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TO: **REVIEW**

US ARMY HRC
CASUALTY AND
MORTUARY AFFAIRS
OPERATIONS CENTER

293 IDPF

SCANNED INTO DCIPS

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

RICHARDS, LOUIS L.

RANK

PVT.

SERIAL NUMBER

36313 695

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

28 OCT. 45

AREA OF DEATH

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

GRAVES 2 APR. 57

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

RAGSDALE 3 APR 57

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME RICHARDS, Louis L.	GRADE Pvt	SERIAL NO. 36 313 695
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:		
<input type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (<i>Initials</i>)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (<i>Initials</i>) Capt Lay	
UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 14883	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY 333 CARD FLAGGED BY

IMPORTANT

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

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

Area of Death European, Vic of Meijel, Holland		Case Number 14883
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Richards, Louis L.	Rank Pvt	Serial Number 36313695
In the course of this reexamination it has been determined that the circumstances of death were such that: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> The remains of the decedent could not have been recovered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The remains of the decedent could have been recovered. However, after review of the following it has been determined that evidence does not exist to contradict a finding of non-recoverability:		
1. 293 File of Decedent		INITIALS OF ANALYST E.M.
2. Geographical clue index file of unknowns recovered from appropriate area, compared with decedent		E.M.
3. Other documents or sources		
Remarks		
NAN File ✓ JAN 16 1951 <i>[Signature]</i> Identification Branch		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
Name of Case Analyst <i>E. Miller</i>	Case Reviewer, Final Determination Section	Chief, Final Determination Section <i>O. Wasson</i>
		Date

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		CASE NUMBER 14883 (1)
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Richards, Louis L.		RANK Pvt
		SERIAL NUMBER 36 313 695
AREA OR ZONE(S) European		
THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)		
Individual Case		
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.		
	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	em	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	em	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	em	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None	
THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:		
None		
NAN File JAN 16 1951 <i>J. M. [Signature]</i> Identification Branch		
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Mulford</i> E. Mulford/cwt	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO <u>---</u> FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>C. C. Wasson</i> C. C. WASSON, Capt QMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC
		15 Jan 51

24 Oct 50

One Case

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

#14883

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

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO 108, headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 10 OCT 1950. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE No.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
	RICHARDS, Louis L.	Pvt	36 313 695

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

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

ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, O-41448 TC

James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Maj. O-1576321 QMC

George Gunderman, Jr.
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. O-1289071 QMC

Clyde W. Steinsiek
CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311 QMC

HENRY F. MYERS, CWO, W-2104778 USA

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

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAME: RICHARDS, Louis L. Pvt. 36 313 695

ORGANIZATION: Btry "A" 440th Armd F.A. Bn

DATE OF DEATH: 27 October 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Meijel, Holland

SYNOPSIS: The above named casualty was reported in the Casualty Clearance Plan form dated 27 August 1945, as missing in action, on the date cited above. A Missing Report dated 28 October 1944, submitted by the soldier's organization and excerpts made part of a Memorandum for Record dated 20 April 1949, describes the incident in the following paragraph:

"Pvt Richards was on duty as a peep driver at a forward observer's position in a house near Meijel, Holland, when an enemy tank attacked the position. Pvt Richards left his fox-hole by his peep and started toward the house. The area around the house was under small arms fire. Pvt Richards was last seen crawling toward the house just after it was hit by shell fire from a tank. Due to enemy fire and the loss of the area, no search was made for Pvt Richards.

"It cannot be determined whether subject casualty was killed in this action or was captured by the enemy and died at a later date from the effects of wounds received. He was never reported a prisoner of war through sources official or unofficial nor can any reference to him be found in captured German Records."

Field Investigations conducted 23 October 1947 and 21 August 1950, failed to locate the remains. The fact was revealed that all American deceased in this area were removed by unknown units late in 1944 and/or early in 1945.

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

A statement of a local resident indicated that two (2) American casualties were removed from a house and buried nearby. He stated that one of the casualties was an officer. These remains were also removed by recovery units. All attempts to associate unknown American deceased recovered from this area have been checked with negative results.

