

293 PAKE, HARRY B. 34812987 PVT. EURO EAN AREA ARMORED FORCE (ALA) 45mc

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH France		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Pake, Harry B		RANK Pvt
		SERIAL NUMBER 34 812 987
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:		
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		INITIALS OF ANALYST <i>DMO</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		<i>DMO</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		<i>Hayden</i> ✓

REMARKS

Pass assoc

Identification data for the above decedent has been compared with QMG Forms 1944 for all Unresolved World War II Unknowns recovered from the vicinity of Metz, France, with negative results.

D. M. DEGEN

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

MAY 2 - 1951

*D M Degen**C E Newbaker**Mary A. Edwards*
MARY A. EDWARDS
1st Lt. QMG

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE <i>16 Mar 1951</i>	
FROM (Branch and Section) <i>Identification Br., Final Det. Sec.</i>	REQUESTED BY <i>Hayden</i> <i>ajc</i>	TEL. EXT. <i>73940</i>	ROOM NO. <i>1522 B</i>
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>PAKE, Harry B.</i>	RANK <i>Pvt.</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>34 812 987</i>	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

All available dental information on above decedent.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Completed Form Attached.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature) *[Signature]* *ajc*

D. L. NENNER
MAJOR, OMC
OMC PENTAGON LIAISON

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Pake, Harry B.		GRADE Pvt.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34 812 987
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED
DATE OF DEATH/MIA		CAUSE OF DEATH	
DATE OF FOD		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
		SHOE SIZE	

INDUCTION

DENTAL CHART

DATE **27 July 43**

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X = Extracted

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1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No 79s available

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

PAKE, HARRY B.

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

34812987

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

9 SEPT 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

J BROOKS

DATE

12 MAR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

JARMAN

DATE

13 MAR 51

REMARKS

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NO.	NAME (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
293	PAKE, HARRY B	Tpt	34812987

CONGRESSIONAL

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Pake, Harry B.		GRADE Pvt	SERIAL NO. 34 821 987
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
<input type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials) Lt De Weese	
UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 12561	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY

IMPORTANT

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

QMGMF 293
Pake, Harry B.
SN 34 812 987

27 January 1950

Mr. B. H. Pake
Staples-Pake-Griffin, Ltd.
Post Office Box 146
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pake:

The Department of the Army desires that you be informed of the final determination of the investigation in the case of your son, the late Private Harry B. Pake.

Realizing that this is a matter of great importance to you, may I review the pertinent facts of the case as revealed by Department of the Army records received from our overseas command.

Your son was a member of Company B, 40th Tank Battalion, and comprised part of the five man crew of a tank which was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz, France, on 9 September 1944. This tank was in a defensive position when it was fired upon by the enemy and suffered a direct hit from an anti-tank gun. The tank was set afire and continued to burn during the entire course of the engagement. Two crew members escaped from the burning vehicle and although they watched the tank burn for some time, they did not see any of the other crew members leave. After the tank had stopped burning, it was examined by the Commanding Officer of Company B, and no trace of the remains of your son and the other two men could be found. It is logical to conclude, therefore, that these men were killed or seriously wounded by the shell which struck their tank, that they were unable to leave the vehicle and that their remains were completely consumed by the ensuing fire.

These unfortunate circumstances surrounding the death of your son have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon the information presently available, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

QMCMF 293
Pake, Harry B.
SN 34 812 987

27 January 1950

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. W. ALLEN
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

LWA

BHJ/bc
cc:AGO

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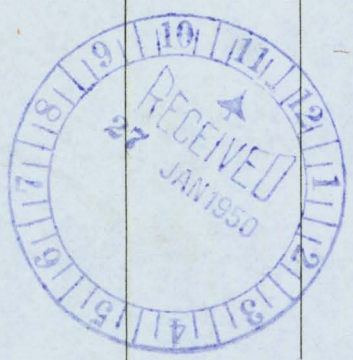


OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Repat Br Cor Sec Mem Div	Chief Liaison Office Mem Div	27 Jan 50	<p>Subject: Non-Recoverable Case No. 12561</p> <p>1. In view of previous Congressional interest, attached herewith for your information are copies of letter to NOK of the following decedent:</p> <p><i>2/18</i> Pake, Harry B., Pvt., 34 812 987. <i>2/18</i></p> <p>2. Similar letters have been to NOK of other men listed in this non-recoverable case.</p> <p>3. 293 files may be sent to Mail and Records when necessary action has been taken.</p> <p>1 Incl 293 file</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>2</i> ZEIG 4428</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>3</i> JENKINS 5641</p>
2	Liaison Office Mem Div	M & R Br Adm. Div.	30 Jan 1950	<p>QMGML 293, Pake, Harry B., SN 34 812 987 (non-recoverable Case No. 12561)</p> <p>1. File.</p> <p>2. A copy of OQMG letter dated 27 Jan 50 to Mr. B. H. Pake, Staples-Pake-Griffin, Ltd., P. O. Box 146, Mobile, Alabama, has been furnished Senator Lister Hill. That Office has been informed by phone. No further Congressional action required.</p> <p>3. A copy of NOK letter withdrawn for Liaison Office files.</p> <p>1 Incl 293 file Pake</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>RmH</i> R. HOLLOWAY 3708</p>



1 Chief Chief 27 Jan
Repat Br Liaison 50
Cor Sec Office
Mem Div Mem Div

Subject: Non-Recoverable Case No. 12561

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Pake, Harry B., Pvt., 34 812 987.

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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		FILE NUMBER 12561 (3)
		AREA OR ZONE(S) Europe
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
Pake, Harry B.	Pvt	34 812 987
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.)		
The above decedent and two (2) others		
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)	J. A. B.	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	J. A. B.	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	J. A. B.	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		
7a. Statements		J. A. B.
THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:		
SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT		
NAME OF CASE ANALYST J. A. BROWN. J. A. BROWN/cwt	Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec. CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. R. DeWEESE, 1st Lt QMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH THOMAS E. COX Capt QMC
		12 Jan. 50

Bowen, Charles H.
Pake, Harry B.
Reamer, Leonard A.

STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

1. This case pertains to the non-recoverability of the remains of the three (3) decedents listed above, of the crew of five of a tank, which was engaged in action against the enemy, in the vicinity of Metz, France 9 September 1944.
2. During the encounter the tank suffered a direct hit and was set afire, burned throughout the engagement and for some time after.
3. Tec/5 James W. Logan, 34 188 604, a crew member of subject tank, states that he and Private Robert Millerwise, 36 869 646 escaped to safety by emerging from the tank through the bow gunner's side. He watched the tank burn and did not see the remaining crew members leave it.
4. Records show that an examination of the interior of the tank, after it had stopped burning, revealed no trace of any bodies.
5. The Field Board and this Office have made every effort to associate subject decedents with remains recovered from the pertinent area, with negative results.

J. A. Brown
J. A. BROWN
Analyst

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 US ARMY

- 8 DEC. 1949

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

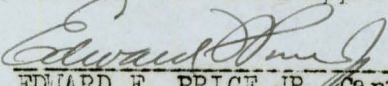
The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO No.33, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U.S. Army, 22 Mar 1948, as amended by par 1, SO 43, Hq AGRC dated 19 April 1949 and par 4, SO 92, Hq AGRC dated 17 August 1949, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on - 8 DEC. 1949. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

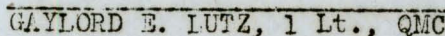
The board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered,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

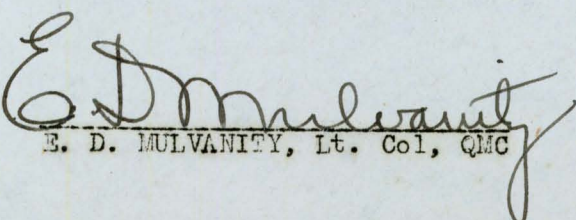
CASE NO 3	NAME	ASN	GRADE
	BOWEN, Charles H.	Cpl.	34254584
	PAKE, Harry B.	Pvt.	34812987
	REAMER, Leonard A.	Sgt.	36167820

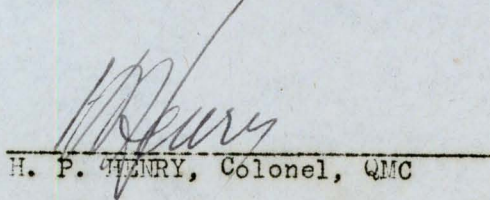
FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties, are non recoverable.

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


 EDWARD F. PRICE JR., Capt QMC


 GAYLORD E. LUTZ, 1 Lt., QMC


 E. D. MULVANIY, Lt. Col, QMC


 H. P. HENRY, Colonel, QMC

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 U S ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS
 NUMBER 16

3 February 1949

1. The fol named off having been asgd 7887 Hq Gp AGRC APO 58 Paris France per par 1 SO 14 7855 AGRC Zone #1 Hq APO 58 Liege Belgium are placed on dy w/Registration Division.

CAPT	STANLEY C.	TYRRELL	01304296	Inf
1ST LT	EDWARD E.	STOUT	01594512	CE
1ST LT	ERNEST J.	OGLESBY	0449004	Cav

2. The Board of Review for the Identification of Unknown Dead aptd per par 9 SO 6 this hq 14 Jan 48 is dissolved.

3. The Board of Review for cases of non-recoverability of remains (European Area) aptd per par 4 SO 33 this hq 22 Mar 48 as amended by par 1 SO 154 hq 3 Nov 48 and par 2 SO 165 this hq 7 Dec 48 is dissolved.

4. The Board of Review for Major Discrepancy Cases aptd per par 6 SO 146 this hq 22 Oct 48 is dissolved.

5. PAC ltr WD AGAO-S 293.9 9 Apr 47 Subj: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, the fol off this hq are aptd a Board of Review for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the identification of deceased and determination of non-recoverability of remains (European Area):

CAPT	JACK C.	HAYES	01577297	QMC
CAPT	STANLEY C.	TYRRELL	01304296	Inf
CAPT	EDWARD F.	PRICE, Jr.	01588236	QMC
1ST LT	EDWARD E.	STOUT	01594512	CE
1ST LT	ERNEST J.	OGLESBY	0449004	Cav

6. The fol off this hq are aptd a Board of Review for Major Discrepancy Cases to function pursuant to par 3 Operations Instructions 84 this hq 29 July 47:

CAPT	JACK C.	HAYES	01577297	QMC
CAPT	STANLEY C.	TYRRELL	01304296	Inf
CAPT	EDWARD F.	PRICE, Jr.	01588236	QMC
1ST LT	EDWARD E.	STOUT	01594512	CE
1ST LT	ERNEST J.	OGLESBY	0449005	Cav

7. Par 5 SO 10 this hq 24 Jan 49 pertaining to an audit of the AGRC Officer Club (Paris Area) is amended to add "PAC Weekly Dir No. 34 Hq EUCOM 1948 as amended by Sec 14 Weekly Dir 46 Hq EUCOM 1948 this audit will also effect the change of custodian of the club."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

OFFICIAL:

MARK AMEN
Lt. Col, QGD
Adjutant General

MARK AMEN
Lt. Col, AGD
Adjutant General

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WILLIAM R. De WEESE
1st Lt., QMC

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 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 US ARMY

RAG 300.4

22 Mar 48

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 33

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-368, 14 May 47 and AR 420-5, the following Board of officers is appointed to meet at Liege, Belgium, or at such other place as the president may designate at the call of the president thereof, for the purpose of considering whether such EM as may be brought before it should be discharged prior to the expiration of their term of service. Proceedings of the Board will be in conformity with AR 420-5. Findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, and entered on ED AGO Form 37.

