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REVIEW

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

RUFFOLO BENNIE

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

36214242

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

11 SEPT 45

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

SPIRO

DATE

3 MAR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

KATZ

DATE

6 APR 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE			
NAME	GRADE	SERIAL NO.	
RUFFOLO, BENNIE	PVT	36 214 242	
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AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293 GRS European 1st Ind
 SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 27 October 1949

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

Submitted herewith are copies of all available dental information available for the following:

Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34254893
Hunt, Orville	Pfc	16006889
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt	34899335
Pihera, Joseph J.	S/Sgt	15013922
Weber, Ross W.	Pfc	16017602
Ruffolo, Bennie	Pvt	36214242
Leano, Joseph A.	T/5	32936045
Lobacz, Casimir P.	Pfc	36228207
McGregor, C. R.	Pfc	34147889
Pescik, Albin J.	Pvt	31274929
Van Dorn, James E.	Pfc	37503303
Van Horn, James B., Jr.	2/Lt	01303233
Vitousky, Charles F.	Pvt	33605102
Underwood, Wilburn	Pfc	34269372
Didello, Lewis S.	2/Lt	01326046

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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T. H. METZ
 Lt Colonel, QMC
 Memorial Division

AIRMAIL

20 March 1951

QMGMF 293
Ruffolo, Bennie
SN 36 214 242

Mrs. Sam Ruffolo
5011 - 22d Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Ruffolo:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Private Bennie Ruffolo.

It is with deep regret that your Government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your son's remains. Since all efforts to recover and/or identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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QMGMF 293
Ruffolo, Bennie
SN 36 214 242

20 March 1951

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Mrs. Regina H. Ruffolo
1029 Grand Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Ruffolo:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your husband, the late Private Bennie Ruffolo.

It is with deep regret that your Government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your husband's remains. Since all efforts to recover and/or identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your husband's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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As
cc: DPRB
Mailed direct

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS. <i>Regina H. Ruffolo</i>	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>1029 Grand Ave. Racine, Wisc.</i>		
RELATIONSHIP <i>Widow</i>			

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Ruffolo, Emma

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
<i>110-A</i>	<p><i>cc: DPRB</i></p> <p><i>Action #2</i></p> <p><i>Send similar ltr (110-A) to Parents:</i></p> <p><i>Mr. & Mrs. Sam Ruffolo</i></p> <p><i>5011-22nd Ave.</i></p> <p><i>Kenosha, Wisconsin</i></p>
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<i>110-C</i>	

GRADE
Private

SERIAL NUMBER
36 214 242

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE <i>Bennett 3/14/51</i>	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vicinity of Dornot, France		CASE NUMBER 15174
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Ruffolo, Bennie	RANK Pvt	SERIAL NUMBER 36 214 242
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:		
		INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		E.M.
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		E.M.
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		
REMARKS		
<p style="text-align: center;"> NAN FILE MAR 13 1951 Miller IDENTIFICATION BRANCH </p>		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
NAME OF CASE ANALYST E. Miller	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION Mary A. Edwards 1st Lt., QMC
		DATE MAR 13 1951

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

CASE NUMBER

15174 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Ruffolo, Bennie

RANK

Pvt

SERIAL NUMBER

36 214 242

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>ABK</i>	a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>ABK</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>ABK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>ABK</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>ABK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>ABK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		<i>ABK</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:

Missing in action 10 September 1944 in the vicinity of ~~Dangot~~, France

NAN
FILE

MAR 13 1951

Net
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

W. A. Wolf
W. A. WOLF

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

Mary A. Edwards
MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt QMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

John M. Neff
JOHN M. NEFF, Capt QMC

MAR 12 1951

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

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

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

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

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
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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.

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

Robert G. Lay

ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

Morici, Louis A.	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt	34 899 335	8 Sep 44
Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI)	Pvt	32 637 746	10 Oct 44
Paletta, Joseph F.	Pvt	32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	32 750 453	8 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, Jennie (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	20 Sep 44
Siple, Clayton L.	Pfc	36 168 398	13 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
Valdez, Joe M.	T/5	18 119 800	16 Sep 44
Wells, Thomas H.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
Wenzel, Peter H.	T/5	32 747 445	10 Oct 44
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

The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of
ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

ROSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD
FINDINGS OF NONRECOVERABILITY
TO ACCOMPANY PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE KIA OR MIA</u>
Addabbo, 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	35 835 516	2 Jan 45
Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34 254 893	8 Sep 44
Crews, Robert A.	Pfc	34 771 711	15 Oct 44
Cullison, Thomas J.	l/Lt	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	Pfc	36 227 925	8 Sep 44
Eaton, James A.	S/Sgt	32 855 293	12 Nov 44
Erardi, Joseph, Jr.	Pvt	32 254 567	15 Sep 44
Finlay, Robin L.	S/Sgt	37 071 020	17 Dec 44
Fisher, Syphes B.	Cpl	20 817 194	2 Jan 45
Fisher, Willard C.	Sgt	39 339 014	16 Sep 44
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pfc	33 843 709	8 Feb 45
Foy, Lloyd (NMI)	Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
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 (NMI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Hatch, Stewart H.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Clinton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar W.	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Holl, Richard L.	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Hunt, Orville (NMI)	Pfc	16 006 889	9 Sep 44
Johnson, Ervin M.	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Rodger E.	Pvt	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Keeley, Thomas F.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Kiger, Earl W.	Pfc	36 228 224	10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
Krepfia, Jerry J.	Cpl	32 796 241	10 Oct 44
Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pfc	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pvt	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.	Pfc	36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Maguire, John O.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	36 214 574	11 Sep 44
Mizutowicz, Walter M.	Pvt	36 950 283	19 Sep 44

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

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported 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. The 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 cessation 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-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

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

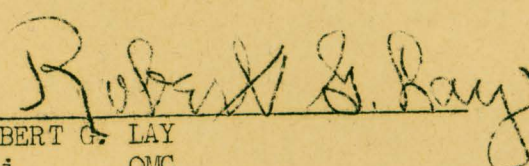
Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

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 G. 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

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 139)

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

LT COL EDWARD D. 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
ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

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

AG 704 Dead (23May 50)

WLN/10662a/gvg/10272

23 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

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

293 Ruffolo, Bennie (36214242) Pvt. rji

1. The following named persons Infantry, members of Company F and Company K, 11th Infantry Regiment were reported missing in action, not in flying or jump 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 (SR&D Case Number 4042):

Wright, James E.	1st Lt	0402766
Spear, Harold H.	T Sgt	36103576
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	36214574
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36568028
<i>293</i> <u>Ruffolo, Bennie</u>	Pvt	36214242

2. A "Missing Report", dated 23 September 1944, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, Personnel Officer 11th Infantry filed in Technical Sergeant Spear's Casualty Section file shows that he was a member of Company F, 11th Infantry and was reported missing in action on 10 September 1944. The pertinent part of the report is quoted:

"Mission: To establish bridgehead across the Moselle River.

"Point of Departure: Dornot, France." Date 8 September 1944

"Intended Destination: St. St. Blaise

"Last Known Whereabouts: Company C. P. the night of 10 September 1944.

"Brief Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance: This man was last seen at Company C. P. the night of 10 September 1944 just before withdrawal from bridgehead.

"Remarks: A search of the area was made after the withdrawal from the bridgehead but T/Sgt Spear could not be found. A check was made with the aid station to see if T/Sgt Spear had been evacuated but they had no record of having evacuated T/Sgt Spear."

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MAY 26 1950

AG 704 Dead (23 May 50)

a. The records indicate that First Lieutenant James E. Wright, also a member of Company F, 11th Infantry, was reported missing under the same circumstances as Sergeant Spear, although his files do not contain a "Missing Report."

b. Filed in the respective AG 201 files of Sergeant Matuszak and Private First Class Williams are "Missing Reports," dated 1 October 1944, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, Personnel Officer 11th Infantry. The "Missing Reports" are the same in essential detail in each case. The report concerning Sergeant Thaddeus S. Matuszak reads in pertinent part:

"Org: Co 'K', 11th Infantry

"Mission: Duty w/Co. in defense of bridgehead.

"Point of Departure: Bridgehead Ebb Moselle River
3/4 Mi from Dornot, France.

"Intended Destination: On the East bank of the River,
to recross to the West Bank, With the
Company.

"Last Known Whereabouts: on the east bank of the River.

"Brief Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance:
Company withdrawing across river from bridgehead at
night under enemy fire with scarcity of boats, many of the
men swam the river.

"Statement of Witnesses, If Any: Last seen at dark on the
night of withdrawal. At that time he was in good
health and had not been wounded.

"Remarks: Search of records of aid stations failed to
reveal his evacuation as wounded. Records of
other organizations do not show that he turned in any-
where. No physical check of the ground has been
possible."

c. Filed in the AG 201 file of Bennie Ruffolo is a first indorsement, dated 10 February 1945, from Headquarters, 11th Infantry, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, 11th Infantry Personnel Officer to the Commanding General, 5th Infantry

AG 704 Dead (23 May 50)

Division, which contains the following pertinent information surrounding the disappearance of this enlisted man:

"c. Private Bennie Ruffolo, Company 'K', 11th Infantry, was last seen after dark on the night of 10 September 1944 on the east bank of the Moselle River, at a point about three quarters of a mile east of the village of Dornot, France. Under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, the temporary bridgehead established on the east bank of the river became untenable and under cover of darkness, units of our forces were disengaging and withdrawing to the east (sic) bank of the Moselle. Because of the scarcity of boats and the fierce artillery barrage raking the riverbank, a number of men attempted to swim the river. When last seen Private Ruffolo was in good health and had not been wounded. A search of records of aid stations treating casualties failed to reveal his evacuation as wounded. No physical check of the ground was possible."

3. The captured German records contain no information relative to the subject persons, nor do the records of the Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information, at the present, on them.

4. The subject persons were members of Companies F and K, 11th Infantry Regiment which departed Dornot, France on 8 September 1944 to establish a bridgehead across the Moselle River, on the east bank about three quarters of a mile east Dornot, France. The 11th Infantry was under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, and their positions becoming untenable they were ordered to withdraw to the west bank of the Moselle River, under the cover of darkness, on the night of 10 September 1944. The records indicate that some of the men had to swim the river due to a scarcity of boats although there is no available record of any of the subject persons having attempted to swim the river. The subject persons were last seen on the east bank of the river just prior to the evacuation to the west bank. When the organizations were mustered on the morning of 11 September 1944 they were missing. The captured German records contain no information pertaining to the subject persons. Nothing has been seen or heard of them since.

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

AG 704 Dead (23 May 50)

Missing Persons Act and the issuance of an official report of death is not warranted.

Walter L. Nalls
Walter L. Nalls
Investigator

CONCUR:

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

Copy for:

CQMG, Mem. Div.
AG 201 file of each person named
in paragraph 1.

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BUFFOLO 36214242 INDCTN RECORD DATED 24 JUN 41 SHOWS TEETH MISSING ON BENNIE
R 6 8 15 16 L 6 8 15 TEETH RESTORABLE L 16 FORMS 79 NOT FOUND

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OCT 21 1949

J. A. Rosburg
Capt. . . .

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL RUFFOLD BENNIE			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 36214242		GRADE PVT
HEIGHT 5' 5 1/2"	WEIGHT 139 LB.	COLOR EYES BROWN	COLOR HAIR BLACK	SHOE SIZE NOT OF RECORD	DATE OF DEATH Presumed Sept. 11-45

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

CO. "K" 11th INF.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Missing in action France Sept. 10-44

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

STATION	DATES
Cp. Grant, Ill.	June 41
Cp. Roberts, Cal.	June 41
Cp. Callan, Calif.	Jan 42
Cp. Naan, Cal.	Mar. 43
Cp. Corson, Colo.	May 44
Ft. Meade, Md.	Jul. 44

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

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS Healed fracture, Rt. humerus 1924, N. S.	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS None
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June 24-41

DENTAL CHART

X 7 X 5 4 3 2 1 UPPER RIGHT	1 2 3 4 5 X 7 X UPPER LEFT
X 16 X 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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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) RUFFOLO, BENNIE		GRADE Pvt.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 36 214 242
ORGANIZATION Co "K" 11th INF.	RACE WHITE	CREED CATHOLIC	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 10 SEPT 44	CAUSE OF DEATH F.O.D.	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA FRANCE	
DATE OF FOD 11 SEPT 45	HEIGHT 5'8"	WEIGHT 157	COLOR EYES HAZEL
		COLOR HAIR BROWN	SHOE SIZE 9E

DENTAL CHART **24 JUNE '41**

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

X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS HEALED FRACTURE RT. HUMERUS 1924, M.S.	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK NONE
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



FILE
JUN 1 1948
E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMC
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

Ruffold, Bennie

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

ON ITEMS CHECKED

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH		FROM: Search Information Room 1538 - "B" Bldg - Dm	
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle) RUFFOLD BENNIE		<input type="checkbox"/> GRADE OR RANK PT	SERIAL NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/> EM 36 214 242 <input type="checkbox"/> OFF
<input type="checkbox"/> ORGANIZATION		<input type="checkbox"/> STATUS (Date)	<input type="checkbox"/> AG REPORT OF DEATH
<input type="checkbox"/> RACE	<input type="checkbox"/> CREED	REMARKS:	
<input type="checkbox"/> HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> WEIGHT		
<input type="checkbox"/> SHOE SIZE	<input type="checkbox"/> COLOR OF HAIR		
<input type="checkbox"/> DENTAL	<input type="checkbox"/> FRACTURES / BREAKS		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPECIFIC PLACE OF DEATH Last seen on East bank of Moselle river 3/4 of a mile east of Dornot France			
<input type="checkbox"/> S - R & D REPORT			
REVIEWER'S NAME Hops		DATE REQUESTED 20 May 48	

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Ruffolo, Bennie
SN 36 214 242

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

18 April 1946

Mrs. Sam Ruffolo
5011 22nd Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Ruffolo:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your son, the late Private Bennie Ruffolo, has been referred to this office.

