



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED

PERSONNEL FILE

Leonard A. Reamer
Sergeant
36167820
WWII

293 REAMER, LEONARD A. 36,167,820.SGT. AMD. EUROPEAN AREA (MICH)

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH France		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Reamer, Leonard A.	RANK Set	SERIAL NUMBER 36167820
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
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	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

APPROVED

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

DATE

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MARY A. EDWARDS
1st Lt., OMC

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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)

REAMER, LEONARD A

RANK

SGT

SERIAL NUMBER

36167820

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

9 SEPT 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

MCCRAY

DATE

26 MAR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

RAGSDANE

DATE

27 MAR 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME		GRADE	SERIAL NO.
Reamer, Leonard A.		Sgt	36 167 820
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QMCMF 293
Reamer, Leonard A.
SN 36 167 820

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8 February 1950

Mrs. Laura Reamer
8756 Homer Avenue
Detroit 9, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Reamer:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Sergeant Leonard A. Reamer, has come to my attention.

Our records indicate that Technician Fifth Grade James W. Logan and Private Robert Millerwise, who were members of your son's tank crew, survived the casualty. Inasmuch as The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over the addresses of members of your son's organization, I am forwarding your letter to that office for further reply to you.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time if you believe we can assist you further.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. VOGL
Captain, GIC
Memorial Division

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MAIL ROOM
BRANCH

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cc: AGO



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Reamer, Leonard A.
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Request for Addresses

The Adjutant General
Personnel Actions Branch
Casualty Section
Room 1 D 675
Pentagon Building

QMCM
Memorial Division
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Corres Section

8 February 1950

Smith
Ext 4428

1. The attached letter from Mrs. Laura Reamer is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.
2. Mrs. Reamer has been advised of this reference as evidenced by the attached copy of our reply.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

- 2 Incls
1. Ltr dtd 2 Feb 50
 2. Cy ltr dtd 8 Feb 50

J. F. VOGL
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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JFV

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MEMORIAL DIVISION
PERSONNEL ACTIONS BRANCH

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (<i>Cemetery and Country</i>)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (<i>Cemetery and Country</i>)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS Laura Reamer MRS.	ADDRESS (<i>Street, City, State</i>) 8756 Homer Avenue Detroit 9, Michigan		
RELATIONSHIP Mother Mother			

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Reamer, Leonard A.

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
165-A	<p>Our records indicate that T/5 James W. Logan and Pvt Robert Millerwise, who were members of son's tank crew, survived the casualty. Inasmuch as the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over the addresses of members of your son's organization, I am referring to copy your letter to that office for further direct reply to you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>forwarding</i></p>
166-E	<p>CE - AGO</p> <p>-----</p> <p>2ND ACTION</p> <p>Disposition to AGO</p> <p>1. The attached letter from Mrs. Laura Reamer is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.</p> <p>2. Mrs. Reamer has been advised of this reference as evidenced by the attached copy of our reply reply.</p> <p>1 In cl Ltr dtd 2 Feb 50 w/OOMG reply</p> <p>Please make cy of incoming for our files.</p>

GRADE

Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

36 167 820

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE
R 2-7-50

TYPIST INITIALS

REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE

COPY

Detroit, Michigan
Feb. 2, 1950.

Lt. Colonel,
L. W. Allen,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter regarding my son, Leonard A. Reamer, S. N. 36167820. First I want to thank you very much for sending me the information about him.

My son was a member of Co. 73 - 40th Tank Battalion, and you stated that his tank was hit by an anti-tank gun, that set his tank afire, and that two of the men escaped but they did not see my son get out. So they have come to a conclusion that my son's body was completely destroyed or that he was seriously wounded.

Therefore would it not be possible that he may still be in some overseas hospital? I pray to God he is, and that we may yet see him one day. I have never stopped waiting for him and I never will because I still have hopes and a feeling that he is alive somewhere.

So Col. Allen I would be forever grateful to you if you would send me the names and addresses of the two men that escaped from that tank. Then I would write to them and perhaps they would tell me something about my son that would ease my mind a little.

Thank you again, and I would so appreciate a reply to this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Laura Reamer,
8756 Homer Avenue,
Detroit 9, Michigan.

QMGEF 293
Reamer, Leonard A.
SN 36 167 820 ✓

27 January 1950

Mrs. Laura Reamer
8756 Homer Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Reamer:

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 Sergeant Leonard A. Reamer.

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.

QMGMF 293
Reamer, Leonard A.
SN 36 167 820

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

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BHJ/bc

cc:AGO

M. J. Allen

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JAN 27 1950
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QMCMF 293
Reamer, Leonard A.
SN 36 167 820

27 January 1950

Mrs. Mary Reamer
796 Woodmere Street
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Reamer:

The Department of the Army desires that you be informed of the final determination of the investigation in the case of your husband, the late Sergeant Leonard A. Reamer.