From the above presented facts and lack of evidence as to the exact place of death, it can only be concluded that Pvt Louis L. Richards was killed by the enemy and his remains disposed of in an unknown manner and location which precludes recovery or identification.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; Casualty Clearance Report dated 27 Aug 45; Memorandum for Record dated 20 Apr 49; On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Narrative Reports of Field Investigation dated 23 Oct 47 and 21 Aug 1950; Attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.

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

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain QMC *rlc*

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

21 August 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY

In compliance with the information contained in Investigation Directives # 302, dated 26 May 1950, # 348, dated 28 June 1950, # 381, dated 31 July 1950, and OI # 49, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of ASTEN (3/E-61) and Meijel (3/E-70) Holland for the possible recovery of the following casualties:

RICHARDS, Louis L.	36 313 695	Pvt	Bty "A" 440th AFA Bn 27 October 1944
HARRISON, Clay T.	34 262 016	S/Sgt	Co "C" 48th AI-Bn 29 October 1944
GOERS, Leo W.	37 173 737	T/4	Co "C" 17th Tank Bn 29 October 1944
ANDRAKO, William	32 227 000	Pfc	Co "F" 87th Cav Ren Sq 27 October 1944

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

These four cases are not related but due to the similarity of date, circumstances and place of death, they have been grouped for the purpose of this investigation. Information contained in each of these cases indicates that these casualties were incurred during an attack by enemy tanks and a superior force of infantry troops during an attempt to capture Asten and Meijel, Holland.

III. FINDINGS

The towns of Asten and Meijel were visited and records at the town halls in each place were examined with negative results. (See statements attached to individual cases). No record was found of any American remains recovered from this area. Information furnished by local officials indicates that remains of all American deceased in this area were removed by unknown American units late in 1944 and/or early in 1945. No information was ever furnished for the town records and they do not know where the remains were taken. The Burgomaster at Asten remembers a tank (may be that indicated in ID # 381) which was knocked out on the highway just over the Asten Meijel town line. He also stated that he could recall three (3) graves by the roadside near the wrecked tank. There were about eleven (11) tanks destroyed in this area.

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

21 August 1950

and all the wreckage was removed by American units. A Mr Neussen, an employee of the town hall stated that two (2) American casualties were removed from a house (may be the one mentioned in ID #302) and were buried nearby. He stated that one of these casualties was a Lt. These remains were also removed by the Americans.

IV. CONCLUSION

Records on file in the town halls at both Asten and Meijel were checked with negative results.

Statements of local residents indicate that the remains of all American deceased in this area were removed by American units. Statements also indicate that the wreckage of eleven (11) tanks in this area were removed by the American forces. There are no isolated graves reported and no remains interred in local cemeteries that may be associated with the subject casualties.

V. RECOMMENDATION

That a recheck of all remains still in an Unknown status which were recovered from this area be made in an effort to obtain an association with the subject casualties.

That if the results of this investigation are negative, consideration be given for Non-Recoverable action in the case of subject decedents.

/s/ HAROLD E. WARNER
DA Civ D-046899
Investigator

Meyel, 23 October 1947

S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned, Goorden, Gerardus Joseph, Commander of the Underground troops at the time of the German counter attack against Meyel, declares that:

On 27 October 1944, during the German counter attack, I was with the American troops. I know where the American graves were in this vicinity and informed the American Graves Registration Service of this, who removed all American bodies which were buried here. It is not known if an American body is still buried in this vicinity.

The American investigator and I searched the vicinity West of Meijel for a house which was hit on 27 October 1944 by German grenades and it was found that many houses were hit or burned on 27 October.

People, who lived in these houses declared to have no knowledge of an American body.

Several Americans were taken prisoner on that day, but we have no further information about them.

In case a body is found by luck, the American Graves Registration in Liege will be informed of this immediately.

/s/ G.J. Gooden
Dorpsstraat A 77
Meijel.

Certified True Translation

/s/t/ I. Weber
Translator

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS)

29 August 1950

NUMBER 108)

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2. PAC, Ltr WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, 3 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 ROBERT D. MILLER,	TC.,	O 41 448,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MAC FARLAND,	QMC.,	O 1 576 321	
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.,	QMC.,	O 1 289 071	
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK,	QMC.,	O 1 040 311	
CWO HENRY F. MYERS,	USA,	W 2 104 778	

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MULVANITY:

ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY

Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

AIR MAIL

QMMS 293

1st Ind

Richards, Louis L.

