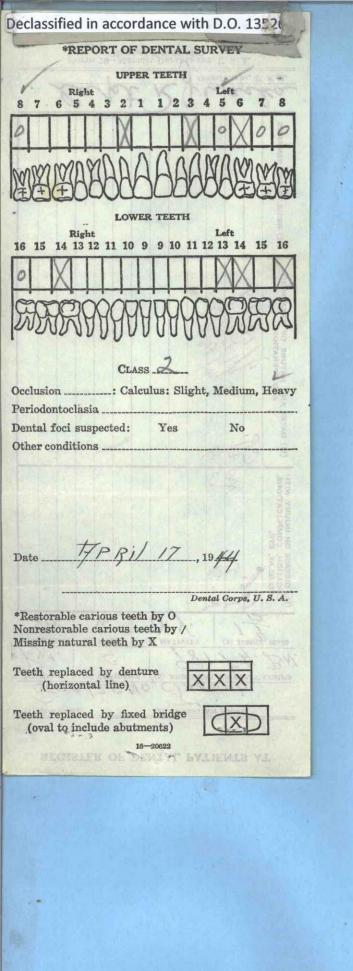
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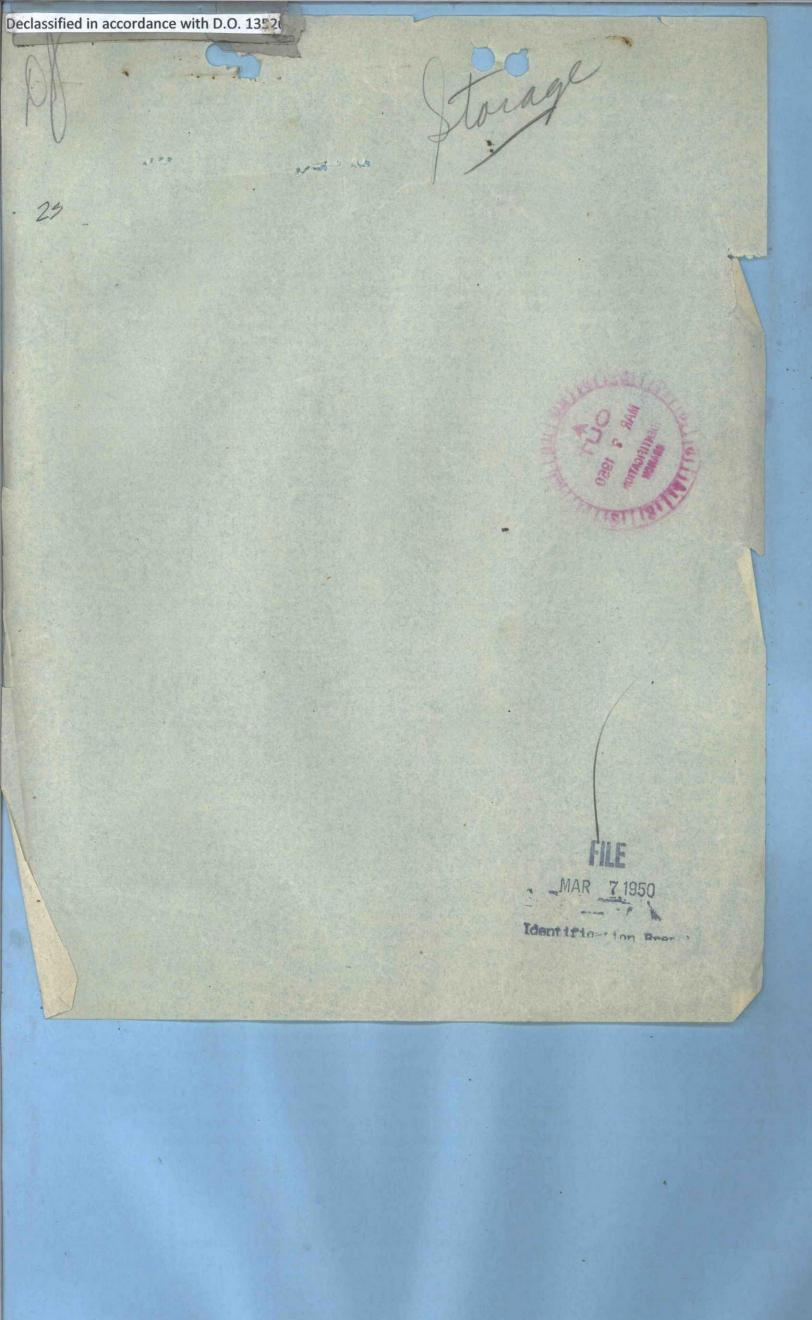
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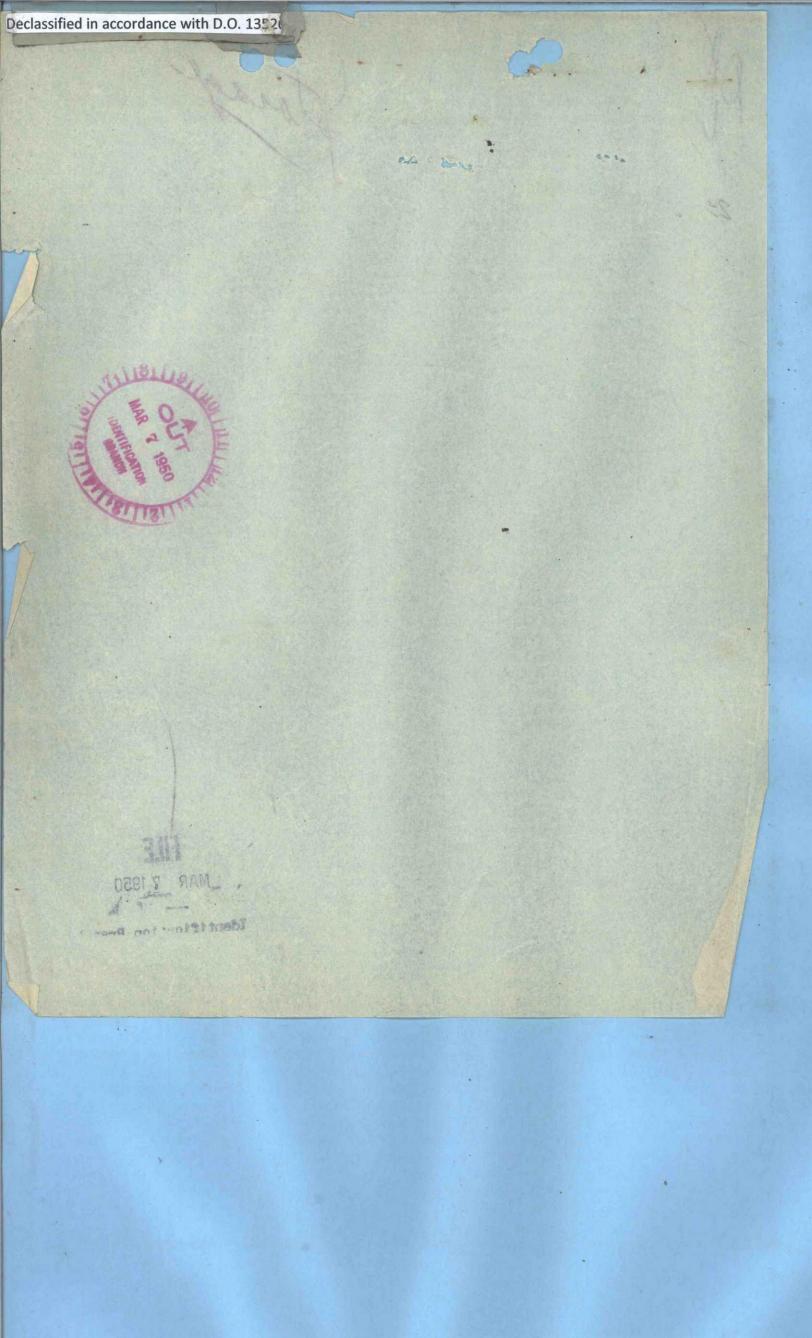
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M. Albert Counson and Paul Rahier, both residents of Provedroux Belgium, stated that an intact American body found approximately 35 yards to the rear of the wreck had been removed by an unknown American unit prior to the evacuation by Sgt Backstrom of Unknowns 67 & 68.

