

293 POLIFKA, PETER 33 172 569

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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)

POLIFKA, PETER

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

33 172 569

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

9 SEPT 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

SIMON

DATE

22 MAR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

KATZ

DATE

23 MAR 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME		GRADE	SERIAL NO.
POLIFKA, Peter		Pvt	33 172 569
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vic of Mannville, France	CASE NUMBER 15063
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>243</i> Polifka, Peter	RANK Pvt	SERIAL NUMBER 33 172 569
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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 UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>E. M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

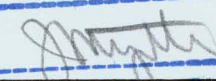
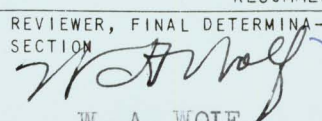
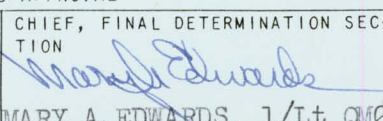
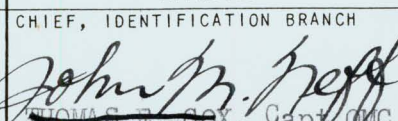
NAME OF CASE ANALYST

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

E. Miller

W. Edwards

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		NUMBER
		15063 (1)
		AREA OR ZONE(S)
		European
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
Polifka, Peter	Pvt	33 172 569
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	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION
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		
NAN File MAR 1 1951  Identification Branch		
NAME OF CASE ANALYST	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
Vincent A. Thomas Vincent A. Thomas/cwt		
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	 JOHN B. JEFF, Capt QMC
		28 Feb 51

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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. MULVANI, Lt.Col. 0-359598, QMC</u>	<u>s/James C. MacFarland JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, 0-1576321, QMC</u>
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<u>s/ George Gunderman, Jr. GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, 0-1289071, QMC</u>	<u>CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. 0-1040311, QMC</u>
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<u>LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt 0-1543042, MSC/QMC</u>	<u>JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. 0-1055924, QMC</u>
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<u>ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt. 0-1288075, QMC</u>	<u>ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, 0-1599085, QMC</u>
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<u>s/ John A. Boutin JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt 0-947298, QMC</u>	
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A TRUE COPY:

Robert G. Lay

<u>ROBERT G. LAY</u>
Maj QMC

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

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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 2b, 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: QMG 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. MULVANY, 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.,

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 S. Lay
ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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
Lewis, Jack H.	Sgt	32253215
Wallace, Florian	Pfc	35475026
Glazier, Bernard J.	Pvt	36333128
<u>Polifka, Peter</u>	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:

* * *

"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 your 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.

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) *B Polifka, Peter* GRADE *PVT* PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER *33172569*

ORGANIZATION *Co, C, 40th TNR. BN.* RACE *W.* CREED *C.* FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA *9-SEPT.-44* CAUSE OF DEATH *F.O.D* PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA *MALANCOURT, FR.*
 DATE OF FOD *10-SEPT-45*

HEIGHT *5'6"* WEIGHT *155 lbs.* COLOR EYES *BROWN* COLOR HAIR *BROWN* SHOE SIZE *8 1/2 - E*

79-18-AUG-43. DENTAL CHART *7 Mar 42.*

UPPER RIGHT *8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1* UPPER LEFT *1 2 3 4 5 6 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 *None* TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK *None*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *BORN - 4-July-'17*

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT Ft. Benning, Ga. ASN 32172569		(1) SURNAME Polifka, Peter	(2) CHRISTIAN NAME (NMI)	(3) RANK Pvt.	(4) COMPANY 40th A.R.	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	(6) AGE YEARS 24	(7) RACE W.	(8) NATIVITY Pa.	(9) SERVICE YEARS 1-6/12	(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS		
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Dental Corps, U. S. A.
 Form 79 - MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
 (Revised Feb. 24, 1941)
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ORGANIZATION Co. "C" 40th Tnk. Bn.		RACE WHITE	CREED CATHOLIC	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 9-SEPT.-44	CAUSE OF DEATH F.O.D.		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA MALANCOURT, FR.		
DATE OF FOD 10-SEPT.-45	HEIGHT 5'6"	WEIGHT 155 lbs	COLOR EYES BROWN	COLOR HAIR BROWN	SHOE SIZE 8 1/2-E
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS NONE			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK NONE		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BORN - 4-JULY-17					
<p style="text-align: right;">file MAR 25 1949 G. W. Rogers Capt., QMC Identification Branch</p>					

AIRMAIL

25 March 1949

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SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

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

1. There are attached hereto, in duplicate, OQMG Forms 371 (covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster General and in addition to any previous information forwarded by this Office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individuals:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Pile, Porter H.	2nd Lt.	0 719 140
Prees, David P.	2nd Lt.	0 735 147
Prescott, Walter A. S.	1st Lt.	0 722 153
Owen, George W.	Pvt.	36 987 023
Pollard, Oscar	Pfc.	35 681 500
Palmer, Dolwood B.	T/5	35 655 172
Polifka, Peter	Pvt.	33 172 562
Parks, George H.	2nd Lt.	0 751 951
Pedersen, Perry G.	S/sgt.	7 071 226
O'Toole, Edward L.	Pfc.	39 116 433
Philp, Robert H.	Sgt.	19 112 032

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this Office in accordance with provisions of letter, The Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject, Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

11 Incls
 Incls 1-3 OQMG Forms 371 (in dup)
 w/FPDIP's attachd
 Incls 4-11 OQMG Forms 371 (in dup)

T. S. METZ
 Lt. Colonel, OQMG
 Memorial Division

AIRMAIL

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED #1-R		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) POLIFKA, PETER.		GRADE PVT.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 33172569	
ORGANIZATION Co. AC 1 40th Tnk. Bn.	RACE W	CREED C	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 9-SEPT.-44	CAUSE OF DEATH F.O.D.	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA MALANCOURT, FR.		
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BORN: 4-JULY-1917 Dental form.				

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Polli FKA, Peter</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>33172569</i>	GRADE <i>Pvt</i>	
HEIGHT <i>5'6"</i>	WEIGHT <i>155</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>8 1/2 E</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>10 Sept 45</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co C 40 Tank Bn

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
MIA at MALANCOURT, France

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Camp Polk</i>	<i>March - Nov 42</i>
<i>Ft. Benning</i>	<i>Sept 43</i>
	<i>217</i>

FROM: HQ, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>None</i>
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DENTAL CHART *7 Mar 42*

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 UPPER RIGHT	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UPPER LEFT
X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 LOWER RIGHT	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 X LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED O - CARIOUS / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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 Private Peter Polifka, Army Serial Number 33,172,569, 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	PAYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-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)			
4 Jul 1917	Wilburton, Pennsylvania	7 Mar 1942	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Natalie Polifka	Mother	308 Third Street Wilburton, Pennsylvania

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Natalie Polifka	Mother	308 Third Street Wilburton, Pennsylvania
Mr. George Polifka	Father	308 Third Street Wilburton, Pennsylvania

REMARKS

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

12 SEP 1945

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FINAL REPORT

REPORT OF DEATH No. 200

DATE 3 April 1950 abk

FULL NAME Polifka, Peter		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 33 172 569	GRADE Pvt
HOME ADDRESS Wilburton, Pennsylvania		ARM OR SERVICE Inf.	DATE OF BIRTH 4 July 1917
PLACE OF DEATH France	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 9 Sept. 1944
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 7 March 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS. MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Natalie Polifka, mother, 308 Third Street, Wilburton 1, Pennsylvania

BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Natalie Polifka, mother, address same as above
Mr. George Polifka, father, address same as above

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

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE
 NON-BATTLE

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.

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 ADJUTANT GENERAL