison is as follows:

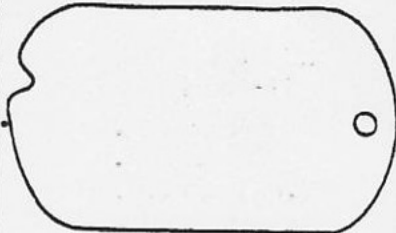
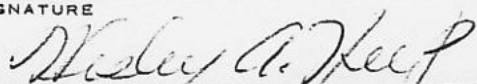
	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>	<u>SHOE</u>
X-9321	19	68 1/3"	130-150 Lbs	None	9 1/2-B
Pvt BLANKENSHIP	19 7/12	68 1/4"	133 Lbs	Brown	9 1/2-C

Post-cranial articulation is not possible due to the severely eroded and missing vertebrae. The dental comparison is excellent. It is noted that dental survey made 14 June 43 indicates tooth R 6 as missing instead of R 8. Dental survey made 3/10/44 correctly shows R 8 missing and R 6 as being present. The left humerus shows evidence of a healed fracture at the mid shaft area. It appears to have been a "green-stick" type of fracture with the major breakage being lateral. This humerus break healed well with only a slight curvature remaining but the total bone length is 16 mm less than the corresponding right humerus. This foreshortened humerus was not considered in the estimation of height. The foot bones were removed from US service shoes size 9 1/2-B.


WESLEY A. NEEP
US DAC
Identification Specialist

I have examined the remains designated X-9321 and do concur with the above physical findings.


Dr. HANS FLEISCHHACKER
Anthropology Institute
University of Frankfurt
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING EFFECTS AND PHYSICAL DATA			DATE		
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)		GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER	CIL CASE NUMBER (if applicable)	
X-9321					
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER			PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
Frankfurt Mausoleum					323
RECEIVED FROM Farm "Het Klaverblad" near Vierlingsbeek, Holland in shallow grave near farm building.			IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG		
OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)					
<p>Two (2) identification tags (see imprint..)</p> <p>Portion of billfold with gold stamped name: "Paul G. Blankenship"</p>					
ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate Type, Color, Size, Markings, Service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)					
<p>1 Pr US service shoes....size 9½ B</p> <p>2 large plastic buttons from US wool OD overcoat</p> <p>1 brass US Infantry lapel insignia</p> <p>1 automatic pencil</p> <p>1 photo of girl, backed by cardboard and covered with strips of scotch tape</p>					
FINGERPRINTS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		X-RAYS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		FLUROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
ESTIMATED HEIGHT 68 1/3"	MUSCULARITY Medium-light	COLOR OF HAIR None found	RACE OR NATIVITY White		
TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY					
None (skeletal remains)					
EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS					
Healed fracture at middle of shaft, Left humerus.					
WOUNDS OR INJURIES					
None noted. Skeletal parts are severely eroded, especially in the ribs and vertebrae.					
I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND THAT ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE					
NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION			SIGNATURE		
WESLEY A. NEEP US DAC US Army Mortuary System					

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESS.
SKELETAL CHART

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)
X-9321

GRADE _____ SERVICE NUMBER _____

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER
Frankfort Maus SR5043

PLOT _____ ROW _____ GRAVE
323

ESTIMATED AGE (Years) *19* ESTIMATED HEIGHT *68 1/3"*

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)	
		RIGHT	LEFT
SKULL			
HUMERUS	<i>Trotter</i>	<i>32.9</i>	<i>31.3</i>
ULNA	"		
RADIUS	"	<i>24.8</i>	<i>25.2</i>
FEMUR	"	<i>47.7</i>	<i>47.4</i>
TIBIA	"	<i>38.9</i>	<i>39.1</i>
FIBULA	"	<i>37.4</i>	<i>37.4</i>

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)
*Est. wt. 130-150 Lbs.
Healed fracture middle shaft left humerus.