The remains of Unknown X 67 were removed from the burned vehicle but the exact location within the vehicle is unknown since the mine

blew up the entire right center structure.

The only additional remains found were a femur bone on the ground directly under the hole made by the explosion and undoubtedly belongs with remains of Unknown 67 who was removed from wreck and whose remains

had only one femur bone.

A helmet liner, a christmas card, and a letter and envelope were found in immediate vicinity of the wreck. The helmet liner was marked "S-6786", the christmas card was addressed "Dear Ben" and the letter began "Hello Darling" and was signed "Esther". The envelope was postmarked Brenton, Ala, and has pencilled APO marking "440"

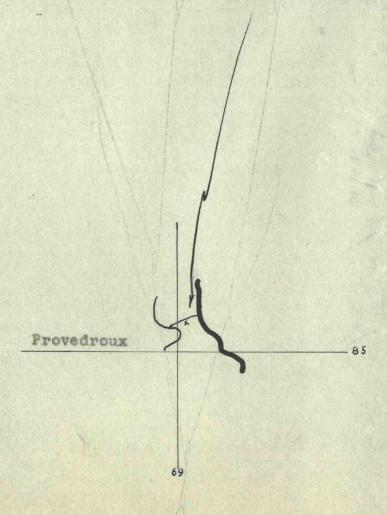
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Group VI 11 Mar 1945

UNKNOWN American's remains found in and around 105mm Self Propelled Gun at "X", near Provedroux, Belgium. Coor: P69 2859.

Gun approx. 100' off road. Front markings on vehicle: 7 Armored, 440F



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REMARKS: (Any information not covered in "Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance" space, including details and results of search. If a search is not conducted, reason for failure to do so will be furnished).

Unable to get back to that area.

Date of report 25 Dec 1944

/s/ Lee J. Farrell Capt. F.A.. (Signature of preparing officer

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority to administer oaths in cases of this nature, one Clyde D. Bell, 34 138 632, lst/Sgt, Btry C. 440th Armored F.A. Battalion, who, having been duly sworn deposeth as follows:

"Pvt. Joseph Guadagno, 32 696 139. Btry C. 440th Armd FA Battalion was a man of small stature but rather stocky and being hardly more than five feet in height. He had small hands with slender fingers and his head with slightly depressed cheek bones was of a proportionate size. His legs were short and his broad shoulders were especially noticeable in contrast to his small height. I would judge that he weighed approximately one hundred and thirty pounds."

s/t Clyde D. Bell, 1st Sgt 34 138 632, Btry C, 440th Armd F. A. Bn.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of April 1945.

s/t ROBERT L. FREELAND 1st Lt., 440th Armd FA Bn. Adjutant.

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"Sgt Walter G. Henry, 34 230 967, was a member of the M-7 of my battery that was destroyed by the enemy on 23 December 1944. He has been carried as MIA since that date. Sgt Henry was about five feet and eight inches tall and weighed about 135 pounds. He had extremely large hands and long fingers. He was slender built with a waist of about thirty inches. He had a long slender face with low cheek bones. His feet were rather large for a man of his size. His legs were relatively long and slender."

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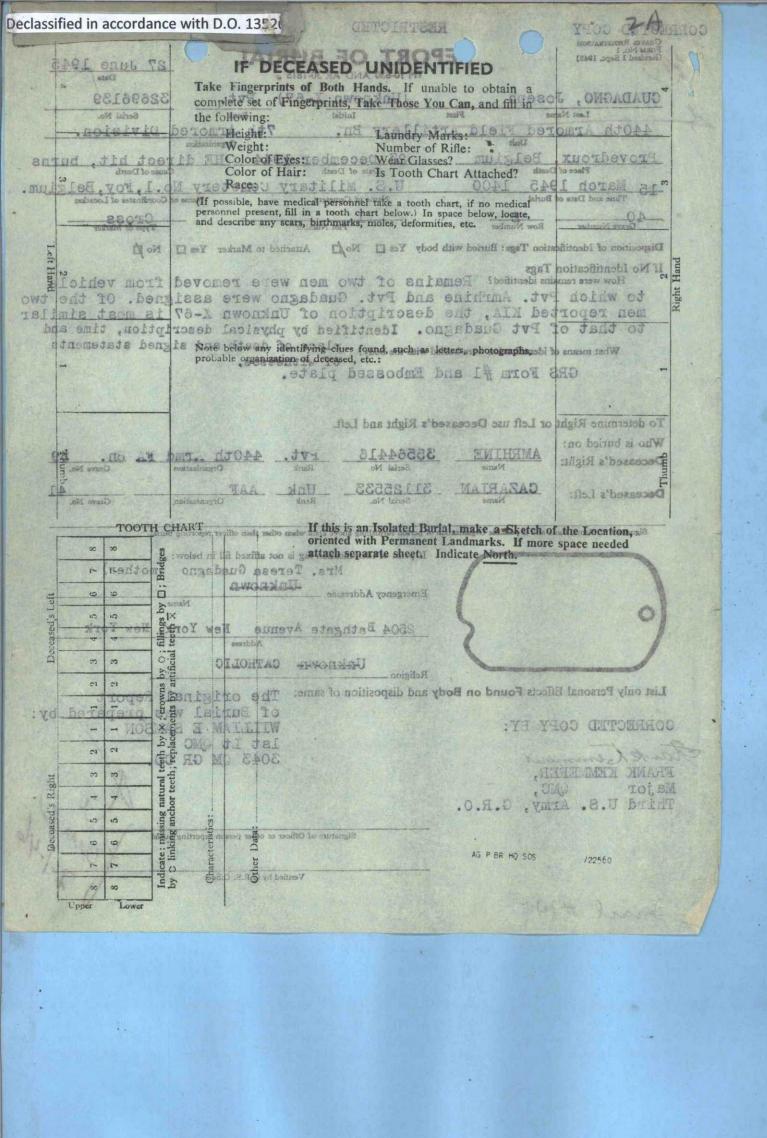
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Subscribed to and sworn before me this the 21th day of April 1945.