SN 36313695

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 2 May 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7837 Graves Registration Detachment,
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Attached herewith is a copy of Memorandum for Record dated
20 April 1949 covering all available information surrounding the
disappearance of Pvt. Louis L. Richards, SN 36313695.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Cy Memo for Record

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMG
Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



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MAY 2 11 20 AM '50
ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

AIR MAIL

(Holland 10520)

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

GRRE 293.9

13 April 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 pertaining to Pvt ²⁹³ Louis L. Richards, 36313695.

2. It is requested that all available data contained in records your office, including Status Review and Determination Report and After Action Report, be forwarded this headquarters as a possible aid in resolving this case.

3. Further action withheld pending receipt of additional information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMG
Registration Division



LHM/jb/739/10817

AG 201 Richards, Louis L.
36 313 695 (20 Apr 49)

20 April 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance
of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. Private Louis L. Richards, 36 313 695, Battery A, 440th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, was reported missing in action in Holland on 27 October 1944 by ETO Shipment No. 238.
2. Under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, a finding of death was made in this case, which finding indicated that Private Richards was presumed dead as of 28 October 1945 (SR&D No. 4505, file AG 704, Dead 28 Oct 45). Missing report, dated 28 October 1944, submitted by the soldier's organization, and filed in his Casualty Branch file, states that Private Richards was on duty as a peep driver at a forward observer's position in a house near Meijel, Holland, when an enemy tank attacked the position. Private Richards left his fox hole by his peep and started toward the house. The area around the house was under small arms fire. Private Richards was last seen crawling toward the house just after it was hit by shell fire from the tank. Due to enemy fire and the loss of the area, no search was made for Private Richards.
3. No information has been received concerning this soldier since he was first reported missing in action. He was never reported a prisoner of war, nor can any reference to him be found in captured German records. At the present time there are no burial reports on file in the office of The Quartermaster General which can be associated with him.
4. Inasmuch as it cannot be definitely determined whether this soldier was killed in action or was captured by the Germans and died at a later date, it appears that a definite determination of his status is impossible without further information. Lacking the exact cause and date of death, it is concluded that it is not feasible at the present time to issue a report of death under the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

L. H. MUNCASTER
Investigator

CONCUR:

COPY FOR:
OQMG, Memorial Div.
AG 201 file

T. J. COLLUM
Major, AGO
OIC, Determination Unit
Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

APR 25 1949
G. W. HARRIS
Capt., OIC
Identification Branch

CATH

Richards.

Louis L.

Last Name

First Name

To Clinical Records Branch

gm
For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital

From

To

Register Number

G.D. T. Robinson, Ark. 7 Sept 42

11 Sep 42

33915

LR

24 Sept 46

DPRB

Clerk

Date

Branch

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

Declassified in accordance with E.O. 13526

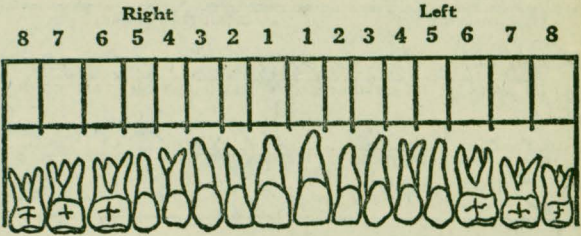
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Richards	Kouish	Pvt	A	67th FA (Am)	21	W	1/11	1/12	Exom Surg	G-T- 2-4-42 2-4-42	

CLARK B. BUCKLEY, Dental Corps, U. S. A.

