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ASN- 33652204

1 Form 79

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CLASS _____

Occlusion _____: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia _____

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions _____

Date _____, 19____

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

* Restorable carious teeth by O
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
 (horizontal line)

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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
 (oval to include abutments)

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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
Columbus A. G. Regional Records Office
Columbus General Depot, U. S. Army
Columbus 15, Ohio

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2. Request that copies of all records located be forwarded to this office without delay.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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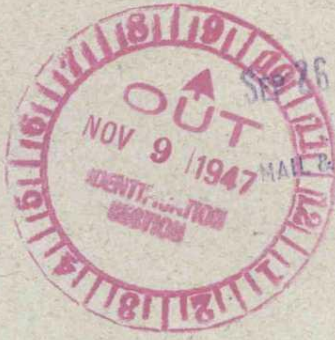
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
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IDENTIFICATION DATA

FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Rankenship, Paul G.</i>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>33652284</i>		GRADE <i>Pvt.</i>	
HEIGHT <i>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>8 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

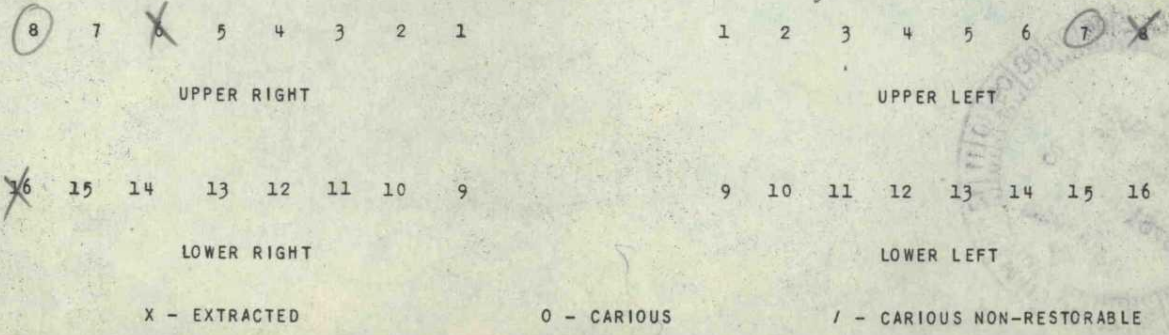
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STATION	DATES
<i>Camp Lee, Virginia</i>	<i>Jun 43 to Jul 43</i>
<i>Fort Eustis, Virginia</i>	<i>Jul 43 to Nov 43</i>
<i>Camp Stewart, Georgia</i>	<i>Nov 43 to May 44</i>
<i>Camp Van Horn, Mississippi</i>	<i>May 44 to Aug 44</i>
<i>Fort Geo. G. Meade, Maryland</i>	<i>Aug 44 to Aug 44</i>

FROM W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
<i>See attached photo copy 1 Form 79</i>	

DENTAL CHART *14 Jun 43*



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In Reply Refer To
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Blankenship, Paul G
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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
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FOR THE CLUES INDICATE MAY BE

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Major, QMG
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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Blankenship, Paul G		Pvt	33632284	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co B., 38th Armd Inf Bn., 7th Armd Div	White	Protestant		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
7 Oct 45	Finding of Death	Near St. Antonis, Holland		
DATE OF FOD				
8 Oct 45				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5'8-1/4"	133	Blue	Brown	9-1/2 B
DENTAL CHART				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
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LOWER RIGHT		LOWER LEFT		
X 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9		9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted O = Carious I = Carious Non-Restorable				
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Age: 20 Yrs. as of MIA date Soldier was among those missing after his unit encountered enemy forces near St. Antonis, Holland				

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REPORT OF BURIAL IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

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

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

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

Date 20 November 1952

Serial No. Unk

Left Hand

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Grave No. _____ Organization _____

Graves Registration Form No. 1 (Revised 1 Sept. 1947)

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TOOTH CHART

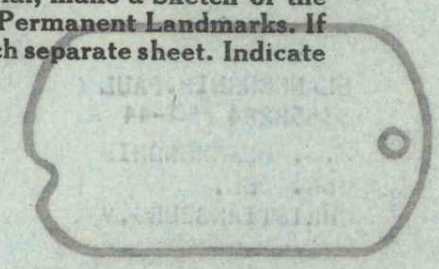
If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

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

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

Characteristics :

Other Data :



Operations Officer
 Captain
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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
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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 as 8 October 1945. Public Law 490, applies				
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY				
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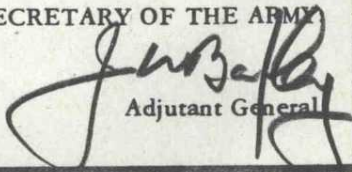
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 Comptroller General, U.S.
 7 October 1944

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

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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 33,652,284, 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 European	FLYING STATUS No	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None						
DATE OF BIRTH 6 Mar 1925	HOME ADDRESS Christiansburg, Virginia	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 28 Jun 1943	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
		YEARS	MONTH	DAYS		
		Under	three	years		

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Jessie Jane Blankenship	Mother	Cambria, Virginia
James Hensley Blankenship	Father	Cambria, Virginia

REMARKS

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

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WD AGO FORM 0353
 1 FEB 1945

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~~ARMY SERVICE FORCES~~
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

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24 April 1947

IN REPLY REFER TO 283328

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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, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

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KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

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Case No. 283328

16 April 1947

REQUEST

TO: European Theater Records Branch - Army Effects Bureau

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

Blankenship	Paul	G.	33652284	Pvt.
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(ASN)	(Rank)

Infantry	Deceased 8 October 1945 near St. Antonis, Holland
(Organization)	(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. H. Blankenship.

N. WHIPPLE
Chief Clerk
Correspondence Branch

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KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DETPT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

REPLY

TO: Correspondence Branch - Army Effects Bureau

Case No. 83328

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: Property received at AEB is listed on following overseas invoice:

No information

Allegedly missing items, not received here, consist of:

Remarks:

Inventory received from the mother, Mrs. J. B. Blackman.

M. WHIPPLE
Chief Clerk
Correspondence Branch

ETA Records Branch

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

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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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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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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
Columbus A. G. Regional Records Office
Columbus General Depot, U. S. Army
Columbus 15, Ohio

1. In order to complete the records of this office and to assist in the identification of an unknown American serviceman, it is requested that the dental records of Camp Lee, Virginia and Fort Eustis, Virginia, be searched to determine if additional dental work was performed for BLANKENSHIP, Paul G., Pvt., 33 652 284, who was stationed at the above places from June 1943 to July 1943; and from July 1943 to November 1943, respectively.

2. Request that copies of all records located be forwarded to this office without delay.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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293 Blankenship Paul G 33652284
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AGO, Department of the Army, RAC, St. Louis 20, Missouri.
9 October 1947

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

1. Attached as inclosure No. 1 is Dental Identification Form MD No. 79 in the case of Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 284, for dental treatment at Fort Eustis, Virginia. No record has been found of the Dental Identification Form MD No. 79 for dental treatment at Camp Lee, Virginia.

2. The dental chart of the report of physical examination at time of entry into the military service shows the following: Teeth missing: upper right 6; upper left 8; lower right 16; Restorable carious teeth: upper right 8; upper left 7.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

B. B. ...
Adjutant General

3 Inclosures:
Form MD No. 79
2 Ltrs dtd 26 Sep 47

293 Camp X-1212 Rolland (Magnificent)

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FOR THE UNITED STATES:

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

LHM/mmh/1C676/11478

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 ETO Shipment No. 230. 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. - SP 50, 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.

