

INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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REQUEST FOR SERVICE

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INDIVIDUAL

Wansel

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1421

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5-21-58

SEARCHER'S INITIALS

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*203 Wansel Personal H.
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*"Technical Services Records Section
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QMGME-D 293
Klassen, Francis A.
SN 35 111 727

7 May 1958

Mrs. Dorothy L. Klassen
176 Whiting Lane
West Hartford 7, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Klassen:

Reference is made to your concerning your husband, the late Private First Class Francis A. Klassen.

Matters pertaining to United States Military Cemeteries overseas come within the jurisdiction of the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. I have, therefore, forwarded your letter to that Agency for a direct reply to you.

Sincerely yours,

Whittingham/ace
54309

[Signature]
OLEN DOMACK
Acting Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

[Signature]
Kerscher
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11 PM '58

[Handwritten notes and signatures]

COPY

MRS DOROTHY L KLASSEN
176 Whiting Lane
WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN.

Department of the Army
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

My husband Pfc Francis A Klassen ASN 35111727 is buried in St. James (France) U S Military Cemetery and his nephew is going to ~~Europe~~ this summer and would like to visit his grave. Would you please advise the location of the cemetery. Thanking you in advance I am

Very truly yours,

Dorothy L. Klassen

COPY

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

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QMGME-D 293

DATE 7 May 1958

Klassen, Francis A.
SN 35 111 727

TO: American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dept. of the Navy
BuMed and Surgery
Washington 25, D. C.

Commandant
U. S. Marine Corps
Washington 25, D. C.

Commander
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTN: Air Force Services Division

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your
office.

Writer has not been informed of this
referral.

Writer has been informed to this referral. Records available
to this Office indicate remains interred in USMC St. James,
France (B-5-12).

2 Incl

1. Ltr from Mrs. Dorothy L. Klassen
2. Cy ltr dtd 7 May 1958

Whittingham/ace
54309

~~ROBERT W. THOMAS~~
~~Mrs. Dorothy L. Klassen~~
~~Memorial Division~~

OREN WOMACK Kersche
Acting Chief, 77756
Espe Branch
Memorial Division

Use as green copy

Interred 12 July 1948
B- 5-12 St. James
S.P. Hill, Capt. MC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED			DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3594 00152	DATE 15 04 48 DAY MONTH YEAR
NAME KLASSEN FRANCIS A		SERIAL NUMBER 35111727	RANK PFC	ARM 1
CEMETERY VILLENEUVE SUR - AUVERS - ETAMPES			1	DATE OF DEATH 3504 80 DAY MONTH YEAR CODE DIST. PT.
PLOT A	ROW 7	GRAVE 168	COUNTRY FRANCE	CAUSE OF DEATH 2

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE ST. JAMES, FRANCE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN DOROTHY IRENE KLASSEN (WIFE) 32 PHELPS STREET EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME KLASSEN, Francis A.	SERIAL NUMBER 35111727	RANK UTD	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED 1 July 1948
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION Catholic	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY JAMES S. TAYLOR EMB NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL C.B. UNIFORM	CONDITION OF REMAINS ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION NONE	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES NONE	

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET: Transfer Case

DATE 15 July 1948 BY JAMES S. TAYLOR

CASKET SEALED BY ROY HALFORD EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 20/9/48 BY ROY HALFORD

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY: All markings on case and plates verified by J.J. ANDREWS 1/Lt Inf

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

I certify that the entries on this form are true and correct. The entries on Copy No. 4 of this Disinterment Directive are correct. RAFAEL T. RUIZ 1/Lt FA SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a, for major discrepancies, if any, whose names are typed hereon.

