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REQUEST FOR RECORDS (AR 345-210)		DATE OF REQUEST 7/5/56/N/T 7-63	DATE RECORDS MUST BE RETURNED (To be completed by office of record) 8/6/56	NO. A 217440	
OFFICE OF RECORD JUL 11 1956					
a. NAME Technical Services Records Section		b. ADDRESS 219 N. Rex St Alexandria, Va.			
2. RECORDS REQUESTED (Give File classification, Subject, Date, and Other Identifying Information, or if Military Personnel Records are requested, give Name, Grade, Service Number, Purpose for which records are to be used and check box(es) below)					
293 - Basler, Willard J, 38021068					
SUSPEND DATE 8-5-56 RETURN TO M & R BR. B-3 OR REQUEST EXTENSION 189					
☐ ALL		☐ 201 FILE	☐ HISTORICAL 201	☐ CURRENT 201	☐ ENLISTED RECORD
☐ EFFICIENCY FILE		☐ CURRENT EFFICIENCY	☐ HISTORICAL EFFICIENCY	☐ CLASSIFICATION RECORDS	
3. PERSON REQUESTING RECORDS					
a. DURATION OF TIME RECORDS NEEDED (Estimate)	b. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Authorized Person) VanKlever / Dennis / xdst			c. EXTENSION 54506	
	d. ADDRESS O P M G 1066 T-11B			e. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON	
4. SEARCHER'S REPORT					
a. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY	b. RECORDS CURRENTLY CHARGED TO (Last name, first name, middle initial)			e. DATE	
	c. ADDRESS			d. EXTENSION	f. INITIALS
5. RETURN RECORDS TO ADDRESS INDICATED IN ITEM NUMBER 1		a. DATE	b. SIGNATURE OR INITIALS		
INSTRUCTIONS			CAUTION		
1. All requests must be signed by an individual authorized to withdraw personnel or subject records. 2. Attached unclassified records may be transferred to another person by completing a transfer coupon below and forwarding it to the office of record indicated in item number 1 above. 3. Classified records will not be transferred to another person but will be returned to the office of record for recharge.			THESE RECORDS WILL BE USED FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES ONLY. DO NOT REMOVE, PERMIT TO BE REMOVED, ADD TO, NOR REVEAL THE CONTENTS TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS.		

INTER - AGENCY DOCUMENT REQUEST				[T9-561]		← STAMP CLASSIFICATION IF APPLICABLE	
TO: <i>PM Lt McLaughlin</i>		FROM: <i>1526 TB 54033</i>		DATE OF REQUEST		CHARGE NUMBER <i>92</i>	
DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL						LENDING AGENCY REPORT	
SOURCE/AUTHOR (<i>Originating Agency and Post or Individual</i>)						DATE DUE	
TITLE/SUBJECT <i>293 BASLER, Willard F. 38021068</i>						MILITARY RECORDS SECTION ARMY-AIR FORCE DEFENSE-UNIT GSA R3 FRC BUILDING 12 Franklin & Union Sts. Alexandria, Va.	
						RETAIN	
☐ INCLOSURE ONLY						NO RECORD	
						RESERVED FOR USE OF LENDING AGENCY <i>9/1/59 Rep 021838 Rout A-9</i>	
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MATERIAL IS REQUESTED FOR		RETENTION ONLY		RETENTION OR LOAN (<i>Specify loan period</i>)			
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MATERIAL RECEIVED		DATE		SIGNATURE			
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CONTROLLED CASE

NAME BASLER, WILLARD F.		GRADE S/Sgt	SERIAL NO. 38 021 068
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
☒ LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials)	
☒ IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials) Wasson	
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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)

BASLER

WILLARD

F

RANK

SSG

SERIAL NUMBER

38 021 068

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

17 DEC 44

AREA OF DEATH

GERMANY

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

REMARKS

DATE 24 June 1955

INDEX: 293 BASLER, WILLARD F. 38021068

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Message

TO: Departure of Remains, etc.

FROM:

SUMMARY:

FILED: 293 WEBB, Lawrence R. 34,087,762

INDEXER:

REMARKS:

DA FORM 1 FEB 49 450-5-C (FEB 49) REPLACES WD AGO FORM 450-5-C, 1 NOV 44, WHICH MAY BE USED.

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Mr Basler, Willard F. 38,021,068

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FOR SAS (M) FROM QMGMO 1016 THOMAS

ADVANCE

RQST NO RPT NO ~~DAVANCE~~ TELEGRAM BE DISPATCHED FOR REMAINS S/SGT WILLARD
F BASLER 38 021 068 CONSIGNED YOUR DC FROM NY-125-R. HOWEVER ROUTINE TELEGRAM
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R. J. THOMAS LT COL QMC
memorial division

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FROM BAB SAS 181 /M/ QMG FOR QMG MJ PD SHPMT WW II PD REMAINS S SGT WILLARD

293 F BASLER 38 021 068 ESCORTED BY SFC CARL W JUNGMAN DEPARTING JERSEY CITY

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IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMO 293

Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum

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

8 June 1955

SUBJECT: Disinterment Directive

TO: Commanding Officer
USAREUR QM Mortuary Detachment
7770th Army Unit
APO 757 New York, New York

1. Forwarded herewith are copies 1 thru 4 of Disinterment Directive for Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler, 38021068.

2. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
DD (in quad)

R. J. THOMAS
Lt Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

MTS 293 GR

1st Ind

Headquarters, USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770th Army Unit
APO 757, New York, N. Y., 13 June 1955

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

Receipt acknowledged.

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w/d

S. GIBBS
Lt Col, QMG
Commanding

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293 Basler, Willard F 38021068

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AIR MAIL

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Receipt acknowledged.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

5. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

Discontinue for staff sergeant William F. Butler, 38051008.

1. Forwarded herewith are copies 1 thru 4 of Disbursement

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TO:

Commanding Officer

SUBJECT: Disbursement Discontinue

Discontinue/Staff Sergeant

WAS 583
IN NEW YORK TO

8 June 1955



WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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CMM DEPN OF SGT ^{X 593} LAWRENCE R WEBB CMM RA34087762 AND THE LATE S/SGT293/ WILLARD F BASLER CMM 38021068 CMM AGRS CMM WILL DEPART DOVER DELAWARE

AT 1726 HRS EST 23 JUNE 1955 PD ETA AT PENN STA NY AT 2330 HRS EST

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293/ Webb, Lawrence R. RA-34,087,762



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

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IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMO 293

Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum

8 June 1955

SUBJECT: Disinterment Directive

TO: Commanding General
New York Port of Embarkation
1st Avenue & 58th Street
Brooklyn, New York
ATTN: SAS (M)

1. Transmitted herewith is copy of Disinterment Directive Number 5 for Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler, 38021068.
2. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

R. J. Thomas
R. J. THOMAS
Lt Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

1 Incl
DD No 5

BAB SAS (M) 293 (8 June 1955) 1st Ind

Headquarters, New York Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn 50, New York 15 JUN 1955

TO: The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington
25, D. C. ATTN: Memorial Division

Receipt acknowledged.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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293 Basler, Willard F 38021068



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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Receipt acknowledged.

TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, New York
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TO NO 2
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NEW YORK DISTRICT
15 JUN 1955
H. J. THOMAS

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

5. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

Number 2 for Staff Sergeant William E. Butler, 38051088.

1. Transmitted herewith is copy of Disinfectant Directive

TO: S&ASD (M)
Brooklyn, New York
1st Avenue & 28th Street
New York Post of Disinfection
Commanding General.

SUBJECT: Disinfectant Directive

Franklin D. Roosevelt
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9 June 1955



WASHINGTON 25 D.C.
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

1200

8 June 1955
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME BASLER, WILLARD F	SERIAL NUMBER 38 021 068	GRADE S/Sgt	ARM 1	RACE 1	RELIGION 1
CEMETERY Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE 240	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS CODE 8400 DIST. CTR. 01	

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

IRWIN & IRWIN FUNERAL HOME
LEEDNEY, OKLAHOMA
V/B RHEA CEMETERY, RHEA, OKLAHOMAMR. JOSEPH I. BASLER (FATHER)
LEEDNEY, OKLAHOMA

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ☐ REMAINS ☐ MARKER		ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)	
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET	
DATE	BY
CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
DATE	BY

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

FEB. 149238, IDENT APP'D

ORON: 320 INF REG T
35 INF DIV

A. L. THURMOND
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EXEC. VICE-PRES.
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LEEDEY, OKLAHOMA

June 1st, 1955

Department of The Army
Washington, D.C.
Gentlemen

QMGMF 293
Basler, Willard, F.
SN 38 021 068

As to the above, I am enclosing you herewith request for disposition of the above. This is in accordance with your letter of May 25th, 1955. I hope this will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Joseph I Basler
Joseph I Basler
Leedey, Okla.

ADMINISTRATIVE
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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE: 23 May 1955

293 S/Sgt Willard F. Basler SN 38 021 068

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

A		C	
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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, Joseph I. Basler

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ 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.
- ☒ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY
Rhea Cemetary, Rhea, Okla. (located about 7 miles East of Leedey, Dewey Co. Okl
 (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 _____
 (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.)

Correct as above

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 Irwin & Irwin Funeral Home			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN Leedey	COUNTY OR PROVINCE Dewey	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY Oklahoma
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) Railway Express	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS Elk City, Okla		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 Basler	FIRST NAME D.	MIDDLE INITIAL O.	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED Brother
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN Butler	COUNTY OR PROVINCE Custer	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY Okla.

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

Our local cemetery (Rhea Cemetery) is located 7 miles east of Leedey, Oklahoma; however, the Irwin & Irwin Funeral Home will pick up the returning remains at the Express Office, Elk City, Okla.

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.

Joseph I. Basler
 (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

Joseph I. Basler

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

(STREET AND NUMBER)

Leedey, Oklahoma.

(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 1st day of June, 1955, at city (or town) of Leedey, county of Dewey, and State (or Territory or District) of Oklahoma.

mycom 10/14/1958

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

Notary Public
 (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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

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 _____, (PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP) _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED 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)
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(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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



QNGMO 293
Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum

293 Basler, Willard
8 June 1955
38021068

SUBJECT: Disinterment Directive

TO: Commanding Officer
USAREUR QM Mortuary Detachment
7770th Army Unit
APO 757 New York, New York

1. Forwarded herewith are copies 1 thru 4 of Disinterment Directive for Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler, 38021068.
2. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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DD (in quad)

R. J. THOMAS
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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243 Basler Willard

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QMDMO 293

Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum

8 June 1955

SUBJECT: Disinterment Directive

TO: Commanding General
New York Port of Embarkation
1st Avenue & 58th Street
Brooklyn, New York
ATTN: SAS (M)

1. Transmitted herewith is copy of Disinterment Directive
Number 5 for Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler, 38021068.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

25 May 1955

In reply refer to
QMME 293

Basler, Willard F., S/Sgt
SN 38 021 068

SUBJECT: Identification (WORLD WAR II)

TO:

~~Commanding Officer~~
~~Army Effects Agency~~
~~6th Army~~
~~Kansas City, Missouri~~

Commanding Officer
Chicago Quartermaster Depot
1819 W. Pershing Road
Chicago 9, Illinois
ATTN: Army Effects Office

1. The following information regarding the identification and disposition of remains is furnished:

- a. Designation: Unknown X -9238 , Evac. No. - - - -
Frankfurt
- b. Cemetery Mausoleum Plot - - - , Row - - - - , Grave 240 .
- c. Identified as: S/Sgt Willard F. Basler, SN 38 021 068
- d. Next of Kin: Mr. Joseph I. Basler (Father)
Route Four
Loedey, Oklahoma
- e. Person receiving remains for disposition:
Not yet returned.
- f. Remarks:
No record of a widow.