L. H. Muncaster
Investigator

CONCUR:

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

COPY FOR:
OQMG, Memorial Div.
AG 201 file

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AUG 8 1949
G. W. Rogers
Capt., QMC
Identification Dept

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

In Reply Refer To
Q'GMT 293

1 October 1953

no GRS - EUROPEAN *Ident.*

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

THRU: *no* 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	Koloski, Clinton P.	36829179
<u>Blankenship, Paul G.</u>	<u>33652284</u>	Krause, Joseph D.	33596468
Booth-Walters, J. F.	32179473	MacDonald, Arthur G.	31268886
Bowcutt, Blaine	39906866	McGrath, 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	38248756
Eveland, Berthal D.	36075583	Taylor, George F.	37300671
Glassman, 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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293 - Blankenship, Paul G., 33652284

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			REPORTS CONTROL SYMBOL OQMG-86
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>13</i> BLANKENSHIP, Paul G. <i>anf</i>		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 7 Oct 44	CAUSE OF DEATH Finding of Death		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Near St. Antonio, 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		
<i>Photostatic Copies of Dental Attached</i>					
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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.					
<i>W/12 from letter 3-15-52 filed 293 2RS Ensign Solent</i>					
CORRECTED COPY					

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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	0-803433	Air Corps
ANDERSON, Philip D.	F/O	T-190877	Air Corps
BERGMAN, Harold E.	1/Lt	0-739889	Air Corps
BLANKENSHIP, Paul G.	Pvt	32652284	Ground Forces
BURTON, Harlan D.	S/Sgt	37375829	Air Corps
CARTER, Thomas F.	Pfc	32039755	Ground Forces
CENAC, Bert L.	S/Sgt	18149841	Air Corps
DILLINGHAM, Thomas B.	Pfc	34987344	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
STULPF, George W.	Pfc	32642834	Ground Forces
TOMASELLO, Joseph J.	T/Sgt	31032187	Air Corps
UHRIN, Michael	S/Sgt	32459151	Air Corps

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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:

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| 1. | 371 (in dup)w/atehmts (Alison) | THOMAS E. COX |
| 2. | " " " (Blankenship) | Major QMC |
| 3. | " " " (Burton) | Memorial Division |
| 4. | " " " (Carter) | |
| 5. | " " " (Eaton) | |

H. Martin
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 Identification Branch
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
Dental Clinic No. 1, Fort Bliss, Va

(1) SURNAME: Blankenship, Paul G. 3360285
 (2) CHRISTIAN NAME: [Blank]
 (3) RANK: Pvt.
 (4) COMPANY: A
 (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS: 1st Bn AABTC
 (6) AGE, YEARS: 18
 (7) RACE: W
 (8) NATIVITY: Va.
 (9) SERVICE, YEARS: 1/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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J. Russell Bohn
 Major, Dental Corps, U. S. A.

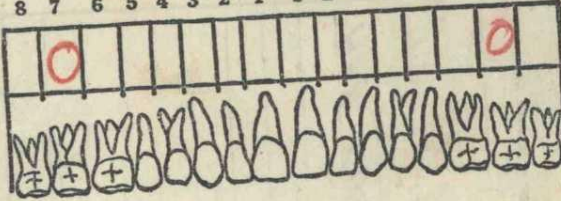
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***REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

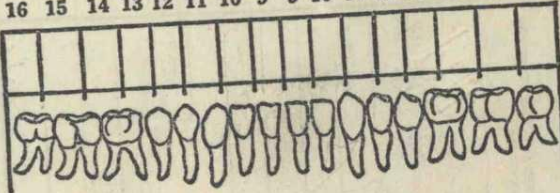
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Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

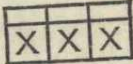
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Teeth replaced by denture
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
(oval to include abutments)



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

(1) SURNAME: Blankenship (2) CHRISTIAN NAME: Paul G.
 (3) RANK: Pvt. (4) COMPANY: B (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS: 145th AAA Cn Bn
 (6) AGE, YEARS: 18 (7) RACE: W (8) NATIVITY: Pa. (9) SERVICE, YEARS: 9/12

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

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 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISAPPEARANCE: Soldier was among those missing after his unit encountered enemy forces near St. Antonis, Holland. Co "B" was located 6 miles SE of St. Antonis. Company was clearing wooded areas SE of St. Antonis to Overloon.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Weapon issued 5 Sep 44: Carbine No. 2625664 or 2625604 M 1 No. 2517020 - Accessories: Belt, cartridge.</p> <p>Attached: 2 Forms 79, 3/10/44 & 7/17/43</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*Shoe width is almost illegible, but a closer examination of Service Record indicates "B" instead of "C"</p>																																																		

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HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

MTS 293.9 GR

5 January 1954

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Findings
Transmittal Letter # 6493

THRU: Quartermaster
Headquarters, United States Army, Europe
APO 403, United States Army
ATTN: Field Service Branch

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.

Forwarded herewith are two (2) cases pertaining to three (3)
US deceased personnel who have been declared Non-Recoverable by a Board
of Officers, this headquarters.

S. Gibbs

2 Incls

S. GIBBS
Maj QMC
Commanding

Case # 1
BLANKENSHIP, Paul G. Pvt 33652284

Case # 2
GRUNERT, Theodore Jr. Pfc 33602171
KRAUSE, Joseph D. T/5 33596468



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CQM 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

2 Incl
n/c

993 Mrs European (Non-Rec)

MEMORANDUM
FOR THE QUARTERMASTER DIVISION
DATE: 5 JAN 54

QUARTERMASTER DIVISION
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REGISTRATION
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MEMORIAL DIVISION



IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
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TO: THE COMMANDER, USARPAC, HONOLULU, HAWAII
FROM: THE DIRECTOR, MEMORIAL DIVISION, USARPAC
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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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 _____

^{205/3}
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

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PVT BLANKINSHIP
TRAVEL VOUCHER

T 6223

Standard Form No. 1012a
7 GAO 5310
1012-204

D. O. Vou. No.

Bu. Vou. No.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FINANCE

(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Payee's name MSGT RAFAEL TORRES-RODRIGUEZ, RA3D 433 556

Mailing address SECOND US ARMY ESCORT DETACHMENT

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE

DOVER, DEL

(Official duty station)

(Residence—For use by Postal Service employees only)

PAID BY
H. L. T. [Signature]
CAPT, USAF
DSSN 5284
DOVER AFB, DEL
2 MAR 1960

Travel and other expenses in the discharge of official duty from 18 Feb 60 to 27 Feb 60 under authority
Hq 1607th ATW(B) (MATS) Dover AFB, Del (Date) (Date)

No. SO C-198 dated 18 Feb 60, copy of which is attached, or has been previously furnished. I have a

travel advance of \$ to which \$ of this voucher should be applied.

MEMORANDUM

264/35

30 433 556

29 February 1960

RAFAEL TORRES-RODRIGUEZ

AMOUNT CLAIMED →

DOLLARS	Cents
114	05
9	54
104	51

AUTH SEP RATS

(For Administrative Use)

5703500 Differences

P514 S503725 0100

APPROVED:

Total verified correct for charge to appropriation(s) (initials)

Applied to travel advance (appropriation symbol)

CT 166

NET AMOUNT TO TRAVELER

The next previous voucher paid under the same travel authority was:

D. O. Vou. No. , Symbol , paid (Month-year)

29 February 1960

XXXX

MEMORANDUM SON, 1st Lt, QMC, Cmdg

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

TDM: 2102020 07-22 P2540-02 S99-999

STATION FILED 514.05
2/15/60

Paid by Check No.

MEMORANDUM

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES AND AMOUNTS CLAIMED

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1959 O - 490846

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ITINERARY OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL

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

ABBREVIATIONS TO BE USED:

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.

