

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman, Captain Beryle B. Bossman's Mother, stated in a letter to this office that a fellow officer, "Joe Ford" had written her son's wife, *Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman,* a letter, telling her of Captain - Bossman's death, and sending pictures of USMC, Champigneul. (77)

The roster of officers of the 434th. Armored Field Artillery Bn. as of the 20th. August 1944, through 15th. September 1944, was searched for an officer "Joe Ford." The following name and address was found:

Mr. Joe Manning Ford)	Assigned to 754th. F. A. Bn.,
)	Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri,
1924 Columbia)	November 1943.
)	Released from active duty 4 October 1946.
Lawton, Oklahoma.)	

Are you the officer to whom the mother referred?

Capt. Bossman was Commanding Officer of Battery C, 434th. Armored Field Artillery, 7th. Armored Division, Third United States Army, at the time of his death in the vicinity of Epernay, France, 28 August 1944.

Can you recall whether or not the deceased was wearing brown paratroop jump shoes and what disposition was made of the remains?

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FM ACTG DIR CLAIMS SVC VAC STPAUL MINN

TO OFF OF QMG WASHDC

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ATTN WARDLE MEMORIAL DIV REGISTRATION BR

RETEL OCT 18 XC 3 701 969 ²⁹³ BERYLE B BOSSMAN CMA WIDOW MRS BERNIGE

M BOSSMAN UNREARRIED RESIDING 3209 GEORGIA AVENUE MINNEAPOLIS

16 MINNESOTA PD MOTHER MRS CLARA J BOSSMAN DIED MARCH 4 1951

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TELETYPE SECTION STATION
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MEMORIAL DIVISION

X-7, Champigneul, Plot A, Row 6, Grave 130:

Check List dated 6 April 1945:

Est. Height:	Impossible to determine
Est. Weight:	Impossible to determine
Color of Hair:	Small quantity found on portion of skull, appears to be Brown.
Race:	White
Cause of Death:	Cremation
Was Body Burned?	Yes -- burned entirely, beyond recognition
Any Parts Missing or Severed?	Yes

Description and Sizes of Clothing:

Paratrooper's Jump Shoes -- Size 7-C
Portion of Pants -- Inseam was found "W-4872" and "W-2282."
Portion of OD Shirt
Portion of White Cotton Shorts

Measurements and Characteristics of Skeleton:

Remains insufficient to give information.

Undated Check List accomplished at the time remains were disinterred
from Champigneul Cemetery:

Remnants only of Officer's Brown Shirt, badly torn
Remnants only of Officer's Brown Trousers, "W 53531-3," "W 33421-5,"
"W 48724" stamped in Waist.
Only twelve inches of Brown Web Belt.
Brown, Light Wool Type, Socks -- estimated size -- 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brown Paratroop Shoes, Size 7-C -- badly worn.
7th. Armored Patch on left shoulder
Build: Medium
Hair: Impossible to distinguish
No teeth, head crushed.

REMARKS: Approximately twenty pounds of mutilated bones remaining. Body
does not appear to have been burned. Indications show deceased could have
been blown or torn apart.

QMC Form 1044 dated 28 October 1948:

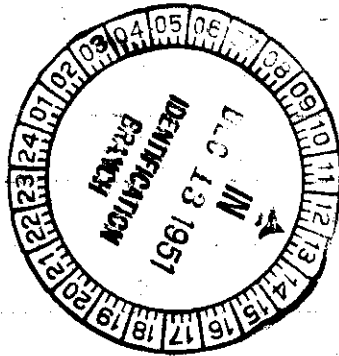
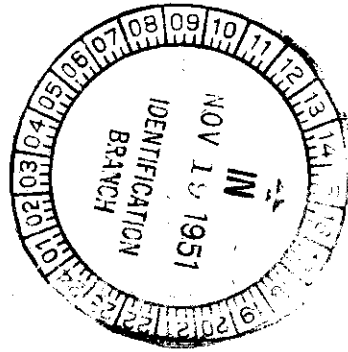
Weight of Reprocessed Remains:	10 Lbs.
Est. Height:	5'6"
Hair:	None
Was Body Burned?	No

Teeth found among remains.
No Clothing
Previously processed by Repatriation.

DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

UNKNOWN	NAME
x-7 (Champigneul) A-6-130	
R-8	R-8
R-7 MAXILLA	R-7
R-6	R-6
R-5	R-5
R-4	R-4
R-3	R-3
R-2	R-2
R-1 AND	R-1
L-1	L-1
L-2 TEETH	L-2
L-3	L-3
L-4	L-4
L-5	L-5
L-6	L-6
L-7	L-7
L-8 MISSING	L-8
R-16 PX	R-16
R-15 PX	R-15
R-14 SECTION OF MANDIBLE	R-14
R-13	R-13
R-12	R-12
R-11	R-11
R-10	R-10
R-9 AND	R-9
L-9 TEETH	L-9
L-10	L-10
L-11	L-11
L-12	L-12
L-13 MISSING	L-13
L-14 modA	L-14
L-15 o Cement	L-15
L-16	L-16
ESTIMATED HEIGHT 5'6"	HEIGHT
ESTIMATED WEIGHT	WEIGHT
ESTIMATED AGE	AGE
HAIR	HAIR

REMARKS
Dental chart dated 28 October 1948.



ARISON CHART

NAME

BOSSMAN, Beryle B., Capt., O-454573

R-8 X (Extracted)

R-7 X

R-6

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R-2

R-1

L-1

L-2 dS

L-3 mS

L-4

L-5 modfA

L-6 moA

L-7 fA

L-8 oA

R-16

R-15 mA

R-14 X

R-13 oA

R-12

R-11

R-10

R-9

L-9

L-10

L-11 dA

L-12

L-13 oA

L-14

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L-16

HEIGHT

5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Form 79 - 19 Aug. 1943

WEIGHT

125

AGE

27 Years, 11 Months, 21 Days

HAIR

Brown

Shoe Size

7-D

KIA 28 August 1944

Born 7 September 1916

ARISON CHART

NAME

TUCKER, John F., Pvt., 38516495

R-8	X
R-7	X
R-6	X
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R-4	X
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L-11	X
L-12	X
L-13	X
L-14	X
L-15	X
L-16	X

HEIGHT

5'11"

Chart dated 15 Sept. 43

WEIGHT

182

AGE

28 Years, 9 Months, 28 Days

HAIR

Brown

Shoe Size

11½-C

KIA 28 August 1944
Born 30 October 1915

ARRISON CHART

NAME

ENSMINGER, Frank L., Cpl., 33148547

R-8	
R-7	X
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R-5	X
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L-4	X
L-5	X
L-6	X
L-7	moA
L-8	X
R-16	oA
R-15	X
R-14	X
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L-15	X
L-16	oA

HEIGHT

5'5"

Forms 79: 8-4-42

3-31-44

WEIGHT

121

AGE

26 Years, 9 Months, 6 Days

HAIR

Brown

Shoe Size

7-D

KIA 28 August 1944

Born 22 November 1917

PRISON CHART

NAME

SHALJIAN, Donald J., 2/Lt., O-1017063

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R-15	
R-14	doA
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R-11	
R-10	
R-9	
L-9	
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L-12	
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L-15	
L-16	fA
HEIGHT	Forms 79: 10-6-43
	5'8" 2-19-44
WEIGHT	
	144
AGE	
	24 Years, 10 Months, 14 Days
HAIR	Shoe Size
Brown	10-C

KIA 28 August 1944
 Born 14 October 1919

TWX FR REC ADM GEN AGO SL NO 18 MAY 51

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FOR MAJ RENNER QM LIAISON RM-1D684 PENT URMSG 9 17 MAY ON BERYLE B
BOSSMAN 0454573 37090135 DENTAL CHART AT INDUCTION 18 JULY 41 SHOWS
TEETH MISSING RIGHT 14 FORM 38 DATED 28 MAR 42 SHOWS TEETH MISSING
RIGHT 13 16 FORM 63 DATED 18 DEC 41 SHOWS TEETH MISSING RIGHT 14
RESTORABLE CARIOUS TEETH RIGHT 7 8 LEFT 5 1 FORM 79 SENT OQMG IDENT
SEC MEMORIAL DIV 10 NOV 48 NO ADDITIONAL FORMS 79 FOUND

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
SEARCH INFORMATION SECTION

DATE 20 July 1951

TELEPHONE INQUIRY

INFORMATION REQUESTED ON: BOSS, Beryle B., Capt. ASN 28 Aug 44

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL CALLED: Mr. Joe Manning Ford

ADDRESS: 1924 Columbia

CITY AND STATE: Lawton, Oklahoma

PHONE NUMBER: _____

INFORMATION OBTAINED:

Mr. Ford stated that he did not know Capt Beryle Bossman, and that he did not write Capt Bossman's wife concerning his death and grave location (furnishing pictures of grave). He added that he was sorry that he could not help us; that he was in France at the time of Bossman's death but he was not in a combat zone.

SIGNED Zenora Lewinski

INFO FURNISHED Mrs. Jeffrey

DATE 20 July 1951

FOR MAJ RENNER QM LIAISON 1D684 PENT URMSG 56 28 MAY ROSTER JULY THRU
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~~THEY ARE ALL FROM THE 100 JL MU 3 1 MAY 51~~

PENTAGON^{GM} LIAISON
MEM. DIV.

Mrs. Jeffrey
Investigation Section

TELEPHONE INFORMATION RECORD

DATE

22 May 1951

TELEPHONE NUMBER AND BRANCH CALLED

73090 - OCMG Liaison

NAME OF PERSON PLACING CALL

Mrs. Jeffrey

CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION (X or Case Number)

CEMETERY

INFORMATION REQUIRED

SEE BELOW:

DATE CALLED BACK

PERSON GIVING INFORMATION

Mrs. Hughes

INFORMATION RECEIVED

Requested a search of Roster of Officers of the 434th. Armd. F. A. Bn. as of 20 August 1944 -- 15 September 1944 for an Officer "Joe Ford" -- full name, rank, ASN..

Mrs. Hughes called -- 25 May -- giving the following name:

John William Ford, 36037072. Discharged 3 October 1945. Address: HINDSBORO, Ill.

Called Mrs. Hughes 25 May requesting that the OFFICER'S ROSTER be checked, as requested originally.

Called Mrs. Hughes 1 June requesting the address of:

Joe Manning Ford, O-529829, who was assigned to the 754th. F. A. Bn., Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, November 1943.

Mrs. Keith called 4 June 1951 giving the following address: (As of March 1951)

Mr. Joe Manning Ford

1924 Columbia

Lawton, Oklahoma

Released from active duty 4 October 1946.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION RECORD

DATE

4 June 1951

TELEPHONE NUMBER AND BRANCH CALLED

73090 -- OOMG Liaison

NAME OF PERSON PLACING CALL

Mrs. Jeffrey

CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION (X or Case Number)

X-7, Champigneul

CEMETERY

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Present Status -- See Below Requested addresses same date

DATE CALLED BACK

4 June 1951 and 6 June

PERSON GIVING INFORMATION

Mrs. Keith

INFORMATION RECEIVED

OLIVIERI, Tobie D., Cpl.

Discharged 10-17-45 (Tobie Dominic)

12050960

Address at time of discharge:

171 8th. Avenue

Newark, N. J.

ROSEKRANS, Paul L., Jr., S/Sgt.

ROSENKRANS, Paul L., Jr., 33162689 (Correct spelling) Discharged 9-27-45

Address at time of discharge:

90 $\frac{1}{2}$ Frank Street

HORNELL, New York

OMGMT 293

BOSSMAN, B. B.
ASN O 454 573

121 Bloomsbury Ave.
Havre de Grace, Md.

June 19, 1951

Lt. Col. Benjamin B. King
Quartermaster Corps
Memorial Division

Dear Sir:

In regards to your inquiry about the death of Captain Beryle B. Bossman who was killed in Epermay, France in August of 1944, I was in C Battery of the 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 7th Armored Division. I was never a member of the medical detachment at any time.

At the time of his death, I was a tank mechanic and assigned, due to driver shortage, to drive the forward observers jeep and was near Captain Bossman when he was killed. I identified the remains in just the way you mentioned, but cannot say whether or not he was wearing paratroop boots. He was wearing field shoes of some kind, but I cannot say they were of any specific type.

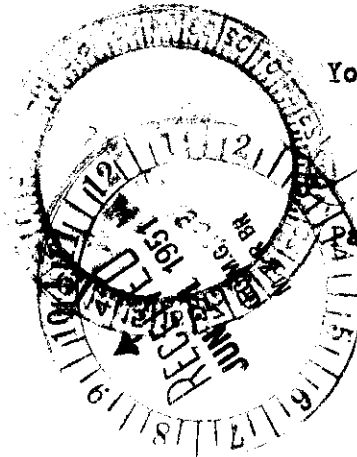
As to what disposition was made of his remains, I cannot answer as they were still there when we left the town to cross the Marne River.

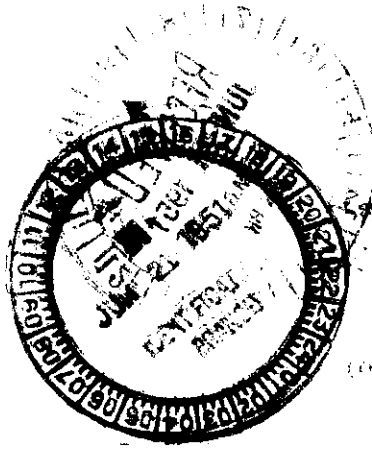
He was hit and killed instantly by a sniper's bullet and then hit directly by either a mortar shell or an 88 shell. The remains were picked up and placed on the side of the road under some trees, and they were still there when we pulled out of the town early the next morning.

I hope this information will be of some help in your investigation. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Yours truly,


Paul L. Rosenkrans, Jr.





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Классификация

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July 4, 1951

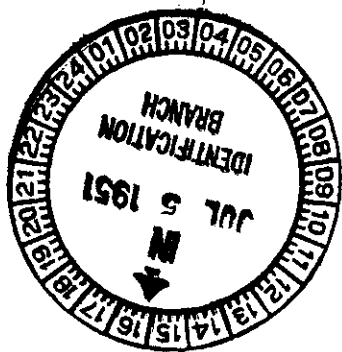
Dear Sir,

Have received your letter dated 14 June 1951, unfortunately I just received it, prolonging the prompt reply.

Your letter was in reference to.

