

# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

CULLISON, THOMAS J. O-1318765 FRANCE JPAC INCIDENT 206

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Cullison, Thomas J.

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SERIAL NUMBER 1st Lt

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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.

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7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES

None

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

KIA on 10 September 1944 when the decedent failed to reach the west bank of the Moselle River in the vicinity of Dormot, France.

> File 1951 MAR 8

CASEMANA Identification Branch CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES. Thomas/cwt Vincent A. RECOMMEND APPROVAL APPROVED CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINA CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SEC-

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# HEADQUARTERS 7 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

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

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

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

CASE #

NAME

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SEE ATTACHED ROSTER.

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

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

	s/ James C. MacFarland
EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt.Col. 0-359598, QMC	JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, 0-1576321 QMC
s/ George Gunderman, Jr.	
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, 0-1289071	CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt, 0-1040311, QMC
LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt, 0-1543042, MSC/QMC	JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. 0-1055924, QMC
s/ Allan L. Lawson,	
ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, 0-1288075, QMC	ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, )-1599085, QMC
	A TRUE COPY:
JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt 0-947298, QMC	ROBERT G. LAY

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NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO.	DATE KIA OR MIA
Addabro, Joseph J.	Pvt	32 847 803	5 Sep 44
Bates, Charlie (NMI)	T/5	38 286 573	1 Jan 45
Battin, Harold A.	Pfc	37 364 691	15 Mar 45
Binder, Howard A.	Pvt	39 305 680	10 Oct 44
Black, James W.	Pfc	33 837 051	1 Jan 45
Bonds, Alfred B.	Pfc	42 012 457	8 Nov 44
Brazowski, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc	31 255 517	15 Mar 45
Bulin, Edward J.	Pvt	32 796 939	10 Oct 44
Bundrock, William J., Jr.	Pvt	39 622 035	10 Oct 44
Busby, Woodrow W.	Pvt	34 392 872	14 Nov 44
Castilone, Stephen J.	Pvt	42 091 109	22 Nov 44
Cerny, Jaro J.	Pfc	35 921 362	14 Oct 44
Clark, Charles E.	Pvt	32 783 174	10 Oct 44
Clement, Alfred J.	Pfc	36 227 750	8 Sep 44
Clement, Laurent H.	Sgt	37 542 237	12 Jan 45
Collino, Dominic P.	Pfc c/s-+	35 835 516	2 Jan 45
Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34 254 893	8 Sep 44
Crews, Robert A.	Pfc 1/Lt	34 771 711	15 Oct 44
Cullison, Thomas J.	Pfc	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	S/Sgt	36 227 925 32 855 293	8 Sep 44 12 Nov 44
Eaton, James A.		32 254 567	15 Sep 44
Erardi, Joseph, Jr.	Pvt c/s-+	37 071 020	17 Dec 44
Finlay, Robin L.	S/Sgt	20 817 194	2 Jan 45
Fisher, Syphes B.	Cpl	39 339 014	16 Sep 44
Fisher, Willard C.	Sgt	33 843 709	8 Feb 45
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pfc Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Foy, Lloyd (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
Gagnier, Camille (NMI) Garvey, Thomas F., II	Pfc	33 888 119	17 Feb 45
Gaulton, John H.	Cpl	32 796 280	10 Oct 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc	36 052 118	8 Sep 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	14 140 023	14 Nov 44
Gopfert, Arthur C.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Halloran, William F.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
Hamilton, Woodrow W.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Harris, Ralph (MI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44 1 Jan 45
Hatch, Stewar" H.	Pfc	31 301 636	
Hayslett, Clanton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	Pvt	31 269 360 35 064 223	8 Sep 44 31 Dec 44
Holl, Ri 'ard L	Pfc	16 006 889	9 Sep 44
Hunt, Orvilla (NMI)	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Ervan N	Pfc	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Johnson, Redger B.	Pvt		
Keeley, Thomas F.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Kiger, Earl	Pfc	36 228 224	10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
Krepfia, Jerry J.	Cpl Pfc	32 796 241	10 Oct 44
Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pvt	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pfc	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.		36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Maguire, John O.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt Pvt	36 214 574	11 Sep 44
Mizutowicz, Walter M.		36 950 283	19 Sep 44