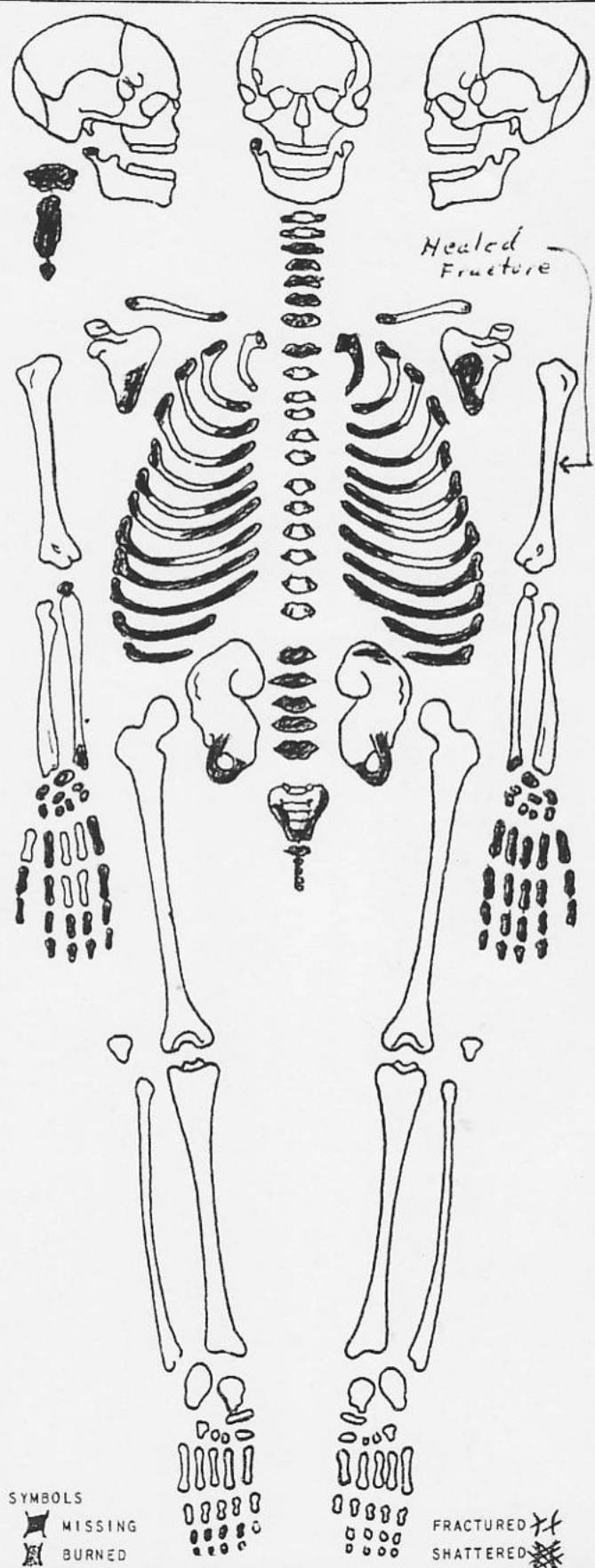
19 Nov '59*

THE PARTS PRESENT AS INDICATED ON THIS SKELETAL CHART REPRESENTS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)
Wesley A. Neep

SIGNATURE
Wesley A. Neep

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



SR 5043

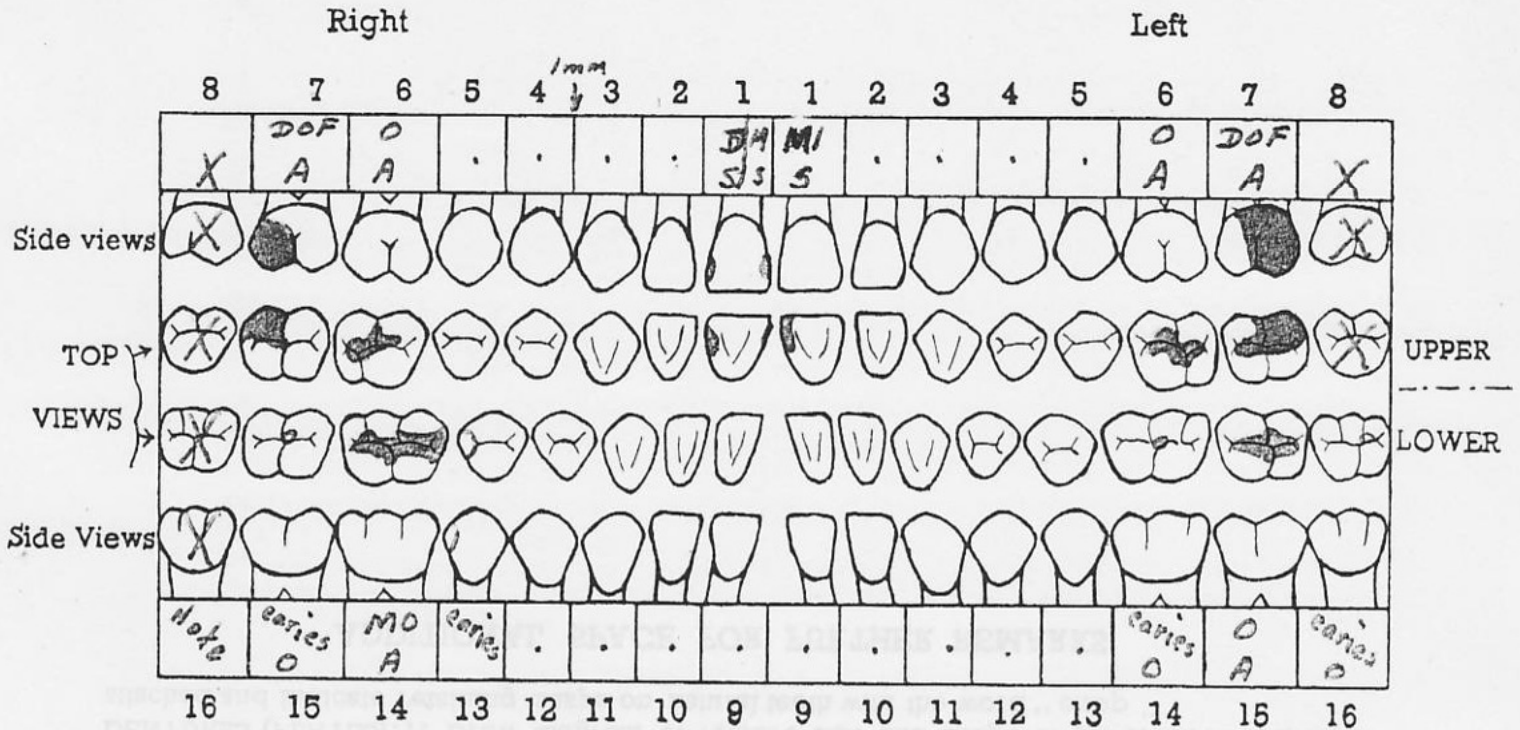
X-9321
Frankfurt Maus.