TRANS FURN BY US GOVT

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 AIR (Coml Airlines)
 GOVT AUTO
 MIL ACFT

T/R
 T/A
 G/A
 G/P

TRANS NOT FURN BY US GOVT

RAIL
 AIR
 PRIVATELY OWNED CAR
 BUS

NONE/R
 NONE/A
 NONE/P
 NONE/B

OTHER

TEMPORARY DUTY
 PERM CHANGE OF STATION
 REMAIN OVERNIGHT
 REFUEL
 DELAY AWAITING TRANS
 CREW REST
 ADVERSE WEATHER
 MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY

TDY
 PCS
 RON
 RF
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 WX
 MEC

NAME (Last, first, MI)	GRADE	ORGANIZATION	SERVICE NR	DATE	TEL EXT
TORRES-RODRIGUEZ, RAFAEL	MSGT(E7)	2d US Army Escort Det	RA30 433 556	29Feb60	281

I ORDERS			II PREVIOUS PAYMENTS UNDER THIS ORDER		
SO C-198	HEADQUARTERS 1607ATW(H)(MATS)	DATE 18Feb60	LOCATION	AMOUNT	DATE
PAR	Dover AFB, Del	PCS XX TDY		None	

III ITINERARY						
DATE		STATION	TIME 24 HR CLOCK - Give Local Time	MODE OF TRAVEL	REASON FOR DELAY	TRANSPORTATION REQUEST NRS
18 Feb 60	DEP	Dover AFB, Del	1630	G/A		
"	ARR	Dover RR Sta, Del	1650			
"	DEP	Dover, Del	2020	T/R		M6,836,362
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		
"	ARR	Dover AFB, Del	1100			
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IV 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)	Christiansburg, 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	Christiansburg RR Sta, Va	3.00

V 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 4256-1B, 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 _____

VI COMPUTATION OF PAYMENT (For use of Finance Office only)

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

ESTATE FORM 108 FEB 60

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REQUEST AND AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL OF MILITARY PERSONNEL (If more space is required, continue on reverse, identifying items by number.)			DATE 18 Feb 60
I. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION			
TO: C/ADM, 1607TH AIR TRANSPORT WING (H) (MATS) Dover AFB, Delaware			1. REQUEST TDY BE AUTHORIZED AS INDICATED IN ITEMS 5 THROUGH 12
FROM: (Requesting authority) Mortuary, 1607th Supply Sq, Dover AFB, Delaware			
2. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL JACK L. GEORGE, Captain, USAF Mortuary Officer	3. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL <i>Jack L. George</i>		4. PHONE NR. 693
II. TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL ORDERS			
5. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) WILL PROCEED AS INDICATED. UPON COMPLETION WILL RETURN TO PROPER STATION.			
GRADE W/Sgt	NAME (First name, middle initial, last name, AFSN) RAFAEL TORRES-RODRIGUEZ, RA 30 433 556	ORGANIZATION 2nd US Army Escort Det., Dover AFB, Delaware	SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR PERIOD OF TDY None
6. DEPART ON OR ABOUT 18 Feb 60	7. APPROXIMATE NR. OF DAYS (Include travel time) Six (6)	8. DDALV	
9. SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF TDY For the purpose of escorting the remains of the late Pvt Paul O. Blankenship, 33 652 204, M 11		10. ITINERARY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VARIATIONS IN ITINERARY AUTHORIZED FROM: DOVER, DELAWARE TO: CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA (Richardson & Company Funeral Home) RETURN TO: DOVER, DELAWARE	
11. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			
12. MODES OF TRAVEL A. <input type="checkbox"/> TRAVEL BY _____ DIRECTED WHEN AVAILABLE. B. <input type="checkbox"/> TPA. TRAVEL TIME BY COMMON CARRIER (rail or bus) IS _____ DAYS. TRAVEL TIME IN EXCESS IS CHARGEABLE TO DELAY ENROUTE AUTHORIZED IN ITEM 5. C. <input type="checkbox"/> TPA. THIS MODE OF TRANSPORTATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT. D. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER. Commercial Air and/or Rail and/or Bus travel authorized.			
III. AUTHORIZATION			
13. AUTHORITY AB 638-10	14. DATE 18 Feb 60	15. SPECIAL ORDER NR. SO C-100	
16. DESIGNATION AND LOCATION OF APPROVING HEAD-QUARTERS OR UNIT HEADQUARTERS 1607TH AIR TRANSPORT WING (H) (MATS) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, DELAWARE	17. APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTING SYMBOL TDN: 210203 07-02 02510-02 399-999		
18. DISTRIBUTION (If required) 6 - Individual concerned 2 - Individual's organization 2 - Transportation Officer 1 - Mortuary 1 - File		19. REQUEST FOR TDY IS APPROVED AND WILL BE PERFORMED. TDN. FOR THE COMMANDER: 20. SIGNATURE ELEMENT OF ORDERS ISSUING OFFICIAL (Seal or signature) <i>Jack L. George</i> JACK L. GEORGE Captain, USAF Assistant Chief of Administration	

AF FORM 626

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Standard Form No. 1034a
 7 GAO 5030
 1034-206-05

PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

Use continuation sheet(s) if necessary

D. O. VOUCHER 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)
CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA
 (Address)

PAID BY
H. L. 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 10-164 HEREWITH INTERMENT EXPENSES FOR PVT PAUL G. BLANKENSHIP <i>26075</i> <i>33652284</i>				200.00
TOTAL						200.00

PAYMENT: (PAYEE MUST NOT USE THIS SPACE)

COMPLETE PARTIAL FINAL PROGRESS ADVANCE

DIFFERENCES: _____

Amount verified; correct for: _____

(Signature or initials) _____ **\$ 200.00**

200.00

MEMORANDUM **15 MAR 60**

A. P. MESSICK
CERTIFYING OFFICER

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

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

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

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METHOD OF OR ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

METHOD OF ADVERTISING

1. Advertising in newspapers Yes No

2. (a) Advertising by circular letters sent to _____ dealers.

(b) And by notices posted in public places Yes No

(If notices were not posted in addition to advertising by circular letters sent to dealers, explanation of such omission must be made below.)

ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

3. Without advertising, under an exigency of the service which existed prior to the order and would not admit of the delay incident to advertising.

4. Without advertising in accordance with _____

5. Without advertising, it being impracticable to secure competition because of _____

ADVANCE	(2) NUMBER OF MONTHS	
DEPOSIT	AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT	
INSTALLMENT		
COMPLETION		
PAYMENT		

(Here state in detail the nature of the exigency or circumstances under which the securing of competition was impracticable under 3 and 4)

Note.—The above form "Method of or Absence of Advertising" is to be used when purchases are made or services secured under proper authority without written agreement in any form. In case of a written agreement (formal contract, proposal, and acceptance, or less formal agreement) Standard Form No. 1036 should be used for abstracting the method of or absence of advertising and award of contract. (See 7 GAO 4500 and 5000.)

★ U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1959-523816

DATE	DATE OF DELIVERY	QUANTITY AND OTHER INFORMATION (FORMERLY "ITEMS")	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT

MAILED 15 1960
 DOVER AFB DE
 DSSN C2584
 CAPT USAR
 H. E. DURHAM
 PAID BY

1034-509-02
 5 040 2030
 5000-108-01-1000

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**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. BLANKENSHIP	2. GRADE PVT	3. SERVICE NUMBER 33652284
4. ORGANIZATION NA		
5. DATE OF DEATH NA	6. PLACE OF DEATH NA WW II	
7. NEXT OF KIN Mr. Teddy D. Blankenship Blankenship		8. RELATIONSHIP Brother
9. STREET ADDRESS 502 Craig Street		10. CITY OR TOWN AND STATE Christiansburg, W. 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 Swanet Cemetery, Christiansburg, W. Va.	b. ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR MAUSOLEUM \$
13. TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (Other than local hearse service)	
a. FROM	b. TO
c. NAME OF CARRIER	\$ total 200.00

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

NO PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE

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

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
Richardson Press

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):

TO THE ABOVE NAMED FUNERAL DIRECTOR ON HIS UNPAID BILL

AS REIMBURSEMENT TO ME ON EXPENSES PAID

b. STREET ADDRESS
16 East Main Street

c. CITY OR TOWN AND STATE
Christiansburg, Virginia

d. DATE
Feb 22, 1960

e. SIGNATURE
Teddy SR Blankenship

DA FORM 10-164
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PREVIOUS EDITION OF THIS FORM IS OBSOLETE.

