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 DATE 2 Dec - 1944 - 14 Dec 1944
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 PAYEE Mildred Ella Horner, Quawa Iowa
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INVENTORY

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

HORNER, CLARENCE M

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

PFC

37694120

ARMY OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

18 DEC 45

GERMANY

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. COX

3 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

KINKEAD

3 MAY 51

REMARKS

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, Bleise River, Germany	CASE NUMBER 15511
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>g/h</i> Horner, Clarence M.	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 37 694 126
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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>G.M.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>G.M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

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18 APR 1951
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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>		

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL	CASE NUMBER 15511 (1)
AREA OR ZONE(S) European	

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Horner, Clarence M.	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 37 694 126
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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	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
	VAT	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	VAT
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAT	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAT	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	VAT
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES After Action Report			VAT

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

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13 APR 1951
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NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>Vincent A. Thomas</i> Vincent A. Thomas/cwt	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>[Signature]</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt QMC	APPROVED IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>[Signature]</i> JOHN M. NEEF, Capt QMC	DATE 13 APR 1951
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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

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

1. The Board convened pursuant to para 4, SO 139, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 7 December 1950.

2. Members present:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr, Major, QMC
C. W. STEINSIEK, Capt, QMC
ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, QMC

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

a. Frauenberg, Moselle, France, case # 12108

b. Facts:

1. PTC Clarence M. Horner 37 694 120, a member of Co. "K", 137 Infantry Regiment, 35 Infantry Division, is reported on OQMG Form 371 as Missing In Action while crossing the Blies river, on 17 December 1944.

4. FINDINGS:

a. In a Field Investigation conducted on 29 September 1950 in the area of Frauenberg, the area where subject casualty was last seen, it was learned that the Secretary of the town hall of Bliesguersviller, down stream from Frauenberg, while plying a boat in the Blies river in May or June 1945 with some friends, they noticed human remains, in American uniform, on the bottom of the river. When they attempted to recover the body, it fell into small pieces due to advanced stages of decomposition, and the remains were carried down stream by the current. The Gendarmerie at Sarreguemines, down stream from Frauenberg, stated that no remains had ever recovered from the Blies river.

b. A second Field Investigation was conducted along the north side of the Blies river on 14 November 1950, and it was determined that out of all the towns visited, only one, Bliesmongen-Bolcher, had any

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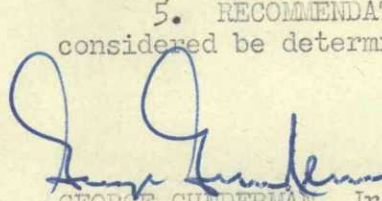
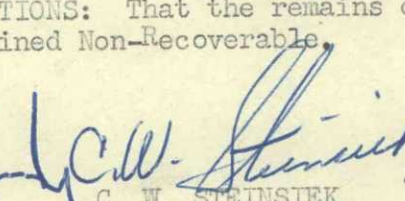
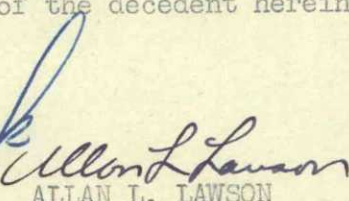
knowledge of American remains in the vicinity. The Mayor's office there containing documents showing the removal of twelve remains from the vicinity by American authorities, one known and eleven unknown. The known casualty was removed in 1948, and the unknowns in early 1946.

c. Attempts to associate unknowns recovered from the area, with the subject casualty, have been negative.

d. Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; After Action Report; Status Review and Determination Report, # 4917; 4th Indorsement, dated 12 August 1945: On file in The Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Reports of Field Investigations, dated 29 September and 14 November 1950: Attached.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedent herein considered be determined Non-Recoverable.

		
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr Major MEMBER	C. W. STEINSIEK Capt MEMBER	ALLAN L. LAWSON Capt MEMBER

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

29 September 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED

Pursuant to instructions furnished in Investigation Directive #469, dated 15 September 1950, an investigation was conducted at Frauenberg, Moselle and vicinity in an effort to recover the remains of Pfc Clarence M. HORNER, 37 694 120.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

Pfc Horner, a member of Co "K", 137 Infantry, 35 Division, became Missing in Action the 17 December 1944. He was on a mission to Frauenberg; the intended destination being high ground across the river.

While crossing the river Blies near Frauenberg France, the boat in which Pfc Horner was an occupant turned over and he was dragged under by his equipment. According to Statements on file from 1/Lt Caryl H. Oskea and other members of Co "K", Pfc Horner was last seen, approximately in the center of the river, when the boat capsized.

III. FINDINGS

Proceeded first to the Town Hall of Frauenberg where it was learned that no American remains had ever been recovered from the river Blies at Frauenberg. Furthermore, there are no graves of American or unknown soldiers in the territory of the commune.

From there the investigator proceeded to Bliesguerswiller which is downstream from Frauenberg. Mr Beckerich, Secretary of the Town Hall, declared that there are at present no American or unknown graves in the territory of the commune. However, during the months of May - June 1945 while he was in a small boat on the river, the above and some friends noticed on the river bottom not far from the bank, a remains clothed in an American uniform. All efforts to extract the remains were unsuccessful as, due to the state of advanced decomposition, the remains fell apart when moved. According to Mr. Beckerich the remains were carried downstream by the current, after falling apart completely.

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A final check was made at the Gendarmerie at Sarreguemines which has under its jurisdiction all of the towns downstream from Frauenberg on the south side of the river. They declared that as of the 17 December 1944 (date of combat) until the present day no American remains have been recovered from the Blies river.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Beckerich describes the discovery of an American remains on the river bottom not far downstream from where Pfc Horner was last seen. No other graves or unknowns recovered can be associated. By the description of the attempted removal of these remains, it is clear that the body in question, carried downstream in small pieces (in 1945) would now be non-recoverable.

V. RECOMMENDATION

That a check should be made to learn whether there were any similar unrecovered casualties who were drowned while crossing the river Blies. If said check is negative, then the remains in question could only be those of Pfc Horner and non-recoverable action should be instituted.

(It is noted that the north side of the river is German territory. Before the non-recoverable action is taken, an investigation should be made on the German side of the river).

/s/ Howard E. EFHRAIM
DAC Investigator

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY
(SEARCH AND RECOVERY UNIT # 3)
APO 633 US ARMY

Wiesbaden
14 November 1950

SUBJECT: Case Moselle # 12108
ID # 469, 15 September 1950
Pfc CLARENCE M. HORNER, 37 694 120

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

In compliance with subject directive, AGR S & R Unit # 3, conducted a through investigation in the area of FRAUENBERG (K-50/Q-55), France, and localities situated down-stream along the River Blies, to its intersection with the Saare River, at SARREGUEMINES, France, in an effort to locate the remains of the subject casualty or to secure information regarding its recovery.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Pfc Horner was reported missing in action 17 December 1944. He was believed to have drowned in the Blies River near FRAUENBERG, as he was last seen by members of his Company (Company "K", 137th Infantry, 35th Division), in mid-stream. after the boat in which he was occupant capsized.

III. FINDINGS:

Following is a list of communities in which the investigation was conducted and the results obtained by interviews with the inhabitants:

HABKIRCHEN: HUGO BREYER, the burgermeister of the community is certain that no Americans were ever buried in the cemetery. BREYER has resided in the community continuously with the exception of a short time during which he was evacuated; since before the war. He does not have knowledge that any soldier or civilian was recovered from the river or found on the surface near the stream, within the vicinity of HABKIRCHEN.

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BLIESMENGEN-BOLCHER: The following documents are on file in the Maire's office:

- a. Notice of Disinterment, dated 6 January 1948, signed by ROBERT O. SPENCE, Sgt, RA-35868284, 164th QM Bn, AGRC, showing that two (2) unknowns and one (1) known (WAYNE WILSON, 36893634) remains, were recovered from row #6, grave #58, 59 and 60, of the local cemetery and evacuated to Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.
- b. Memorandum reading as follows: "Body recovered by Pfc RALPH BLEVINS, 606 QM GR Co., January 17, 1946 to St Avoid, France", signed "RALPH BLEVINS" (ALFONS KLINGLER, secretary to the Maire, could not give the location from which the body was removed).
- c. Memorandum reading as follows: "The 606 GRC has picked up seven (7) American bodies buried in the woods on the hill overlooking this town and one (1) body on the bank of the River. They are being sent to the US Cemetery at St Avoid "signed "RUSSEL G. CLARK, 2/Lt, Inf". (KLINGLER, believes this recovery to have been in January or February 1946. He is satisfied that it was the first, by the American, from the community, but is not certain as to the date).

Exhibit "A" is a certified copy of a certificate on file with the Maire. This might aid in identifying one of the eleven (11) unknown remains, removed from the area, as "DIEGO RAMOS, 37539185".

KLINGLER was positive that only one (1) soldier's body had been recovered from the river or its vicinity, near BLIESMENGEN-BOLCHER. Likewise, he was sure that all graves of military personnel now located in the area, are German.

BLIESRANSBACH: JOHANN PETER ZAPP, the Maire and his secretary were interviewed. Neither of these men, who have resided in the community continuously since the war, had knowledge that any soldier's remains had been recovered from or near the River Blies, in the area of BLIESRANSBACH. They were positive that no American remains are buried in the area.

BLIESGUERSVILLER MILL: JAKOB KANY, owner of the Gasthaus, located at this point; which is in the Saarland, across the Blies River, from BLIESGUERSVILLE, France says that he has resided at the Gasthaus since before the war except during the time of evacuation, 22 December 1944 to April 1945. He is positive that the remains of a soldier had not been recovered from the Blies, or the area.

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ETIEN BARRE, farmer, living in the area, declares that he saw the remains of an American soldier hanging from a part of the destroyed bridge at this point, "after the Americans came in". He did not see it removed, but supposed that it was removed by the Americans.

BLIESGUERSVILLER, France: ALOYSE BECKERICH, secretary to the Maire was again interviewed. He says that American troops occupied the area on 19 February 1945. He did not see the body referred to by BARRE. In addition to the body mentioned in his signed statement, 29 September 1950, he remembers seeing another floating down-stream during the flood of 1947-48. BECKERICH says the entire area including the town was inundated by this flood, that all buildings in the town were evacuated. The highwater mark on the building now occupied by the Maire shows approximately 3 meters from the ground level.

IV. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The entire search in this case; in so far as locating the remains of Pfc HORNER, or obtaining information relative to its previous recovery; proved negative. Unless the remains referred to in subparagraph c, BLIESMENGEN-BOLCHER, findings, can be associated with Pfc HORNER, the recovery of his remains is very doubtful, due to the fact that the entire area was swept clean by the flood, the elapsed time involved and that all remains now buried in the area investigated, are identified as German. Should this suggested processing prove negative, it is recommended that the unresolved casualty in this case be declared non-recoverable and the file closed.

s/t/ JAMES L. McCULLER
Capt, 0-923281
AGR S & R Unit #3

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7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

15 November 1950

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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 Q'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
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MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
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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.,
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Adjutant

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14 March 1950

Memorandum to: QIC, Casualty Section, Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Subject: Reports of Death

1. ETO Casualty Shipment No. 294 reported that the following Infantry personnel, members of Company K, 137th Infantry, were missing in action in Germany on 17 December 1944:

Pfc	Mellon, Mack R.	34 187 606
Pfc	<u>Horner, Clarence M.</u>	37 694 126

It is further reported that the men in question were entitled to additional pay for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge. Under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, Findings of Death were issued for Privates Mellon and Horner, setting the presumed date of their death as 18 December 1945 (SR&D No. 4917).

2. Missing Reports, dated 17 February and 22 February 1945, submitted for these men, indicated that on 17 December 1945 Company K was to cross the Blies River at Frauenberg and secure the high ground on the opposite shore. Both of these men were last seen in an assault boat crossing the river. The boat turned over and the men were believed dragged under by their equipment. Nothing further was known concerning their disappearance.

3. Inquiries were addressed to the Commanding General, USFETO, requesting further information concerning the loss of these men (see AG 201 files). The 6th indorsement to each of the inquiries listed five men from the 137th Infantry who were with Privates Horner and Mellon in the assault boat. All of the five men so listed have been reported killed in action on 17 December 1944. These five men and the places from which their remains were recovered are listed below:

1st Lt	Clarence A. Sprague	01 202 079	Frauenberg, Fr.
S Sgt	Charles W. Squires	37 219 337	Bliesgersweiler, Fr.
Sgt	John McPherson	36 561 821	Bliesbolchen, Ger.
Pfc	James S. Dailey	35 807 484	Sarreguemines, Fr.
Pfc	Russell D. Kuehn	37 693 128	Bliesschweyen, Ger.

(According to information received from the Army Map Service, all of the places listed are on the Blies River within one or two miles of the place where the assault boat was overturned). A statement by Pfc Charles N. Birchard, 39 326 606, one of the four survivors, is attached to the correspondence in Private Horner's AG 201 file. He could furnish no information regarding the two missing men

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4. To date, the Office of The Quartermaster General has no burial report on file for either of the two men in question. They have never been reported as prisoners of war by any source, official or unofficial.

5. Over five years have elapsed since the disappearance of Privates Horner and Mellon and in all that time no evidence which would tend to support a belief that the men survived has been discovered by the intensive searches conducted in the area. They were heavily loaded with equipment which would make swimming the cold water difficult if they had not already been killed by the intense enemy fire to which the assault boats were being subjected. And since five other personnel known to have been lost from the same assault boat have been recovered from nearby places located on the Blies River, it is logical to assume that Privates Horner and Mellon were also killed either by enemy gunfire or drowned when their boat overturned, and that their bodies were not recovered or are among the many unknown deceased recovered in the months following their disappearance. Had they survived and been rescued either by German troops or our own forces, some word of them should have been received in the years that have elapsed since they were reported missing in action. The circumstances surrounding their disappearance, then, added to the time which has passed provide reasonably conclusive evidence of their death on 17 December 1944.

6. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that the personnel named in paragraph one, above, were killed in action near Frauenberg, France, on 17 December 1944 when their assault boat was overturned while crossing the Blies River. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

"Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 18 December 1945. This 'Report of Death' is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9."

Systemat will be routed to Operating Unit for notification and processing.

Station and Place of Death: European Theater

Lulu May Lybrook
Lulu May Lybrook
Investigator

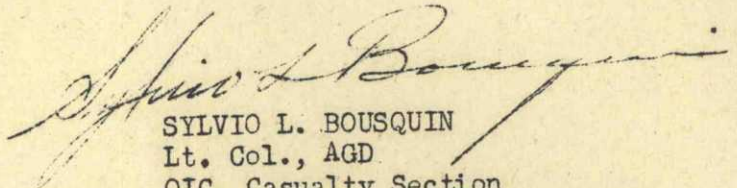
CONCUR:

For *McStair*
T. J. COLLUM
Major, AGD
OIC, Determination & Review Unit

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APPROVED. Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN
Lt. Col., AGD
OIC, Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Copy furnished

OQMG, Memorial Division (one copy for each individual listed in par. 1)
AG 201 file of each individual named in par. 1.

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the
AG 201 file of the first name listed in par. 1, unless otherwise indicated.

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QMGMS 293 1st Ind
Horner, Clarence M.
SN 37 694 126
SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 13 September 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command
European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Inclosed herewith are photostatic copies of all the information available in the records of the Department of the Army concerning the place and manner of death of Pfc. Clarence M. Horner, 37694126.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

- 3 Incls
- Incl 1 Photo cy SR&D Report No. 4917
- Incl 2 Photo cy After Action Report
- Incl 3 Photo cy Lth Ind dtd 12 Aug 45

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMG
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Request for Information
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Department of the Army, GPO, Washington 25, D. C., 15 September 1954
For Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command
European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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1 Incl 1 Photo of BIA Report No. 1017
1 Incl 2 Photo of Army Action Report
1 Incl 3 Photo of BIA Report No. 12 Aug 54

F. H. WITZ
Lt. Colonel, GPO
Memorial Division

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

2 June 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25 D. C.

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1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 for Pfc Clarence M. Horner,
37 694 126.

2. It is requested that Determination of Status Report and any
additional information available on the above be forwarded this headquar-
ters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOHN M. NEFF
Capt., CAC
Actg Asst Adj Gen



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

293 Horner, Clarence M. 37694126

DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Iden. Br. Search Info. Sec. Mackenbureg	Admin. Pentagon Liaison	17 June 1949	Request a copy of the SR&D Report for the following individual: Horner, Clarence M. 37694126 Ref. Ltr. # 123 <i>JWR</i> Rogers 72000
2	Adm Br QM Liaison Pentagon	Iden Br Search Info Sect	24 Aug 1949	Attached is all the information available in DPRB 201 File; Army Ground Forces Historical Files, Operations Report and S.R. D. No 4917, pertaining to the death of Private First Class Clarence M. Horner, 37,694,126, Company "K", 137th Infantry Regiment. <i>B.J.V.</i> SEKOWSKI 6679 <i>B.G.M.D.</i> DYER 73090

293 HORNER, CLARENCE M. 37694126

*mailing material
JUN 20 1949
Mr. D. O. Q. M. G.*

FILE
SEP 23 1949
by Capt. ...
1st Lt. ...

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRA-OFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DATE AND HOUR

NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	MESSAGE
1	Mr. Sec. Liaison	Admin. Liaison	17 June 1949	Request a copy of the SHAD Report for the following individual: Hornor, Clarence W. 3755412
2	Mr. Sec. Liaison	Admin. Liaison	17 June 1949	Assigned to all the information relative to the death of Private First Class Clarence W. Hornor, Company "K", 157th Infantry Regiment, 37, 544, 123, Company "K", 157th Infantry Regiment.



FILE
 22 SEP 23 1949
 P. O. Box 1100
 Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Pentagon Liaison
JUN 20 1949
Mem. Div. OQMG

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

37th S+. Dental Clinic

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME

Horner, Clarence M. (37694126)

(3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS

Pvt. A. 146th Br. 90th Bact.

(6) AGE, YEARS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YEARS

32 W. Iowa 2/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
Caries B50 " B60 " B60	22 May 1944 Ed + Op 103 " " " "	W-12 Capt Jones

Charles H. E. Borchers
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

FORM 79—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

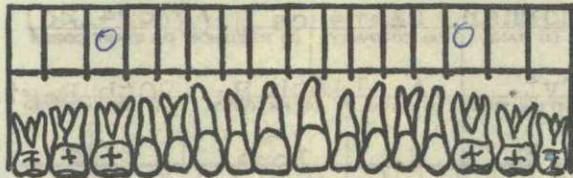
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***REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

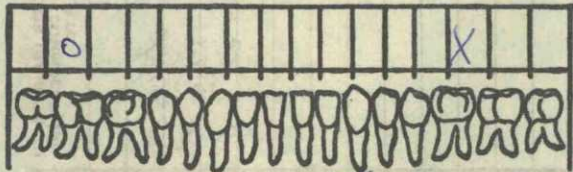
UPPER TEETH

Right Left
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



LOWER TEETH

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



CLASS II

Occlusion max: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia neg

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions _____

Date 22 May, 19 44
Maj. Borchers
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)

O	X	O
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NAME: Horner, Clarence M. ASN: 37694126 RANK: Pfc.

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE: 31 March 1944

RACE: White
RELIGION: Protestant
BORN: June 13, 1911
PLACE: Siconic, Iowa
WEIGHT: 130#
HEIGHT: 67"
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Brown
COMPLEXION: Buddy
SHOE SIZE: 9 1/2-B

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HORNER, CLARENCE M. 37694126

DENTAL

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

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

Co. "K" 137th Infantry Regiment

Missing in action in Germany 17 Dec. 1944.

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AG 201-Horner, Clarence M.

4th Ind

S: 12 Aug 45

HEADQUARTERS 137TH INFANTRY, APO 35, US ARMY,

12 August 1945.

TO: CG, 35th Inf Div, same address.

1. Facts and circumstances surrounding the casualty of Pfc Clarence M Horner, 37694126, Company K, 137th Infantry, have been reinvestigated and it is believed results do not warrant a change of status.

2. A more complete account of the incident per instructions in Par 3, basic communication is as follows:

a. On the morning of 13 Dec 44, the unit prepared to cross the Blies River near Frauenberg, France at approximately 0700 to assault the enemy. The river was about 50 yds in width, with the current running about 15 miles per hour. Water was at a flood stage.

b. The weather was cold, around 38 degrees, and foggy.

c. Combat uniform worn, rifles, sidearms, etc. Raincoats were carried.

d. It is not known whether Pfc Horner could swim.

e. An unidentified engineer pulled three men out of the river, and one other reached the bank.

f. Fifty yards to the front a German automatic weapon was firing. Rescue by the enemy at that time is unlikely.

g. No systematic search was made due to tactical situation.

h. Pfc Horner was last seen approximately in the center of the river as the boat overturned.

i. It is not believed that facts are sufficient to warrant a change of status. There is the possibility that Pfc Horner may have swum down-stream and been captured at some other point along the river.

3. Statement of Pfc Charles N Birchard, a survivor, is attached.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

s/
CARYL H OSKEA
1st Lt, Infantry
Personnel Off

293 HORNER, CLARENCE M, 37694126

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12 Aug 45

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AG 301-Horner, Clarence M.

HEADQUARTERS 137TH INFANTRY, APO 38, US ARMY, 12 August 1945

TO: CG, 35th Inf Div, same address.

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2. A more complete account of the incident pertaining to Pfc Horner is as follows:
 - a. On the morning of 13 Dec 44, the unit prepared to cross the Elbes River near Wernberg, France at approximately 0700 to assault the enemy. The river was about 50 yds in width, with the current running about 15 miles per hour. Water was at a flood stage.
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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

CARL R OSKIE
1st Lt, Infantry
Personnel Off

ON CONTACT LIAISON
HEAD DIV.

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S T A T E M E N T

12 August 1945

On the morning of 13 December 1944, my unit prepared to cross the Blies River near Frauenberg, France at approximately 0700 to assault the enemy who occupied high ground on the opposite bank of the river. The river was about 50 yards wide with the current running about 15 miles per hour, as water was at a flood stage. Our boat overturned in about the middle of the river and I was aided in reaching the bank by another soldier. I saw an unidentified Engineer pull 3 other men out. I do not know if one of them was Pfc Clarence M. Horner, 37694126, or not. Rescue by the enemy at that time was unlikely due to tactical situation. It was very foggy at that time, and cold. It is possible that Pfc Horner may have reached the bank at some point further down the river.

s/Charles N. Birchard
CHARLES N. BIRCHARD
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Pfc, Co K, 137th Inf

293 HORNER, CLARENCE M. 37694126

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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STATEMENT

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Charles N. Richard
 CHARLES N. RICHARD
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 Pfc, Co E, 137th Inf

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 137th Inf
 Co E
 12 Dec 44

OFFICE
 PENTAGON LIAISON
 DIVISION

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AGPC -S 201 Horner, Clarence M., 37,694,126
(18 Dec 45)

18 December 1945

Mrs. Mildred E. Horner
West 6th Street, North
Onawa, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Horner:

Since your husband, Private First Class Clarence M. Horner, 37,694,126, Infantry, was reported missing in action 17 December 1944, the War Department has entertained the hope that he survived and that information would be revealed dispelling the uncertainty surrounding his absence. However, as in many cases, the conditions of warfare deny us such information. The record concerning your husband shows that on 17 December 1944, he was a member of a patrol whose mission was to cross the Blies river in Germany and secure the high ground. While crossing the river his boat turned over and he was dragged under by his equipment. Your husband has not been seen or heard from since that time.

Full consideration has recently been given to all available information bearing on the absence of your husband, including all records, reports and circumstances. These have been carefully reviewed and considered. In view of the fact that twelve months have now expired without the receipt of evidence to support a continued presumption of survival, the War Department must terminate such absence by a presumptive finding of death. Accordingly, an official finding of death has been recorded under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, approved March 7, 1942, as amended.

The finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death; however, as required by law, it includes a presumptive date of death for the termination of pay and allowances, settlement of accounts and payment of death gratuities. In the case of your husband this date has been set as 18 December 1945, the day following the expiration of twelve months' absence.

I regret the necessity for this message but trust that the ending of a long period of uncertainty may give at least some small measure of consolation. I hope you may find sustaining comfort in the thought that the uncertainty with which war has surrounded the absence of your husband has enhanced the honor of his service to his country and of his sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,

Copies for:
AG 201
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EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

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HORNER, CLARENCE
M. 37694126

AGPO - 2 301 Horner, Clarence M., 37, 694, 138
(18 Dec 45)

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HEADQUARTERS 137TH INFANTRY REGT
APO 35 US ARMY

After Action Report

December 16, 1944

Pushed back to the edge of the Breiterwald Woods by the enemy on December 15, the 3rd Bn of the 137th Infantry attacked again, the well defended enemy positions in the forest and regained a portion of the lost ground. The enemy artillery fire remained extremely heavy throughout the day and Frauenberg received its usual pounding of intense artillery and mortar fire. At the same time our air support bombed and strafed Bliesmengen and the woods to the east of it. The 1st Bn was protecting the division's left flank in Sarreguemines and along the Blies River pocket. The 2nd Bn had Co "G" across the Blies protecting the rear flank of the 3rd Bn, while "E" Co was aiding the 1st Bn. Co "F" was being held in reserve at Frauenberg.

The 3rd Bn launched its attack at 0750 with Co "I" working toward the Breiterwald Woods and Co's "K" and "L" aiming at the small patch of woods southeast of it. Co "K" entered a corner of the woods at 0830 capturing some prisoners, and by 1030 "K" and "L" occupied a small portion of the enemy held woods. Co "I" had encountered two enemy tanks on the edge of their woods at 0820 and had not been able to advance into Breiterwald. At 1230, Co "I" supported by friendly tanks, penetrated the woods, meeting fierce resistance. Co's "K" and "L" found their patch of woods quite a problem and by 1615 had not yet cleared the woods completely. Co "L" remained to hold the woods for security and Co "K" went on to assist "I" in the woods. Before dark the 3rd Bn elements were counter-attacked by German tanks and infantry and driven back to the edge of the woods.

The 1st Bn was relieved at 1725 by the 2nd Cavalry Group. The 2nd Bn elements on the defensive relieve at 2130 by the 2nd Cavalry. The 3rd Bn had occupied the edge of the Breiterwald Woods for the night and was receiving sporadic enemy artillery fire and occasional flares.

The 2nd Bn was to attack on December 17 with the mission of driving for Bliesmengen and Bliesbalchen, and the 3rd Bn was to continue on into the Woods.

December 17, 1944

137th Infantry elements on December 17 were fighting under the heaviest artillery fire they had ever experienced in France or Germany.

The 3rd Bn forces in the Breiterwald Woods were unable to move against the savage enemy resistance and were taking a severe shelling all day. Our direct support artillery pounded enemy positions in the woods and the air support bombed and strafed the enemy positions unmercifully but the enemy still held tenaciously to the forest.

Elements of the 2nd Bn fighting in Bliesmengen were faced by direct enemy tank fire and other elements were pinned down all day. The enemy continued to shell the regimental area heavily during the period. Frauenberg was hit very heavily again and again during the day.

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M. 37694126

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All units of the 137th Infantry were alerted at 1125 for bomber-support and at noon fighter bombers were hitting the enemy in Buchelz Woods ahead of the regiment's positions. The 737th Tank Bn, less Co C, was attached to the regiment at 1231.

The 3rd Bn was relieved by the 1st Bn at 2200. Co "A" took over the patch of woods below the Breiterwald, while Co's "B" and "C" relieved the 3rd Bn elements in the wood proper. The 137th was ordered to resume the attack at 0800, Dec 18.

December 18, 1944

The enemy was heavily pounded by P-47s in the regimental sector throughout the day. Breiterwald Woods was again the scene of fierce battles between German and American infantry and tanks. The enemy was unable to stop the assault of our forces and was driven back to the rear edge of the woods.

The 2d Bn of the 134th Infantry, attached to the 137th Infantry, attacked the enemy at the edge of Reinneimerald Woods, on the 137th's right flank, just southeast of Bebelshelm.

The regiment was ordered to stop its attack at 1830 and to consolidate its positions on most favorable ground. At the conclusion of the day's operations the 2nd Bn of the 134th was at the edge of Reinneimerald Woods. The 137th's 1st Bn was holding all of the Breiterwald Woods and a small patch of woods near Bennholz. The 2nd Bn had elements in Bliesmengen and east of the town, while the 3rd Bn was held in reserve at Neunkirch.

HORNER, Clarence M.

Private First Class

37,694,126

Company "K"

137th Infantry Regiment

Missing in action

17 December 1944

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 HQ
 137TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
 137TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

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At 1331... The 1st Infantry was alerted at 1330 for bomber support and at noon 1st Infantry were alerted in the woods ahead of the 1st Infantry. The 1st Infantry was attached to the 1st Infantry at 1331.

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PENTAGON LIAISON
MEM. DIV.

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	
Hornet Lawrence - M.			37694126	PFC -	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH
5 FT. 9	132	Brown	Brown	9 1/2 B-	
LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)					
Co-K-137th INF					
PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA					
Bleise River - Germany - Missing in action					
LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.					

STATION	DATES
Camp Dodge Iowa	3d APR-44 - 5th APR-44
Ft. Meade Md.	29 July-44 - 7 Aug-44
" " "	4 SEPT 44 - 5th SEPT. 44
35th Repl. Depo -	1 Aug-44 - 2 Aug-44
P.O.E - New York Ny -	15 APR-45

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS IN FILE

FILE 22 SEP 1948
Capt Roy
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

3-APR-44

DENTAL CHART

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - INITIAL		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	
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FILE 28 SEP 1946



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293 FILE W		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED				
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Hornet, Clarence M.			GRADE PFC		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 3769426	
ORGANIZATION Co "K" 137 INF 35 div.		RACE White	CREED Prot.		FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA Dec 17-1944	CAUSE OF DEATH Fod		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Bleise River Ger.			
DATE OF FOD Dec 18-1945						
HEIGHT 5'9"	WEIGHT 132	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 9 1/2 B.		
DENTAL CHART Apr. 3-1944						
UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8			
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X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable		
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Decedent became MIA while crossing the Bleise River in Germany when the boat he was in turned over and he was dragged under by his equipment.						
FILE JUL 12 1948 L. J. Collins, Lt. Col., USA CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE						

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

FINAL REPORT
REPORT OF DEATH

No. 73

DATE 28 March 1950 pmr

FULL NAME Horner, Clarence M.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 37 694 126	GRADE PFC
HOME ADDRESS Onawa, Iowa		ARM OR SERVICE INF	DATE OF BIRTH 13 Jun 1911
PLACE OF DEATH France	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action		DATE OF DEATH 17 Dec 1944
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 31 Mar 1944	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Mildred E. Horner, wife, West 6th Street, North, Onawa, Iowa.			
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Mildred E. Horner, wife, same as above. Max Meredith Horner, son and Kenneth Demont Horner, son, Onawa, Iowa. Delia M. Horner, mother, Onawa, Iowa.			
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
YES	NO	YES	NO
IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE	

Records indicate daughter born after March 1944.

*Soldier awarded Combat Infantryman Badge per G.O. #11 Headquarters 137th Infantry, 1 November 1944.

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 18 December 1945. This Report of Death is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.

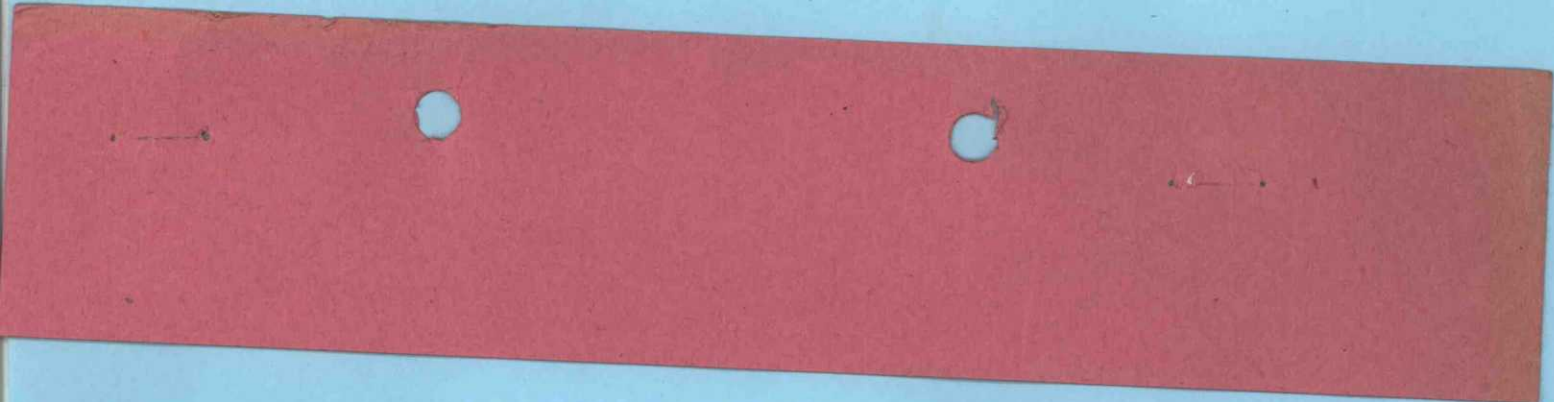
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AG 704 Dead (18 Dec 1945)
S. R. & D. No. 4917

18 December 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status
Under the Missing Persons Act

I. - FACTS

1. The following-named persons, members of the organizations indicated, have been carried on War Department records as missing in action, not in flying pay status, in Germany, since 17 December 1944, as reported by ETO Shipment Nos. indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Shipment No.</u>
a. Company A, 424th Infantry Regiment			
Smoot, Melvin J.	6943355	Staff Sergeant	007
King, Louis J.	36413278	Sergeant	007
Alagna, Thomas J.	37631972	Private First Class	007
Ambrose, Ferrell J.	6994442	Private First Class	007
Beers, Clifford J.	32948848	Private First Class	011
Blalock, Billie A.	38641131	Private First Class	011
Calas, Casimir	36605968	Private First Class	007
Giles, Wallace J.	39721615	Private First Class	007
Grigsby, Raymond	36023979	Private First Class	007
Heikkila, Arnold	39332906	Private First Class	007
Johnson, Kenneth R.	12226733	Private First Class	007
Ronk, Glenn W.	16175160	Private First Class	007
Blalock, Johnie C.	38641108	Private	048
Bobo, Clifford	38559059	Private	007
Burrus, Clifford J.	39215040	Private	007
Schoen, Edward J.	36769340	Private	007
b. Company B, 424th Infantry Regiment			
Hernandez, Mesio H.	39722207	Private First Class	007
Kocher, Paul S.	33606791	Private First Class	007
Method, Harold A.	36549963	Private	007
c. Company D, 424th Infantry Regiment			
Watson, Ellis R.	14117030	Sergeant	007
Bavarecco, Herman A.	32753735	Private First Class	007
Bingle, William H.	33714808	Private First Class	007
Sisco, Orville E.	38400796		

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Hansen, Clarence M. 37694126

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JUN 14 1949
G. W. Rogers
Capt., GIC
Identification B.

Clifton, Eugene B.	6395355	Private	007
Detto, James J.	39334175	Private	007
Galantowicz, Thaddeus J.	42108854	Private	007
Tucker, Robert W.	39857012	Private	007

d. Company G, 424th Infantry Regiment

Welker, William N.	34776892	Private First Class	007
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e. Service Company 424th Infantry Regiment

Langland, Charles I.	37474333	Staff Sergeant	007
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f. Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 424th Infantry Regiment

Hill, Earl L.	39389450	Corporal	007
Garant, Clarence G.	36958365	Private First Class	007
McNeil, James E.	36954122	Private First Class	007
Medeiros, Anthony T.	31458752	Private First Class	007
Morrissey, Frank A.	36768335	Private First Class	007
Espinosa, Benjamin	39160597	Private	007
Macaroff, William E.	32900275	Private	007

g. Company B, 407th Infantry Regiment

Kline, Isidor	11018589	Private First Class	288
Barnes, Jesse L.	33881856	Private	288

h. Company L, 411th Infantry Regiment

Bartley, Robert J.	12174672	Private First Class	293
Rosenblum, Harold L.	14130922	Private First Class	293
Girouard, Agor, Jr.	31467930	Private	293

i. Company K, 137th Infantry Regiment

Horner, Clarence M.	37694126	Private First Class	294
Mellon, Mack R.	34187606	Private First Class	294

j. Company C, 377th Infantry Regiment

Meggelin, Gordon G.	36977079	Private First Class	294
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k. Company F, 121st Infantry Regiment

Walker, Raymond J.	37242415	Sergeant	291
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2. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons named in paragraph 1a, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 19 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer.

With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Staff Sergeant Smoot reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION To hold & defend Winterspelt (Germany)
 "POINT OF DEPARTURE Lammersweiler, St Vith
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
 APPEARANCE: Co A 424th Inf was given the mission
 of defending the village of Winterspelt. It is be-
 lieved that the company was surrounded, and the EM
 on this Report was either killed or captured."

a. A copy of a letter dated 28 July 1945, written by Staff Sergeant Louis W. Tury, Jr., to the mother of Private Kenneth R. Johnson has been received in this office and is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"Yes, Kenny was in my Platoon what happed is as follows-this took place at the time of the "Belgium Bulge" in December -*****Like the papers stated, we-our outfit took an awful licking-too bad even to mention in words.

"We moved up into position in December in weather around (5) above zero-we moved from one town to the next where we encountered our troubles on the 16th and 17th where we were listed missing, killed or wounded. Mrs. Johnson your son was dug in his hold on my left-about (4) holes-within shouting distance. Jerry's were landing plenty of shells on our position all day but with Gods help your son ***** came through unscratched.

"Night came on and shells still exploded-then later that evening the weather turned colder. In the dark of night Herry tore through our lines killing and taking prisoners. When morning came most of the boys were gone beyond this world. I can say this however, man, of those I seen on the ground around me-Kenny wasn't among them. They captured a plenty-he could be a prisoner, even yet. You see they kept a lot of P.F.C. and Privates to bury the dead and their own."

b. A letter was dispatched from this office 8 September 1945, file (AGPC-S 201 Johnson, Kenneth R.), to Technical Sergeant James G. Sutton, 34125785, requesting information concerning the disappearance of Private Johnson. His reply dated 29 September 1945, is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"The last time I saw P. F. C. Kenneth R. Johnson was at 10:30 P.M. 16th December 1944. We were in the town of Winterspelt, Germany. Kenneth and I * * * was a member of Co "A" 424th Infantry-106th Division.

"I was Johnsons Platoon Sgt. I was checking my lines and around 10:30 P.M. I was at Johnson's fox hole and the Germans were about to break thru and last order was to hold at all cost.

"About 11:30 P.M. the Germans had broke thru and I was trying to get my platoon and withdrew and when I got to his foxhole there were (2) two German soldiers standing over his foxhole with machine guns and there had been shooting just before I got there and I stood up and walked back down this hill but they did not fire on me.

"The next morning at 7:30 a. m. I was taken prisoner and they took two of the boys that was with me out to bury the dead and I saw them filling in the foxhole that Johnson was in and then they marched me off *****

"The German troops that got us were S. S. troops and they were lining a lot of the boys up against the walls and machine gun them and you can probable guess what happened to the boys that did the burying. So to the best of my acknowledge P. F. G. Kenneth R. Johnson, 12226733 was killed that night."

3. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons named in paragraph 1b, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Office. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "missing report" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Private First Class Elesio H. Hernandez reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION to protect a road
 "POINT OF DEPARTURE Vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany
 "INTENDED DESTINATION Remain
 "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE: Pfc Hernandez was protecting a road when the German broke through our line. He was believed to be captured."

4. Filed in the respective Casualty files of all but one of the persons listed in paragraph 1c, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Sergeant Watson reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Machine Gun Platoon was supporting Rifle Companies in a defensive situation
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Steinbruck, Belgium
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Winterspelt, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-APPEARANCE EM was a member of platoon that was holding in Winterspelt, Germany when enemy troops overran their positions. This is the last knowledge of his whereabouts."

5. Filed in the Casualty file of Private First Class William N. Welker is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Defense
LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Heckhalenfeld, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-APPEARANCE: Company was repelling an enemy attack, and when Company reorganized Pfc Welker could not be found or accounted for. That was his last known whereabouts."

6. Filed in the Casualty file of Staff Sergeant Charles I. Langland is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"POINT OF DEPARTURE Eicherath, Germany
"INTENDED DESTINATION Guard Out Post
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Eicherath, Germany, Guard Out Post
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-APPEARANCE: S Sgt Langland was put on guard and his post was the first to come in contact with German patrols. Company could not get back to Enlisted man before moving. S Sgt Langland was last seen going on guard."

a. A copy of a letter dated 17 August 1945, written by Technician Fifth Grade Leonard Kleinman to the mother of Staff Sergeant Langland has been received in this Office and reads in pertinent part as follows:

"I said that I would write about Ivan as soon as I found out something. The following is all I, or the other boys from the company know:

He was wounded on the 17th of December, 1944 and before the Medics could get to him, he and the rest of the boys were captured. He was unconscious as they started along march into Germany, so two of the boys carried him until the guards forced them to leave him beside the road because it was

slowing up the march. That was the last anyone saw or heard of Ivan. (Sergeant Langland)"

7. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons listed in paragraph 1f, above, is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 18 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl H. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Corporal Hill reads in pertinent part as follows:

"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Winterspelt, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
DISAPPEARANCE: EM was in Winterspelt, Germany when the town was overrun by the Germans at approximately 0100 hours 17 December 1944."

8. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons listed in paragraph 1g, above, is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 30 December 1945, signed by Captain J. H. McElroy, 407th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, these reports are identical. The Report concerning Private First Class Isidore Kline reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Combat Patrol to rescue two Engineers across the river from Rordorf, Germany
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Flossdorf, Germany
"INTENDED DESTINATION West bank of Roer River across from Rordorf, Germany
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS W bank of Roer River across from Rordorf, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE: Private First Class Isidore Kline was a member of a Combat Patrol with the mission of rescuing two Engineers stranded across the river from Rordorf, Germany. This patrol crossed the Roer River at Flossdorf, Germany and moved up the west bank of the river to the point where the Engineers had been observed earlier that day. At a point ten yards south of the bridge crossing the Roer River at Rordorf, Germany, a German 42 machine gun opened up on the patrol killing two members. The assistant patrol leader reorganized the patrol and they swam the river. One of the remaining members failed to return."

9. Filed in the Casualty files of Private First Class Robert J. Bartley and Private Azor Girouard, Jr., is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 19 December 1944, and a "CERTIFICATE" dated 15 January 1945, signed by Captain K. M. Bennett, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, these reports are identical. The Report and certificate concerning Private First Class Bartley read in pertinent part as follows in sub-paragraphs and respectively:

a. LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Bobenthal, Germany

"Statement of Witnesses, if any: Pfc Bartley got killed by fire from an enemy sniper while attacking a fortified position."

/s/ Frank Napoli, PFC

b. "I certify that Private First Class Robert J. Bartley, 12174672, is reported Missing in Action by reason of the fact his body has never been recovered by this organization. Private Bartley was reported MIA on BCR #36, dated 23 December 1944. Inasmuch as his body was not recovered from burial, it was deemed advisable by the Headquarters to report Private Bartley as "Missing in Action," until his death could be established conclusively."

c. An inquiry was dispatched from this office 28 March 1945, to the Commanding General, United States Forces ETO requesting the facts upon which the basis of their survival was made. Fourth Indorsement dated 7 April 1945, from Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment, quoted as follows:

"1. Further investigation has been made in the case of Pfc Robert J. Bartley, 12177930 and Pvt Asor Girouard, Jr., 31467930 and available information is deemed inadequate to justify a report of death.

"2. Both individuals were members of an 8 man patrol sent to investigate a house used by the enemy. Upon approaching the installation the enemy fired on the patrol hitting subject enlisted men. Inasmuch as the incident occurred in enemy territory and the remaining men were under fire, and therefore, had no opportunity to examine subject enlisted men, the statement that enlisted men were killed is questioned. Although one witness relates he saw enlisted man "hit and fall", such evidence is not conclusive of death. The presumption is that enlisted men were wounded, but not killed and were taken by the enemy.

"3. There are no additional witnesses to the case of Pvt Girouard. One other witness in the case of Pfc Bartley states 'I saw him fall and now move'."

d. In the Casualty file of Private First Class Harold L. Rosenblum is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 19 December 1944, signed by Captain K. H. Bennett, Personnel Officer, which is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Attack Against Enemy Position
 "POINT OF DEPARTURE Vicinity of Bobenthal,
 Germany
 "INTENDED DESTINATION Enemy position vicinity
 of Bobenthal, Germany
 "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Bobenthal,
 Germany

"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
DISAPPEARANCE: Pfc Rosenblum was last seen attack-
ing a fortified position. Upon reorganization of
the squad Pfc Rosenblum was missing."

e. Filed in the AG 201 file of Private First Class Rosenblum is a photostatic copy of a letter dated 23 July 1945, written by Private First Class Charles F. Varn to Mr. and Mrs. Rosenblum. The letter reads in pertinent part as follows:

"Please let me express my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son Harold. *****His death, being sudden, happened while I was in the hospital. The exact locality I do not know except that it was in the Siegfried line."

f. A letter was dispatched from this office to Private First Class Varn requesting information concerning the alleged death of Private Rosenblum. His reply dated 6 November 1945, is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"At the time of his death which occurred in December 1944, I was hospitalized in France. Upon returning to my company, I was told that he was killed by a snipers bullet somewhere in the Siegfried line. I do not know the exact date and place of death."

10. Filed in the Casualty files of Privates First Class Clarence H. Horner and Mack R. Mellon are "MISSING REPORTS" dated 17 and 22 February 1945, respectively, signed by First Lieutenant Robert W. Olson. With the exception of name, and army serial number, the reports are substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Private First Class Horner reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION To cross Rhine river and secure high ground
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Frauenberg
"INTENDED DESTINATION High ground across river
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS In assault boat crossing river
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Boat in which Pfc Horner was crossing river turned over and he was dragged under by his equipment."

11. In the Casualty file of Private First Class Gordon G. Meggelin is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 18 December 1944, signed by Captain George H. McCord, 377th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads in Pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Street Fighting in Fraulautern
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Fraulautern, Germany
"INTENDED DESTINATION Fraulautern, Germany
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Fraulautern, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Attacked a house, and after ensuing action
soldier could not be found. Believed to have been
wounded and evacuated by Germans."

a. In Private Meggelin's AG 201 file is a letter written by his mother, Mrs. Lillian Johnson, which is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"I have some information for you there some of the boys friends of Gordons say my son was shot in the back and was last seen with a boy by the name of Vincent Furries a boy from Youngstown Ohio and he stayed with Gordon till the mop up and took him to a hospital he did not know where."

12. In the AG 201 file of Sergeant Raymond J. Walker is a copy of a letter dated 28 August 1945, written to Mrs. Annabel Huddleston by Chaplain Maury Hundley, Jr., which is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"I can only pass on to you the information that I have obtained concerning Raymond. He was leading a patrol in the area known as the Hurtgen Forrest they ran into small arms fire and he was wounded. The patrol scattered and made their way back to our lines. Raymond did not return. When the company moved forward in the attack the next day they made a search of the area where your son had been hit, but there was no trace of him, either dead or alive. One of the men is almost certain that he was picked up by the enemy."

13. An examination of the files of these persons in Casualty Branch and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and the Index in Prisoner of War Information Bureau, FMGO, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review.. The service record from Sergeant Raymond J. Walker is not on file in the War Department.

II. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1a, were engaged in defending the village of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission their positions were overrun by enemy troops and it was during the bitter fighting which followed that the subject persons disappeared.

2. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1b, were given the mission of protecting a road in the vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission the enemy broke through Allied lines and the subject persons were not seen following this action.

3. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1c, were members of a Machine Gun Platoon which was ~~engaged~~ engaged in defending the village of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission their positions were overrun by enemy troops and the subject persons were not seen following this action.

4. Private First Class Welker was a member of a company that was repelling an enemy attack 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Heckhalenfeld, Germany. When the company reorganized Private First Class Welker could not be found or accounted for.

5. Staff Sergeant Langland was guarding an outpost on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eicherath, Germany. During this mission his position was the first ~~man~~ to come in contact with German Patrols and his Company would not get back to him before moving. Information received from a liberated prisoner of war indicates that Sergeant Langland was captured by the enemy; that he was unconscious as they started a long march into Germany and the guards left him beside the road.

6. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1f, were in the vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany, when the town was overrun by the Germans, 17 December 1944. They have not been seen or heard from since that time.

7. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1g, were members of a Combat Patrol whose mission was to rescue two engineers across the Roer River from Rordorf, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission at a point about ten yards south of the bridge crossing the Roer River, Germany machine gun fire was encountered killing two members of the patrol. The assistant patrol leader reorganized the patrol and they swam the river. The subject persons have not been seen or heard from since that time.

8. Private First Class Bartley and Private Girouard were members of an eight man patrol which was sent, 17 December 1944, to investigate a house used by the enemy in the vicinity of Bobenthal, Germany. Upon approaching the installation the enemy fired on the patrol hitting the subject enlisted men. It was the opinion of eyewitnesses that the subject persons were killed by enemy fire during this attack. Private First Class Rosenblum was a member of a squad that was attacking an enemy position in the vicinity of Bobenthal, Germany, 17 December 1944. Upon reorganization of the squad Private First Class Rosenblum was missing.

9. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1i, were crossing the Blies river in Germany in an assault boat, 17 December 1944. During this crossing the boat turned over and the subject persons were dragged under by their equipment. They have not been seen or heard from since that time.

10. Private First Class Moggelin was engaged in attacking a house in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany, 17 December 1944. The subject enlisted man could not be found following the ensuing action.

11. Sergeant Walker was leading a patrol in the Hurtgen Forrest, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission the patrol ran into small arms fire and Sergeant Walker was wounded. The patrol scattered and made their way back to Allied lines; however, Sergeant Walker did not return. A search was made the next day of the area where he was hit but no trace of him could be found.

12. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, together with the fact that no report has been received in the War Department during the twelve months which have elapsed since the inception of the subject persons missing in action status indicating that they are alive, it is concluded that they may not "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5 of Missing Persons Act, in the cases of persons named in Part I, paragraph 1, above, and that these findings show the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 18 December 1945.

Investigator

First Lieutenant, AGD

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APPROVED:

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GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch

Staff Sergeant Melvin J. Snaot,
6948355, Infantry, and
forty-five others.



10. Private First Class Haggelin was engaged in searching a house in the vicinity of Pöschelstrasse, Germany, 17 December 1944. The subject mentioned was found following the drawing action.

11. Sergeant Walker was leading a patrol in the Emsiger Forest, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this action the patrol was ambushed and some fire and Sergeant Walker was wounded. The patrol scattered and made their way back to Allied lines; however, Sergeant Walker did not return. A search was made the next day of the area where he was hit but no trace of him could be found.

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18 December 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status
Under the Missing Persons Act.

I. - FACTS

1. The following-named persons, members of the organization indicated, have been carried on War Department records as missing in action, not in flying pay status, in Germany, since 17 December 1944, as reported by ETO Shipment Nos. indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Shipment No.</u>
a. Company A, 424th Infantry Regiment			
Smoot, Melvin J.	6,948,355	Staff Sergeant	007
King, Louis J.	36,418,278	Sergeant	007
Alagna, Thomas J.	37,631,972	Private First Class	007
Ambrose, Ferrell J.	6,994,442	Private First Class	007
Beers, Clifford J.	32,948,848	Private First Class	011
Blalock, Billie A.	38,641,131	Private First Class	011
Galas, Casimir	36,605,968	Private First Class	007
Giles, Wallace J.	39,721,615	Private First Class	007
Grigsby, Raymond	36,023,979	Private First Class	007
Heikkila, Arnold	39,332,906	Private First Class	007
Johnson, Kenneth R.	12,226,733	Private First Class	007
Ronk, Glean W.	16,175,160	Private First Class	007
Blalock, Johnie C.	38,641,108	Private	048
Bobo, Clifford	38,559,059	Private	007
Burrus, Clifford J.	39,215,040	Private	007
Schoen, Edward J.	36,769,340	Private	007

b. Company B, 424th Infantry Regiment			
Hernandez, Elesio H.	39,722,207	Private First Class	007
Kocher, Paul S.	33,606,791	Private First Class	007
Method, Harold A.	36,549,966	Private	007

Burrus, Cl.
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c. Company D, 424th Infantry Regiment

Watson, Ellis R.	14,117,030	Sergeant	007
Bavaresco, Herman A.	32,753,735	Private First Class	007
Bingle, William H.	33,714,808	Private First Class	007
Sisco, Orvle E.	38,400,796	Private First Class	007
Clifton, Eugene B.	6,395,355	Private	007
Dettore, James J.	39,334,175	Private	007
Galantowicz, Thaddeus J.	42,108,854	Private	007
Tucker, Robert W.	39,857,012	Private	007

d. Company G, 424th Infantry Regiment

Welker, William N.	34,776,892	Private First Class	007
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e. Service Company, 424th Infantry Regiment

Langland, Charles I.	37,474,333	Staff Sergeant	007
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f. Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 424th Infantry Regiment

Hill, Earl L.	39,389,450	Corporal	007
Garant, Clarence G.	36,958,365	Private First Class	007
McNeil, James E.	36,954,122	Private First Class	007
Medeiros, Anthony T.	31,458,752	Private First Class	007
Morrissey, Frank A.	36,768,335	Private First Class	007
Espinosa, Benjamin	39,160,597	Private	007
Macaroff, William E.	32,900,275	Private	007

g. Company B, 407th Infantry Regiment

Kline, Isidor	11,018,589	Private First Class	288
Barnes, Jesse L.	33,881,856	Private	288

h. Company L, 411th Infantry Regiment

Bartley, Robert J.	12,174,672	Private First Class	293
Rosenblum, Harold L.	14,130,922	Private First Class	293
Girouard, Azor, Jr.	31,467,930	Private	293

i. Company K, 137th Infantry Regiment

Horner, Clarence M.	37,694,126	Private First Class	294
Mellon, Mack R.	34,187,606	Private First Class	294

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c. Company D, 424th Infantry Regiment

007	Sergeant	14,117,030	Watson, Ellis R.
007	Private First Class	32,752,735	Bavresco, Herman A.
007	Private First Class	33,714,808	Bingler, William H.
007	Private First Class	38,400,795	Siaco, Orvie R.
007	Private	6,395,355	Clifton, Eugene B.
007	Private	32,334,175	Dettoke, James J.
007	Private	42,108,854	Gelanowicz, Thaddeus J.
007	Private	32,857,015	Tucker, Robert W.

d. Company G, 424th Infantry Regiment

007	Private First Class	34,785,892	Welker, William W.
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e. Service Company, 424th Infantry Regiment

007	Staff Sergeant	37,474,332	Langland, Charles I.
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f. Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 424th Infantry Regiment

007	Corporal	39,388,450	Hill, Earl L.
007	Private First Class	36,928,382	Garant, Clarence G.
007	Private First Class	36,354,122	McNeil, James E.
007	Private First Class	31,452,752	Medeiros, Anthony T.
007	Private First Class	36,768,322	Morrissey, Frank A.
007	Private	32,180,227	Hapinos, Benjamin
007	Private	32,900,275	Mascoroff, William E.

g. Company B, 407th Infantry Regiment

288	Private First Class	11,018,282	Kline, Laird
288	Private	32,881,852	Barnes, Jesse L.

h. Company D, 411th Infantry Regiment

293	Private First Class	12,174,872	Bartley, Robert J.
293	Private First Class	14,130,922	Rosenblum, Harold L.
293	Private	31,487,920	Gironaxb, Axel, Jr.

i. Company K, 137th Infantry Regiment

294	Private First Class	37,604,126	Hornor, Clarence M.
294	Private First Class	34,187,608	Mellon, Mack R.

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j. Company C, 377th Infantry Regiment

Meggelin, Gordon G. 36,977,079 Private First Class 294

k. Company F, 121st Infantry Regiment

Walker, Raymond J. 37,242,415 Sergeant 291

2. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons named in paragraph 1a, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 19 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Staff Sergeant Smoot reads in pertinent part as follows:

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 "POINT OF DEPARTURE Lammersweiler, St Vith
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
 APPEARANCE: Co A 424th Inf was given the mission of
 defending the village of Winterspelt. It is believed
 that the company was surrounded, and the EM on this
 Report was either killed or captured."

a. A copy of a letter dated 28 July 1945, written by Staff Sergeant Louis W. Tury, Jr. to the mother of Private Kenneth R. Johnson, has been received in this office and is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"Yes, Kenny was in my Platoon what happened is as follows-this took place at the time of the "Belgium Bulge" in December-*****Like the papers stated, we-our outfit took an awful licking-too bad to even mention in words.

"We moved up into position in December in weather around (5) above zero-we moved from one town to the next where we encountered our troubles, on the 16th & 17th-where we were listed missing, killed or wounded. Mrs. Johnson your son was dug in his hole on my left-about (4) holes-within shouting distance. Jerry's were landing plenty of shells on our position all day but with Gods help your son *****came through unscratched.

"Night came on and shells still exploded-then later that evening the weather turned colder. In

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K. Company F, 121st Infantry Regiment
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S. Filled in the respective Casualty files of the persons named in paragraph 1a, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 19 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hubert, 434th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The report concerning Staff Sergeant Smoot reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION To hold & defend Winterpelt (Germany)
 "POINT OF DEPARTURE Lammersweiler, St Vith
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
 APPEARANCE: Co A 434th Inf was given the mission of
 defending the village of Winterpelt. It is believed
 that the company was surrounded, and the XM on this
 Report was either killed or captured."

a. A copy of a letter dated 28 July 1945, written by Staff Sergeant Louis W. Tury, Jr. to the mother of Private Kenneth R. Johnson, has been received in this office and is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

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"We moved up into position in December in weather around (B) above zero-we moved from one town to the next where we encountered our troubles on the 18th & 17th-where we were listed missing, killed or wounded. Mrs. Johnson your son was dug in his hole on my left-about (4) holes-within shouting distance. Jerry's were landing plenty of shells on our position all day but with God help your son ****came through unscathed.

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the dark of night Jerry tor through our lines killing and taking prisoners. When morning came most of the boys were gone beyond this world. I can say this however, mam, of those I seen on the ground around me-Kenny wasn't among them. They captured aplenty-he could be a prisoner, even yet. You see they kept a lot of P.F.C. and Privates to bury the dead and their own."

b. A letter was dispatched from this office 8 September 1945, file (AGPC-S 201 Johnson, Kenneth R.), to Technical Sergeant James G. Sutton, 34125785, requesting information concerning the disappearance of Private Johnson. His reply dated 29 September 1945, is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"The last time I saw P.F.C. Kenneth R. Johnson was at 10:30 P.M. 16th December 1944. We were in the town of Winterspelt, Germany. Kenneth and I * * * was a member of Co "A" 424th Infantry-106th Division.

"I was Johnsons Platoon Sgt. I was checking my lines and around 10:30 P.M. I was at Johnson's fox hole and the Germans were about to break thru and last order was to hold at all cost.

"About 11:30 P.M. the Germans had broke thru and I was trying to get my platoon and withdraw and when I got to his foxhole there were (2) two German Soldier standing over his foxhole with machine guns and there had been shooting just before I got there and I stood up and walked back down this hill but they did not fire on me.

"The next morning at 7:30 a.m. I was taken prisoner and they took two of the boys that was with me out to bury the dead and I saw them filling in the foxhole that Johnson was in and then they marched me off *****.

"The German troops that got us were S.S. troops and they were lining a lot of the boys up against the walls and machine gun them and you can probable

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of Private Johnson. His reply dated 29 September 1945, is quoted in
pertinent part as follows:

"The last time I saw P.F.C. Kenneth R. Johnson
was at 10:30 P.M. 18th December 1944. We were in
the town of Winterzell, Germany. Kenneth and I
* * * was a member of Co "A" 424th Infantry-106th
Division.

"I was Johnsons Platoon Sgt. I was checking
my lines and around 10:30 P.M. I was at Johnson's
fox hole and the Germans were about to break thru
and last order was to hold at all cost.

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machine guns and there had been shooting just
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down this hill but they did not fire on me.

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prisoner and they took two of the boys that was
with me out to bury the dead and I saw them fill-
ing in the foxhole that Johnson was in and then
they marched me off *****

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buring. So to the best of my acknowledge P.F.C.
Kenneth R. Johnson, 12226733 was killed that night."

3. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons named in paragraph 1b, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Private First Class Elesio H. Hernandez reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION To protect a road
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Vicinity of Winterspelt,
Germany
"INTENDED DESTINATION Remain
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Winter-
spelt, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
DISAPPEARANCE: Pfc Hernandez was protecting a
road when the Germans broke through our line. He
was believed to be captured."

4. Filed in the respective Casualty files of all but one of the persons listed in paragraph 1c, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Sergeant Watson reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Machine Gun Platoon was supporting
Rifle Companies in a defensive situation
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Steinbruck, Belgium
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Winterspelt, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: EM was a member of a platoon that was
holding in Winterspelt, Germany when enemy troops over-
ran their positions. This is the last knowledge of
his whereabouts."

5. Filed in the Casualty file of Private First Class William N. Welker is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads

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3. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons named in paragraph 1b, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Private First Class Mestis H. Hernandez reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION To protect a road
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Vicinity of Winterpelt,
Germany
"INTENDED DESTINATION Remain
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Winter-
pelt, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
DISAPPEARANCE: Pfc Hernandez was protecting a
road when the Germans broke through our line. He
was believed to be captured."

4. Filed in the respective Casualty files of all but one of the persons listed in paragraph 1c, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Sergeant Watson reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Machine Gun Platoon was supporting
Rifle Companies in a defensive situation
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Steinfirk, Belgium
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Winterpelt, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: [Name] was a member of a platoon that was
holding in Winterpelt, Germany when enemy troops over-
ran their positions. This is the last knowledge of
his whereabouts."

5. Filed in the Casualty file of Private First Class William M. Welker is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieut-
enant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads

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in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Defense
 "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Keckhalen-
 feld, Germany
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
 APPEARANCE: Company was repelling an enemy attack,
 and when Company reorganized Pfc Walker could not be
 found or accounted for. That was his last known
 whereabouts."

6. Filed in the Casualty file of Staff Sergeant Charles I. Langland is a "MISSING REPORT" dated 30 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"POINT OF DEPARTURE Eicherath, Germany
 "INTENDED DESTINATION Guard Out Post
 "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Eicherath, Germany
 Guard OutPost
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
 APPEARANCE: S Sgt Langland was put on guard and his
 post was the first to come in contact with German
 patrols. Company could not get back to Enlisted man
 before moving. S Sgt Langland was last seen going
 on guard."

a. A copy of a letter dated 17 August 1945, written by Technician Fifth Grade Leonard Kleinman to the mother of Staff Sergeant Langland has been received in this office and reads in pertinent part as follows:

"I said that I would write about Ivan as soon as I found out something. The following is all I, or the other boys from the company know:

"He was wounded on the 17th of December, 1944 and before the Medics could get to him, he and the rest of the boys were captured. He was unconscious as they started a long march into Germany, so two of the boys carried him until the guards forced them to leave him beside the road because it was

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in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Defense
 "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Kiedlar-
 Feld, Germany
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
 APPEARANCE: Company was repelling an enemy attack,
 and when Company reorganized Pfc Walker could not be
 found or accounted for. That was his last known
 whereabouts."

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 as a "MISSING REPORT" dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant
 Carl M. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads in
 pertinent part as follows:

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 "INTENDED DESTINATION Guard Out Post
 "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Biebertal, Germany
 Guard Out Post
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
 APPEARANCE: S Sgt Langland was put on guard and his
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 rest of the boys were captured. He was unconscious
 as they started a long march into Germany, so two
 of the boys carried him until the guards forced
 them to leave him beside the road because it was

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slowing up the march. That was the last anyone saw or heard of Ivan. (Sergeant Langland)"

7. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons listed in paragraph 1f, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 18 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant Carl H. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Corporal Hill reads in pertinent part as follows:

"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Winterspelt, Germany
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
 DISAPPEARANCE: EM was in Winterspelt, Germany when the town was overrun by the Germans at approximately 0100 hour 17 December 1944."

8. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons listed in paragraph 1g, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 30 December 1945, signed by Captain J. H. McElroy, 407th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, these reports are identical. The Report concerning Private First Class Isidore Kline reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Combat Patrol to rescue two Engineers across the river from Rordorf, Germany
 "POINT OF DEPARTURE Flossdorf, Germany
 "INTENDED DESTINATION West bank of Roer River across from Rordorf, Germany.
 "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS West bank of Roer River across from Rordorf, Germany.
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE: Private First Class Isidore Kline was a member of a Combat Patrol with the river from Rordorf Germany. This Patrol crossed the Roer River at Flossdorf, Germany and moved up the west bank of the river to the point where the Engineers had been observed earlier that day. At a point ten yards south of the bridge crossing the Roer River at Rordorf, a German 42 machine gun opened up on the patrol killing two members. The assistant patrol leader reorganized the patrol and they swam the river. One of the remaining members failed to return."

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slowing up the march. That was the last anyone saw
or heard of Ivan. (Sergeant Leung)

7. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons listed
in paragraph 12, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 18 January 1945,
signed by First Lieutenant Carl H. Hubert, 424th Infantry, Personnel
Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade,
the "MISSING REPORT" is substantially the same in each case. The Report
concerning Corporal Hill reads in pertinent part as follows:

"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Wintersdorf, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
DISAPPEARANCE: EM was in Wintersdorf, Germany when
the town was overrun by the Germans at approximately
0100 hour 17 December 1944."

8. Filed in the respective Casualty files of the persons listed in
paragraph 12, above, is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 30 December 1945,
signed by Captain J. H. Marlow, 407th Infantry, Personnel Officer. With
the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, these reports are
identical. The Report concerning Private First Class Lathore Kline reads
in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION: Combat Patrol to rescue two engineers
across the river from Rordorf, Germany
"POINT OF DEPARTURE: Rordorf, Germany
"INTENDED DESTINATION: West bank of Roer River
across from Rordorf, Germany.
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS: West bank of Roer
River across from Rordorf, Germany.
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Private First Class Lathore Kline was a
member of a Combat Patrol with the river from Rordorf
Germany. This Patrol crossed the Roer River at
Blonsdorf, Germany and moved up the west bank of the
river to the point where the engineers had been observed
earlier that day. At a point ten yards south of the
bridge crossing the Roer River at Rordorf, a German 42
machine gun opened up on the patrol killing two members.
The assistant patrol leader reorganized the patrol and
they swam the river. One of the remaining members
failed to return."

9. Filed in the Casualty files of Private First Class Robert J.

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Bartley and Private Azor Girouard, Jr., is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 19 December 1944, and a "CERTIFICATE", dated 15 January 1945, signed by Captain K. M. Bennett, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, army serial number, and grade, these reports are identical. The Report and certificate concerning Private First Class Bartley read in pertinent part as follows in sub-paragraph a and b respectively:

a. "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Bobenthal, Germany
"STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY: Pfc Bartley
got killed by fire from an enemy sniper while attacking a
fortified position."

/s/ Frank Napoli, P.F.C.

b. "I certify that Private First Class Robert J.
Bartley, 12174672, is reported Missing in Action by reason
of the fact his body has never been recovered by this
organization. Private Bartley was reported MIA on BCR
#36, dated 23 December 1944. Inasmuch as his body was not
recovered for burial, it was deemed advisable by this Head-
quarters to report Private Bartley as Missing in Action,
until his death could be established conclusively."

c. An inquiry was dispatched from this office
28 March 1945, to the Commanding General, United States Forces ETO
requesting the facts upon which the basis of their survival was made.
Fourth Indorsement dated 7 April 1945, from Headquarters, 411th Infantry
Regiment, is quoted as follows:

"1. Further investigation has been made in the
case of Pfc Robert J. Bartley, 12174672 and Pvt Azor
Girouard, Jr., 31467930 and available information is
deemed inadequate to justify a report of death.

"2. Both individuals were members of an 8 man
patrol sent to investigate a house used by the enemy.
Upon approaching the installation the enemy fired on the
patrol hitting subject enlisted men. Inasmuch as the
incident occurred in enemy territory and the remaining
men were under fire, and therefore has no opportunity
to examine subject enlisted men, the statement that
enlisted men were killed is questioned. Although one
witness relates he saw enlisted man "hit and fall", such
evidence is not conclusive of death. The presumption

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Barley and Private Asor Givoward, Jr., is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 19 December 1944, and a "CERTIFICATE", dated 15 January 1945, signed by Captain K. M. Bennett, Personnel Officer. With the exception of name, and certificate concerning Private First Class Barley read in pertinent part as follows in sub-paragraph a and b respectively:

a. "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS: Bobenthal, Germany. STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY: Pfc Barley got killed by fire from an enemy sniper while attacking a fortified position."

b. "I certify that Private First Class Robert J. Barley, 13174872, is reported Missing in Action by reason of the fact his body has never been recovered by this organization. Private Barley was reported MIA on ECR #38, dated 23 December 1944. Inasmuch as his body was not recovered for burial, it was deemed advisable by this Headquarters to report Private Barley as Missing in Action, until his death could be established conclusively."

c. An inquiry was dispatched from this office 28 March 1945, to the Commanding General, United States Forces ETO requesting the facts upon which the basis of their survival was made. Fourth Indorsement dated 7 April 1945, from Headquarters, 41st Infantry Regiment, is quoted as follows:

"1. Further investigation has been made in the case of Pfc Robert J. Barley, 13174872 and Pvt Asor Givoward, Jr., 31487930 and available information is deemed inadequate to justify a report of death.

"2. Both individuals were members of an 8 man patrol sent to investigate a house used by the enemy. Upon approaching the installation the enemy fired on the patrol hitting subject enlisted men. Inasmuch as the incident occurred in enemy territory and the remaining men were under fire, and therefore has no opportunity to examine subject enlisted men, the statement that enlisted men were killed in questioned. Although one witness relates he saw enlisted man "hit and fall", such evidence is not conclusive of death. The presumption

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is that enlisted men were wounded, but not killed and were taken by the enemy.

"3. There are no additional witnesses to the case of Pvt Girouard. One other witness in the case of Pfc Bartley states 'I saw him fall and not move'."

d. In the Casualty file of Private First Class Harold L. Rosenblum is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 19 December 1944, signed by Captain K. M. Bennett, Personnel Officer, which is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Attack Against Enemy Position
 "POINT OF DEPARTURE Vicinity of Bobenthal,
 Germany
 "INTENDED DESTINATION Enemy position vicinity
 of Bobenthal, Germany
 "LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Bobenthal,
 Germany
 "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
 DISAPPEARANCE: Pfc Rosenblum was last seen attack-
 ing a fortified position. Upon reorganization of
 the squad Pfc Rosenblum was missing."

e. Filed in the AG 201 file of Private First Class Rosenblum is a photostatic copy of a letter dated 23 July 1945, written by Private First Class Charles F. Varn to Mr. and Mrs. Rosenblum. The letter reads in pertinent part as follows:

"Please let me express by deepest sympathy in the loss of your son Harold. ***** His death, being sudden, happened while I was in the hospital. The exact locality I do not know except that it was in the Siegfried line."

f. A letter was dispated from this office to Private First Class Varn requesting information concerning the alleged death of Private Rosenblum. His reply dated 5 November 1945, is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"At the time of death which occured in December of 1944, I was hospitalized in France.

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"INTENDED DESTINATION Enemy position vicinity
of Bobenthal, Germany
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Bobenthal,
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Upon returning to my company, I was told that he was killed by a snipers bullet somewhere in the Siegfried line. I do not know the exact date and place of death."

10. Filed in the Casualty files of Privates First Class Clarence M. Horner and Mack R. Mellon are "MISSING REPORTS", dated 17 and 22 February 1945, respectively, signed by First Lieutenant Robert W. Olson. With the exception of name, and army serial number, the reports are substantially the same in each case. The Report concerning Private First Class Horner reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION To cross Blies river and secure high ground

"POINT OF DEPARTURE Frauenberg

"INTENDED DESTINATION High ground across river

"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS In assault boat crossing river

"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Boat in which Pfc Horner was crossing river turned over and he was dragged under by his equipment."

11. In the Casualty file of Private First Class Gordon G. Meggelin is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 18 December 1944, signed by Captain George H. McCord, 377th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Street Fighting in Fraulautern

"POINT OF DEPARTURE Fraulautern, Germany

"INTENDED DESTINATION Fraulautern, Germany

"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Fraulautern, Germany

"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Attacked a house, and after ensuing action soldier could not be found. Believed to have been wounded and evacuated by Germans."

a. In Private Meggelin's AG 201 file is a letter written by his mother: Mrs. Lillian Johnson, which is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"I have some information for you there some of the boys friends of Gordons say my son was shot in the back and was last seen with a boy by

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"MISSION To cross Blies river and secure high ground
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Trarbach
"INTENDED DESTINATION High ground across river
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS In assault boat crossing river
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Boat in which Pfc Horner was crossing river turned over and he was dragged under by his equipment."

11. In the Casualty file of Private First Class Gordon G. Megelein is a "MISSING REPORT", dated 18 December 1944, signed by Captain George H. McGord, 377th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Street fighting in Trarbach
"POINT OF DEPARTURE Trarbach, Germany
"INTENDED DESTINATION Trarbach, Germany
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Trarbach, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Attacked a horse, and after ensuing action soldier could not be found. Believed to have been wounded and evacuated by Germans."

a. In Private Megelein's AG SOI file is a letter written by his mother, Mrs. Billie Johnson, which is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"I have some information for you there some of the boys friends of Gordons say my son was shot in the back and was last seen with a boy by

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the name of Vincent Furies a boy from Youngstown Ohio and he stayed with Gordon till the mop up group came with a stretcher & put him on a jeep and took him to a Hospital he did not know where."

12. In the AG 201 file of Sergeant Raymond J. Walker is a copy of a letter dated 28 August 1945, written to Mrs. Annabel Huddleston by Chaplain Maury Hundley, Jr., which is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"I can only pass on to you the information that I have obtained concerning Raymond. He was leading a patrol in the area known as the Hurtgen Forest they ran into small arms fire and he was wounded. The patrol scattered and made their way back to our lines. Raymond did not reutnr. When the company moved forward in the attack the next day they made a search of the area where your son had benn hit, but their was no trace of him, either dead or alive. One of the men is almost certain that he was picked up by the enemy."

13. An examination of the files of these persons in Casualty Branch and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and the Index in Prisoner of War Information Bureau, PMGO, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review. The service record for Sergeant Raymond J. Walker is not on file in the War Department.

II. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1a, wefe engaged in defending the village of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission their positions were overrun by enemy troops and it was during the bitter fighting which followed that the subject persons disappeared.

2. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1b, were given the mission of protecting a read in the vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission the enemy broke through Allied lines and the subject persons were not seen following this action.

3. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1c, were members of a Machine Gun Platoon which was engaged in defending the village of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission their positions were

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12. In the AG 501 file of Sergeant Raymond J. Walker is a copy of a letter dated 28 August 1946, written to Mrs. Annabel Huddleston by Chaplain Harry Handley, Jr., which is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"I can only pass on to you the information that I have obtained concerning Raymond. He was leading a patrol in the area known as the Hurricane Forest they ran into small arms fire and he was wounded. The patrol scattered and made their way back to our lines. Raymond did not return. When the company moved forward in the attack the next day they made a search of the area where your son had been hit, but their was no trace of him, either dead or alive. One of the men is almost certain that he was picked up by the enemy."

13. An examination of the files of these persons in Casualty Branch and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and the Index in Prisoner of War Information Bureau, PWGO, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review. The service record for Sergeant Raymond J. Walker is not on file in the War Department.

II. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1a, were engaged in defending the village of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission their positions were overrun by enemy troops and it was during the bitter fighting which followed that the subject persons disappeared.
2. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1b, were given the mission of protecting a road in the vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission the enemy broke through Allied lines and the subject persons were not seen following this action.
3. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1c, were members of a Machine Gun Platoon which was engaged in defending the village of Winterspelt, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission their positions were

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overrun by enemy troops and the subject persons were not seen following this action.

4. Private First Class Walker was a member of a company that was repelling an enemy attack 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Heckhalenfeld, Germany. When the company reorganized Private First Class Walker could not be found or accounted for.

5. Staff Sergeant Langland was guarding an outpost on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Eicherath, Germany. During this mission his position was the first to come in contact with German Patrols and his Company could not get back to him before moving. Information received from a liberated prisoner of war indicates that Sergeant Langland was captured by the enemy; that he was unconscious as they started a long march into Germany and the guards left him beside the road.

6. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1f, were in the vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany, when the town was overrun by the Germans, 17 December 1944. They have not been seen or heard from since that time.

7. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1g, were members of a Combat Patrol whose mission was to rescue two engineers across the Roer River from Rordorf, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission at a point about ten yards south of the bridge crossing the Roer River, German machine gun fire was encountered killing two members of the patrol. The assistant patrol leader reorganized the patrol and they swam the river. The subject persons have not been seen or heard from since that time.

8. Private First Class Bartley and Private Girouard were members of an eight man patrol which was sent, 17 December 1944, to investigate a house used by the enemy in the vicinity of Bobenthal, Germany. Upon approaching the installation the enemy fired on the patrol hitting the subject enlisted men. It was the opinion of eyewitnesses that the subject persons were killed by enemy fire during this attack. Private First Class Rosenblum was a member of a squad that was attacking an enemy position in the vicinity of Bobenthal, Germany, 17 December 1944. Upon reorganization of the squad Private First Class Rosenblum was missing.

9. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1i, were crossing the Blies river in Germany in an assault boat, 17 December 1944. During this crossing the boat turned over and the subject persons were dragged under by their equipment. They have not been seen or heard from since that time.

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4. Private First Class Walker was a member of a company that was repelling an enemy attack 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Hechlingenfeld, Germany. When the company reorganized Private First Class Walker could not be found or accounted for.

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6. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 11, were in the vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany, when the town was overrun by the Germans, 17 December 1944. They have not been seen or heard from since that time.

7. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 12, were members of a Combat Patrol whose mission was to rescue two engineers across the Roer River from Horbort, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission at a point about ten yards south of the bridge crossing the Roer River, German machine gun fire was encountered killing two members of the patrol. The assistant patrol leader reorganized the patrol and they swam the river. The subject persons have not been seen or heard from since that time.

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9. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 13, were crossing the Blies river in Germany in an assault boat, 17 December 1944. During this crossing the boat turned over and the subject persons were dragged under by their equipment. They have not been seen or heard from since that time.

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10. Private First Class Meggelin was engaged in attacking a house in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany, 17 December 1944. The subject enlisted man could not be found following the ensuing action.

11. Sergeant Walker was leading a patrol in the Hurtgen Forrest, Germany, 17 December 1944. During this mission the patrol ran into small arms fire and Sergeant Walker was wounded. The patrol scattered and made their way back to Allied lines; however, Sergeant Walker did not return. A search was made the next day of the area where he was hit but no trace of him could be found.

12. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, together with the fact that no report has been received in the War Department during the twelve months which have elapsed since the inception of the subject persons missing in action status indicating that they are alive, it is concluded that they may not "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act, in the cases of the Persons named in Part I, paragraph 1, above, and that these findings show the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 18 December 1945.

Investigator

First Lieutenant, AGD

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

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Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Officer in Charge
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In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, together with the fact that no report has been received in the War Department during the twelve months which have elapsed since the inception of the subject person's missing action status indicating that they are alive, it is concluded that they may not "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

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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 First Class Clarence M. Horner, Army Serial Number 37,694,126, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 17th day of December 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 18th day of December, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Heubert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	PLAYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN HIS-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)			
13 Jun 1911	Onawa, Iowa	31 Mar 1944	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Under	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Mildred E. Horner	Wife	West 6th Street, North Onawa, Iowa

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Mildred Ella Horner	Wife	West 6th Street, North Onawa, Iowa
Max Meredith Horner	Son	
Kenneth Demont Horner	Son	
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Delia M. Horner	Mother	Onawa, Iowa

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Records indicate daughter born after March 1944.
Soldier awarded Combat Infantryman Badge per General Order No. 11, Headquarters, 137th Infantry, 1 November 1944.

Circumstances of disappearance. The subject person became missing in action while crossing a river in Germany when the boat he was in turned over and he was dragged under by his equipment.

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George F. Herbert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING 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)			
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NAME			SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	
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GERMANY9		DAY	MONTH	YEAR			
		17	DEC	44	V	MIA	294

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS MILDRED E HORNER	WIFE	5 Jan 45 rsv
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
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Dear Mrs. Horner:

I am inclosing two money orders totaling \$114.00, representing funds of your husband, Private Clarence M. Horner.

Please acknowledge receipt of the money orders by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below and returning that copy to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

All War Department agencies have instructions to forward the personal effects of military personnel to this Bureau for disposition. Money, as a rule, is converted to a check and sent, by mail, in advance of other property. Any of his property received here will be forwarded promptly. Therefore, I ask that you please notify this Bureau in the event of a change in your address.

Yours very truly,

A. G. SCHUMACHER
1st Lt., QMC
Chief, Accounting Branch

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Mrs Mildred E Horner
(Signature of Bailee)

Aug. 16 1945
(Date)



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Yours very truly,

A. C. [Name]
1st Lt., USA
Chief, Accounting Branch

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(Signature of [Name])

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
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ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Mildred E. Horner

Effects of:

Name Pvt. Clarence M. Horner

ASN 37694126

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DATE RTB:LH:kk
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Johanna
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Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. _____
Amount _____
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.
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DATE *8/14/45*
BY *[Signature]*

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Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
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