s/t ROBERT L. FREELAND lst Lt., 440th Armd FA Bn. Adjutant.

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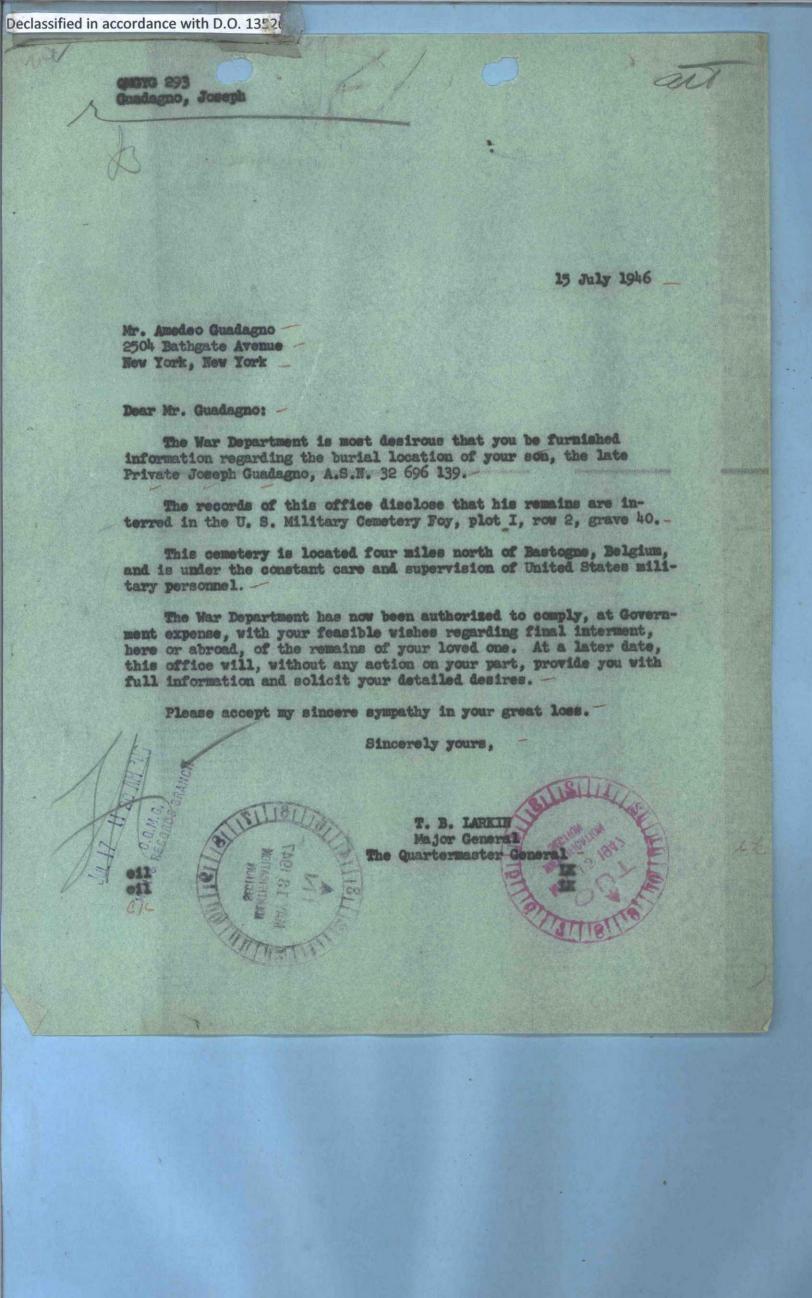


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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 1352 Pvt Joseph Guadagno, 32 696 139 Plot I, Row 2, Greve 40, United States Military Cometery 5 January 1948 Foy, Belgium Mr. Amedeo Guadagno 2504 Bathgate Avenue New York, New York Dear Mr. Guadagno: The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World Wer II. The Quarter-master General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-nemed deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country. The enclosed pumphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cometeries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pemphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deseased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form. If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal errangements be made until you are further notified by this Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid umecessary delays. 5 12 23 PM *4 Sincerely, Incls. TECHAS B. LARKIN Major General The Quartermaster General 5 reg DC, sent 24 june 48



Mr. Amedeo Guedaguo 250k Bathgate Avenue New York, New York

Dear Mr. Guadagao: -

The Mar Department is sent destrout that you be farmicked information regarding the barial location of your sea, the late Frivate foresh Guadagno, A.S.N. 32 696 139.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Foy, plot I, row 2, grave 40.

This committee the located four miles north of Bartogne, Belgium, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The Wer Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government ment expense, with your feasible wishes regarding final interment. here or abroad, of the remains of your leved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide you with full information and solicit your detailed desires.

Please eccept my stnoore sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,



T. S. IARLIY
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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 1352 293 QM (Gr Reg) 5th Ind. RIB:KJH:hps Quartermaster, OIS, Com Z, APO 513, U. S. Army 30 July 1945. TO: Chief Quartermaster, Com Z, U.S. Forces, European Theater, APO 887. (Attention: Graves Registration Service Command). Basic Communication complied with. R. T. BENNISON Colonel, QMC Quartermaster

HEADQUARTERS
U.S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE COMMAND
APO 887

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(Foy 1-2-40)

(S: 27 July 1945) 6 July 1945

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown X-67 (Foy)

TO: Graves Registration Officer, Oise Base Section, APO 513, U. S. Army.

