

293 FARMER, LEROY T. PVT. 33 660 024 INF. EUROPE AREA (VA.) 45gf

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

FARMER, LEROY T

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

33660024

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

12 SEPT 43

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

M. Cox

DATE

1 MAR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

THOMAS

DATE

1 MAR 51

REMARKS

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RANK

UNIT NUMBER

DATE OF SERVICE

PLACE OF DEATH

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NAME OF SERVICE

NAME OF SERVICE

REMARKS

## CONTROLLED CASE

NAME FARMER, LeRoy T.	GRADE Pvt	SERIAL NO. 33 660 024
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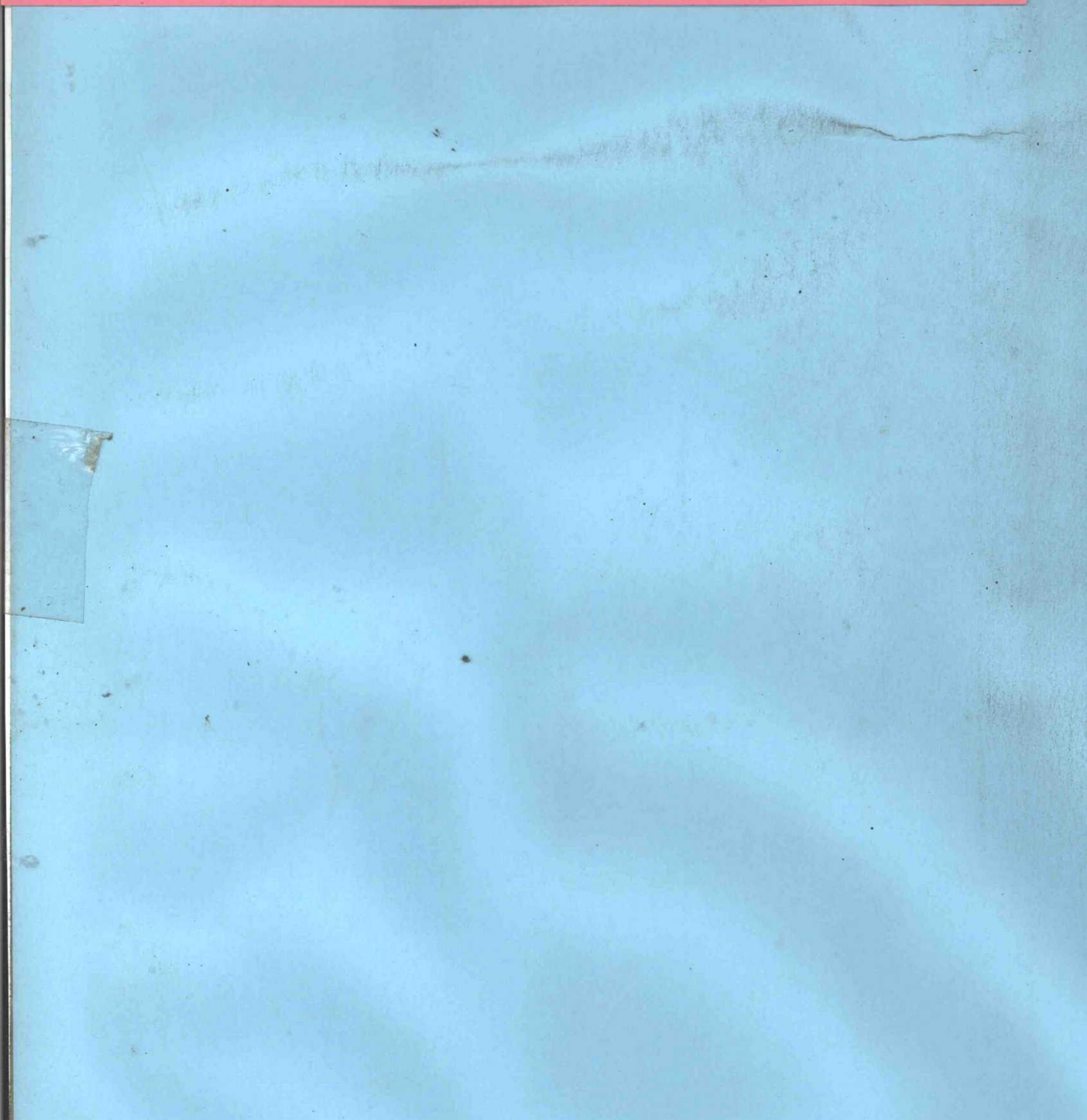
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## NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH Vicinity of Frolois, France		CASE NUMBER 15045
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 243 Farmer, Leroy T.	RANK Pvt	SERIAL NUMBER 33 660 024

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

**NAI**  
**File**  
**FEB 21 1951**  
*[Signature]*  
**Identification Branch**

## RECOMMEND APPROVAL

## APPROVED

## DATE

NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO: [Illegible]

FROM: [Illegible]