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BOSSMAN, BERYLE B.
A.S.N. O-454-573

I wasn't or am not too sure about the deceased having para-trooper boots or not, I do remember his body being blown apart, cause Ie picked the different sections of them & put them in a blanket. The cigarette case was found later, the only I real means of identification I had was his serial # 0454573 along with B. B. BOSSMAN made with indelible pencil on the collar of the shirt, what was left of it



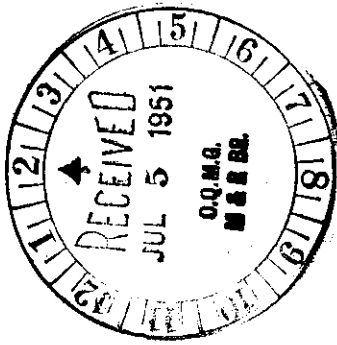
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Things were sure popping
around us, and the wounded was
plentiful, giving me ~~very~~ very little
time in which to notice too much,
after all my concern was mostly
the wounded, Bossmann was beyond
my help.

I remember seeing him on
a hill at the side of the road
entering Epernay. When he yelled
he been hit, as he tumbled down
a mortar shell met him half
way. When the dust & dirt clear,
a free French & I dug part of the
body from the debris, and the rest
was on the other side of the road.

I guess that's all I can say
concerning the case.

Tobie D. Olivier
595 NO. 5TH ST
NWK, N.J.



OQMG ROUTING SLIP
(SUPPLEMENTAL)

MEMORIAL DIVISION

CEMETERY

DECEDENT

HEADSTONE

IDENTIFICATION

FINAL DETERMINATION

IDENTIFICATION

NAVY LIAISON

SEARCH INFORMATION

REPATRIATION BRANCH

CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

OPERATIONS

RECORDS SECTION

Record Attached

Record Charged

REMARKS:

OQMG FORM
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IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
SEARCH INFORMATION SECTION

DATE 31 July 1951

TELEPHONE INQUIRY

INFORMATION REQUESTED ON: Capt. Beryle B. Bossman ASN 0-454573

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL CALLED: Mr. Tobie D. Olivieri

ADDRESS: 595 North 5th Street

CITY AND STATE: Newark, New Jersey

PHONE NUMBER: _____

INFORMATION OBTAINED:

Captain Bossman was killed four or five blocks from Epernay on a dirt road entering Epernay almost in Epernay. As Mr. Olivieri remembers he was killed at approximately between 1PM and 4PM. He could not state the distance from Epernay in yards or whether the incident occurred east or west of the town.

Mr. Olivieri was asked what parts of the remains he recovered. He stated he found two (2) arms and a leg - that portion of shirt attached to one arm had Capt. Bossman's name and serial number. He could not identify whether it was the right or left leg he recovered. When asked if the leg was intact, he replied he recovered portions of a leg.

NAN
File

Louise U. A.

13 Dec 51

Identification Branch

Louise Rawingski
Mary Alice Clements

SIGNED

31 1951

INFO FURNISHED Non-Recoverable Section

DATE _____

(CLEMENTS)

COMD DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC
CG AGRC PARIS FRANCE

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WCL 49676

FROM QMGT

IN VIEW OF URGENT NOK INQUIRIES REQUEST STATUS RE RECOVERY REMAINS

BERYLE B BOSSMAN 0454573

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QMGT CAPT BERRY RXX 72947

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H. R. HONNER
1ST LT, QMC, MEM DIV

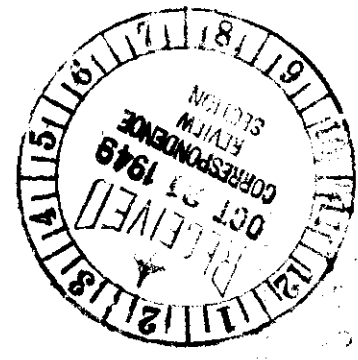
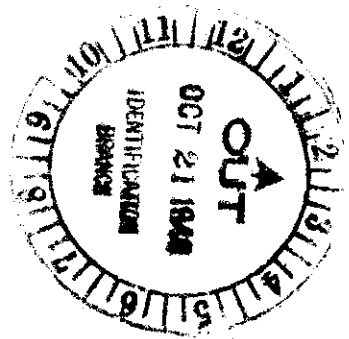
293 Beryle B. Bossman, O-454573 *Em*

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MEMORIAL DIVISION
 OCT 21 1948
 ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

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AGRC 6651
MC IN NO 68807
26 Oct 1949

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RE URMSG WCL 49676 Captain Beryle B. Bossman, 0454573. Information
now available indicates remains nonrecoverable. However Field investi-
gation will be conducted in effort to determine final status.

WAN
Lts 17 Oct 49
C. Schmitt
J. P. W.



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IN REPLY REFER TO SPQYG 293

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

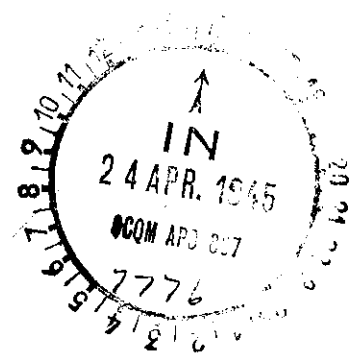
Bossman, Beryle B.
S.N. 0454573

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

14 April 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Interment

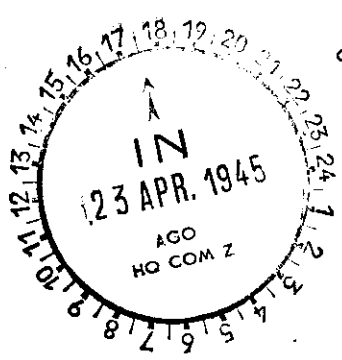
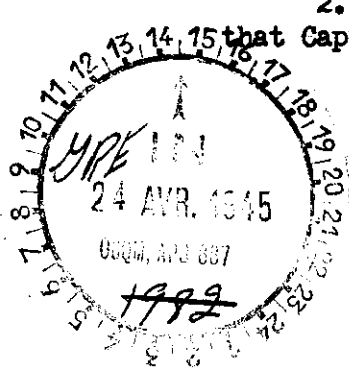
TO: Commanding General, Comzone
European Theater of Operations
APO 887, % Postmaster
New York, New York
FOR: The Chief Quartermaster



1. It is requested that this office be advised as to whether or not the remains of the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, S. N. 0454573, have been recovered and interred, as to date a report of interment has not been received.

2. The official report of death received in this office shows that Captain Bossman was killed in action on 28 August 1944, in France.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:



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



ARMY SERVICE FORCES

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

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

14 APR 1945

TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

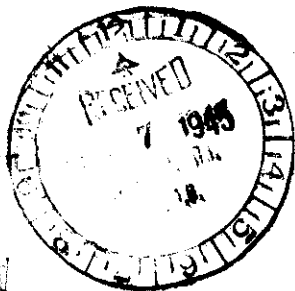
FROM: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

1. It is requested that this office be advised as to whether or not the services of the above Captain Lewis J. [Illegible] have been rendered and reported, as to make a report of investment has not been received.

2. The official report of action received in this office shows that Captain [Illegible] was killed in action on 28 August 1944, in France.

Very truly yours,
[Illegible Signature]

H. J. [Illegible]
[Illegible Title]
[Illegible Address]



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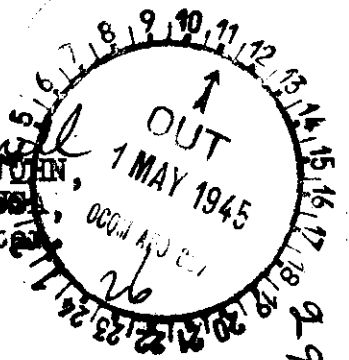
OCQM, HQ COM Z, ETO, APO 887, U.S. ARMY.

1 MAY 1945

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

1. This office has never received a Report of Burial for Captain Bossman, Beryle B., ASN 0454573, and so far as is known, his remains have not been recovered.

R. M. Littlejohn
ROBERT M. LITTLEJOHN,
Major General, USA,
Chief Quartermaster



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GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
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Bossman, Beryle B.
0454573

11 May 1945

Address Reply To THE
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman
Warren, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Reference is made to our letter of 14 April 1945 informing you that upon receipt of information regarding the remains of your husband, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, you would be advised.

I regret to inform you that information received reveals that the remains of Captain Bossman were not recovered. Inclosed is an application for a flag in memory of your husband, if you so desire it. Upon receipt of the signed application, the flag will be issued to the legal next of kin. For your convenience, there is also inclosed an envelope which requires no postage for the return of the application to this office.

May our country's flag be an everlasting symbol that these heroic men did not die in vain.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

C. C. PIERCE
Captain, QMC
Assistant

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Bossman, Beryle, B.
S. N. O-454573

5 March 1946

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Your letter concerning your son the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, has been received in this office.

I regret to advise you that no information has been received in this office indicating that the remains of your son have been recovered. A continuous search is being made and it is our sincere hope that in the future it will be possible to recover and inter his remains. If his remains are recovered, you will be notified.

This office has noted a change in your address and it is requested that if this is to be your permanent mailing address that this office be advised.

This office regrets the delay in answering your letter.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. CHRISTENSEN
1st Lieut., QMC
Assistant

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cmn

JLP

Minneapolis, Minn.
Feb. 13, 1946

Quartermaster General
Memorial Division War Dept.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

I am wondering if you can, as will, help me find the body or grave, of my poor son, who was killed in France, Aug. 28, 1944. To date I have no information as to what became of his remains, nor have we any grave location. This has been very hard for both his wife & I. The fact he was a Captain, & has been gone so long, & still no grave record.

Neither have any of his personal things been returned. We were told he was killed at Epernay, France. His address - ²⁹³ Capt. Beagle B. Bossman ⁰⁻⁴⁵⁴⁵⁷³

no Burial Rpt.
in A to Z
2/19/46

Btrep "C" 434th Comd. F. A. Bn.

A.P.O. 257 Postmaster

New York, N.Y.

This was indeed a terrible shock
to us. The fact the War has been
over all these months & still we
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shock. I believe I can take the rest.
I do wish to know the truth.

Any information shall be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance

I am his Mother,

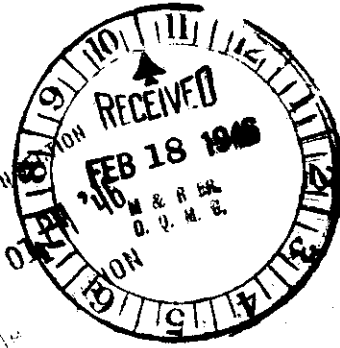
Mrs. Clara J. Bossman

27 West 14th St.

Minneapolis, Minn.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION

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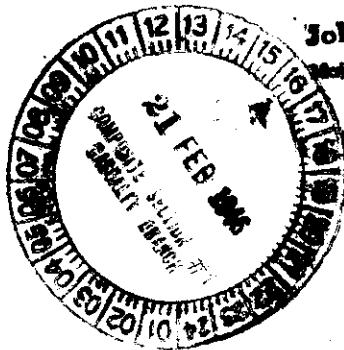
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TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

1	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
		Dir., Memorial Division, OQMG		Room 1005, Tempo C Building
2	Washington, D. C.			
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1. For necessary action.

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John T. Winn
John T. Winn
Major, A. G. O.

398 Bowman, Boyle

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FROM:	NAME AMH/baw	ORGANIZATION Munitions 3613	BUILDING AND ROOM Munitions 3613	DATE 21 Feb 46
	Casualty Branch, Composite Section # A Family Relations Sub-Section			TELEPHONE 76736

W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115
1 October 1944

This Form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115, 23 March 1944,
which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

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RECORDS BRANCH
FEB 25 1946
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AGPC-O 201 Bossman, Beryle B.
(13 Feb 46) 0454573

21 February 1946

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

I have your recent letter in which you requested information regarding your son, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, who was killed in action on 28 August 1944.

I fully understand your desire to receive all possible information regarding the circumstances surrounding his death and sincerely wish that other details were available. The records show, however, that all known information concerning his death has been furnished you in previous communications.

I regret that I am not able to supply the names or addresses of men who may have been with your son on his fatal mission since War Department rosters are not filed according to organization; however, if you can obtain the names and Army serial numbers of personnel who you believe were with your son, every effort will be made to furnish you their addresses.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., who will furnish you any information that is available regarding your son's burial.

I extend to you again my deepest sympathy in the great loss you have sustained.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army

Minneapolis, Minn.

May 31 - 1946

St. William B. Christensen
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Christensen -

Received your letter some time ago saying that your office did not have any information concerning my son's grave. In Feb. I received word & also saw pictures of his grave, which were taken by one of his fellow officers last Nov. 24, 1945. I was told that my son - ²⁹³ Capt. Beryle B. Bossman 0454573 is buried pieces miles south of Epervan, France in a U.S. Cemetery. Could your department please check on this & see if this is correct.

May I then have the exact location & grave number.

You ask about the change in my

to B.R.
6/10/46
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address, I have had this address
since May 1945. This is only an
apt. Bldg. but believe I shall be
at this place for a time at least.

Thanking you for any information
you may be able to get for me,
I am Berylee Mocher

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th St.
Minneapolis, Minn.



MEMORANDUM DIVISION
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AND

Minneapolis, Minn.
Feb 13, 1946

Adjutant General War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

I have been for some time now trying to get some information on the death of my son. I have received two different reports, as to what was to have caused my son's death. I have tried also to locate someone who may have been with, or near, him ~~at~~ at that time. There were several boys from near Minneapolis in my son's company, but I do not know what they were. We have as yet not received no word as to what became of him, or where he was buried. This has been very hard & terrible shock to both his wife & myself. I am wondering if of late, your department has had any word or information on my son's death. We were told he was killed at Epernay, France Aug. 28, 1944. He was Capt. Beryle B. Bossman 0454573, Btry, "C" 434 Armd. F.A. Bn. APO 257, New York, N. Y.

May I please ask that you tell me the truth, regardless of what the situation may be. I have received the worst shock, I think I can stand the rest. This terrible suspense not knowing what became of his body. That boy, that body, that was my son. He must be some place, & where is his grave? He was a Capt., a Btry. Commander, some one must know what became of him. The War Dept. surely must know what became of its officers? Do you have any record of any of the officers of the 434 Battalion or addresses, of men who came back. If I could only find out where his grave is, it would ease my grief some. The War has been over for many months now. Surely there must be some record of him. I raised a grand young boy, gave him to the Country to try & save us, he was killed, and now no one knows what became of him. That is very hard to take.

Can you please help me. I will be so thankful for any thing you can do for me.