2. Any personal effects received at your Agency for the above individual may be released to the next of kin.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HASTINGS:

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dtd 23 May 55

R. J. THOMAS
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

In reply refer to
QMME 293

25 May 1955

~~Reaker, Willard F., S/Sgt~~
~~SN 38 021 068~~

SUBJECT: Identification (WORLD WAR II)

TO:

~~Commanding Officer~~
~~Army Effects Agency~~
~~601 Hardisty Avenue~~
~~Kansas City 24, Missouri~~

Commanding Officer
Chicago Quartermaster Depot
1819 W. Pershing Road
Chicago 9, Illinois
ATTN: Army Effects Office

1. The following information regarding the identification and disposition of remains is furnished:

- a. Designation: Unknown X -0230 , Evac. No. - - - -
~~Frankfurt~~
- b. Cemetery ~~Hamel~~ Plot - - - Row - - - Grave 240 .
- c. Identified as: S/Sgt Willard F. Reaker, SN 38 021 068
- d. Next of Kin: Mr. Joseph L. Reaker (Father)
Route Four
Meadow, Oklahoma
- e. Person receiving remains for disposition:
~~Not yet returned.~~
- f. Remarks:
~~No record of a widow.~~

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HASTINGS:

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R. J. THOMAS
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMGMT 293
Basler, Willard F.
SN 38 021 068

23 May 1955

Mr. Joseph I. Basler
Route Four
Leedey, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Basler:

Reference is made to our letter of 22 October 1951 wherein you were advised that the remains of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler, had been declared nonrecoverable. Recent developments, however, have resulted in the recovery and identification of the remains of your son.

In March of this year, remains were recovered from the community cemetery at Gersheim, Germany, which could be associated with your son on the basis of a favorable comparison of available dental and physical data and the place of recovery. This association was considered as tentative, however, until the remains were removed to our scientifically equipped laboratory for systematic examination by professional anthropologists and specialized technicians.

During the examination at the laboratory, it was noted that the estimated height, age, and weight of the decedent were in agreement with like data for your son as shown in his Army records. In addition, the dental pattern for the decedent compared very favorably with information contained in Willard's Army dental records. Further, all identifying data for this particular decedent were compared with the records of all unresolved casualties for the same general recovery area; however, your son was the only casualty with whom a conclusive association could be made. Therefore, after careful consideration of all the evidence in this case, your son's identification was positively established.

The remains of your son have been casketed and are now being held in an overseas mortuary pending receipt of your disposition instructions, either for return to the United States or for permanent burial in an overseas American Military Cemetery.

There are enclosed informational pamphlets regarding the Return of World War II Dead Program, including a Disposition Form on which you may

QMGMF 293
Basler, Willard F.
SN 38 021 068

23 May 1955

record your detailed desires in this matter. Upon receipt of the properly completed form, you may be assured that the Department of the Army will make every effort to comply with your instructions as indicated thereon.

In order that this Office may take immediate action toward the final disposition of your son's remains, it is urged that you complete the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains" and return it promptly to this Office in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Sincerely yours,

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ROY A. WALL
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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QMGF 293
 Basler, Willard F.
 SN 38 021 063

23 May 1955

Mrs. A. C. Driskill
 2701 East Fourth Street
 Tulsa 4, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Driskill:

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Your brother's remains have been casketed and are now being held in an overseas mortuary pending receipt of disposition instructions, either for return to the United States or for permanent burial in an American Military Cemetery overseas. Accordingly, I have requested your father to furnish us with specific burial instructions. When his instructions are received in this Office, you will be further advised.

Sincerely yours,

ROY A. WALL
 Colonel, GMC
 Chief, Memorial Division

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

243 Basler, Willard F. (38021068)
DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1 NO.	2 FROM	3 TO	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
3	Corres Sec Reg Br Mem Div	Opr Sec Reg Br Mem Div Attn: Mr. Galway	20 May 55	1. Returned herewith is 293 file for BASLER, Willard F. 2. Combination Grave Location - Letter of Inquiry has been dispatched to next of kin of subject decedent and Personal Effects Section has been properly notified. Encl a/s <i>for ALBERA 55641</i> <i>Lib G Ham</i>

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DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Ident Br Mem Div	Chief Regis Br Mem Div	26 Apr 55	SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased 1. Attached case files forwarded for necessary amendment of records and deflagging action. 2. All records in Identification Branch have been amended to reflect the individual identification for the following recent recoveries: Unknown X-9237, Frankfurt, Mausoleum, Grave 239 - Identified as: Pfc Carroll W. FURNISH, 35 075 993 Unknown X-9238, Frankfurt, Mausoleum, Grave 240 - Identified as: S/Sgt Willard F. BASLER, 38 021 068 3. Forwarded for dispatch of Grave Location Letter to the next of kin. 4. For dispatch of notification letter to Effects Agency. 4 Attachments 1. 293 file - FURNISH, Carroll W. 2. 293 file - X-9237, Frankfurt, Mausoleum 3. 293 file - BASLER, Willard F. 4. 293 file - X-9238, Frankfurt, Mausoleum
2	Regis Br Rec Sec Mem Div	Corres Sec Regis Br Mem Div	27 Apr 1955	Forwarded for further action. <i>W. L. Tatham</i> WHITTIN GHAM 74173

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

In Reply refer to QMGMF 293

26 April 1955

SUBJECT: Identification of former UNKNOWN deceased

TO: Commanding Officer
Quartermaster Activity
Kansas City Records Center
Kansas City 1, Missouri
Attn: Effects Quartermaster

1. The remains which were previously interred as UNKNOWN
X 9238 Plot _____, Row _____, Grave ²⁴⁰ USMC Frankfurt, Mass.,
have been identified as those of S/Sgt Willard J.

Basler, 38021068
whose Next of Kin, according to the records of this Office, is
Mr. Joseph I. Basler - father - Route #4,
Leedey, Oklahoma

2. The identification has been approved by this Office.

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WORK SHEET

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1 Mem Div Regist Br 15 Apr
Ident Br Mem Div 1955
ATTN:
Mrs. Whittingham

SUBJECT: New Cases [*Rec'd by TL # 6564, Subject: Ident of WWII
Deceased, dtd 5 apr '55*]

Attached Reports of Burial for the following
Unknowns forwarded for any action deemed necessary
and return to Identification Branch:

AGRS FRANKFURT/MAIN MAUS., GERMANY

X-9237
X-9238

Grave 239
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LEAKE
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2 Regis Br Ident Br 18 Apr
Mem Div Mem Div 1955
ATTN:
Mrs. Leake

Necessary action taken. Returned as requested.

2 Incls
n/c

WHITTINGHAM
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HEADQUARTERS

USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757, NEW YORK, N. Y.

MTS 293.9 GR

5 April 1955

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased
Transmittal Letter # 6564TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Forwarded herewith are two (2) Reports of Burial, together with associated case papers, pertaining to the following decedents:

<u>UNKNOWN NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>
✓ X-9237	Frankfurt Mausoleum	239
<u>X-9238</u>	Frankfurt Mausoleum	240

2. Also submitted herewith for your review are Corrected Reports of Burial including confirmatory Board Findings for the above remains which have now been identified by this headquarters as:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>
X-9237-FURNISH, Carroll W.	Pfc	35075993
X-9238-BASLER, Willard F.	S/Sgt	38021068

3. It is recommended that the above identifications be approved by your Office and this headquarters advised accordingly.

S. Gibbs

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QMGMF 293
Basler, Willard F.
SN 38 021 068

22 October 1951

Mr. Joseph I. Basler
Route #4
Leedey, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Basler:

This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler.

The Department of the Army records indicate that your son was a member of Company B, 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, and was killed in action on 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reinheim, Germany.

The American Graves Registration Service conducted extensive investigations in the area where your son met his death in an effort to recover his remains but with negative results. All unidentified remains recovered as a result of these operations were examined by an accredited anthropologist in an effort to establish an association between one of these unknowns and your son. I regret to inform you, however, that such an association could not be made.

Information on file in this Office indicates that the Army Chaplain of your son's organization informed you that Willard's remains were recovered and buried in a military cemetery in Eastern France. Similar information was also furnished you by one of your son's comrades. While these letters were dispatched in good faith and based on information which was deemed reliable, the facts ascertained at a later date failed to substantiate the information contained therein.

After a careful review of the pertinent facts in this case and the negative results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable.

QMCMF 293
Basler, Willard F.
SN 38 021 068

22 October 1951

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is regretted 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

cc: DPRB

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QMOMF 293
Basler, Willard F.
SN 38 021 068

22 October 1951

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2701 East 4th Place
Tulsa 4, Oklahoma

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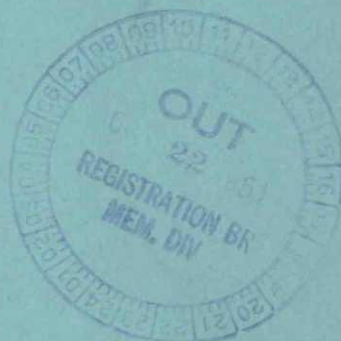
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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle) Basler, Willard F.
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS. Joseph I. Basler		ADDRESS (Street, City, State) Route #4 Leedey, Oklahoma			GRADE S/Sgt. SERIAL NUMBER 38 021 068
RELATIONSHIP Father					
PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS				
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ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE D. Bennett 10/15/51	TYPIST INITIALS		REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE		

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Send similar letter to sister: Mrs. A. C. Driskill
2701 East 4th Place
Tulsa 4, Oklahoma

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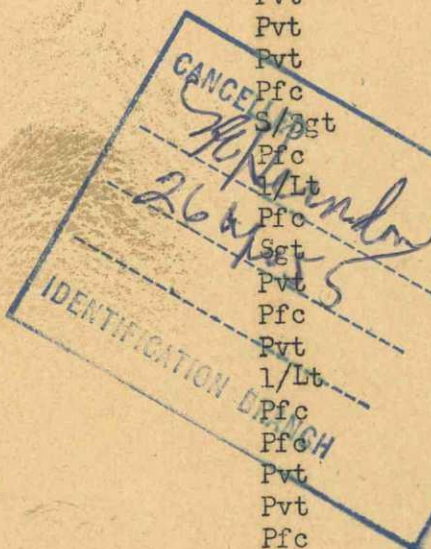
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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		CASE NUMBER 15836 (1)
		AREA OR ZONE(S) European
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Basler, Willard F.	RANK S/Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 38 021 068
THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW 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 SMD	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. REPORT OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	INITIALS OF ANALYST SMD	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	INITIALS OF ANALYST SMD	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None	
THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:		
KIA 17 December 1944 in vicinity of Reinheim, Germany		
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NAME OF CASE ANALYST D. M. Degen/gvt	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO <u>Registration Branch</u> , <u>Correspondence Sec.</u> FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION C. E. NEWBAKER	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION MARY A. EDWARDS, Capt OMC	APPROVED CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH THOMAS E. COX, Maj OMC
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EXHIBIT "A"
GERMANY K-50