Morici, Louis A.	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt -	34 899 335	
Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI)	Pvt	32 637 746	8 Sep 44
Paletta, Joseph F.	Pvt		10 Oct 44
		32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	32 750 453	3 Nov 44
Pollard, Oscar	Pfc	35 681 500	10 Oct 44
Ponsone, John (NMI)	Pfc	34 192 303	10 Sep 44
Pruitt, Orval B.	Pvt	38 440 765	24 Nov 44
Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	36 456 254	1 Jan 45
Richter, Herbert R.	Pvt	20 229 636	13 Dec 44
Risoli, Samuel G.	S/Sgt	32 112 032	10 Sep 44
Roelfs, Harm A.	Pvt	36 058 741	25 Sep 44
Rosa, Dominio T.	Pvt	31 440 318	26 Sep 44
Ruffolo, "ennie (NMI)	Pvt	36 214 242	10 Sep 44
Santos, John C.	Cpl	19 133 953	21 Dec 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.	Pfc	36 227 835	11 Sep 44
Schue, George E.	Pfc	33 843 335	17 Nov 44
Shenk, Charles W.	S/Sgt	33 154 539	
Siple, Clayton L.	Pfc		20 Sep 44
		36 168 398	3 Jan 45
Skaar, Robert L.	Pvt	36 845 252	10 Mar 45
Slankard, Evan (NMI)	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
Slinkard, Von O.	Pfc	37 607 293	28 Dec 44
Smith, Albert A.	Pvt	6 277 121	16 Oct 44
Smith, Ira L.	Sgt	37 213 150	18 Nov 44
Smith, James S.	T/Sgt	6 985 951	11 Sep 44
Smith, Paul A.	Pvt	34 827 976	10 Oct 44
Smolinski, Leo E.	Pfc	32 796 578	10 Oct 44
Spear, Harold H.	T/Sgt	36 103 576	10 Sep 44
Standridge, wendell F.	Pvt	35 927 044	10 Sep 44
Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	32.847 571	5 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.	Pfc	34 573 608	21 Sep 44
Tew, Charles R.	Pvt	34 912 164	12 Nov 44
Thornton, Robert L.	S/Sgt	34 573 833	1 Jan 45
Tommassone, Edward E.	Pfc	36 643 937	8 Sep 44
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34 269 379	10 Sep 44
	T/5	18 119 800	16 Sep 44
Valdez, Joe M. Wells, Thomas H.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
	m/e	32 747 445	10 Oct 44
Wenzel, Peter H.	T/5	Prompt town them in the	
West, Robert D.	S/Sgt	6 345 808	18 Sep 44
Wilkins, Joe J.	Pvt	19 018 654	12 Nov 44
Williams, Evan (NMI)	S/Sgt	6 393 665	19 Sep 44
Williams, Gomer (NMI)	Pvt	33 113 760	10 Sep 44
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36 568 028	10 Sep 44
Willis, Robert W.	Pfc	37 357 968	19 Dec 44
Wirtz Matthew (NMI)	1/Lt	01 287 638	10 Sep 44
Wright, James E.	1/Lt	0 402 766	10 Sep 44
Young, John F.	Pfc	37 516 472	10 Mar 45
Zahradnik, Henry E.	Pfc	32 605 630	10 Oct 44
Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	Sgt	36 813 035	10 Sep 44
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The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

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

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

The casualties listed on attached roster are re-SYNOPSIS: ported by official records as Missing in Action or Killed in Action during ground or air operations in the department of Moselle, France, from the period 5 September 1944 to 16 March 1945. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigation have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of Moselle have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. terrain of the Moselle department, for the most part, consists of farm, pasture and forested areas which has been under constant cultivation and supervision by farmers and forest guards, since the cessatton of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide

GROP 293.9
SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

evidence and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Resoverability Return of world war II Pead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan; concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to The Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the Department of Moselle, France; on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. G.

Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

- 2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.
- 3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

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

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT C. LAY

Maj QMC

NOTE: The Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 50 referred to above, "Narrative of Investigation" is filed with 293 file of Addabbo, Joseph J., Pvt., 32 847 803. It substantiates general area search in the locality where the decedents are believed to have been lost.

#### HEADQUARTERS 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: WEstablishment 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 per taining to the Identification of Deceased. Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases:

> LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, 0 359 598, 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., LEWIS A. McAMIS, 0 1 543 042, MSC/QMC., CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, 0 1 055 924, QMC., CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, 0 1 288 075, QMC., CAPT 1ST LT ROBERT W. GAMSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC., 2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

A TRUE COPY:

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

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AG 201 Cullison, Thomas J. (7 Nov 49) 01318765 WLN/jb/10676/10272

7 November 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Report of Death

- 1. First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison, Ol318765, Infantry, Company E, 11th Infantry Regiment was reported missing in action, not in flying or jumping pay status, in France on 10 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Number 201, and presumed dead as of 11 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act (SRAD Case No. 4042).
- 2. The pertinent part of a "Wissing Report", dated 26 September 1944, signed by Captain K. C. Boty, 11th Infantry, Personnel Officer filed in the AG 201 file of First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison, 01318765, is quoted:

"Name: Thomas J. Cullison ASN: 01318765

"Org: Company E, 11th Inf.