Thanking you in advance, I am his mother,

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th St.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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FLAG APPLICATION

Do you desire a FLAG If so complete following:.

The undersigned hereby makes application for a regulation burial flag in memory of the late Beryle B. Bossman

SERIAL NUMBER . . . 0454573 RANK . . . Capt.

ORGANIZATION Field Artillery

I AM (RELATIONSHIP) AND LEGAL NEXT OF KIN OF
Beryle B. Bossman

and I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made above are correct and true; that a flag has not been previously applied for or furnished for the deceased by the ~~Veterans Administration~~ War Department.

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS

DATE

The phrase "legal next of kin" for the purpose of issuing this flag is defined as follows with preference to entitlement in the order listed.

- (a) Widow or widower.
- (b) Children, according to age, the sons having preference over the daughters.
- (c) Father, including adopted, step, and foster mother.
- (d) Mother, including adopted, step, and foster father.
- (e) Brothers or sisters, including brothers or sisters of the half blood.
- (f) Uncles or aunts.
- (g) Nephews or nieces.

*File
17 Jan 46
M.H.*

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QMGYG 293
Bossman, Beryle B.
SN O 454 573

9 August 1946

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West Fourteenth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, has been received in this office.

Up to the present time information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son has not been received in this office. It is requested that, at your convenience, you forward to this office a copy of the picture of your son's grave and the name and address of the person who furnished you this information, in order that an investigation may be made.

The records of this office have been amended to show that your address has been changed from 126 South Twelfth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to 27 West Fourteenth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

cc to AGO

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MAIL & RECORDS

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Mimeapolis, Minn.
Sept. 25, 1946

Quartermaster General
Washington, D.C. 293

Att. to
green
10/8/46
Capt. 0-454-573

Dear Sirs: Bossmann, Beryl B.
0,454,573

Received your letter some time ago. Have been in the Hospital for some time, so shall now try to answer the letter. My address was changed over a year ago. At that time I managed an apt. Bldg & lived at same place. The shock of my Son's death caused my health to fail & it was the Dr's. orders that I give up my work & be quiet. My last trip to the Hospital was a stroke & brain hemorrhage, which has left my left side numb & stiff. All of it caused by shock of Beryl's death & the fact that I can not find out what has happened to my poor baby body & where is his grave? If I could only know it would be some conciliation, & I want to know the truth.

About my Beryl's grave is a long story, but hope my letter will not be too long, to fully explain it. The news picture's letter was received by my son's wife from one of the fellow officers. I do not know his address but his name is Joe Hard. He sent five pictures, said it was Champignell U.S. Cemetery - Plot A, Row 6, Grave 130, & five miles So. of Epervay, France. Said he was there Nov. 24th of 1945. I have a relative U.S. Army Nurse - ^{St.} Laura Mae Strub who was in France with June. I gave her the location of Beryl's grave & she will

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U.S. ARMY
St. Louis, Mo.
Miller

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went to see it? ~~She~~ ^{she} wrote her Mother ~~that~~ she found it just as the directions said. Now this is from her letter - (Mother the cross on that grave is marked "Unknown" X7. I can't begin to describe the queer lost sensation I had when I saw this. The officer was open & the corporal on duty said maybe there had been a mistake & he could check his files. But they have no record of Beryle Bassman. He advised that I check with Graves Registration at Versailles which I plan to do. This brings up another problem. If the soldier who wrote this has identified X7 as Beryle grave & that there has been a delay in turning the information to the proper authorities.) Due to my being in the Hospital, this information was not given to me until lately. However I was not too surprised as the War Dept. has never said they had any record of his grave. Also the pictures taken were so far away that only the 130 showed at the foot of the cross. If Beryles name was on that cross, why wouldn't he take it close up to show the name also. His intentions were meant to relieve us & that maybe we would never know the difference. And again maybe he knew it is Beryles grave. That is why I wrote some time ago to ask the War Dept. to check, to see if they could locate it. I do hope my poor boy can be found soon, he must be some where. I was two years Aug. 28. Also I ¹⁰¹¹ should like to know if there was any information ^{or} book published on the 7th Armored, if so I should like to know

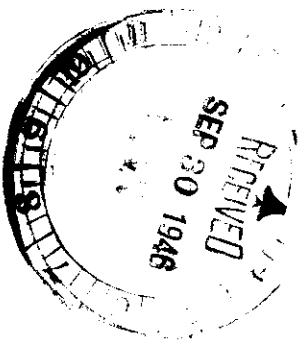
where I could get one?.

Thanking you for all past favors
I am Beryles Mother

Mrs. Clara J. Bassman

The location again -

Champaign U.S. Cemetery near Epernay
Plot A Row 6 Grave 103



MEMORANDUM
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RECORDS BRANCH AND

QMGF 293
Bossman, Beryle B.
SN O 454 573

16 July 1948

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Your letter to the American Graves Registration, European Area, concerning the remains of your son, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, has been referred to this office.

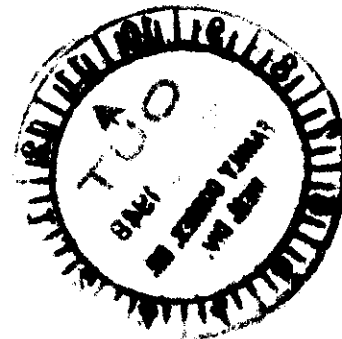
With sincere regret, I must inform you that, as yet, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son has not been received in our office. Please rest assured that immediately upon receipt of information regarding your son, you will be advised.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMES
Major, QMG
Memorial Division

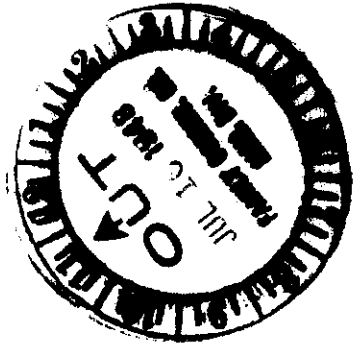
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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>) Bossman, Beryle B.	GRADE Capt.	SERIAL NUMBER O 454 573	
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 Clara J. Bossman MRS.	ADDRESS (<i>Street, City, State</i>) 27 West 14th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota		
RELATIONSHIP Mother			

PARAGRAPHS (<i>Sequence</i>)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
165-B	<p><i>American Graves Registration, New York</i></p> <p>With sincere regret I must inform you that, as yet, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son have not been received in our office. Please rest assured that immediately upon receipt of information regarding your son you will be advised.</p>
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ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE <i>Allen 7-8-48</i>	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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MEMORIAL DIVISION
FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

DATE

30 June 48

TO: Identification Branch

FROM: Family Letters Section

SUBJECT: Case Name Boseman, Beryl B-Capt-0-45-41573

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate, applicable to this case.

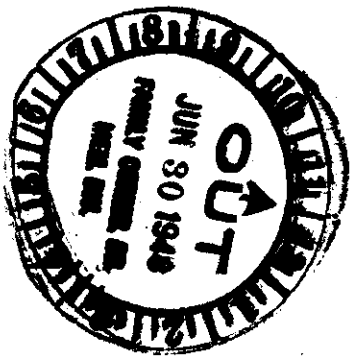
Family Letter

A. H.

Attention is invited to correspondence from NOK dated June 6, 1948 + Sept 25, 1946.

There is on file a B/R for X-7 Champagnel plot A, row 6, grave 180. Information available indicates date of death August 28, 1944, place of death, Epesnay, Fr. Remains were recovered from a burned tank ^{of Co C 3rd Tank Bn, 7th Arm Div.}. There are no identifying factors other than a shoe size 7C. At present all unknowns in Champagnel are being reprocessed for possible identifying data. On completion of this activity efforts will be made to associate these remains with the deceased.

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

RRE 293.3

18 June 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inquiry

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. The attached letter from Mrs. Bossman concerning the grave location of her son 293 Captain Beryle B. BOSSMAN O 454 573 is forwarded for such action as you may deem appropriate.

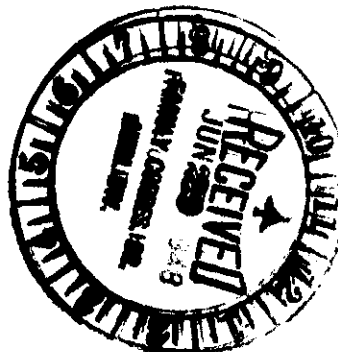
2. No definite burial information is available concerning the above-named officer.

3. Mrs. Bossman has been informed of this reference.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
Ltr fr Mrs. Bossman
dtd 6 June 48

Joseph E. McCluskey
JOSEPH E. McCLUSKEY
1st Lt, Inf
Actg Asst Adj Gen

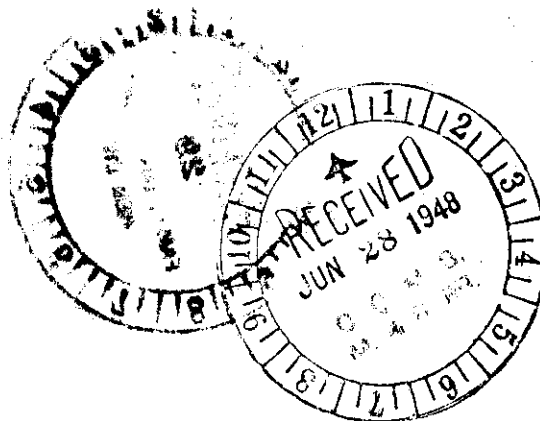


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Minneapolis, Minn

June 6 - 1948

American Graves Reg.

New York.

Dear Sirs -

I am again going to try and see if any information has been received as to the whereabouts of my Sons grave. He was -

~~Capt. Beryle B. Bossman 0454573~~

~~Btry "C" 434 Armd. F.C. Bn.~~

~~A.P.O. 257, 4 P.M. New York.~~

I am still hoping that he will be found. And above all I do so much want the truth.

May I please hear from you.

Thanking you for any word or information. I am

Beryle's Mother

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman

27 West 14 St.

Minneapolis, Minn

QMGMR 293

Bossman, Beryle B. *a*
S.N. O 454 573

5 February 1947

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

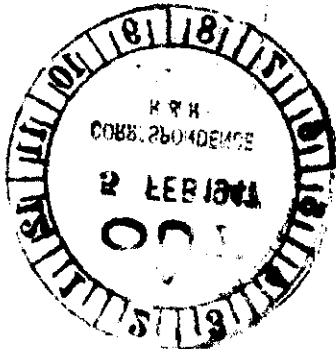
Reference is made to a letter from this office dated 8 October 1946 in which you were advised that an answer would be forthcoming to your letter of 25 September 1946, concerning your son, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman.

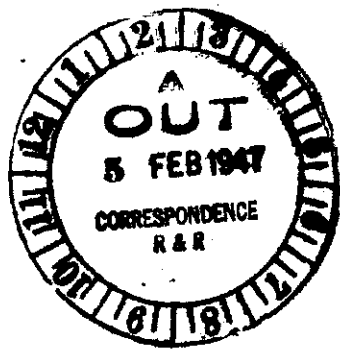
It is with deep regret that you are advised that, up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son has not been received in this office. An investigation is being made to obtain information regarding his remains. Upon completion of this investigation you will be advised as to the results.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMG
Assistant

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

In Reply Refer To

QMGR 293 *Bosman, Beryle B*
~~Bosman, Beryle B.~~
K.S. 0 424 373

14 JAN 1947

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

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

1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMGYG 314.6, Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate is OQMG Form 371 for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Bosman, Beryle B.	Captain	0 424 373

3. The attached OQMG Form 371 contains all information available from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the AG Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Clinical Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, and captured enemy documents, and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters.

4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl - Par 2
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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Hosman, Beryle B.		GRADE Capt.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER O-454973	
ORGANIZATION 1st C 434 APA Bn 7 Armd Div	RACE White	CREED Prot.	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 28 Aug 44	CAUSE OF DEATH KIA	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Sperday, France		
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT 5' 7 1/2"	WEIGHT 125	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Brown	
SHOE SIZE 7D				

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 28

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Bossman, Beryle B.
SN O 454 573

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

8 October 1946

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding your son,
the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, and to advise you that an answer
will be forthcoming in the near future.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS F. LEWIN
Captain, QMC
Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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PASS TO MMORIAL DIVISION

REQUEST THIS OFFICE BE FURNISHED ALL AVAILABLE DENTAL INFORMATION

FOR CAPTAIN BERYLE/BAKER BOSSMAN CMA ZERO DASH FOUR FIVE FOUR FIVE SEVEN

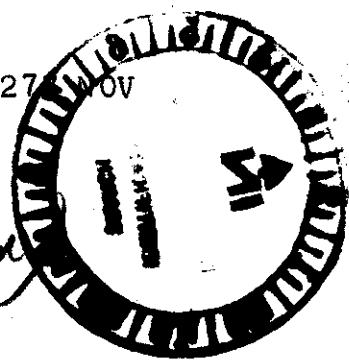
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CFN CAPT BERYLE BAKER BOSSMAN

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From (J)

REQUIRE ALL INFORMATION

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QMGMS 293
Bossman, Beryle B.
SN - O-454 573

29 November 1948

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-6759 dated 4 November 1948.
2. Inclosed herewith is Photostat copy of Form 79 for Captain Beryle B. Bossman, SN - O-454 573 representing all available dental information in this office for subject decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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1 Incl:
Incl 1 Form #79

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

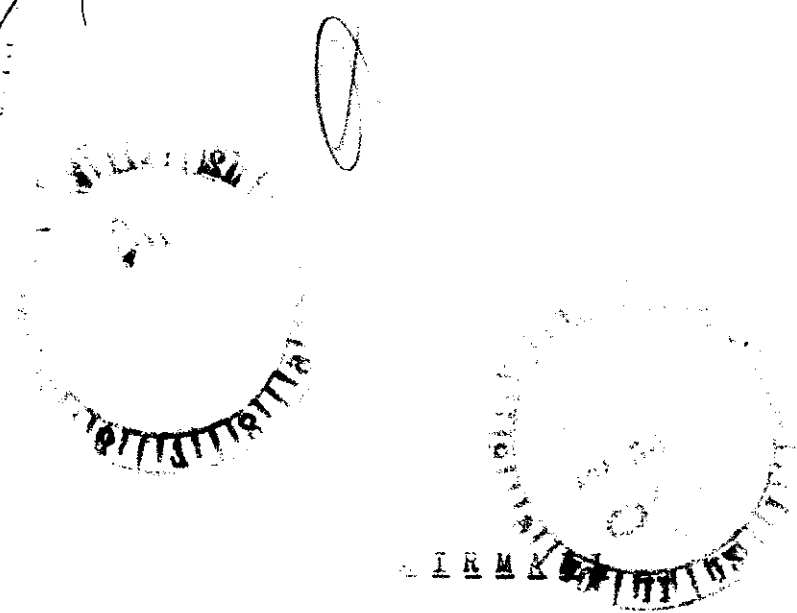
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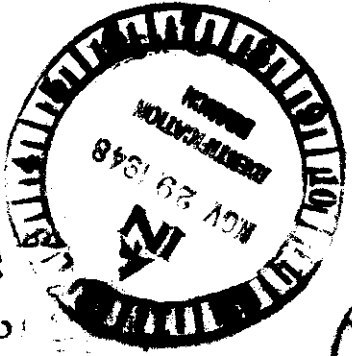
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

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Ft. Benning, Ga. ASN O-454573

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME
Bossman, Beryle B.