NAME	RANK	ASN
Allen, Hugh M. Jr.	2/Lt	01 018 665
Avilla, Manuel	Pfc	31 454 759
Barnes, Hubert E.	S/Sgt	35 104 229
Barone, Ralph V.	Pfc	32 690 721
Basler, Willard F.	S/Sgt	38 021 068
Baxter, James O.	1/Lt	0 766 395
Bellino, Frank J.	Pvt	37 746 577
Berry, Edward K.	Pfc	33 637 013
Bialk, Eugene R.	Pfc	36 804 521
Biggs, James H.	Pfc	17 052 975
Bilstin, Leon	Capt	0 24 834
Black, James F.	Pfc	33 475 003
Bolvado, Dayton	S/Sgt	38 155 749
Bradley, Richard M.	Pfc	34 895 858
Bradley, Roy B. Jr.	S/Sgt	39 706 049
Brunson, Lee O.	Pfc	38 099 706
Bryan, Donald F.	S/Sgt	6 565 440
Burkett, Lawrence P.	Pvt	34 967 843
Byrn, James D.	Pvt	38 569 253
Cadlec, Bernard R.	Pvt	37 154 909
Carbin, Michael	Pfc	42 002 685
Carlton, Luther	S/Sgt	38 369 673
Carr, Leon A.	Pfc	34 990 357
Carter, James R.	1/Lt	01 047 914
Charpentier, Roger E.	Pfc	31 320 536
Claar, Donald D.	Sgt	35 228 783
Cooper, John P.	Pvt	39 581 362
Copley, Charles	Pfc	15 116 742
Cox, Oscar F.	Pvt	39 421 489
Crews, Delbert S.	1/Lt	0 534 939
Dale, Millard W.	Pfc	34 936 570
De Graw, Charles R.	Pfc	37 357 397
Desrochers, Rodolphe E.	Pvt	31 423 691
Dowdell, Walter R.	Pvt	38 673 866
Fields, Paul E.	Pfc	38 694 501
Finkbine, Edward C. II	2/Lt	0 534 990
Folkes, Charlie J. Jr.	Sgt	33 525 012
Fredman, Harry	Pvt	33 773 441
Furnish, Carroll W.	Pfc	35 075 993
Gadd, Thomas A.	Pfc	34 832 504
*** Garcia, Wilfred E.	Pfc	39 703 349
Gibson, George	Cpl	33 165 308
Girardot, Donald R.	Pvt	32 167 867
Goldsworthy, Robert J.	Sgt	36 559 188
Hammond, William R.	2/Lt	01 056 733
Hart, Eddie	Pfc	37 421 607
Hartley, Dale R.	T/5	35 602 078
*** GARCIA, Candelore B.	Pfc	38 098 988

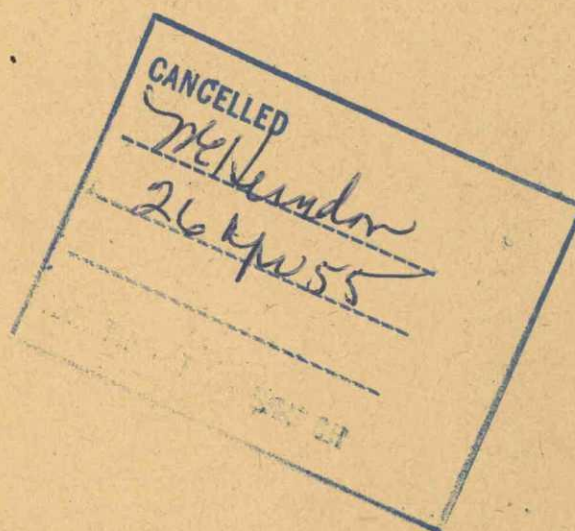


Heim, Marvin H.	Pvt	36	842	313
Hickey, Weldon J.	Sgt	38	094	760
Hoyle, Colen M.	Cpl	34	597	992
Huzarewicz, Paul A. Jr.	S/Sgt	33	407	776
Hynes, John J.	Pfc	31	359	035
Johnson, Clifford R.	Sgt	27	211	955
Jones, Elmer O.	Pfc	38	565	659
Kantor, Solomon	S/Sgt	32	957	105
Kercsmar, William	S/Sgt	33	831	682
Kotroba, John F., Jr.	Pfc	33	482	406
Kovach, John J.	Pfc	33	916	609
Kullman, William J.	Pvt	35	851	352
Labate, Dominick	Pfc	32	787	900
Lannon, Edward J.	Pfc	32	527	964
LaPore, Michael W.	Pvt	36	694	753
Lawson, Frank B.	Pfc	35	775	865
Lee, Philip	Pfc	35	502	686
Lincoln, Robert N.	Sgt	37	622	618
Lynch, Timothy R.	Pvt	12	727	197
Mahoney, Frank	S/Sgt	39	557	990
Mann, Ira A.	Pfc	39	474	481
Marks, Albert H.	Pfc	32	943	280
Martin, Calvin B.	Pfc	37	540	999
McCord, Warran G.	E/O	T	124	661
McCray, Harold R.	Pfc	35	803	239
McGee, Thorn O.	Cpl	39	017	528
Mendenhall, Robert W.	Pvt	34	844	729
Michalowski, Chester	S/Sgt	36	380	710
Miller, Paul V.	T/5	36	835	879
Mitchell, Homer J.	Pvt	38	352	486
Mundelius, Chester H.	Pfc	36	905	063
Myers, Bernard W.	Pvt	37	342	132
Oberstein, Lawrence	2/Lt	0	709	439
Ognibene, Ralph	Sgt	32	800	924
Olmstead, George W. $\frac{1}{2}$	1/Lt	01	010	695
Otis, Thomas W.	T/5	31	317	826
Peele, William D.	Pfc	33	519	292
Poglitsch, Edward R.	Pvt	31	408	534
Price, Edgar E. Jr.	Pvt	37	744	119
Ramirez, Santos	Sgt	37	318	379
Robbins, Johnie W.	S/Sgt	34	890	435
Rodriguez, Refugio R.	Pfc	38	104	013
Schachne, Stanley	Pfc	32	816	314
Scholes, John N.	Pvt	36	313	455
Schwarz, Eugene A.	Pfc	37	326	860
Searle, Roy J.	Pfc	31	182	989
Shafer, Clement D.	T/5	33	806	652
Shafer, Harold A.	S/Sgt	37	705	848
Simmons, Harold E.	Pvt	42	144	477
Sisselman, Leonard F.	Pvt	42	043	217
Smith, Dale H.	Pfc	35	084	858
Spake, George E.	Sgt	35	274	456

CANCELLED
 Weldon
 24 Apr 55
 IDENTIFICATION

Spicer, A. C.
Stavicki, Walter
Swank, Edward
Tice, Trumon
Tilford, Lyle H.
Tronotti, Anthony Jr.
Tropiano, Vito C.
Weatherspoon, Vern D.
Weaver, Emerson V.
Whitehead, Hubert W.
Yelley, Richard G.

Pvt	34 977 204
Pvt	42 096 611
Sgt	33 294 425
Pfc	37 107 956
Sgt	19 002 775
Pvt	33 795 324
Pvt	42 124 123
Sgt	32 581 699
Pfc	35 096 630
Pfc	34 988 49
Pvt	17 135 459



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

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

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1. The Board convened pursuant to para 4, SO 139, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 21 December 1950.

2. Members present:

C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC
LEWIS A. McAMIS, Captain, QMC
JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2nd Lt, QMC

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

a. Map Sheet Germany K-50.

4. FINDINGS:

a. General and/or individual Area Search and Recovery operations have been completed in the above area from 1946 to 1950.

b. List of persons lost in subject area whose remains are determined non-recoverable is attached as Exhibit "A". This list contains one hundred eleven (111) names.

c. It has not been possible to associate definitely any of the persons listed in Exhibit "A" with any of the Unknowns recovered from the area.

d. Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371, Missing Reports, After Action Reports, Missing Air Crew Reports, Status Review and Determination Reports, Narrative Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded for resolved casualties; On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings (Cont'd)

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedents listed in Exhibit "A" be determined non-recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain, QMC
Member

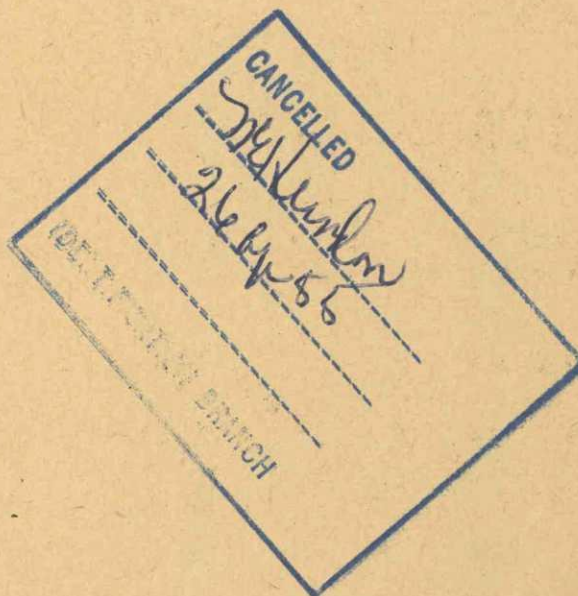
s/ Lewis A. McAmis
LEWIS A. McAMIS
Captain, QMC
Member

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

A TRUE COPY:

C. C. Wasson
C. C. WASSON
Capt QMC

NOTE: Board Findings of Nonrecoverability and Roster received from the Field Board are filed in the 293 file of 2/Lt Hugh M. Allen, Jr., 01 018 665.



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 Q's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased. Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases:

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, 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

CANCELLED

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

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

AROP 293.9

5 January 1951

SUBJECT: Supplement to Board Proceedings

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to Non-Specific Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings pertaining to one hundred eleven (111) deceased personnel, submitted to your Office under Transmittal letter # 6087, dated 21 December 1950.

2. It is requested that the names of the deceased listed below, be included in the above mentioned proceedings.

JOHNSON, Carl A.

Pfc

WHITE, James R.

Pvt

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

s/ John A. Boutin
JOHN A. BOUTIN
2/Lt QMC
Operations Division

A TRUE COPY:

C. C. Wasson

C. C. WASSON
Capt QMC

24 BASLER, Willard F.	S/Sgt	38 021 068
GOLDSWORTHY, Robert J.	Sgt	36 559 188
FURNISH, Carroll W.	Pfc	35 075 993

Case # Germany K-50/5904

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28 April 1952
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STATION FILE

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AGRC Case # 12349
AGRC Case # 5904NARRATIVE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
AT: REINHEIM (K-50/Q-55), GERMANY

On 18 January 1949 we were dispatched from this Headquarters to REINHEIM, Germany to investigate AGRC cases # 12349 and # 5904. According to Basic Documents, five (5) deceased were still in an unresolved status after being reported as MIA in the area around REINHEIM on or about the period between Dec. 16 and Dec. 19, 1944.

Upon our arrival at REINHEIM we first contacted the Burgomaster. Here we found a Notice of Disinterment showing the bodies of two (2) American soldiers as having been removed from this town to St. Avold USMC on Jan. 17, 1946 by the 606 QM.G.R.Co. (See incl. # 1).

As to the fighting having taken place in this area, the Burgomaster stated the following: The American troops arrived at the BLIES River which separates France from Germany on Dec. 11, 1944. From that date on, until Dec. 24, 1944 the fighting went back and forth over the BLIES River causing losses on both the American and the German side. On Dec. 24, 1944 a German counter-attack started, keeping the Americans on the French side of the BLIES River for several weeks until the final break-through in March 1945. During the time the Americans stayed on the German side of the river, i.e. around the town of REINHEIM, all deceased American soldiers were taken away by their own comrades and evacuated to the St. Avold USMC. After the 24 Dec. 1944 only a few more American deceased were found on the German side of the river who were buried by the local communities in their respective cemeteries, or when they were found by the German Army, they were interred right at the place where they were found. But even these deceased in the isolated burials were evacuated to the local cemeteries right after the war as far as they could be located by the German population.