"Wission: Reorganization of Battalion on West Bank of Moselle River.

"Point of Departure: Hest Bank of Moselle River.

"Date: 10 September 1944.

"Intended Destination: West Bank of Moselle River.

"Last Known Whereabouts: Middle of Moselle River.

"Brief Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance:

It was necessary for some personnel to swim to reach the West Bank of the Moselle River. 2nd Lt. Cullison was swimming when last seen and had reached the middle of the river at the time he was last seen or heard.

"Statements of Witnesses If Any: T/Sgt R. L. Marnell, 32851123, Company E 11th Infantry, was swimming with Lt. Cullison and slightly in front of him. Several times while crossing Sgt Warnell called back to see if Lt Cullison was doing alright and received an affirmative answer. When Sgt Marnell reached the halfway mark across the river he called again and thought he heard Lt. Cullison say 'I can't make it, so long fellows'. Due to the darkness the person who made that statement could not positively be identified. No search was made."

- 3. The captured enemy records contain no information relative to Lieutenant Cullison.
- 4. The Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General have no burial information at the present, on Lieutenant Cullison.

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- 5. The subject person was a member of Company E, lith Infantry Regiment on a mission to organize his Battalion on the west bank of the Moselle River in the vicinity of Dornot, France on 10 September 1944. Lieutenant Cullison was last seen swimming the Moselle River, at night, which he was endeavoring to swim, with other members of his organization, in its withdrawal from the east bank of the river. Technical Sergeant R. L. Marnell, 32851123, was swimming just ahead of Lieutenant Cullison and at intervals called him as to his progress. When they reached the middle of the river Sergeant Marnell called again and thought he heard Lieutenant Cullison say: "I can't make it, so long fellows". Nothing has been seen or heard of Lieutenant Cullison since. Considering the above facts and the lapse of time it is reasonable to believe that he drowned.
  - 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 First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison, 01318765, Infantry, was killed in action not in flying or jumping pay status, on 10 September 1944 while attempting to swim the Moselle River in the vicinity of Dornot, France. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2b, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. 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 11 September 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."

Station and place of death: European Theater

CONCUR:

WALTER L. NALLS Investigator

> T. J. COLLUM Major, AGD OIC, Determination Unit

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

COPY FURNISHED: OQMG, Memorial Div SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN
Lt. Col. AGD
OIC, Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293 GRS (European)

24 May 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

- 1. Reference is made to your radio AGRC 5561 dated 15 April 1949.
- 2. Inclosed herewith are information copies of OQMG Forms 371, with all available dental forms, pertaining to the following decedents:

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Arnold, William H. Cullison, Thomas J.	lst Lt.	0 454 467 01 318 765
Dilello, Lewis S.	2nd Lt.	01 326 046
Goell, Julien D.	2nd Lt.	01 325 886
Hillyard, Johnny R.	1st Lt.	0 450 246
Lowry, Stephen T.	1st Lt.	0 412 545
Saxon, Rayford E.	1st Lt.	01 296 751
Smith, Howard L. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0 887 564
Warenskjold, James O.	1st Lt.	0 669 936
Wirtz, Matthew	1st Lt.	01 287 638
Wright, James E.	1st Lt.	0 402 766

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Incls 1-2 Info cys OQMG Forms 371
Incls 3-11 Info cys OQMG Forms 371
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T. H. METZ Lt. Colonel, QMC Memorial Division 1949 APR 15 13 33

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ISG NO. AGRC 5561

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ACTION QMC

MC IN NO. 55139

PASS TO MEMORIAL DIV

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REQUEST THIS OFFICE BE FURNISHED ALL LATEST AVAILABLE DENTAL INFORMATION