TOOTH CHART

19 Nov. 59
Date

Last Name	First	Initial	Grade	Serial No.
Unit			Organization	

Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
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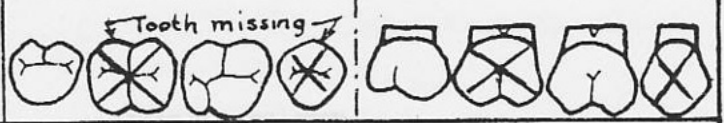
This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

Size - Average
 Color - Ivory w/ light brown stain.
 NOTE - R16 unerupted, and impacted horizontally against R15.
 Occlusion - Edge to edge bite.
 Alignment - Good

W. A. Neep
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

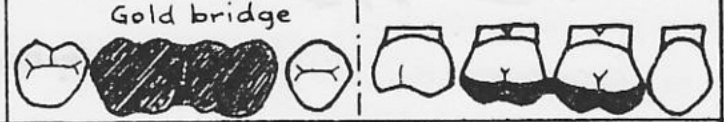
MISSING TEETH... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :



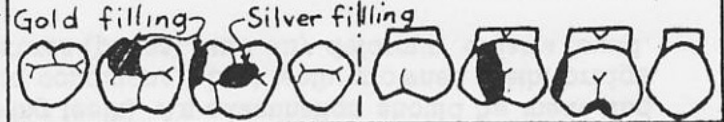
CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :



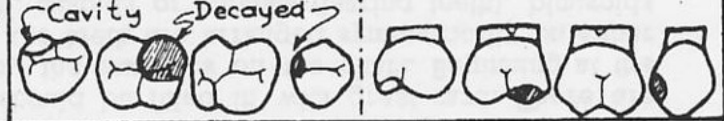
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FILLINGS... Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :

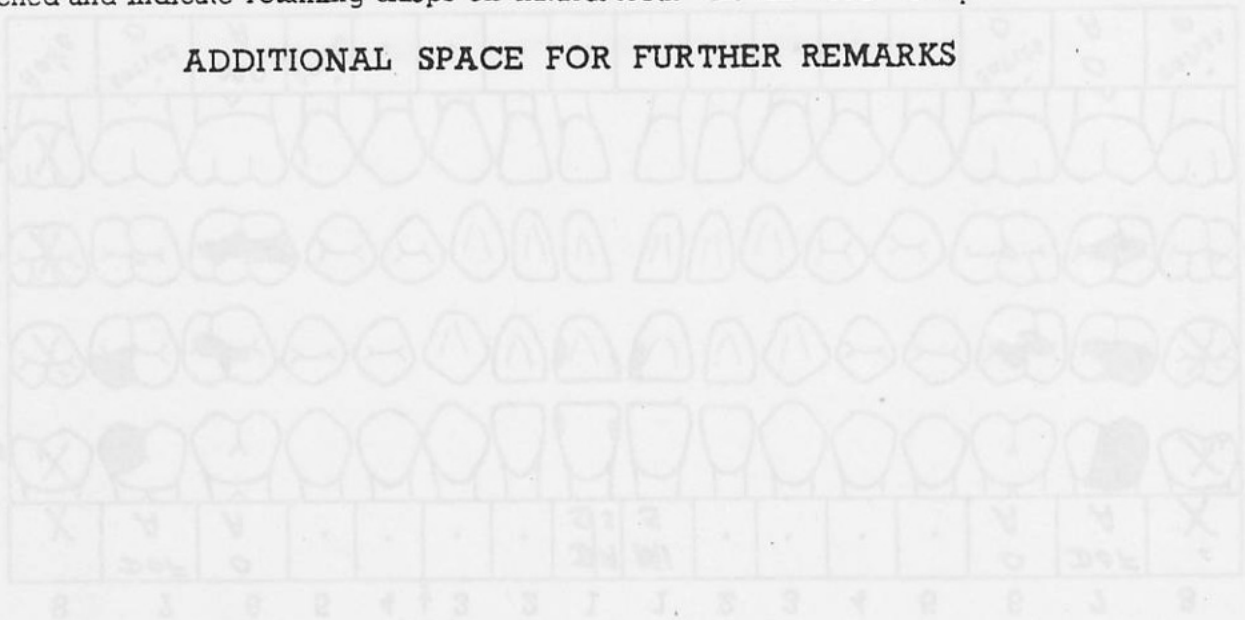


CARIES (CAVITIES). Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



DENTURES (PLATES)... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS



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24 November 1959

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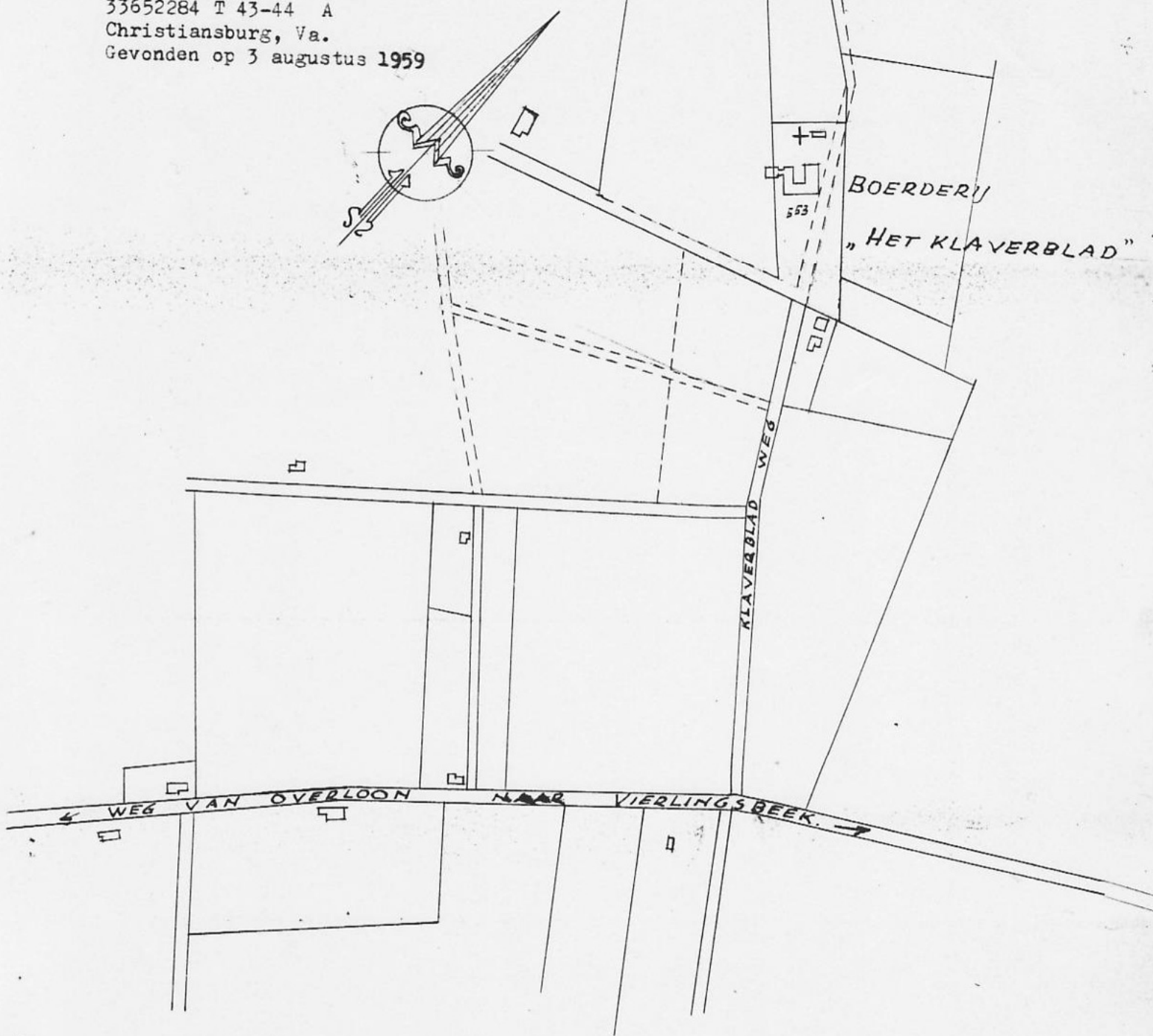
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Uittreksel Plan kadastrale
gemeente Vierlingsbeek
sectie D

ter plaatse: Vierlingsbeekse Broek
gemeenteboerderij Het Klaverblad
pachter Albr. Ars, A 242

+ = vindplaats lijk van
Amerikaans soldaat
Paul G. Blankenship
33652284 T 43-44 A
Christiansburg, Va.
Gevonden op 3 augustus 1959



KERKHOF VOOR DUITSE
GESNEUVELDEN
IJSELSTEIJN - VENRAY
Tel.: 262 (0 4785)

Ref.: 770/Y/59

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AGTS-CL 201 Blankenship, Paul G.
ASN 33 652 284 (28 Dec 59)

30 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PERSONNEL SERVICES BRANCH, TAGO

SUBJECT: Date of Death

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Summary of Ident

DO NOT SEND TELEGRAM:

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Investigator

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Major, AGC
Chief, Casualty Section, PSB, TAGO

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Colonel, AGC
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CGMCME-D 293 Blankenship,
Paul G., ASN 33 652 284

Request for Report of Death

TAGO
Casualty Section
Room ND-680
ATTN: AGPS-CL

CGMG

28 December 1959
Mrs. Whittingham/akv/77756

1. It is requested that report of death be issued for Private Paul G. Blankenship, ASN 33 652 284, who was officially reported missing in action in Europe 7 October 1944. Administrative date of death was determined to have been 8 October 1945.

2. The inclosed Summary of Identification and copy of message from Veterans Administration which contains next of kin's name and address is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

- 2 Incls
- 1. Summary of Ident.
- 2. Cy Msg I/VA

DONALD E. WATKINS
Lt. Colonel, LMC
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

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UNCLAS in reply refer to OIGWE-D 1590

Request names, ages, addresses and relationship surviving relatives of Paul C. Blankenship, MC h 169 052. VA Wash D.C. advises records transferred to your office 3 Aug 59

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Chief, Deposition Branch
Memorial Division

AIR-MAIL

W.W.H.