Since the Burgomaster did not know of any American graves in the cemetery of REINHEIM nor of any isolated graves whatsoever within the area under his jurisdiction, even the German deceased soldiers were brought to the cemeteries, in the meantime we went to the neighboring town of GERSHEIM where the main administration office of several communities including REINHEIM is located. (See incl. # 2).

At GERSHEIM we found another Notice of Disinterment showing the body of one (1) unknown American soldier as having been disinterred from a foxhole in the woods North of WALSHEIM by First Field Command, AGRC, Karlsruhe, on 3 February 1948. (See incl. # 3).

We furthermore found the statement of the local priest, showing that seven (7) American deceased had been buried in the cemetery of GERSHEIM who were disinterred by an American team in June or July 1945. According to the priest's statement these deceased were found by the Germans at different places around GERSHEIM, some of them even as far as REINHEIM after the Americans went back across the BLIES River on or about Dec. 24, 1944. In addition one American deceased was buried by German soldiers in the woods right at the place where he was found. He also was disinterred by the disinterment team along with the seven deceased out of the cemetery.

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Baer, Mildred A.
38 021 068

NARRATIVE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AT: REINHEIM (K-50/Q-55), Germany, Cont'd

The ID tags of these deceased, as far as they were found, as well as their personal belongings were kept by the priest until the arrival of the American troops in March 1945. Then the priest gave everything to the Commanding Officer of an Engineer Unit which was stationed at GERSHEIM and which repaired the rail road tracks between SAARGEMUEND and BLIESKASTEL.

No other graves of American soldiers were known to the priest in the vicinity of GERSHEIM. (See incl. # 4).

At the Burgomaster's office in GERSHEIM we also found the statement of the gravedigger, a Mr. Weibel, who stated that 16 American deceased were disinterred in his presence from GERSHEIM and vicinity. (See incl. # 5). Since Mr. Weibel seemed to be an important witness, we contacted him personally in SAARBRUECKEN where he is employed in a steel mill. According to his statement seven (7) Americans were disinterred out of the GERSHEIM cemetery, and several more from isolated burial sites in the vicinity of the town. Asked about casualties in the vicinity of REINHEIM as mentioned in Basic Documents, he stated that the Americans excavated a common grave of eight (8) from the woods near REINHEIM. He further stated that out of the same woods he brought two (2) American soldiers to the cemetery in GERSHEIM, one of whom was killed by a shot through his head, while the other one had lost one leg by artillery. Both of them had not been buried by the Americans but were found on top of the ground in the thicket of the REINHEIM woods.

These two last mentioned casualties could probably be associated with the deceased mentioned in AGRC Case # 12349 according to which Pfc. Dominic Picco became missing in action when subjected to heavy artillery fire in the Bannholz woods North of REINHEIM, while Lt. Lechner was killed in action when shot through the head by a German sniper in the woods near REINHEIM.

Since no more graves could be located in the very vicinity of REINHEIM, we proceeded to the neighbor communities. At the BEBELSHEIM Burgomaster's office, the Notice of Disinterment for Charles J. Fischer was found. However, nothing was known about any additional burial sites within the district of this community. All isolated graves in the woods and fields had been opened and the deceased had been evacuated to the local cemetery but all of them proved to be German. (See incl. # 6).

At BLIESMENGEN, another neighboring community of Reinheim, eleven (11) deceased had been picked up by three different disinterment teams. (See incl. # 7, 8 and 9). Only one of these 11 is mentioned as known (Wilson, Wayne 36893634). In addition to these three Notices of Disinterment we received two (2) ID tags from the Burgomaster:

	WILSON, WAYNE	36893634 T44/44 O P
and	DIEGO RAMOS	37539185 T43/44 O C.

NARRATIVE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AT: REINHEIM (K-50/Q-55), Germany, Cont'd

These tags were found by children playing in some of the excavated earth from Graves # 58-59 and 60 in Row # 6 in the cemetery of BLIESMENGEN after an American disinterment team had removed two (2) Unknowns and Wilson, Wayne from these graves. Since one of these tags bears the inscription: WILSON, Wayne, i.e. the name of the deceased already identified it is very possible that one of the two Unknowns recovered from this cemetery can be associated with RAMOS, Diego. RAMOS, Diego is listed in Listing of Unresolved Casualties as MIA on 20 Dec. 1944.

CONCLUSION:

It must be concluded after this investigation that there is very little chance of any American deceased still buried in the area of REINHEIM - GERSHEIM - BLIESMENGEN for the following reasons:

- 1.) As long as the Americans stayed in this area all deceased were evacuated to St. Avold USMC right away.
- 2.) When the Americans went back across the BLIES river, the rest of the deceased were buried either by German civilians or by the German Army. All these burial sites as far as possible have been located in the meantime and all Americans have been evacuated to proper USMC's. There are no isolated burial sites at all in the whole area since the Germans also concentrated all their deceased in civilian or special honour cemeteries. This eliminated the possibility of any American being still buried in an unknown soldier's grave somewhere in the woods or fields or the possibility of any American being mistaken for a German deceased.
- 3.) After the war this very area has been rechecked several times by American as well as German teams for any possible existence of unknown graves in an effort to find even the last missing soldier, but nothing more could be found up to date.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that all Unknowns recovered from the area of REINHEIM - GERSHEIM - BLIESMENGEN be reprocessed and an effort be made to associate these with the deceased in question. Hereby special attention should be paid to those deceased recovered during the first AGRC sweep in the Spring and Summer of 1945.

It is also recommended that the two (2) unknown deceased recovered from the cemetery in BLIESMENGEN be reprocessed in an effort to associate one with Pfc. Diego RAMOS.

CLYDE A. FANNING
Cpl. RA-18108829
Investigator

Unknown Number	Cemetery	D/D	Orgn.	Isolated Burial	Remarks
X-3154	St. Avoild	10 Dec 44	Inf.	Reinheim (K-50/Q-56)	One Lt. Bar (Yellow colored metal) found in Saar River
X-3198	St. Avoild	Unk.	Unk.	Habkirchen (K-50/Q-56)	

* Unknown recovered from Gersheim identified.

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

Bassett Willard F

38021068

S/SGT

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR

SHOE SIZE

DATE OF DEATH

65"

125

Brown

Brown

7 1/2 E

17 Dec 44

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

Co B 320th Inf

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Killed in Hills N/E of Reinheim, Germany

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

STATION

DATES

Los Angeles, Calif

25 Dec 42

Camp San Luis Obispo
Calif

3 Feb 43

Camp Tucker, Ala

5 Apr 43

Camp Wilmer, N.J.

4 May 44

1st Period

Fort Knox, Kentucky

29 Mar 41

Camp Bowie, Texas

3 Jun 41

Fort Sam Houston, Tex

16 Sep 41

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH

NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

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1 Form 79 Attached

DENTAL CHART

10 Sep 42

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9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

LOWER RIGHT

LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED

O - CARIOUS

/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

AGAC FORM
1 Aug 1946

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(Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown.)



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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

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Capt Upshur
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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(oval to include abutments)

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Basler, Willard 7 38021 068

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To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
<i>Camp Rucker Alabama</i>	<i>4 Aug</i>	<i>12 Aug 43</i>	<i>24119</i>

Lockhart 8/29/46 P.M.G.

Clerk

Date

Branch

(Germany K-50)
5904

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

15 October 1947

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials.

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

1. Inclosed herewith negative report received from the field on investigation conducted for the recovery of the remains of S/Sgt Willard F. Basler, 38021068.

2. The following unknowns were recovered from area where the above was reported killed:

- a. From Reinheim - X-3154 (St Avold)
b. From Hobkirchen - X-3198 (St Avold)
c. From Gersheim - X-849 (St Avold)

3. Investigation on this case is being continued.

4. Forwarded to letter WD OQMG, Basler, Willard F. SN 38 021 068, dated 8 November 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

4 Incls:

1. 2nd Ind, First Field
dtd 25 Jul 47
2. 1st Ind, 164 QM Bn
dtd 20 June 47
3. Narrative, dtd 18 June 47
4. Statement by Josef Lembert

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Negative Association with
X-3198 as X-849 & Co. Avold.
X-3154 ident. Lechner, Edward # 751
Dm. began 9 Oct 47

file 4 Nov 47
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On Investigation at Reinheim, Germany (K-50/Q-56)
18 June 1947.

An investigation was conducted in the vicinity of Reinheim, Germany (K-50/Q-56).

Upon arrival at Reinheim I immediately contacted the Burgermeister. He stated that American soldiers had been killed in action in this area. The deceased were buried in the local cemetery of Reinheim.

In the spring of 1945 these bodies were removed by an American unit, shortly after the battle.

In summer 1946 an unknown American deceased was found in a forest north east of Reinheim and evacuated by an unknown American GR. unit. No Notice of Disinterment was left with the Burgermeister.

I then contacted the field- and forest patrolman and he also stated to the best of his knowledge that there are no more American graves within his district of patrol.

Richard Pearce
RICHARD PEARCE
Cpl. 17032394

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FIRST FIELD COMMAND, AGRC, EA, APO 403, U.S. Army, 25 July 1947.

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,
European Area, APO 58, U.S. Army.

1. Forward inviting attention to attached report of
investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incls.: n/c

Phone: Karlsruhe, 623

WILLIAM EVELAND
Major FA
Adjutant

(Germany K-50)
5904

1st Ind.

RWS/hb.

HQ, 164TH QM. BN. APO 403, US. ARMY,
TO: Commanding Officer, FPC, APO 403, US. ARMY.

20 June 1947

1. Forwarded herewith is case (Germany K-50, 5904) which has been proven negative.
2. Your attention is invited to the attached Narrative and Statement.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

TEL: Karlsruhe 776
Incls: a/s

RICHARD W. SECOR
Capt Inf
Operations Officer





FROM: SAC
SUB: [illegible]

Observations of [illegible]
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FOR THE CONTINUING OFFICER:

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Reinheim, 18. Juni 1947

A U S S A G E

Ich, Joseph Lambert II, Bürgermeister der Gemeinde Reinheim, erkläre hiermit folgendes:

Nach den Kämpfen in diesem Gebiet waren zwischen 15 und 20 Amerikaner auf dem hiesigen Friedhof beerdigt. Diese wurden durch ein amerikanisches Kommando im Frühjahr 1945 abgeholt. Unterlagen sind nicht vorhanden.

Im Sommer 1946 wurde ein unbekannter Amerikaner im Hochwald (nordöstlich Reinheim) aufgefunden, von einer amerikanischen Einheit abgeholt und nach Frankreich überführt. Seitdem war keine amerikanische Graberkommission mehr hier gewesen. Demnach sind nach meinem Wissen innerhalb der Gemarkung Reinheim keine Amerikaner mehr beerdigt.

Ich habe diese Erklärung nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen abgegeben.

Gemeinde Reinheim,
gez. Josef Lambert.

Reinheim, 18 Juni 1947

STATEMENT

I, Joseph Lambert II, Bürgermeister of the community of Reinheim, declare the following:

After the battle in this area, approximately 15 to 20 Americans were buried in the local cemetery. These soldiers were removed by an American Command in spring 1945. No documents were left behind.