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

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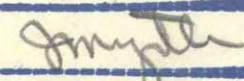
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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		CASE NUMBER 15045 (1)
		AREA OR ZONE(S) European
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Farmer, Leroy T.	RANK Pvt	SERIAL NUMBER 33 660 024
THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN 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.		
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST VAI	2. (CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) a. <del>REPORT OF DEATH</del> b. <del>FINDING OF DEATH</del> c. <del>STATUS REVIEW &amp; DETERMINATION</del>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAI	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAI	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:		
MIA on 11 September 1944 in the vicinity of Frolois, France		
<b>NAN</b> <b>File</b> <b>FEB 2 1 1951</b>  <b>Identification Branch</b>		
NAME OF CASE ANALYST Vincent A. Thomas VINCENT A. THOMAS/meh	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W.A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt OMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH THOMAS L. COE, Capt OMC
		DATE 20 Feb 51



RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

DATE	REVIEWER'S NAME	REVIEWER'S TITLE	REMARKS
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HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

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

The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on . The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

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

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
SEE ATTACHED ROSTER			

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

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

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

*Robert G. Lay*

ROBERT G. LAY Maj	QMC
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HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES: See attached roster

ORGANIZATION: See OQMG Forms 371

DATE OF DEATH: See attached roster

PLACE OF DEATH: See OQMG Forms 371

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing in Action or Killed in Action during ground operations in the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, from the period 7 September through 3 December 1944. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigations have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Meurthe-et-Moselle department, consists of farm, pasture and forest land which has been under constant use since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore only be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification, with the exception of two men listed on attached roster who were known to have drowned and their remains never recovered. The

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
FROM: SAC, [illegible]  
SUBJECT: [illegible]

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GROP 293.9  
SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide evidence, and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed on these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the department of Meurthe-et-Mosell, France: On file in The Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

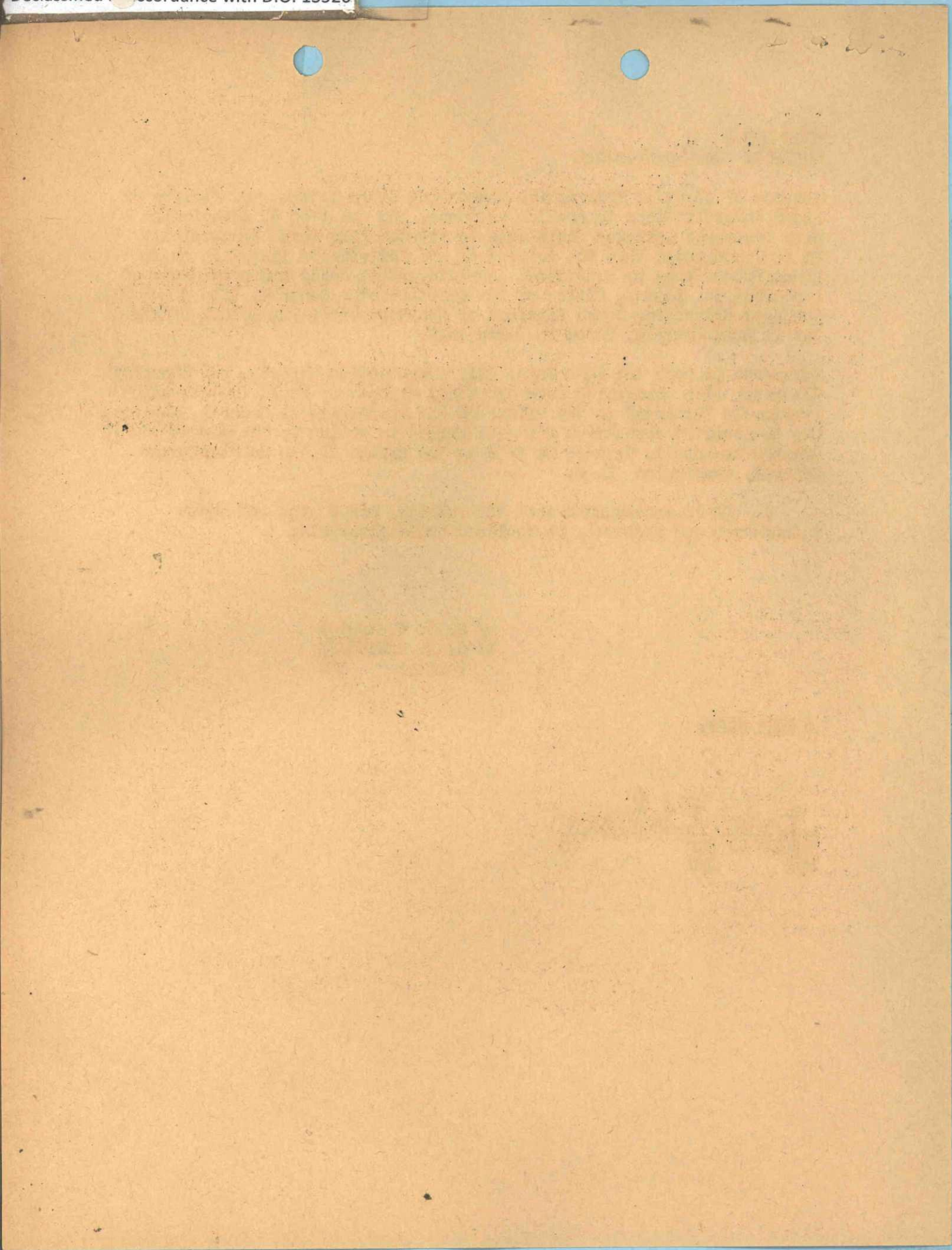
2. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek  
t/ C. W. STEINSIEK  
Captain QMC