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DV 10-184

INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare original and four copies.

TO - The name and address of the Army authority to which the forms are to be forwarded will be filled in by military authorities prior to forwarding to the next of kin or other claimant.

PART I - Items 1 through 10 will be filled in by military authorities prior to forwarding to the next of kin or other claimant.

PART II - Item 11. Fill in when making claim for funeral expenses such as stated in the item.

Item 12. Fill in when making claim for interment expenses such as stated in the item. If claim is made for this item, also fill in the name of the cemetery or mausoleum and its address.

Item 13. Fill in when making claim for transportation expenses for moving the remains to place of funeral or interment. If claim is made for this item, fill in name of place from which remains were moved and name of place to which remains were taken. Also fill in the name of carrier, such as the name of a railroad, etc., which performed the service.

PART III - When the next of kin or other person paying expenses is the claimant, box stating complete payment has been made will be checked in Item 14, second box in Item 16 will be checked, and the balance of Item 16 completed and signed. The Funeral Director will complete and sign Item 15 to indicate that he has received complete payment.

When Funeral Director is the claimant, box stating that either partial payment has been made (and amount of such payment) or box stating that no payment has been made will be checked and Item 15 will be completed and signed. The next of kin or other person authorizing those expenses will check the first box of Item 16, complete the item and sign it.

The original and 3 copies of this form will be forwarded to the addressee indicated. One copy will be retained by the claimant.

When two or more persons (firms) request payment for different items of expense relating to the funeral and/or interment of the same decedent, separate forms will be completed by each claimant for those items for which he is requesting reimbursement. Additional forms may be obtained upon request to the Army authority furnishing the original set of forms.

1. NAME OF CLAIMANT		2. ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT	
3. NAME OF DECEASED		4. ADDRESS OF DECEASED	
5. GRAVE OR INTERMENT PLACE		6. NAME OF CARRIER	
7. DATE OF DEATH		8. PLACE OF DEATH	
9. OCCUPATION		10. SERVICE NUMBER	
11. NAME OF FUNERAL HOME		12. NAME OF CEMETERY	
13. NAME OF FUNERAL HOME		14. NAME OF CEMETERY	
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97. NAME OF FUNERAL HOME		98. NAME OF CEMETERY	
99. NAME OF FUNERAL HOME		100. NAME OF CEMETERY	

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DTG 090237Z

ROUTINE
ROUTINE

X DA

TQMG DA WASHDC

CO USA QM MORT SYS EUR FRANKFURT GERMANY

INFO: CGUSARCOMZEUR ORLEANS FRANCE

MORTUARY OFFICER APOE DOVER AFB DEL

UNCLAS DA 464343 from QMGME-D

Ident remains dsg X-9321 as Pvt Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 284,
appr. Req remains be casketed FSN 9930-163-2604 and airlifted to US.

Admsg ETD and ETA

FEB 8 5 15 PM '60
O. O. COMMUNICATIONS
SECTION

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Mrs Whittingham/mbb
54309

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Kerscher
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QMGME-D 293 Blankenship, Paul G.
33 652 284

F. J. Kerscher, Chief, Operations Sec

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CARL R ALLEE
Assistant Chief
Memorial Division

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ARMY - February	EXPENSE		REPORT		DATE: 3 June 60	
NAME OF DECEASED:	BLANKENSHIP, Paul G <i>WW II</i>	BRIZENDINE, Infant Depn of	BURK Twins Infants Depns of	CASLER, Michael, Depn of	CLARK, Mose, Jr. REDACTED	COLLIER, L. T
RANK & SERIAL NO:	<i>243</i> 33652 284 PVT (No Ser Number)	BRIZENDINE Floyd B SFC RA 172 24 302	BURK, Thomas J. M/Sgt RA 20112 197	CASLER Kenneth M/Sgt RA 32934954	Sgt (E-5) RA 34 006 087	PVT RA 170 52 913
<u>CONTRACTOR FURNISHED:</u>						
Item #1 of AF Contract						
#2						
#3						
#4						
#5						
#6					249.80	249.80
#7	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	2.00	2.00
<u>GOVERNMENT FURNISHED:</u>						
CASKET						
FLAG					6.00	6.00
BLANKET						
RUBBER SHEETING						
CLOTHING						
RIBBONS & ACCESSORIES						
PER DIEM TO ESCORT	114.05				98.55	88.30
<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u>						
REMAINS	24.64	141.76	45.60	46.74	69.52	72.40
ESCORT	43.68				139.74	156.42
REC FUNERAL DIRECTOR		10.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	12.00
TOTAL	\$190.37	\$159.76	\$73.60	\$74.74	\$571.81	\$586.92
TOTALS:						

FILE
 PROPOSITION BRANCH
 MEMORIAL DIVISION
Walter
 Name
 13 June 60
 Date

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
STAFF OFFICE
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293 Blankenship, Paul G 33652284
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INFO RJENWF/HARMON AFB
RUEPC/DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AF CRNC
BT

UNCLAS LATCC 02-1031. ATTN QUARTERMASTER GENERAL. THE FOLLOWING
REMAINS OFF-LOADED FROM C12A-0002 TRIP EGC 08/16 AND RE-LOADED ON ²⁹³
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FOR MORTUARY BR. REMAINS OF THE LATE PVT PAUL G. (?)-, (3, #80, WWII,

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CHRISTIANBURG, VIRGINIA, ESCORTED BY M/SGT RAHEL TORRES-

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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

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

UNCLAS in reply refer to QMGME-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
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UNCLAS from QMGME-D 271

Ship remains Pvt Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 284, Inf, WWII cas,
to Richardson & Co. Funl Home, Christiansburg, Va. Decedent Cau male;
religion Protestant; NOK brother, Mr. Teddy D. Blankenship, 502
Craig St., Christiansburg, Va. Notify also CGUSARTWO and CO US ARMY
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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL DEPT OF THE ARMY

ATTN DISPOSITION BRANCH WASHXC

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

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FUNERAL HOME CHRISTIANSBURG VA BURIAL TO BE IN CIVILIAN CEMETERY

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

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.

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QMME-D 293

3 February 1960

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

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.

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QMGME-D 293
Blankenship, Paul G.
SN 33 652 284
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, QMC
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 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -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

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(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:

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 Colonel, QMC

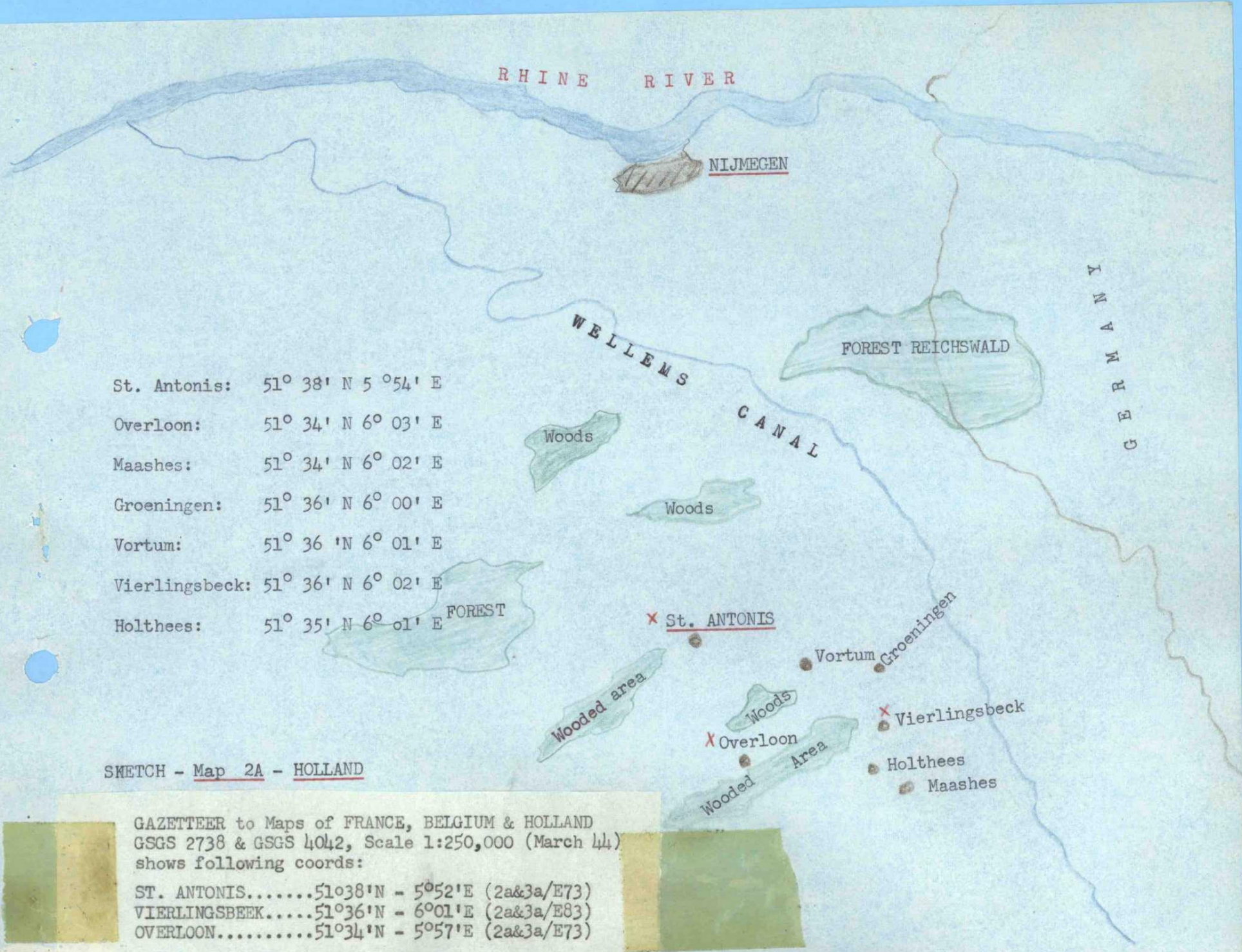
Donald L. Wardle
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Approved:

Date: 22 Dec 1959

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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 officers 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

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M. EDITH HRANAC
Chief, Division Services Section
Disposition Branch

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Operations Section, Disp. Br. (30)

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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.

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Mem. Div. Order No. 3

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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. ALLBEE
Memorial Division

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M. EDITH HRANAC
Chief, Division Services Section
Disposition Branch

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DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

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UNKNOWN		Grave: 323	NAME	
x-9321, Frankfurt, Mausoleum			BLANKENSHIP, Paul G. Pvt. 33 652 284	
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ESTIMATED HEIGHT		HEIGHT (1) (2) (3)		
5' 8 1/3"		5' 8 1/4"		
ESTIMATED WEIGHT		WEIGHT		
130 - 150		133 lbs		
ESTIMATED AGE		AGE		
19 yrs		19yrs 7mos 1da		
HAIR	Race: Shoe Size:	HAIR	Race: Shoe Size:	
None found	White 9 1/2-B	Brown	White 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 OD overcoat; 1 brass US Inf lapel insignia; 1 pair US Sv shoes, size 9 1/2-B; 1 photo of girl.		Fractures: No record Dental: (1) Fm 79, 3-10-44; (2) Fm 79, dtd 7-17-43; (3) Induction rec, 14 Jun 43. Orgn: CO "B", 38th Armd Inf Bn., (7th Armd Div) 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 missing could be made.		

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

20 November 1959

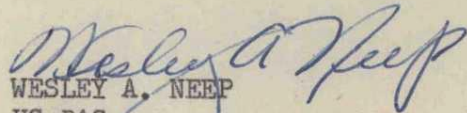
CASE: X-9321 (SR 5043) US WW II casualty recovered Vierlingsbeek, Holland.

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".

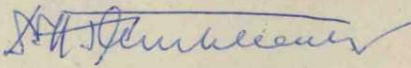
2. The physical characteristics of subject remains have been favorably associated with like data available on the OCMG Form 371 for Pvt. Paul G. Blankenship who was reported missing 7 October 1944 in the vicinity of Vierlingsbeek 6 miles SE of St. Antonis. Physical comparison is as follows:

	<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


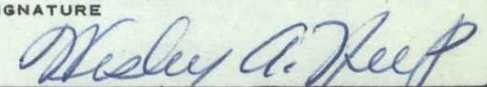
I have examined the remains designated X-9321 and do concur with the above physical findings.


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

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RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING EFFECTS AND PHYSICAL DATA			DATE		
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number) X-9321			GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER	CIL CASE NUMBER (if applicable)
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER Frankfurt Mausoleum SR 5043			PLOT	ROW	GRAVE 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) Two (2) identification tags (see imprint... Portion of billfold with gold stamped name: "Paul G. Blankenship"					
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)					
1 Pr US service shoes....size 9½ B 2 large plastic buttons from US wool OD overcoat 1 brass US Infantry lapel insignia 1 automatic pencil 1 photo of girl, backed by cardboard and covered with strips of scotch tape					
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 WESLEY A. NEEP US DAC US Army Mortuary System				SIGNATURE 	

DD FORM 890 1 FEB 56

REPLACES QMC FORM 1044, 18 MAR 47, WHICH IS OBSOLETE.

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RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
 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