I regret that I must inform you that information concerning the burial of the remains of your son has not yet been received in this office. However, our Graves Registration Forces in the field are making a complete and thorough search of all areas over which our men fought. All available information such as enemy reports of death and burial, either captured or transmitted through the International Red Cross, results of interrogation of returned Prisoners of War, statements made by natives of the localities being searched, and reports submitted by Commanding Officers and fellow soldiers who were in the vicinity at the time of the fatality, are being used to implement their efforts.

It is contemplated that all remains so recovered will be interred in established American Military Cemeteries pending the initiation of the Program of Repatriation. I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and the identification of your son's remains. Please be assured that when information is received that this is accomplished and his remains have been properly interred, you will be informed without delay.

This office wishes to extend its sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WM. B. CHRISTENSEN
1st Lieut., QMC
Assistant

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TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER INDICATED		CHECK ACTION	
TO: (Name, organization, building) 1. Director, Memorial Division, OQMG, Room 2035, Tempo B Washington 25, D. C.	INITIALS		CONCURRENCE
	DATE		SIGNATURE
2.			NOTE AND RETURN
			NOTE AND FORWARD
3.			COMPLETE ACTION
			CIRCULATE
			INFORMATION
			FILE

For appropriate attention.

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2 Inclosures



293 Ruffolo, Bernice

FROM: (Name, organization, building)
Inves & Corres Section, Casualty Branch
Room 4647, Munitions Bldg. MLE/jc

DATE
3 Apr 46
TEL 78438

AGPC-G 201 Ruffolo, Bennie
(16 Mar 46) 36214242

3 April 1946

Mrs. Sam Ruffolo
5011 22nd Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Ruffolo:

Reference is made to your letter of 16 March 1946, in which you request information concerning your son, Private Bennie Ruffolo.

The grief you have suffered since having been informed of your son's death is fully understood and I appreciate your desire to learn all the available details concerning the attending circumstances. The records of the War Department reveal the following pertinent information surrounding the disappearance of your son:

"Private Bennie Ruffolo was last seen after dark on the night of 10 September 1944, on the east bank of the Moselle River, at a point about three quarters of a mile east of the village of Dornot, France. Under constant enemy artillery and small arm's fire, the temporary bridgehead established on the east bank of the river became untenable and under cover of darkness, units of our forces were disengaging and withdrawing to the east bank of the Moselle. Because of the scarcity of boats and the fierce artillery barrage raking the river bank, a number of men attempted to swim the river. When last seen Private Ruffolo was in good health and had not been wounded. A search of the area failed to reveal any trace of him."

I am referring your inquiry, concerning the recovery of your son's remains, to the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., as that official has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

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

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5011 22nd Ave
Kenosha, Wis.
MaRch 16, 1946

War Dep't
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:--

Since no definite information has reached me regarding my son,
Private Bennie Ruffolo, 36214242, I'm writing for further information.

Please inform me if effort is being made at present to recover
any remnants of the soldier concerned.

Any information concerning the soldier named will be appreciated
very much.--- Thanking you in advance.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Mrs. Sam Ruffolo
5011 22nd Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

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

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

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Bennie Ruffolo, Army Serial Number 36,214,242, 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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Herbert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
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 AUTH'D	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS	None												
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)										
1 Jun 1913	Kenosha, Wisconsin	24 Jun 1941	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS								
			Over	three	years								

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Louise Ruffolo	Mother	5011 22nd Avenue Kenosha, Wisconsin

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Regina Hattie Ruffolo	Wife	1029 Grand Avenue Racine, Wisconsin
Mrs. Louise Ruffolo Mr. Albert Ruffolo	Mother Brother	5011 22nd Avenue Kenosha, Wisconsin

REMARKS

Distribution <u>56</u>
Circumstances of Disappearance: Soldier failed to rejoin his company following its withdrawal from a bridgehead across the Moselle River in France.
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