FOR CLN SECOND LT HOWARD L JR SMITH CMA ZERO DASH EIGHT EIGHT

SEVEN FIVE SIX FOUR CLN FIRST LT JAMES O WARENSKJOLD CMA ZERO DASH

SIX SIX NINE NINE THREE SIX CLN SECOND LT JULIEN D GOELL CMA ZERO

ONE THREE TWO FIVE EIGHT EIGHT SIX CMA FIRST LT PD MATTHEW WIRTZ

CMA ZERO DASH ONE TWO EIGHT SEVEN SIX THREE EIGHT CLN FIRST LT

WILLIAM H ARNOLD CMA ZERO DASH FOUR FIVE FOUR FOUR SIX SEVEN CMA

SECOND LT LEWIS S DILLELO CMA ZERO DASH ONE THREE TWO SIX ZERO FOUR

SIX FIRST LT PD STEPHEN T LOWRY CMA ZERO DASH FOUR ONE TWO FIVE FOUR FIVE

CLN FIRST THOMAS J CULLISON CMA ZERO DASH ONE THREE ONE EIGHT SEVEN

SIX FIVE CMA FIRST LT RAYFORD M SAXON CMA ZERO DASH ONE TWO NINE

EIGHT SEVEN FIVE ONE CLN FIRST LT JOHNNY R HILLTARD CMA ZERO DASH

FOUR FIVE ZERO TWO FOUR SIX CLN FIRST LT JAMES E WRIGHT CMA ZERO DASH

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G. N. ROGERS

Capt., QMC

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PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
MOSELLE RIVER NEAD	E DORNOT, FRANCE
LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVI	CE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.  DATES
It. Benning, Ga	1 may 43
Camp Wollers Tex	3 July 43
Camp Retchie md	6 Sep 43
Camp Mc Cain, Miss	28 nov 43
At Jackon, S. C.	22 apr 44
1 gason, S. C. md	25 apr 44
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WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C.

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

- 1. Reference is made to preceding correspondence.
- 2. Forwarded for processing in accordance with AG Letter, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27.March 47)D-M, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, duted 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Theater Area, APO 58, U S Army, 27 May 1947.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

Forwarded herewith for your information are copies of report of investigation and attached statements pertaining to negative report received on First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison, 0-1318765.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

7 Incls:

1. Ltr Hq Third Zone dtd 15 May 47

2. Ltr 4444 Sv Co dtd 12 May 47

3. Four (4) statements 4. Diary, dtd 29 Apr 47 WALTER B. MORROW Major, Infantry Actg Asst Adj Gen



# HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE 531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN THEATER AREA APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

GRW

15 May 1947

SUBJECT: Isolated Burial Case (Moselle) 8747.

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, ETA, APO 58, US Army.

- l. Attention is invited to attached letter from the 4444 Sv Co, dated 12 May '47, five (5) statements and diary, relative to investigation conducted in an effort to locate the remains of 1st. Lt. Thomas J. CULLISON, O-1318765 and S/Sgt Samuel G. RISOLI, 32112032.
- 2. Results of investigation proved negative and a search of records in this Headquarters fails to give any clue which might lead to the location of the remains of above mentioned deceased.
- 3. A search of records of Unknowns recovered from the area of Dornot also fails to reveal any information that might be associated with this case.

FOR THE COMMAND ING OFFICER:

Incl: a/s

Tel: Nancy 8415 Tel 51 LAWRENCE A. HAYES Captain AGD Adjutant Case # 435 While SERVICE COMPANY (AC) THIRD ZONE AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN THEATER AREA APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY SUBJECT:

(Moselle) 8747

12 May 1947.

Investigation of Case Moselle 8747, 1st Lt. Thomas J. CULLISON, 0-1318765.

: Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRG, ETA, APO 58, US Army. TO

: Operations Officer. ATTN

- 1. Investigation conducted in the Arnaville area (not Arnyville as mentioned in QMM Form # 371) situated opposite Dornot on West bank of Moselle river, failed to disclose any information of a positive nature in regards to subject deceased.
- 2. The mayor of Armaville states that only one American soldier was killed in this area whose name he did not know, however he was not an officer. He also states that there are no more U.S. deceased buried in this area. Similar negative statements received from other responsible persons in above area.
- 3. In reference to previous investigations undertaken at Dornot, results of which were submitted in letters this Hos dated 9 May 1947 Subject: Case Moselle 8983, Case # 424, Mr. Boda certifies that no remains have been discovered or reported since last investigation on 24 April 1947.
- 4. Your attention is invited to inclosed statements and copy of investigator's diary.

LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER 1st Lt. Commanding

Incls: 5 statements. 1 diary.

(Moselle) 8747

Arnaville, 29 Apr 47

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, LELEU Edmont, mayor of ARNAVILLE, interrogated by a representative of the American Army, make the following statement:

"I am sure that the name of Avryville must be a mistake; certainly must be meant Arnaville which is sinuated opposite Dornot on the West bank of the Moselle river. During the war activities here are American soldier was killed whose name I do not know. It was not a lieutenant. I cannot give any information concerning the American officer called GULLISON Thomas J., 0-1318765 who is presumed to be killed here. There are no more American graves in the territory of this commune."

Town Stamp

/s/ Leleu

GERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

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Case # 435

(Moselle) 8747

Armaville, 29 Apr 47

#### STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, MIRGUET Alfred, mayor's secretary at ARNAVILLE, certify that I do not know anything about an American lieutenant by the name of GULLESON Thomas J., 0-1318765, presumed to be killed in this area.

There are no more American graves in the territory of the commune.

In this area there is no village called Anyville. The commune of Arnaville must certainly be meant.