(3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
Capt. Bat. C. 434th F.A. Bn.

(6) AGE, YEARS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YEARS
27 W. Minn. 2-1/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATE AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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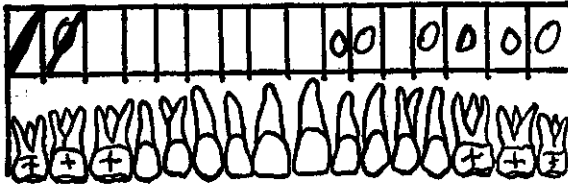
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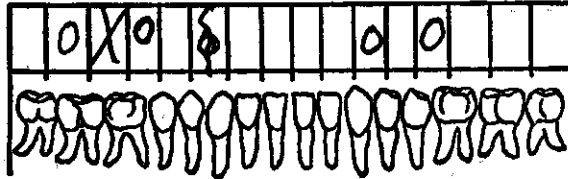
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Other conditions

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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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Mr. Dalton

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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL ROSSMAN - BERYLE - B.			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 0-454573		GRADE Capt.
HEIGHT 5' 7 1/2"	WEIGHT 125	COLOR EYES BLUE	COLOR HAIR BROWN	SHOE SIZE 7D	DATE OF BIRTH 58 AUG 44

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
BTRY C 434th AFA BN

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
EPERNAY - FRANCE

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○ T R A N S L A T I O N ○

J. L. HEGLY
Ing - Electricien

110, Rue de l'Hopital
Epernay (Marne)

Sir:

This is a case of an American mother. Her name is mentioned below, she would like to find the remains of her son, an Officer in Patton's Army, died 28 Aug 1944 during a combat for the liberation of Epernay (Marne). Name and unit and the serial number are written below.

I accepted to make the search with eagerness because of the souvenirs and relations which I had with the American Army when they came to France. After several questions the evidence was taken from witnesses who were present in combat.

This evidence leads to the identification of the Capt Bossman's remains. ~~Up~~ until the moment when the American Authorities took the remains from the civilian Cemetery of Epernay Hospital and buried him in American Military Cemetery at Champigneul.

During transfer, his casket didn't carry any definite identity, he was buried in Champigneul Cemetery with a marker (Unknown).

Important details: Two bodies were found the same day not far away from each other and they were in the same category they were coming from the same battle field, route of Paris and finishing a la ville Epernay.

Both remains were buried in Epernay and transferred to Champigneul and since the Military Cemetery Champigneul had been transferred the remains were transferred to a destination which the American Administration would know. In spite of the same case and destination, the bodies had a different features, thanks to the information that I got from the witnesses.

- (a) One was a young Officer with blond hair and very light skin, his body was torn to pieces; among the pieces were the feet of the officer with shoes.
- (b) The other one belonged to a soldier who had black curly hair and a dark skin, his body was covered with wounds but he was complete, the clothing was of one who belonged to the troop.

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A thorough verification was made at Champigneul, and several other were made by the American Army.

The difference should have been stated and that could permit to distinguished the remains of Capt Bossman and of the soldier.

The purpose of writting this letter is to ask you to help me in clarifying the mystery that surrounds the disappearance of Capt. Bossman, since he was taken from civilian cemetery of Epernay hospital and in order to know all the answers that I have to give to the mother.

Of course the understanding is that I am at your disposition at any time you need my help or any evidence. I hope to receive an answer from you soon.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. L. Hegly

Names: Captain Beryle B. BOSSMAN O.454.573-from Minneapolis
Minnesota U.S.A.
Battery Commander - Battery C. 434 - Battalion 7th
Armored Division - Patton's 3rd Army

His mother Clara BOSSMAN
27 West 14th Street - Minneapolis - Minnesota U.S.A.

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

RRE 293 (Bosman, Beryle B. - O 454 573)

3 June 1949

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inquiry

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to Capt Beryle B. BOSSMAN, O 454 573, killed in action 28 August 1944. Records this headquarters do not include definitive burial information concerning subject deceased.
2. The inclosed inquiry on behalf of mother of deceased, is forwarded for such action as deemed appropriate.
3. Inquirer has been informed of this reference to the extent that information requested may be released only by your office, from which the next of kin would receive a direct reply.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
Ltr fr Mr Hegly
dtd 10 May 49,
w/translation

- EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.
Capt, QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

EPERNAY le 10 MAI 1949

J.-L. HÉGLY

Ing. - Electricien

110, Rue de l'Hôpital
ÉPERNAY (Marne)

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION CORPS

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

HOTEL ASTORIA

P A R I S XVI°

Messieurs,

Je tiens à vous exposer que la Ville d'ÉPERNAY a été récemment sollicitée par une mère américaine (dont le nom est reporté ci-dessous) afin que soit recherchée la dépouille mortelle de son fils, Officier de l'Armée PATTON, décédé le 28 Aout 1944, lors des combats de la Libération d'ÉPERNAY (Marne) et dont le nom et l'unité, le numéro matricule sont reproduits ci-dessous.

Les recherches auxquelles j'ai accepté, avec empressement de procéder en souvenir des bonnes relations que j'ai eues avec les Représentants de l'Armée Américaine, lors de leur séjour en France, ont consisté à l'origine en une série d'interrogations et de dépositions recueillies auprès de plusieurs témoins civils qui ont assisté aux combats livrés ce jour là autour de la Ville.

Ces témoignages aboutissent à l'identification du corps du Capitaine BOSSMAN jusqu'au moment où les autorités américaines ont enlevé son corps, enterré tout d'abord dans le cimetière civil de l'Hopital d'Epernay, pour l'emmener au Cimetière militaire américain de Champigneul.

Comme, lors de ce transfert, le cercueil de cet Officier ne portait pas de mention précise d'identité, il fut mis en terre au Cimetière de Champigneul avec la même mention " inconnu "

Détail important : deux corps de soldats étaient, le même jour, dans le même cas et dans la même situation d'origine : Epernay, et venant du même champ de bataille, la Route de Paris aboutissant à la Ville d'ÉPERNAY, où ils étaient tombés à quelques mètres l'un de l'autre.

Les deux corps, les deux cercueils ont donc du suivre, en même temps, les mêmes pérégrinations, d'ÉPERNAY à CHAMPIGNEUL et au delà lorsque le cimetière militaire de Champigneul fut évacué et que les corps furent transférés vers une destination que l'Administration américaine doit bien connaître.

Malgré leur communauté d'origine et destinations, les deux corps avaient des caractéristiques bien différentes, grâce aux indications que j'ai recueillies auprès des témoins, en effet:

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11 MAY 1949
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1°- L'un était celui d'un jeune officier aux cheveux blonds, à la peau très claire.

Son corps était littéralement déchiqueté. Parmi les morceaux rassemblés, les pieds étaient dans des souliers d'officier.

2°- L'autre appartenait à un soldat aux cheveux très touffus et noirs, à la peau brune.

Son corps avait de fortes blessures, mais il était resté complet et rassemblé.

Ses vêtements étaient ceux d'un homme de troupe.

Ainsi; lors de la vérification minutieuse qui a été opérée à Champigneul, à deux reprises par l'Armée Américaine, ces différences ont dû être relevées et doivent permettre de distinguer le corps du Capitaine BOSSMAN de celui du soldat.

Le but de ma lettre est de vous demander si vous voulez bien m'aider à éclaircir le mystère qui entoure la disparition du Capitaine BOSSMAN, à partir du moment où il a quitté le Cimetière civil de l'Hopital d'Eprenay, afin que la Ville d'EPERNAY puisse répondre avec le maximum de précision possible aux questions posées par la Mère de cet Officier, Madame BOSSMAN.

Bien entendu, je reste à votre entière disposition pour aider nos amis Américains à élucider l'énigme à l'aide des témoignages recueillis par mes soins et d'autres recherches, si nécessaire.

Espérant recevoir prochainement de vos nouvelles, je vous prie d'agréer, Messieurs, l'assurance de mes sentiments distingués.

Slizny,
Ingénieur Chef des Services Techniques
du Centre d'Eprenay d'ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE

NAMES :

Captain Beryle B. BOSSMAN O.454.573-from Minneapolis-Minnesota
Battery Commander - Battery C.434 -Battalion 7th
Armored Division - Patton's 3rd Army. U.S.A.

His mother Clara BOSSMAN
27 West 14th Street- Minneapolis-Minnesota U.S.A.

Incl. #1

QMGMF 293
Bossman, Beryle B.,
SN O 454 573

27 June 1949

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

A letter written in your behalf by Mr. J. L. Hegly, to the American Graves Registration Command, concerning the remains of your son, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, has been referred to this office.

With deep regret, I must inform you that, as yet, no information has been received in this office indicating that your son's remains have been recovered.

A continuous and intensive search is being made of the area in which he met his death and it is my sincere hope, Mrs. Bossman, that it will be possible to recover and rebury his remains in an established Military Cemetery. Meanwhile, please rest assured that when a report is received, you will be notified without delay.

I can readily understand your anxiety in this matter and sincerely regret that I cannot at this time furnish you a more favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)

Bossman, Beryle B.

GRADE

Capt

SERIAL NUMBER

O 454 573

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
Mrs. Clara J. Bossman	27 West 14th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota		
RELATIONSHIP	mother		

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MEMORIAL DIVISION
FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

DATE

6/15/49

TO: Identification Branch

FROM: Family Letters Section

SUBJECT: Case Name

Bossmann, Beyle B

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Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate, applicable to this case.

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Unknown X-7 (Champigneul), Plot A, Row 6, Grave 130 has been declared Unidentifiable by the Field.

There are no burial reports for unknowns in this office that may be associated w/ Capt. Bossmann.

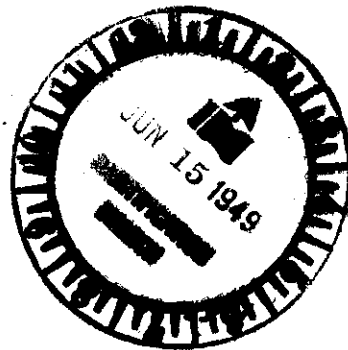
Upon completion of action by your office return file and fld will be requested to reinvestigate case.

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16 June 49
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X5, X6, X7 Champigneul

Identified as a Group Burial of

ENSWINGER, Frank L.
SHALJIAN, Donald J.
TUCKER, John F.



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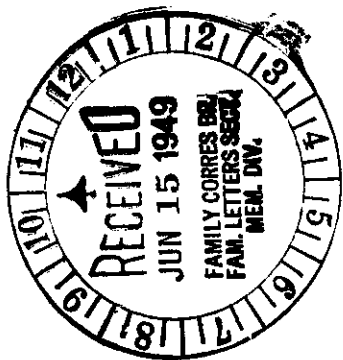
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Ltr fr Mr Hegly
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EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.
Capt, - QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen



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the attack of the center column. The 274th Armd FA Bn was also in position in the vicinity of VANDANCOURT to support the fire of Btra A. During this time Capt BERYLE B. BOSSMAN, CO of Btry C who was with the left column was killed in action 2500 yds east of EPFRNAY while directing fire of his Btry. Btry A was ordered by the Bn CO to displace forward into EPFRNAY. Heavy resistance was met at the bridge by the center column and an emergency mission requested by 2d Lt McLemore was fired by a Btry of the 274th Armd FA Bn through the radio of the Bn Ln O. At 2400 the Bn was in EPFRNAY with Hq Btry and Btry A in the center of the town and the other two Btrys just outside. The CG, CC B then ordered a withdrawal from the town and the Bn CO who was still with the CP, CC B ordered Hq Btry and Btry A to return to their old areas. Hq CC B remained in the town overnight. The howitzer Btrys remained attached to their respective Force Commanders. The Bn CO left the town with Hq CC B at 0715 29 August 44 and moved to the original position at VANDANCOURT. At 1300 the Bn CO returned to the Bn CP with orders to prepare the Bn for a march across a pontoon bridge across the MARNE at CHATINNO. The CO then returned to Hq CC B to march in that column. The Bn moved out at 1315 with Combat Command still marching in three columns with Btrys of the Bn in the same force as the attack on EPFRNAY. At 2400 29 Aug 44 the head of the center column was at CILLERY. All columns were on the march at this time.

BOSSMAN, Beryle B.

Captain

0-545 573

Btry "C"

434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Killed in action

28 August 1944

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**THE
PENTAGON LIAISON
OFFICE**

434TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

After Action Report

At 0800 27th August 44 the Bn CO left the Bn area again returning to the head of the column to travel with the column Commander so as to give close Arty support when necessary. The column continued steadily eastward on Hwy N 19 through MAISON-ROUGE at 1000 and VULAINES. About 1 mi E of VULAINES Pvt Nazworth of A Btry Recon Section was killed in action by a direct hit from an enemy mortar while A RO, Lt Mincosky, was gallant by conducting Arty fire while being subjected to a mortar barrage to extricate men and vehicle from an ambush in PROVINS. Progress was still being held up by enemy Anti-tank guns and small arms and the unit was meeting more resistance than had been counted on. Again the Commanding General made the decision that we must by-pass resistance so he gave our Bn CO his order at 1215 and the column continued on a different route at 1415 turning north at VULAINES and traveling on secondary and cross country roads most of the afternoon by-passing PROVINS by taking a route through GIMPROIS and VOULTAN and also by-passing VILLIERS ST GEORGE detouring S and E through BOUCHY-le-REPOS, les ESSARTS to an assembly area about 1/4 mi E of les ESSARTS where the Combat Command assembled and reformed under intense sniper fire.

At 2000 hours the CO went to CG B for his orders and returned and ordered the Bn to be ready to move out toward REIMS. The Bn CO again traveled with the CG, CC B, moving out at 2030. The column moved along steadily through SEZANNE and northward on Hwy N 51 and halted there at 0315 the head about 1 1/2 miles S of CHAPTON.

The column was serviced by Tns vehicles the following morning, 28th August, and continued the march northward at 0815. Some small arms fire was encountered along the Hwy and some Hq Btry personnel and one of the FO Tanks had some shooting with snipers. The Germans paid with their lives and in addition the tank did some firing upon a German column of trucks sighted on a parallel Hwy attempting to escape. The column took a route through SOIZY, ST PRIX, PAYE, MONT-PERTUIS, CHAMPAUBERT. Some sniper fire was encountered throughout the trip and 1st Sgt Gruner was wounded by an explosion of a defective .50 caliber round while he was firing on the enemy at about 1125. The progress of the column was slow and the column was halted for the major part of the afternoon while the advance elements were held up in the vicinity of VANDANCOURT. The Bn CO acted as Arty advisor to the CG, CC B who had set up his CP just W of VANDANCOURT, moving forward into EPERNAY to get a picture of the situation and the enemy's strength.

For the march on EPERNAY the Bn had been divided into three forces with units of the Combat Command. Btry "C" was to support the left column, Btry A was to support the center column and Btry B was to support the right column. All columns were to converge on EPERNAY with the mission of seizing the town and the bridge over the MARNE RIVER and to secure a bridgehead on the north bank. At 1800 hours the attack began to seize the bridge and cross to the other side. Btry A went into position at VANDANCOURT to support

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HEADQUARTERS
434TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO 257, U.S. Army

17 October 1944

SUBJECT: Inquiry Regarding Casualty.

TO : AG Casualty Division, SOS, ETOUSA. (Thru Channels)

1. Pursuant to provisions of Paragraph 2, Section VI, Circular No. 70, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 24 May 1944 there is forwarded herewith letter of Mrs Clara J. Bossman, 126 South 12th St., Minneapolis, Minn., regarding Captain Beryle B. Bossman, O-454573.
2. The following details are furnished.
 - a. Date - 28 August 1944 - about ~~2000~~ hours.
 - b. Killed in action by enemy sniper fire and mortar shell fragment - died instantly.
 - c. Place - near Epernay, France while he was on reconnaissance along front lines with supported infantry unit.
 - d. Position - Battery Commander, Battery C, 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Armored Division.
 - e. At time of his death the 7th Armored Division was a part of the Third United States Army. This battalion was in support of Combat Command B which was attempting to cross the Marne River at Epernay, France.

For the Commanding Officer:

Paul A. Smith
PAUL A. SMITH,
1st Lt, 434th Armd FA Bn,
Adjutant.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
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8 Aug 49*

AGPC-G 201 Bossman, Beryle B.
(21 Sep 44) 0464573

23 January 1945.

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman,
126 South Twelfth Street,
Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Your letter of 21 September 1944, addressed to the Chaplain of the organization to which your son, Captain Beryle B. Bossman belonged, has been forwarded to this office for reply.

The distress you have suffered since you received the sad announcement of your son's death is most understandable and, realizing your desire to know the attending circumstances, I wish to advise you that an additional report has been received in the War Department. This report states that Captain Bossman was instantly killed in action about 2:00 a.m., on 28 August 1944, by enemy sniper fire, while on a reconnaissance mission near Epernay, France.

The records of the War Department show that, at the time of his death, your son's division was a part of the Third United States Army.

The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas and I am, therefore, forwarding a copy of your letter to that official for direct reply to your inquiry regarding this matter.

I realize how futile any words of mine may be to assuage your grief but I trust that the knowledge of your son's heroic sacrifice in action may be a source of sustaining comfort.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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AGPC 201 Bossman, Beryle B.
(29 May 45) 0454573

5 June 1945

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman,
27 West 14th Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

I am referring to a communication, written in your behalf by the Commanding Officer at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, relative to your son, Captain Beryle B. Bossman.

I regret that the War Department has received no further information other than the report stating he was instantly killed in action about 2:00 a.m., on 28 August 1944, by enemy sniper fire, while on a reconnaissance mission near Epernay, France.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General of the Army.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

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TOP SECRET

The following information was obtained from a source who has provided reliable information in the past. It is being provided to you for your information and is being classified TOP SECRET.

Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge

**ON
PENTAGON LIAISON
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8 Aug 49*

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Headquarters, 434th Armd FA Bn,
APO 257, c/o Postmaster, NY, NY,
14 August 1945

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman,
27 West 14th Street,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Your letter of inquiry regarding the burial of your son, Capt. Beryle B. Bossman, 0454573 has been forwarded to me. For some time the European Theater Headquarters has been checking into this matter due to the fact that no report of burial had been received at that headquarters. We are indeed sorry to be unable to give you complete information at the present time, however, with the investigation that has been made 18 May 1945 it is believed exact information should be forthcoming. We believe that you would be interested in the facts rather than excuses.

Your son was killed in the midst of a fierce battle as you may know, and it was impossible for his remains to be buried at the time of his death due to the heavy mortar fire in the area. Our division troops were forced to withdraw before the body of your son could be buried or evacuated.

Inasmuch as all commanders felt very strongly about burials, we feel that your son was definitely buried with all due respects when that area was shortly retaken by other American troops. With further details of Captain Bossman's death and description having been furnished to theater headquarters by our own unit, we feel that it will undoubtedly assist in determining the location of your son's grave.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. FEUKE,
Major, FA,
Commanding.

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AGFC-O 201 Bossman, Beryle B.
(13 Feb 46) 0454573

21 February 1946

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

I have your recent letter in which you requested information regarding your son, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, who was killed in action on 28 August 1944.

I fully understand your desire to receive all possible information regarding the circumstances surrounding his death and sincerely wish that other details were available. The records show, however, that all known information concerning his death has been furnished you in previous communications.

I regret that I am not able to supply the names or addresses of men who may have been with your son on his fatal mission since War Department rosters are not filed according to organization; however, if you can obtain the names and Army serial numbers of personnel who you believe were with your son, every effort will be made to furnish you their addresses.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., who will furnish you any information that is available regarding your son's burial.

I extend to you again my deepest sympathy in the great loss you have sustained.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 8/10/49

TO: THE CHIEF OF BUREAU

FROM: [Name]

Subject: [Faint text]

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*Johnson
8 Aug 49*

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

293 Bossman, Beryle B NO. HOUR AND DATE _____
 1 NO. FROM TO DATE MESSAGE

1 France Subsection Liaison
 Ident. Br. Attn: Maj Sekowski
 Mem. Div.

30 Jun 49

1. Request Casualty Clearance Plan for Capt. Beryle B. Bossman, O-454573. Capt Bossman was KIA in the vicinity of Epernay, France, 28 August 1944.

Further request present address of "Joe Ford", a fellow officer of Bossman's in the 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

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2 QM Pentagon Liaison Office
 France Subsection Liaison
 Ident. Br.
 Mem. Div.

16 Aug 1949

Inclosed herewith is all the available information obtained from DPRB-201-Files, AGF Historical files, Operations Reports pertaining to the death and location of death of BOSSMAN, Beryle B., Capt., O-454573 of Co. "C", 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, KIA 28 August 1944.

No information available on "Joe Ford".

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JUN 30 1949

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NAME: Brosman, Beryle B. ASN: 0-454573 RANK: Capt.

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE: July 18, 1941

RACE: White
RELIGION: Protestant
BORN: Sept. 7, 1916
PLACE: Warren, Minnesota
WEIGHT: 125 lbs.
HEIGHT: 67 1/2 inches
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Brown
COMPLEXION: Buddy
SHOE SIZE: 7-D

DENTAL

	<u>Right</u>								<u>Left</u>							
Upper	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower	16	15	X	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Teeth: Indicate restorable carious teeth by circling; nonrestorable carious teeth by /; missing natural teeth by X.

Scar on lower lip, ND.

Burn scar on right thigh.

org: Btry "C" 434th Armd Field Artillery Bn.
7th Armd. Division

Officer Killed in action about 2:00 AM, on 28 Aug 44, near
Epervay, France. 20:00 hrs

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PENTAGON LIAISON
MIL DIV.

Items on this list have been stored in a footlocker
which was stored in England 29 Augx
July 1944

ENGLAND
29 July 1944

INVENTORY OF CONTENTS

2 pr Trousers, cotton, khaki
2 pr Trousers, HBT
2 ea Jackets, HBT
1 ea Sweater, wool, od, sleeveless
3 pr Socks, cotton, light
1 ea Bag, barracks, blue
1 pr Boots, rubber, lace
1 pr Slippers, bedroom
1 pr Moccasins, leather
1 pr Socks, boot, liner
1 ea Stencil, name, rank & ASN
1 ea Whistle, thunderer
1 ea Pad, stamp, ink
2 ea Handkerchiefs
1 ea Photo, 5"x7", w/frame
1 ea Can, dubbin
1 ea Jar, soap, saddle
6 ea Photographs
1 ea Tie, rayon, khaki
1 ea Val-Pac, canvas, leather bound

----- END -----

2 ea Caps, garrison, cotton, khaki
1 ea Cap, garrison, wool, od
1 ea Cap, winter
2 ea Caps, HBT
1 ea Undershirt, wool
1 pr Shoes, tennis, rubber sole
1 pr Tops, shoe, leather, w/straps and
buckles
1 ea Set, chess, traveling
3 pr Laces, shoe
1 ea Guide, Officers
1 ea Stone, sharpening, small
2 ea Buckles, belt, brass
1 ea Kit, sewing
1 ea Box, cedar, w/ miscellaneous small
items
1 ea Bundle, letters
1 ea Map, tourists, British Isles
1 ea Copy, Notes on G.F.T.
1 ea List of contents

----- END -----

I certify that all items of government issue are my personal property and are
authorized for this shipment by competent authority.

BERYLE B. BOSSMAN
Capt, 434th Armd F A Bn,

I certify that I have inspected this container; that it does not contain any un-
authorized government property, or any other prohibited items, and that clothing
and textiles originating in areas where louse borne typhus fever exists have been
disinfected.

Harry L. Kivett
HARRY L. KIVETT *HLK*
1st Lt, 434th Armd F A Bn.

TALLY IN NO P 81

TALLY IN INVENTORY RECORD

NAME BOSSMAN BERYLE B. RANK CAPT ASN O-454573

SHOWN ON CONSIGNORS T.O. AS _____

ORGANIZATION BATTERY, 434th ARMD FA BN.

DATE 26/11/44 CASE BOX PARCEL _____ STATUS KIA

ITEMS	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
1	blouse, officers	
2	TROUSERS, PINK 50% WOOL + COTTON	
1	OD SHIRT	
1	GREEN "	
1	CAP OFFICER	
1	SHIRT KHAKI	
1	JACKET SHEEP SKIN LINED	
1	Wool knit	
	ties	
2	TIES GREEN	
	khaki tie	
1	RAIN COAT	
1	PT LEATHER gloves	
1	FACE TOWEL	
1	SHORT WINTER COAT	
1	SCARF	
1	Woolen shorts	
1	FIELD COAT	
1	PROTECTOR SHOES	
1	SET CAP + BARS SILVER	

TALLY IN NO 81

TALLY IN INVENTORY RECORD

NAME BOSSMAN, DERYLE B. RANK CAPT ASN 0-45457

SHOWN ON CONSIGNORS T.O. AS _____

ORGANIZATION "D" CO 434TH AIRMOB DIV

DATE 26/11/44 CASE Box PARCEL _____ STATUS KIA

ITEMS	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
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1	WORN PLATE	
1	SET D. I. TAGS	
2	U.S. MEDALS	
4	SETS OF ARTILLERY INSIG.	
1	KNIFE w/ SHEATH	
1	WHISTLE w/ HORN	
1	NEW TESTAMENT	
1	LEATHER WALLET	
1	SHOE SHINE KIT	
2	PIPES	
1	POCKET KNIFE	
1	PERSONAL LETTERS	
	PERSONAL PAPERS - MISC CARDS	
	AIR MAIL STAMPS & STAMPS	
2	SNAP SHOTS	
1	SOUVENIR COIN	
1	GERMAN TWENTY MARK	

INVENTORIED BY

D'AVINO

WHSE SPACE

TYPE CONTAINER

14 Sept. 1944

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

BOSSMAN BERYLE B. CAPT. O-454573
 (Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 507
 (City)

The above named individual of Battery C, 434th Armd FA Bn.
 (Unit)

was reported KIA
 (Organization) (Status-Action, MIA)

***** about 28 August 1944
 Hospitalized, etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible _____

MRS . BERYLE B. BOSSMAN , WARREN , MINNESOTA

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1- blouse , officers ✓ | 1-Scarf ✓ |
| 2- Trousers, pinks ✓ | 1-Pair Undershorts ✓ |
| 2- Shirts, Wool, OD ✓ | 1-Field Coat ✓ |
| 1- Cap, Service, Officers ✓ | 1-Pair Shoes, Oxford ✓ |
| 1-Shirt, Cotton ✓ | 1-Pair Glasses, eye ✓ |
| 1- Jacket, Sheepskin Lined ✓ | 1- Pouch Tobacco with Insignia ✓ |
| 1- Hood, wool knit ✓ | 1- Chess Set ✓ |
| 1- pair leggins ✓ | 1-Knife, Hunting ✓ |
| 2-ties, green ✓ | 1-Whistle w/ cord ✓ |
| 1-tie, kaki ✓ | 1-Bible, New Testament ✓ |
| 1- raincoat ✓ | 1-Case, Shaving , complete ✓ |
| 14- pair socks, Wool ✓ | 1-Case Shoe Shine, complete ✓ |
| 1- pair socks, cotton ✓ | 1- Wallet ✓ |
| 1- Pair Gloves, leather ✓ | 2-Pipes, smoking ✓ |
| 1- Towel ✓ | 1-Knife, pocket ✓ |
| 1- Coat, Short Winter Wool ✓ | 1-Packet letters ✓ |

Money in the amount of none has been turned into

Form WDED 38

(Name of finance officer and symbol number)

enclosed.

none known

Names and addresses of any banks in which accounts may be
carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects,
secured by me, of the above named individual, and that they were for-
warded to the Effects Dept by Truck on
(Mail, Truck, etc.)

15 Sept. 1944

William B. Sheveland
WILLIAM B. SHEVELAND

Name

Rank & ASN Capt. O-393 466

Organization Service Battery
454th Armd FA Bn.
APO 257 7PM NY, NY.

Any additional pertinent information:

**Enclosed in the personal effects box is an inventory list
of items the above named officer has stored in his footlocker which was
stored in England 29 July 1944**

NAME

BOSSMAN, BERYLE B

CAPT

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
			6972

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
BOX(DAMAGED) EE. QM Form 43		

WAR DEPARTMENT
EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER CZ
APO 887, US ARMY
Official Business

Penalty for private
use to avoid payment
of postage \$300

TO Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City QM Depot
Kansas City, Mo.
U.S.A.

MIA

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF

CAPT

ROSSMAN, BERYLE, B, O-454573

26/11/44
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Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRM:DW:ms

Case No. 234976

Date 16 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Beryle B. Bosman, G-151573 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Captain, Field Artillery who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 28 day of August, 1944, at European Area.

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O., 228, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. _____.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt _____, Incl. _____)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 12 March 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of _____

Mrs. Bernice M. Bosman for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Bernice M. Bosman of
(Name of person found entitled)

Route 4, Harmon State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Minnesota, is the widow of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN B. MURPHY, Colonel, U.S.A.
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

JRM: JH: ja
April 11, 1945

234878

Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman
R.F.D. #4
Warren, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your husband, Captain Beryle B. Bossman.

These effects, contained in one carton, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

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

Extending every sympathy, I am


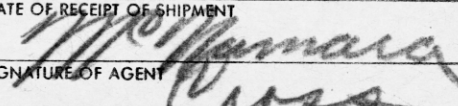
Sincerely yours,

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING
MEMORANDUM

NO. **WW-8223393**

NJ

CAR INITIALS AND NO.					
NAME OF INITIAL TRANSPORTATION			TRAFFIC CONTROL NOS.		
COMPANY NATIONAL CARLOADING CORPORATION			234878		
STOP THIS CAR AT	FOR		†SIZE CAR IN FT. & INS. ORDERED	FURNISHED	†MARKED CAPACITY OF CAR ORDERED
			FURNISHED	FURNISHED	†DATE CAR FURNISHED
RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY NAMED ABOVE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS NAMED ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, THE PUBLIC PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION (CONTENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN), TO BE FORWARDED TO DESTINATION BY THE SAID COMPANY AND CONNECTING LINES, THERE TO BE DELIVERED IN LIKE GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION TO SAID CONSIGNEE.		FROM (SHIPPING POINT) KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI FROM (FULL NAME OF SHIPPER) ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT			
		MARKS			
CONSIGNEE		CHARGES TO BE BILLED TO (DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT AND BUREAU OR SERVICE AND LOCATION) Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.			
MRS. BERRICE M. BOSSMAN HPD # 4		APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE 509-910 P 470-03 A 2152409			
DESTINATION		ISSUING OFFICE			
WARREN, MINNESOTA		KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT, K.C., MO.			
VIA (ROUTE JOURNEY ONLY WHEN SOME SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT IS SUBSERVED THEREBY) NATIONAL CARLOADING CORPORATION		NAME AND TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER G.E. JOHNSTON, CAPT., T.C.			
CARRIER'S DELIVERY SERVICE REQUESTED PICK-UP SERVICE AT ORIGIN was not BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS AGENT (Insert "WAS" or "WAS NOT") INITIALS OF SHIPPER'S AUTHORIZED AGENT OR EMPLOYEE		TRANSPORTATION OFFICER			
PACKAGES NO. KIND		DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (USE CARRIERS' CLASSIFICATION OR TARIFF DESCRIPTION IF POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE A CLEAR NONTECHNICAL DESCRIPTION)		NUMBERS ON PACKAGES	WEIGHTS* ACTUAL
1	F/L	NON- MILITARY Personal Effects "RELEASED VALUATION AT LOWEST RATE" AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT: A.W. #112 AND W.D. CIRCULAR #373 14 SEPT. 1944		234878	72
CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER			NAME OF TRANSPORTATION COMPANY		
CONTRACT NO. OR PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____ DATED _____ OR OTHER AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT			NATIONAL CARLOADING CORPORATION		
F. O. B. POINT NAMED IN CONTRACT SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER M.P. CISTON, CWO, USA, ASST. TO			DATE OF RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT 		PER MAR 21 1945

NATIONAL CARLOADING CORPORATION MEMORANDUM COPY

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman

SHIP TO:

RFD #1

Capt. Beryle B. Bossman

Warren, Minnesota

Effects of:

Name

0454573

ASN

234878 D

Case No.

Wt.

JRM:DW:men

DATE 6 April 1945

Dorothy M. Watts
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check

 Acct. No.

 Amount

 Inclose "Valuables" item

 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

 Remove G.I.

 Note discrepancy in

 Films removed

 Diary removed

 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

 Accounting Branch

 1 Warehouse Division

 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

Franked

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Frt. Chgs.

No. of packages

APR 16 1945

[Signature]
Shipping Clerk

234878

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>11/1/45</i>	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY	DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>
		P.O.W. <input type="checkbox"/>
		ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
		TALLY NO. <i>6972</i>
		INV. DATE <i>8 Mar 1945</i>
		ORG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>
		BOX NO.
		SHEET OF <i>1</i> SHEETS
		ORGANIZATION <i>434 Brnd 7a 18n</i>

NAME *Beryl E. B. Bossman*
 A.S.N. *0-454575L* RANK *capt*

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

ew
4-3

REMARKS *Mrs Beryl B Bossman Warren Minnesota* ATTACHMENTS *inventory tag* FORM #54 FORM #100

C.A.T. <i>none</i>	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>1472X</i>	STOPPED BY <i>JCM</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
INVENTORIED BY <i>Parrish</i>	DATE SHIPPED <i>APR 16 1945</i>	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
PACKED BY <i>ew</i>	CHECKED BY <i>B</i>	DIARY REMOVED
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #3 OR ADDITIONAL	LOCKED STORAGE
		LAUNDRY REMOVED
		FILM REMOVED

* Found 1 green shirt

SHORTAGES

* 1 shirt wool 010

U. S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

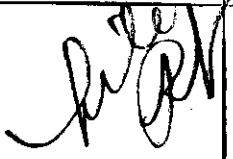
SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

NAME

BASSMAN, BERYLE B. LT

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
49	2		6711

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
BOX Eff. QM Form 48		

SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS	ARMY EFFECTIVE BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED MISSING ? P.O.W. ABANDONED
BOX NUMBER	ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES		
TALLY NUMBER 6711	INVENTORY DATE 24-2-45	CASE NUMBER 234878	
EFFECTS OF	BERYLE B. BOSSMAN		RANK Capt
A.S.N. 0-454573	ORGANIZATION Btry "C" 434th Armd FA. BN.		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION #1 Footlocker			

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
BELT	BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	BAGS, CLOTH
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BRUSHES	BAGS, TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	CAMERAS	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
COATS	GLASSES	CASE,
4 FOOTWEAR, PR	KNIVES	FOOTLOCKER
X GLOVES, PR.	LIGHTERS	KIT, SEWING
X HANDKERCHIEFS	MISC. INSIGNIA	KIT, TOILET
6 HEADWEAR	X MISC. ITEMS w/Box	KIT, WRITING
2 JACKETS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	PAPERS AND MISC.
OVERCOATS	REPAIR, REPAIR	BOOKS
SCARFS	RIBBON	BOOKS, ADDRESS
SHIRTS	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	BOOKS, NOTE
X SOCKS, PR.	RIBBONS, DECORATIVE	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
X TIES	RINGS	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
TOWELS	TOBACCO	FILMS
7 TROUSERS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	X LETTERS
X TRUNKS, PR.	WATCH	X PAPERS, PERSONAL
X UNDERWEAR	WINGS	X PHOTOS
		SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		SHORT SNORTER
		SOUVENIRS
		SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

1 Sweater

[Handwritten signature]

\$ 0.05

REMARKS: Wife
 ATTACHMENTS: none.
 Mus. B. Bossman
 1119 - 10th Ave. N.
 Fargo N. Dak.

(note) all information taken from personal letters.

C.A.T. none.

WAREHOUSE SPACE 1745X STORED BY *[Signature]*

INVENTORIED BY *[Signature]*

PACKED BY *[Signature]* CHECKED BY *[Signature]*

WEIGHT 72#

DATE SHIPPED MAR 19 1945

GI REMOVED
SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
DIARY REMOVED
LOCKED STORAGE
LAUNDRY REMOVED
FILM REMOVED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Mather address

Mrs. Clara Bassman

126 So. 12th St

Minneapolis (P). Minn

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman

RFD # 4

Effects of:

Name

Capt. Beryle B. Bossman

Warren, Minnesota

ASN

O-454573

Case No.

234878 D

Wt.

JRM:HN:wh
DATE 13 March 1945

C. Barber
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. 72943
Amount \$12.12
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

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

ROUTING:

1 Accounting Branch
2 Warehouse Division
3 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

72943

234878

54122 emh

March 14

45

Bernice M. Bossman

12.12

Twelve and 12/100

17 foot locker 72#

REMARKS:

Franked _____
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
No. of packages 1

MAR 19 1945

MAR 27 1945

HML
Shipping Clerk



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO #234878

JFM:HN:vv
March 14, 1945

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, Captain Beryle B. Bossman.

I am inclosing a check for \$12.12, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property is being forwarded to you in one footlocker.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

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

I Incl—
Check

○ Minneapolis, Minn.

Feb. 13, 1946

234,878
D

Army Effects Bureau
Quartermaster Depot,
601 Hardisty Ave.
Kansas City, Mo.

INQUIRY CLERK

Dear Sirs,

My son was killed at Epernay, France, Aug. 28, 1944. To date neither his wife nor I have ever received any of his personal things. I was wondering if they may be at your Depot, but have not be identified so they could be sent home. So shall list the things which I know he had at that time.

MP 21-1140

White gold, Pierce Ray, wrist watch.
I.D. Identification bracelet, with name Beryle B. Bosman, & his last birthday 9-7-43. yellow gold wedding ring, Class ring W.H.S. 35 glasses, Fountain pen & pencil set, Billfold pictures, & small Bible.

His Add. Capt. Berle B. Bossman 0454573

Btry. "C" 434 Tnd. H. H. Bn.

A.P.O. 257, New York, N.Y.

Was killed Aug. 28, 1944, Epernay, France. If you can locate any of these things, we would be so pleased to have them. This has been a terrible shock to us. So thanking you in advance for any thing you may be able to do for me.

I am his Mother

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman

27 West 14th St.

Minneapolis, Minn.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

HN:FR:11
February 21, 1946

234878

IN REPLY REFER TO.....

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
27 West 14th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

This acknowledges your letter of February 13 regarding the personal property belonging to your son, Captain Beryle B. Bossman.

I wish to advise that all of his property received here was forwarded to his widow, Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman, R.F.D. #4, Warren, Minnesota, on March 19, 1945, and April 16, 1945.

There is no information regarding any additional property belonging to Captain Bossman.

So that you may better understand the difficulties encountered in the recovery of personal effects, I am inclosing an information circular on the subject.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Administrative Division

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SPQYG 293
Bossman, Beryle B.
S.N. 0454573

14 April 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Interment

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

1. It is requested that this office be advised as to whether or not the remains of the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, S. N. 0454573, have been recovered and interred, as to date a report of interment has not been received.

2. The official report of death received in this office shows that Captain Bossman was killed in action on 28 August 1944, in France.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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

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SPCIG 293
Bossman, Beryle B.
S.N. 0454573

14 April 1945

Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman
Warren, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of recent date, requesting information concerning the place of burial of the remains of your husband, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman.

I regret to inform you that, up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your husband 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 you will be advised.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WAYO A. DARLING
Lt Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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Warren, Minnesota

Feb. 1, 1945

The Quartermaster General,

Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

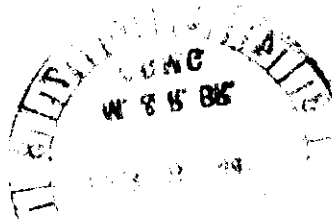
Would you please
send me information regarding
the location of my husband's
grave. ²⁴³ Capt. Beryl B. Bossman,
O-454573 - killed Aug. 28
in France.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Bernice M. Bossman

Warren, Minnesota



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Bossman, Beryle B.
S.N. 0454573

14 April 1945

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
126 South 12th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Your letter has been forwarded to this office for direct reply, relative to the place of burial of the remains of your son, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman.

I regret to inform you that, up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son 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 you will be advised.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING
Lt Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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HEADQUARTERS, AR SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

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GPO 16-34200-3

1	Director, Memorial Division, OQMG, Room 1007 Tempo C, Washington, D. C.	(Initials)
	(Name or title) (Organization) (Building and room)	(Date)
2	Burial Information	
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Re: Captain Beryle B. Bossman, 0454573,

1. For necessary action regarding burial and ~~personal effects.~~
2. The records of this office show that subject soldier was killed in action on 28 August 1944.
3. Copy of reply from this office and copy of ~~report~~ are inclosed for your information.
basic communication

For the Chief, Casualty Branch:

2 Inclosures



RWM

S. W. MODERHAK
1st Lt., A.G.D.

From Casualty Branch, Inves & Corres Sec,
Room 3710, Munitions Building

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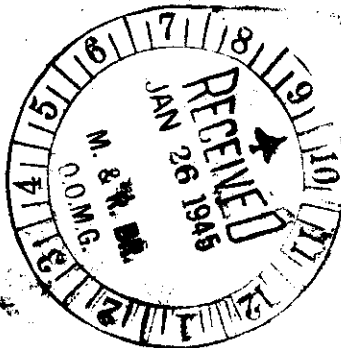
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AGFC-G 201 Bossman, Beryle B.
(21 Sep 44) 0454573

23 January 1945.

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman,
126 South Twelfth Street,
Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

Your letter of 21 September 1944, addressed to the Chaplain of the organization to which your son, Captain Beryle B. Bossman belonged, has been forwarded to this office for reply.

The distress you have suffered since you received the sad announcement of your son's death is most understandable and, realizing your desire to know the attending circumstances, I wish to advise you that an additional report has been received in the War Department. This report states that Captain Bossman was instantly killed in action about 2:00 a.m., on 28 August 1944, by enemy sniper fire, while on a reconnaissance mission near Epernay, France.

The records of the War Department show that, at the time of his death, your son's division was a part of the Third United States Army.

The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas and I am, therefore, forwarding a copy of your letter to that official for direct reply to your inquiry regarding this matter.

I realize how futile any words of mine may be to assuage your grief but I trust that the knowledge of your son's heroic sacrifice in action may be a source of sustaining comfort.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

Minneapolis, Minnesota.
September 21, 1944.

Chaplain

Dear Sir:

I'm the Mother of an officer of the 434th Armored F. A. Bn. The 7th Armored Division who was killed in France. He is Captain Beryle B. Bossman, 0454573, 434th Arm'd. F.A. Bn. (Btry "C") APO 257, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

Have been informed by the War Department he was killed August 28, 1944. May I please ask you to let me know some of the details? I know you can not say much. As a Chaplain you can find out what happened, Please. We are having Memorial Service for him on October 8, 1944 and if possible would like to know a few things which could be used for my dear son's service.

Could you please tell me if he was killed or died of wounds? If that date, August 28th is correct? How it happened? What time of the day it happened? Where he is buried? Near what town in France did it happen? Was he in the 7th Army, or if not which Army was he a part of? I will be so thankful for anything you can tell me. His loss is very hard to take, he was a good boy. Also has a nice wife and baby boy.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman
126 So. 12th St.,
Minn., Minneapolis.

COPY

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 18 Sept 1944
Fbm 4627

FULL NAME Bossman, Beryle B.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 0454573		GRADE Captain									
HOME ADDRESS Minneapolis, Minnesota		ARM OR SERVICE Field Artillery		DATE OF BIRTH 7 Sept 1916									
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 28 August 1944									
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 1 April 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES									
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman (Wife) RFD#4, Warren, Minnesota													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman (Wife) Same as above Robert M. Bossman (Son) Same as above Mrs. Clara J. Bossman (Mother) 126 South 12th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota *													
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

*
Mrs. Leah L. Pahl (Sister) o/o Mrs. C. J. Bossman, 126 South 12th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
James W. Pinkart
ADJUTANT GENERAL

QMGMT 293

BOSSMAN, Beryle B.

ASN O 454 573

121 Bloomsbury Ave.
Havre de Grace, Md.

June 19, 1951

Lt. Col. Benjamin B. King
Quartermaster Corps
Memorial Division

Dear Sir:

In regards to your inquiry about the death of Captain Beryle B. Bossman who was killed in Epermay, France in August of 1944, I was in C Battery of the 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 7th Armored Division. I was never a member of the medical detachment at any time.

At the time of his death, I was a tank mechanic and assigned, due to driver shortage, to drive the forward observers jeep and was near Captain Bossman when he was killed. I identified the remains in just the way you mentioned, but cannot say whether or not he was wearing paratroop boots. He was wearing field shoes of some kind, but I cannot say they were of any specific type.

As to what disposition was made of his remains, I cannot answer as they were still there when we left the town to cross the Marne River.

He was hit and killed instantly by a sniper's bullet and then hit directly by either a mortar shell or an 88 shell. The remains were picked up and placed on the side of the road under some trees, and they were still there when we pulled out of the town early the next morning.

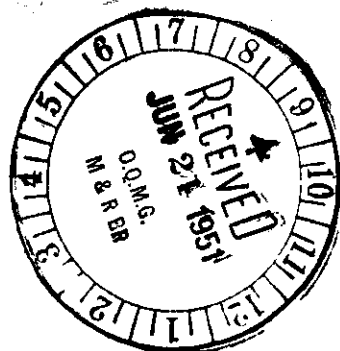
I hope this information will be of some help in your investigation. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Yours truly,



Paul L. Rosenkrans, Jr.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE 17 October 1951	
FROM (Branch and Section) Regis., Correspondence	REQUESTED BY E. Puthorosky	TEL. EXT. 54428	ROOM NO. 2515-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) Bossman, Beryle B.	RANK Capt.	SERIAL NUMBER 0 454 573	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Marital status and current address of widow
 Current address of mother

INFORMATION FURNISHED
 by Miss Hughes - QM Cas Res Section

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Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman (Widow)
 Route #1
 Warren, Minnesota

Mrs. Clara J. Bossman (Mother)
 27 West 14th Street
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

(As of 1946)

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (*Signature*)

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QMCMT 293
BOSSMAN, Beryle B.
ASN O 454 573

11 July 1951

[Handwritten signature]

Mr. Tobie D. Olivieri
595 North 5th Street
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Olivieri:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter of 4 July 1951.

The information contained therein is greatly appreciated
and this Office wishes to thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

BENJAMIN B. KING
Lt Col QMC
Memorial Division

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Foy *[Handwritten initials]*
cc—Administrative Section

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QMGMT 293
BOSSMAN, Beryle B.
ASN O 454 573

10 July 1951

Mr. Paul L. Rosenkrans, Jr.
121 Bloomsbury Avenue
Havre de Grace, Maryland

Dear Mr. Rosenkrans:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter of 19 June 1951

The information contained therein is greatly appreciated and
this Office wishes to thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey/cam *J.F.*
Foy *OF*
cc--Administrative Section

BENJAMIN B. KING
Lt Col QMC
Memorial Division

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QHMT 293
BOSSMAN, Beryle B.
ASN O 454 573

13 June 1951

Mr. Paul L. Rosenkrans, Jr.
90 $\frac{1}{2}$ Frank Street
Hornell, New York

Dear Mr. Rosenkrans:

An investigation is being conducted by this Office to determine the identity of deceased members of our Armed Forces who were killed in the vicinity of Epernay, France, 28 August 1944.

According to Army records, you were a member of the Medical Detachment, 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, and identified the remains of Captain Beryle B. Bossman, O-454573, who at the time of his death, was Commanding Officer of Battery C, 434th Armored Field Artillery, 7th Armored Division, Third United States Army. Identity was established by means of a cigarette case, bearing his name, and a shirt bearing his name and serial number, found on the remains.

Inasmuch as you identified the remains, you may recall whether or not the deceased was wearing brown paratrooper jump shoes and what disposition was made of the remains.

A reply at your earliest convenience and any additional information that you may be able to furnish will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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BENJAMIN B. KING
Lt Col QMC
Memorial Division

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13 June 1951

QMGMT 293
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Memorial Division

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Subject: Group Burial - USMC Campigneul, France
 Plot A, Row 7, Grave 175; Plot A, Row 3,
 Grave 51; Plot A, Row 6, Grave 130.

1. Forwarded herewith are 293 files for remains of subject group burial in which Ensminger, Frank L., Cpl., 33148547, is the first entry.

2. Next of kin have been verified and are listed below for your information.

3. Request you designate National Cemetery for final interment.

Ensminger, Frank L. Cpl 33148547 White-Protestant
 NOK: Mr. John W. Ensminger (Father)
 1401 North 15th Street
 Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania

Shaljian, Donald J. 2/Lt O-1017063 White-Protestant
 NOK: Mr. Van Lennep Shaljian, Sr. (Father)
 1426 N. Edison Street
 Stockton, California

*Mrs. Earse Seamans (Former
 Box 349 Widow)
 Hamburg, Ark.

Tucker, John F. Pvt 38516495 White-Protestant
 NOK: Frank I. Tucker (Father)
 Route #1
 Hamburg, Arkansas

Bossman, Beryle B. Capt O-454573 White-Protestant
 NOK: Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman (Widow)
 3209 Georgia Avenue
 Minneapolis 16, Minnesota

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2	Chief	Chief	10	QM GMC 293 Jefferson Bks N/C
	Opns Sec	Rep Br	Nov	With reference to preceding comment Jefferson Barracks
	Cem Br	Mem Div	1949	National Cemetery, 101 Memorial Drive, St. Louis 23, Mo.,
	Mem Div	ATTN:		has been designated as the place of interment for the
		Res Sec		above mentioned Group Burial in which Ensminger, Frank
		Unit #4		L. Cpl 33148547 is the first entry.

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CONCURRENCE OBTAINED FROM LIAISON OFFICE

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Bossman, Beryle B. Capt. 0454573

BURIAL INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	ASN	GRADE
GROUP BURIAL - RECOVERABLE REMAINS		
ORGANIZATION		DATE OF DEATH
PLACE	DATE OF BURIAL	DATE OF REBURIAL
Epernay, France		

REMARKS Remains of Unknowns X-5 thru X-7, interred in U.S. Military Cemetery, Champigneul, France; Plot A, Row 7, Grave 175; Plot A, Row 3, Grave 51; Plot A, Row 6, Grave 130; have been identified as a Group Burial, but individual identity cannot be established: ENSMINGER, Frank L., Opl., 33148547; SHALJIAN, Donald J., 2/Lt., O-1017063; TUCKER, John F., Pvt., 38516495.

*BOSSMAN, Beryle B., Capt., O-454572

s/ S. M. Rogers
 H. E. BARRY
 for Capt., QMC
 Ident. Section

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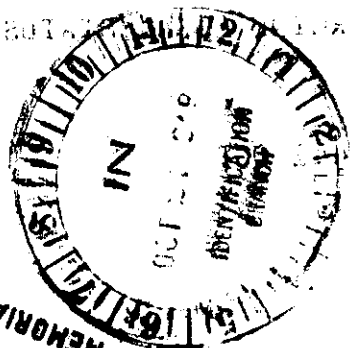
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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

4 October 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY & MATTERS INVESTIGATED

Pursuant to instructions contained in Investigation Directive # 475 dated 20 September 1950, an investigation was conducted at EPERNAY, Marne, in an effort to locate the remains of Capt. Berryl B. BOSSMAN, O-454573, KIA the 28 August 1944.

II. FACTS & CIRCUMSTANCES

This officer was from Btry "C" 434 AFA Bn, 7 Armd Division. He was killed in action near Epernay, France.

Captain Bossman was first hit in the shoulder by a sniper, then hit again by a mortar shell. An extract from various statements on file shows that Captain Bossman's body was blown into several pieces. There were no ID tags or other means of identification on the remains. His remains, except one leg that could not be located, were placed in one spot alongside of the road. The area was under fire and the body could not be evacuated at the time.

III. FINDINGS

Proceeded first to the Town Hall of Epernay where it was learned that the fighting at Epernay was very light and that there were only five casualties (American), each of which was inscribed in the Town Hall records. They all, (except one) took place on the 28 August 1944 and within the city limits. The list is below: (*see inclosure)

All of these remains had been brought to the Hospital Auban-Moet where they were buried in what is called the "English Cemetery" near the hospital. A check of the hospital records showed the following entry referring to the unknown which was dismembered:

"29 Aug 1944 buried at "Cimetiere Anglais"

1 American soldier, found dismembered Ave. Jean Jaures (Place called "La Cascade" brought in by group of young people one of which M. VERRIEST. No papers, no identity tags."

Narrative of Investigation
I.D. # 475

4 October 1950

All the remains were evacuated to Champigneul about eight days later by the 955 QM Service Co.

An attempt was made to contact M. VERRIEST. It was learned at the Police Commissariat that he lived formerly with a Mr. Martin, Rene, 51 Ave. Jean Jaures, but had since moved to Reims. As Mr. Martin was not home, Mr. Verriest's address was not obtained.

Then proceeded to "La Cascade". It is reached by following the Ave. Jean Jaures just to the outskirts of town and there where the city street becomes a country road is "La Cascade". Various unsuccessful interrogations were made until the investigator contacted Mr. ASCHAN, Rene, cabinet-maker. He declared that on the 28 August 1944, towards evening, he found on the Ave Jean Jaures, at the place called "La Cascade", the remains of an American soldier completely dismembered and almost nude. No means of identity were apparent. He covered these remains temporarily with leaves and sand. The next day the remains were gone. He showed the investigator the exact spot which was just alongside the road. A careful search was made but nothing of interest was found. He also indicated that a hundred yards away a tank was destroyed in a small woods and that there were one or more casualties.

IV. CONCLUSION

The complete Town Hall listing shows five casualties killed on the 28 Aug 1944, all buried at the "Cimetiere Anglais" and all evacuated. There were only two unknowns, one a tank casualty, carbonized. This can not be Captain Bossman, as this was not the way he met his death.

The other unknown was found alongside of the road by Mr. Verriest, was brought to the hospital, buried and subsequently evacuated. He had obviously received a direct shell burst and was dismembered. Hence we have only one unknown from Epernay for whom the place, date and cause of death corresponds in every detail to that of Capt. Bossman.

There were no other casualties who are not on the Town Hall list. X-7 can only be Captain Bossman.

V. RECOMMENDATION

That action be taken to identify X-7 as Captain Berryl BOSSMAN.

HOWARD E. EPHRAIM
DAC Investigator

* INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLIED MILITARY DECEASED OR BURIED AT THE TOWN OF EPERNAY

NAME	NATIONALITY	GRADE	ASN	CAUSE OF DEATH	DATE & PLACE
HOLTZ, Michael A.	American	-	37174672	Killed in tank	28 Aug 1944 at place called "La Cascade"
X- Unknown, No.292*	"	-	-	Disembled	"
X- Unknown	"	-	-	Brought carbonized to: Hospital Auban-Moet	place not listed
STREHNS, Virgil	"	-	38142192	Tank casualty	28 Aug 1944 at "La Cascade"
KOS, Charles E	"	-	11064854	Brought dead to hospital	28 Aug, Place called "Ramponneau"
JENNINGS, Harold R.	"	-	12017738	Auto accident	5 Sept 1944

*No. 292 "Le vingt-neuf Aout 1944, 0830, nous avons constate le deces paraissant remonter au
 Inconnu vingt huit sout courant d'un militaire americain (sans autre renseignements). Le
 28 Aug 1944 corps a ete completement dechiquete au lieu dit "La Cascade".
 Dresse le 6 Sept 1944, 1130 heures sur la declaration of Emile BONDU, 31 ans, em-
 ploye a l'Hopital d'Epernay, domicile en cette ville place Auban-Moet, 18, qui,
 lecture faite, a signe avec nous, Jean MACHET, Maire de la ville d'Epernay, Officier
 de l'Etat-Civil.

/s/ Bondu

/s/ Machet

TRANSLATION

No. 292 The 29th August 1944, at 0830, we have determined the death, which appeared to date
 Unknown back to the 28th August 1944, of an American soldier (no other information). The
 28 Aug 1944 body was completely dismembered at the place called "La Cascade".
 Entered this 6th September 1944 at 1130 hrs on the declaration of Emile BONDU, 31
 yrs, employed at the Hospital of Epernay, and residing in said city place Auban-
 Moet, 18, who, after reading, has signed with us, Jean MACHET, Mayor of the city of
 Epernay,

/s/ Bondu

/s/ Machet

Republique Francaise
Dept. de la Marne
/ MAIRIE
de la
VILLE D'EPERNAY

Je soussigne certifie qu'a la date du 28 Aout 1944, lors de l'Arrivee de l'Armee americaine, il n'y a eu, a notre connaissance, aucun engagement de corps a corps avec les troupes allemandes.