Signature: J.W. Brown

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC VILLENEUVE		TO USMC ST. JAMES	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER Pfc Jerome Stanislawski	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER R.B. McDANIEL CAPT FA	DATE 17/7/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER HARRY P. HELL CAPT MC	DATE 17/7/48

2. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

3. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

4. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

5. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER EVELI... CONNECTICUT	
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6. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

7. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

HEADQUARTERS
7550 REC ROOM #2
APO SF 96315

GRVO 332.3 (Villeneuve A-7-168)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I have removed the attached identification tag(s)
from the remains of:

243 klassen Francis A Pfc 35111727
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

The attached identification tag(s) removed for the follow-
ing reason: NMI on ID tag

QMC Form 1194 indicates:

klassen Francis A Pfc 35111727
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

Identification Tag indicates:

klassen Francis 35111727
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

Imprint of Tag:

Harry F. Hill
(Signature of Verifying Officer)
HARRY F. HILL
CAPT. USMC
CIC, USMC ST. JAMES

FILE

21 April 1949

Pfc Francis A. Klassen, ASN 35 111 727
Plot B, Row 5, Grave 12
Headstone: Cross
St. James (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mrs. Dorothy Irene Klassen
32 Phelps Street
East Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Klassen:

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

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

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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O. O. H. G.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Pfc. Francis A. Klassen, 35 111 727
 Plot A, Row 7, Grave 168,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Villeneuve-sur-Avignon, France

24 June 1947

A		C	
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, Dorothy Irene Klassen
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

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

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

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

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
- 3. BE RETURNED TO _____, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
- 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
 YES NO

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

None

Cath. to St. Louis
my mother's

14 APR 1948

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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
EXPRESS OFFICE (<i>Nearest railroad passenger station</i>)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		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.**)

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.

Dorothy Irene Klassen (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) 32 Phelps St (STREET AND NUMBER)
Dorothy Irene Klassen (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) East Hartford Conn (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 24TH day of July, 1947, at city (or town) of Hartford, county of Hartford, and State (or Territory or District) of Conn.

Condon G. Logan (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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

PART II RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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

I, THE _____, (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.

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

PART III

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

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

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

_____	_____ (DATE)
(SIGNATURE)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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



Pfc. Francis A. Klassen, 35 111 727
Plot A, Row 7, Grave 168,
United States Military Cemetery
Villeneuve-sur-Airvars, France

24 June 1947

Mrs. Dorothy Irene Klassen
32 Phelps Street
East Hartford 8, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Klassen:

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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OMCNR 293
Klassen, Francis A.
A.S.N. 3 511 727

1 April 1947

Mrs. Dorothy Irene Klassen
32 Phelps Street
East Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Klassen:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Villeneuve-sur-Auvers, France, in which your husband, the late Private First Class Francis A. Klassen, is buried.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Photograph

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

AIR MAIL

QNGMR 314.6
Graves Registration
(European, U.S. Misc.)

SUBJECT: Burial Records

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

1. Request the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents, interred in the United States Military Cemetery Villeneuve-sur-Auverns, France, be changed to read as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/ GRADE</u>	<u>SERVICE NO.</u>	<u>ORGAN.</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Klassen, Francis A.	Pfc	35 111 727	Co A 38 Armd Inf Bn 7 Armd Div	A	7	168	25 Aug 4
Shinke, Kenneth J.	Pfc	13 133 140	Co C 160 Eng C Bn	A	7	173	25 Aug 4

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUART MASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. HILLY
Major, 160
Memorial Division

AIR MAIL



ARMY SERVICE FORCES

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQYG-293514.6
T/O European

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

27 February 1946

SUBJECT: Corrections of Reports of Interment

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area, Versailles, France
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

FOR: The Chief Quartermaster

1. It is requested that the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents, interred at the U. S. Military Cemetery, Villeneuve-sur-Auvors, France, be changed to correct the discrepancies underlined, and that this office be advised when these corrections have been completed.