- 1. Reference is made to Report of Burial received at this Headquarters for Unknown X-67 buried in Foy American Military Gemetery, Plot I, Row 2, Grave 40.
- 2. Information has been received from Third U. S. Army that the remains of Unknown X-67 have since been identified as GUADAGNO, Joseph, Pvt, 32696139, of 440th Armored Field Artillery Bn. The date of death was 23 December 1944. Identification was established by Third U. S. Army through physical description, time and place of death.
 - 3. Corrected copy of Report of Burial is inclosed.
- 4. It is requested that all Reports of Burial that may be on file, the marking of the grave, the means of identification buried with the remains, and any other pertinent records that may be maintained, be adjusted accordingly and this headquarters notified by indorsement when this has been accomplished.

For the Chief, Graves Registration Service Command:

PHILIP J. WOLF, Captain, QMC, Assistant.

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293 QM (Gr Reg) lst Ind. RTB:KJH:hps Quartermaster, OIS, Com Z, APO 513, US Army, 10 July 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 62 Base Depot, APO 513, U.S. Army. Attention: Capt. Webb.

Forwarded for compliance.

R. T. BENNISON Colonel, QMC Quartermaster.

2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 62nd QM BASE DEPOT, APO 513, U.S. Army, 12 July 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2nd Platoon, 610th QM G.R. Co., APO 513, U.S. Army.

For compliance through this headquarters.

MAURICE MATISOFF Colonel. QMC Commanding.

3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 610th QM Graves Registration Co., APO 513, U.S. Army, 24 July 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 62nd QM BASE DEPOT, APO 513, U.S. Army.

- 1. Basic communication noted, Par 4 complied with.
- 2. Inclosures returned to OCQM for disposition.

 For the Commanding Officer:

LEO M. DUFFY 1st Lt., QMC GRS OFFICER.

Incl: w/d

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HEADQUARTERS, 62nd QM BASE DEPOT, APO 513, U.S. Army, 28 July 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Oise Intermediate Section, Com Z, APO 513, US Army. ATTENTION: QM Section.

Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

Incls: n/c

MAURICE MATISOFF Colonel, QMC Commanding. ESTRICTED

Ltr. Headquarters, Third United States Army, AG 293.10-GNMCQ-2, 29 March 1945. Subj: Unidentified Deceased Personnel, (Unknown X-67 and X-68, Foy)-Cont'd.

AG 293.10-GNMCQ-2 4th Ind. : rgi/vas (29 March 45)
HEADQUARTERS, THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY, OQM, APO 403, U.S. Army, 27 June 1945.

TO: Chief, GR&E Division, OCQM, APO 887-A, U.S. Army.

- 1. Attention is invited to the preceding correspondence and inclosures. A letter from headquarters,7th Armd Div, dtd 23 May 1945, SUBJ: "Request for Reports of Burial", (Incl No 13) indicates that the status of Pvt. Amrhine and Pvt. Guadagno has been changed to KIA 23 December 1944. The descriptions of these two men in Incls. No. 10 and 11 indicate that Pvt Guadagno was smaller and more slender than Pvt. Amrhine. The reports of burial indicate that the build of Unknown X-67 was smaller and more slender than that of Unknown X-68.
- 2. Inasmuch as Unknown X-67 and Unknown X-68 were found in or near the vehicle to which Pvts Amhrine and Guadagno were assigned they must be the remains of these two men. For these reasons, Unknown X-67 is identified as Pvt Joseph Guadagno, 32696139 and Unknown X-68 as Pvt Floyd Amrhine, 35564416.
- 3. It is requested that all records pertaining to Unknown X-68 and X-67 including those at the U.S. Military Cemetery, Foy, Belgium, be changed accordingly.

For the Quartermaster:

15 Incls:
Incls #1 to 12-n/c
3 Incls added
Incl #13-Ltr dtd 23 May 45
Incl #14-Corrected R/B(Guadagno)
Incl #15-Corrected R/B(Amrhine)

FRANK KEMMERER, Major QMC., Army G.R.O.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY APO 403

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AG 293.10 - GNMCQ-2

29 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Unidentified Deceased Personnel. (Unknown X-67 and Unknown X-68, Foy).

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

TO : Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, APO 257, US Army.

- 1. Attention is invited to the attached Reports of Burial of Unknown X-67 and Unknown X-68, U.S. Military Cemetery No. 1, Foy, Belgium. The memains of the two unidentified soldiers were recovered from a disabled vehicle in Provedroux, Belgium, which carried markings of the 440th Field Artillery Battalion of the 7th Armored Division.
- 2. It is requested that this headquarters be furnished the following information concerning the members of the crew:
 - a. The names, rank, duties, and status of each man.
 - b. The names of men for whom reports of burial have been received.
- c. A copy of statements of survivors, if available, showing whether or not any man dismounted and got away from the vehicle.
- d. A copy of the Missing Reports for any men still unaccounted for.
- e. If only two men are still unaccounted for information to show which had the larger body or build.
- 3. If any other information is available which will assist in identifying these remains, it is requested that it be forwarded to this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

MORRIS SHWIFF 1st Lt., AGD Asst Adj Gen.

2 Incls:

Incl #1 - Report of Burial - Unk X-67
Incl #2 - Report of Burial Unk X-68

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230, 4 April 1945.

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TO: Commanding General, 7th Armored Division.

For compliance with basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HODGES:

2 Incl: n/c

TREADWELL RUML
Major, A. G. D.
Asst Adjutant General.

AG 704 (A)(Cas) (29 Mar 45) 2nd Ind.

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Hq 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U. S. Army, 25 April 1945.

