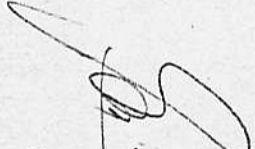


# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

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



GESS Harold W SGT 39309550  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United States Military Cemetery HENRI CHAPELLE

Incl # 43

STANDARD FILE

**DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>GESS, HOWARD W.</b>		GRADE <b>SGT</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>39309550</b>	
ORGANIZATION <b>Co C 38th Armd Inf Bn</b>		RACE <b>White</b>	CREED <b>Presbyterian</b>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <b>7 Nov 44</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>KIA</b>		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>Holland</b>	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT <b>6' 1 3/4"</b>	WEIGHT <b>149</b>	COLOR EYES <b>Gray</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>	SHOE SIZE <b>10 C</b>
<b>DENTAL CHART      22 May 44</b>				
UPPER RIGHT  8   7   6   5   4   3   2   1			UPPER LEFT  1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8	
LOWER RIGHT  16 <sup>o</sup> 15 <sup>oa</sup> 14   13   12   11   10   9			LOWER LEFT  9   10   11   12   13 <sup>oa</sup> 14   15   16	
X = Extracted			O = Carious	
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS  <b>None</b>			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK  <b>None</b>	

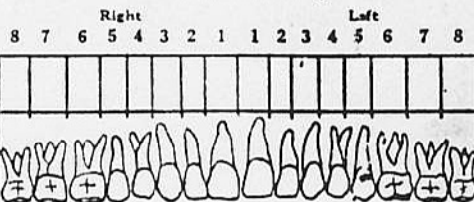
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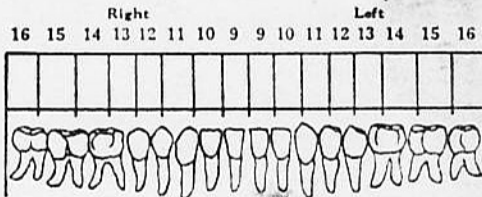


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\*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH



LOWER TEETH



CLASS I

Occlusion ..... : Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy  
 Periodontoclasia .....  
 Dental foci suspected:    Yes        No  
 Other conditions .....

*Vincent's Stom*

Date 1-11-43, 19.....

*W. J. ...*  
 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)



Teeth replaced by fixed bridge  
 (oval to include abutments)



REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT (5)

39309550 27

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Gess, Harold		W.	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Pvt	C	1822-H	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE YEARS
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(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.			
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(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS			
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Dentist			

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\*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right										Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		

LOWER TEETH

Right										Left					
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS II

Occlusion   : Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy  
 Periodontoclasia     
 Dental foci suspected:   Yes           No  
 Other conditions   fracture  

Date   22 May  , 19  45    
  Capt. Tammann    
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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

1		USMC Henri-Chapelle Plot E Row 12 Grave 4 DATE OF BURIAL 2 Sept 48 VERIFIED BY <i>[Signature]</i> GRS OFFICER -- <i>[Signature]</i>		DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE		2-594 <i>ma</i> TJ RIED ON LEFT JOSEPH C. ELLIS 42008243 LEFT ALAN I. MILLER 32997855	
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NAME GESS HAROLD W			SERIAL NUMBER 39309550		RANK SGT	ARM 1	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE HENRI CHAPELLE, BELGIUM				NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN MRS. BERTHA I. GESS POST OFFICE BOX 229 EUREKA, CALIFORNIA			
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION							
NAME GESS, HAROLD W.		SERIAL NUMBER 39309550		RANK SGT	DATE OF DEATH 7 NOV 44		DATE DISTINTERRED 1 DEC 47
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SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT							
NATURE OF BURIAL UNIFORM AND MATTRESS COVER				CONDITION OF REMAINS DISARTICULATED			
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION 7TH ARMD DIV. PATCH ON OD SHIRT. IDENTIFICATION CONFIRMED THROUGH FAVORABLE COMPARISON WITH OCMG FORM 371 AND TOOTH CHART FOR DECEASED.							
MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1 M-6020 WOOL UNDERSHIRT 1254 ON WOOL DRAWERS							
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET							
DATE 8 NOVEMBER 1947		BY ESMOND C. LYONS, EMB SUFV.					
CASKET SEALED BY ESMOND C. LYONS, EMB SUFV.				EMBALMER (Signature) <i>[Signature]</i> ESMOND C. LYONS, EMB SUFV 537 QM SV CO.			
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I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.  <i>[Signature]</i> RAYMOND G. JOHNSON 1ST LT INF SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR							
1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.							
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27 October 1948