LT COL	PARK W. BAILEY	0242216	INF
MAJ	DAVID MINS, JR	0228758	FA
MAJ	JOHN W. LONG	0333779	INF
CAPT	THOMAS C. HAYDEN	01584337	QMC
1ST LT	ALVIN C. BECK	01646841	INF
1ST LT	ROBERT VANINA	01786119	MC

2. Par 3 and 4, SO 6, this hq, 14 Jan 48 pertaining to appointment of Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area), are rescinded.

3. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, subj "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area):

LT COL	PATRICK W. GUINEY	019066	QMC
MAJ	GEORGE M VER HULST	A0650035	USAF
MAJ	MARSHALL J. BLACKMON	0277013	INF
CAPT	JACK C. HAYES	01577297	QMC
1ST LT	JOSEPH E McCLUSKEY	01338110	INF

4. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for non-recoverability of remains (European Area):

LT COL	EDWARD D. MULVANTY	0359598	QMC
MAJ	GROSVENOR W. FISH	042932	QMC
MAJ	FRANCIS P. SWEENEY	034485	INF
CAPT	GWEN F. McCANN	01595680	INF
1ST LT	GEORGE L. FREEMAN	0159551	QMC

5. VOOG 6 Jan 48 auth CAPT GORDON L. ALDERMAN 0479536 CHC to tvl fr Second Zone, AGRC, APO 58, Carentan, France, to First Zone, AGRC, APO 58, Liege, Belgium, by TPA are confirmed, the exigencies of the service having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance.

AUTH: Sec I, Cir 157, Hq USFET, 23 Oct 46 & Cir 28, Hq EUCOM, 9 May 47.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

CARL W. RAGUSE
Colonel, QMC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/t/ FRANK FRANCIS
Major, - AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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WILLIAM R. DEWEESE
1st Lt. QMC

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293. 9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board AGRC

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

NAMES:	BOWEN	Charles H.	Cpl	34254584
	PAKE	Harry B.	Pvt	34812987
	REAMER	Leonard A.	Sgt	36167820

ORGANIZATION: Co "B" 40th Tank Bn

DATE OF DEATH: 9 September 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vic. of Metz, France

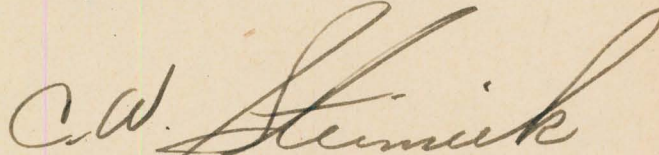
SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above mentioned unresolved casualties comprised part of the crew of a tank which was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz, France on 9 Sept. 1944. This tank was in a defensive position when it was fired upon by the enemy and suffered a direct hit from an anti-tank gun. Tank was set afire and continued to burn during the entire course of the engagement. Two crew members escaped from the burning vehicle and although they watched the tank burn for some time, they did not see any of the other crew members leave. After tank had stopped burning, it was examined by Commanding Officer of Co "B", 40th Tank Bn, and no trace of the remains of the above mentioned casualties could be found. A Field Investigation was conducted in the appropriate area in May and June 1947 with negative results. It is logical to conclude that these men were killed or seriously wounded by the shell which struck their tank, that they were unable to leave the vehicle and that their remains were completely consumed by the ensuing fire. The fact that association with unknowns recovered from the area was also negative would tend to substantiate this conclusion: It is therefore recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; 5th Ind Hq 7th Armd Div, dtd 6 Mar 1945; Report of Investigation dated 13 June 1947 with attached statements.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records in file Headquarters American Graves Registration Command.

3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.

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



C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain QMC

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) PAKE, Harry B.		GRADE Pvt	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34812987		
ORGANIZATION Co "B" 40th Tank Bn	RACE white	CREED Hebrew	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 9 Sept 44	CAUSE OF DEATH K I A	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA France			
DATE OF FOD		HEIGHT 5'10"	WEIGHT 158lbs	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Black

DENTAL CHART 27 July 1943

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AG 704 (A)

5th Ind

Reamer Leonard A (Cas)

(14 Feb 1945)

Hq 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U S Army, 6 March 1945

TO: Commanding General, First United States Army, APO 230,
U S Army

AttN: AG Casualty Division (Thur Channel)

1. Basic communication and 1st Indorsement complied with
2. In compliance with directives contained in basic communication and 1st Indorsement and investigation was conducted by this headquarters, for the purpose of determining the present casualty status of Sgt Leonard A. Reamer, 36167820 former member of Company "B" 40th Battalion. a unit of this command.
3. Collateral investigation was likewise conducted by this headquarters. for the purpose of determining the present status of personnel, who were members of the crew of the tank of which Sgt Reamer was a member and who are now being carried as missing in action, as a result of the enemy action referred to in a basic communication.
4. Investigation referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, above disclosed the following facts:
 - a. On 9 September 1944, the tank crew of which Sgt Reamer was a member was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz, France.
 - b. The members comprising the crew of this tank on that particular day, and the position they occupied were as follows:

(1) Tank Commander	Sgt	Reamer Leonard A	36167829
(2) Cannoneer	Pvt	Pake, Harry B.	24812989
(3) Gunner	Cpl	Bowen, Charles H	34254584
(4) Driver	Tec5	Logan, James W.	34188604
(5) Asst Driver	Pvt	Millerwise, Robert	36869646
 - c. That on that particular day in that particular place, this tank crew assumed a position of defense for the purpose of repulsing enemy attack, if encountered. While in such position the tank was fired upon by the enemy and suffered a direct hit from an AT gun, setting the same aflame and continuing to burn during the entire course of the engagement and thereafter.
 - d. At the time the tank was struck as indicated in para 4c, above Sgt Reamer and Pvt Pake were on guard in the turret, Cpl Bowen and Tec 5 Logan were down in the tank, conversing, Pvt. Millerwise was seated in the assistant driver's seat.