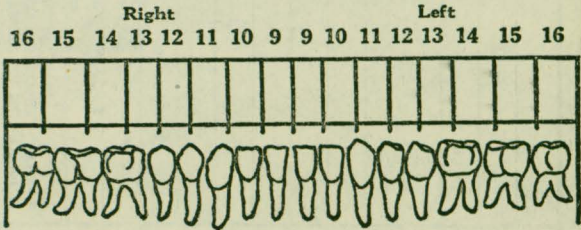
Form 79—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
DENTAL SURG (Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

***REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

UPPER TEETH



LOWER TEETH



CLASS I

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
 Periodontoclasia
 Dental foci suspected: Yes No
 Other conditions

Date 2-14, 1942
CLARK H. BUCKLEY
 1st LT. DENTAL CORPS
 DENTAL SURGEON C. H. Buckley
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*Restorable carious teeth by O
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
 (horizontal line)

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
 (oval to include abutments)

	X	
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Richards Louis L.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>36 313695</i>		GRADE <i>Pvt</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 11"</i>	WEIGHT <i>145</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>10 1/2 C</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>presumed 28 Oct 45</i>

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

BTRY "H" 440th ARMD FA BN

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

MIA. Meijel, Holland 27 Oct 44 when position was attacked by an enemy tank

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Cp. Grant, Ill. Cp. Polk, La.</i>	<i>Jan 42 Feb 42 to (not shown)</i>

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>not of record</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>not of record</i>
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DENTAL CHART

8 7 6 5 X 3 2 1 *23 Jan 42* 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

UPPER RIGHT

UPPER LEFT

⑬ ⑭ ⑮ 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 ⑯

LOWER RIGHT

LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED

O - CARIOUS

/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

RICHARDS, LOUIS L

GRADE

PVT

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

36313695

ORGANIZATION

BRY A
440 ARMD FA BN

RACE

W

CREED

CATHOLIC

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

27 OCT 44

CAUSE OF DEATH

F O D

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

MEIJEL, HOLLAND

DATE OF FOD

28 OCT 45

HEIGHT

71

WEIGHT

145

COLOR EYES

BROWN

COLOR HAIR

BROWN

SHOE SIZE

10 1/2 C

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LOWER RIGHT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

NOT OF

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

RECORD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE

JUN 1 1948

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

JK

NAME Richards, Louis L.
ASN 36 313 695 - Pvt.

Changes made in information "Form 333"
are from sources listed below:

- 1. No change. Father listed on records as next of kin.
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Officer's Initials: (D)

FROM: Relationship _____ 6
NAME: _____
STREET: _____
CITY & STATE _____

TO: Relationship _____
NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY & STATE _____

NAT (D)
File-- 3-21-47

QMGMR 293
Richards, Louis L.
SN 36 313 695

28 February 1947

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. L. R. Richards
Route 3
Earlville, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Richards:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Private Louis L. Richards, has been received in this office.

The certificate of marriage of your son's widow has been placed in the files of this office.

A notation has been made on the official records of this office of your change of address from 408 South La Salle Street, Aurora, Illinois to Route 3, Earlville, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

JLP

dac

FEB 28 2 54 PM '47
QMGC M&R BR

B. J.
Paw Kuschner



FEB 29 1 28 AM '47
MEMORIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION AND
RECORDS BRANCH

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGYG 293

293 Richards, Louis L.
SN 36 313 695

Address Reply to
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

28 August 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Richards
~~408 South LaSalle Street~~
~~Aurora, Illinois~~

Carville Ills R. 3.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Richards:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your son, the late Private Louis L. Richards, has been referred to this office.

Inasmuch as you state that your son's widow remarried, it is therefore suggested that you forward to this office, at your convenience, a copy of her marriage certificate or license, in order that the records may be properly amended to show the nearest relative in order of priority.

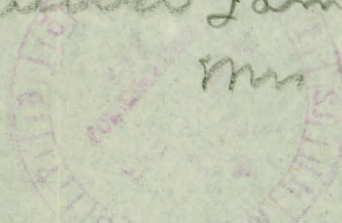
Your inquiry concerning personal effects will be the subject of a later communication.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,
James L. Prehn
JAMES L. PREHN
Major, QMC
Assistant

Enclosed find marriage license as requested I am I will next step in Mrs. R. Richards Carville Ills.



RECORDS DIVISION
AUG 29 1946
MAIL ROOM

*Recd & sent G.C.
20 Feb 47 per Salinas*

MARRIAGE LICENSE



THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI }
HARRISON COUNTY }

Certificate of Marriage By Virtue of a License

From the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of HARRISON, I have this day celebrated the Rites of Matrimony between --

Mr. John Joseph Marsh

and

Mrs. Laura Stanbro Richards

Given under my hand, this the 25th day of February, 1946

H. C. Moore (Seal)

Justice of the Peace

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI }
HARRISON COUNTY }

I, A. J. Ramsey, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Custodian of the Marriage Records of said County and State, hereby certify that the above and foregoing contains a true and correct copy of the original MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE of the Parties named, as the original of same appears of record in Marriage Record No. 71 at page 24, now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and Official Seal, this the 8th day of February, A. D. 1947.