A TRUE COPY:

*Robert G. Lay*  
ROBERT G. LAY  
Maj QMC

*F. J. W. W.*



Department of  
Meurthe-et-Moselle  
France

ROSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD  
FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY

To Accompany Proceedings of Board of Review

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE KIA OR MIA</u>
Abel, Russell L.	S/Sgt	6 935 342	29 Sep 44
Bauknecht, Russell H.	Pvt	33 812 170	24 Oct 44
Bryan, Homer H.	Sgt	34 192 364	9 Sep 44
Burger, Melvin	Pfc	32 973 686	26 Oct 44
Chiodo, Ottovio D.	Pfc	33 699 192	14 Oct 44
Cruz, Tomas	S/Sgt	38 113 574	24 Oct 44
DeHaan, Harry R.	Pvt	39 218 447	9 Nov 44
Diamanti, Albert C.	Pvt	32 868 499	14 Sep 44
Farmer, LeRoy T.	Pvt	33 660 024	11 Sep 44
Gallagher, Cornelius J.	Pfc	33 586 443	15 Nov 44
Glazier, Bernard J.	Pvt	36 333 128	9 Sep 44
Gray, John P.	T/5	34 236 248	19 Sep 44
Hierz, Henry	Cpl	36 315 751	14 Sep 44
Harris, Gus E.	Pvt	33 577 467	13 Nov 44
Harris, Oren C.	Pvt	35 756 764	27 Sep 44
Horner, Robert B.	Pvt	35 760 587	18 Sep 44
Kellar, Herbert C.	T/5	36 589 323	4 Nov 44
Kjems, Henry R.	Sgt	39 175 674	24 Nov 44
Klinger, Randall	T/5	33 162 614	7 Sep 44
Lewis, Jack H.	Sgt	32 253 215	9 Sep 44
McGuire, Charles T.	Pfc	33 158 351	21 Sep 44
Morgan, Louie F.	Sgt	7 005 037	3 Dec 44
O'Connor, Edward J.	Pvt	12 057 133	7 Sep 44
O'Neal, William L.	Pvt	39 244 999	25 Sep 44
Pescik, Albin J.	Pvt	31 274 929	17 Nov 44
Piantoni, Michael E.	Pvt	39 620 659	18 Sep 44
Polifka, Peter	Pvt	33 172 569	9 Sep 44
Rich, Lawrence W.	Pfc	37 233 142	15 Nov 44
Scott, Andrew J.	Cpl	6 658 123	18 Sep 44
Wallace, Florian	Pfc	35 475 026	9 Sep 44
Wertz, Eldore W.	Cpl	36 231 899	30 Sep 44
Westcott, Godfrey C.	Pvt	31 337 874	21 Sep 44

The Roster received from Field Board is filed in  
the 293 file of Abel, Russell L., S/Sgt.,  
ASN 6 935 342.



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

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER 139 )

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased. Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases:

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANY, O 359 598, QMC., President  
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,  
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,  
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,  
CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC.,  
CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC.,  
CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,  
1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,  
2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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*Robert S. Lay*  
ROBERT S. LAY  
Maj QMC

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293

FARMER Leroy T Pvt 33 660 024

Meurthe et Moselle # 9151

STATION FILE  
file  
3/24/50

ARMY LETTER # 33 650 024

Memphis or Houston 4 1951

ARMY LETTER # 33 650 024

Case 460

(Marthe et Moselle)  
9151D I A R Y

20 May 1947

0900. Departed to Frolois.

Secured statements from mayor M. Antoni who declared the bridge referred to in basic communication must be either at Meriville where some fighting took place, or more likely at Flavigny sur Moselle where the Germans offered stiff resistance.

1100. Proceeded to Meriville - See M. Eveillard's statement, who owns a cafe at bridgehead on opposite bank and was present during combat. The two skulls he found in bushes could not possibly be identified as none had any teeth left. M. Eveillard accompanied me to the spots where he had discovered remains but no trace of bones or clothes was available.

1230. Went to Flavigny and received negative statement from mayor M. Henri Fau.  
Area is reported to have been thoroughly searched by deminers and this fact leaves very little chance of ever recovering remains of Pvt. Farmer if he actually was killed in this sector. There is no American grave in vicinity.


1645. Back headquarters.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY  
of Mr. Carpentier's diary.

LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER  
1st Lt. Inf.

NAN  
FILE

FEB 26 1952

  
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

DIARY

30 May 1947

0800. Departed to Frolois.

Secured statements from Mayor M. Antoni who declared the bridge referred to in basic communication must be either at Meriville where some lighting took place, or more likely at Flavigny sur Moselle where the Germans offered stiff resistance.

1100. Proceeded to Meriville - See M. Ewellard's statement, who owns a cafe at bridgehead on opposite bank and was present during combat. The two skulls he found in bush- es could not possibly be identified as mine headgear teeth left. M. Ewellard accompanied me to the spots where he had discovered remains but no trace of bones or clothes was available.