4 December 1959

OSGWT-D 293
Blankenship, Paul G.
ASN 33 652 284

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding Officer
United States Army
Quartermaster Mortuary System
APO 757, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to letter this Office, OSGWT-D 293, ONS Europe, dated 18 August 1959, in which identifying data were forwarded for Private Paul G. Blankenship and six other enlisted men.

2. It has been noted that there are certain discrepancies appearing on the two Forms 79 for Private Blankenship which should be clarified; namely, Serial Number on Form 79 dated 7-17-43, and Activity on Form 79 dated 3-10-44.

3. Army records disclose that Private Blankenship, a native of Virginia, was inducted 14 June 1943. He was assigned to Battery A, 4th Battalion, 7th A.C., Fort Eustis, Virginia from 5 July 1943 to 5 November 1943. Records further indicate that he was transferred to Camp Stewart, Georgia 7 November 1943 where he was attached to Battery B, 145th AAA Gunners Battalion through May 1944. Therefore, the Serial Number "3360284" or "3360285" and the native state "Pa." on the respective Form 79 are obviously erroneously recorded, and both dental forms do represent dental work accomplished for Private Paul G. Blankenship, ASN 33 652 284.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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FORM-D 293
OES Europe

18 August 1959

SUBJECT: Identification Data

TO: Commanding Officer
British States Army
Quartermaster Mortuary System
APO 757, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to your messages, MO-007, 8 August 1959, and MO-009, 10 August 1959.

2. Forwarded herewith are OQMG Forms 301, with all available dental data, for Private Bernard S. Murray, M 587 083 and Private Paul O. Blankenship, M 112 251. Also included are all identifying data available for the following units of personnel who were reported missing in the same enemy engagement as to Private Bernard S. Murray:

Unit, Location	Grade	Serial	Component	(Recoverable)
Lane, Rufus A.	Pfc	38 57 812		"
Keane, Frank A.	Pfc	32 24 604		"
Shelton, Jordan J.	Sgt	6 665 31		"
Tastascia, Edward	Pfc	21 10 171		"

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER

Incl
1-7 OQMG Form 301
w/dental data for
Murray, Blankenship,
Lane, Keane,
Shelton & Tastascia

JAMES G. KATZ
Colonel, USA
Chief, Mortuary Division

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Remains Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 284, declared nonrecoverable

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Assistant Chief
Memorial Division

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Req all records be loaned this Office on the following:

<u>Blankenship, Paul G.</u>	33 652 284
Hurd, Raymond	33 155 510
Jane, Rufus E.	38 517 818
Sessa, Frank F.	32 239 604
Shelton, Junior J.	6 665 391
Tambascia, Edward	20 231 220

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CONTROLLED CASE

NAME BLANKENSHIP, Paul G.	GRADE Pvt	SERIAL NO. 33 652 284
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IMPORTANT

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 293 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION. ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

OQMG FORM 1900
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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

~~293 BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G.~~
EMS

RANK

~~PVT~~

SERIAL NUMBER

~~33652284~~

ARM OF SERVICE

~~ARMY~~

DATE OF DEATH

~~8 OCT '45~~

AREA OF DEATH

~~HOLLAND~~

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NAME OF AUDITOR

~~M. POSEY~~

DATE

~~18 MAR '54~~

NAME OF REVIEWER

~~G. T. DIELS~~

DATE

~~22 MAR. '54~~

REMARKS

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**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

C NUMBER 17899
AREA OR ZONE(S)
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) *AB* BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G. RANK Pvt. SERIAL NUMBER 33 652 284

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Individual

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	<i>me</i>	2. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>me</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS		4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>me</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN		6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES Memo for Record - dtd. 1 August 1949			<i>me</i>

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

See Summary of Investigation.

MAR 11 1954

NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>me</i> A. M. COFFEY		CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION Inves. Sec. C. C. SALSER	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION Investigation Sec. <i>[Signature]</i> JOHN L. JACKS, Jr. Major, OMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>[Signature]</i> J. C. MacFARLAND, Lt. Col., OMC	11 Mar 54

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

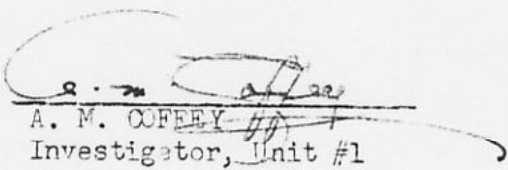
BLANKENSHIP, Paul G.

Pvt 33 652 284

1. Pvt Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 284, Co B., 38th Armored Inf. Bn., 7th Armored Division was on a mission, 7 October 1944, to clear a wooded area approximately 6 miles south of St. Antonis, Holland. The company encountered enemy forces and suffered many losses. Pvt Blankenship was found to be missing. Due to the tactical situation an immediate search could not be made.

2. In November 1953 an investigation was conducted in the St. Antonis area in an endeavor to find the remains of Pvt. Blankenship. It was found that the area where the casualty is believed to have occurred has been replanted with young trees and, according to town officials, no American remains or remains of Unknowns were discovered. Inhabitants of the pertinent area were questioned, however they had no knowledge of an American deceased or of Unknowns graves.

3. Identifying data for Pvt Blankenship was compared with like data for all unresolved unknowns disinterred in Holland with negative results.


A. M. COFFEY
Investigator, Unit #1

DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

UNKNOWN	NAME
X-	BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G. Pvt. 33652284
R-8	X
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L-8	
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ESTIMATED HEIGHT	HEIGHT 5' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
ESTIMATED WEIGHT	WEIGHT 133 lbs.
ESTIMATED AGE	AGE 19 yrs. 7 mos. 1 day
HAIR	HAIR Brown 9$\frac{1}{2}$B
REMARKS MIA 7 Oct. 1944 - St. Antonis, Holland 15 miles south of Nijmegen. Co. B., 38th Arm'd Inf. Bn., 7th Arm'd Div.	

The following Unknowns were recovered from the Nijmegen, Holland area and are in an unresolved status (unidentifiable):

Unk. X-1194	-	Margraten
X-1209	"	"
X-1230	"	"
X-1231	"	"
X-1234	"	"
X-1236	"	"
X-1237	"	"
X-1239	"	"
X-2799	"	"
X-2800	"	"
X-3314	-	Neuville
X-5428	"	"
X-5453	"	"
X-7661	"	"

None of the above Unknowns can be associated with Pvt. Blankenship due to lack of identifying data and/or discrepancies.

ARISON CHART

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Co. B., 38th Arm'd Inf. Bn., 7th
Arm'd Div.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTHERN ARMY COMMAND
APO 757 US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 213

16 November 1953

E X T R A C T

1. PFC LAWRENCE C CORBAO JR RA21295669 254th Trans Co (Light Trk) APO 165 is rel dy sta Frankfurt Ger and fr atch 24th BPO APO 757 and WP to Hanau Ger reporting upon arrival thereof to CO parent unit eff 16 Nov 53. PCS. TDN: 2142010 401-10-18 P1410-02 S99-999. Cost of rail trans w/in Ger chargeable to DM 2142010 401-10-18 P1410-02/g8 S91-506 (DM Funds nonreimb).

2. PVT-2 DAVID SMITH US52303211 254th Trans Co (Light Trk) APO 165 is a dy sta Frankfurt Ger w/o C in unit asgmt and atch 24th BPO APO 757 for qrs and admin for pd 16 Nov 53 to 4 Jan 54 and upon completion of this dy EM will rtn to parent unit. WP. PCS. TDN: 2142010 401-10-18 P1410-02 S99-999. Cost of rail trans w/in Ger chargeable to DM 2142010 401-10-18 P1410-02/g8 S91-506 (DM Funds nonreimb).

3. PVT-2 RICHARD C REED US52183591 PPMCS 1059 (CAU) COMP AUSTOE 2 yrs ETS Dec 54 Elig rtn US Nov 54 is rel asg Co A 709th MP Bn APO 757 and asg Co A 7811 SCU APO 757 for dy w/Engr Sec Northern Area Command. EDCSA: 23 Nov 53. No tvl involved.

4. Par 12 SO 209 this Hq cs pertaining to MSGT GLENNELL H MARCUM RA 6663200 Co A 7811 SCU APO 757 presently atch Co E 7811 SCU APO 800 is revoked.

5. WOJG HARRY BARON W2145310 USA PMCS 4114 (CAU) COMP AUS CAT III Exp Cat Jun 54 Elig rtn US May 54 is rel asg Co I 7811 SCU APO 169 and asg Co E 7811 SCU APO 800. EDCSA: 19 Nov 53. WP. PCS. TDN: 2142010 401-11-19 P1410-02-07 S99-999. Cost of rail trans w/in Ger chargeable to DM 2142010 401-11-19 P1410-02-03-07/g8 S91-506 (DM Funds nonreimb).

6. MSGT JOHN W DILDINE RC6629460 7741 Engr Proc Cen APO 757 is atch Co A 709th MP Bn APO 757 for rats and qrs only eff 18 Nov 53.

7. SGT EDWARD K RYAN RA12308290 7706 AFN Co APO 757 is rel dy sta Bad Kissingen Ger and fr atch Co N 7811 SCU APO 62 and is asg dy sta Grafenwoehr Ger w/o C in unit asgmt and atch 7822 SCU Grafenwoehr Det APO 114 for qrs and rats only eff 16 Nov 53. WP. PCS. TDN: 2142010 401-10-18 P1410-02 S99-999. Cost of rail trans w/in Ger chargeable to DM 2142010 401-10-18 P1410-02/g8 S91-506 (DM Funds nonreimb).

8. 1ST LT ROBERT FELDMAN O4021554 MC Det B 7779 Med Det APO 757 is asg dy sta Hanau Ger w/o C in unit asgmt for dy w/US Army Disp and atch 765th Med Det APO 165 for admin only eff 16 Nov 53. WP. PCS. TDN: 2142010 401-10-11-19 P1410-02-03-07 S99-999. Cost of rail trans w/in Ger chargeable to DM 2142010 401-11-19 P1410-02-03-07/g8 S91-506 (DM Funds nonreimb).

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SO 213 Headquarters Northern Area Command APO 757 16 Nov 53 (cont'd)

9. So much of SO 212 this Hq 13 Nov 53 pertaining to SGT RICHARD D RAY RA18261126 and SGT JOHN C TAYLOR RA16364794 7772 Sig Svc Co APO 757 as reads par 12 is amended to read par 13.

10. UP AR 40-15 CAPT ROBERT H QUINN 0868605 MC Det B 7779 Med Det APO 757 is apt Preventive Medicine Officer Northern Area Command w/additional dy as Preventive Medicine Officer Frankfurt District.

11. Par 7 SO 32 this Hq 26 Feb 53 pertaining to a bd of Off apt UP AR 615-368 is rescinded.

12. UP AR 615-368 a Bd of Off is apt to meet at call of Senior Member thereof for the purpose of determining whether or not pers brought before it should be discharged prior to normal ETS. Bd will be governed by AR 615-368 Bd proceedings will be submitted to this Hq on DA AGO Form 37 in triplicate.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

- MAJ JEROME S SIMPSON 01826223 Ord Co K 7811 SCU APO 171
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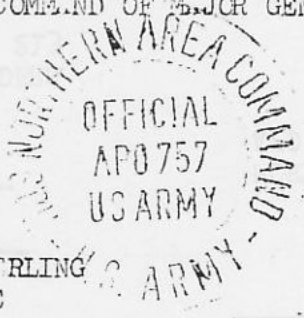
13. Par 2 SO 210 this Hq 10 Nov 53 pertaining to a Bd of Off for the purpose of Reviewing Case Records pertaining to the Identification of Decease and Determination of Non-recoverability of Remains for Unknown Dead Overseas is revoked.

14. PIC Ltr WD AGAO-S 293-9 9 Apr 47 Subj: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas and par 118b SR 830-110-5 fol named Off 7770 USARFOR QM Mort Svc Det APO 757 are apt to meet at call of the president thereof to review case records pertaining to the identification of deceased and determination of non-recoverability of remains and to review major discrepancy cases:

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

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- CAPT FRANCIS M SIMON 01590810 QMC
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Proceedings of Board of Review appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 1947) D-1, War Dept., TAGO, 9 April 1947.

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1. The Board convened pursuant to par 14, SO 213, Headquarters, Northern Area Command, dated 16 November 1953 at Griesheim/Main, on 31 December 1953.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: As indicated by signatures below.

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented the non-recoverability of the remains of World War II dead lost in the geographical area described below.

a. Area:

Vicinity of St. Anthonis (2A/E-73), Holland

b. Facts:

Pvt Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 284, Co "B", 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Infantry Division, became missing in action in the vicinity of St. Anthonis, Holland, on 7 October 1944.

4. FINDINGS:

a. The circumstances surrounding the disappearance of this soldier are contained in 4th indorsement, dated 28 August 1945, Hqs., 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, File AG 70A, 1 August 1945. This communication states that on 7 October 1944, Co "B" was located 6 miles southeast of St. Anthonis, Holland. The mission at that time was to clear the wooded area surrounding the town, during which the company encountered enemy forces and was greatly scattered. When a physical check was made, the company was found to have suffered many losses, among whom was Pvt Blankenship. It was assumed that the missing men had been either killed or captured by the enemy. Due to the tactical situation, no search could be made.

b. Nothing further is known regarding the loss of Pvt Blankenship. He was never reported a prisoner of war, nor can any reference to him be found in captured German records.

c. Field Investigation conducted in the area involved in November 1953 proved negative inasmuch as the remains of subject decedent could not be located nor was any trace found.

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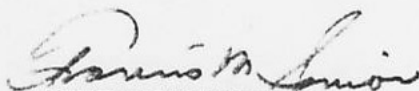
association with subject casualty.

e. Reference is made to Narrative of Investigation dated 30 November 1953 and inclosures attached hereto as well as to OQMG Form 371 on Pvt Paul G. Blankenship and Memorandum for Record, dated 1 August 1949 on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

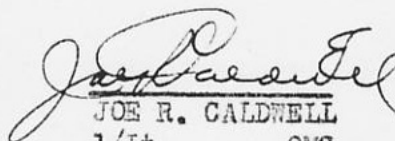
5. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the remains of the decedent herein considered be determined Non-Recoverable.

S. GIBBS
Major QMG
President

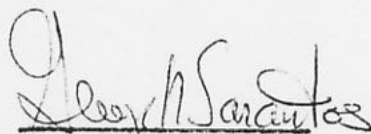
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7770 BARRACKS MILITARY SERVICE DETachment
APO 757
US ARMY

30 November 1953

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. PERSONS AND PLACES INVESTIGATED:

In compliance with Investigation Directive # 1109 this headquarters, dated 3 November 1953, the undersigned proceeded to St. Anthonis (20/4-73), Holland in an effort to investigate and recover the remains of Pvt Paul C. Blankenship, 33552224, Co "B", 38th Armd Inf Bn, 7th Armd Div.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

According to records this headquarters, above named soldier was found missing on 7 October 1944, Co "B" was located six (6) miles south east of St. Anthonis, Holland. The mission at that time was to clear the wooded area surrounding the town.

III. FINDINGS:

On arrival to St. Anthonis, the undersigned interviewed the town officials, and it was learned that the town itself was liberated on 25 September 1944, no fighting took place in the beginning of October 1944 in the surroundings or in that town. According to town officials there are no graves of American soldiers or graves of unknowns in this community. Attention is invited to exhibit "A" statement by the town mayor. It was learned, however, that heavy fighting took place at Overloon and vicinity from 26 September 1944 to 14 October 1944. Overloon is located approximately 9 kilometers south east of St. Anthonis.