NAME	RANK/ GRADE	SERIAL NO.	BRANCH of SERV.	RELIGION	DATE OF DEATH	GR.	ROW	PLOT
Divin, James H.	Cpl	<u>6 616 618</u>	10 Inf. Regt.			100	5	A
Ericsson, Carl W.	Pvt	6 <u>613 148</u>	10 Inf. Regt.			99	4	A
<u>Klassen, Francis A.</u>	Pfc	30 111 727	30 Armd Inf. Bn			168	7	A
<u>Sepulveda, Guadalupe</u>	Pfc	30 <u>362 781</u>	30th Avad. Hosp.			226	10	A

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

WILLIAM G. CHRISTENSEN
1st Lt., MC
Assistant

X 293
Klassen, Francis A. (30, 111, 727)

SPQYG 293
Klassen, Francis A.
SN 35 111 727

22 September 1945

Mrs. Dorothy L. Klassen
32 Phillips Street
East Hartford 8, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Klassen:

This office has been requested by the Adjutant General to furnish you additional information concerning your husband, the late Private First Class Francis A. Klassen.

The official report of interment received in this office shows that the remains of your husband were interred in the United States Military Cemetery, Villeneuve-Sur-Auvers, Plot A, Row 7, Grave 168. With reference to other larger cities the approximate location of Villeneuve-Sur-Auvers, France is four miles northeast of Etampes and twenty-eight miles south and west of Paris, both in France.

This office regrets, sincerely, the delay in answering your letter.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR L. WARREN
Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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DIVISION

SEP 21 1 40 PM '45
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION

AGRD-C 201 Klassen, Francis A.
(12 Jul 45)

9 August 1945

Mrs. Dorothy L. Klassen
32 Phelps Street
East Hartford 8, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Klassen:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., requesting additional information regarding the death of your husband.

The official casualty message received from the Commanding General of the European Theater of Operations stated only that your husband, Private First Class Francis A. Klassen, Army serial number 35 111 727, Infantry, was killed in action 25 August 1944 in France. Additional records have now been received which confirm this report and show that he was killed near Melun, France. I regret that no further details regarding his death were given, but I am sure you will understand how extremely difficult it is under actual battle conditions to record complete details concerning casualties.

The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D. C., has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas. A copy of your letter has accordingly been forwarded to that officer for necessary action.

Permit me to extend my sympathy.

Sincerely yours.

COPY FOR:

The Quartermaster General
Washington, D C

J. L. Toyer

1 Incl

Extract Copy ltr 12 Jul 45

E. C. GAULT

Colonel, AGD
Chief of Branch

HC 11 3 35 BM. 11

Extract Copy

32 Phelps Street
East Hartford 8, Conn
12 Jul 45

War Department
Adjutant General's Office
Washington, D C

Dear Sir:

I have never received any information as to where my husband Pfc Francis A. Klassen met his death or his burial place.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Dorothy L. Klassen/s/

MEMORANDUM SECTION
JUL 13 4 40 PM '45
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WAR DEPARTMENT REGISTRATION SECTION

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REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

37700
27 Aug. 1944
Date

293

Klassen Francis ^A		Pvt 1 cl.	35111727
<small>Last Name</small>	<small>First</small>	<small>Rank</small>	<small>Serial No.</small>
Co. A 388th ^{Inf}		7TH. ARMD DIV	43
<small>Unit</small>		<small>Organization</small>	
Fontainebleau, France ²⁸		K I A	
<small>Place of Death</small>		<small>Cause of Death</small>	
1500- 27 Aug. 1944		U. S. Mil. Cem., Villeneuve-sur-auvers, France	
<small>Time and Date of Burial</small>		<small>Name of Cemetery</small>	<small>Name or Coordinates of Location</small>
168	7	A	Stake
<small>Grave Number</small>	<small>Row Number</small>	<small>Plot Number</small>	<small>Type of Marker</small>

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

By identification tag and pay book

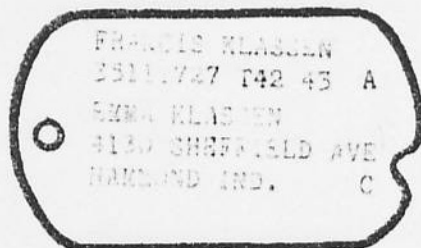
What means of identification were buried with the body?