1230. Went to Flavigny and received negative statement from Mayor M. Henri Van. Area is reported to have been thoroughly searched by Germans and this leaves very little chance of ever recovering remains of Pvt. Farmer if he actually was killed in this sector. There is no American grave in vicinity.

1845. Back headquarters.

CERTIFIED & TRUE COPY  
of Mr. Carpenter's diary.

LOUIS A. BOOKSTANER  
1st Lt. Inf.

MAN  
FILE

FEB 26 1952

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

(Meurthe et Moselle)  
9151

Case # 460

I, the undersigned, FAU Henri, Mayor of FLAVIGNY-sur-Moselle, referring to today's investigation concerning the disappearance of an American soldier called FARMER Leroy T., declare that I do not know anything about the death of said soldier in the territory of the commune. I add that no military graves exist in Flavigny-sur-Moselle.

As section-chief F.F.I.I. I was visited on Sunday 10 September 1944 at about 1500 hrs by two American soldiers coming from Frolois, a sergeant and a common soldier who spoke some French. After having furnished them some information I showed them the way back to Frolois. I doubt if the soldier FARMER was one of these two as at that time there were no more Germans between Flavigny and Frolois.

20 May 1947

The Mayor :

/s/ FAU Henri

Town stamp

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Gr. 4 - 10256  
Translator



(Newspaper of Moselle)  
1918

Case # 480

I, the undersigned, MAU Henri, Mayor of TRAVIGNY-sur-Moselle, referring to today's investigation concerning the disappearance of an American soldier called KARL LEROY T., declare that I do not know anything about the death of said soldier in the territory of the commune. I add that no military graves exist in Travigny-sur-Moselle.

As section-chief F.T.I.I. I was visited on Sunday 10 September 1944 at about 1500 hrs by two American soldiers coming from Trois, a sergeant and a common soldier who spoke French. After having furnished them some information I showed them the way back to Trois. I doubt if the soldier KARL was one of these two as at that time there were no more Germans between Travigny and Trois.

30 May 1944

The Mayor :

/s/ MAU Henri

Town stamp

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. BRUNS  
Gr. 4 - 10388  
Translator

Case # 460

(Meurthe et Moselle)  
9151

I, the undersigned, AVAILLARD Raymond, deputy mayor, bar and hotel keeper, referring to today's investigation declare that I have never heard of the disappearance of an American soldier called FARMER Leroy T.

Moreover I declare that in March 1947 I discovered a human skull, identification of which was impossible; this skull was removed by the Gendarmes of Neuves-Maison whom I had informed. About three weeks later I found another skull in a bush bordering the right bank of the Moselle river in a place called "Les blancs de Hollande", territory of Richardmenil, I recovered these human remains from an American cardboard box. Today we only found the box, the skull had disappeared, probably removed by some wild animals. Both skulls were without teeth.

1/s/ R. EVAILLARD

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Gr. 4 - 10256  
Translator

(Merritt et Moselle)  
1951

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1/a/ R. AVAILLARD

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRYB  
Gr. 4 - 1028  
Translator

(Meurthe & Moselle)  
9151

Frolois, 20 May 1947

I, the undersigned, ANTONI Hubert, mayor of FROLOIS, interviewed today on the subject of the disappearance of the American soldier FARMER Leroy T. on 11 September 1944, declare that actually American Hqs were stationed at Frolois where the first troops arrived on the 10th at about 1400 hrs.

The German resistance mentioned in your report corresponds with the combats which took place on the following day, 11 September 1944, for the possession of the bridge of Flavigny-sur-Moselle.

Therefore I advise you to conduct your investigation in Flavigny as only said Headquarters were here and no combat took place in this commune.

I declare moreover that there have never been any American graves in the territory of our commune.

The Myor :

/s/ H. ANTONI

Town Stamp

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Hr. 4 - 10256  
Translator

(Merrill & Moselle)  
1941

Prolois, 30 May 1947

I, the undersigned, ANTONI Hubert, Mayor of PROLOIS, Inter-  
viewed today on the subject of the disappearance of the American soldier  
FARMER Leroy T. on 11 September 1944, declare that actually American MPs  
were stationed at Prolois where the first troops arrived on the 10th at  
about 1400 hrs.

The German resistance mentioned in your report corresponds with  
the combat which took place on the following day, 11 September 1944, for  
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Therefore I advise you to conduct your investigation in Flavigny  
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commune.

I declare moreover that there have never been any American graves  
in the territory of our commune.

The Mayor :

/s/ H. ANTONI

Town Stamp

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRYYS  
Nr. 4 - 10258  
Translator

Meurthe-et-Moselle)  
9151HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 U S ARMY

2 December 1949

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATIONI. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

Pursuant to instructions Chief, Isolated Burials Section, investigation was conducted at Frolois and vicinity, in an effort to locate the remains of Private Leroy T. Farmer, 33 660 024.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

SR and D Report 4049 on Farmer (in 201 File on Smith, James S.) states that Pvt Farmer departed Frolois 10 September 1944 on a mission to take and hold the bridge near Frolois, across the Moselle River. His last known whereabouts were given as "crossed bridge across Moselle River." A resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance as set forth in the report, follows: 2nd Bn launched attack to seize and hold high ground E of Frolois across the Moselle River. At 2000, 10 September 1944, F Company encountered heavy enemy resistance with artillery, mortar, small arms and machine gun fire."