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Sgt. Harold W. Gess, ASN 39 309 550  
Plot E, Row 12, Grave 4  
Headstone: Cross  
Henri-Chapelle U. S. Military Cemetery

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess  
Post Office Box 229  
Eureka, California

Dear Mrs. Gess:

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

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, the central address of which is Room 713, 1712 "G" Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

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

You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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*293 Gess, Howard M.*

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ORGANIZATION <i>C "C" 38th Armch/Bn</i>		RACE <i>White</i>	CREED <i>Presbyterian</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (if applicable)	
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X = Extracted		O = Carious		I = Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None</i>			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <i>None</i>		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

DC-Hospital Area Camp Polk, La.

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME			
Cess, Harold W.		39309550		26	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS			
Pvt.	"C"	48th. A. Inf.			
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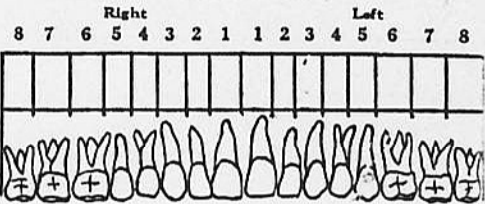
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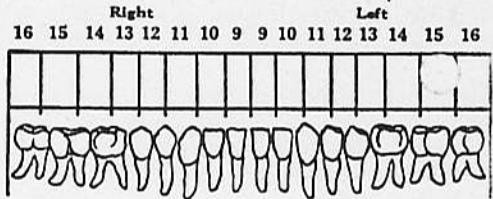
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UPPER TEETH



LOWER TEETH



CLASS F

Occlusion .....: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia .....

Dental foci suspected:      Yes      No

Other conditions .....

*Vincent's Stom*

Date 1-11-43, 19.....

*W. J. Woodward*  
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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Teeth replaced by denture  
(horizontal line) 

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

O	X	O
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\*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right											Left						
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LOWER TEETH

Right											Left				
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS II

Occlusion A: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia /

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions suppura

Date 27 May, 1941

Capt. Tammann  
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

\*Restorable carious teeth by O  
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Teeth replaced by denture  
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 (oval to include abutments) 

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ORGANIZATION Co C 38th Armd Inf Bn		RACE White	CREED Presbyterian	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				

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# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Sgt. Harold W. Gess, 39 309 550  
 Plot W, Row 10, Grave 200,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

3 March 1947

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B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

## PART I

I,

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

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

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

1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS. *Henri Chapelle, Belgium*
2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY), THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
- (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
- YES                       NO

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

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*Coded  
 25 July 47  
 M. Baker*

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**PART I (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

_____ (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	_____ (STREET AND NUMBER)
_____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	_____ (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at city (or town) of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, and State (or Territory or District) of \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

**PART II - RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**

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

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

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

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

*off.*  
*Betha June Lee*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

*April 9 - 1957*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (DATE)

*1*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (STREET AND NUMBER)

*Spring*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (CITY AND STATE)

\_\_\_\_\_ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

*P.O. Box 229*

**PART III**

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_ (SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_ (STREET AND NUMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

\_\_\_\_\_ (CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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



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1947 Aug 15

FROM HQ AGRC PARIS FRANCE

MSG NO AGRC 2830

D. T. G. 151453Z

ACTION QM

LC IN NO 56599

WAR V DAPA NR 28/15 WD PP PP

FROM: HQ AGRC APO <sup>SS</sup> 50 15/1453Z

TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

INFO TO: COMMANDER IN CHIEF EUROPEAN COMMAND APO 757, US ARMY AGRNC  
REF NR AGRC TWO EIGHT THREE ZERO

UNCLASSIFIED PD REQUEST TOOTH CHART FOR PFC ROMAN V JANOUSEK, 3732937, INTERRED IN  
PLOT Q, ROW 2, GRAVE 23, AND <sup>293</sup> HAROLD W. GESS, 3909550, INTERRED IN PLOT W, ROW 10  
GRAVE 200, USMC HENRI CHAPELLE, BY RETURN RADIO.

PROCESSING OF JANOUSEK REMAINS DELAYED FOR SHIPMENT PENDING RECEIPT OF TOOTHCHARTS.

IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED END A443 PECKHAM 1510Z

293  
see above, Harold W. Gess  
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file  
8/21/47  
B. J. W.



H  
Sgt. Harold H. Gess, 32 309 570  
Plot W, Row 10, Grave 200,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

3 March 1947

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess  
General Delivery  
Eureka, California

*Gess*

Dear Mrs. Gess:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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ENCLOSURES  
1. Pamphlet (Options)  
2. Disposition Form  
3. Envelope  
4. Pamphlet (Cemeteries)
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QMSR 293  
Gess, Harold W.  
A.S.N. 39 309 550

15 January 1947

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess  
General Delivery  
Eureka, California

Dear Mrs. Gess:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, in which your son, the late Sergeant Harold W. Gess, is buried.

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

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl  
Photograph

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G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, QMC  
Assistant

293 Gess, Harold W. 39309550

55 CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO BURIAL REPORTS AS TAKEN FROM AG CAS CARD

CELETERY HENRI CHAPELLE ~~PLT~~ W ROW 10 GRAVE 200  
NAME : GESS HAROLD W  
RANK : SGT  
ASN : 39 309 550  
ORGANIZATION : 38 A. I. B.  
DATE OF DEATH : 7 Nov 44  
PLACE OF DEATH : ---  
CAUSE OF DEATH : ---

File  
4/29/46  
Wes.

TCVR  
(Signature) ✓  
File ✓  
6-5-46  
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SPQYG 293

Gess, Harold W. *ew 11*

2 October 1945

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess  
General Delivery  
Eureka, California

Dear Mrs. Gess:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your son, the late Sergeant Harold W. Gess.

The records of this office disclose that he is interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Henri Chapelle, Belgium, plot W, row 10, grave 200.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

E. B. GREGORY  
Lieutenant General  
The Quartermaster General

*djh*  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION  
*Aug 21 1945*  
OCT 2 11 46 AM '45  
REGISTRATION



# 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.

Yes  No  Unknown  None  Good  Poor  None

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

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

### TOOTH CHART

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

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

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

Characteristics:

Other Data



RESTRICTED

AG P. BR. HQ 505 / 22560

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 4 Dec 1944

FULL NAME Gess, Harold W.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 39509550	GRADE Sgt	
HOME ADDRESS Dairy, Oregon		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 11 Jun 22	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 7 Nov 44
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 20 May 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ella R. Gess (grandmother) Dairy, Oregon				
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Ella R. Gess (grandmother) Dairy, Oregon Mrs. Bertha I. Gess (mother) Gen. Eureka, California				
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
				NO
		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE
		YES	NO	YES
				NO
		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)
		YES	NO	YES
				NO
				X*

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

\*Combat Infantryman

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 7 Nov 1944 until such absence was terminated on 27 Nov 1944 when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

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E. O. G. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
S. A. G.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BATTLE  
 NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*Eli S. Fowler*