/s/ Miguet

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PROYS

Jul # 3'

Bornot, 29 April 1947

#### STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, BODA Henri, mayor of Dornot, certify that I do not have any knowledge concerning an American officer by the name of CULLISON Thomas J., 0-1318765 who is presumed to be killed in this area.

There are no more American graves in the territory of this commune.

Town Stamp

/s/ Boda

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

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Case # 435

(Moselle) 8747

Dornot, 29 Apr 47

#### STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, GIANT Tony, farmer at DORNOT, certify that I do not have any knowledge concerning the American officer CULLISON Thomas J., 0-1318765, killed in this area in the course of the combat.

There are no more American graves in the territory of the commune.

/s/ Giant Tony

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#### DIARY

29 April 1947

1000. I contacted M. Leleu, mayor of Arnaville, who stated never to have heard of Arryville. Arnaville was situated on the Westbank of the Moselle river opposite fornot. One soldier was killed here, whose name he did not know. However he was sure it was no officer.

1100. The same was stated by the secretary M. Wirguet who said never to have heard of subject deceased. He said that Arryville must be an error for Armaville.

1130. I obtained a negative statement from Mad. Awenge, adj. secretary and departed to Fornot.

1230. Here I contacted M. Boda, the mayor, who stated that name of subject deceased was unfamiliar to him and that no more American graves were known to be present in his commune.

1300. I received a similar negative statement from M. Giant, farmer at Dornot and departed back to Mancy.

1430. Returned Headquarters Maxeville.

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

LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER 1st Lt. Inf.

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#### TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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ТО	Director, Memorial Division, OQMG, Room 2035,	
	(Service, division, or organization)	(Location)
PECCHIPTION	(Branch or unit)	(Attention)
DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED	Miss Ruth Moreland General Eisenhower	10 July 1946
COMMUNI- CATION	(Originator) (Addressee)	(Date)
CATION	First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison, 01318765	AGPC-G 201
FROM	(Subject)	(File No.)
FROM	(Service, division, or organization) (Location)	71789
	(Service, division, or organization) (Location)	(Telephone)

30 July 1946

- 1. The attached copy of letter from Miss Ruth Moreland, 208 Barth Avenue, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is forwarded for further direct reply relative to so much thereof as pertains to burial.
- 2. The records of this office show that a presumptive finding of death has been made in the case of First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison, 01318765, as of 11 September 1945, following a review of his case under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended.

Adjutant General

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QMGMM 293 Cullison, Thomas J. lst Ind LWS/gc/205/304 SN 01 318 765 Army Finance Center, Office of the Chief of Finance, St. Louis 20, Mo. JUL 7 1947

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

Army Finance Center records indicate the following recipients of arrears of pay and death gratuity pay for the above decedent:

ARREARS OF PAY
Mary K. Cullison (mother)
William Rex Cullison (father)
2336 Birtley Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penn.

DEATH GRATUITY PAY
Mr. and Mrs. W. Rex Cullison
(mother and father)
Same Address

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER, AFC:

S. H. SMITH Lt Col, FD Finance Officer

### WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE QUARTE WASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1 9 FEB 1947

In Reply Refer To QMGMR 293 Cullison, Thomas J. S.N. 01 318 765

SUBJECT: Address of Legal Next of Kin of Deceased Veteran

TO

: Army Finance Officer, OCF
Correspondence Section
Special Settlement Accounts Division
Pay Settlements Branch
Building 205
St. Louis 20, Missouri

l. Records on file in this office indicate that Mrs. Mary K. Cullison Mother,

Mother, residing at 2336 Birtley Ave.

is the legal next of kin of:

NAME: CULLISON, THOMAS J.

RANK: First Lieutenant

SERIAL NO: 01 318 765

- 2. It is requested that this office be furnished the latest address and relationship of the legal next of kin, and any other relatives of the deceased veteran mentioned above.
- 3. In case the next of kin is not as indicated above, request copies of such documentary evidence as may have been submitted to your office to establish this relationship.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY Major, QMC

Assistant

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In Reply Refer To: QMGMR 293

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In Reply Refer To QMGMR 293

1 9 FEB 1947

Cullison, Thomas J. s.W. Ol 318 765

SUBJECT: Address of Legal Next of Kin of Deceased Veteran

TO

Army Finance Officer, OCF Correspondence Section Special Settlement Accounts Division Pay Settlements Branch Building 205 St. Louis 20, Missouri

1. Records on file in this office indicate that residing at the Mary K. Cullison is the legal next of kin of: Mother, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

NAME:

CULLISON, THOMAS J.

RANK:

First Lieutement

SERIAL NO: 01 318 765

2. It is requested that this office be furnished the latest address and relationship of the legal next of kin, and any other relatives of the deceased veteran mentioned above.