In summer 1946 an unknown American deceased was found in the "Hochwald" (a forest north east of Reinheim). He was evacuated to France by an American GR. unit. Since that time no American GR. Command has been here. Therefore, to my knowledge, there are no more American deceased buried in the district of Reinheim.

This statement was made to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Community of Reinheim,
s/ Josef Lambert.

I certify that this is a true translation to the best of my ability.

Ernst A. Zwerg
ERNST ZWERG
Interpreter.

A TRUE COPY:

Richard W. Secor
RICHARD W. SECOR
Capt Inf
Operations Officer

QMCMR 293

Basler, Willard F.

SN 38 021 068

17 March 1947

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Chaplain Herman V. Tarpley
Post Office Box 72
Daisy, Tennessee

Dear Chaplain Tarpely:

This office is endeavoring to obtain all information which may enable the American Graves Registration Service to locate the remains of the late Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler.

A communication has been received which indicates you have information that might aid in this search. It would be greatly appreciated if you would forward to this office all information concerning the burial of Staff Sergeant Basler in order that it might be forwarded to our forces in the field to aid them in locating these remains.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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JAMES G. BROWN

Sincerely yours,

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of the late great sergeant WILLIAM F. Bester.
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this office is endeavoring to obtain all information upon this

Best Regards Sir,

Very Sincerely
Post Office Box 33
Chesterman Herman A. Taylor

Attention: Memorial Dialation
THE CHANCELLER GENERAL
Address Reply to

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Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

17 March 1947

Mr. Edwin M. Furnish
417 Western Avenue
Covington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Furnish:

This office is endeavoring to obtain all information which may enable the American Graves Registration Service to locate the remains of the late Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler.

A communication has been received which indicates you have information that might aid in this search. It would be greatly appreciated if you would forward to this office all information concerning the burial of Staff Sergeant Basler in order that it might be forwarded to our forces in the field to aid them in locating these remains.

Sincerely yours,

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Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

17 March 1947

Mrs. A. C. Driskill
2701 East 4th Place
Tulsa 4, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Driskill:

Your letter concerning your brother, the late Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler, has been received in this office.

You are advised that this office is contacting Chaplain Tarpley and Staff Sergeant Furnish in an effort to ascertain what information they have on the burial of the remains of your brother. All information secured from their reply will be forwarded to the field for investigation. Upon completion of this investigation, you will be advised as to the results.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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BASLER, WILLARD
S. N. 38 021 068

Tulsa Okla.

February 27, 1947

Mr. James L. Brenn
Major LMC
Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter concerning my brother. I'm sending excerpts from letters received after his death in hopes by them you may more hurriedly establish the whereabouts of his remains.

1. Excerpt of letter to my father dated Feb 22, 1945 from Chaplain Hermon V. Farpley of 320 Inf Regt. "Sympathy in death of your son who was killed in action somewhere in Germany on Dec 17, 1944. He was buried in a U. S. Military Cemetery somewhere in Eastern France with a Protestant Chaplain officiating."

2. Excerpt from letter of 1/21/47 / Sgt Edwin M. Furnish S.N. 35076001 Home Address 417 Western Ave. Covington, Ky. (A Buddy of my brother) "The enemy started shelling us late that evening & one hit close to Willard killing him outright. He didn't suffer any at all. His body was picked up very short & buried. I was within 5 ft & saw it all."

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3. also letter from Zenith A. Jones Edmond, W. Va. who stated he was with in a few feet of Willard at time he was killed. Apparently - His body was buried.

Thanking you & your Dept. in advance for all your efforts in helping in this which means so much to our family.

Sincerely

Mrs. A. C. Driskill
2701 East 4th place
Tulsa 4, Oklahoma

P.S. Your last letter stated there was no report his remains was discovered but we have been under impression from all correspondence that his body was buried but haven't been able to have this verified.

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Basler, Willard F.
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Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

19 February 1947

Mrs. A. C. Driskill
2701 East 4th Place
Tulsa 4, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Driskill:

Your letter to the Graves Registration Department concerning your brother, the late Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler, has been referred to this office.

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



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TO THE OFFICE*
 ON THE 10th DAY OF JULY 1964 AT THE OFFICE OF THE
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DATE 4-8-60
BY J. H. B. B. B.
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U.S. AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF STAFF

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Tulsa, Okla.
Feb 3, 1947

Dear Sir:

Am writing in regard to
information of burial place
of my Brother who was
killed in combat near
Hakertchen Germany, Dec. 17, 1944
He was S/Sgt Willard F. Baster
38021068 Co. B 320th Inf. of
35th Div.

at time of notification of death
a chaplain wrote he was
buried in N. E. France but
have wrote to Quaternmaster Dept
& they have no record of his
burial place

We are very anxious to
know where his ~~gr~~ body
reposes. Can you help us
with this or tell us how
to go about sending this in-
formation? - Thank You

Mrs. A. C. Driskill
2701 E. 4th Pl.
Tulsa (4) Okla

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

8 November 1946

In Reply Refer To

QMGYG 383

~~Basler, Willard F.~~
Basler, Willard F.
SN 38 021 068

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

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

1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMGYG 314.6 Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate, is OQMG Form 371 and one copy of Dental Chart for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Basler, Willard F.	S/Sgt	38 021 068

3. The attached OQMG Form 371 contains all information available from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the AG Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Clinical Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, and captured enemy documents, and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. FILE
Major, QMG
Assistant

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
Basler, Willard F.		S/Sgt		38021068
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
Co B 320th Inf Regt 35th Inf Div		White	Protestant	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
17 Dec 44	Killed in Action		In the hills North East of Reinheim, Germany	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
65"	123	Brown	Brown	7 1/2
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
None				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
Age - 28				

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Basler, Willard F.
S.N. 38021068

28 August 1945

Mrs. Esther Driskill
2432 East 10th Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Driskill:

Your letter to The Adjutant General has been referred to this office for reply regarding the burial of your brother, the late, Sgt. Willard F. Basler.

It is regretted to have to advise you that, up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your brother has not been received in this office. An inquiry is being made to ascertain information regarding the remains of all our deceased military personnel where burial information has not been received. Upon completion of this inquiry you will be advised as to the results.

This office regrets sincerely the delay in answering your letter, and wishes to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your brother.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR L. WARREN
Colonel, QMC
Assistant.

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FILE NO. AGPC 201 Basler, Willard F.	SUBJECT Burial		
TO Director, Memorial Division OQMG, Room 1005, Tempo C, Washington 25, D. C.	FROM Fam. Rel. Composite Section #1, Room 2827, Munitions Bldg.	DATE 20 May 45	COMMENT NO.

1. For necessary action.
2. Sergeant Willard F. Basler, 38,021,068, was killed in action on 17 December 1944 in Germany.
3. Writer has been advised of this reference.

FOR THE CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH:

Geo. G. Easter
Major A. G. D.

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ALICE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THIS MARRIAGE

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AGPC 201 Basler, Willard F.
(20 May 45) 38 021 068

2 June 1945.

Mrs. Esther Driskill,
2432 East 10th Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mrs. Driskill:

I am referring to your letter of recent date concerning your brother, the late Sergeant Willard F. Basler, who was killed in action on 17 December 1944 in Germany.

It is regretted that no further information concerning him has been received since my letter of 22 March 1945. Actually in order to service casualty reports expeditiously in all cases, it has been found necessary to omit from these reports all details and to furnish only the ultimate facts.

The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas and I am, therefore, forwarding a copy of your letter to that official for reply to your inquiry regarding this matter.

My heartfelt sympathy is with you in the loss you have sustained.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General of the Army.

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Dear Sir:

I'm writing in regard of my brother (AGPC-1 201 Basler, Willard
F. 8 Jan 45 38021068)

Would it be possible to obtain the name and location of the cemetery
where he is buried and any additional information that might be on file
about his death. The manner and if sudden etc. Thanks

/s/ Mrs. Esther Driskill
2432 E. 10 St.
Tulsa Okla.

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

SR 594		1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN		2. DATE OF REPORT	
X-9238 <i>Basler, Willard J.</i>		38021068		30 March 1955	
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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
8. ESTIMATED XXXXX Age	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT	10. COLOR OF HAIR		11. RACE	
Aprx 28	65 1/2"	None		White	
12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS					
None					
13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES					
None					
14. WAS BODY BURNED?		TO WHAT EXTENT?			
☐ YES ☒ NO					
15. WAS BODY MANGLED?		TO WHAT EXTENT?			
☐ YES ☒ NO					
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS					
None					
17. LIST EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, MARKINGS, SERVICE, ETC. (If laundry marks are indistinct such notation should be made and specimen forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area)					
None					

WESLEY A. NEEP, Ident Lab Tech E. BREITINGER, Professor of Anthropology

SR 594

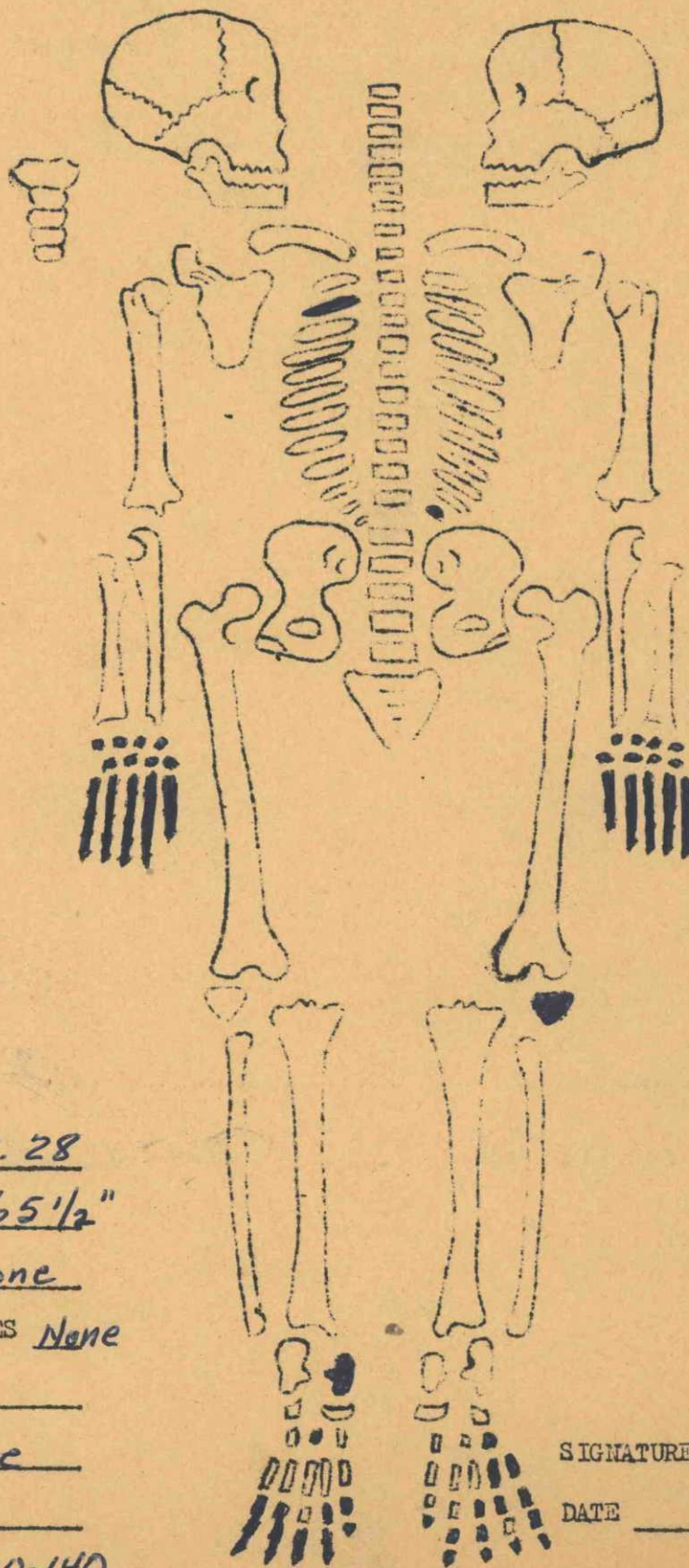
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(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT PRESENT)