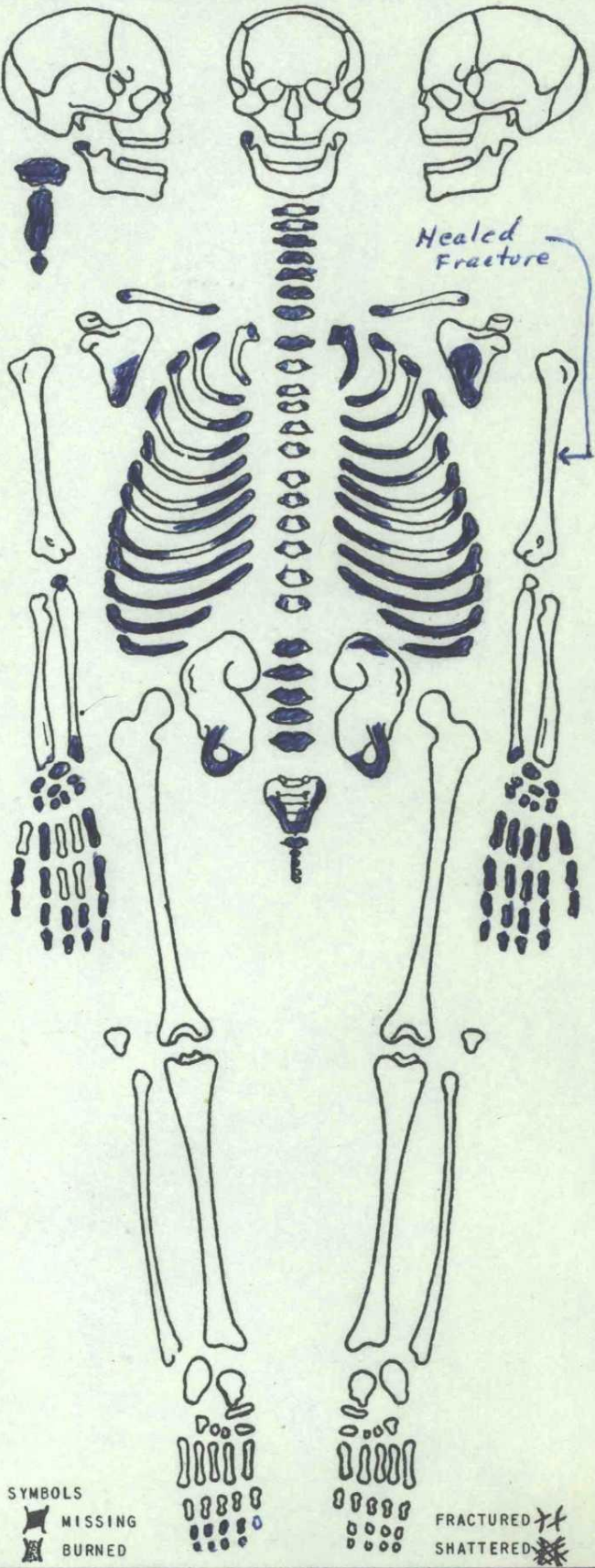
PLOT _____ ROW _____ GRAVE *323*

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

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	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>

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



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

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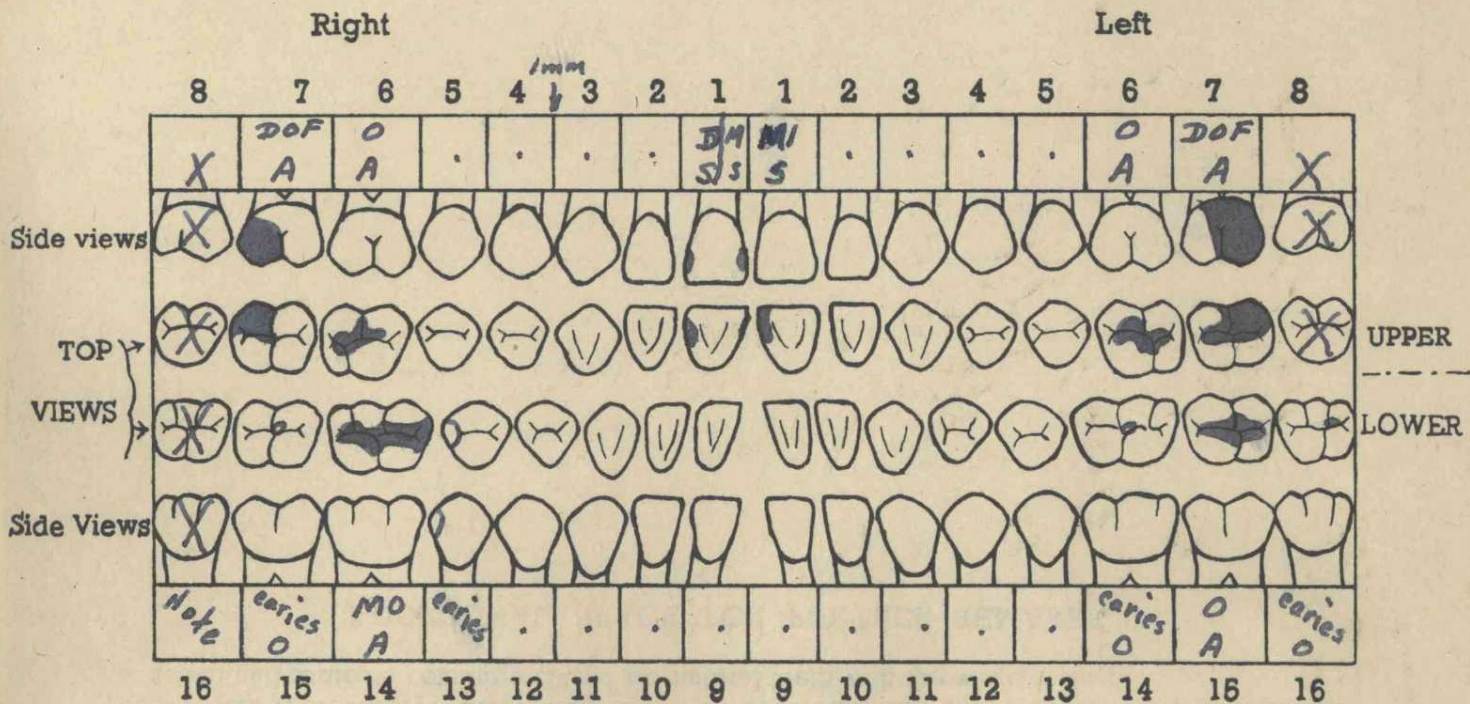
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SR 5043
 X-9321
 Frankfurt Maus.

TOOTH CHART

19 Nov. 59
 Date

Last Name	First	Initial	Grade	Serial No.
Unit		Organization		
Place of Death		Date of Death	Cause of Death	



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), bicuspids (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.

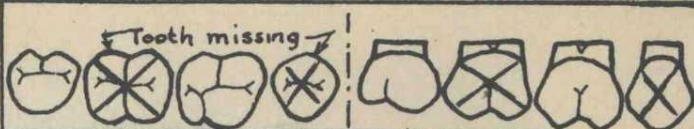
Size - Average
 Color - Ivory w/ light brown stain.
 NOTE - R16 unerupted and impacted horizontally against R15.
 Occlusion - Edge to edge bite.
 Alignment - Good

MA Neep
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

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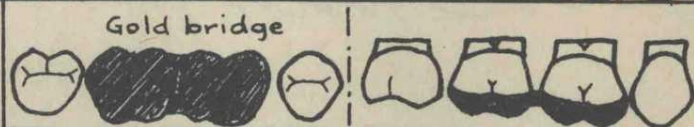
MISSING TEETH... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :



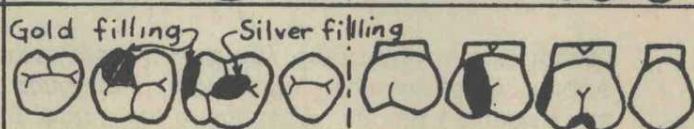
CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :



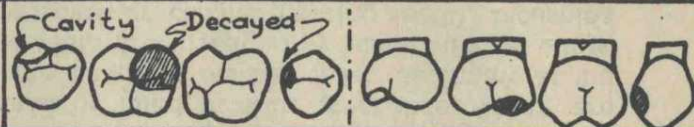
BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



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

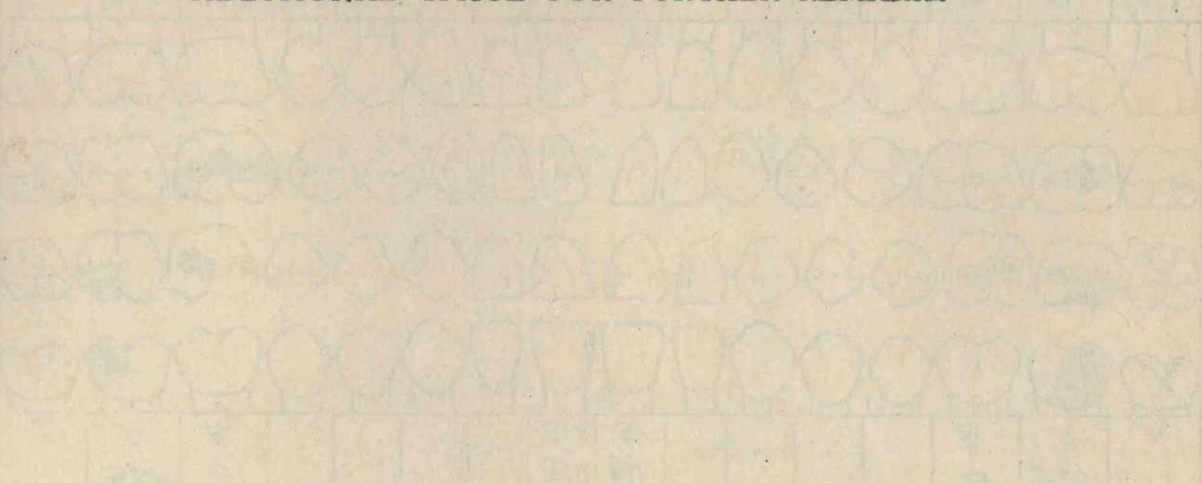


CARIES (CAVITIES). Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



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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UNITED STATES ARMY
QUARTERMASTER MORTUARY SYSTEM, EUROPE