- TO: Commanding General, Third U.S. Army, APO 403, U.S. Army. (Attn: AG Casualty Division) (Thru Channels)
 - 1. Basic Communication complied with.
- 2. In compliance with paragraph 2, basic communication, the following information is furnished:
- a. Members of disabled vehicle, Battery "C". 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, status as indicated, are as followed:

Sgt Henry, Walter C., 34230967, MIA, 23 Dec 44
Tec 5 Dispenziere, Benjamin C., 32235041, LIA, 23 Dec 44
Pfc Di Concilio, Nicholas., 36501491, LWA, 23 Dec 44
Pvt Amrhine, Floyd, 35564416, MIA, 23 Dec 44
Pvt Favelo, Louie, 39842361, Tuty
Pvt Guadagno, Joseph., 326961 39, MIA, 23 Dec 44
Pvt Osborne, James H., 34576043, LWA, 9 April 45
Pvt Still, James W., 34706786, KIA, 23 Dec 44

- b. Sgt Henry was vehicle crew chief and Tec 5 Dispenziere was vehicle driver. All other members of crew were cannoneers.
- c. Report of Burial for Pvt Still has been received at this headquarters.
- d. Copies of statements of witnesses and available survivor are attached. Into neadquarters has instituted requests for statements from Tec 5 Dispenziere and Pfc Di Concilio. Upon receipt of same, copies will be furnished your headquarters.
- e. Copies of missing reports for Sgt Henry, Pvt Amrhine, and Pvt Guadagno are attached.

F. Approximate physical descriptions of "missing" personnel attached.

3. This headquarters has been conducting an investigation relative to the present casualty status of "missing" personnel, and in view of conflicting statements from witnesses and survivors, definite action has been postponed pending receipt of statements from Tec 5 Dispenziere and Pfc Di Concilio.

FOR THE CO MANDING GENERAL:

H. V. CARY WOJG, USA Assistant Adjutant General.

12 Incls:

Incl. #1 - No change.

Incl. #2 - No change.

Incl. #3 - Affidavit - Hipson.

Incl #4 - Affidavit - Hipson. Incl. #5 - Affidavit - Rader.

Incl. #6 - Affidavit - Favelo.

Incl. #7 - Missing Report - Amrhine.
Incl. #8 - Missing Report - Guadagno.

Incl. #9 - Missing Report - Henry.

Incl. #10 - Affidavit - Bell.

Incl. #11 - Affidavit - Bell. Incl. #12 - Affidavit - Bell.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230, 29 April 1945.

Commanding General, Third U.S. Army.

Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

12 Incls: n/c

TREADWELL RUML Major, A.G.D. Ass't Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION APO 257. U. S. ARMY

HVC/lar

AG 704 (A)(Cas)

23 May 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Report of Burial.

- TO: Commanding General, Third U.S. Army, APO 403, U.S. Army.

 (Attn: AG Casualty Division)(Thru Channels)
- 1. Reference is made to 1 letter, your headquarters, file: AG 293.10-GNMCQ-2, subject: "Unidentified Deceased Personnel. (Unknown X-67 and Unknown X-68, Foy); dated 29 March 1945, and 2d Indorsement, this headquarters, dated 25 April 1945.
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- 3. It is the belief of this headquarters that Unknown X-67 and X-68 are Pvt Amrhine and Guadagno, and that identification may be based upon physical description furnished with correspondence referred to in paragraph 1, above.
- 4. Request, in the event identification is made, that this headquarters be furnished copies of corrected Reports of Burial.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

s/t H. V. CARY
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Assistant Adjutant General,

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority to administer caths in cases of this nature, one 1st Lt. John C. Hipson, Ol 173 655, 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, who, having been duly sworn, deposeth as follows:

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*I em Executive Officer of Battery "C", 440th Armored F.A. Battalion and on the 23 December 1944 I was in a concealed position a few yards from the M-7 in which Pvt Joseph Guadagno, 32 696 139 was riding when the vehicle was caught by mortar and small arms fire from German troops on a nearby bridge. The M-7 was hit directly by a large mortar. At the time of the shelling Pvt Guadagno and another member of the crew Pvt Amrhine, were crouched below the armor to avoid the small arms fire directed at them. Sgt Henry, the crew chief, was in the turret and is believed to have escaped serious injury from the mortar fragments. Whether or not he was able to evade capture during the melee is doubtful. Pvt. Still and Pvt. Favello were outside the vehicle attempting to release the brake on the triler and both were along side of the M-7 using it for protection from machine gun fire when the mortar struck. Pvt Still was snaking up over the side of the M-7 when the mortar hit and is believed to have been killed instantaneously when the side of the M-7 was hit as the round landed almost in the exact spotwhere he was attempting to enter the vehicle. Pvt. Favello escaped to a nearby ditch. Pvt Osborne who has been LWA and evacuated recently stated that he saw Sgt Henry on the ground apparently unhurt after the hit. At present Pvt Osborne's location is unknown as as he was evacuated.

Pvt Diconcilio, another member of the tank, is hospitalized as indicated in paragraph 1, 4th Indorsement. Tec 5 Dispenziere, the M-7 driver is believed to be somewhere in the Inited States. The address as indicated in 4th Indorsement was his last known location. It is known that Tec 5 Dispenziere has information regarding this case that would prove valuable, as he has indicated such in letters to his friends in the battery. He remarked in one of those letters that he would explain it all when he got to the United States, and was able to send a letter that would pass the censorship regulations. Such letter has not been received to date. Tec 5 Dispenziere was the last man to leave the vehicle after it was hit.

JOHN C. HIPSON 1st Lt, 440th Armd F A Bn.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April 1945.

/s/ Bayless G. Householder BAYLESS G. HOUSEHOLDER Major, 440th Armd FA Bn. Summary Court.

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Battery C. 40th Armored Field Artillery Battalion was hit by an enemy mortar shell it was impossible to reach the vehicle and check on the damage. There was intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire covering our entire area as well as the additional fire from the exploding ammunition which the M-7 carried. The battery had been given March order and most of the vehicles had left the position. This particular M-7 was one of the last vehicles in the order of March. To have stopped another vehicle to aid the M-7 which had been knocked out would probably have resulted in the loss of another vehicle and crew. At the time the entire battalion was in danger of complete encirclement so it was importative that the battery move out rapidly.

When the tank was hit by the mortar shell it caught fire instantaneously and within five minutes its load of ammunition was exploding.

When I left the area the chasis, and engine were burning fiercely. It was impossible to return to the area to investigate the damages incurred as the position was overrun and held by the enemy. When it was possible to return to the area, Capt. Lee J. Farrell the battery commander, made an investigation but could ascertain the extent of damages due to the fact that the ground was covered by three feet of snow.

/s/ John C. Hipson
JOHN G. HIPSON
1st Lt., 440th Armd. FA Bn.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April 1945.

/s/ Bayless G. Householder
BAYLESS G. HOUSEHOLDER
Major, 440th Armd FA Bn.
Summary Court.