X-9238

Frankfort/M

Grave 240

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SIGNATURE

M.A. Neep

DATE

17 March '55

X-9238

16 March 55

Date _____

Last Name

First

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Cause of Death

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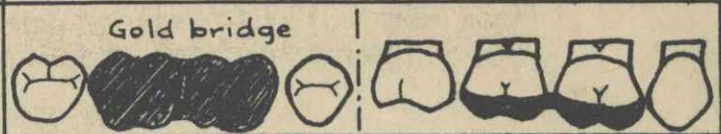
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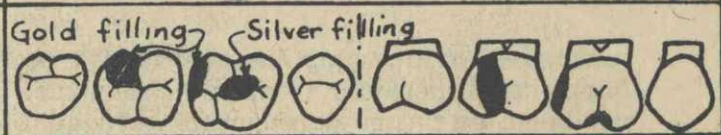
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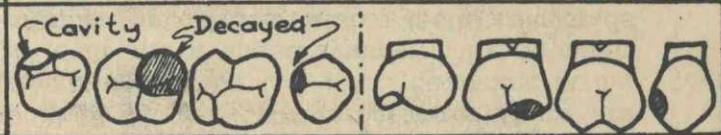
BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



FILLINGS... Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES). Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



DENTURES (PLATES)... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757 US ARMY

29 March 1955

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : 1214
REPROCESSING DIRECTIVE : 300
REMAINS PROCESSED: : SR 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599 and 1000

IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT

1. Search and Recovery Cases # 593 thru 599 and # 1000 pertain to recent recoveries made at the community cemetery of GERSHEIM (K-50/Q-66), Saarland. The Saarlander disinterment team operating at that cemetery during the current transfer of remains to a memorial cemetery found an American ID tag for "CARROLL W. FURNISH 35075993" with a remains buried as an "Unknown Soldier". Investigation by members of this headquarters indicated the presence of two (2) and possibly more U.S. casualties buried in a row containing German military deceased. Because of the intermingling of adjacent remains by the Saar disinterment group permission was obtained to remove the two (2) US casualties and all questionable adjacent remains to the Identification Laboratory in Frankfurt/Main for proper segregation and association with U.S. casualties lost in the vicinity of Gersheim.

2. Segregation was accomplished by the normal procedure of comparing portions for size, age, weight, articulation and individual characteristics. Remains received as SR # 593 and # 594, removed from grave # 3, compare excellently with U.S. casualties Pfc Carroll W. FURNISH, 35075993 and S/Sgt Willard F. BASLER, 38021068, both members of Co B, 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, reported as killed in action on the 16th and 17th of December 1944 respectively. The above mentioned casualties were lost in the nearby vicinity of Reicheim (or Reinheim) at coordinates K-50/Q-56.

3. The other deceased could not be associated with U.S. casualties and, in addition, had dental characteristics and repair which was negative for U.S. military. The presence of German clothing and "hob-nailed" service shoes with these other deceased (with the exception of SR 599 and # 1000) also indicated these were German military deceased as recorded on the pertinent grave markers.

4. One additional association seemed possible between SR Case # 597 and casualty Pfc Harry L. LOUGHLIN, Jr., 33805053, also lost in the Saar area on 22 December 1944. The estimated height and age were less than the given height and age of Pfc LOUGHLIN but the dental chart was the same. There were no fillings and the 8's and 16's were unerupted in each instance but large caries in teeth R 14 and L 14 did appear

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quite contradictory to the dental condition for U.S. military. In an attempt to reach a more positive conclusion a disinterment team was sent back to the recovery site in an endeavor to recover the missing feet and shoes of the remains which had been disinterred by the Saarlander group. This search resulted in the recovery of two (2) pair of German hobnailed service shoes each containing the respective feet in an intact condition. The lower legs and feet for SR Case # 599 were also recovered during this second search. One (1) pair of German shoes was associated with the case in question (SR # 597) by the perfect articulation of the talus bones present in the shoes with the respective tibiae and fibulae of this remains. No further doubt remained that Case SR # 597 was one of the German casualties as recorded on the grave markers and could not be associated with U.S. casualty Pfc LOUGHLIN.

5. Pending official approval of identification the two (2) remains associated with U.S. casualties Pfc FURNISH and S/Sgt BASIER have been assigned tentative Unknown "X" numbers as follows:

SR # 593 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9237
Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum, Grave 239

✓ SR # 594 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9238
Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum, Grave 240

6. The physical characteristics of the above two (2) casualties have been compared with like data as indicated on the OCMG Forms 371 for subject casualties as shown below:

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>
X-9237	Aprx 30	72 1/2"	200 - 220	Dk. Brn-Black
PFC FURNISH	30	72 (note)	233	Brown

The teeth are intact in the skull and are in near perfect agreement with available dental data for Pfc FURNISH. A slight variation is noted in the filling of tooth R 1 indicated as having a DFS filling whereas the tooth present actually has a FMIS filling. All other fillings and extractions are exactly as indicated. Post cranial articulation is good and complete. Two (2) ID tags for "CARROLL W. FURNISH" were found with this deceased and complete Ground Force clothing was removed from this remains. A brown leather bill fold found in a pocket contained ID cards, licenses etc. bearing the name of Carroll W. FURNISH as the owner.

NOTE: Although the Form 371 indicates the height of Pfc FURNISH was 78" this appears to be in error as the estimated height has

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been determined to be 72 1/6" which compares excellently with the height given as 72" on the two (2) drivers' licenses issued to Carrolll W. FURNISH. The shattered 6th thoracic vertebra, adjacent ribs and left pelvis-femur area indicates death was caused by injuries to the chest, spine and left hip.

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>
X-9238	Aprx 28	65 1/2"	120 - 140	None found
S/Sgt BASLER	28	65"	123	Brown

The teeth are nearly all present and intact with the skull. There is perfect agreement with the available dental data for S/Sgt BASLER. The post cranial articulation is good and complete. There is no evidence of skeletal injury which would indicate the probable cause of death.

7. The other remains processed simultaneously with the above deceased have physical characteristics as outlined below and have been returned or are awaiting return to the Saarland authorities as noted:

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>
SR # 595	Aprx 28	66 5/6"	140 - 160 lbs	None found

The teeth are intact with the skull. Post cranial articulation is good and complete. The condition of tooth L4 which is completely decayed and unrepaired is definitely contradictory to the dental repair of U.S. military. A pair of German hobnailed service shoes with the respective foot bones present have been associated with this deceased by articulation. There is evidence of a healed fracture at the distal fourth of the left radius. A spondylitis condition is evident from the seventh (7th) through the eleventh (11th) thoracic vertebrae. A large amount of German clothing was recovered with this case and SR # 596 which were recovered from Row 2, Grave 4. This remains has been returned to the Saarland authorities for reburial.

SR # 596	25 - 28	68"	140 - 160 lbs	None found
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This remains was recovered from Row 2, Grave 4. The teeth are intact in the partially shattered skull. Post cranial articulation is not complete due to the absence of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th cervical vertebrae. The material used in the upper and lower

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partial dentures (vulcanized rubber) and the comparatively soft silicated fillings used on occlusal surfaces of molars R 8, L 7 and bicuspid L 5 is not in keeping with U.S. dental practices. A pair of German hobnailed service shoes with complete foot bones have been associated with this deceased by articulation. This remains has been returned to the Saarland authorities for reburial. (See Case SR # 596)

SR # 597 16 - 17 66 3/8" 110 - 130 lbs None found

This remains was recovered from Row 2, Grave 2 with SR # 598. The teeth are intact in the skull. The skull articulates with the first two cervical vertebrae but further articulation is not possible due to the absence of several cervical and thoracic vertebrae. Although post cranial articulation of this remains is not complete there seems little doubt that all portions are for one and the same deceased as evidenced by the extremely youthful age factors which are consistent throughout this remains. The large caries found in teeth R 14 and L 14 are contradictory to the dental care of the U.S. military. The only clothing found with this remains was a pair of German hobnailed service shoes with the complete foot bones which have been associated with this deceased by articulation. This remains has been wrapped separately and is awaiting return to the Saarland authorities for reburial.

SR # 598 Aprx 18 70" 150 - 170 lbs None found

This remains was recovered from Row 2, Grave 2 with SR # 597. The teeth are intact in the shattered but nearly complete skull. Post cranial articulation is not possible due to the absence of the first three cervical and the 5th and 12th thoracic vertebrae. The presence of the comparatively soft silicate material used in the occlusal filling of teeth R 14 and the generally rough and unfinished condition of the other fillings is not consistent with American dental practices. A pair of German hobnailed service shoes complete with all foot bones have been associated with this deceased by articulation. Several portions of German uniform and underclothing were recovered with this deceased. This remains has been wrapped separately and is awaiting return to the Saarland authorities for reburial.

SR # 599 30 - 35 70" 180 - 200 lbs None found

This remains was recovered from Row 2, Grave 1. The teeth are intact in the slightly damaged skull and post cranial articulation is possible with the first two (2) cervical vertebrae present.

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Further articulation is not possible due to the absence of the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th cervical and 1st thoracic vertebrae. Bits of German uniform were recovered with this deceased. The rough and unfinished condition of the fillings in this case are not consistent with American dental practices. The right and left patellae, tibiae, fibulae and major foot bones for this remains were recovered during the second search of the grave site by a disinterment team from this headquarters. This remains has been wrapped separately and is awaiting return to the Saarland authorities for reburial.

SR # 1000 19 - 20 71 3/4" 160 - 180 lbs None found

This remains was recovered from Row 2, Grave 6. The teeth are intact in the maxillary and mandibular bones but the other major portions of the skull are missing. Post cranial articulation is not possible because of the absence of the occipital condyles (base of skull), the major cervical and several thoracic vertebrae. The presence of the comparatively soft silicate filling on the occlusal surface of tooth L 15 and the extensive unattended interior decay of tooth L 14 presents dental repair not consistent with American dental practices and a lack of dental care which is contradictory to that found in the U.S. military. This remains has been wrapped separately and is awaiting return to the Saarland authorities for reburial.

Wesley A. Neep
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 US DAC GS-7
 Identification Technician

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 Professor, Institute of Anthropology
 University of Frankfurt
 Frankfurt/Main, Germany

SR # 1, 594, 595, 596
597, 598, 599 and 1000
ID # 1214
Case # K-50/5904 Appr.N/R

HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757 US ARMY

16 March 1955

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

Pursuant to instructions set forth in basic document, Investigation Directive # 1214, this headquarters, dated 10 March 1955, an investigation was conducted at Gersheim (K-50/Q-66), Saarland in an effort to recover the remains of unresolved US casualties of World War II, reported killed in action in the area involved.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Mr. Kolling of Messrs. Roberts & Co., Saarbruecken (Tel: 26 682) entrusted with the disinterment and reburial operations of the remains of German World War II decedents in the Saarland by order of the Saar Ministry of the Interior, informed this headquarters by telephone on 8 March 1955 that remains with an identification tag reading: "Carroll W. Furnish" were found buried in a mass-grave together with German decedents in the Community cemetery of Gersheim. The immediate dispatch of a search and recovery team for the examination, segregation and evacuation of the US remains was requested.

