

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

MELLON, MACK R

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

PFC

34187606

AREA OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

18 DEC 45

GERMANY

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. Cox

9 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

9 MAY 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME: X WELTON, MACK R.	GRADE PFC	SERIAL NO. - 34 187 606
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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 16010	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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IMPORTANT

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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH EUROPEAN, Blies River, Frauenberg, Germany	CASE NUMBER 16010
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NAME (<u>Last, First, Middle Initial</u>) 293 Mellon, Mack R.	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 34 187 606
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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 UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>G.M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

NAH
File

26 APR 1951

Identification Branch

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED		DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Marshall Edwards</i>		

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER 16010' (1)
AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Mellon, Mack R.	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 34 187 606
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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
	<i>CBK</i>	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>CBK</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>CBK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>CBK</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>CBK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>CBK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		<i>CBK</i>

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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Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>A. Kennedy</i> A. Kennedy/cwt	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/IC QMC	APPROVED CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC	DATE <i>26 Apr 51</i>
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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

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

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 5 January 1951.

2. Members present:

- C. W. STEINSIEK, Capt, QMC
- LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt, QMC
- JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt, 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. Elies River on Franco-German Frontier, Frauenberg, Germany. Map Sheet K-50, Case #12329.

b. FACTS: The following deceased of the Organizations as indicated became missing in action, according to witnesses, when the boat in which they were riding sank in the Elies River. The river was about 50 yards wide and at flood stage at the time of the incident.

HARPER, Jesse D.	S/Sgt	38 692 307	MIA	13 Dec 1944
LAYTON, Frank E.	2/Lt	0 1317178	MIA	13 Dec 1944
SIPPEL, Ollie L.	Sgt	35 796 121	MIA	13 Dec 1944

Also lost in this area on the subsequent dates as indicated were:

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MELLON, Mack R.	Pfc	34 187 606	MIA	17 Dec 1944
RAMEY, Jack	Pfc	13 036 437	MIA	20 Dec 1944

4. FINDINGS:

a. Field Investigations in the appropriate area were conducted 23 June 1947, and on 25 January 1949. In addition the area has been

Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings (cont'd)

repeatedly investigated in the course of the recovery of the following Unknowns:

	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>D/D</u>	<u>Org.</u>	<u>Isol. Bur.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
X-3198	St Avoild	Unk	Unk	Habkirchen K-50/Q-56	Remains fragmentary found nude in Saar River in tree
X-3210	St Avoild	Unk	Inf	Saarlautern K-50/Q-28	Id
X-3221	St Avoild	Unk	Unk	Saarlautern K-50/Q-28	Id.
X-3238	St Avoild	Unk	Unk	Saarlautern K-50/Q-28	Id.
X-6060	Neuville	Unk	Unk	Saarlautern K-50/Q-28	BTB: Tucker, Stanley H. 38 686 819
X-7465	Neuville	BTB: Dec 44 to Mar 1945	AGF	Saarlautern K-50/Q-28	Found in rubble of ^{Rm Frag.} a house - House #2, on Muhlen Str.
X-7096	Neuville	est. 15 Dec 44	AGF	Eliesmengen K-58/n-56	ID Tags: Wilson, Wayne 36 893 634
X-7098	Neuville	est. 15 Dec	AGF	Eliesmengen K-58/Q-56	Id.

b. Subject decedents could not be associated with the above cited Unknowns which have either been identified or declared Unidentifiable.

c. Reference is made to O.Q.M.G Forms 371 for subject decedents on File the Office of the Quartermaster General.

Reference is also made to: Narrative of Field Investigation dated 23 June 1947, Narrative of Report of Investigation dated 25 January 1949: Attached hereto.

Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings (Cont'd)

5. RECOMMENDATION: That the remains of the decedents herein considered be determined Non-Recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Capt QMC
Member

s/ Lewis A. McAmis
LEWIS A. McAMIS
Capt QMC
Member

s/ John A. Boutin
JOHN A. BOUTIN
2/Lt QMC
Member

A TRUE COPY:


C. C. WASSON
Capt QMC

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

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 139)

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

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

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


BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

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

14 March 1950

Memorandum to: OIC, 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 ⁴³	Mellon, Mack R.	34 187 606	<i>gll</i>
Pfc	Horner, Clarence M.	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	36 561 321	Bliesbolchen, Ger.
Pfc	James S. Dailey	35 807 484	Sarreguemines, Fr.
Pfc	Russell D. Kuehn	37 693 128	Blieeschweyen, 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