**DEC 12 1944**

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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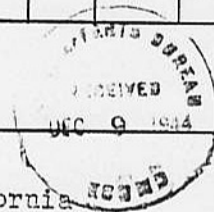
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
											X	X*	



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G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	A. G. 201 FILE	

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:  
*Eli S. Fowler*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL



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

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-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME			SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
GESS HAROLD W			39309550			SGT	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
HOLLAND		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	V	MIA	250	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME		RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS. ELLA R. GESS		GRANDMOTHER	21 Nov 44 fmc
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE			
DAIRY OREGON			

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED  FORM 43  AG 201 REQ

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED  OR CHARGED TO  DATE

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO  YES  (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED

FORWARDED TO  SPEC. IDEN.  TELEGRAM  WOUNDED  LETTER  CORRES  S. R. & D.  CERTIF.  M. & M.  NON-DIG.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED  NO FORM 43  NO CAS. BR. FILE  CHECKED BY *[Signature]* REVIEWED BY *[Signature]*

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE		COMP	RACE											
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY													
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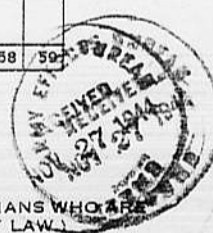
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W.D., A.G.O. FORM NO. 0365  
16 JUNE 1944



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RTB:LK:rs ✓  
November 2, 1945 ✓

REGISTERED MAIL ✓

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess ✓  
P. O. Box 229 ✓  
Eureka, California ✓

Dear Mrs. Gess: ✓

W. Gess. ✓

son, Sergeant Harold

*Handwritten mark*

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Gess Harold W.

39309550

Newman  
marks

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess

P. O. Box 229

Eureka, California

Effects of:

Name Sgt. Harold W. Gess

ASN 39309550

Case No. 297151 D

Wt.

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DATE 10 October 1945

Kauer:geh

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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

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

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch  
 Warehouse Division  
 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS

Franked  
Ext. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of package \_\_\_\_\_

1-17-45  
OCT 15 1945

Shipping Clerk

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

*H. Gess*

297,157

DECEASED  
MISSING  
P.O.W.  
ABANDONED  
TALLY NO. 8375  
INV. DATE 9-June-45  
ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1  
BOX NO. 10  
SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS  
ORGANIZATION 38 arm'd inf 7 " Div

NAME Harold W. Gess  
A.S.N. 393095501 RANK Sgt

Belt	<u>TOWELS &amp; WASHCLOTHES</u>	<u>WINGS</u>
<u>BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)</u>	<u>CLOTHING</u>	<u>BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL</u>
Cloth, Wash	<u>BRACELET IDENT.</u>	<u>BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)</u>
Coats	Brushes	Case
Footwear, Pr.	<u>CAMERAS</u>	Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.	Glasses	<u>KIT, SW, FLT. OR WRITING</u>
Handkerchiefs	Knives	<u>BOOKS</u>
Headwear	Lighters	Books, Address
Jackets	X <u>Misc insign</u>	Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	Pen, Fountain	<u>DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)</u>
Scarfs	Pencil, Mechanical	<u>FILMS</u>
Shirts	Pipes	Letters
Socks, Pr.	<u>RELIGIOUS ARTICLES</u>	Papers, Personal
Ties	X <u>RIBBONS, DECORATION</u>	Photos
Towels	Rings	Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.	Tobacco	<u>SHORT SNORTER</u>
Trunks, Pr.	Toilet Articles	<u>SOUVENIRS</u>
Underwear	<u>WATCH</u>	<u>SOUVENIR MONEY</u>
		Stationery
		<u>TESTAMENTS</u>
		<u>U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)</u>

*AM 9 10 214* *J. Gess*

REMARKS *no information checked*

ATTACHMENTS FORM #54 *Inventory* FORM #100 *1 GR label*

C.A.T. *none*

WAREHOUSE SPACE *85* STORED BY *[Signature]*

INVENTORIED BY *BH Smith*

PACKED BY *[Signature]* CHECKED BY *[Signature]*

WEIGHT

G.I. REMOVED

SHORTAGE ON REVERSE

IDENT. TAGS REMOVED

DIARY REMOVED

LOCKED STORAGE

LAUNDRY REMOVED

FILM REMOVED

DATE SHIPPED *SEP 26 1945*

X #43 ADDITIONAL



Serial No. 39309550 Name Harold W. Gess  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_ S.P. Rank Sgt.  
Organization 3rd A.I.B., 77th A.D.  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest Relative \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Killed in Action KIA Died of Disease \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 7 Nov. 1944 Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
Battle Area \_\_\_\_\_ Information \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
Point of Coordination \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Body \_\_\_\_\_  
Members Missing \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Sam D. Plyler  
Capt. G. M. C.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: \_\_\_\_\_

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal property belonging to which he lost or was obliged to abandon during a change of station.

It is our desire to forward this property to some near relative for safe-keeping on behalf of the owner. If you have any letter or other written instrument from him, indicating with whom he would want his belongings stored, I wish you would forward such paper to me. After examination, it will be returned promptly.

I wish you would also furnish me the following information:

1. What are names and addresses of his nearest relatives; i.e., wife, oldest adult child, mother, father, oldest sister, oldest brother, or next relative.
2. What is his present rank and Army serial number?
3. What is his latest mailing address and to what Army unit is he now attached?
4. What is the name, address, and relationship of the person with whom you feel he would want his things stored?

Please be assured that this letter is in no way a casualty message. Its sole purpose is to expedite delivery of the property now in our custody.

Your reply may be made on the reverse side of this letter, if you wish, and mailed in the inclosed addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

1 Incl--  
Envelope

Eff. QM Form 104 (26 Aug 44)



NAME GESS, HAROLD W. SGT. 9550  
 CASE #297151-D  
 MRS. BERTHA I. GESS, GEN. DELIVERY  
 EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	RETURNED MAIL		
	UNCLAIMED		3866
TYPE OF PKG.		WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
ENV.		8	

EL. QM Form 48

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RTB:LK:elb  
September 26, 1945

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess  
P. O. Box 229  
Eureka, California

Dear Mrs. Gess:

Reference is made to your letter of August 18, 1945, regarding the personal property of your son, Sergeant Harold W. Gess.

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son. This property was forwarded to you in one package and one envelope on September 6, 1945, at General Delivery, Eureka, California, prior to receipt of your letter. Our letter of notification of shipment was directed to you at the same address and was returned marked "Unclaimed."

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you within a reasonable length of time, please notify this Bureau and tracer will be directed.

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

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

Yours very truly,

*BA*  
HARRY NIEMIEC  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Correspondence Branch



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

IN REPLY REFER TO 297151

RTB:HL:na  
 August 31, 1945

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess  
 General Delivery  
 Eureka, California

Dear Mrs. Gess:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Sergeant Harold W. Gess.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one package and one envelope.

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

*P. L. KCOB*

P. L. KCOB  
 1st Lt., QMC  
 Officer-in-Charge  
 SJ Branch

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

SEP 15

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess  
General Delivery  
Eureka, California

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVAIL  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE—9500  
(PROG)



RETURN TO WRITER
REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED
Unclaimed..... Unknown
Moved, Left no address..... For better address refused
No such post office or state named.....

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EMPLOYEES BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Bertha I. Gess

General Delivery

Eureka, California

Effects of:  
Name Sgt Harold W. Gess

ASN 39309550

Case No. 297151 D

Wt.