1 identification tag

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

Who is buried on:	Cygan, Vincent J.	36706217	unknown	unknown	167
Deceased's Right:	<small>Name</small>	<small>Serial No.</small>	<small>Rank</small>	<small>Organization</small>	<small>Grave No.</small>
Deceased's Left:	Hedges, John N.	32959144	Pvt.	unknown	169
	<small>Name</small>	<small>Serial No.</small>	<small>Rank</small>	<small>Organization</small>	<small>Grave No.</small>

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



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

From pay book - wife

Emergency Addressee Dorothy Klassen
Name

32 Phelps St., E. Hartford, Conn.
Address

Religion Catholic

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

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1 wallet | 750 Francs |
| 1 fountain pen | 10 Shillings |
| 1 ring | |
| 1 identification bracelet | |
| 1 medal | |
| 7 photos | |
| 1 English coin | |
| 1 religious medal | |

E. R. DeWeese
E. R. DeWeese

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

2d Lt. QMC.

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

609th QM. Gr. Reg. Co.

Handwritten signature

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.:

Thumb				
1				
2				
3				
4				

Left Hand

Thumb				
1				
2				
3				
4				

Right Hand

TOOTH CHART

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

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

Characteristics:

Other Data:

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.

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 19 September 1944

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FULL NAME <u>Klassen, Francis A.</u>				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>35 111 727</u>				GRADE <u>PFC</u>					
HOME ADDRESS <u>Hammond, Indiana</u>				ARM OR SERVICE <u>Infantry</u>				DATE OF BIRTH <u>14 May 1911</u>					
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>				CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>				DATE OF DEATH <u>25 Aug 1944</u>					
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>27 March 1942</u>				LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES					
								YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS			
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Dorothy K. Klassen (wife) 33 Phelps St., East Hartford, Conn.</u>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Dorothy Irene Klassen (wife) same as above</u> <u>Hanna Klassen (mother) 4150 Sheffield Ave., Hammond, Indiana</u> <u>Dorothy Berdine (sister) 4930 Columbia Ave., Hammond, Indiana</u>													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
												X	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

Handwritten notes:
11-11-44
9/24/44
1944

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

BATTLE

NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

John T. Winn
John T. Winn
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

229851

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 19 September 1944

FULL NAME Klassen, Francis A.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 35 111 727		GRADE PFC	
HOME ADDRESS Hammond, Indiana		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry		DATE OF BIRTH 14 May 1911	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 25 Aug 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 27 March 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
				YEARS	MONTHS
					DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Dorothy K. Klassen (wife) 32 Phelps St., East Hartford, Conn.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Dorothy Irene Klassen (wife) same as above Erna Klassen (mother) 4150 Sheffield Ave., Hammond, Indiana Dorothy Berdine (sister) 4930 Columbia Ave., Hammond, Indiana					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
					X
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW) YES NO					

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:
John T. Winn
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ADJUTANT GENERAL

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Dorothy I. Klassen
32 Phelps Street
East Hartford, Connecticut

SHIP TO:

PFC Francis A. Klassen

Effects of:

Name

35111727

ASN

229854 D

Care No.

Wt.

DATE 24 May 1945

CHG:WJ:bh

J. Johnson
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check
 Acct. No.
 Amount
 Inclose "Valuable" item
 Snip "Valuable" 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.

REMARKS:

1 pkg

Fracked **FRANKS**
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages 1

MAY 26 1945

AD
Shipping Clerk

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

DECEASED
MISSING
P.O.W.
ABANDONED

229854
7118

TALLY NO. 7118

INV. DATE 11/11/54

ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1

BOX NO. 1

SHEET OF 1 SHEETS

ORGANIZATION

NAME Francis Masse
A.S.N. 3511721 PARK 150

<input type="checkbox"/>	BELT	<input type="checkbox"/>	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	WEIGGS
<input type="checkbox"/>	BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input type="checkbox"/>	CLOTHING	<input type="checkbox"/>	BARS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLOTH, WASH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BRACELET IDENT.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
<input type="checkbox"/>	COATS	<input type="checkbox"/>	BRUSHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	CASE
<input type="checkbox"/>	FOOTWEAR, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	COMBS	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOOTLOCKER
<input type="checkbox"/>	GLOVES, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	GLASSES	<input type="checkbox"/>	KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
<input type="checkbox"/>	HANDKERCHIEFS	<input type="checkbox"/>	KNIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	BOOKS
<input type="checkbox"/>	HEADWEAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	BOOKS, ADDRESS
<input type="checkbox"/>	JACKETS	<input type="checkbox"/>	WISC. INSIGNIA	<input type="checkbox"/>	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
<input type="checkbox"/>	OVERCOATS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PEN, FOUNTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUG)
<input type="checkbox"/>	SCARFS	<input type="checkbox"/>	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	FILMS
<input type="checkbox"/>	SHIRTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	PIPES	<input type="checkbox"/>	LETTERS
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCKS, PR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/>	PAPERS, PERSONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	TIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RIBBONS, DECORATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PHOTOS
<input type="checkbox"/>	TOWELS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RINGS	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
<input type="checkbox"/>	TROUSERS, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	TOBACCO	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHORT SHORTER
<input type="checkbox"/>	TRUNKS, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	TOILET ARTICLES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SOUVENIRS
<input type="checkbox"/>	UNDERWEAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	WATCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SOUVENIR MONEY
					STATIONERY
					TESTAMENTS
					U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS

no information

ATTACHMENTS

FORM #54

FORM #100

*Billfold torn with damage 1 Lt Label.
Photos are damaged

DAMAGED

C.A.T.

WAREHOUSE SPAC

INVENTORIED BY

PACKED BY

STORED BY

CHECKED BY

WEIGHT

G.I. REMOVED

SHORTAGE OR REVERSE

IDENT. TAGS REMOVED

DIARY REMOVED

LOCKED STORAGE

LAUNDRY REMOVED

FILM REMOVED

DATE SHIPPED

ADDITIONAL

NAME

KLASSON, FRANCIS

35111727

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
		1	7143
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
GRB			

Eff. QM Form 43

27 Dec. 1944
(Date)

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Blanco Francis 1st Lt 1511727
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO _____, U.S. Army

The above named individual of _____
(Unit)

_____ was reported _____
(Organization) (Status-Killed, MIA, Hospitalized)

about _____ 1944.
(Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible _____

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 pair
- 1 pair
- 1 pair
- 1 pair
- 7 pairs
- 1 English coin
- 1 polish us medal

750 pieces
12 articles

ERSE
Deputy
C. P. ...

Money in the amount of 75 francs-- 10 millimes has been turned
into W. D. Caldwell, Major, F. B. 46th Flt. 80th WDFD 33 enclosed.
(Name of Finance Officer and symbol number)
Dish. Sec.

none
Names and addresses of any Bank 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 for-
warded to the Effects Depot by (rail, Truck, etc.) on _____
194____.

Name *E. R. Dease*
E. R. Dease
Rank & ASN 2d Lt. SMC.
Organization 608th Ck. Tr. Coy. Co.

Any additional pertinent information:

Serial No. 3011727 Name KLASSON, FRANCIS
Grade Rank
Organization
Address
Nearest Relative
Address
Killed in Action Died of Disease
Date Hospital
Battle Area Information
Place of Burial U.S. MIL. CEM. VILLENEUVE-52
Point of Coordination AUVRES, FRANCE
Description of Body
Members Missing
Signed PVT. CARBON

W.B., F.D.
Form No. 33
Approved Nov. 24, 1940
\$

WAR DEPARTMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
RECEIPT FOR MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS

APD 57 (State) Army 29 (State) 19... 44

*Received in cash of
*Collected on Vou. from) 2d Lt. U.S. Marine, HQ, G-1596405, 609 Graves Reg. Co.
on behalf of Pfc Francis Klassen, deceased, 35111727, org.
unknown Dollars and Cents,
on account of ----- 14/100
Cash funds from deceased.

APP. ----- P.A.
which sum I have passed to the credit of the United States, and hold myself account-
able therefor.

H. D. CALDWELL
Major, FD.
By: *Geo. C. G. ...* H. D. CALDWELL, Major, F. D.

*Strike out words not applicable (Deputy) Finance Department

229854

GHC:VJ:bh
May 24, 1945

Mrs. Dorothy I. Klassen
32 Phelps Street
East Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Klassen:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your husband, Private First Class Francis A. Klassen.

These effects, contained in one package, are being forwarded to you. Regrettably, the billfold and photos were damaged prior to receipt at this Bureau. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

Extending every sympathy, I am

Sincerely yours,

P. L. KOEB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Dorothy I. Klassen
32 Phelps Street
East Hartford, Connecticut

Effects of:

Name PFC Francis A. Klassen

ASN 35111727

Case No. 229854-D

Wt.

DATE 18 May 1945

JRM:IB:vd

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. 70745
Amount \$17.14 *me*
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.
 Note discrepancy in _____
 Films removed
 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

72418 emh

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

70745

229854

May 19

45

Dorothy I. Klassen

17.14

Seventeen and 14/100

REMARKS:

Franked _____
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
No. of packages _____

Shipping Clerk

Missing _____
 A.W.O.L. _____
 P.O.W. _____
 Abandoned _____

ARMY EFFECTS BOARD
 INVENTORY _____ at _____ Box _____

Shown on Tally In as _____

TALLY IN NO. _____ INVENTORY DATE JAN 31 1945 CASE NO. 224754

EFFECTS OF ADDY M. K. ... RANK 1st Lt

ARMY SERIAL NO. 351174 ORG. _____

CONSIGNOR E. G. ...

DELIVERING CARRIER Mail G B/L NO. _____ G B/L DATE _____

Package No.	Article Description	Remarks
1	\$17.14	Included in one
ENVELOPE		U. S. Treasurer's Check
	PAID-Check No. <u>72415 2/14</u>	# <u>2116</u>
		dated <u>9/12/1944</u>
		Symbol <u>2.2 100</u>
		Amount <u>16.33</u> Payable to
		Indorsed to Effects QM

Warehouse Space _____ Inventoried By _____
 Locked Storage Space _____ Office Safe _____ Packed By _____

220254

JRM:TB:vd
May 18, 1945

Mrs. Dorothy I. Klassen
32 Phelps Street
East Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Klassen:

I am inclosing a check for \$17.14, representing funds of your husband, Private First Class Francis A. Klassen.

No other property belonging to him has been received at the Army Effects Bureau to date.

Our action in transmitting funds does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of decedent's legal residence.

Money ordinarily is sent from overseas by mail in advance of other effects; therefore, it is probable that additional belongings of decedent will reach this Bureau at a later date. As it is intended to forward any such property to you promptly upon receipt here, I ask that you please notify this Bureau if there is a change in your address within the next few months.

I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Sincerely,

A. G. SCHUMACHER
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Asst. Chief, Admin. Division

1 Incl.
Check

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

Case No. 229854
Date 11 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of
Francis A. Klassen 35111727 late
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Private First Class Infantry who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 25 day of August, 1944 at European Area

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

1. Complying with A.M. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KCM 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 undiscounted 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 8 May 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of _____

Mrs. Dorothy I. Klassen 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.M. 112, Mrs. Dorothy I. Klassen of _____ (Name of person found entitled) of 32 Phelps Street East Hartford State of Connecticut (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village) is the widow (Relationship or Capacity) of the

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)
JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)