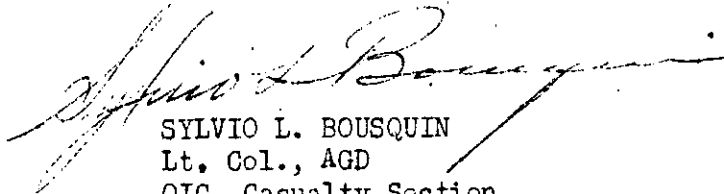
CONCUR:

T. J. Collum
For T. J. COLLUM
Major, AGD

OIC, Determination & Review Unit

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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MEMORIAL DIVISION

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Mellon Mack R.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>34187606</i>		GRADE <i>Pfc.</i>
HEIGHT <i>5'6 1/4"</i>	WEIGHT <i>127</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Blk.</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>7-C</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>Presumed 18 Dec 45</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co "K" 137th Inf.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Blies River, Germany near Hrasenberg, France

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Cp. Forrest, Tenn</i>	<i>Feb 42 - Sept. 43</i>
<i>Ft. Brady, Mich.</i>	<i>Sept. 43 - Mar. 44</i>
<i>Cp. Butler, N.C.</i>	<i>Mar. 44 - Aug. 44</i>

FROM: *WD, REG. MENTAL RECORDS BRANCH*
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None shown</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>Scar on left leg.</i>
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9 Jan 42

DENTAL CHART

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

X - EXTRACTED O - CARIOUS / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co "K" 137th Inf.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Blies River Germany near Franconberg, France

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Cp. Forrest, Tenn</i>	<i>Feb 42 - Sept. 43</i>
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<i>Cp. Butzer, N.C.</i>	<i>Mar. 44 - Aug. 44</i>

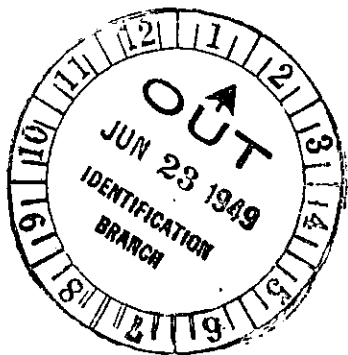
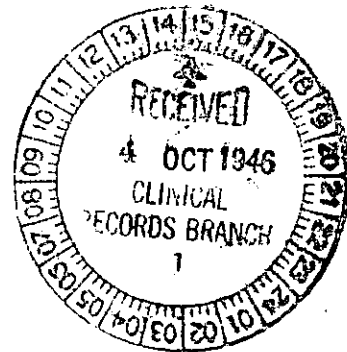
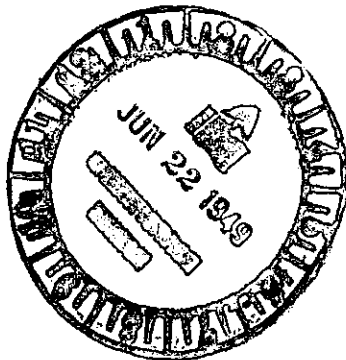
FROM: W.D. AND ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None shown</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>Scar on left leg.</i>
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DENTAL CHART *9 Jan 42*

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) MELLON, MACK R.		GRADE Pfc.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34187606
ORGANIZATION CO "K" 137 INF. WHITE		RACE WHITE	CREED PROT.
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 17-12-44	CAUSE OF DEATH F.O.D.		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA BLIES RIVER, Germany NEAR FRAUENBERG
DATE OF FOD 18-12-45			
HEIGHT 5' 6 1/4"	WEIGHT 127	COLOR EYES BLUE	COLOR HAIR BLACK
			SHOE SIZE 7 C
DENTAL CHART			
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT	
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		1 = Carious Non-Restorable	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS NONE	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK SCAR ON LEFT LEG.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
D/B: 14 Jul. 1917

* FRANCE. 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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JUL 16 1948

E. J. COLLIER, JR., CDR
CENTRAL COMMAND

AG 704 Dead (16 Dec 45)
S. R. & D No. 4927

18 December 1945

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, Company Branch.

RECORDS Bureau and Certification 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 Company, since 17 December 1944, as reported by LTO Shipment Nos. indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Shipment No.</u>
a. Company A, 424th Infantry Regiment			
Scott, Melvin J.	6,948,355	Staff Sergeant	007
King, Louis J.	36,418,278	Sergeant	007
Alagon, Thomas J.	37,631,972	Private First Class	007
Anderson, Marshall J.	6,994,442	Private First Class	007
Evans, Clifford J.	32,948,848	Private First Class	011
Blalock, Eddie A.	38,641,131	Private First Class	011
Calco, George	36,605,968	Private First Class	007
Calco, Wallace J.	39,721,615	Private First Class	007
Crigley, Raymond	36,023,979	Private First Class	007
Koskela, Arnold	39,332,906	Private First Class	007
Jameson, Kenneth R.	12,226,733	Private First Class	007
Reak, Glenn J.	16,175,160	Private First Class	007
Blalock, Johnnie C.	38,641,108	Private	048
Babe, Clifford	38,559,059	Private	007
Burrus, Clifford J.	39,215,040	Private	007
Schcen, Edward J.	36,769,340	Private	007

b. Company B, 424th Infantry Regiment

Hernandez, Elezio 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

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SEP 16 1949
G. W. Rogers
Capt., QMC
Identification Branch

AG 704 Dead (18 Dec 45)
S. R. & D No. 4917

18 December 1945

RE: JOURNAL 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, Kelvin 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, Norrell 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
Calas, 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
Rank, Glenn 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

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d. Company H, 424th Infantry Regiment

Zetser, Ellis E.	14,117,030	Sergeant	007
Baynes, Robert A.	32,753,735	Private First Class	007
Wright, William H.	13,714,808	Private First Class	007
Stacy, Ordo E.	33,400,796	Private First Class	007
Clifton, Eugene E.	6,392,355	Private	007
Butcher, James J.	39,324,175	Private	007
Calambokidis, Theodor J.	42,108,354	Private	007
Fisher, Robert J.	39,877,012	Private	007

f. Company G, 424th Infantry Regiment

Salter, 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 O.	36,958,365	Private First Class	007
McNeil, James E.	36,954,122	Private First Class	007
McGeehan, 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

<u>Horner, Clarence A.</u>	37,694,126	Private First Class	294
<u>Mellon, Jack R.</u>	34,187,606	Private First Class	294

j. Company C, 377th Infantry Regiment

Megglin, 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 J. 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 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 J. 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, Konny 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

the dark of night Jerry 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, and, of those I seen on the ground around me - Jerry 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 (ADPO-6 281 Johnson, Kenneth R.), to Technical Sergeant James G. Sutton, (12298), 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.FTC. 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 Johnson's 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 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 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 then and you can probable

guess what happened to the boys that did the burying. So th the best of my knowledge P.F.C. Kenneth I. 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 J. 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:

"POINT OF DEPARTURE Vicinity of Winterspelt, Germany
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Winterspelt, 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 J. 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 Tateon reads in pertinent part as

"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 DISAPPEARANCE Ed was a member of a 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 J. Hulbert, 424th Infantry, Personnel Officer, which reads

in pertinent part as follows:

"MISSION Defense
"LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Vicinity of Kockhalsen-
Sald, Germany
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Company was repelling an enemy attack,
and when Company recognized ~~Private~~ 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 "MEDICAL REPORT" dated 20 January 1945, signed by First Lieutenant
Carl J. Hilbert, 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, German
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."

7. 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

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 loss was incurred 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 West bank of Roer
River across from Rordorf, Germany.
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: 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."

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. J. 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 THREATS Bobenthal, Germany
"STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY: Pfc Bartley
was 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 BOR
#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

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. J. 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 death which occurred in December of 1944, I was hospitalized in France.

Upon returning to my company, I was told that he was killed by a sniper's 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 Jack 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

the name of Vincent Furrles 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 AD 201 file of Sergeant Raymond J. Walker is a copy of a letter dated 29 August 1945, written to Mrs. Amabel Huddleston by Captain Harry Huddley, 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 Kurtgen 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, PAGO, 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

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 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; then 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 Ninterspelt, 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 Guinard 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 Meggelin was engaged in attacking a house in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany, 17 December 1944. The subject's last seen 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 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

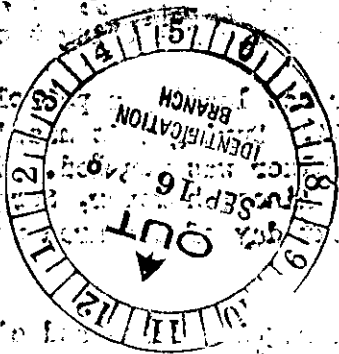
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GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch

Staff Sergeant Melvin J. Smoot,
6,948,355, Infantry, and
forty-five others.



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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 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 BTO 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.	6948355	Staff Sergeant	007
King, Louis J.	36418278	Sergeant	007
Alagna, Thomas J.	37631972	Private First Class	007
Ambrose, Ferroll J.	6994442	Private First Class	007
Boers, Clifford J.	32948848	Private First Class	011
Blalock, Billie A.	38641151	Private First Class	011
Galas, Casimir	36605968	Private First Class	007
Giles, Wallace J.	39721615	Private First Class	007
Grigsby, Raymond	36023979	Private First Class	007
Heikkila, Arnold	39332908	Private First Class	007
Johnson, Kenneth R.	12226733	Private First Class	007
Ronk, Glenn W.	16175160	Private First Class	007
Blalock, Johnie C.	33641103	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, Elesio H.	39722207	Private First Class	007
Kocher, Paul S.	33606791	Private First Class	007
Method, Harold A.	36549966	Private	007
c. Company D, 424th Infantry Regiment			
Watson, Ellis R.	14117030	Sergeant	007
Bavaresco, Herman A.	32753735	Private First Class	007
Bingle, William H.	33714803	Private First Class	007
Sisco, Orvle E.	38400796		

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Clifton, Eugene B.	6395355	Private	007
Detto, James J.	39334175	Private	007
Galantowicz, Thaddeus J.	42108854	Private	007
Tucker, Robert W.	59857012	Private	007

d. Company G, 424th Infantry Regiment

Welker, William N.	54776892	Private First Class	007
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e. Service Company 424th Infantry Regiment

Langland, Charles I.	57474533	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	295
Rosenblum, Harold L.	14130922	Private First Class	293
Cirouard, 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

Hoggelin, 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 1c, 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 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 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 11:50 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. 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 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 Winter-
spelt, 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~~ 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 DIS-
APPEARANCE: 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:

6. 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, 41th 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: Pfo Rosenblum was last seen attack-
ing a fortified position. Upon reorganization of
the squad Pfo 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 alledged death of Private Rosenblum. His reply dated 6 November 1945, is quoted in pertinent part as follows:

"At the time of his death which occured 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 assualt boat crossing river
"BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DIS-
APPEARANCE: Boat in which Pfo 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, PMGO, 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 ~~assigned~~ 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 ~~mission~~ 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 Fzaulatern, 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~~ 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

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

JOHN T. BURNS
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Officer in Charge
Status Review and
Determination Section.

GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch

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



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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

D.C.#3 Sta. Hosp. Ft. Brady, Mich.

(1) SURNAME

(2) CHRISTIAN NAME

Mellon, Mack R. 34187606

(3) RANK

(4) COMPANY

(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS

PFC

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(6) AGE, YEARS

(7) RACE

(8) NATIVITY

(9) SERVICE, YEARS

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			(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.
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			(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
		Pulpitis	L16
		Caries	R160
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John Olafsson
JOHN OLAFSSON, 1st Lt. Dental Corps, U. S. A.

***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
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CLASS I

Occlusion normal Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia none

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions _____

*RS tooth erupt nonsymptomatic
X ray 2/4*

Date 8-2, 1943

Benton J. Marks Capt.
Dental Corps, U.S. A.

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Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
(horizontal line)

X	X	X

Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
(oval to include abutments)

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

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private First Class Mack R. Mellon, Army Serial Number 34,187,606, 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. Vincent
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	LYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTHORITY
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)			
14 Jul 1917	Church Hill, Tennessee	6 Feb 1942	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Katherine Mellon	Mother	Rural Route Number One Church Hill, Tennessee

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Katherine Vaughn Mellon	Mother	Rural Route Number One Church Hill, Tennessee
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mr. Jake Andrew Mellon	Father	Rural Route Number One Church Hill, Tennessee

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Soldier awarded Combat Infantryman Badge per General Order No. 6, Headquarters, 137th Infantry, 2 August 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.

28 DEC 1945
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FINAL REPORT

REPORT OF DEATH No. 74

DATE 23 March 1950 abk

FUEL NAME Mellon, Mack R.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 34 187 606	GRADE PFC
HOME ADDRESS Church Hill, Tennessee		ARM OR SERVICE Inf	DATE OF BIRTH 14 July 1917
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 6 Feb 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Katherine Mellon, mother, Rural Route Number One, Church Hill, Tennessee

BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Katherine Vaughn Mellon, mother, address same as above

Mr. Jake Andrew Mellon, father, address same as above

INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

*Soldier awarded Combat Infantryman Badge per General Order No. 6, Headquarters, 137th Infantry, 2 August 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 provided in Section 9.

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CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European		FLYING STATUS No	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTHORITY
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None							
DATE OF BIRTH 14 Jul 1917	HOME ADDRESS Church Hill, Tennessee	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 Feb 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. Katherine Mellon	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Rural Route Number One Church Hill, Tennessee
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-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME			SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
MELLON MACK R			34187606			PFC	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
GERMANY 9		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		MIA	294	
		17	DEC	44				

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 KATHERINE MELLON		MOTHER		6 JAN 1945
NO. AND NAME OF STREET-CITY-STATE				
RURAL ROUTE ONE CHURCH HILL TENNESSEE				

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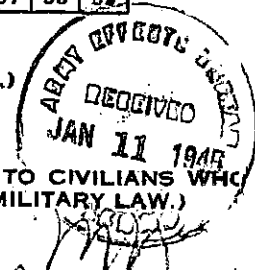
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Mrs. Katherine Mellon
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Dear Mrs. Mellon:

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One Carton and contents

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending final determination of the owner's status.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

R. T. Brown
R. T. BROWN
1st Lt., GAC
Chief, Adm. Division

Incl--
Envelope

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Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Katherine Mellon
(Signature of Bailee)

Dec. 19-1945
(Date)

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		UNKNOWN

<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL <input type="checkbox"/> BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY) <input type="checkbox"/> BILLFOLD (NO MONEY) <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS <input type="checkbox"/> BRACELET, IDENT. <input type="checkbox"/> CAMERAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOTHING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISC. ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> RIBBONS, DECORATION <input type="checkbox"/> SHORT SNORTER <input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIR MONEY <input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIRS <input type="checkbox"/> TESTAMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS <input type="checkbox"/> U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT) <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH <input type="checkbox"/> WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> BELT <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, PILOT LOG <input type="checkbox"/> BRUSHES <input type="checkbox"/> CASE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOTH. WASH <input type="checkbox"/> COATS <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTLOCKER <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTWEAR, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> GLASSES <input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> HANDKERCHIEFS <input type="checkbox"/> HEADWEAR <input type="checkbox"/> JACKETS <input type="checkbox"/> KITS <input type="checkbox"/> KNIVES <input type="checkbox"/> LETTERS <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> OVERCOATS <input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS, PERSONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PENCIL, MECHANICAL <input type="checkbox"/> PEN, FOUNTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> PIPES <input type="checkbox"/> RINGS <input type="checkbox"/> SCARFS <input type="checkbox"/> SHIRTS <input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> STATIONERY <input type="checkbox"/> TIES <input type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO <input type="checkbox"/> TOILET ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS <input type="checkbox"/> TROUSERS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> TRUNKS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR	
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<p style="text-align: center;">CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">None.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">Matter - Mrs. Katherine Mellon R#1. Church Hill Tenn.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">42 shoes Unid # 60</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CROSS REFERENCE</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">file for</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> BUREAU CHECK
<input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
<input type="checkbox"/> BOND		AMOUNT	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIG. REG. MAIL
<input type="checkbox"/> TRAV. CHECK		DATE	<input type="checkbox"/> TO G. A. O.
<input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN CURRENCY		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUTILATED
<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. CURRENCY	PAYEE	<input type="checkbox"/> TO ISSUING AGENCY	
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

TALLY NO. 5305	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE 27-Nov-45	BOX NO.	SHEET _____ OF _____ SHEETS
NAME Mack R. Mellon			A. S. N. 34187606	
ORGANIZATION			RANK Pfc.	CASE NO.
WAREHOUSE SPACE 256	EXAMINED BY Gibler		<input type="checkbox"/> DIARY REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION 101	PACKED BY 101 #		<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
	INSPECTED BY B		<input type="checkbox"/> MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
	STORED BY		SHIPPED	
			DATE DEC 14 1945	

G. I. REMOVED

SUPERVISOR

INVENTORY CLERK

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

AMOUNT

SYMBOL

DATE

NUMBER

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

SHORTAGES

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

UNIDENTIFIED # 60

BAY

PALLET

BOX

TALLY

TY. PKG.

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5305.

PKG.

HEADQUARTERS 137th INFANTRY
APO #35 U.S. Army

3 August 1944

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

<u>Mellon</u>	<u>Mack</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>34187606</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 887

US Army

The above named individual of Company K, 137th Infantry
(Unit)

was reported Hospitalized LWA About 21 July 1944
(Status Killed, MIA, Hospitalized, etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary of information readily accessible Mother

Mrs Katherine Mellon, Rt 1, Church Hill, Tennessee

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 Tie ✓
- 1 Garrison Cap ✓
- 1 Sewing Kit ✓
- 1 Garrison Belt ✓
- Stationary ✓
- 1 Good Conduct Ribbon ✓
- 1 E.T.O. Ribbon ✓
- 1 U. S. Pin ✓
- 1 Nail File ✓

Money in the amount of \$ _____ has been turned into _____
(Name of finance office)

Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

(Symbol of finance Off.)

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

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of
the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by
_____ on _____ 1944.
(Mail, truck, etc.)

Name

Byron R. Mudge

Rank & Assn

1st Lt

Organization

107th Inf

107th Inf

Any additional pertinent information: