

293 SEARS, WYLEY V. 34 263 051 PVT. INF. EUROP.A. (GA.) '45Lm

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	DIVISION, BRANCH, SECTION, BUILDING AND ROOM NO.			<i>Hayden Mr. Rec.</i>	
DATE	SIGNATURE	DATE	SIGNATURE	<i>11/13/51</i>	<i>W. Brown</i>

QMGF 293
Sears, Wyley V.
SN 34 263 051

15 June 1951

Mrs. Clara W. Sears
Box 265
Lumber City, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Sears:

I am writing with reference to the letter from this Office dated 31 March 1949 concerning permanent burial of the remains of your son, the late Private Wyley V. Sears.

In the above mentioned letter, you were erroneously notified that the remains of your son were interred in Plot C, Row 8, Grave 8, in the United States Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland, rather than Plot G, Row 8, Grave 8, which is the correct location. Although every effort is made to avoid mistakes of this nature, it is indeed unfortunate that one does occur occasionally.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, OMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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cc: Liaison

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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		ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
MR. MISS Clara W. Sears MRS. /		Box 265 Lumber City, Georgia		
RELATIONSHIP				
mother				
PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS			
	<p>I am writing with reference to the letter from this Office dated 31 March 1949 concerning permanent burial of the remains of your son, the late Private Wyley V. Sears.</p> <p>In the above mentioned letter, you were erroneously notified that the remains of your son were interred in Plot C, Row, Grave 8, in the United States Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland, rather than Plot G, Row 8, Grave 8, which is the correct location. Although every effort is made to avoid mistakes of this nature, it is indeed unfortunate that one does occur occasionally.</p> <p>cc: Liaison Office by IRS</p>			
ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE		TYPIST INITIALS		REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
Jenkins 13 June 51				

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Sears, Wyley V.

GRADE
Pvt

SERIAL NUMBER
54 253 051

QMGM FORM 638
REV 1 APR 48

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
4	Liaison Office Mem Div	M & R Br	18 Jun 51	<p>QMGM 293 SEARS, Wyley V., Pct., 34 263 051</p> <p>1. File.</p> <p>2. Cy of correct final burial location ltr dtd 15 June 1951 addressed to Mrs. Clara W. Sears, has been furnished ABMC.</p> <p>3. No further action necessary.</p> <p>1 Incl 293 file (Sears)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>RJB</i> R. BRAID 71088</p>

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE
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OQMG FORM
REV 1 APR 48 638OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE				
1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1.	Liaison Office	Regis Br. Atten: Records Sec. Mrs. Franke	1 June 51	SEARS, WYLEY V., PVT. 34 263 051 1. You will note from the inclosed file that the Nol copy of the DD indicates that the soldier is interred in G-8-8-, Margraten. His NOK has been so advised. 2. The REGISTER OF PERMANENT BURIALS in Margraten indicates that the burial is in G-8-8. 3. ABMC (Capt. Bersbach) has asked for clarification. 4. It is requested that you ascertain which is the correct grave location; if the information furnished the NOK is incorrect, it is further requested that a correction letter be sent them and a copy furnished this office for transmittal to ABMC. <i>McDonald</i> MC DONALD 52322
	1 Incl. 293 file on SEARS.			
2	Records Section, Reg Br. Mem Div.	Liaison Office, Mem Div. THRU: Corresp Sect. Reg Br, Mem Div	12 June 1951	1. Records of this office have been amended to reflect final burial location of Pvt Wyley V. Sears, 34263051 in Plot G Row 8 Grave 8 Margraten, Holland. Cy of cables attached for your information. 2. Suggest Correspondence Section forward cy of corrected Grave Location Letter to Liaison Office. 293 file w/ cy of cables <i>LAY</i> LAY 73836 <i>P</i> POWERS 73836
3	Cor Sec Reg Br Mem Div	Liaison Office Mem Div	15 June 1951	QMGMF 293-Sears, Wyley V. Pvt 34 263 051 Inclosed herewith is corrected copy of Grave location letter forwarded as requested. <i>W</i> WARDIE 55641

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

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

<p>1. You will note from the inclosed file that the HQ copy of the HQ indicates that the soldier is inclosed in 0-8-8, inclosed. His HQ has been advised.</p> <p>2. The REGISTER OF PERMANENT BURLS in HQ- inclosed indicates that the burial is in 0-8-8.</p> <p>3. ARM (Capt. Berbach) has asked for clarification.</p> <p>4. It is requested that you ascertain which is the correct grave location; if the information furnished the HQ is incorrect, it is requested that a correction letter be sent them and a copy furnished this office for transmittal to ARM.</p> <p>1 Incl. 321 file on BEMIS.</p>	<p>1. Liaison Office Records Sec. Mrs. Frank</p> <p>1 June 51</p>
<p>2. Liaison Records Sec. Mrs. Frank</p> <p>1 June 51</p>	<p>1 Incl. 321 file on BEMIS.</p>
<p>MEMORIAL DIVISION JUN 1 4 42 PM '51 REGISTRATION BRANCH</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH MEMORIAL DIVISION JUN 15 12 46 PM '51 INCOMING</p>

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(GRAVES)

MAJ R. C. LAY
QMGMR 293
Sears, Wyley V. 34263051

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J. C. WHICHER
LT COL QMC MEM DIV

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ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH
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USMC: MARGRATEN

<p>1 ✓</p> <p>RECT: 3 ROW: GRAVE: 8 DATE OF BURIAL: 27 JAN 49 VERIFIED BY GRS OFFICER: WILLARD B OWEN, CAPT, INF.</p>		<p>I CERTIFY that the typed names appearing above are the same as the original signatures on Form No. 4 app. 1-1944 concerning DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE RAYMOND T RODRIGUEZ CWO USA W 2107008</p>	
<p>SECTION A— NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED</p>		<p>DIRECTIVE NUMBER 4650 14287</p>	<p>DATE 15 04 48 DAY MONTH YEAR</p>
<p>NAME SEARS WYLEY V</p>	<p>SERIAL NUMBER 34263051</p>	<p>RANK PVT</p>	<p>ARM 1</p>
<p>CEMETERY MARGRATEN - AACHEN</p>		<p>DATE OF DEATH 1 4601 80 DAY MONTH YEAR</p>	
<p>PLOT P</p>	<p>ROW 8</p>	<p>GRAVE 197</p>	<p>COUNTRY HOLLAND</p>
<p>DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1 4601 80 CODE DIST. PT.</p>		<p>CAUSE OF DEATH 1</p>	
<p>SECTION B— CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN</p>			
<p>NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE MARGRATEN, HOLLAND</p>		<p>NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN CLARA W. SEARS (MOTHER) BOX 265 LUMBER CITY, GEORGIA</p>	
<p>SECTION C— DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION</p>			
<p>NAME WYLEY V. SEARS</p>	<p>SERIAL NUMBER 34263051</p>	<p>RANK PVT</p>	<p>DATE OF DEATH 6 JULY 48</p>
<p>DATE DISTINTERRED 6 JULY 48</p>		<p>IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER</p>	
<p>ORGANIZATION USAGF</p>		<p>RELIGION P</p>	<p>IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY CLYDE E. STINGS CAPT FA NAME AND TITLE</p>
<p>SECTION D— PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT</p>			
<p>NATURE OF BURIAL BLANKET & MATTRESS COVER</p>		<p>CONDITION OF REMAINS ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION - MULTIPLE FRACTURES OF ENTIRE BODY - REMAINS CONSIST OF CLAVICAL THORACIC & LUMBAR VERTE</p>	
<p>OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION ROB FOR X 479 & EMBOSSED PLATE X-79 FOUND WITH REMAINS</p>		<p>BRAE, PART OF R/L FEMURS, PART OF R/TIBLA. FIBULA, R/L ILLIUM, CHARRED FLESH</p>	
<p>MINOR DISCREPANCIES NONE</p>			
<p>REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET</p>			
<p>DATE 6 JULY 48</p>		<p>BY FERRARS D. STEWART EMBALMER</p>	
<p>CASKET SEALED BY FERRARS D. STEWART</p>		<p>EMBALMER (Signature) FERRARS D. STEWART</p>	
<p>CASKET BOXED AND MARKED WILLIAM H. JONES DATE 6/7/48 BY CLERK RECORDER</p>		<p>SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY ALL TAGS MARKINGS PLATES VERIFIED BY : EDWARD H. DAY CAPT CAV</p>	
<p>I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.</p>			
		<p>EDWARD H. DAY SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR</p>	
<p>1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.</p>			

QMC FORM REV 15 MAR 46 1194

L. T. / RWL

FINAL LETTER SENT 31 MAR 1949

DATE 12 1949
NAME [Signature]

FORM 1118 1-1-58

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Handwritten notes and stamps at the bottom of the form, including a date stamp 'MAY 11 1958'.

31 March 1949

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 Pvt. Wyley V. Sears, ASN 34 263 051
 Plot G, Row 8, Grave 8
 Headstone: Cross
 Margraten (Holland) U.S. Military Cemetery

Mrs. Clara W. Sears
 Box 265
 Lumber City, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Sears:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN
 Major General
 The Quartermaster General

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 O. O. H. C.
 MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

RRE Form #43
20 Sep 48

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

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SEARS	WYLEY	V	PVT	34263051
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United States Military Cemetery MARGRATEN

STATION FILE

Incl #

NAME AND ARMY SERIAL NUMBER

UNKNOWN X-79

GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	AGE	RACE	NATIVITY	SERVICE YEARS
774 Tank Bn, Co B					
LOCATION WHERE TAGGED: Capt Cain, C.O. Vic of Aachen, Germany				DATE 27 Dec 44	HOUR

DIAGNOSIS: IF INJURY, STATE HOW, WHEN, WHERE INCURRED
KIA burned in tank

LINE DUTY: Yes
TREATMENT GIVEN:
Est. death 20 Dec 44

TETANUS TOXOID:	DOSE	TIME:
OR ANTITETANIC SERUM:	DOSE	TIME:
MORPHINE:	DOSE	TIME:
DISPOSITION:	DATE	HOUR

SIGNATURE, WITH RANK:
s/ C. W. Hanrath, Sgt.

Body burned beyond recognition.
One of three men who were in tank
4 at coordinates 09454515
attached to 83d Div, First Army

One dog tag found outside of tank
with following information - could
possibly be X-78 or X-79:

Sears, Wyley V.
34263051

s/ S/Sgt H. Yrjanson

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AR 30-18.50 ✓
 Classification *General*
 By Authority *The OMC*
 Signature *[Signature]*
 Date *2/27/19*

A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authority for administering oaths in cases of this character, one Staff Sergeant William J. Cambre, 14080040, Company "B", 774th Tank Battalion, who, having been read A.W. 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

"On or about 16 December 1944 while fighting in Gurzenich, Germany, my tank was knocked out and burned after receiving a direct hit on the fuel container of the flame-thrower. Private Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, tank driver and Private First Class Louis (NMI) Hovitz, 32214144, Light Machine Gunner were killed instantly. Private First Class Clarence (NMI) Watson, 35350588, Cannoneer, was killed while trying to get out of the tank turret by enemy machine gun fire and fell back inside the tank turret. Corporal Walter G. Czerwinski, 35283860, Tank Gunner, and myself, Tank Commander were the only two that succeeded in escaping from the tank."

Further deponent sayeth not.

William J. Cambre

WILLIAM J. CAMBRE
 S/Sgt, Company "B"
 774th Tank Battalion

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27th day of February 1945.

Roger D. Andrews

ROGER D. ANDREWS
 1st Lt, Inf (Armd) 774th Tank Battalion
 Adjutant.

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master*

ATTN: ~~Sgt~~ Edwards

Here are the remains of two men. They were evacuated to the 104th Collecting Point by men from the 3rd Bn of 413th Reg of the 104th Div. The following information was obtained from them

Louis Hovitz	322111111	-	Horvitz 774
Wyley V. Sears	34263051	-	774 Dog tags
Clarence Watson	35350588	-	774

ref

COORDINATES: 0945 4515
Tank No. B-4

Company Commander: Capt. Robt. Cain

They are from Co B. 774th Tank Bn., picked up beyond Gurzenich, Germany.

One of the three above men was believed to have been evacuated thru your point with dog tags. Check your list. Suggest contacting Capt. Cain for certificates

/s/ S/Sgt J. T. Kielney Jr.

Anyone of these men was not evacuated thru this point

/s/ R.C. Lybrook
R.C. LYBROOK
Maj. Inf.
83rd Div. GRO

Talbot
Lt. ~~Quar~~ - 3rd platoon

Received from collection team 783rd inf. to 104th. - - 104th TO 608

Talbot says that 83rd is out of line at present and Capt Cain should be able to come up or send one of his men to establish identity and sign certificate.

Sgt Emmerich:

Please contact cemetery personnel to see if they remember, or have record of, which of the two unknowns X-78 or X-79 was headless — We have identification for the headless one as a Wyley Sears, ^{resides} Mrs. Reparte of Burial near EMTs indicate which of two was headless.

Peris ✓

After a careful check was made on bodies referred to above it has been determined that Unk. X-79 is the one without a head.

Emmerich

Hdq

Off of the Comd Gen

293 GNMQM

APO 339

Subj: Ident. of Deceased U.S. Pers.

TO: CD, 83rd Inf Div, APO 83.

Ltr, requesting inf and search
regarding Unknown R-78 and X-79.
(filed with X-78)

~~For the C.~~

By comd LT Gen — :

GRS FILE
To AB: 8/2/45

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

APO 339

293 GWHQHQ

SUBJECT: Identification of Deceased U. S. Personnel

TO : Commanding General, 83d Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army

1. This headquarters is attempting to establish the identity of the bodies of two American soldiers, Unknown X-78 and Unknown X-79, both of whom were buried in the Ninth U. S. Army Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, on 12 January 1945.

2. Information available from Reports of Burial, attached, and Emergency Medical tags, indicated that these two unknowns may be identified as Louis Horvitz, 32211414, Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, or Clarence Watson, 3535-0588, all of whom are presumed to be members of Company "B", 774th Tank Battalion.

3. Information available also indicated that the three above men occupied Tank "B-4", that their personal remains were recovered from the burned out tank at coordinates F0945-4515, and were evacuated through the Graves Registration collecting point of the 104th Infantry Division.

4. It is requested that the Commanding Officer of Company "B", 774th Tank Battalion be contacted and that this headquarters be furnished all information available concerning the deaths of these two men, to include the area in which death occurred, the date, the positions occupied in the tank, a list of the crew members together with their present status, and statements from any personnel who may have escaped.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

1 Incl
2 GRS Forms #1
(Unknowns X-78, X-79)

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the QuartermasterAPO 339
4 February 1945

293 GNMQM

SUBJECT: unidentified deceased personnel

TO : quartermaster, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division,
APO 104, U. S. Army, (Attention: Graves Registration Officer)

1. This headquarters is attempting to establish the identity of the bodies of two American soldiers, Unknown X-78 and Unknown X-79, both of whom were buried in the Ninth U. S. Army Cemetery at Margraten, Holland on 12 January 1945.

2. Information available indicates that these two bodies were removed from Tank B-4, at coordinates 0945-4515 and that they were evacuated to the 104th collecting point by men from the 3d Battalion of the 413th Regiment. This information also indicates that there were three (3) bodies in the tank and that they were tentatively identified as Louis Horvitz, 32211414, Wyley V Sears, 34263051, and Clarence Watson, 35350588, all members of the 774th Tank Battalion. No information is available as to the disposition made with the third body.

3. It is requested that a thorough search be made of Graves Registration records to determine the basis of the above tentative identifications, the disposition made with the third body, and all other pertinent information which might contribute to the identity of these unknowns.

For the Army Quartermaster:

/s/ James E. McCormick, Jr
JAMES E. MCCORMICK, JR
Major, OMC
Asst Executive Officer

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ODQM, 104 Inf div., APO 104, U S Army, 15 Feb 1945

TO: OQM, IX U S ARMY, APO 339, U S Army, (Attn: Graves Registration Officer)

1. An extensive investigation of the above case has been made by this unit.
2. It can only be determined that two (2) bodies were removed from tank B-4 by Sgt Pocklington, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 413 Inf.
3. The two bodies were badly burned and almost completely beyond recognition.
4. They were removed from the driver and ass't drivers seats.
5. These bodies were evacuated to a collecting point occupied jointly by teams from the 603 QM Co servicing the 104 and 83 Divs.
6. These bodies were turned over to Sgt Kidney, 603 QM Co, who was in charge of the team servicing the 83 Div, as this Tank Bn was an attachment of the 83 Div.
7. These bodies were received on or about the 23 or 24 of Dec.
8. Collecting teams of 603 QM Co were relieved by 608 QM Co on 25 Dec 1944. These bodies were turned over to Lt Talbot, 608 QM Co, who was in charge of team attached to 83 Div, with all the available information.
9. Lt Talbot evacuated the bodies to IX Army Cemetery.
10. No information can be obtained as to any third body.
11. Recommend you contact Sgt Kidney, 603 QM Co, for further information.

/s/ Russell B Thomas
RUSSELL B THOMAS
Captain, Infantry
Div. GRO Officer

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293 GMMOM 2nd Inf
HEADQUARTERS NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY, Office of the Quartermaster, APO 339,
U. S. ARMY, 25 February 1945

THRU: Quartermaster, Headquarters First United States Army, APO 230,
U. S. ARMY

TO : Commanding Officer, 603d QM Graves Registration Company, APO 230,
U. S. ARMY

1. Attention is invited to basic communication and 1st Indorsement.
2. Request Sgt Kidney be contacted in an effort to obtain additional information towards identity of unknowns X-78 and X-79 (Margraten) and information regarding disposition of the third body, believed to be that of Wyley V. Sears, 34263051.

For the Army Quartermaster:

/s/ James E. McCormick, Jr
JAMES E. McCORMICK, JR
Major, QMC
Asst Executive Officer

1 Incl
2 Reports of Burial

QM 293.960 3rd Inf
HEADQUARTERS, FIRST U. S. ARMY, OQM, APO 230, U. S. ARMY, 27 February 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 603rd QM Graves Registration Co., APO 230, U. S.
ARMY

J.D.D.

4th Inf
Hq., 603rd QM Graves Registration Company, APO 230, U. S. ARMY, 10 March 1945
TO: Commanding General, First U. S. ARMY, APO 230, U. S. ARMY

1. Sgt Kidney had made a thorough investigation of the case stated in basic communication and has given all available information to the graves registration officer of the 104th Inf Division. A few days later he reported to Co Hq and said that he had done all that was possible on the case.
2. Subject soldier was sent to the 102nd Evac Hosp on 2 March 1945 and is still in one of the medical installations.

/s/ Robert M. Ferrell
ROBERT M. FERRELL
1st Lt., QMC
Commanding

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QM 293.960 5th Ind
HEADQUARTERS FIRST U. S. ARMY, OQM, APO 230, 15 March 1945

TO: Quartermaster, Ninth U. S. Army, APO 339.

J.R.H.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

AGO 339
12 February 1945

293 GNMOM

SUBJECT: Identification of deceased U. S. personnel

TO : Commanding General, First US Army, Rear Echelon, APO 230,
US Army (Attention: AG Casualty Division)

1. This headquarters is attempting to establish the identity of the bodies of two American soldiers, Unknown X-78 and Unknown X-79, both of whom were buried in the Ninth U. S. Army Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, on 12 January 1945.

2. Information available from reports of burial, attached, and emergency medical tags, indicated that these two unknowns may be identified as Louis Novitz, 32211414, Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, or Clarence Watson, 35350588, all of whom are presumed to be members of Company "B", 774th Tank Battalion.

3. Information available also indicates that the three above men occupied Tank "B-4", that their personal remains were recovered from the burned out tank at coordinates F0945-4515, and were evacuated through the Graves registration collecting point of the 104th Infantry Division.

4. It is requested that the commanding office of Company "B", 774th Tank Battalion be contacted and that this headquarters be furnished all information available concerning the deaths of these two men, to include the area in which death occurred, the date, the positions occupied in the tank, a list of the crew members together with their present status, and statements from any personnel who may have escaped.

For the commanding general:

/s/ M. J. Bartosik
M. J. BARTOSIK
Lt Col, AGC
Asst Adj Gen

1 incl
2 GRS forms #1
(Unknowns X-78, X-79)

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704/

1st Ind

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230, 14 Feb 45

TO: Commanding officer, 774th Tank Battalion

1. For compliance with basic communication.
2. There is no record at this headquarters of reports of burial pertaining to personnel listed in basic communication.

By command of Lieutenant General HODGES:

/s/ Treadwell Ruml
TREADWELL RUMBL
Major, A.C.D.
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl: n/c

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2d Ind

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HEADQUARTERS 774TH TANK BN, APO 230, U. S. Army, 17 Feb 1945.

TO: Commanding officer, Co B, 774th Tank BN.

For compliance with basic communication.

For the commanding officer:

/s/ Louis Platus
LOUIS PLATUS
CWO, USA, 774th Tank BN
Pers. Off.

1 Incl: n/c

C O P Y

C O P Y

AGBC
704/

3d Ind

REC/red

COMPANY "B" 774TH TANK BN, APO 230, U. S. Army, 19 February 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 774th Tank Bn., APO 230, U. S. Army

1. In compliance with basic communication, the following information is hereby submitted:

a. The following named enlisted men of Co B, 774th Tank Bn, were killed in action at coordinates WF 0945-4515 in tank "B-4" of this organization on 16 December 1944. Also listed is their duty and positions occupied in the tank at the time of death.

Pfc Louis (NMI) Hovitz, 32214144, Light Machine Gunner, Right front.
Pfc Clarence (NMI) Watson, 35350588, Cannoneer, left side of turret.
Pvt Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, Tank driver, left front.

b. following is a list of the tank crew and their present status:

S/Sgt William J. Cambre, 14080040, Tank Commander, present for duty.
Cpl Walter G. Czerwinski, 35283860, Tank gunner, transferred to 279th General Hospital, V Hosp. Gp., (Prov), APO 349, U. S. Army.
Pfc Louis (NMI) Hovitz, 32214144, Lt. Mach. Gunner, KIA 16 Dec 44.
Pfc Clarence (NMI) Watson, 35350588, Cannoneer, KIA 16 Dec 44.
Pvt Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, Tank driver, KIA 16 Dec 44.

2. In the latter part of January 1945, S/Sgt Paul Bunnell and Sgt Robert E. Ford, of this organization, who knew the enlisted men named in paragraph 1, reported to the GRO Margraten, Holland, but were unable to identify the bodies in question, because they were burned beyond recognition.

/s/ Robert E. Cain
ROBERT E. CAIN
Capt, Cav (Amd) 774th Tank Bn
Commanding

2 - Incls

1. Two GRS forms #1
(Unknown X-78, X-79)
2. Affidavit of S/Sgt William J. Cambre.

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4th Ind

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(12 Feb 45)

HEADQUARTERS 774TH TANK BATTALION, A.P.O. 230, U.S. Army, 25 February 1945.
TO: Commanding General, Ninth U.S. Army, A.P.O. 339, U. S. Army

Basic communication complied with.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ Louis Platus
LOUIS PLATUS
CWO, 774th Tank Bn.,
Pers. Off.

2 Incls n/c

C O P Y

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603rd CW Gr. Reg Co
APO 230, U. S. Army

23 February 1945

SUBJECT: Identification of Wylie V. Sears, 34263051.

TO : U. S. Army Cemetery, Margraten, Holland

1. I, the undersigned, certify that I processed and identified the remains of Wylie V. Sears, 34263051, on or about the 24 December 1944 at Eschweiler, Germany. The deceased was identified by a identification tag which was found on the chest of the remains.

2. At the time of processing the above there was another corpse which also was in a charred condition but was unidentified. The distinguishing difference between the two remains was that Wylie V. Sears was headless and the unidentified was not.

3. During the evacuation of the above deceased to the Ninth Army Cemetery at Margraten, Holland, the identification tag of Wylie V. Sears became detached from the remains.

4. At the cemetery these two deceased soldiers were buried as unknown because each lacked adequate information for identification.

5. After a careful survey of the records at the cemetery it was revealed that the two deceased soldiers were the only remains in that condition that were received at the cemetery at that time.

6. The reason for the above information is to identify Wylie V. Sears, ASN 34263051 who is buried as an unknown soldier.

/s/ Ralph H. Cragle
RALPH H. CRAGLE
S/Sgt

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signature of Officer or NCO at cemetery

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster

APO 339
28 March 1945

293 GNMQM(X-79 Margraten)

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown X-79 (Margraten)

THRU : Commanding Officer, 548th QM Bn, Hq & Hq Det, APO 339, U. S. ARMY

TO : Commanding Officer, 611th QM Graves Registration Company, APO 339,
U. S. ARMY.

1. Sufficient information has now been received from unit concerned to establish identification of Unknown X-79 (Margraten) as Pvt Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, Co "B", 774th Tank Battalion, who was killed in action in the vicinity of Gurzenich, Germany, on 16 December 1944.

2. It is requested that grave be appropriately marked, and that corrected Report of Burial be accomplished with a notation on the form that he was formerly designated as Unknown X-79 (Margraten).

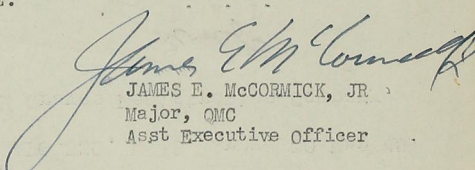
3. It is further requested that the following summary of correspondence accumulated in establishing this identification be entered on the corrected Report of Burial in the section labelled, "How were remains identified?".

"By correspondence with unit concerned which determined that:

- (1) Unknown X-79 was removed from same position in the same disabled tank as that occupied by Pvt Sears;
- (2) Provided affidavit of tank commander who witnessed death of Pvt Sears;
- (3) Provided statement of NCO who viewed remains of Unknown X-79 at a time when identification tags were still on body;
- (4) Provided statement of personnel who evacuated body of Unknown X-79 that condition of remains of Unknown X-79 was same as that of Pvt Sears, (both were headless)."

4. The designation "Unknown X-79 (Margraten)", will be considered a closed number and will not be used to designate any other unidentified deceased personnel buried in Margraten Military Cemetery #1.

By order of Colonel GOB:


JAMES E. McCORMICK, JR.
Major, OMC
Asst Executive Officer

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X-79M

~~RESTRICTED~~

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

1st Ind
Headquarters 548th QM Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army, 30 Mar 45.

To: Commanding Officer, 611th QM Graves Registration Company,
APO 339, U. S. Army.

waf
W. A. P.

2nd Ind

Headquarters 611th QM Graves Registration Co., APO 339, U. S. Army, 2 April 1945

THRU: Commanding Officer, 548th QM Bn., APO 339, U. S. Army

TO : Quartermaster, Headquarters Ninth U. S. Army, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. Basic communication complied with and corrected copies forwarded
herewith.

For the Commanding Officer:

Edwin J. Donovan
EDWIN J. DONOVAN
1st Lt., QMC
GRS Officer

1 Incl
Incl 1 - Report of Burial (GRS Form #1) (in quadruplicate)

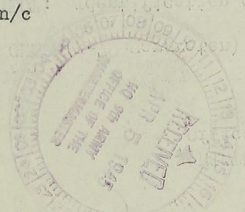
3rd Ind.

Hq 548TH QM BN., APO 339, U.S. Army, 4 April 1945.

TO: The Quartermaster, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U.S. Army.

waf
W.A.P.

1 Incl:
n/c



~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

3-18-48
333-4
Rgn

Pvt Wyley V. Sears, 34 263 051
Plot P, Row 8, Grave 197,
United States Military Cemetery
Mergraten, Holland

28 November 1947

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose. If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, Mrs. Clara W. Sears (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)
- WIDOW
 WIDOWER
 SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD
 DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
 FATHER
 MOTHER
 BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
 SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
 RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS. X Mergraten, Holland
 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

 (NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
 3. BE RETURNED TO _____, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
 (FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
 (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
 (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
 YES NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

None

See remarks p 42

Clara W. Sears

4/26/48

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PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.
 I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

OR
 I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
SEARS	Monroe	E.	Brother
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
	Lumber City	Telfair xxxx	Georgia

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)*

It is the family's wish that the remains be permanently interred
in the United States Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mrs. Clara W. Sears
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)
Mrs. Clara W. Sears
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

Box 265
(STREET AND NUMBER)
Lumber City, Georgia
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 5th day of December, 1947, at city (or town) of Melba, county of Telfair, and State (or Territory or District) of Georgia.

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

Jno. S. Stamps, Jr.
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
 Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large
My Commission Expires March 15, 1948.
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

If you are the next of kin a

I, THE _____
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 THE NEXT EXISTING PERSO

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE
NUMBER AND STREET

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SH

(S)

If you are NOT the next of

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU TH
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 SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO TH
NUMBER AND STREET

PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)
NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____ (DATE)

_____ (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) _____ (STREET AND NUMBER)

_____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) _____ (CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

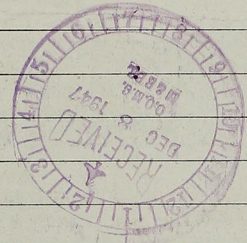
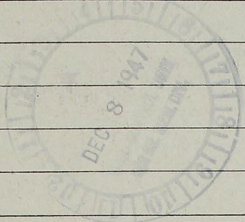
_____ (DATE)

_____ (SIGNATURE) _____ (STREET AND NUMBER)

_____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) _____ (CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIO

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.



Pvt Wyley V. Sears, 34 263 051
 Plot F, Row 8, Grave 197,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Margraten, Holland

28 November 1947

Mrs. Clara W. Sears
 Box 265
 Lumber City, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Sears:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
 Major General
 The Quartermaster General

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O. C. M. G.
 MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

14 October 1946

Mrs. Clara W. Sears
Box 265
Lumber City, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Sears:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private Wyley V. Sears, A.S.N. 34 263 051.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland, plot P, row 8, grave 197. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located ten miles west of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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GRAVES REGISTRATION
FORM NO. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

RESTRICTED
REPORT OF BURIAL

2 January 1945
Date

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

SEARS, Wyley Y. Pvt. Unknown 34263051
 Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.
 Unknown X-79
 774 Tank Bn. Co. B. 83rd. Div. 1st. Army.
 Unit Organization
 Vic. ~~VIC~~ Aachen, Germany -- ~~Est.~~ 20 Dec. 1944 KIA
 Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death
 1020 12 ~~Jan.~~ Jan. 1945 U.S. Mil. Cem., Argraten, Holland VK 645482
 Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location
 197 8 P Wooden Cross
 Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

If No Identification Tags (Identified by Field thru correspondence with unit which How were remains identified? showed that X-79 was removed from same position in tank as that occupied by Pvt Sears; provided affidavit of tank commander who witnessed death of Pvt Sears; provided statement of NCO who viewed remains while tags were still on body; provided statement of personnel who evacuated body.)

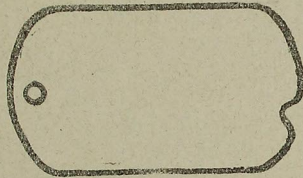
What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS form # 1 and embossed Plate.

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:	Centrell, Carl E.	37384288	Unknown	Unk.	196
Deceased's Right:	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	Claw, Jack W.	36822283	Unk.	Unknown	198
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee Unk. Name

Address

Religion Unknown.

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

None.

Edwin J. Donovan

EDWIN J. DONOVAN Officer or other person reporting burial

1st. Lt., QMC GRS Officer

611 QM Gr. Reg. Co.

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

H.O. 908, 9/5/44, 500M/87.

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IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take These You Can, and fill in the following:

Height:
 Weight: **Unk.**
 Color of Eyes: **Unk.**
 Color of Hair: **Unk.**
 Race:
 Laundry Marks:
 Number of Rifle: **Unk**
 Wear Glasses?
 Is Tooth Chart Attached? **No.**

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Body was burned beyond recognition. Fingerprints and tooth chart could not be taken.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Body is one of three M which were in tank E-4 at coords. 0945-4515. Attached to 83rd. Div. 1st. Army. One I.D. tag found outside of tank could possibly be X-78 or X-79

Sears, Wyley V. ASN: 34263051

Left Hand

Right Hand

Thumb

Thumb

TOOTH CHART

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

Deceased's Left														Deceased's Right																		
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Upper														Lower																		

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ∩ linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data:

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QM 293,960 5th Ind
HEADQUARTERS FIRST U. S. ARMY, OCM, APO 230, 15 March 1945

TO: Quartermaster, Ninth U. S. Army, APO 339.

J.R.W.

C O P Y

293 GNMOM 2nd Ind
 HEADQUARTERS NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY, Office of the Quartermaster, APO 339,
 U. S. Army, 25 February 1945

THRU: Quartermaster, Headquarters First United States Army, APO 230,
 U. S. Army

TO : Commanding Officer, 603d QM Graves Registration Company, APO 230,
 U. S. Army

1. Attention is invited to basic communication and 1st Indorsement.

2. Request Sgt Kidney be contacted in an effort to obtain additional information towards identity of unknowns X-78 and X-79 (Margraten) and information regarding disposition of the third body, believed to be that of Wyley V. Sears, 34263051.

For the Army Quartermaster:

/s/ James E. McCormick, Jr
 JAMES E. McCORMICK, JR
 Major, QMC
 Asst Executive Officer

1 Incl

2 Reports of Burial

QM 293.960 3rd Ind
 HEADQUARTERS, FIRST U. S. ARMY, OQM, APO 230, U. S. Army, 27 February 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 603rd QM Graves Registration Co., APO 230, U. S.
 Army

J.D.D.

4th Ind
 Hq., 603rd QM Graves Registration Company, APO 230, U. S. Army, 10 March 1945

TO: Commanding General, First U. S. Army, APO 230, U. S. Army

1. Sgt Kidney had made a thorough investigation of the case stated in basic communication and has given all available information to the graves registration officer of the 104th Inf Division. A few days later he reported to Co Hq and said that he had done all that was possible on the case.

2. Subject soldier was sent to the 102nd Evac Hosp on 2 March 1945 and is still in one of the medical installations.

/s/ Robert M. Ferrell
 ROBERT M. FERRELL
 1st Lt., QMC
 Commanding

C O P Y

COPY

603rd CG. Reg Co
APO 230, U. S. Army

23 February 1945

SUBJECT: Identification of Wylie V. Sears, 34263051.

TO : U. S. Army cemetery, Margraten, Holland

1. I, the undersigned, certify that I processed and identified the remains of Wylie V. Sears, 34263051, on or about the 24 December 1944 at Eschweiler, Germany. The deceased was identified by a identification tag which was found on the chest of the remains.

2. At the time of processing the above there was another corpse which also was in a charred condition but was unidentified. The distinguishing difference between the two remains was that Wylie V. Sears was headless and the unidentified was not.

3. During the evacuation of the above deceased to the Ninth Army Cemetery at Margraten, Holland, the identification tag of Wylie V. Sears became detached from the remains.

4. At the cemetery these two deceased soldiers were buried as unknown because each lacked adequate information for identification.

5. After a careful survey of the records at the cemetery it was revealed that the two deceased soldiers were the only remains in that condition that were received at the cemetery at that time.

6. The reason for the above information is to identify Wylie V. Sears, ASN 34263051 who is buried as an unknown soldier.

/s/ Ralph H. Cragle
RALPH H. CRAGLE
S/SGT

COPY

 signature of officer or NCO at cemetery

C O P Y

ODQM, 104 Inf Div., APO 104, U S Army, 15 Feb 1945

TO: OQM, IX U S ARMY, APO 339, U S Army, (Attn: Graves Registration Officer)

1. An extensive investigation of the above case has been made by this unit.
2. It can only be determined that two (2) bodies were removed from tank B-4 by sgt Pocklington, Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 413 Inf.
3. The two bodies were badly burned and almost completely beyond recognition.
4. They were removed from the driver and ass't drivers seats.
5. These bodies were evacuated to a collecting point occupied jointly by teams from the 603 QM Co servicing the 104 and 83 Divs.
6. These bodies were turned over to sgt Kidney, 603 QM Co, who was in charge of the team servicing the 83 Div, as this Tank Bn was an attachment of the 83 Div.
7. These bodies were received on or about the 23 or 24 of Dec.
8. Collecting teams of 603 QM Co were relieved by 608 QM Co on 25 Dec 1944. These bodies were turned over to Lt Talbot, 608 QM Co, who was in charge of team attached to 83 Div, with all the available information.
9. Lt Talbot evacuated the bodies to IX Army Cemetery.
10. No information can be obtained as to any third body.
11. Recommend you contact sgt Kidney, 603 QM Co, for further information.

/s/ Russell B Thomas
 RUSSELL B THOMAS
 Captain, Infantry
 Div. GRO Officer

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COMPANY "B" 774TH TANK BN, APO 230, U. S. Army, 19 February 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 774th Tank Bn., APO 230, U. S. Army

1. In compliance with basic communication, the following information is hereby submitted:

a. The following named enlisted men of Co B, 774th Tank Bn., were killed in action at coordinates WF 0945-4515 in tank "B-4" of this organization on 16 December 1944. Also listed is their duty and positions occupied in the tank at the time of death.

Pfc Louis (NMI) Hovitz, 32214144, Light Machine Gunner, Right front.
Pfc Clarence (NMI) Watson, 35350588, Cannoneer, Left side of Turret.
Pvt Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, Tank driver, Left front.

b. Following is a list of the tank crew and their present status:

S/Sgt William J. Cambre, 14080040, Tank Commander, Present for duty.
Cpl Walter G. Czerwinski, 35283860, Tank Gunner, Transferred to 279th General Hospital, V Hosp. Gp., (Prov), APO 249, U. S. Army.
Pfc Louis (NMI) Hovitz, 32214144, Lt. Mach. Gunner, KIA 16 Dec 44.
Pfc Clarence (NMI) Watson, 35350588, Cannoneer, KIA 16 Dec 44.
Pvt Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, Tank driver, KIA 16 Dec 44.