e. Sworn statement secured from and executed by Tec 5 Logan on 10 December 1944 indicated that at the time the tank was hit it immediately was set afire, that he called to Cpl Bowen to traverse gun in turret, in order that he might open the hatch and thereby escape to safety from said tank; that Cpl Bowen did not answer him; that Pvt Millerwise escaped to safety by emerging from the tank through the bow gunner's side, that Tec 5 Logan followed Pvt. Millerwise and likewise emerged from said tank unharmed; that he watched the tank burning and did not see any other members of the crew leave the tank, and that it is his opinion that the three remaining crew members were instantly killed when the tank was struck.

f. Pvt. Robert D. Millerwise, 36867646, was thereafter wounded and was reported as being "SWA" in France as of 18 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No 28, Headquarters 40th Tank Battalion, dated 23 September 1944, and has since been evacuated to the United States because of such wounds.

g. Tec 5 James W. Logan 34188604 is present for duty with his organization.

h. Sgt Reamer, Cpl Bowen and Pvt. Pake were reported as being "missing in action", in France, as of 9 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No 23, headquarters 40th Battalion, dated 15 September 1944.

i. "Missing Reports" pertaining to Sgt Reamer, Cpl Bowen and Pvt. Pake have been forwarded in accordance with existing directive, true copy of same being attached (See Inclosures 2, 3, and 4).

j. "Missing Reports" referred to in paragraph 4 i, above indicates that an examination of the interior of the tank was made by the preparing officer, Capt. Emerson J. Wolfe, Commanding Officer of Company "B" 40th Tank Battalion, after the tank had stopped burning and that no trace of any bodies were found therein, it being his opinion that the bodies were consumed by the fire.

5. In view of the foregoing and based upon information contained in the attached inclosures, it is the opinion of this headquarters that there is reasonably conclusive evidence and circumstances which lead to no other logical conclusion, but that the following named personnel, previously reported "MIA" are in fact dead, and that a change in casualty status from "MIA to "KIA" is justified:

Sgt Reamer Leonard A.	36167829
Cpl Bowen Charles H	34254584
Pvt Pake, Harry B.	34812989

6. Appropriate Battle Casualty Report denoting a change in casualty status from MIA 9 September 1944 to KIA 9 September 1944 in connection with Sgt Reamer Cpl Bowen and Pvt Pake is being submitted this date.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

4 Incls:

1. Sworn Statement
(Logan) (Quad)
2. Missing Report
(Bowen) (Quad)
3. Missing Report
(Pake) (Quad)
4. Missing Report
(Reamer) (Quad)

MAX ZAIDENBERG
2nd Lt. AGD
Asst Adjutant General

4444 SERVICE COMPANY (AC) THIRD ZONE
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
APO 58 (Nancy) U S ARMY

13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Case #9176 regarding Cpl.
Charles H. BOWEN, 34 254 584 and 2 other crew members

TO: Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, ETA, APO 58
U S Army

ATTN: Operations Officer

1. Investigation undertaken as directed in the communes of Amanvillers, Roncourt, and St Ail-Habonville failed to uncover any clues that might lead to the discovery of remains of subject decedents.

2. All possible sources of information contacted in above named communes concur in their assertions that no more American dead remain in this area.

3. Grave at "Lea Trous" referred to in statement of mayor of St. Ail-Habonville was checked but proved to be empty, the remains having been disinterred previously by unknown AGRC unit.

4. Your attention is invited to inclosed statements and copy of investigator's diary.

Incls:
4 Statements
1 diary

LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER
1st Lt. Inf
Commanding

(Moselle)
9176

I the undersigned, Emile Hagny, mayor of Amanvillers declared that I do not have any knowledge of the grave of an American soldier by the name of BOWEN Charles N., presumed to be killed on 9 September 1944 during the fightings for the village. As far as I know there are no more American graves in the territory of the commune.

By checking the communal records I made sure that no American papers which might be a clue to the existence of American graves, were left at the townhall.

Amanvillers, 27 May 1947

Town Stamp

/s/ E. Hagny

Certified true translation:

GERDA C PRUYS
Gr-4 10256
Translator

Case #468

Moselle
9176

We the undersigned, mayor of the commune of St. Ail (Lapointe Alexandre), having been in the commune during all the time of the occupation by American troops and the combat for the village of Amanviller, declared that I have never heard of an American soldier by the name of Bowen Charles M who is presumed to be killed in the neighborhood on 9 September 1944.

As far as I know there is a spot in the place called "Les Trous" which is still marked with a cross and an American helmet. I have a good reason to presume that the body was removed by an American team about June or July 1946, although I was never informed of this fact.

I advise you to resume your investigations at the townhall of Amanviller because I can only state that there are no American graves others than those mentioned above in the territory of my commune.

St. Ail 27 May 1947

The Mayor:

/s/ A. Lapointe

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS
Gr 4 -10256
Translator

Case #468

(Moselle)
9176

I, the undersigned, ARNOULD Louis, townhall's secretary at RONCOURT, certify to the best of my knowledge that there are no graves of American soldiers at Roncourt.

I have never heard of the American soldier BOWEN Charles, N. and state that, as the town of Roncourt was liberated on the 4th of September, it is very likely that the soldier concerned was killed in the vicinity of Amanvillers situated at 3km from Roncourt (and not Amonville which to me seems to be an erroneous name).

Roncourt, 27 May 1947

The Townhall's secretary

/s/ Arnould

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS
Gr 4 -10256
Translator

Case #468

(Moselle)
9176

I, the undersigned, HOUPERT Jean, Mayor of the commune of St. Marie-aux-Chenes, certify that to my knowledge there are no graves of American soldiers in the territory of this commune.

I have never heard of a soldier called BOWEN Charles as the commune was liberated on the 6th of September it is likely that he was killed during the combat in the vicinity of Amanvillers.

All the soldiers killed in action were removed afterwards by the American authorities.

St Marie-aux-Chenes, 27 May 1947

The Mayor:

Town Stamp

/s/ Houpert Jean

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS
Gr-4 10256
Translator

D I A R Y

27 May 1947

0930 Departed to Roncourt.

1130 Contacted townsecretary. Received statement.

1200 Contacted Mayor at St Marie-aux-Chenes (see statement)

1245 Proceeded to St Ail-Hablonville. Contacted mayor, Mr. Lapointe. Secured a statement according to which an isolated burial would still exist marked with wooden cross and American helmet. This was reported in due course through proper channel by mayor, and some Americans came on two occasions. The first time AGRC came to locate grave and it said to have taken away dogtag, handed over by Mr. JOUFFROY. The second time another team was seen passing by (May-June 1946) but did not report to anyone in the village. They took off about an hour later. It was found a few days afterward that a cross had been placed where body was buried. It is necessary a disinterring team be detailed on spot for final findings.

1500 Called on mayor at Armanvillers who delivered negative statement and declared that AGRC-personnel came last year but left no papers of disinterment. No burials on territory of above 4 communes (except the one referred to above).

1745. Back at Headquarters

11 June 1947


0915 Proceeded with disinterring team to St Ail-Habonville (see previous report on May 27).

Operations gave negative results. Met again with Mr. Jouffroy who confirmed having seen last spring (1946) AGRC unit carrying away a burial box from reported grave side.

1445. Returned Headquarters.

A certified true copy of
Mr. CARPENTIER's diary

LOUIS A BOCKSTAHLER
1st Lt. Inf

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>283</i> Pake, Harry B.			GRADE Pvt.		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34812187
ORGANIZATION Co. "B" 40th Tank Bn.		RACE White	CREED Hebrew	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 9 Sept 44	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Tank hit by Enemy Fire and Burned. France, vicinity of Metz.		
DATE OF FOD					
HEIGHT 5' 10"	WEIGHT 158	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Black	SHOE SIZE 11 C	
DENTAL CHART 27 July 48					
UPPER RIGHT X 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			UPPER LEFT X 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			LOWER LEFT X 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted O = Cavious 1 = Cavious Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS Not of Record			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK Not of Record		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION D/B 13 May 1944					
 <p>File JUN 7 1949 G. W. ROGERS Capt., QMC Identification Branch</p>					
ETO					

QMGMS 293
GRS European

7 June 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to your radio AGRC 1930 dated 22 March 1949.
2. T/Sgt Vincent L. Greathouse, 37181185, F/O William W. McKelvey, T-190580 and S/Sgt Dale P. Wilson, 18019784 are reported as Missing in Action over the Libyan Desert. OQMG Forms 371 on subject men have been forwarded to the Mediterranean Zone.
3. All available information on Kenneth L. Wolf, O-723856 was forwarded to your headquarters on 5 April 1949 and all available information on Ernest C. Stearns, 35211879 was forwarded on 28 March 1949.
4. There is no casualty record for John E. Costello, O-799856. Serial number O-799856 is assigned to 2/Lt Joseph E. Prozzano, Jr., who was killed in action on 1 December 1943 near Leutesdorf, Germany. Form 371 for 2/Lt Prozzano submitted herewith.
5. There is no casualty record for Americo E. Palladini, 34812987. Serial number ~~34812987~~²⁹³ is assigned to Pvt Harry B. Pake who was killed in action on 9 September 1944 in the vicinity of Metz, France. Form 371 for Pvt Pake submitted herewith.
6. There is no casualty record for Charles Campbell, O-9975. Serial number O-9975 is assigned to Richard F. Lussier who is not carried in casualty status.
7. Records in this Office reveal that remains of James H. Greene, 14032914 have been returned to the United States.

CGQMS 293
GRS European
SUBJECT: Additional Information

Ltr 7 June 1949

8. CGMG Forms 371, in duplicate submitted herewith for the following:

Badger, Herschel G.	Pfc	37731056
Bayne, Robert A.	Pfc	33890369
Booth, Everett E., Jr.	Capt	O-811845
Bresler, Francis W.	Pfc	31410163
Caminitti, Harry W.	S/Sgt	33680078
Coök, Clarence W.	2/Lt	O-2059229
Difranks, Joseph C.	2/Lt	O-716593
Dagman, Kenneth J.	Pfc	39327565
Doherty, Loyola F.	2/Lt	O-723516
Dorris, John T.	S/Sgt	13107538
Fowler, Harold D.	Pvt	34812187
Francis, Lewis C.	E/O	T-185022
Ginter, Louie B.	T/4	35131401
Griffith, Robert J.	S/Sgt	32269947
Gunderson, Jerome A., Jr.	S/Sgt	37660284
Harnett, Robert J.	Pvt	20620531
Hollis, Terrell L.	2/Lt	O-718184
Holt, Richard R.	1/Lt	O-760312
Kantsler, Confad L.	1/Lt	O-805163
Mix, Kenneth J.	2/Lt	O-721490
Montelone, Gaspar J.	Pfc	32503171
McCoy, William G.	Sgt	20704065
Parker, Elbert J.	1/Lt	O-717491
Payne, James E.	Pfc	34606860
Rogers, Ronald D.	Sgt	38516215
Skipper, Gilbert W.	S/Sgt	6998909
Suleski, Anthony A.	T/5	32153649
Verdi, Ralph	T/5	32461147
Weieneth, Arlynn E.	1/Lt	O-723942
Welsh, Dale J.	Pvt	36967800
Wheatley, Dwight C.	T/Sgt	11084846
Wyckoff, John J.	2/Lt	O-694756

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

34 Incls:
Incls 1-11 CGMG Forms 371
(in dup)
Incls 12-34 CGMG Forms 371
(in dup) w/Dental Recs. Atch.

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

OQMG DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC
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FR QMGMS REUR AGRC 9930 DATED 22 MARCH 1949

RECORDS REVEAL SN 0799856 BELONGS TO JOSEPH EASY PREZZANO JR INSTEAD
OF JOHN EASY COSTELLO SMCIN SN 34812987 BELONGS TO ²⁹³ ¹³ HARRY EASY PAKE INSTEAD
OF AMERICO EASY PALLADINI AMCIN SN 11084846 BELONGS TO DWIGHT CHARLIE
WHEATLEY INSTEAD OF ARTHUR EASY WEINETH PD REQUEST CLARIFICATION

AGRC 9930 IS MC IN NO 74686 (22 Mar 49)

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QMGMS CAPT. G. ROGERS X-72000
293 GRS (EUROPEAN)

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APR 49

J. G. HOLLOWAY, LT. COL. QMC
MEMORIAL DIVISION

2814

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED				
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>PAKE, HARRY B.</i>			GRADE <i>PVT.</i>		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>34812987</i>	
ORGANIZATION <i>Co. B, 40 Tank Bn.</i>		RACE <i>WHITE</i>	CREED <i>HEBREW</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)		
DATE OF DEATH/MTA <i>9 Sept 44</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>KIA</i>		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>Near Metz, France</i>			
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT <i>70 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>158</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Black</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>11C</i>	
DENTAL CHART DATE <i>27 July 43</i>						
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None</i>			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <i>None</i>			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>None</i> <i>3/B 13 May 24</i>						
The Tank caught fire and burned, and there was no trace of Pvt. Pake after the fire had burned down.						
FILE JUN 3 1949 G. W. Rogers Capt. JMC						

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NAME

Prof Harry B Pake 34 8/2 987

SERIAL NO.

34812987

This person has been authenticated as Jewish by the Bureau of War Records of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

12/2/45

DATE

(Signed)

HSTm

For the Bureau of War Records
National Jewish Welfare Board

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

7/1/48

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>PAKE, HARRY B.</i>		GRADE <i>PVT.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>34812187</i>
ORGANIZATION <i>Co. "B", 40TH TANK BN.</i>	RACE <i>WHITE</i>	CREED <i>HEBREW</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>9-SEP-44</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>K.I.A.</i>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>FRANCE</i>	
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT <i>5'10"</i>	WEIGHT <i>158 lbs.</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BROWN</i>
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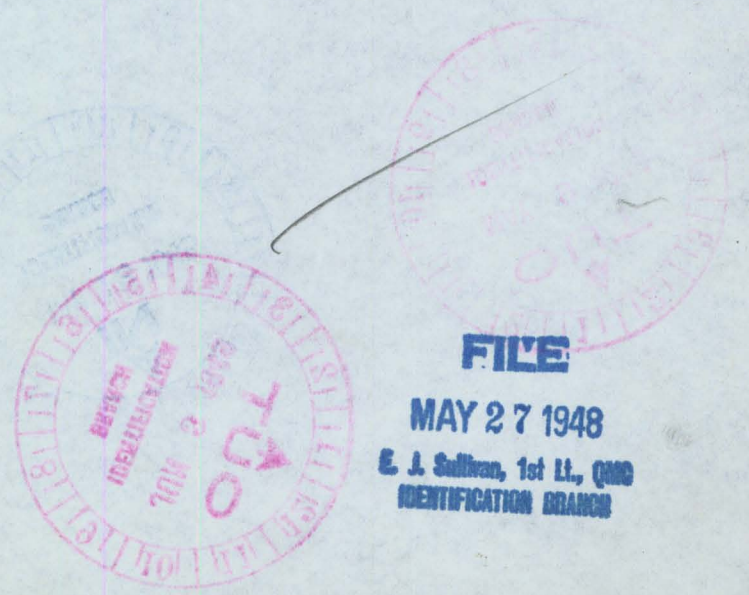
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>PAKE, Harry B</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>34812987</i>		GRADE <i>Pvt</i>
HEIGHT <i>5'10"</i>	WEIGHT <i>158</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Black</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>11C</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>9 Sep 44</i>

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

Co. "B", 40th Tank Bn.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA *crew member of tank hit by AT Gun, tank burned, in France. No trace of body after fire.*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>RC, Ft. McPherson, Ga</i>	<i>Aug 43</i>
<i>RTC, Ft. Knox, Ky.</i>	<i>Aug 43 to Jan 44</i>
<i>ABFRD#1, Ft. Det. S. Meade, Md.</i>	<i>Jan 44</i>

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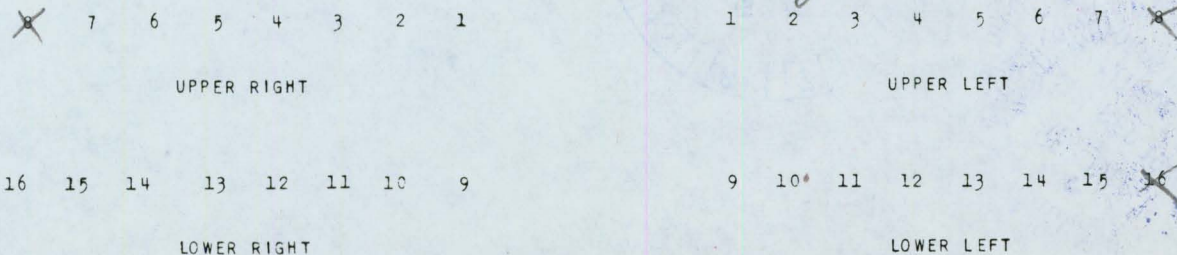
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TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

Not of Rec

DENTAL CHART *27 Jul 43*



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SPQEL 293
(Pake, Harry B.,
Pvt.)

1691

4 June 1945.

1691
Honorable Lister Hill,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Further reference is made to your inquiry in behalf of Mr. B. H. Pake, Staples-Pake-Griffin, Ltd., P. O. Box 146, Mobile, Alabama, who desires information regarding the burial and personal effects of his son, Private Harry B. Pake, who was killed in action on 9 September 1944 in France.

It is deeply regretted that, although a thorough investigation was conducted in the Theater of Operations in which Private Pake was serving, his remains have not been recovered.

Mr. Pake may be assured, however, that the Graves Registration Units will endeavor to locate the graves of our deceased military personnel and this practice will continue until we are reasonably sure that every effort to locate the graves has been exhausted.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Very truly yours,

JAMES V. HUNT,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
				DATE
1	LIAISON BRANCH OPC DIVISION			
2				
3				

1. Senator Hill should be advised that it is regretted that information has been received from the area in which the late Private Harry B. Pake was serving that his remains have not been recovered. It is our sincere hope that in the future it will be possible to recover and inter his remains, and if so, he will be notified.

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FROM: mlh	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
		MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25 D.C.		30 May 45
				TELEPHONE

Q-GRE (18 May 45.)

1st Ind.

RWP/gd

OCQM, HQ COM Z, ETO, APO 887, U.S. ARMY.

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

30 MAY 1945

This office has never received a Report of Burial for Pvt Harry B. Pake, A.S.N. 34812987, and so far as is known, his remains have not been recovered.

OUT
20 MAY 1945
OCQM, APO 887
4814

R Mac Donnell
ROBERT M. LITTLEJOHN,
Major General USA,
Chief Quartermaster.

REMOVAL SECTION
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WAR DEPARTMENT
MESSAGEFORM

Date 26 April 1945

S.N. 34 812 987

File No. SPQYG 293 Pake, Harry B.

Telephone No. _____

Office of origin Memorial Division, Planning and Registration
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Address Tempo "C", Washington 25, D. C.

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Commanding General, Comzone
European Theater of Operations
APO 887, % Postmaster
New York, New York
FOR: The Chief Quartermaster

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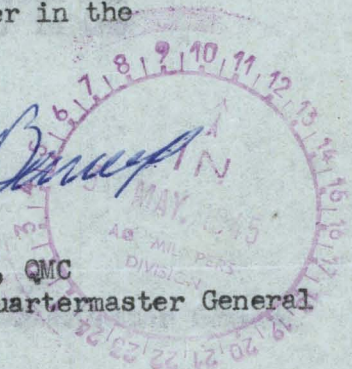
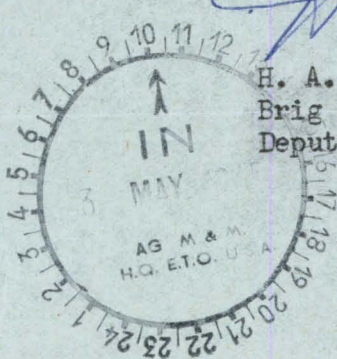
MESSAGE:

1. It is requested that this office be advised as to whether or not the remains of the late Private Harry B. Pake, S.N. 34 812 987, have been recovered and interred, as to date a report of interment has not been received.

2. The records of this office show that Private Pake was reported Missing in Action from 9 September 1944 until such absence was terminated on 14 March 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a Commander in the European Area.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

H. A. BARNES
Brig General, QMC
Deputy The Quartermaster General



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MAIL & RECORDS DIVISION O O M C

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
				DATE
1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		
2	KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI			
3	293 Pake, Harry B			

34,812,987

For necessary action.

PIERCE
 Orig. fwd. to K.C. by this office, RJB

1 Incl.

Ltr dtd 26 Mar 45

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
	rp			26 Apr 45
MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25, D. C.				TELEPHONE

SPQEL 293
(Pake, Harry B., Pvt.)

30 April 1945.

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Honorable Lister Hill,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., has forwarded to this office for further reply, your inquiry in behalf of Mr. B. H. Pake, Staples-Pake-Griffin, Ltd., P. O. Box 146, Mobile, Alabama, who desires information regarding the burial and personal effects of his son, Private Harry B. Pake, who was killed in action on 9 September 1944 in France.

It is regretted that a burial report for Private Pake has not, as yet, been received in this office. However, an effort is being made to obtain that report, and upon its receipt, you will be further informed.

Since the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, has been designated to receive and ship the personal effects of our military personnel who die or are missing outside the continental limits of the United States, your communication has been forwarded to that Depot for direct reply to you regarding the personal effects of Private Pake.

Lieutenant General Edmund B. Gregory, The Quartermaster General, requests that you express his deep personal sympathy to Mr. Pake, and the other members of the family, in their great sorrow.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Very truly yours,

JAMES V. HUNT,
Lt. Colonel, C.M.C.,
Assistant.



Handwritten notes and signatures:
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G. V. G.
HALL & CO. JAMES V. HUNT

JVH/fo
Ex. 2644.

OQMG FORM 72
19 July 1944

(DO NOT REMOVE THIS MEMORANDUM FROM PAPERS)

WAR DEPARTMENT, O.Q.M.G.

293 Pake, Harry

DATE: 23 April 1945. FILE NO: B., Pvt. RED NO: 5091
SUBJECT: Transmittal Sheet, A.G.O.
FROM: Liaison Branch, OP&C TO: Memorial Division.

- NOTE: 1. Acknowledgment has been sent to the Member of Congress, stating that a full reply will be sent him as soon as practicable.
2. The QM General desires that replies to Congressional inquiries be EXPEDITED.
3. Please furnish to Liaison Branch, Organization Planning & Control Division, information on which to base reply.
4. Attach all records necessary for intelligent action.

HUNT

DATE: 26 April 1945

FILE: SPQYG 293
Pake, Harry B.
S.N. 34 812 987

FROM: Memorial Division

TO : Liaison Branch, OPC Division

1. Senator Hill should be advised that information pertaining to the burial of the remains of the late Pvt Pake has not been received in this office. However, an effort is being made to obtain a report covering the disposition of his remains and upon receipt of such information the Senator will be advised.

2. In view of the fact that the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, has been designated to receive and ship the personal effects of our deceased military personnel outside the United States, a copy of his letter is being forwarded to that office for reply.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES

TRANSMITTAL SHEET20 April 1945 *lag*

TO	Director, Memorial Division, OQMG., Room 1007, Tempo 6, Washington, D.C.	
	(Service, division, or organization)	(Location)
DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED COMMUNICATION	(Branch or unit)	(Attention)
	Honorable Lister Hill, United States Senate	26 Mar 45
	(Originator)	(Addressee)
	Private Harry B. Pake, 34812987	AGPO-G 201
FROM	(Subject)	(File No.)
	Casualty Branch, AGO, Room 4646, Munitions Building	79879
	(Service, division, or organization)	(Location)
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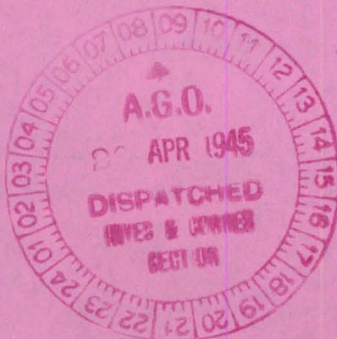
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AGFC-G 201 Pake, Harry B.
(26 Mar 45) 34812987

20 April 1945

Honorable Lister Hill

United States Senate

Dear Senator Hill:

In my letter of 4 April 1945, I stated that information was being secured for reply at the earliest possible date to your inquiry of 26 March 1945, in behalf of Mr. B. H. Pake, Staples-Pake-Griffin, Ltd., Post Office Box 146, Mobile, Alabama, concerning his son, Private Harry B. Pake, who was killed in action on 9 September 1944.

I appreciate the desire of Mr. Pake to be advised as to the names of any witnesses who certified the death of his son. It is regretted that this information is not available since particulars of this nature are not usually included in the official reports of death submitted by our overseas commanders. You have my assurance, however, that these commanders consider all existing factors and no casualty message pertaining to the status of our military personnel is forwarded unless the evidence is considered to be conclusive. The records reveal that Private Pake's former organization, Company B, 40th Tank Battalion, was actively engaged against the enemy in Belgium as late as 26 February 1945, but no prior release had been made regarding the place in which this organization was operating. In compliance with Mr. Pake's request, the following information is given concerning the military personnel serving with his son together with the names and addresses of their "emergency addressees":

Mrs. Helen Goldie,
Route #3
Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Wife of First Lieutenant
William Goldie,
01010069.

Mrs. Betty M. Bernard,
504 South 11th Street,
Brainerd, Minnesota.

Wife of Staff Sergeant
Robert E. Bernard,
37307537.

AGPC-G 201 Pake, Harry B.
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Mrs. Alma S. Dedmon,
RFD #3,
Bells, Tennessee.

Mother of Sergeant
Fred Dedmon,
34192614.

Mrs. Antionette Rimsky,
517 North Street, East,
Mauchchunk, Pennsylvania.

Wife of Sergeant
Charles J. Rimsky, Jr.,
33172689.

The wish of Mr. Pake to be advised regarding the burial of his son's remains as well as the disposition of his personal belongings is most understandable. Permit me to explain that The Quartermaster General, this city, is concerned with matters of this nature and has been asked to make further direct reply to you in this respect.

Your interest in Private Pake is most considerate and his family has my heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO

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Major General
The Adjutant General

20 April 1945 laj

Director, Memorial Division, OQMG., Room 1007, Tempo C, Washington, D.C.

Honorable Lister Hill, United States Senate

26 Mar 45

Private Harry B. Pake, 34812987

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Casualty Branch, AGO, Room 4646, Munitions Building

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UNITED STATES SENATE

March 26, 1945

General J. A. Ulio
The Adjutant General
War Department
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear General Ulio:

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5. Names of two witnesses who certified to his death.
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7. After more than 6 months why haven't I received personal belongings.

I shall greatly appreciate your furnishing me any information you may be able to secure in this connection.

Thanking you and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

/s/ Lister Hill

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

REPORT OF DEATHDATE 2 April 1945 DMB

FULL NAME <u>Pake, Harry B.</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>34 812 987</u>	GRADE <u>Pvt</u>										
HOME ADDRESS <u>Mobile, Alabama</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Armored Forces</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>13 May 24</u>										
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>	CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>9 Sept 44</u>										
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>27 July 1943</u>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS										
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Jeanne W. Pake (her mother) Post Office Box 146, Mobile, Alabama</u>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Jeanne W. Pake (mother) same as above</u> <u>Anne Pake (sister) same as mother 70 North Monterey St., Mobile, Ala.</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)	
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is being held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 9 Sept 44, until such absence was terminated on 14 March 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was rec'd by the Secretary of War from a Commander in the European Area.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

C. J. Whitcraft

DMB
11 APR 1945

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				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
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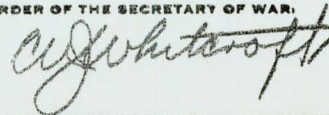
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ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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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 MRS JEANNE W. PAKE	RELATIONSHIP MOTHER	DATE NOTIFIED 25 SEPT 1944 ELB
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE 70 NORTH MONTEREY STREET MOBILE ALABAMA		

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May 5, 1945

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United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

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This Bureau has not received any property of decedent to date. However, it is reasonable to assume that his belongings will be received here. Transportation delays generally are encountered in the return of personal effects from overseas. It is unlikely that any of his property will reach here before the latter part of June. Promptly upon receipt, disposal action will be taken.

I appreciate your interest in this case.

Sincerely,

W. F. HISHMAN
Major Q.M.C. ✓
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
				DATE
1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU			
2	KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI			
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

For necessary action.

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Ltr dtd 26 Mar 45

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
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				TELEPHONE
	MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25, D. C.			

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