A. J. Ramsey
Clerk of Circuit Court
Harrison County, Mississippi

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER INDICATED		CHECK ACTION	
TO: <i>(Name, organization, building)</i> 1. Commanding Officer Kansas City Quartermaster Depot 601 Hardesty Avenue	INITIALS R/GBK		CONCURRENCE
	DATE		SIGNATURE
2. Kansas City 1, Missouri ATTENTION: Effects Quarter- master			NOTE AND RETURN
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Richards, Louis L.
SN 36 313 695

28 August 1946

Address Reply to
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Richards
408 South LaSalle Street
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Richards:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your son, the late Private Louis L. Richards, has been referred to this office.

Inasmuch as you state that your son's widow remarried, it is therefore suggested that you forward to this office, at your convenience, a copy of her marriage certificate or license, in order that the records may be properly amended to show the nearest relative in order of priority.

Your inquiry concerning personal effects will be the subject of a later communication.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,


JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

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2. A Finding of Death has been made in the case of ²⁹³ Pvt. Louis L. Richards, 36313695, the date of death being set as 28 October 1945.		3. Writer has been informed of this reference.	
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FROM: (Name, organization, building) Operating Section, 1C530 Pentagon <div style="text-align: right;">IHW/cmm</div>		DATE 5 Aug 46 TEL. 72450	

AGPC-O 201 Richards, Louis L.
(18 Jul 46) 36 313 695

5 August 1946

Mr and Mrs. Louis R. Richards
408 South LaSalle Street
Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Richards:

I am writing in reply to your letter and to inform you that your name and address have been added to the records of your son, Private Louis L. Richards. You may be assured that when further information regarding your son becomes available, it will be promptly transmitted to you.

Inasmuch as all matters pertaining to the personal effects of our military personnel, who lose their lives overseas in the service of our country, come within the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., I am referring a copy of your letter to that official.

Please accept my continued sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

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

July 18, 1945

War Department
Munitions Building, Room 3704
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington 25, D. C.

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

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Hendert

ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
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Mrs. Camilla Richards	Mother	408 South LaSalle Street <i>Charged.</i>
Mr. Louis R. Richards	Father	Aurora, Illinois

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Circumstances of disappearance: Soldier was at a forward observer's position near Meijel, Holland when the position was attacked by an enemy tank.

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-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME <i>RICHARDS LOUIS L</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>36313695</i>	GRADE <i>PVT</i>	ARM OR SERVICE <i>FA</i>	REPORTING THEATRE <i>ETO</i>		
PLACE OF CASUALTY <i>HOLLAND9</i>	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY <i>MIA</i>	SHIPMENT NUMBER <i>238</i>
	DAY <i>27</i>	MONTH <i>OCT</i>	YEAR <i>44</i>			

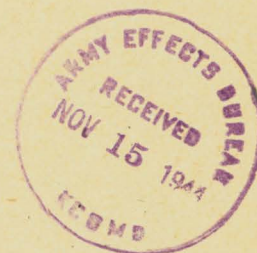
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THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME <i>MRS. LAURA RICHARDS</i>	RELATIONSHIP <i>WIFE</i>	DATE NOTIFIED <i>11 NOV. 44 ML.</i>
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE <i>ROUTE NUMBER ONE BOX 58 NAPERVILLE ILLINOIS</i>		

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ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED _____ FORM 43 _____ AG 201 REQ _____									
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KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

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Aurora, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Richards:

Your inquiry directed to the War Department has been referred to the Army Effects Bureau for reply to that portion of your letter relative to the personal effects of your son, Private Louis L. Richards.

It is with regret that we must inform you that no personal property of your son has been received at this Bureau. Due to the lapse of time since your son was reported a casualty, it is doubtful if any of his effects were recovered.

You may be assured that in the event any of his property is received here, prompt disposition will be made.

I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

C. L. RUMFIELD
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