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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)

LEWIS JACK H

RANK

SGT

SERIAL NUMBER

32253216

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

10 SEP 45

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

KINKEAD

DATE

5 MAR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

M. COX

DATE

5 MAR 51

REMARKS



**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME LEWIS, Jack H.	GRADE Sgt	SERIAL NO. 32 253 215
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:</b></p>		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY ( <i>Initials</i> ) <del>Lay</del>	
UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 15056	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY 333 CARD FLAGGED BY

**IMPORTANT**

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 299 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION. ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

## NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vicinity of Mannville, France	CASE NUMBER 15056 (1)
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) LEWIS, Jack H.	RANK Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 32 253 215
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

NON  
File

FEB 2 1 1951.

*Myrtle*  
Identification Branch

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

*E. Miller*

*Mary E. Edwards*



NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		CASE NUMBER
		15056 (1)
		AREA OR ZONE(S)
		European
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
LEWIS, Jack H.	Sgt	32 253 215
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.)		
Considered as an individual case		
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.		
	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	VAT	<del>a. REPORT OF DEATH</del> b. FINDING OF DEATH <del>c. STATUS REVIEW &amp; DETERMINATION</del>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAT	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAT	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		
None		
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:		
KIA on 9 September 1944 in the vicinity of Mannville, France		
NAME OF CASE ANALYST		Identification Branch
Vincent A. Thomas		
CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO		
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
W. A. Wolf	MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt QMC	THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC
W. A. WOLF		20 Feb '51

NAN  
File

FEB 2 1 1951

Identification Branch



15056

HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on . The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
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SEE ATTACHED ROSTER

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

<u>EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt.Col. O-359598, QMC</u>	<u>s/James C. MacFarland</u> <u>JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, O-1576321, QMC</u>
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<u>s/ George Gunderman, Jr.</u> <u>GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, O-1289071, QMC</u>	<u>CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311, QMC</u>
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<u>LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt O-1543042, MSC/QMC</u>	<u>JOHN H. NEFF, Capt. O-1055924, QMC</u>
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<u>ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt. O-1288075, QMC</u>	<u>ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, O-1599085, QMC</u>
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<u>s/ John A. Boutin</u> <u>JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt O-947298, QMC</u>	
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A TRUE COPY:

*Robert G. Lay*

<u>ROBERT G. LAY</u> Maj	<u>QMC</u>
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HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following cases:

NAMES: See attached roster

ORGANIZATION: See OQMG Forms 371

DATE OF DEATH: See attached roster

PLACE OF DEATH: See OQMG Forms 371

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing in Action or Killed in Action during ground operations in the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, from the period 7 September through 3 December 1944. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigations have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Meurthe-et-Moselle department, consists of farm, pasture and forest land which has been under constant use since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore only be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification, with the exception of two men listed on attached roster who were known to have drowned and their remains never recovered. The



GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

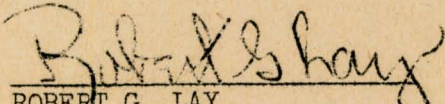
absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide evidence, and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed on these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the department of Meurthe-et-Mosell, France: On file in The Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

2. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek  
t/ C. W. STEINSIEK  
Captain QMC

A TRUE COPY:

  
ROBERT G. LAY  
Maj QMC



Department of  
Meurthe-et-Moselle  
France

ROSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD  
FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY

To Accompany Proceedings of Board of Review

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE KIA OR MIA</u>
Abel, Russell L.	S/Sgt	6 935 342	20 Sep 44
Bauknecht, Russell H.	Pvt	33 812 170	24 Oct 44
Bryan, Homer H.	Sgt	34 192 364	9 Sep 44
Burger, Melvin	Pfc	32 973 686	26 Oct 44
Chiodo, Ottovio D.	Pfc	33 699 192	14 Oct 44
Cruz, Tomas	S/Sgt	38 113 574	24 Oct 44
DeHaan, Harry R.	Pvt	39 218 447	9 Nov 44
Diamanti, Albert C.	Pvt	32 868 499	14 Sep 44
Farmer, LeRoy T.	Pvt	33 660 024	11 Sep 44
Gallagher, Cornelius J.	Pfc	33 586 443	15 Nov 44
Glazier, Bernard J.	Pvt	36 333 128	9 Sep 44
Gray, John P.	T/5	34 236 248	19 Sep 44
Hierz, Henry	Cpl	36 315 751	14 Sep 44
Harris, Gus E.	Pvt	33 577 467	13 Nov 44
Harris, Oren C.	Pvt	35 756 764	27 Sep 44
Horner, Robert B.	Pvt	35 760 587	18 Sep 44
Kellar, Herbert C.	T/5	36 589 323	4 Nov 44
Kjems, Henry R.	Sgt	39 175 674	24 Nov 44
Klinger, Randall	T/5	33 162 614	7 Sep 44
Lewis, Jack H.	Sgt	32 253 215	9 Sep 44
McGuire, Charles T.	Pfc	33 158 351	21 Sep 44
Morgan, Louie F.	Sgt	7 005 037	3 Dec 44
O'Connor, Edward J.	Pvt	12 057 133	7 Sep 44
O'Neal, William L.	Pvt	39 244 999	25 Sep 44
Pescik, Albin J.	Pvt	31 274 929	17 Nov 44
Piantoni, Michael E.	Pvt	39 620 659	18 Sep 44
Polifka, Peter	Pvt	33 172 569	9 Sep 44
Rich, Lawrence W.	Pfc	37 233 142	15 Nov 44
Scott, Andrew J.	Cpl	6 658 123	18 Sep 44
Wallace, Florian	Pfc	35 475 026	9 Sep 44
Wertz, Eldore W.	Cpl	36 231 899	30 Sep 44
Westcott, Godfrey C.	Pvt	31 337 874	21 Sep 44

The Roster received from Field Board is filed in  
the 293 file of Abel, Russell L., S/Sgt.,  
ASN 6 935 342.



HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
:  
NUMBER 139 )

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased. Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases:

- LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, O 359 598, QMC., President
- MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,
- MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
- CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,
- CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC.,
- CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC.,
- CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,
- 1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,
- 2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
CAPT., QMC,  
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
CAPT., QMC  
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:

*Robert G. Lay*  
ROBERT G. LAY  
Maj QMC

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AG 704 Dead (27 Mar 50)

WLN/mmh/1C662a/10270

27 March 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section,  
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. The following persons, Infantry, members of Company C, 40th Tank Battalion were reported missing in action, not in flying or jump pay status, in France on 9 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Number 196 and presumed dead as of 10 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act (SR&D Case Number 4036):

Bryan, Homer H.	Sgt	34192364
293 / Lewis, Jack H.	Sgt	32253215
Wallace, Florian	Pfc	35475026
Glazier, Bernard J.	Pvt	36333128
Polifka, Peter	Pvt	33172569

2. A Missing Report, dated 10 September 1944, filed in the AG 201 file of Sergeant Bryan contains the following information:

Mission: "To destroy enemy and gun emplacements."  
 Point of Departure: "3 Miles S.W. Malancourt". Date: "9 Sep 1944."  
 Intended Destination: "Mannville, France."  
 Last Known Whereabouts: "Near Mannville, France."  
 Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance: "In attacking, the tank in which the above man was riding, was hit by enemy fire and burned. He has not shown up or been reported by any Med Aid Station."

The report further shows that there were no eyewitnesses and search was not made as territory was in enemy hands.

a. Similar Missing Reports are filed in the AG 201 and Casualty Section files of the other four members of the subject tank crew.

b. A "Certificate" of search, dated 16 September 1944, signed by 1st Lt Hilton J. Dentser, Company C, 40th Tank Battalion, found in Sergeant Jack H. Lewis' Casualty Section file, certifies that information received from persons "in the vicinity where the above soldier was missing in action makes me believe his personal effects were destroyed by fire or captured by the enemy."

c. Copy of a letter, dated 23 April 1945, from Captain Robert M. Rutan, Chaplain, 40th Tank Battalion, to Mr. Jim Wallace, brother of Private First Class Florian Wallace, one of the subject persons, found in his Casualty Section file shows that:

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"During the bitter fighting in the vicinity of Metz, France, your brother's tank was disabled while in action. Florian did not appear with the other members of his company and was listed as missing in action on the 9th of September, 1944."

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"We have endeavored to obtain information about our brother and others who are missing. \*\*\*"

3. The captured German records contain no information relative to the subject persons or their tank, nor do the files of the Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information, at the present, on them.

4. The subject persons were members of the crew of a tank of Company C, 40th Tank Battalion, whose mission on 9 September 1944 was to destroy the enemy and their gun emplacements. While attacking the enemy near Mannville, France the tank was hit by enemy fire and burned. Subsequent searches in the vicinity where these men became missing failed to reveal any trace of them. The captured German records contain no information of any of the crew or the tank. Nothing has been seen or heard of them since. Considering the above facts and the lapse of time it is reasonable to believe that they were killed and their remains destroyed by the fire and explosions of ammunition in the tank.

5. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death stating that the personnel named in paragraph one, above, Infantry, were killed in action, not in flying or jump pay status, on 9 September 1944 near Mannville, France. The official report of death will include the following statement:

"Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 10 September 1945. This 'Report of Death' is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9."

This memorandum will be routed to Operating Unit for notification and processing. Copy of letter to be sent to Det & Rev Unit (for OQMG)

Station and place of death: ETO

*Walter L. Nails*  
Walter L. Nails  
Investigator

CONCUR:

*T. J. Collum*  
T. J. COLLUM  
Major, AGD  
OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit

APPROVED. Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

COPY FURNISHED:

OQMG, Mem. Div. (one copy for each individual named in par. 1)  
AG 201 file of each individual named in par. 1.

*Sylvio L. Bousquin*  
SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN  
Lt. Colonel, AGD  
OIC, Casualty Section  
PA Branch, AGO

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of Sgt Homer H. Bryan, 34192364, unless otherwise indicated.



IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>LEWIS JACK H</b>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>32,253,215</b>		GRADE <b>Sgt</b>
HEIGHT <b>5-10</b>	WEIGHT <b>148</b>	COLOR EYES <b>Hazel</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>	SHOE SIZE <b>10 D</b>	DATE OF DEATH <b>Sept 10-43</b>

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

**COC 40TH TANK BN**

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

**TANK DESTROYED BY FIRE IN VICINITY OF MALANCOURT FRANCE Sept 9-1944**

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

STATION	DATES
<b>Fair Nagra Ky</b>	<b>May 1942 to Mar 1942</b>
<b>Camp Palk La</b>	<b>Mar 1942 to Sept 1942</b>
<b>Fair Knop Ky</b>	<b>Sept 1942 to Dec 1942</b>
<b>Camp Palk La</b>	<b>Dec 1942 to Sept 1943</b>
<b>Fair Benning Ga</b>	<b>Sept 1943 to APO</b>

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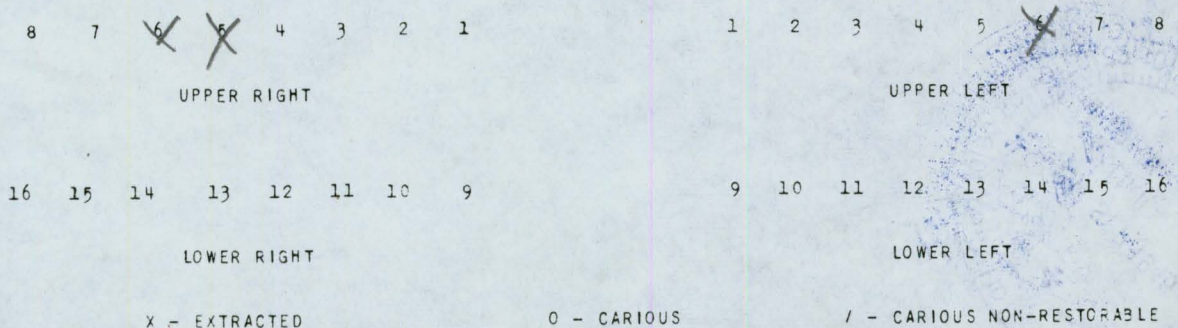
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

**See Appendix 1942 ND**

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

**None**

DENTAL CHART





293 FILE

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

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Lewis Jack, H.

GRADE

Sgt

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

32253215

ORGANIZATION

Co. C 40th Tank Bn. INF

RACE

white

CREED

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

CAUSE OF DEATH

Fod

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Vic. of Malancourt

DATE OF FOD

10/19/1944

HEIGHT

5' 10"

WEIGHT

178

COLOR EYES

Hazel

COLOR HAIR

Brown

SHOE SIZE

10 1/2

**DENTAL CHART**

Mar. 1942

UPPER RIGHT

8 7 6 XX 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 X 7 8

LOWER RIGHT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

1972  
Scar Appendectomy (w/d)

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FILE**

**MAY 24 1948**

**E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMG  
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH**



Form prescribed by  
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 Sergeant Jack H. Lewis, Army Serial Number 32,253,215, Armored Force, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 9th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 10th day of September 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*George F. Hebert*

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LIFE OF DUTY	OWN HIS- CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
12 Jun 1920	Skaneateles, New York	12 Mar 1942	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs Abbie Lewis	Mother	Route #2 Skaneateles, New York

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Abbie Lewis	Mother	Route #2 Skaneateles, New York
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mr. Albert Lewis	Father	Route #2 Skaneateles, New York

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Circumstances of disappearance: The subject person was aboard a tank that was hit by enemy fire and burned while attacking in France.

*File*  
*JF*

12 SEP 1945



Declassified in accordance with E.O. 13526

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
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**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
LEWIS JACK H			32253215			SGT	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
FRANCE 9		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		MIA	196	
		09	SEP	44				

## 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 ABBIE LEWIS		MOTHER	26 SEPT. 1944 vnc
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE			
ROUTE NUMBER TWO		SKANEATELES	NEW YORK

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241,092

RTB:JS:mf  
December 12, 1945

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

This refers to your recent inquiry concerning the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Jack H. Lewis.

I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of his property. Because of transportation difficulties, overseas "holding" periods and other delays encountered in the return of personal effects to the U.S.A., the time of arrival at this Bureau is quite uncertain.

You may be assured that upon the receipt of any property, prompt disposition will be made.

Yours very truly,

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

*EW*



Skaneateles, N.Y. <sup>NO</sup>  
Nov. 29, 1945

Army Effects Bureau  
Kansas City, Mo.

241,092

Dear Sir,

SHIPMENT CLEAR

Due to the fact we have never received the personal effects of our son, Sgt. Jack H. Lewis 32253215 Co. C, 40<sup>th</sup> Tank Bn. I have been advised to write you about them.

I am enclosing the last letter we received from the War Dept. and hope you will be able to send us his belongings.

Yours truly  
Mrs. Albert Lewis  
R.F.D. 2  
Skaneateles - New York



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

in reply refer to:  
 AGPC-S 201 Lewis, Jack H.  
 (10 Sep 45) 32,253,215

10 September 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis  
 Route #2  
 Skaneateles, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lewis:

Since your son, Sergeant, Jack H. Lewis, 32,253,215 Armored Force, was reported missing in action 9 September 1944, the War Department has entertained the hope that he survived and that information would be revealed dispelling the uncertainty surrounding his absence. However, as in many cases, the conditions of warfare deny us such information. The record concerning your son shows that he was aboard a tank that was hit by enemy fire and burned while attacking in the vicinity of Malancourt, France.

Full consideration has recently been given to all available information bearing on the absence of your son, including all records, reports and circumstances. These have been carefully reviewed and considered. In view of the fact that twelve months have now expired without the receipt of evidence to support a continued presumption of survival, the War Department must terminate such absence by a presumptive finding of death. Accordingly, an official finding of death has been recorded under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, approved March 7, 1942, as amended.

The finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death; however, as required by law, it includes a presumptive date of death for the termination of pay and allowances, settlement of accounts and payment of death gratuities. In the case of your son this date has been set as 10 September 1945, the day following the expiration of twelve months' absence.

I regret the necessity for this message but trust that the ending of a long period of uncertainty may give at least some small measure of consolation. I hope you may find sustaining comfort in the thought that the uncertainty with which war has surrounded the absence of your son has enhanced the honor of his service to his country and of his sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL  
 Major General

Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

1 Incl.

This is a true and literal copy of the original, made this 14th day of November, 1945.

*Roy G. Mandigo*  
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 NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires March 30, 1946.