3. In case the next of kin is not as indicated above, request copies of such documentary evidence as may have been submitted your office to establish this relationship.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY Major, QMC

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

In Reply Refer To: QMGMR 293

1 9 FEB 1947

Cullison, Thomas J. S.N. 01 318 765

Date of Birth 5 Jan 1018

SUBJECT: Request for information re next of kin of above named deceased serviceman of World War II.

TO : Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service Veterans Administration Washington 25, D. C.

For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the above identified deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate information be entered on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the completed letter be returned to this office.

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MARTIN G. RILET Major, QMC Assistant

Date Veteran's Name

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state "None". Relationship: Address WIDOW (If none, state "None" : If so, is proof of remarriage on file? Has she remarried?

> DIRECTOR. CLAIMS SERVICE (acarbbA)

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

In Reply Refer To QMCMR 293

Cullison, Thomas J. SN 0-1318765

JAN 1 3 1947

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO

Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmater
New York, New York

- 1. Reference is made to letter this office, ONGYG 314.6 Subject! Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.
- 2. Attached hereto, in duplicate is OQMG Form 371 and copy of Dental Chart for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

NAME

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Cullison, Thomas J.

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4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

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#### ARMY SLAVICE FORCES ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

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Mrs. Mary K. Cullison

SHIP TO:

2336 Birtley Avenue

Pittsburgh, 26, Pennsylvania Effects of: 1st Lt. Thomas J. Cullison

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DSJ:AP:cms May 6, 1946

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Dear Mrs. Cullison:

This acknowledges your recent letter relative to the personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison.

I regret that more personal effects were not received here. Our records do not indicate that any other of his property was recovered; however, if we later receive information about his belongings, you will be promptly notified.

Yours very truly,

D. S. JOHNSTON 2nd Lt., QMC Chief, Adm. Div. 30

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

#### WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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### FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Fursuant 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 First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison.

Army Serial Number 01318765, Infantry.

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 10th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the. 19th day of September, 1945.

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CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH SUMMARY OF INFORMATION JUMP 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 5 Jan 1918 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania DATE OF DEATH) 1 May 1943 EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE NAME RELATIONSHIP 2336 Birtley Avenue Mrs. Mary K. Cullison Mother Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania \* BENEFICIARIES NAME RELATIONSHIP ADDRESS

REMARKS

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Officer declined to designate anyone as his beneficiary.

Circumstances of Disappearance: Officer failed to rejoin his Company following its reorganization on the West bank of the Moselle River in France.

ASN as EM: 35,394,969

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#### WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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#### -BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON REPORTING F OR S SERIAL NUMBER NAME GRADE 3009 01318765 1 NF 1009 CULLISON, TST LT THOMAS J. DATE OF CASUALTY CASUALTY CODE PLACE OF CASUALTY TYPE OF CASUALTY 10 SEP 44 IN KILLED IN ACTION FRANCE NAT FILE RECORDS ANNOTATED DATE R&R BR. REMARKS CORRECTED COPY AG 201 /7 NOV 49/ 1 19 MEMO DET UNIT APPROVED DIC CAS SEC PAB. KILLED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SWIM THE MOSELLE RIVER IN VIC OF DORNOT. FOD ISSUED PREV UNDER SEC 5, PL 490, A MAR 42, AS AMENDED, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH 11 SEP 15. RPT OF DEATH ISSUED IN ACCORD WITH SEC 9 OF SAID ACT AND ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PROVIDED IN SEC 9. STA AND PL OF DEATH ETO. EDME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY: PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENT CO., PENESYLVANIA PROCESS IN ACCORD WITH PAR 28, OPER BUL 35, 1945. Report of Death issued 15 Nov 49. pmr ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION REPORT VERIFIED. CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED. (AS INDICATED BELOW) : PREVIOUSLY REPORTED E. A. NOTIFIED DATE AND AREA E. REL CORRES C. a.P. TELEGRAM CERTIF. SPEC. IDEN. REVIEWED BY REPORT NOT VERIFIED. DISTRIBUTION "A" DISTRIBUTION "B" COPIES CORIES 0 WE AGO FORM 0365 EDITION OF & JAH. 2845 MAY BE USED.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY O

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

## FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Fursuant 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 First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison, Army Serial Number 01318765. Infantry

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 10th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the.

11th day of September, 1945.

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\* Officer declined to designate anyone as his beneficiary.

Circumstances of Disappearance: Officer failed to rejoin his Company following its reorganization on the West bank of the Moselle River in France.

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Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 11 September 1945. This Report of Death is is sued 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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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

ADJUTANT GENERAL

General Dwight D. Eisenhower c/o War Department Washington, D. C. U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

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I am writing this to you because every other source has been exhausted. No doubt you will never read it.