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440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, who having been duly sworn, deposeth as follows:

Joseph Guadagno. 32 696 139. We had just gotten march order and some of the N-7's were pulling out of the area, when we were fired upon by German troops from a nearby ridge. All members of the crew were within the tank except Pvt. Still and myself. We were attempting to release the brake on our trailer when we came under heavy small arms fire. Pvt Still and I ran along side the tank for cover and a large mortar shell hit the tank just as Pvt. Still was about to crawl into the tank. I ran to a nearby ditch for protection and afterwards made my way to the battalion CP where I was picked up by a staff member who took me to my battery's new area.

To the best of my knowledge all members of the crew except Pvt. Still amd myself were in the tank when the shell hit."

/s/ Louie Favelo
LOUIE FAVELO. 39 842 361
Pvt., Btry C. 440th Armd FA Bn.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April 1945.

/s/ Bayless G. Householder
BAYLESS G. HOUSEHOLDER
Major, 440th Armd FA Bn.
Summary Court.

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MISSING REPORT / /// ///

To accompany WD AGO Forms 66-1 or 24 of Missing in Action Personnel (other than those covered by Missing Air Crew Report).

NAME Floyd Anrhine ASN 35564416 GRADE Pvt Service FA

ORGN Btry C, 440th Armd FA Bn APO 257 Date Reported MIA 23 Dec 44

MISSION Support withdrawl

LOCALITY LAST SEEN Selmonaticau, Belgium
(Be specific)

DATE LAST SEEN

DETAILED RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

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STATEMENT OF WITNESSES: (In this space insert name, rank and ASN of all witnesses. Statements will be secured from them and attached as inclosures).

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REMARKS: (Any information not covered in "Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance" space, including details and results of search. If a search is not cinducted, reason for failure to do so will be furnished).

Unable to get back to that area.

Date of report 25 Dec 1944

/s/ Lee J. Farrell Capt.
(Signature of preparing officer)

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NAME Joseph Guadagno

ASN 32696139 GRADE Pvt Service FA

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LOCARIUM LAST SEEN Salmohatiesu, Belgium
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DETAILED RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

Field Artillery B try in position. As we pulled out for withdrawl we were attacked by small arms fire and mortars. One mortar shell got a direct hit on the M-7 he was riding in and it went up in smoke and flames.

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES: (In this space insert name, rank and ASN of all witnesses. Statements will be secured from them and attached as inclosures).

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Date of report _ 25 Dec 1944

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/s/ Lee J. Farrell Capt. (Signature of preparing officer)

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Field Artillery Btry in position. When moving out of position we were attacked with Smicers pistols and mortars. One got a direct hit in an M-7 and it went up in smoke and flames. Later it was still burning when flown over by a Liaison plane. He was riding in the M-7.

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES: (In this space insert name, rank and ASN of all witnesses. Statements will be secured from them and attached as inclosures).

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority to administer oaths in cases of this nature, one Clyde D. Bell, 34 138 632, lst/Sgt, Btry C, 440th Armored F. A. Battalion, who having been duly sworn deposeth as follows:

"Pvt. Joseph Guadagno, 32 696 139, Btry C, 440th Armd FA Battalion was a man of small stature but rather stocky and being hardly more than five feet in height. He had small hands with slender fingers and his head with slightly depressed cheek bones was of a proportionate size. His legs were short and his broad shoulders were especially noticeable in contrast to his small height. I would judge that he weighed approximately one hundred and thirty pounds."

Clyde D. Bell, 1st Sgt, 34 138 632, Btry C, 440th Armd F. A. Bn

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of April 1945.

ROBERT L. FREELAND 1st Lt., 440th Armd FA Bn., Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION APO 257, U. S. ARMY

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AG 704 (A) (Cas)

23 May 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Reports of Burial

: Commanding General, Third U. S. Army, APO 403, U. S. Army (Attn: AG Casualty Division) (Thru Channels)

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OTHER COMMANDING GENERAL: RECEIVED 24 MAY 1945 HEADQUARTERS

Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS VII CORPS, APO 307, US Army.

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TO: CG, Third US Army, APO 403, US Army,

Request that this headquarters be furnished appropriate GRS Forms No. 1, if available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

AG C Div. 31. MAI 1945 Lt Col., A.G.D. Asst. Adj. Gen.



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1. Reference is made to Report of Burial received at this Headquarters for Unknown X-67 buried in Foy American

- 2. Information has been received from Third U. S. Army that the remains of Unknown X-67 have since been identified as GUADAGNO, Joseph, Pvt, 32696139, of 440th Armored Field Artillery Bn. The date of death was 23 December 1944. Identification was established by Third U. S. Army through
 - 3. Corrected copy of Report of Burial is inclosed.
 - It is requested that all Reports of Burial that may be on file, the marking of the grave, the means of identification buried with the remains, and any other pertinent records that may be maintained, be adjusted accordingly and this headquarters notified by indorsement when this has been

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HEADQUARTERS, 62d QM BASE DEPOT, APO 513, U.S. ARMY, 28 July 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Oise Intermediate Section, Com Z, APO 513, US Army.
ATTENTION: QM Section.

Attention invited to preceding indorsement.

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MAURICE MATISOFF Colonel, QMC, Commanding

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TO: Chief Quartermaster, Com Z, U.S. Forces, European Theater, APO 887. (Attention: Graves Registration Service Command).

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State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be
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Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery. While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government. Sincerely yours, THOMAS B. LARKIN Major General The Quartermaster General chh

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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 1352 HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION BROOKLYN, NEW YORK ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, N.Y.P.E. ATTN: AGR DIVISION TCNYP-TDC 293 (Gen'1) Guadagno, Joseph, Pvt, 32 696 139 Plot I, Row 2, Grave 40 United States Military Cemetery 5 August 1948 Foy #1, Belgium SUBJECT: Completion of OQMG Form 345 The Quartermaster General TO: Washington 25, D. C. ATTENTION: Memorial Division 1. Reference is made to letter your office, dated 24 June 1948, file QMGMR 293, subject "Non Reply to Letter of Inquiry". 2. Inclosed is OQMG Form 345 completed by Mr. Amedeo Guadagno, father of the late Pvt. Joseph Guadagno, 2504 Bathgate Avenue, Bronx 58, New York. 3. Mr. Guadagno desires final interment of his late son in a permanent cemetery overseas. 1 Incl. Completed Form 345 sst. Administrative Officer Sept 48

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

In Reply Refer To RR Br:

QMCMR 293 Guadagno, Joseph, Pvt., 32 696 139
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24 JUN 1948

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SUBJECT: Non Reply to Letter of Inquiry

TO:

Commanding General, New York Port of Embarkation First Avenue and 58th Street Brooklyn 20, New York Attn: ACR Division

1. To date this office has not received a reply form indicating disposition instructions for the decedent from father (relationship)

Mr. Amedeo Gusdagno, (name)

2504 Bathgate Avenue,

Mew York, New York. (address)

2. It is requested that the attached OQMS Form 345 be properly accomplished, and legal documents, if appropriate, be furnished this office as soon as possible. The form was dispatched 5 January 1948.