DATE: 30 August 1945

RTB:HL:fb

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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

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

ROUTING:

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

*1 encl. 6/9  
1 fbpg 6/6/45*

REMARKS:

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Franked \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of packages 2

SEP 6 1945

Shipping Clerk

NAME GESS, HAROLD W. SGT 9550

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	5	10	8375
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
GRB			

ET. QM Form 48

RESTRICTED  
INVENTORY FORM

19 JANUARY 1945

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

GESS HAROLD W SGT 39309550  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO US Army

The above named individual of 38 ARMD INF BN 7TH ARMORED DIVISION

was reported MIA (Unit) about 7 NOVEMBER (Date) 1944  
Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible NOT KNOWN

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

2 COLLAR INSIGNIAS  
2 MEDALS WITH BARS  
2 RIBBONS

Money in the amount of NONE has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Finance Office  
and symbol number) Form WDFD 38 enclosed. NOT KNOWN

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

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of  
the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot  
by TRUCK on 19 JANUARY 1945.  
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Name Sam B. Plyler  
SAM B PLYLER  
Rank & ASN CAPT QMC 0-1016266  
Organization HEADQUARTERS 7 A.D.

Any additional pertinent information:

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JUL 1942

REMARKS <u>Grand mother</u> <u>Mrs Ella R. Gess</u> <u>Dairy Oregon</u>  * Rusty  C.A.T. <u>none</u>	ATTACHMENTS  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FORM #54 <input type="checkbox"/> FORM #100  <u>M. R. Label</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>WEIGHT</td><td>G.I. REMOVED</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>SHORTAGE ON REVERSE</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>IDENT. TAGS REMOVED</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>DIARY REMOVED</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>LOCKED STORAGE</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>LAUNDRY REMOVED</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>CLIP REMOVED</td></tr> </table>	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED		SHORTAGE ON REVERSE		IDENT. TAGS REMOVED		DIARY REMOVED		LOCKED STORAGE		LAUNDRY REMOVED		CLIP REMOVED
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DAMAGED



SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

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Serial No. 39309050 Name GESS HAROLD W  
Grade..... Rank.....  
Organization.....  
Address.....  
Nearest Relative.....  
Address.....  
Killed in Action YES Died of Disease.....  
Date 11 NOV 44 Hospital.....  
Battle Area GERMANY Information.....  
Place of Burial HENRI-CHAPPELLE #1  
Point of Coordination.....  
Description of Body.....  
Members Missing.....

Signed.....

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: \_\_\_\_\_

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal property belonging to your

This property is being forwarded to you in and should reach you in the near future.

My action in transmitting the property does not vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending the return of the owner.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt of the property by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau.

For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Incl--  
Envelope

Receipt Acknowledged:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Bailee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



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(3-7-26-45)  
GHG:HL:crw  
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IN REPLY REFER TO 297151.

*J. L. Kove*

Mrs. Bertha I. Gess  
General Delivery  
Eureka, California

Dear Mrs. Gess:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your son, Sergeant Harold W. Gess.

To make proper disposition of this property, it is necessary that we have certain information regarding your son's family. I would like to know whether he was married and, if so, the name and address of his widow, also the name and address of his father, if he is living.

If your son left a Will which has been probated, please furnish the original or a certified copy of the Letters Testamentary. Any papers submitted will be returned to you as soon as possible.

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Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Kove*

P. L. KOBE  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Unit

1 Incl--  
Envelope

*over*

Eureka - Calif

my son - Sergeant Harold W. Gess - Aug. 18. 1945  
was not married. he left no will.

his father is Orville C. Gess Sr.  
Dairy Queen - Very Persp yours

his mother

Mrs. Ruth G. Gess

note new  
address

Eureka

AUG 22 1945

P.O. box 229 Calif

I would like to have his Personal property.  
Please

July  
7/4/45



SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Harold H. Gess, 79309550 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Sergeant, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 7 day of Nov, 1944 at European Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### FINDING

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

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Bertha I. Gess of General Delivery, Eureka State of California, is the Mother of the above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN E. MURPHY, Colonel, OMC  
(Name, Rank, Organization)



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