APO 757
24 November 1959

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H. A. Schaefer
H. A. SCHAEFER
US DAC
Investigator

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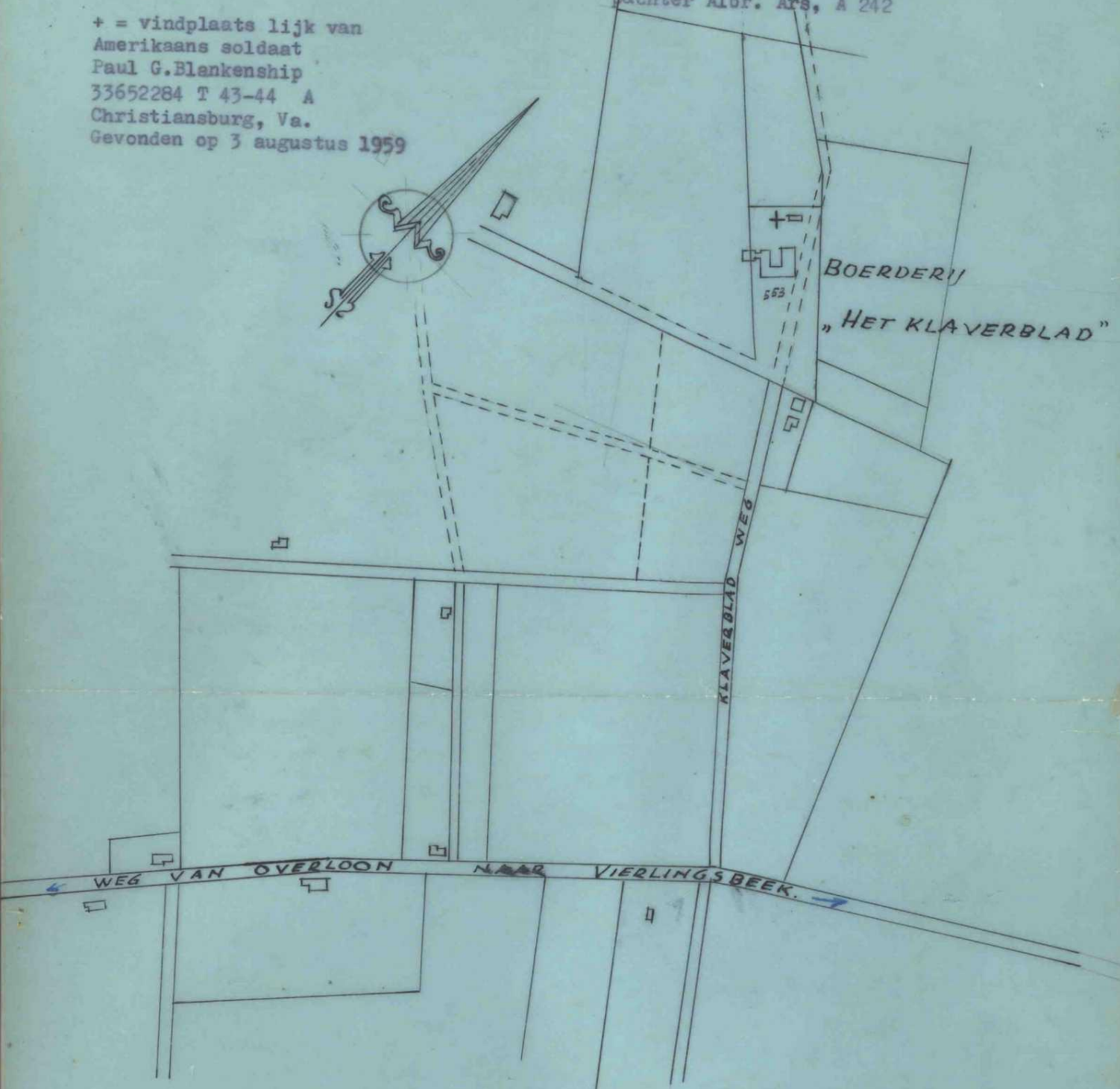
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Uittreksel Plan kadastraal
gemeente Vierlingsbeek
sectie D

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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AGPS-CL 291 Blankenship, Paul G.
ASN 33 652 284 (28 Dec 59)

30 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PERSONNEL SERVICES BRANCH, TAGO

SUBJECT: Date of Death

I - FACTS

1. Private Paul G. Blankenship a member of Company B, 36th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, was reported missing in action near St. Antonis, Holland on 7 October 1944. Under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, he was presumed dead as of 8 October 1945.

2. The attached DF from OQMG dated 28 December 1959 forwarded identification data showing that remains were recovered recently near a building on a farm near Vierlingsbeek, Holland and were identified as those of Private Paul G. Blankenship.

II - RECOMMENDATIONS

3. It is recommended that a report of death be issued showing that Private Paul G. Blankenship, was killed in action near Vierlingsbeek, Holland, on 7 October 1944.

1 Incl
Summary of Ident

DO NOT SEND TELEGRAM:

Frank Sharrow
Investigator

CONCUR

J. W. BAYLEY
Major, AGC
Chief, Casualty Section, PSE, TAGO

APPROVED:
By Order of Wilber M. Bracker, Secretary of the Army:

Copy furnished:
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LEO E. SCHULTEN, JR.
Colonel, AGC
Chief, Personnel Services Branch, TAGO

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AGPS-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

I - FACTS

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RE: [Illegible]

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

Request for Report of Death

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

OCMG

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 f/VA

DONALD L. WARDLE
Lt. Colonel, MC
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

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*Hand Carried to
Casualty Section by Mrs
Whittingham 29 Dec 59*

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UNCLAS URTEL 12-23 FOR BLANKENSHIP PAUL G XC-4-169-052 MADELINE

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B HURST SISTER AGE 40 AND TEDDY D BLANKENSHIP BROTHER AGE 47 502

CRAIG ST CHRISTIANSBURG VA VIRGINIA BLANKENSHIP AGE 39 SISTER FRED

BROTHER AGE 43 FREEMAN BROTHER AGE 45 BOBBY ALVIN BROTHER AGE 32

ADDRESS 507 CRAIG ST CHRISTIANSBURG VA 932A

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF ARMY WASHINGTON DC

VA FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER DISTRICT OFFICE PHILADELPHIA PA

UNCLAS in reply refer to QMGME-D 1580

Request names, ages, addresses and relationship surviving relatives of Paul G. Blankenship, XC 4 169 052. VA Wash D.C. advises records transferred to your office 3 Aug 59

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33 652 284

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Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

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4 December 1959

QMGME-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, QMGME-D 293, GRS 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 Nativity 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, A.A. RTC, 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 Gunnery Battalion through May 1944. Therefore, the Serial Number "3360284 or 3360285" and the native state "Pa." on the respective Forms 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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RECORDS MANAGEMENT BR.
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Mrs Farmer/mbb
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Colonel, QMG
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18 August 1959