3. It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above, they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this request. In the event you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of the decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY APO 403

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AG 293.10 - GNMCQ-2

29 March 1945

SUBJECT: Unidentified Deceased Personnel. (Unknown X-67 and Unknown X-68, Foy)

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

TO : Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, APO 257, US Army.

- 1. Attention is invited to the attached Reports of Burial of Unknown X-67 and Unknown X-68, U. S. Military Cemetery No. 1, Foy, Belgium. The remains of the two unidentified soldiers were recovered from a disabled vehicle in Provedroux, Belgium, which carried markings of the 440th Field Artillery Battalion of the 7th Armored Division.
- 2. It is requested that this headquarters be furnished the following information concerning the members of the crew:
 - a. The names, rank, duties, and status of each man.
- b. The names of men for whom reports of burial have been received.
- c. A copy of statements of survivors, if available, showing whether or not any man dismounted and got away from the vehicle.
- d. A copy of the Missing Reports for any men still unaccounted for.
- e. If only two men are still unaccounted for information to show which had the larger body or build.
- 3. If any other information is available which will assist in identifying these remains, it is requested that it be forwarded to this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

MORRIS SHWIFF 1st Lt., AGD Asst Adj Gen.

2 Incls: Incl #1-Report of Burial- Unk X-67 Incl #2-Report of Burial- Unk X-68

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230 4 APR 1945

TO: Commanding General, 7th Armored Division.

For compliance with basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HODGES:

2 Incls:

TREADWELL RUML
Major, A.G.D.
Ass't Adjutant General

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Hq 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U. S. Army, 25 April 1945

To: Commanding General, Third U. S. Army, APO 403, U. S. Army (Attn: AG Casualty Division) (Thru Channels)

- 1. Basic communication complied with.
- 2. In compliance with paragraph 2, basic communication, the following information is furnished:
- a. Members of disabled vehicle, Battery "C", 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, status as indicated, are as follows:
 - Sgt Henry, Walter C., 34230967, MIA, 23 Dec 44
 Tec 5 Dispenziere, Benjamin C., 32235041, LIA, 23 Dec 44
 Pfc Di Concilio, Nicholas, 36501491, LWA, 23 Dec 44
 Pvt Amrhine, Floyd, 35564416, MIA, 23 Dec 44
 Pvt Favelo, Louie, 39842361, Duty
 Pvt Guadagno, Joseph, 32696139, MIA, 23 Dec 44
 Pvt Osborne, James H., 34576043, LWA, 9 Apr 45
 Pvt Still, James W., 34706786, KIA, 23 Dec 44
- b. Sgt Henry was vehicle crew chief and Tec 5 Dispenziere was vehicle driver. All other members of crew were cannoneers.
- c. Report of Burial for Pvt Still has been received at this headquarters.
- d. Copies of statements of witnesses and available survivor are attached. This headquarters has instituted requests for statements from Tec 5 Dispenziere and Pfc Di Concilio. Upon receipt of same, copies will be furnished your headquarters.
- e. Copies of missing reports for Sgt Henry, Pvt Amrhine, and Pvt Guadagno are attached.

- f. Approximate physical descriptions of "missing" personnel attached.
 - 3. This headquarters has been conducting an investigation relative to the present casualty status of "missing" personnel, and in view of conflicting statements from witnesses and survivors, definite action has been postponed pending receipt of statements from Tec 5 Dispenziere and Pfc Di Concilio.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

71. 7. Cary H. V. CARY WOJG, USA Assistant Adjutant General

12 Incls:

Incl. #1 - No change.
Incl. #2 - No change.
Incl. #3 - Affidavit - Hipson.
Incl. #4 - Affidavit - Hipson.
Incl. #5 - Affidavit - Rader.
Incl. #6 - Affidavit - Favelo.
Incl. #7 - Missing Report

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230 29 APR 1946

TO: Commanding General, Third US Army.

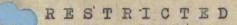
Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

TREADWELL RUML

Major, A.G.D. Ass't Adjutant General

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Ltr. Headquarters, Third United States Army, AG 293.10-GNMCQ-2 29 March 1945. Subj: Unidentified Deceased Personnel, (Unknown 67 and X-68, Foy)-Cont'd.

AG 293.10-GNMCQ-2

4th Ind.

(29 March 45) HEADQUARTERS, THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY, OQM, APO 403, U.S. 27 June 1945.

Chief, GR&E Division, OCQM, APO 887-A, U.S. Army. TO:

- l. Attention is invited to the preceding correspondence and inclosures. A letter from headquarters, 7th Armd Div, dtd 23 May 1945, SUBJ: "Request for Reports of Burial", (Incl No 13) indicates that the status of Pvt. Amrhine and Pvt. Guadagno has been changed to KIA 23 December 1944. The descriptions of these two men in Incls. No. 10 and 11 indicate that Pvt Guadagno was smaller and more slender than Pvt. Amrhine. The reports of burial indicate that the build of Unknown X-67 was smaller and more slender than that of Unknown X-68.
- Inasmuch as Unknown X-67 and Unknown X-68 were found in or near the vehicle to which Pvts Amhrine and Guadagno were assigned they must be the remains of these two men. For these reasons, Unknown X-67 is identified as Pvt Joseph Guadagno, 32696139 and Unknown X-68 as Pvt Floyd Amrhine, 35564416.
- It is requested that all records pertaining to Unknown X-68 and X-67 including those at the U.S. Military Cemetery, Foy, Belgium, be changed accordingly.