III. FINDINGS:

Proceeded directly to Frolois where contact was made with the Mayor who declared that since the last investigation, made a year ago, he had personally instigated a search which was without result. He was unable to furnish any clues regarding the disappearance of Pvt Farmer.

The next town visited was Flavigny. Mme Francin, Marguerite, Secretary of the town-hall declared that, to the best of her knowledge, there were no longer any American graves in the territory of the commune. The 12 September, approximately twenty men (German and American) were killed in the assault of the bridge on route No 57 which crosses the Moselle. The Americans were removed immediately by their own troops. Fifteen days later, an American soldier who succeeded in crossing the bridge, was found in the shrubbery alongside the road. He too was evacuated.

(Mossie-er-er-er)  
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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO SF 5 AINO

2 December 1949

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED

Pursuant to instructions Chief, Isolated Burials Section, investigation was conducted at Erfordia and vicinity, in an effort to locate the remains of Private Percy T. Turner, 77 500 OAK.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

SR and D Report 4049 on Turner (in 501 file on British James B.) states that Pvt Turner departed Erfordia 10 September 1944 on a mission to take and hold the bridge near Erfordia, across the Moselle River. His last known whereabouts were river as "crossed bridge across Moselle River." A review of the situation surrounding his disappearance as set forth in the report, followed SR and D's attack to seize and hold the bridge of Erfordia across the Moselle River. At 2000, 10 September 1944, Company encountered heavy enemy resistance with artillery, mortar and machine gun fire.

III. FINDINGS

Proceeded directly to Erfordia where contact was made with the Major who declared that since the last investigation, made a year ago, he had personally investigated a search which was without result. He was unable to furnish any clues regarding the disappearance of Pvt Turner.

The next town visited was Flaxburg. Mrs Francis, Executive Secretary of the town hall declared that, to the best of her knowledge, there were no longer any American graves in the territory of the company. The 12 September, approximately twenty men (German and American) were killed in the assault of the bridge at Erfordia which crosses the Moselle. The Americans were removed immediately by their own troops. Fifteen days later, an American soldier who succeeded in crossing the bridge, was found in the driveway alongside the road. He too was evacuated.

Then proceeded to the bridge in question where the attack was made. Flowing under the bridge was also a canal. The guardian of the canal locks, Mr Duval, Raymond, was present during the attack on the bridge. His house is at the foot of the bridge on the West side. He stated that in 1944 there was a battle for the bridge in which many American soldiers were killed. They were removed almost immediately by their own troops. Several weeks later, the remains of an other American soldier was found not far from his garden (Mr Duval's) on the East side of the river.

IV. CONCLUSION:

If Farmer is the only unresolved casualty in the attack on the bridge, and X-33 (Andilly) is the only unknown from Flavigny (where the bridge is located), the association appears strong.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That a re-check be made between Farmer and X-33(Andilly).

HOWARD E. EPHRAIM  
Hqs AGRC, Reg. Div.  
IBS Investigator



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IV. DISCUSSION:

It appears to be the only unexplained casualty in the attack on the bridge, and (additionally) is the only unknown from the vicinity (where the bridge is located), the association appears strong.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That a re-check be made between former and X-5 (additionally).

HOWARD A. BERRIN  
SAC, NEW YORK, N.Y. DIV.  
183 INVESTIGATOR

(Meurthe-et-Moselle) 9151

MAIRIE OF FLAVIGNY-SUR-MOSELLE  
(Meurthe-et-Moselle)

2 December 1949

D E C L A R A T I O N

I, the undersigned, FRANCIN, Marguerite, Secretary of the Town-Hall, declare that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no longer any American soldiers buried in the territory of our commune. The 12 September 1944, approximately 20 American soldiers fell in the battle for the bridge on route No 57. Fifteen days later, the body of an American soldier was recovered in the shrubbery bordering the road on the East side of the bridge.

s/ M. FRANCIN

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

HOWARD E. EPHRAIM  
Hqs AGRC Reg. Div.  
IBS Investigator

(Maurice-et-Moselle) 2151

MAIRIE DE PLAVIGNY-SUR-MOSELLE  
(Maurice-et-Moselle)

2 December 1949

D E C L A R A T I O N

I, the undersigned, FRANCIS, Mayor, Secretary  
of the Town-Hall, declare that, to the best of my know-  
ledge, there are no longer any American soldiers buried  
in the territory of our commune. The 12 September 1944  
approximately 20 American soldiers fell in the battle  
for the bridge on route No 27. Fifteen days later, the  
body of an American soldier was recovered in the shrub-  
bery bordering the road on the East side of the bridge.

s/ M. FRANCIS

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

HOWARD E. BERRAIN  
MAYOR  
1949

(Meurthe-et-Moselle) 9151

2 December 1949

D E C L A R A T I O N

I, the undersigned, Mayor of Frolois, declare that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no graves of American soldiers in the territory of the commune. During the last year I have instigated searches, but nothing has been found.

Frolois, 1 December 1949

The Mayor

s/ illegible

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CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

HOWARD E. EPHRAIM  
Hqs AGRC Reg. Div.  
IBS Investigator

(West of - Missouri) 2121

December 1949

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, Mayor of Toledo, declare that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no graves of American soldiers in the territory of the commune. During the last year I have instituted searches, but nothing has been found.

Toledo, 1 December 1949

The Mayor  
of Toledo

Best

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

HOWARD E. KERRIN  
SAS AGO Sec. Div.  
SAS Investigator

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 AG 201 Farmer, Leroy T. ~~24~~  
 33660024 (25 Apr 50)

WLN/mmh/1C662a/3220

25 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance  
 of Private Leroy T. Farmer, 33660024.

1. Private Leroy T. Farmer, 33660024, Infantry, member of Company F, 134th Infantry Regiment, was reported missing in action, not in flying or jump pay status, in France on 11 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Number 201 and presumed dead as of 12 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act (SR&D No. 4049).

2. The Casualty Section file of Private Leroy T. Farmer contains a Missing Report, undated, which shows that Private Farmer departed Frolois, France, on 10 September 1944 on a mission to take and hold the bridge across the Moselle River near Frolois. His last known whereabouts was given as "Crossed bridge across Mosselle River." A resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance follows:

"2nd Bn launched attack to seize & hold high ground, E of Froilois across Mosselle R. At 2000, 10 Sept '44 'F' Co. encountered heavy enemy resistance with arty, mortar, small arms and machine gun fire. 'F' Co. was either captured or wounded & has not been heard of since."

3. The captured German records contain no information relative to Private Farmer nor do the files of the Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information, at the present, on him.

4. The subject person was a member of Company F, 134th Infantry Regiment, whose mission was to take and hold the high ground east of the Moselle River near Frolois, France. Company "F" with the other units of the "2nd Bn" crossed the bridge across the Moselle River at 2000 hours on 10 September 1944. Company "F" encountered heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Farmer was not seen again after he crossed the bridge. Nothing has been seen or heard of him since.

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Identification Branch

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WLN/108824/3320

RE 201 Farmer, Larry T. (SS 108824)

28 APR 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Details of circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Private Larry T. Farmer, 3320024.

1. Private Larry T. Farmer, 3320024, Infantry, member of Company B, 154th Infantry Regiment, was reported missing in action, not in contact or jump pay status, in France on 11 September 1944 by ETO SHIP-101 and presumed dead on 12 September 1944 under the provisions of Section 6, Missing Persons Act (50 USC 1049).

2. The Casualty Section file of Private Larry T. Farmer contains a Missing Report, undated, which shows that Private Farmer disappeared at Troles, France, on 10 September 1944 on a mission to take and hold the bridge across the Moselle River near Troles. The last known whereabouts was given as "Crossed bridge across Moselle River." A review of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance follows:

"The last known whereabouts of Private Farmer was given as 'Crossed bridge across Moselle River.' A review of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance follows: 'and in fact he was seen to cross a high bridge... of Troles across Moselle R. at 2000. He... encountered heavy enemy resistance with... small arms and machine gun fire. He was either... killed or wounded & has not been heard of since.'

3. The captured German records contain no information relative to Private Farmer nor do the files of the Medical Division, Office of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information at the present time.

4. The subject person was a member of Company F, 154th Infantry Regiment, whose mission was to take and hold the high ground east of the Moselle River near Troles, France. Company "F" with the other units of the "2nd SS" crossed the bridge across the Moselle River at 2000 hours on 10 September 1944. Company "F" encountered heavy enemy artillery mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Farmer was not seen again after he crossed the bridge. Nothing has been seen or heard of him since.

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AG 201 Farmer, Leroy T.  
33660024 (25 Apr 50)

5. It is, therefore, concluded that the information of record in the Department of the Army, at this time, does not conclusively establish the place, date and fact of death pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act and the issuance of an official report of death is not warranted.

Walter L. Nalls  
Investigator

CONCUR:

N. B. STARR  
Captain, AGD  
Asst OIC, Det & Rev Unit  
Casualty Section  
PA Branch, AGO

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OQMG, Mem. Div.  
AG 201 file



AG 201 111a  
33880024 (23 Apr 50)

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CONCUR:

Walter L. Kalla  
Investigator

K. H. STARR  
Captain, AGO  
Asst OIC, Det & Res Unit  
Casualty Section  
PA Branch, AGO

AG 201 111a  
COMM, Mem. Div.  
BODY FOR:

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

## IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL 293 Farmer, Leroy T.			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 33660024	GRADE pvt.
HEIGHT 68½"	WEIGHT 148lb.	COLOR EYES blue	COLOR HAIR black	SHOE SIZE 105C
DATE OF DEATH Sept. 12-45				

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

Co. F, 134th INF.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Frolois, France

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

STATION	DATES
Ft. Mc. Clellan, Ala. Ft. Geo. Mead, Md.	Dec. 43. May 44
FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH NO RECORDS ON FILE	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

## DENTAL CHART

Dec. 1, 1943

8	0	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	/	7	8	
UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT								
16	15	14	X	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	X	15	16
LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT								

X - EXTRACTED      0 - CARIOUS      / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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1 Aug 1946

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(Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown.)

IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

ARMY SERVICE NUMBER 3142004	GRADE PVT	UNIT 1st Lt. Col. [illegible]	REGIMENT 1st [illegible]
DATE OF DEATH 28-10-45	PLACE OF DEATH [illegible]	CAUSE OF DEATH [illegible]	DETAILS OF DEATH [illegible]

DATE	DESCRIPTION
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

INITIALS AND SIGNATURE	DATE
[illegible]	[illegible]

DEATH CERTIFICATE

[illegible text]



AIR MAIL

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

In Reply Refer To  
QMGR 293

Farmer, Leroy T.  
SN 33 660 024

8 APR 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. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, QMGR Form 371  
(covering all available information in the Office of The Quartermaster  
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by  
this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Farmer, Leroy T.	Private	33 660 024

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be  
furnished this office in accordance with the provisions of radio, this  
headquarters, No. WCL 37087, dated 13 December 1946.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl.  
Form 371 ( 5 Cys )

J. B. COLSON  
Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

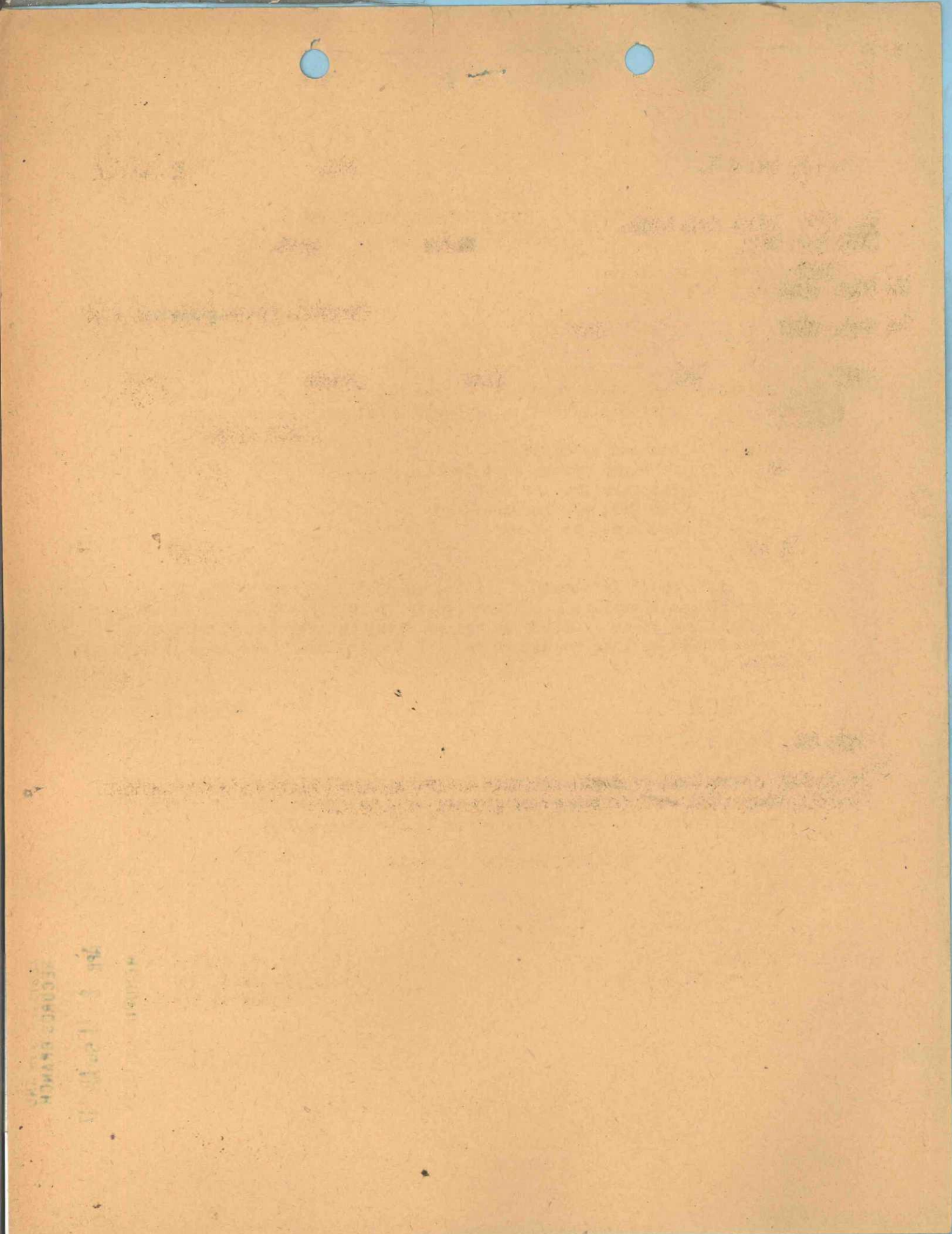
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## DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>Farner, Leroy T.</b>		GRADE <b>Pvt.</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>33 660 024</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>Co. "F" 134th Inf. Regt. 36th Inf. Div.</b>		RACE <b>White</b>	CREED <b>Prot.</b>
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <b>11 Sept. 1944</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>FCD</b>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>Frolois, France European Area</b>	
DATE OF FOD <b>12 Sept. 1945</b>			
HEIGHT <b>60 1/2"</b>	WEIGHT <b>145</b>	COLOR EYES <b>Blue</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>Black</b>
SHOE SIZE <b>10-0</b>			

## DENTAL CHART

1 Dec. 1943

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 /
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 0 X	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 X 0

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 20

Failed to return from a mission to take a bridge near Frolois, France, on the Moselle River after encountering heavy enemy resistance.

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	GRADE	BRANCH	ORGANIZATION
DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF B.M.	DATE OF LOSS
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
SHOE SIZE			

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

1 - Enamel	2 - Decay	3 - Crown Not Restored
FRACTURES AND/OR BRACES	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARKS	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Place of death or place last seen if B.M.

DATE OF LOSS

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD

FORM 1

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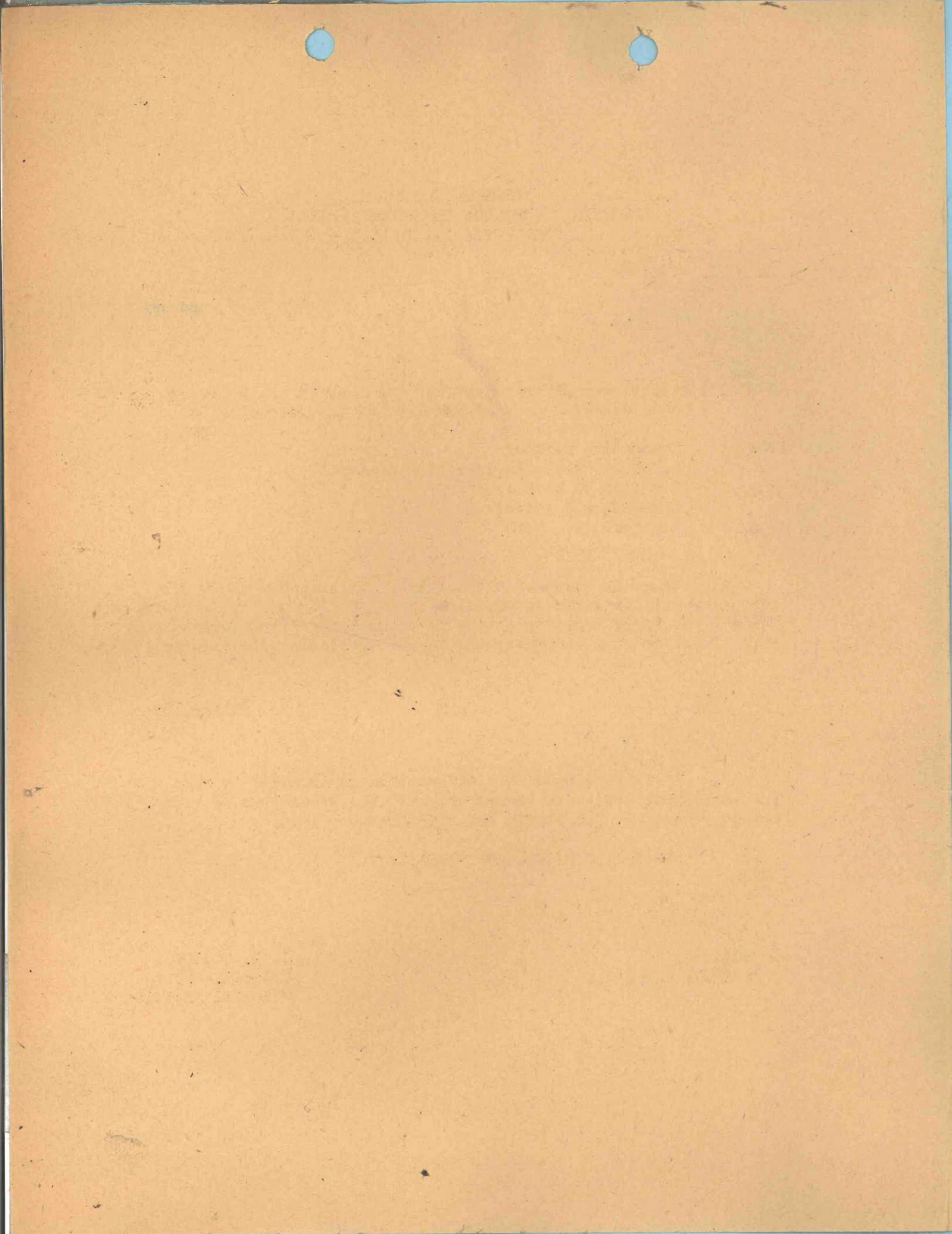
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Letter*





Form prescribed by  
Comptroller General, U.S.  
7 October 1944

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

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**FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Leroy T. Farmer, Army Serial Number 33,660,024, Infantry,

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 11th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 12th day of September, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*George F. Herbert*

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	PRIVILEGE STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
27 Jul 1924	Bland, Virginia	23 Dec 1943	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Under	Three	Years	

## EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. H.E. Farmer	Mother	Route One, Box 26 Bland, Virginia

## BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Ada Belle Farmer	Mother	Route One, Box 26 Bland, Virginia
Haven Howe Farmer	Father	Route One, Box 26 Bland, Virginia

## REMARKS

Designated as Combat Infantryman, S.O. 114, Hq, 134 Inf., 5 Aug. 44. Distribution 56

Circumstances of disappearance: Soldier and his company failed to return from a mission to take a bridge near Frolois, France, on the Moselle River, after encountering heavy enemy resistance.

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THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 0353, 1 NOVEMBER 1944,  
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