It was learned at Overloon that the 38th Armd Inf was in contact with the enemy up to approximately 10 October 1944, after that date, the American troops were replaced by the British. During the heavy fighting which took place in the woods surrounding Overloon, most of the trees have been destroyed. Several years ago, all of the area has been replanted by young trees, according to the town officials, no American or remains of unknowns have been discovered during the process of replanting.

The town officials made a recent investigation to determine whether graves of soldiers still existed in the community, after having interviewed a great number of farmers in the communities of Vierlingsbeek, Laashees, Holthees, Overloon, Groeningen and Vortum no knowledge of American or unknown graves was found. Attention is invited to exhibit "B" statement by town administration.

(Narrative of Investigation, ID 1109, dated 30 November 1953)

According to theaire of Overloon, if graves of Americans or unknowns were present in the wooded area where the fighting took place, they would have been discovered when the woods were replanted.

IV. Conclusion:

It is concluded by the undersigned that remains of Pvt Paul C. Blankenship, 32652284, can not be located in the general areas of St. Antonis and Overloon, Holland.

V. Recommendation:

It is recommended by the undersigned that remains of Pvt Paul C. Blankenship be submitted non-recoverable.

Mary Hagyard
Major, USAF
Sgt No. 2086317
Inter meter

Edgar Ellis
Sgt No. 36203110
Investigator

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Oploo c. a.

St. Anthonis, 20 November 1953
Tel. 7 - Postrekening 32211

In the community of Oploo, St. Anthonis en Bedeacker are no
graves of American soldiers or graves of unknown soldiers.

The Burgomaster of Oploo c.a.,

(Name)

/s/ illegible

Exhibit "A"

201 Y

Stadsbestuur Vierlingsbeek

Telefoon no 200

Postkantoor no. 51410

Vierlingsbeek, november 27th, 1953

Onderwerp: Begraves

I the undersigned, mayor of Vierlingsbeek, certify that in the communities of Vierlingsbeek, Maashees, Polthees, Overloon, Groeningen and Fortum Gullem have been recently surveyed by a representative of this office, concerning locations of graves.

H. van Heusden, B.S.,

/s/ H. van Heusden

(H. van Heusden)

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exhibit "a"

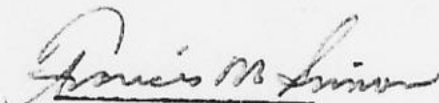
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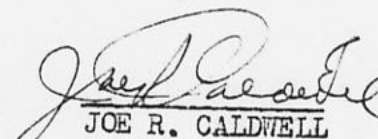
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5. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the remains of the decedent herein considered be determined Non-Recoverable.


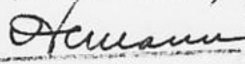
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2nd Lt QMC
Member

 APPROVED 11 March 54

J. C. MacFARLAND
Lt. Col. QMC
Identification Branch
Memorial Division, OQMG.

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7770 US. MILITARY MONITORING SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757
US ARMY

30 November 1953

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IV. CONCLUSION:

It is concluded by the undersigned that remains of Pvt Paul G. Blankenship, 33652284, can not be located in the general areas of St. Anthonis and Overloon, Holland.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended by the undersigned that remains of Pvt Paul G. Blankenship be submitted non-recoverable.

Marian Daczynski
MARIAN DACZYNSKI
Sgt RA 42068317
Interpreter

Elden J. Ellis
ELDEN J. ELLIS
Sgt RA 36203110
Investigator

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GEEMEENTE OPLCO c. a.

St. Anthonis, 26 November 1953
Tel. 7 - Postrekening 82211

In the communitij of Oploo, St. Anthonis en Ledeaacker are no
graves of american soldiers or graves of unknown soldiers.

The Burgomaster of Oploo c.a.,

(Stamp)

/s/ illegible

Exhibit "A"

GEMEENTE OPLOO c.a.

Nr.

ST. ANTHONIS, 26 November 1953.
Tel. 7 - Postrekening 82211

Miss. d.d.
Circ.

Onderwerp

Getal bijlagen

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The Burgomaster of Oploo c.a.,



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EXH "A"

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GEMEENTE VIERLINGSBEEK

Telefon No 200

Postrekening No. 51410

Vierlingsbeek, November 27th, 1953

Onderwerp: Wargraves

I the undersigned, mayor of Vierlingsbeek, certify that in the communities of Vierlingsbeek, Maashees, Holthees, Overloon, Groeningen and Vortum Mullem have been recently surveyed by a representative of this office, concerning locations of wargraves.

THE UNDERSIGNED,

/s/ G. van Heusden

(G. van HEUSDEN)

(Stamp)

Exhibit "B"

GEMEE' TE VIERLINGSBEEK

TELEFOON No. 200

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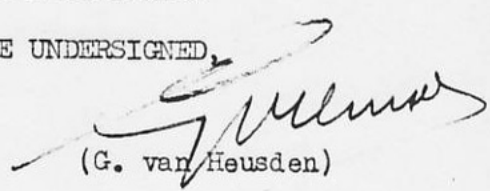
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To the best of my acknowledge, there are no graves of American or unknown soldiers.

THE UNDERSIGNED,


(G. van Heusden)



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