I am writing in regards to

lst Lt. Thomas James Cullison, 01318765 llth Inf., Co. E. 5th Division 3rd Army

It has been 1 year and 10 months today since my boyfriend Tommy was killed at Metz. At least he is assumed dead since his body was never recovered from the Moselle River.

I hope that you will read this as a father and not as a hard boiled Army man, as the rest of the War Department seems to be.

I would truly like to write to someone in Tommy's outfit who returned from that battle on Sept. 10th. Someone who knew Tommy personnally and knew how he died. Someone who was associated with him during those last two months of his life.

Tommy's death has broken up his family. His father became an invalid and his is in a hospital in Pittsburgh. It will soon be two years that he has been shut in. The home has had to be sold. All of this has happened because Tommy wasn't coming home again. His parents have never felt that anything was really done to locate him. We never talk about him to each other without crying and I feel that we could have talked about him if only someone would tell us what happened. How he died and under what circumstances. Other than just saying there was a battle and they don't know what happened to Tommy. Was he brave and a credit to his outfit? I know he was, but it would mean a lot to have someone tell you that.

My brothers outfit were on the other side of the river and helped evacuate the 11th that night. Thanks to the secrecy of the War Department they didn't know Fommy was even there until I wrote where he was reported missing. He apparently tried to swim and no doubt was killed while swimming and drown. Someone must of seen him. I want to know what happened and whether he was killed instantly or if he tried to keep going. I can'take any kind of facts better than not knowing anything.

I know at the time it was impossible to search for bodies. But was the river ever dragged? I just read tonight of a boys body washing up in Penna after 8 months. His grandfather had watched for it all this time. There wasn't must left, but anything would be better than not even having a grave or any kind of memorial for Tommy.

You would have loved him. He was no ordinary boy. He was always a leader and full of fun. Loved golf and football, swimming, etc. Just a real American boy. But on top of all that was his kindness. Tommy never said anything mean about anyone or became angry. He didn't want to fight, but he knew he had too, and just because he wore glasses you stuck him in the God-damm infantry (to use his expression). He wanted the Air Corp and knew how to fly. Only his eyes kept him out. He always said he wasn't afraid of fighting and dying, but he sure would rather of sat down to do it. Lazy like all you men. But he made a good soldier and did his job well. Knowing what kind of a boy Tommy was, is why I'd like to hear from someone, or write to someone that knew him those last two months. I know you have records of the men and their service and where they live. Can't you please do that for me. I know it would make Tommy's mother feel better too and all the family. They all just worshiped him. So for one who gave all he could give won't you let us find out everything about him and his Army life. I don't mean to bother you really. Tommy, I believe was awarded the bronze Star for something in August. I believe his parents were notified eventually but they don't know what for. I also believe he received the Silver Star for this last battle. But again they only were notified by a Form letter. Couldn't you explain more about why he received these decorations. You know Tommy can never tell us of any of his experiences himself now. I hope that I haven't bothered you too much for I know how busy you are.

Sincerely,

/s/ Miss Ruth Moreland 208 Barth Avenue Mt. Lebanon Pittsburgh, Pa.

P. S. I would spend ever cent I ever earn to bring Tommy's body home if only it could be found.

AGPC-9 201 Cullison, Thomas 3. (10 Jul 48) 01318785

> First Lieutement Walter J. Seaborn, 01314963 Infantry Officer Replacement Pool Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas

James E. Zito (formerly captain) 2019 Sussex Lane Los Angeles, California

Clarence J. VanVelkinburg (formerly first lieutemant) Box 362 Santa Barbara, Galifornia

Helvin Welpert (formerly first lieutement) 3500 13th Street, M. W. Washington, D. G.

The records of the Mar Department show that Lieutenant Cullison was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for gallantry in action from 8 to 10 September 1944, near Bornet, France, and the Brenze Star Medal for meritorious service. In a letter from this office dated 19 Movember 1945, his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Gullison, was informed that these decorations would be forwarded to the Commanding General, Third Service Command, Baltimore, Maryland, (which has been redesignated as the Second Army, Baltimore, Maryland) for presentation to her. The full citation setting forth the details of the heroic action of her sen in connection with the award of the Silver Star was incorporated in this communication, copy of which is herowith inclosed. Mrs. Gullison was further advised that the award of the Bronze Star Medal was made for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 August to 10 August 1944. I am sorry that the full citation concerning this award is not available in the War Department.

Instead as The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel whose deaths occur overseas, a copy of your letter has been forwarded to that official for further direct reply to you.

Permit me to extend my deep sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

THARD E. WITSELD

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20 July 1946

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Dear Mes Moreland:

I have been requested to make further reply to your communication of 10 July 1946, addressed to General Misenhower, concerning your fiance, the late First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison.