Six militaires americains dont deux inconnus ont ete declares a l'Etat-civil de la ville d'Epernay. Ceux-ci ont ete tues quand ils etaient dans leurs chars.

Aucune tombe de militaire americain ne se trouve actuellement sur le territoire de la ville d'Epernay. Les six militaires tues ont ete inhume provisoirement et enleves quelques jours apres par les soins des Autorites americaines sans en aviser l'Administration francaise.

Fait a Epernay, le 3 octobre 1950.

POUR LE MAIRE.

/s/ Illisible

"La Cascade" ou les deux militaires americains inconnus ont ete tues, se trouve dans la ville meme. Il est donc impossible, sans que cela se sache, que les restes des cadavres aient ete deposes sur le bord de la route.

/s/ Illisible

TRANSLATION

I the undersigned certify that on 28 August 1944, at the arrival of the U.S. Army, to the best of our knowledge there were no hand to hand combats with the German troops.

Six American soldiers, two of these unknown, were registered at the Town Hall of Epernay. These had been killed in their tanks.

There are actually no graves of American soldiers on the territory of the city of Epernay. The six soldiers were temporarily interred and removed a few days later through the American authorities without advice to the French administration.

Epernay, 3 October 1950

FOR THE MAYOR

/s/ Illegible

"La Cascade" where the two unknown americans were killed, is located in the city itself. It is therefore impossible that the bodies could have been placed by the side of the road without this becoming known.

/s/ Illegible

3 Oct 1950

Epernay - Mardeuil

DECLARATION

Je soussigne, Mr. ASCHAN, Rene, menuisier, declare que le 28 Aout au soir j'ai trouve sur l'Avenue Jean Jaures au lieu dit la Cascade un corps de soldat Americain completement dechiquete et pour ainsi dire nu. Aucune piece d'identite ou papier etait evident. J'ai couvert ces restes provisoirement avec de la terre et des feuilles. Aujourd'hui j'ai montre l'endroit exact a un enqueteur de l'Armee Americaine qui a procede a une fouille. Deux autres soldats americain etait tue a "La Cascade" mais ils etaient dans un char.

/s/ Aschan

TRANSLATION

3 Oct 1950

CERTIFICATE

I the undersigned, Mr. ASCHAN, Rene, carpenter, certify that on the evening of the 28th August I found on the Avenue Jean Jaures, at the place called "La Cascade", the completely dismembered body of an American soldier, so to speak naked. There were no means of identification to be found. I covered these remains temporarily with earth and leaves. Today I have shown the exact place to an investigator of the U.S. Army who has proceeded in making a search. Two other American soldiers were killed at "La Cascade" but they were in a tank.

/s/ Aschan

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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.,

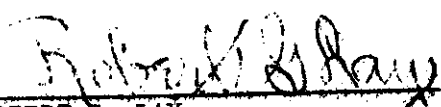
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EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
CAPT., QMC,
Adjutant

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

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

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

13 November 1951

ORIGND 293
Bossman, Beryle B.
SN O 454 573

Mrs. Bernice M. Bossman
3209 Georgia Avenue
Minneapolis 16, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman:

It is with regret that I must confirm the information regarding the inclusion of your husband, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, in a group burial now interred in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, which was conveyed to you during a recent visit by an officer of my staff.

The grave location of the group in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery is graves 168, 169 and 170, Section 34.

I have caused a thorough check of all records to be made and am convinced that they support the findings.

It is not easy for a grateful Nation to express properly its feeling of solemn obligation to those of its citizens who gave their lives under difficult circumstances. On behalf of the people of the United States, a memorial flag is being sent to you under separate cover. This flag is the symbol of our country, in whose fibre is entwined the love and devotion of thousands of men such as your husband.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLAWMATER
Colonel, JMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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293 - BOSSMAN, BERYLE B - 0454573



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

IN REPLY REFER TO

7 November 1951

B. Bossman, Beryle B.

SUBJECT: Report of Official Travel

TO: Chief, Memorial Division

SECTION I - ITINERARY

1. Places Visited	Arrived		Departed	
	Date	Hour	Date	Hour
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania				
Hamburg, Arkansas				
Stockton, California				
Minneapolis, Minnesota	1 Nov 51	0815	4 Nov 51	2215

2. Persons Contacted

Mrs. John W. Ensminger, Stepmother
Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Tucker, Parents
Mr. and Mrs. Van Lennep Shaljian, Parents
Mrs. Bernice Bossman, Widow

SECTION II - PURPOSE OF VISIT

This visit to the next of kin of the group now interred in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery was made to inform them of the addition of Captain Beryle B. Bossman. This was done after exhaustive investigation.

The group as it will now consist is as follows:

Corporal Frank L. Ensminger	33 148 547
2nd Lieutenant Donald J. Shaljian	01 017 063
Private John F. Tucker	38 516 495
Captain Beryle B. Bossman	0 454 572

SECTION III - OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

A.

On 23 October 1951, I proceeded to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to confer with the next of kin of Corporal Frank L. Ensminger, 33148547, one of the decedent's of the group.

Mr. John Ensminger, the father wasn't home. He is a railroad man, and was away on a rail run. Mrs. Ensminger, the decedent's stepmother, said she could deliver any message I would leave. I found that the family felt very kindly toward the Army. Mrs. Ensminger said that they didn't write much because the Army had kept them so well informed.

The case was carefully explained. I told the mother that this Office was positive that Captain Bossman's remains were included in the group. Mrs. Ensminger wasn't surprised and thanked me for the visit and information.

Mrs. Ensminger was informed that Captain Bossman's name would be inscribed on the headstone and that the group now would be a group of four.

B.

On 27 October 1951, I arrived in Hamburg, Arkansas, to confer with the next of kin of Private John F. Tucker, 38516495. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tucker, Parents, and Peggy Tucker, daughter of the decedent met with me.

I found Mr. and Mrs. Tucker very pleasant and receptive to the situation. The case was carefully explained. They were told that the remains of Captain Bossman were included in the group and that this was not known until a thorough investigation was made in an attempt to account for Captain Bossman. The parents were very pleased that I made this visit to them to explain. The mother said, "I know I wouldn't have understood if you had written a letter."

C.

On 30 October 1951, I arrived in Stockton, California, to interview Mr. and Mrs. Shaljian, Parents of Second Lieutenant Donald J. Shaljian, 01017063. The parents were found to be very pleasant, and receptive to narrative of this case.

All details were explained to them. They were told that after exhaustive investigation, it was concluded that the remains of Captain Bossman had been included with those of the group. Further, that it was the decision of this Office to add the name of Captain Bossman to the marker.

The parents fully understood. There were no recriminations or harsh remarks. On the contrary, the father expressed thanks for my visit and stated that when they were present at the interment ceremony his feeling was one of detachment. He couldn't believe that his son was in the group. However, now he felt different he said, "your visit has cleared everything, I now know that my son is in that group, and I'm amazed by the thoroughness of the investigation, and the thoughtfulness of the personal visit." He further stated that a letter would not have been satisfactory in explanation.

D.


No difficulty was experienced with Mrs. Bossman. I explained in the beginning to Mrs. Bossman that it was a difficult case and asked if I could exercise my own judgment, and hold back some of the details. She asked not to tell her any gruesome details.


The discrepancy was explained about how the remains of her husband had been included in the group. She was told that during the confusion of combat, his remains were buried in the cemetery at Epernay, along side the casualties of the tank. Upon exhumation for transfer to a military cemetery they were thought to be part of the tank crew. Mrs. Bossman accepted the decision and was very thankful for the visit.

SECTION IV - ACTION

Action recommended - the following recommendations are made:

1. That all records in this Office, and at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery be amended to show this as a group of four decedents, adding Captain Bossman's name to the group.
2. That a new marker be erected bearing the four names of the group as now constituted.
3. That a letter be dispatched to Mrs. Bossman confirming this visit and informing her of the grave location.
4. That a Memorial flag be dispatched to Mrs. Bossman.
5. That a photostat of this report be crossfiled into each of the 293 files of the group.


 E. M. BROWN, LT COL, OMC

APPROVED: 
 W. G. JOHNSON
 Colonel, OMC
 Memorial Division

DATE: 7 Nov 51

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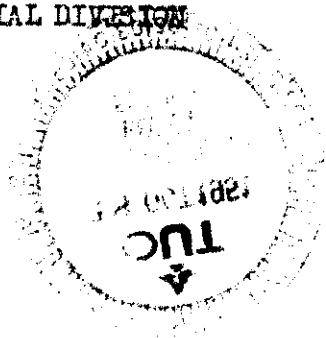
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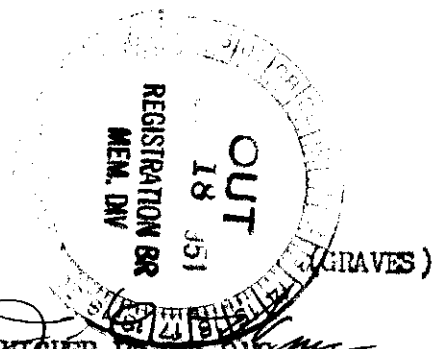
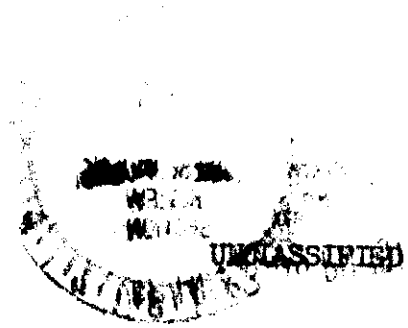
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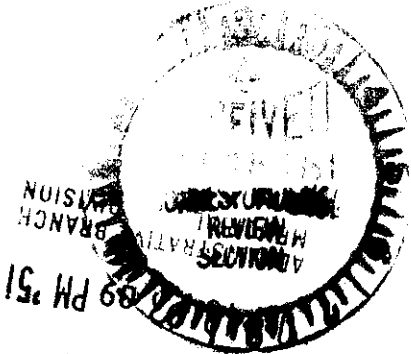
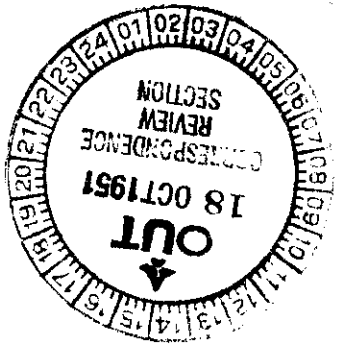
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OUTGOING

QMCMC 293
Bossman, Beryle B.
O-454573

11 June 1952

Mrs. Bernice H. Bossman
3209 Georgia Avenue
Minneapolis 16, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Bossman,

Reference is made to the interment of your husband, the late Captain Beryle B. Bossman, and his comrades, which was made in Graves 168, 169 and 170, Section 84, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis 23, Missouri. It is regretted that because of the fact it was impossible to identify individually the remains of your husband, you were deprived of the comfort and consolation which you might have been afforded by interring his remains at home.

It is felt that you might like to have the inclosed photographs of the stone which has been placed at the grave.

You are assured that the grave will always be cared for in a manner fully commensurate with the sacrifice your husband has made for his country. Any desired information concerning the grave or the cemetery will be furnished upon request.

Sincerely yours,

JAS. F. WATT
Lt. Colonel, QMC
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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

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

293 Bossmann, Beryle B. * * * * * 0-454-573

1. The Board convened pursuant to para. 4, SO 139, Headquarters,
7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950,
at Liege, Belgium on 21 December 1950.

2. Members present:

C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC
LEWIS A. McAMIS, Captain, QMC
JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2nd Lt, QMC

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented, the
non-recoverability of the remains of the deceased in question, lost in
the geographical area as described below:

a. Map Sheet, Epernay, France.

b. Facts:

1. Captain Beryle B. BOSSMAN, O 454 573, was a member of
Battery "C", 7th Armored Division, and reported on
OOMG Form 371, as killed in action in the vicinity of Epernay, France on
28 August 1944.

4. FINDINGS:

a. Statement of Sgt Paul L. ROSEKRANS, Jr., concerning the
subject casualty reads as follows: "On 28 August 1944, I was told to
go forward with Cpl Olivieri to help identify the body of Captain Bossman
who had been killed a few minutes before. When we arrived, we found his
head, shoulders and left arm on one side of the road and the remainder
of his body less one leg was on the other side of the road. I identified
him by a cigarette case which has his name on and also by his shirt which
had his name and serial number on. We put all his remains we could find
on one pile and departed as the area was under small arms and mortar fire
at the time."

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b. Statement of Cpl Tobie D. OLIVIERI, Medical Detachment of the 48th Armored Infantry Battalion, reads as follows: "At the time of Captain Bossman's Death I was a member of the Medical Detachment, 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. On 28 August 1944 I was called forward to identify the remains of an officer that had just been killed. When I arrived at the forward position I found the body of Captain Bossman. He had first been shot by a sniper and then hit by a mortar shell. His body had been blown into several pieces. His face had been disfigured beyond recognition but I could recognize him by his build and hair. I further identified him by his name and serial number on his clothing and by a cigarette case that had his name on it. There were no identification tags or other means of identification on the body. His remains except one leg that could not be located were placed in one place along the road. The area was under fire and we could not evacuate the body at the time."

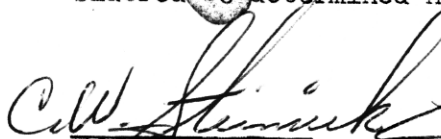
c. Field Investigation conducted on 4 October 1950, failed to recover the remains of subject casualty.

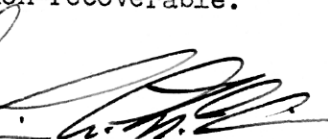
d. Attempts to associate unknown deceased recovered from this area with subject casualty proved negative.


e. Reference is made to: OOMG Form 371; Statement S/Sgt Paul A. Rosenkrans Jr., Btry "C", 434th Armd FA Bn.; Statement Cpl Tobie D. Olivieri, Medical Det. 48th Armd Inf Bn.; On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

f. Reference is also made to: Narrative Report of Field Investigation, dated 4 October 1950; Attached.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedent herein considered be determined non-recoverable.


C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain, QMC
Member


LEWIS A. McAMIS
Captain, QMC
Member


JOHN A. BOUTIN
2nd Lt, QMC
Member