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 husband 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 husband 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 husband 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
Reamer, Leonard A.
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27 January 1950

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Sincerely yours,

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

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BHJ/bc

cc:AGO

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[Signature]



NON-RECOVERABLE CASE: RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		E NUMBER 12561 (3)
		AREA OR ZONE(S) Europe
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
Reamer, Leonard A.	Sgt	36 167 820
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.	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		
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/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
		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

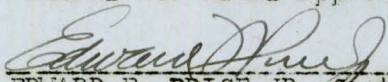
The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO No.33, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U.S. Army, 22 Mar 1948, as amended by par 1, SO 43, Hq AGRC dated 19 April 1949 and par 4, SO 92, Hq AGRC dated 17 August 1949, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on - 8 DEC. 1949. The purpose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

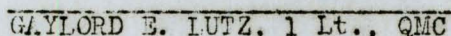
The board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered,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

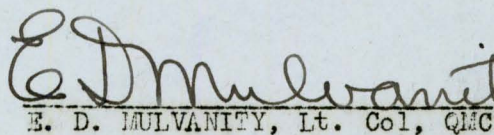
CASE NO	NAME	ASN	GRADE
3	BOWEN, Charles H.	34254584	Cpl
	PAKE, Harry B.	34812987	Pvt
	REAMER, Leonard A.	36167820	Sgt

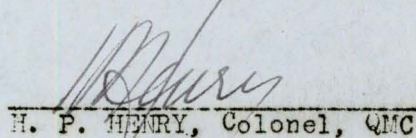
FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties, are non recoverable.

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. MULVANITY, 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 EUROM 1948 as amended by Sec 14 Weekly Dir 46 Hq EUROM 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

THE SECRETARY
E. W. BROWN, JR.
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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

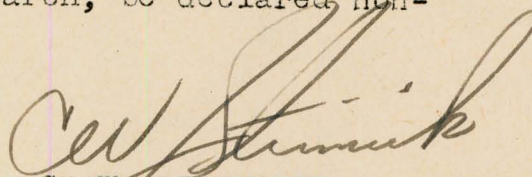
SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above mentioned unresolved casualties comprised part of the crew of a tank which was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Metz, France on 9 Sept. 1944. This tank was in a defensive position when it was fired upon by the enemy and suffered a direct hit from an anti-tank 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) REAMER, Leonard A.		GRADE Sgt	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 36167820
ORGANIZATION Co "B" 40th Tank Bn	RACE white	CREED Protestant	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 9 Sept 1944	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Vicinity of Metz, France	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT 66 $\frac{1}{4}$"	WEIGHT 158 lbs	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Brown
		SHOE SIZE 9 D	

DENTAL CHART 22 June 1942

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

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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:

/s/ Houpert Jean

Town Stamp

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

H MEYER

Identification Section
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade	
REAMER	LEONARD	A	36 167 820	SGT	
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size	Date of Death
66 1/4	158	BLUE	BROWN	9D	9 SEPT 44

Last Organization to which atchd or asgd (Give complete designation)

CO B 40th TANK BN

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

MIA VICINITY METZ, FRANCE

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION	DATES
FT CUSTER MICH	JAN 42
CAMP POLK LA	JAN 42
FT BENNING GA	SEPT 43

Fractures and/or Breaks

NONE

Tattoos and/or Birth marks

NONE

DENTAL CHART 22 JAN 42

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Upper Right

1 2 3 X 5 6 7 8

Upper Left

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Lower Right

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Lower Left

X - Extracted

O - Carious

/ - Carious non-restorable

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FROM W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH

NO RECORDS ON FILE

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

GRADE

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

RACE

CREED

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

CAUSE OF DEATH

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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MAY 25 1948

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

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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293 Reamey Leonard A.
36/67820

For necessary action.

XPIERCE PRENN

JK

2 Incl.

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Orig. fwd. to K. C. by this office, CTB ✓

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
			if:	23 Nov 45
				TELEPHONE

MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION
BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SPQYG 293

Reamer, Leonard A.
S.N. 36 167 820

23 November 1945

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. C. Reamer
8756 Homer
Detroit 9, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Reamer:

Your letter of recent date requesting information concerning your son, the late Sergeant Leonard A. Reamer, has been received in this office.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, GPC
Assistant

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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Beamer, Leonard A., S.N. 36 167 820

1st Ind.

ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

23 November 1945

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

Forwarded for reply to so much thereof as pertains to your office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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C. C. PIERCE
Captain, OMC
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JAMES L. PRENN
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Detroit, Michigan.

Nov. 1, 1945. P.

Quartermaster General -

Dear Sir,

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 I am the mother of Sgt. Leonard A. Reamer
 A. S. N. 36167820, whose overseas address was
 Co. B. 40th Tank Bn. A. P. O. 257-70 New York.
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 18th 1945 saying that he lost his life on
 Sept. 9, 1944. After repeated writings to his
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The American Legion also tried to find
out some information but were unsuccessful.
So if you will please write and tell
me what you can, I will be forever
grateful to you.

Thanking You,
I am

Mrs. C. Reamer,
8756 Homer,

Detroit 9 Michigan

P.S. Will you also please tell me if all of the
7th Armored have returned to the U.S.?

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE **24 April 45 MFE**

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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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. MARY REAMER				WIFE							
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE											
796 WOODMERE STREET				DETROIT				MICHIGAN			

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RTB:JS:mb
December 11, 1945

Mrs. Laura Reamer
8756 Homer Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Reamer:

Your inquiries directed to The Quartermaster General have been referred to the Army Effects Bureau for reply in connection with the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Leonard A. Reamer.

We have carefully checked our records and regret to state that we have not received any information regarding his belongings.

All War Department agencies are under instructions to forward personal effects of military personnel to this Bureau, and I wish to assure you that if any property is received, prompt disposition will be made.

Yours very truly,

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

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

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2	KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI			
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For necessary action.

~~PIERCE~~

PRENN

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



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Sincerely yours,

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Major, QMC
Assistant

J. L. P. 11/23/45

C
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YDetroit, Michigan
Nov. 1, 1945

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8756 Homer

Detroit, 9, Michigan

P.S. Will you also please tell me if all of the 7th Armored have re-
turned to the U. S.?

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