2. In the latter part of January 1945, S/Sgt Paul Bunnell and Sgt Hobart E. Ford, of this organization, who knew the enlisted men named in paragraph 1, reported to the GRO Margraten, Holland, but were unable to identify the bodies in question, because they were burned beyond recognition.

/s/ Robert E. Cain
ROBERT E. GAIN
Capt, Cav (Armd) 774th Tank Bn
Commanding

2 - Incls

1. Two GRS Forms #1
(Unknown X-78, X-79)
2. Affidavit of S/Sgt William J. Cambre.

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(12 Feb 45)

HEADQUARTERS 774TH TANK BATTALION, A.P.O. 230, U.S. Army, 25 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth U.S. Army, A.P.O. 339, U. S. Army

Basic communication complied with.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ Louis Platus
LOUIS PLATUS
CWO, 774th Tank Bn.,
Pers. Off.

2 Incls n/c

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230, 14 Feb 45

TO: Commanding Officer, 774th Tank Battalion

1. For compliance with basic communication.
2. There is no record at this headquarters of Reports of Burial pertaining to personnel listed in basic communication.

By command of Lieutenant General HODGES:

/s/ Treadwell Ruml
TREADWELL RUMI
Major, A.C.D.
Ass't Adjutant General

1 incl: n/c

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HEADQUARTERS 774TH TANK BN, APO 230, U. S. Army, 17 Feb 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Co B, 774th Tank Bn.

For compliance with basic communication.

For the commanding officer:

/s/ Louis Platus
LOUIS PLATUS
CWO, USA, 774th Tank Bn
Pers. Off.

1 incl: n/c

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

APO 339
12 February 1945

293 GNMQM

SUBJECT: Identification of deceased U. S. personnel

TO : Commanding General, First US Army, Rear Echelon, APO 230,
US Army (Attention: AG Casualty Division)

1. This headquarters is attempting to establish the identity of the bodies of two American soldiers, Unknown X-78 and Unknown X-79, both of whom were buried in the Ninth U. S. Army Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, on 12 January 1945.

2. Information available from Reports of Burial, attached, and Emergency Medical Tags, indicated that these two unknowns may be identified as Louis Novitz, 32211414, Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, or Clarence Watson, 35950588, all of whom are presumed to be members of Company "B", 774th Tank Battalion.

3. Information available also indicates that the three above men occupied Tank "B-4", that their personal remains were recovered from the burned out tank at coordinates P0945-4515, and were evacuated through the Graves Registration collecting point of the 104th Infantry Division.

4. It is requested that the commanding office of Company "B", 774th Tank Battalion be contacted and that this headquarters be furnished all information available concerning the deaths of these two men, to include the area in which death occurred, the date, the positions occupied in the tank, a list of the crew members together with their present status, and statements from any personnel who may have escaped.

For the commanding general:

/s/ M. J. Bartosik
M. J. BARTOSIK
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl
2 GRS Forms #1
(Unknowns X-78, X-79)

C O P Y

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293 - *Sears v. Wyley v.* AFFIDAVIT

personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authority for administering oaths in cases of this character, one staff sergeant William J. Cambre, 14080040, Company "B", 774th Tank Battalion, who, having been read A. W. 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

"On or about 16 December 1944 while fighting in Gurzenich, Germany, my tank was knocked out and burned after receiving a direct hit on the fuel container of the flame-thrower. Private Wyley v. Sears, 34263051, tank driver and private First Class Louis (NMI) Hovitz, 32214144, Light Machine Gunner were killed instantly. Private First Class Clarence (NMI) Watson, 35350588, Cannoneer, was killed while trying to get out of the tank turret by enemy machine gun fire and fell back inside the tank turret. Corporal Walter C. Czerwinski, 35283860, Tank Gunner, and myself, Tank Commander were the only two that succeeded in escaping from the tank."

further deponent sayeth not.

/s/ William J. Cambre
WILLIAM J. CAMBRE
S/sgt, Company "B"
774th Tank Battalion

sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day of February 1945.

/s/ Roger D. Andrews
ROGER D. ANDREWS
1st Lt, Inf (Armd) 774th Tank Battalion
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster

APO 339
4 February 1945

293 GNMOM

SUBJECT: Unidentified deceased personnel

TO : Quartermaster, Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division,
APO 104, U. S. Army, (Attention: Graves Registration Officer)

1. This headquarters is attempting to establish the identity of the bodies of two American soldiers, unknown X-78 and unknown X-79, both of whom were buried in the Ninth U. S. Army Cemetery at Margraten, Holland on 12 January 1945.

2. Information available indicates that these two bodies were removed from Tank B-4, at coordinates 0945-4515 and that they were evacuated to the 104th collecting point by men from the 3d Battalion of the 413th Regiment. This information also indicates that there were three (3) bodies in the tank and that they were tentatively identified as Louis Horvitz, 32211414, Wyley V. Sears, 34263051, and Clarence Watson, 35350588, all members of the 774th Tank Battalion. No information is available as to the disposition made with the third body.

3. It is requested that a thorough search be made of Graves Registration records to determine the basis of the above tentative identifications, the disposition made with the third body, and all other pertinent information which might contribute to the identity of these unknowns.

For the Army Quartermaster:

/s/ James E. McCormick, Jr
JAMES E. MCCORMICK, JR
Major, OMC
Asst Executive Officer

C O P Y

Sgt EMMERICK.

Please contact cemetery Personnel to see if they remember or have record of, which of the two unknowns X-78 or X-79 was headless. - We have identification for the headless one as a Wyley Ears, but neither Reports of Burial nor EMT indicate which of two was headless.

/s/t/ (illegible)

After a careful check was made on bodies referred to above it has been determined that Unknown X-79 is the one without a head.

/s/t/ EMMERICK

DD FORM 115
7 May 1945

BURIAL INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

ASN

GRADE

292 SEARS, WYLEY V.

34263051

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

PLACE

DATE OF BURIAL

DATE OF REBURIAL

U.S. MIL. CEMETERY, MARGRATEN, HOLLAND

2 April 1945

REMARKS

Burial Report received. Case under investigation. Identification Section.

X79 P-8-197

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File
24 Oct 45
Aem

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

mlb/tel/4626

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 5 January 1945

FULL NAME Sears, Wyley V.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 34263051	GRADE Pvt.	
HOME ADDRESS Towns, Georgia		ARM OR SERVICE Inf.	DATE OF BIRTH 25 Jul 1917	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 16 Dec 1944
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 5 Mar 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Clara W. Sears, Mother, Box 265, Lumber City, Georgia.				
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Clara W. Sears, Mother, same as above. Mr. Monroe E. Sears, Brother, Rt. #1, Towns, Ga.				
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
				NO
				X
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)				
YES	NO			

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

Evidence of death rec'd in WD 30 Dec 1944.

COPIES FURNISHED:

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2. O. C. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
J. P. Carl
ADJUTANT GENERAL

WD AGO FORM 52-1
1 DECEMBER 1944

THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 29 MAY 1944, WHICH STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

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

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REPORT OF DEATH

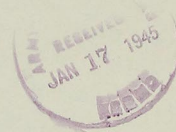
DATE 5 January 1945

FULL NAME Sears, Wyley V.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 34263051		GRADE Pvt.	
HOME ADDRESS Towns, Georgia		ARM OR SERVICE Inf.		DATE OF BIRTH 25 Jul 1917	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 16 Dec 1944	
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Clara W. Sears, Mother, Box 265, Lumber City, Georgia.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Clara W. Sears, Mother, same as above. Mr. Monroe E. Sears, Brother, Rt. #1, Towns, Ga.					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
					X
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)					
YES	NO				

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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GHG:AC:cl
July 2, 1945

Mrs. Clara W. Sears
Box 285
Lumber City, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Sears:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your son, Private Wyley V. Sears.

This property, consisting of a new testament, is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: _____

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal effects belonging to your

This property is being forwarded to you in and should reach you in the near future.

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 the return of the owner, who has been reported missing in action. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

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.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your

Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

(Signature of Bailee)

(Date)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Clara W. Sears

Box 265

SHIP TO:
Pvt. Wyley V. Sears

Lumber City, Georgia

Effects of:
Name

34263051

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ASN

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 2 July 1945

GHG:AC:cl

H. W. Wierstock

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check
 Acct. No. _____
 Amount _____
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove C.I.
 Note discrepancy in _____
 Films removed
 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch
 Warehouse Division
 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

1 pkg

REMARKS:

Ship damaged item

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Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Pmt. Chgs. _____
No. of packages _____

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Shipping Clerk

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

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DECEASED	
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P.O.W.	
ABANDONED	
TALLY NO.	8375 ✓
INV. DATE	14 June 45 ✓
ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	1 ✓
BOX NO.	68 ✓
SHEET	1 ✓
OF SHEETS	
ORGANIZATION	Co. B. 774 Tank Bn.

NAME Wyley V Sears
A.S.N. 34263051 RANK Pvt.

Belt	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	RINGS
BELT MONEY (NO MONEY)	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, wash	BRACELET IDENT.	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
Coats	Brushes	Case
Footwear, Pr.	CAMERAS	Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.	Glasses	KEY, SEW, TYP, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs	Knives	BOOKS
Headwear	Lighters	Books, address
Jackets	MISC.	Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	Pen, Fountain	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUP)
scarfs	Pencil, Mechanical	FLMS
Shirts	Pipes	Letters
Socks, Pr.	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	Papers, Personal
Ties	ELBRONS, DECORATION	Photos
Towels	Rings	Shoe shine articles
Trousers, Pr.	Tobacco	SHORT SHORTER
Trunks, Pr.	Toilet articles	SOUVENIRS
Underwear	WATCH	SOUVENIR MONEY
		stationery
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS Mother

ATTACHMENTS

FORM #54

FORM #100

Mrs Clara W Sears
Box 265
Lumber City, Ga.

Inventory
Sub. Dr. Label

Note testament Daddy torn

C.A.T. none

WAREHOUSE SPACE

STORIED BY

WEIGHT

G.I. REMOVED

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IDENT. TAGS REMOVED

DIARY REMOVED

INVENTORIED BY

DATE SHIPPED

LOCKED STORAGE

LAUNDRY REMOVED

PACKED BY

CHECKED BY

NO. 3 OR ADDITIONAL

FILM REMOVED

Eff. 04 Form 11 (24 Feb 45)

DAMAGED

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

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AMOUNT

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

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

C.I. REMOVED

NAME BEARS, WYLEY V. PVT. 6305

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	11	68	8375

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
CTN.		

Eff. QM Form 48

R E S T R I C T E D
INVENTORY FORM

21 December 1944
Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Sears Wyley V. Pvt. 34263051
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO _____ US Army

The above named individual of Co. B., 774th Tank Battalion
(Unit) (Organization)

was reported KIA about 16 December 1944.
Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Mrs. Clara W. Sears-Mother
Box 265, Lumber City, Ga.

I N V E N T O R Y O F E F F E C T S

1 ea. New Testament ✓

Money in the amount of _____ has been turned into _____
(Name of finance office and
symbol number) Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

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 _____ 194____.
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Robert E. Cain
Name ROBERT E. CAIN

Rank & ASN Capt. 0374537

Organization Co. B., 774th Tk. Bn.

Any additional pertinent information:

TO:

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT
KANSAS CITY, MO., U.S.A.

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF:

SEARS, WYLEY, V.
3426305

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KIA.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER CZ
APO 513, U. S. ARMY

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Summary Court-Martial
 ARMY SERVICE FORCES
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
 601 Hardesty Avenue
 Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRM:AC:cl

Case No. 548489

Date, 2 July 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Wiley V. Sears 34289051 late a
 (Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Private, Infantry who died
 (Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
 on the 16 day of December, 1944, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KQQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. _____.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt _____, Incl. _____)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 27 June 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 223, Headquarters KQQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Clara W. Sears for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Clara W. Sears of Box 285, Lumber City State of Georgia, is the Mother of the above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)
 SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL

10/3/49

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OQMG DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC

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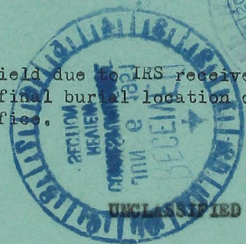
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FOR RECORD ONLY:

Clarification requested from field due to IRS received from Liaison Office (Mrs. McDonald) indicating discrepancy in final burial location of records. Copy of cable and reply to be furnished Liaison Office.



(GRAVES)

MEMORANDUM DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

JUN 6 3 33 PM '51

MAJ R. C. LAY

QMGMR 293
Sears, Wyley V. 34263051

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J. C. WHICHER
LT COL QMG MEM DIV

Amc

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P.O. BOX 121
JUN 6 3 20 PM '51

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI FROM THE SAC, BOSTON (100-100000) (P)
RE: [Illegible]

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RPT
JUN 6 1951



ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

JUN 6 3 13 PM '51

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Classification requested from field office...
and reply to be furnished liaison officer.

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JUN 6 1951