PHONE-D 293
OBS Europe

SUBJECT: Identification Data

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

1. Reference is made to your messages, MO-807, 8 August 1959, and MO-809, 10 August 1959.

2. Forwarded herewith are OCMG Forms 371, with all available dental data, for Private Bernard R. Murray, 3d 587 983 and Private Paul O. Blankenship, 3d 592 251. Also included are all identifying data available for the following enlisted personnel who were reported missing in the same enemy engagement with Private Bernard R. Murray:

Hurd, Raymond	S/Sgt	31 195 500	(Nonrecoverable)
Lane, Rufus R.	Pfc	38 517 810	"
Lesko, Frank A.	Pfc	32 239 604	"
Shelton, Junior J.	S/Sgt	6 665 301	"
Tambascio, Edward	Pfc	20 40 220	"

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER

7 Incl
1-7 OCMG Forms 371
w/dental data for
Murray, Blankenship,
Hurd, Lane, Lesko,
Shelton & Tambascio

JAMES G. RATTON
Colonel, USA
Chief, Mortuary Division

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FROM CO USA QM MORT SYS EUR
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MSG MO-809
DTG 100735Z AUG
ACTION QMC
IN NO 612651

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
STAFF COMM OFFICE
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FM CO USA QM MORT SYS EUR FRANKFURT GER

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TO RUEPC/DA WASHDC

INFO RUFGAE/CG USACOMZEUR AEC20-ORLEANS FRANCE

DA GRNC

BT

UNCLAS MO-809 DA FOR QMGME-D. REMAINS PAUL G BLANKENSHIP 33 652 284

FOUND IN FIELD GRAVE NEAR VIERLINGSBEEK, HOLLAND. ADVISE STATUS

BT

CFN MO-809 33 652 284

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HO-809 1st DA IN
612651(10 Aug 59)

CO USA QM MORT SYS EUR FRANKFURT GERMANY

UNCLAS *DA 429561* from QMGME-D your HO-809 dtd 10 Aug 59

Remains Paul G. Blankenship, 33 652 28h, declared nonrecoverable

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SN 33 652 28h

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UNCLAS from QMOME-D 567 Kerscher

Req all records be loaned this Office on the following:

<u>Blankenship, Paul G.</u>	33 652 284
Hurd, Raymond	33 155 540
Lane, Rufus E.	38 517 818
Sessa, Frank F. A	32 239 604
Shelton, Junior J.	6 665 391
Tambascia, Edward	20 231 220

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CONTROLLED CASE

NAME		GRADE	SERIAL NO.
BLANKENSHIP, Paul G.		Pvt	33 652 284
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
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IMPORTANT

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ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL	NUMBER 17899
AREA OR ZONE(S) European	

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G.	RANK Pvt.	SERIAL NUMBER 33 652 284
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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.

1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
	<i>Cume</i>	2. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>Cume</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>Cume</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>Cume</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.

NAN File
 MAR 11 1954
C. M. Coffey
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NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>C. M. Coffey</i> A. M. COFFEY	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.
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CASE REVIEWER, INVESTIGATION Inves. Sec. <i>C. C. Salsar</i> C. C. SALSER	RECOMMEND APPROVAL CHIEF, INVESTIGATION Investigation Sec. <i>John L. Jacks, Jr.</i> JOHN L. JACKS, Jr. Major, QMC	APPROVED CHIEF, NOTIFICATION BRANCH <i>J. C. MacFarland</i> J. C. MacFARLAND, Lt. Col., QMC	DATE 11 Feb. 54
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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.~~

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. DICKS~~

DATE

~~23 MAR '54~~

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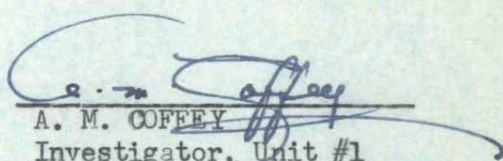
SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

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

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DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

UNKNOWN X-		NAME BLANKENSHIP, PAUL G. Pvt. 33652284	
R-8		R-8	X
R-7		R-7	dofA
R-6		R-6	X
R-5		R-5	
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R-16		R-16	X
R-15		R-15	
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L-14		L-14	
L-15		L-15	oA
L-16		L-16	
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.			

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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.

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HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757, c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.

Proceedings of Board of Review appointed in accordance with letter
AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 1947) D-M, 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 geo-
graphical 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.

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soldier are contained in 4th indorsement, dated 28 August 1945, Hqs.,
38th Armored Infantry Battalion, File AG 704, 1 August 1945. This com-
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tered 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.
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found in captured German records.

c. Field Investigation conducted in the area involved in Novem-
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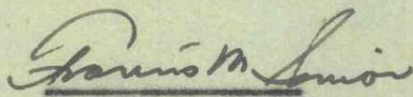
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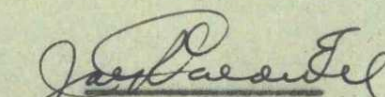
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5. RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the remains of the decedent herein considered be determined Non-Recoverable.

S. GIBBS
Major QMG
President

SIMEON J. LARKINS
Captain QMG
Member


FRANCIS M. SIMON
Captain QMG
Member


JOE R. CALDWELL
1/Lt QMG
Member


GEORGE N. SARANTOS
2nd Lt QMG
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ID # 1109
Case # 12968 Holland

HEADQUARTERS
7770 USAREUR ON MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757 US ARMY

30 November 1953

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

In compliance with Investigation Directive # 1109 this headquarters, dated 3 November 1953, the undersigned proceeded to St. Anthonis (2A/E-73), Holland in an effort to investigate and recover the remains of Pvt Paul G. Blankenship, 33652284, 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:

Upon 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 28 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, Maashees, Holthees, Overloon, Groeningen and Vortum no knowledge of American or unknown graves was found. Attention is invited to exhibit "B" statement by town administration.

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

According to the Maire 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 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 42066317
Interpreter

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

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GEEMEETS OPLOO c. a.

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

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

The Burgomaster of Oploo c.a.,

(Stamp)

/s/ illegible

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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 Mullen have been recently surveyed by a representative of this office, concerning locations of wargraves.

THE UNDERSIGNED,

/s/ G. van Heusden

(G. van HEUSDEN)

(Stamp)

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association with subject casualty.

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Lt. Col. QMC
Identification Branch
Memorial Division, OQMG.

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APO 757 US ARMY

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NUMBER 213

16 November 1953

E X T R A C T

1. PFC LAWRENCE C CORRAO 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 thereat 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 ra 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 PPMOS 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 GLENDELL 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 PMOS 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 SAMPERE 01826223 Ord Co K 7811 SCU APO 171
- CAPT HARVEY E JEWETT 01300335 Inf Co K 7811 SCU APO 171
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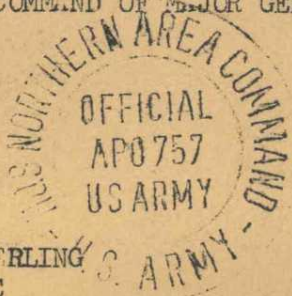
13. Par 2 SO 210 this Hq 10 Nov 53 pertaining to a Bd of Off for the purpose of Reviewing Case Records pertaining to the Identification of Decease and Determination of Non-recoverability of Remains for Unknown Dead Overseas is revoked.

14. PAC 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 USAREUR 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

- MAJ SEYMOUR GIBBS 01584255 QMC (President)
- CAPT SIMON J LARKINS 01302147 QMC
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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HERREN:



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30 November 1953

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GEMEENTE OPLOO c. a.

St. Anthonis, 26 November 1953
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The Burgomaster of Oploo c.a.,

(Stamp)

/s/ illegible

Exhibit "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"

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GEMEENTE OPLOO c.a.

Nr.

ST. ANTHONIS, 26 November 1953.

Miss. d.d.
Circ.

Tel. 7 - Postrekening 82211

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In the communitij of Oploo, St.
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The Burgomaster of Oploo c.a.,



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