A review of records available this headquarters disclosed the fact that Pfc Carroll W. Furnish, 35075993, S/Sgt Willard F. Basler, 38021068 and Sgt Robert J. Goldsworthy, 36559188, all members of Co "B" 320 Inf Regt, 35 Inf Div were killed in action on 16 and 17 December 1944 respectively in the vicinity of Reinheim (or Reicheim) (K-50/Q-56), Saarland, Germany.

III. FINDINGS:

Initial contact was made with the Office of the Buergermeister at Gersheim, where a sketch of the community cemetery of Gersheim was produced by Mr. Mueller, secretary. Accompanied by Mr. Mueller, the undersigned then proceeded to the cemetery where Mr. Kolling and his laborers were disinterring further remains in another row No. 1 along the cemetery wall. Upon the discovery of the US identification tag in the adjacent row No. 2, they had temporarily halted their disinterring operations in that row pending the arrival of the US recovery team.

Upon inspection, row No. 2 represented a trench of approximately 6 meters length, 1.75 meters width and 1.50 meters depth, with six (6) stone markers at equal distances, two (2) of which in the center of the trench bearing the following inscription in German: One (1) German Soldier - Unknown - (Ein Deutscher Soldat - Unbekannt). The other four (4) markers bore the names of German soldiers as indicated on cemetery sketch. (See EXHIBIT "A").

Graves # 1 and 2 in trench row # 2 had already been disinterred by the Kolling team prior to the discovery of the US identification tag in grave # 3. A total of three (3) remains without any identification media were found under the two (2) stone markers in graves 1 and 2, corresponding to the three (3) names of German soldiers inscribed thereon.

Mr. Kolling handed over to the undersigned two (2) US identification tags on two (2) chains readings:

CARROLL W. FURNISH
35075993 T44 0

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which he had discovered upon the examination of the remains in grave # 3, row # 2. The undersigned then proceeded to disinter from grave # 3, located under stone marker # 3, inscribed "One German Soldier - Unknown", the skeletal remains of two (2) US casualties with US clothing and equipment, the teeth of whom compared favorably with the tooth charts for Pfc Carroll W. Furnish and S/Sgt Willard F. Basler. In addition, a wallet containing identity papers for Pfc Carroll W. Furnish was found with the intermingled remains.

The remains of Pfc Carroll W. Furnish were assigned SR # 593. The remains of S/Sgt Willard F. Basler were assigned SR # 594.

Partly intermingled with the aforestated US remains were the two (2) unknown remains found in grave # 4, approximately located under marker # 4 inscribed: "One German Soldier - Unknown -". With these apparently German remains, one (1) complete German identification tag, German equipment and clothing as well as shoes were found. They were assigned SR # 595 and 596 and also evacuated to the CIL in Frankfurt/Main for accurate segregation due to the possibility that partial remains of the US casualties are intermingled with them.

Since the same possibility existed with the three (3) remains previously disinterred by the Kolling team from graves # 1 and 2, row # 2, permission was requested and granted to also evacuate these remains for accurate segregation and examination for a possible association with other unresolved US casualties. The remains from grave # 2 were assigned SR # 597 and 598, those from grave # 1 were assigned SR # 599.

Further disinterring uncovered a definitely German remains with German equipment, shoes and clothing in grave # 5, approximately located under stone marker # 5, indicating the name of the decedent as Herbert Kuka, DOB: 14 May 1926, DOD: 26 Jan 1945. The remains were not evacuated by the undersigned as they were not intermingled and proved to be definitely of German nationality.

However, allegedly recovered from the last grave # 6, in trench row # 2, an unidentifiable remains was handed to the undersigned, which had previously been disinterred by the Kolling team. Though no immediate association with an unresolved US casualty became apparent, there was no evidence that these remains had actually been recovered from that part of the trench except the word by one of the Kolling laborers. The possibility existed that these remains had been recovered adjacent to the two (2) US casualties and were possibly intermingled with them. Therefore, SR # 1000 was assigned to these remains and they were likewise evacuated to the CIL in Frankfurt/Main for segregation and processing.

IV. RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing it is recommended that the remains recovered and assigned SR # 593 and 594 be processed and identified as those of Pfc Carroll W. Furnish, 35075993 and S/Sgt Willard F. Basler, 38021068. It is also recommended that other remains recovered and assigned SR # 595, 596, 597, 598, 599 and SR # 1000 be segregated and examined for the possibility of an association with other unresolved US casualties and/or additional portions intermingled with them that could possibly belong to the two (2) above-mentioned US decedents recovered. All remains determined to be non-American will be returned to the Gersheim Cemetery for reburial at a newly established Military Cemetery. Prior to the dispatch of a team from this headquarters, Mr. Kolling of Messrs. Roberts & Co., Tel. Saarbruecken 26 682 will be contacted and an appointment be made for a meeting at the Gersheim Cemetery.

John O. Smith
JOHN O. SMITH
Sgt RA 34608777
Investigator

Joe R. Caldwell
JOE R. CALDWELL
Capt QMC
Investigator

Karl J. Wiid
KARL J. WIID
Interpreter

SKETCH OF MILITARY PLOT , COMMUNITY CEMETERY GERSHEIM (K-50/q-66), SAAR, Case # K-50/5904 Appr.N/R

S-R # 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599 and # 1000

ID # 1214

Main Cemetery Outside Wall

Nikolaus KOCH * 25.X.25 * 10.XII.44 6 SS Art Rgt 17	Franz MEDERER * 21.8.23 * 1.XII.44 3 Pz.Regt. A A 11	Albrecht KOTZLICK * 24.XI.13 * 4.XII.44 8 Pz.Regt. 13(15?)	Erwin SCHERER * 20.II.23 * 3.XII.44 5 Pz.Regt. 15	Otto SCHMIDT * 21.VIII.24 * 3.I.45 Pz.Regt. 15	prev. hedges located here, were removed in 1952
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Main Cemetery Outside Wall

Walter ZABEL * 6.I.26 * 8.II.45 2. SS Art. Rgt. 17	Willi BARTSCH * 9.VII.25 in Herne * 28.II.45 Nachr.Abdt. 113 V. Staffel	Herbert SCHOLZ * 8.6.06 * 2.III.45
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Alfred JANSSEN * 9.I.25 * 31.I.45 3. SS Art. Rgt. 17 Grave #6	Herbert KUKA * 14.V.26 * 26.I.45 3. SS Art. Rgt. 17 G.V.B. Grave # 5	One (1) German Soldier unknown Grave # 4	One (1) German Soldier unknown Grave # 3	Kurt STUEHMER Flp.# 64551 and Werner HASE Flp.# 64551 * 15.XII.44 Grave # 2	Paul EXNOWSKI * 12.III.09 * 23.XII.44 2. SS Art. Rgt. 15 Grave # 1
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continuing Row No. One (1) the following additional graves are located along main cemetery outside wall:
Richard WEINERT, * 14.X.27 in Pilsen
3365 Fl. Ers. Btl. XVII unknown date/death
Heinrich MUELLER, * 22.VII.21
* 15.XII.44

Two (2) German Soldiers - unknowns
One (1) German Soldier - unknown-
One (1) German Soldier - unknown-
O. OBLER

One (1) German Soldier - unknown -
Two (2) German Soldiers - unknown -
Martin TONTSCH, * 24.V.25 * 1.II.45
2 SS Pz Pl. Btl. 17 G.V.B.
Wilhelm FIEDLER, * 18.I.14 * 31.I.45
Uffz.
Heinz BUDDOY * 13.X.26 * 31.I.45
3. SS. Art. Rgt. 17 G.V.B.

Remains not evacuated as they proved definitely German

Btb.:
Pfc Carroll
W. FURNISH
and
S/Sgt Willard
F. BASLER

EXHIBIT "A"

HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757, NEW YORK, N. Y.

BASLER, Willard F.

(Name)

S/Sgt

(Rank)

38021068

(ASN)

previously buried as Unknown X-9238, USMC Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum
Identification is approved in accordance with letter, WD AGAO-S 293.9,
Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown
Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947, and par 118b, SR-830-110-5, DA, dated
3 March 1949, by the following members of the Board of Review, appointed
by par 2, SO 37, Headquarters, USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment,
7770 Army Unit, dated 10 November 1954.

Major S. GIBBS, O-1584255 QMC
(President)

Joe R. Caldwell
Captain JOE R. CALDWELL
O-2037259 QMC

Donald J. Eggen
Captain DONALD J. EGGEN
O-975062 QMC

Simeon J. Larins
Captain SIMEON J. LARINS
O-1302147 QMC

Captain FRANCIS M. SIMON
O-1590810 QMC

William M. Loy
1st Lt WILLIAM M. LOY
O-2003473 QMC



Encl 4.

Capt. Albera

Please note

Correspondence

from ~~not~~ (BASLER) ^{letter from}

→ Ltn dtd 27 Feb 47

reference to, Edwin
Furnish, Cornington
Ky - who was no
doubt a brother, or
relative of Carol

293. Basler, Willard F. 38,021,068

CORRECTED COPY

Graves Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

30 March 1955
Date945 BASLER,
Last Name

Willard

First

F.

Initial

S/Sgt
Rank38 021 068
Serial No.Co B, 320th Inf Regiment
Unit35th Inf Division
Organization

Vicinity of Gersheim, Saarland

17 Dec 44
Date of DeathUnknown
Cause of Death1600 Hrs 28 Mar 55
Time and Date of BurialFrankfurt/Main Mausoleum
Name of CemeteryFrankfurt/Main, Germany
Name or Coordinates of Location240
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

How were remains identified?

SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

What means of identification were buried with the body?

Embossed Plates

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Deceased's Left:

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

Name

Address

Religion Protestant

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

Previously designated Unknown X-9238

Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum.

Originally recovered as SR # 594

from Row 2, Grave 3 containing two

(2) US casualties in the community cemetery of

Gersheim (K-50/Q-66) Saarland.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

JOE R. CAIDWELL, Capt QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

Revised 1 Sept. 1957
Form No. 1
Graves Registration

BASTIER
Last Name
2204

Time and Date of
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Place of
Vicinity of

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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.

Permanent Landmarks. If a separate sheet. Indicate

Frankfurt/Main Museum.
Previously designated Unknown X-9238
List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same

Gerstheim (K-50-6-66) Saarland.
(2) US casualties in the community
from Row 2, Grave 3 containing two
Originally recovered as SR # 594

S. et C¹⁰ 76992 - 887 M - 3-45

JOE R. CALDWELL

Other Data:

Other Data:

Characteristics :

indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by $\square$; Bridges by $\bigcirc$; linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

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Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

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IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

Date 28 March 55

Unknown X-No. or other designation Cemetery Plot Row Grave
 X-9238 Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum 240

Identified as: Willard F. BASLER Co B, 320th Inf Regiment
 38 021 068 35th Inf Division

ITEM	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	UNKNOWN
Date and place of death	X		
Cause of death			X
Dental chart	X		
Color Hair			X
Estimated Height	X		
Estimated Weight	X		
Estimated Age	X		
Scars, Fractures, etc.			X
Laundry Marks			X
Shoe Size			X
Type Clothing-Equipment			X
Identification Tag			X
Personal Effects			X
Enemy Records			X
Emergency Medical Tag			X
Pay Book (EM/OFF)			X
Signed Statement of Identity			X

REMARKS: S/Sgt BASLER was reported KIA 17 Dec 44 in the vicinity of Gersheim, Saarland. X-9238 was recovered with another US casualty from the same company in the community cemetery of Gersheim where they were buried as unknown soldiers amongst German military deceased. The above listed identification media and anthropological findings indicate conclusively that X-9238 represents the remains of S/Sgt Willard F. BASLER.