The feelings which prompted your communication are most understandable and I realise how much it would mean to you and to Lieutenant Cullison's parents to receive full details regarding the circumstances surrounding his death. Information available in this office discloses that Lieutenant Cullison participated in an attempt to establish a bridgehead across the Moselle River in the vicinity of Dornot, France. The bridgehead became untenable and the men were ordered to withdraw. Your fiance was last seen swiming from the east bank of the river toward the opposite side and it is believed that he failed in trying to reach it. Due to the tactical situation and darkness which prevailed no search was possible.

Upon the expiration of twelve months absence, all available reports and records relative to the circumstances surrounding Lieutenant Cullison's disappearance were reviewed under the previsions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended. In view of the fact that twelve months had expired without the receipt of evidence to support a continued presumption of survival, the War Department terminated Lieutenant Cullison's absence by a presumptive finding of death as of 11 September 1945. His mother was advised of this finding in a letter of 11 September 1945, from this office.

The records show that former Technical Sergeant Richard L. Marnell was swimming with and slightly in front of Licutement Cullison and if you so desire you may communicate with Mr. Marnell at his home address, which is 263 Cleveland Avenue, Amsterdam, New York. I am also listing the names and present addresses of the officers who were members of Licutement Cullison's organisation at the time of his death.

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QMGYG 293 Cullison, Thomas J. S.N. 01 318 765

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERNASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

6 September 1946

Miss Ruth Moreland 208 Barth Avenue Mount Lebanon Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Moreland:

This office has been requested to furnish you information concerning your fiance, the late First Lieutenant Thomas J. Cullison.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in searching operations in an endeavor to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that your fiance's remains have been discovered.

Information being utilized by these searching units includes data gathered from captured enemy records, from reports submitted by various commanders as well as fellow soldiers, and from reports rendered after the interrogation of returned prisoners of war.

I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and identification of your fiance's remains. Please be assured that when further information is received, you will be informed with a minimum of delay.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Sincerely yours, MEMORIAL NOR BRANCH
JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
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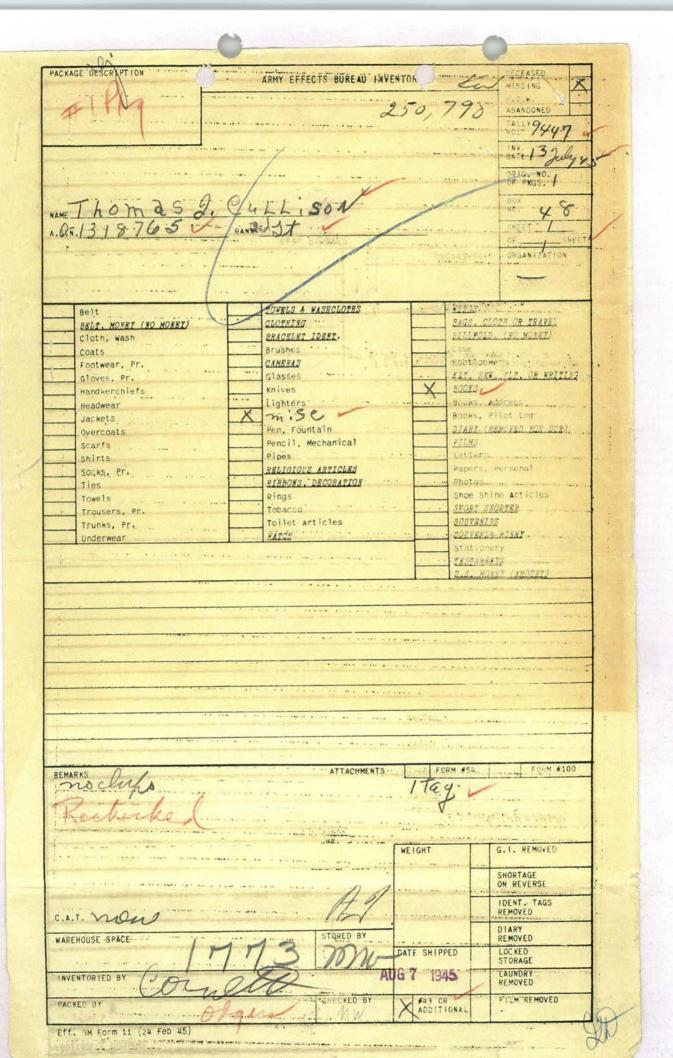
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#### ARMY SERVICE FORCES ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

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RTB:TS:jp October 9, 1945

Mrs. Mary K. Cullison 2336 Birtley Avenue Pittsburgh 26, Pennsylvania

250790

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son. First Lieutenant

These effects are being forwarded to you in one

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please

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I regret the circumstances prompting this letter. and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Officer-in-Charge