For the Quartermaster:

15 Incls:

Incls #1 to 12-n/c 3 Incls added

Incl #13-Ltr dtd 23 May 45

Incl #14-Corrected R/B(Guadagno)

Incl #15-Corrected R/B(Amrhine)

FRANK KEMMERER, Major QMC.,

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority to ad minister oaths in cases of this nature, one 1st Lt. John C. Hipson, 01 173 655, 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, who, having been duly sworn, deposeth as follows:

"I am Executive Officer of Battery "C", 440th Armored F.A. Battalion and on the 23 December 1944 I was in a concealed position a few yards from the M-7 in which Pvt. Joseph Guadagno, 32 696 139 was riding yards from the M-7 in which Pvt. Joseph Guadagno, 32 696 139 was riding when the vehicle was caught by mortar and small arms fire from German troops on a nearby bidge. The M-7 was hit directly by a large mortar. At the time of the shelling Pvt. Guadagno and another member of the rew, Pvt. Amrhine, were crouched below the armor to avoid the small rms fire directed at them. Sgt. Henry, the crew chief, was in the turret and is believed to have escaped serious injury from the mortar fragments. Whether or not he was able to evade capture during the melee is doubtful. Pvt. Still and Pvt. Favello were outside the vehicle attempting to release the brake on the triler and both were along side of the M-7 using it for protection from machine gun fire when the mortar the M-7 using it for protection from machine gun fire when the mortar struck. Pvt. Still was snaking up over the side of the M-7 when the mortar hit and is believed to have been killed instantaneously when the mortar hit and is believed to have been killed instantaneously when the side of the M-7 was hit as the round landed almost in the exact spot where he was attempting to enter the vehicle. Pvt. Favello escaped to a nearby ditch. Pvt. Osborne who has been LWA and evacuated recently stated that he saw Sgt. Henry on the ground apparently unburt after the hit. At present Pvt. Osborne's location is unknown as he was evacuated. Pvt Diconcilio, another member of the tank, is hospitlized as indicated in paragraph 1, 4th Indorsement. Tec 5 Dispenziere, the M-7 driver is believed to be somewhere in the United States. The address are indicated in 4th Indorsement was his last known location. It is

as indicated in 4th Indorsement was his last known location. It is known that Tec 5 Dispenziere has information regarding this case that puld prove valuable, as he has indicated such in letters to his friends in the battery. He remarked in one of these letters that he would explain it all when he got to the United States and was able to send a letter that would pass the censorship regulations. Such letter has not been received to date. Tec 5 Dispenziere was the last man to leave the vehicle after it was hit."

JOHN C. HIPSON 1st Lt, 440th Armd FA Bn.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April 1945.

Bayless G. Householder BAYLESS G. HOUSEHOLDER Major, 440th Armd FA Bn.; Summary Court

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APO 257, U. S. Army) SS European T of Opns)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority to administer oaths in cases of this nature, one 1st Lt. John C. Hipson, Ol 173 644, 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, who, having been duly sworn, deposeth as follows:

"I further state that on the 23 December 1944 when the M-7 of Battery C, 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion was hit by an enemy mortar shell it was impossible to reach the vehicle and check on the mortar shell it was impossible to reach the vehicle and check on the damage. There was intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire covering Jur entire area as well as the additional fire from the exploding ammunition which the M-7 carried. The battery had been given March order and most of the vehicles had left the position. This particular M-7 was one of the last vehicles in the order of march. To have stopped another vehicle to aid the M-7 which had been knocked out would probably have resulted in the loss of another vehicle and crew. At the time the entire battalion was in danger of complete encirclement so it was imperative that the battery move out rapidly.

When the tank was hit by the mortar shell it caught fire instantaneously and within five minutes its load of ammunition was exploding. When I left the area the chasis, and engine were burning fiercely. It was impossible to return to the area to investigate the damages incurred as the position was overrun and held by the enemy. When it was possible to return to the area, Capt. Lee J. Farrell the battery commander, made an investigation but could not ascertain the extent of damages due to the fact that the ground was covered by three feet of snow.

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John C. Hipson JOHN C. HIPSON /8/ 1st Lt., 440th Armd. FA Bn.,

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April 1945.

Bayless G. Householder BAYLESS G. HOUSEHOLDER Major, 440th Armd FA Bn. Summary Court

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority to administer oaths in cases of this nature, one Master Sergeant Walter Rader, 36 313 558, 440th Armored FA Battalion, who, having been duly sworn, deposeth as follows:

"On the 23 Df December 1944 I was in my tank recovery vehicle approximately fifty yards from the M-7 of which Pvt Joseph Guadagno, 32 696 139, Battery C, 440th Armored FA Battalion, was a crew member. Enemy small arms and mortar fire was falling in our immediate vicinity. Due to increasing pressure by the enemy "C" Battery displaced and as Pvt Guadagno's tank moved out it was hit by what appeared to me to be a nortar shell. The shell fell directly into the tank. As the shell hit I saw one of the crew members jump from the tank while one of the two who were at the rear of the trailer made off later to be picked up by a passing vehicle. When I left the area flames were shooting from the vehicle."

/s/ Walter Rader
WALTER RADER,
M Sgt., 440th Armd FA Bn.,

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 10th day of April 1945.

/s/ Bayless G. Householder BAYLESS G. HOUSEHOLDER, Major, 440th Armd FA Bn., Summary Court.

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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority to administer caths in cases of this nature, one Pvt. Louie Favelo, 39 842 361, 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, who having been duly sworn, deposeth as follows:

"On the 23 December 1944 I was in the same gun section with Pvt. Joseph Guadagno, 32 696 139. We had just gotten march order and some of the M-7's were pulling out of the area, when we were fired upon by German troops from a nearby ridge. All members of the crew were within the tank except Pvt. Still and myself. We were attempting to release the brake on our trailer when we came under heavy small arms fire. Pvt. Still and I ran along side the tank for cover and a large mortar shell hit the tank just as Pvt. Still was about to crawl into the tank. I ran to a hearby ditch for protection and afterwards made my way to the battalion CP where I was picked up by a staff member who took me to my battery's new area. tery's new area.

To the best of my knowledge all members of the crew except Pvt.

Still and myself were in the tank when the shell hit."

/s/ Louis Favelo LOUIS FAVELO, 39 842 361 Pvt., Btry C, 440th Armd FA Bn.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April 1945.

/s/ Bayless G. Householder BAYLESS G. HOUSEHOLDER Major, 440th Armd FA Bn., Summary Court

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Date of report 25 Dec 1944.

/s/ Lee J. Farrell Capt.
(Signature of preparing officer)

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To accompany "D AGO Forms 66-1 or 24 of Missing or Missing In Action Personnel (other than those covered by Missing A'r Grew Report).

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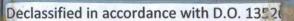
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/s/ Lee J. Farrell Capt. F.A. (Signature of preparing officer)

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