Wesley A. Neep
 WESLEY A. NEEP
 Identification Technician

DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

UNKNOWN				NAME			
X-9238, Frankfurt, Maus., Gr 240				BASLER, Willard F. S/Sgt 38 021 068			
R-8		oA		R-8	oA		X
R-7				R-7			
R-6				R-6			
R-5				R-5			
R-4				R-4			
R-3				R-3			
R-2	lingual abrasion			R-2			
R-1	lingual abrasion			R-1			
L-1		PX		L-1			
L-2		PX		L-2			
L-3				L-3			
L-4				L-4			
L-5				L-5			
L-6	chipped	moA		L-6	moA		
L-7	chipped			L-7			
L-8		PX		L-8	doA		
R-16				R-16			
R-15				R-15			
R-14	est 6mm space	X		R-14	X		
R-13				R-13			
R-12	to R-11 1 1/2mm space			R-12			
R-11				R-11			
R-10	fac abrasion; formed chisel-like incisal			R-10			
R-9	" " " surf.			R-9			
L-9	" " " "			L-9			
L-10	" " " "			L-10			
L-11	worn on dist. surf.	fA		L-11	fA		
L-12				L-12			
L-13				L-13			
L-14				L-14			X
L-15				L-15			
L-16		oA		L-16	oA		
ESTIMATED HEIGHT 5' 5 1/2"				HEIGHT 5' 5"			
ESTIMATED WEIGHT 120-140 lbs				WEIGHT 123 lbs			
ESTIMATED AGE 28 yrs				AGE 28yrs 29das			
HAIR None				HAIR Brown			
Race: White				Race: White			
				Shoe: 7 1/2-E			
REMARKS Teeth: Size -small; Color - Ivory w/ brown stain; Alignment - excellent; Wear - moderate. Processed: 29/30 Mar 55 (Breitinger & Neep) No fractures or breaks noted. Place of Recovery: X-9238 recov w/another US casualty (X-9237 -Furnish) fr the same company fr a mass grave in the community cemetery at Gersheim (K-50/Q-66), Germany which also contained German military dead.				Dental: (1) Fm 79 dtd 13 Apr 44; (2) Exam dated 10 Sep 42 No record of fractures, breaks, etc., Orgn: Co "B", 320th Inf Regt., 35th Inf Div Place of Death: KIA 17 Dec 1944 in the hills of REINHEIM, Germany (K-50/Q-56)			

IG FORM 1961
FEB 51Dorothy L. Davis
Investigator - Unit #1
19 April 58
U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1951 O - 933493

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Graves Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

28 Mar 55

Date

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

38021068

Unk

Serial No.

UNK K-9238

Last Name

First

Initial

Unk

Rank

Unk

Organization

Unknown

Unk

Unit

Unk

Vicinity of Gersheim, Saarland

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1600 Hrs 28 Mar 55

Frankfurt/Main Mausoleum

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

240

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

How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

Embossed plates

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

Who is buried on :

Deceased's Right :

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Deceased's Left :

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

Name

Address

Religion

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

Recovered as SR # 594 from Row 2,
Grave 3 containing two (2) US casual-
ties in the community cemetery of
Gersheim (K-50/Q-66) Saarland.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

JOE R. CALDWELL, Capt OMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

NAN
file
15 Apr. 55
Mudlake
Ident. Br.

3-4-5-7-10-12-14-16-18-20-22-24-26-28-30-32-34-36-38-40-42-44-46-48-50-52-54-56-58-60-62-64-66-68-70-72-74-76-78-80-82-84-86-88-90-92-94-96-98-100

Incl 2

REPORT OF BURIAL
IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

Height :
Weight :
Color of Eyes :
Color of Hair :
Race :

Laundry Marks :
Number of Rifle :
Wear Glasses ?
Is Tooth Chart Attached ?

(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.

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

No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

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

Embossed plates

What means of identification were found with the body?

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

Left Hand

Right Hand

Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

Who is buried on :
Deceased's Right :
Deceased's Left :

Name :
Serial No. :
Rank :
Organization :

Name :
Serial No. :
Rank :
Organization :

Grave No. :
Grave No. :

Grave No. :
Grave No. :

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.

Emergency Address

Address

Religion

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

Recovered as SR # 591 from Row 2,
Grave 3 containing two (2) US casual-
ties in the community cemetery of
Gersheim (K-506-66) Saarland.

Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

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 :

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

JOE R. CALDWELL

Verified by : R. R. ...

S. et C. 76992 - 887 M - 3-45

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 23 Feb. 45 glm/2831

FULL NAME <u>Basler, Willard F.</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>38 021 068</u>	GRADE <u>S/Sgt.</u>
HOME ADDRESS <u>Leedey, Oklahoma</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Infantry</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>18 Nov. 16</u>
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>	CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>17 Dec. 44</u>
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>24 Mar. 41</u>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS <u>over 3 yrs</u>
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mr. Joseph I. Basler, father, Rt. #4, Leedey, Oklahoma</u>			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Miss Frances Katherine Basler, sister, Rt. #4, Leedey, Okla.</u> <u>Oy Basler, brother, same as above.</u>			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)		YES	
YES		NO	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

* Combat Infantryman

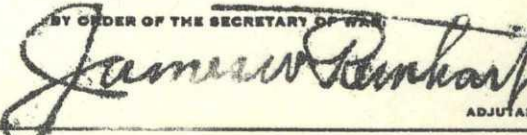
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The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Dept. to have been in a missing in action status from 17 Dec. 44 until such absence was terminated on 17 Feb. 45 when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

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INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO



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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
BASLER WILLEARD F		38081068		SGT	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER
GERMANY9	17 DEC 44		V	MIA		292

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

MR. MRS. MISS FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MR JOSEPH ISADOR BASLER	FATHER	4 JAN 45
NO. AND NAME OF STREET-CITY-STATE		
ROUTE NUMBER 4 LEEDY OKLAHOMA		

lmc

REMARKS

CORRECTED COPY



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION		REPORT VERIFIED	FORM 43	AS 201 REG.
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED	OR CHARGED TO	DATE		
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	NO	YES	(AS INDICATED BELOW)	
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED
FORWARDED TO				
SPEC. IDEN.	TELEGRAM	WOUNDED	LETTER	CORREL.
S. F. & C. CERTIF. H. P. N. NON-DEL.				
REPORT NOT VERIFIED	NO FORM 43	NO CAS. BR. FILE	CHECKED BY	REVIEWED BY

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE		MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE		RESIDENCE AREA	POST.	RESIDENCE		COUNTRY	RACE
		DAY	MO. YR.		DAY	MO. YR.			STATE	COUNTY		
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

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W.D., A.G.O. FORM NO. 0395
 16 JUNE, 1944

JRM:VB:me

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

Case No. 339516Date 8 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Willard F. Basler 38021068 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Staff Sergeant Infantry who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 17 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., KCQM 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 decedent's 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 5 May 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Joseph I. Basler 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, Joseph I. Basler of (Name of person found entitled)

Route #4 Leedey State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Oklahoma is the father of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAUORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. Joseph I. Masler

SHIP TO:

Route #4

S/Sgt. Willard F. Masler

Leedey, Oklahoma

Effects of:

Name

38021068

ASN

339516D

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 8 May 1945Willard Blauar

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

JRM:VB:me

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

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

ROUTING:

_____ Accounting Branch
 1 Warehouse Division
 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

npkg

Franked 15
 Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
 Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
 No. of packages 1

15
Shipping Clerk

✓ LNAV

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>#1 Pkg</i>	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY	DECEASED	
	339.5/6	MISSING	
		P.O.W.	
		ABANDONED	
		TALLY NO.	74034
		INV. DATE	28 April 45
		ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	1
NAME <i>WILLARD F. BASLER</i>		BOX NO.	14
A.S.N. <i>3802 1068</i>	RANK <i>PFC</i>	SHEET OF	1 SHEETS
		ORGANIZATION	<i>Co B 320 Inf.</i>

Belt	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHES	WINGS
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	1 KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs	Knives	BOOKS
Headwear	Lighters	Books, Address
Jackets	MISC. INSIGNIA	Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	Pen, Fountain	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
Scarfs	Pencil, Mechanical	FILMS
Shirts	Pipes	Letters
Socks, Pr.	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	Papers, Personal
Ties	RIBBONS, DECORATION	Photos
Towels	Rings	Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.	Tobacco	SHORT SNORTER
Trunks, Pr.	Toilet Articles	SOUVENIRS
Underwear	* 1 WATCH <i>Wrist (HAMPDEN)</i> X	SOUVENIR MONEY
		Stationery
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS	ATTACHMENTS	FORM #54	FORM #100
<i>no information</i> <i>Rechecked</i>	<i>File Br 2 - Inventories</i> <i>5-5</i>		
* no crystal - no stem - Strap Broken <i>adhesive tap on watch case</i>	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED	
C.A.T. <i>none</i>		SHORTAGE ON REVERSE	
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>2041</i>	STORED BY <i>du</i>	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED	
INVENTORIED BY <i>V. Rasser</i>	DATE SHIPPED <i>MAY 15 1945</i>	DIARY REMOVED	
PACKED BY <i>C. Parker</i>	CHECKED BY <i>J</i>	LOCKED STORAGE	
	X #3 OR ADDITIONAL	LAUNDRY REMOVED	
		FILM REMOVED	

DAMAGED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

NAME BASLER, WILLARD F PFC 1068

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	7	14	7403
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG			

Eff. QM Form 43

CONFIDENTIAL

INVENTORY FORM

18 July 1944

(Date)

SUBJECT: INVENTORY of Personal Effects of: BASLER, WILLARD F.

(Last Name)

(First

PFC

38021068

(Name)

(MI)

(Rank)

(ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO # 35, US Army.The above named individual of Co B 320th Infantry

(Unit)

(Organization)

was reported LWA about 12 July 194 4.

(Status)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible _____

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

1-Folder, w/writing material ✓
 1-Wristwatch ✓
 1-Eng-Halfcrown (souv) ✓
 1-Eng-2 shilling piece (souv) ✓
 1-Eng-6 pence (souv) ✓
 1-Eng-3 pence (souv) ✓
 1-Eng-penny (souv) ✓
 1-Eng-halfpenny (souv) ✓
 1-Franc-German invasion (souv) ✓
 3-Cartons cigarettes - ICHP
 3-Bar soap - ICHP
 1-Sewing kit - ICHP
 1-Jar shaving cream - ICHP

Money in the amount of none has been turned into

For m WDFD 38

(Name of Finance Officer and symbol number)
enclosed.none

(Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried)

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, accrued
 by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the
 Effects Depot by truck on 22 July 194 4.
 (Mail, Truck, etc.)

Name

Kenneth H. Frazier
KENNETH H. FRAZIER

Rank & ASN

CWO W-2106297

Organization

320th Inf
Asst Adj

Any additional pertinent information:

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 339516

JRM:VB:jm
May 10, 1945
AB

Mr. Joseph I. Basler
Route #4
Leedey, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Basler:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Staff Sergeant Willard F. Basler.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

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
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit