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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)

STEPHENS ARRIE A

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

38438152

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

7 AUG 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

BROOKS

DATE

13 APR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

RAGSDALE

DATE

16 APR 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME STEPHENS, Arrie A.	GRADE Pvt	SERIAL NO. 38 438 152
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QUICMP 293

Stephens, Arrie A.
SN 38 438 152

5 January 1951

Mr. and Mrs. John William Stephens
1822 North Cambridge
Roswell, New Mexico

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

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

Sincerely yours,

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LS/lop

cc:DPRB
mailed direct

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, MC
Chief, *Signal* Division



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JAMES B. CLEAVER
Colonel, MC
Chief, Staff Division
JAN 5 1951
LETTERS SECT.
MEM. DIV.



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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

ADDRESSEE

MR. Mrs. Yeona Faye Stephens
MISS
MRS. widow

ADDRESS (Street, City, State)

Box 38B, Route 1
Roswell, New Mexico

RELATIONSHIP

PARAGRAPHS
(Sequence)

ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS

110-A

husband

110-B

110-C

Mrs. and Mrs. John William Stephens
1822 North Cambridge
Roswell, New Mexico

110-A

Row

110-B

110-C

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE

TYPIST INITIALS

REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)

Stephens, Annie O.

GRADE

Rt

SERIAL NUMBER

38 438 152

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE 2 Jan 1951	
FROM (Branch and Section) Corres. Sec., Repat Br.	REQUESTED BY E. Puthorosky	TEL. EXT. 54428	ROOM NO. 2519-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) Stephens, Arrie A.	RANK Pvt.	SERIAL NUMBER 38 438 152	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Marital status and current address of widow

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Information furnished by Miss Hughes - QM Liaison

Widow remarried 10 - 1 - 45

Veona Faye Poff
Box 734
Portales, New Mexico

XC - 4 102 004

DO - 13

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

Short Letter

Ltr from Service Officer ~~dt~~ in behalf
of mother requesting burial location.

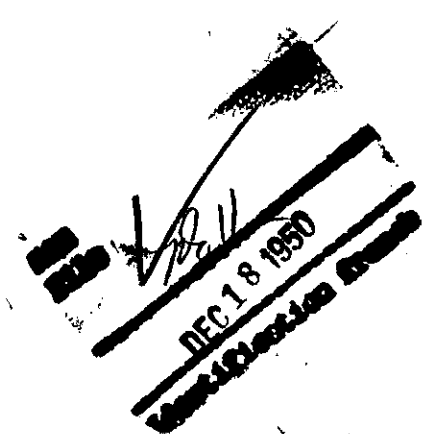
OB in reply dtd 17 June 48 advising
that burial information not received.
AHL continuing search - when
report is received, will advise.

Short Letter

Ltr from Service Officer ~~at~~ in behalf
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OB's Reply dtd 17 June 48 advising
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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

Area of Death European, between St. Lo and Mortain, France		Case Number 14694
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>243 Stephens, Arrie A.</u>	Rank Pvt	Serial Number 38 438 152
In the course of this reexamination it has been determined that the circumstances of death were such that: (Check appropriate box)		
☐ The remains of the decedent could not have been recovered		
☒ The remains of the decedent could have been recovered. However, after review of the following it has been determined that evidence does not exist to contradict a finding of non-recoverability:		
1. 293 File of Decedent		INITIALS OF ANALYST G.M.
2. Geographical clue index file of unknowns recovered from appropriate area, compared with decedent		G.M.
3. Other documents or sources		
Remarks		
 DEC 18 1950 RECEIVED		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
Name of Case Analyst E. Miller	Case Reviewer, Final Determination Section	Chief, Final Determination Section [Signature]
		Date

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER 14694 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Stephens, Arrie A.

RANK

Pvt

SERIAL NUMBER

38 438 152

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

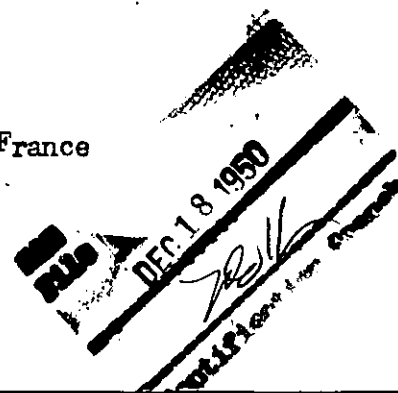
Individual Case

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	INITIALS OF ANALYST
	VAT		VAT
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAT	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	VAT
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAT	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	VAT
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
After Action Report			VAT

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:

MIA on 7 August 1944 between St. Lo and Mortain, France



NAME OF CASE ANALYST
Vincent A. Thomas/cwt

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

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION C. C. WASSON, Capt OMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH THOMAS E. COX, Capt OMC	15 Dec 50

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

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

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO 108, Headquarters,
7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August
1950, at Liege, Belgium on 1- SEPT 1950
The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability
status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this com-
mand.

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

CASE NO.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
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See attached roster.

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

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

ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, TC

James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, QMC

George Gunderman, Jr.
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. QMC CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC

Henry F. Myers
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SPECIAL ORDERS).

29 August 1950

NUMBER 108)

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2. PAC, Ltr WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

LT COL ROBERT D. MILLER,	TC.,	O 41 448,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MAC FARLAND,	QMC.,	O 1 576 321	
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.,	QMC.,	O 1 289 071	
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK,	QMC.,	O 1 040 311	
CWO HENRY F. MYERS,	USA,	W 2 104 778	

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MULVANY:

ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY

ROBERT G. LAY
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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

GPRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing In Action or Killed In Action during ground air or naval operations in the department of Manche, France, from the period of 5 June 1944 to 15 August 1944. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigations have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of the Manche, have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Manche department, for the most part, consists of farm and pasture land which has been under constant cultivation and daily use since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore only be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide evidence, and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these

GRRE 293.9

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conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

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

2. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain QMC *TC*

AVRANCHES, MORTAIN, GER LA HAYE DU PUIT

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1.	Atchison, Fred	Pfc.	34 813 906
2.	Bickelman, Eugene P.	Pfc.	13 068 337
3.	Borghardt, Joseph	Cpl.	37 512 586
4.	Brown, Donald E.	Pvt.	37 190 660
5.	Cruthis, Chalmer M.	Sgt.	36 313 615
6.	Davenport, Glenn W.	Pvt.	35 347 391
7.	Dooley, Thomas T.	Pvt.	34 611 119
8.	Forman, Samuel (NMI)	Pvt.	32 960 099
9.	Gerrald, Jule D.	Sgt.	34 389 023
10.	Gielow, Walter B.	Pfc.	36 327 153
11.	Grinaldi, Anthony J.	Pvt.	33 589 544
12.	Heitz, Sam J.	Cpl.	35 283 379
13.	Howard, Charles S.	Pfc.	6 290 692
14.	Hutchison, Roger E.	Pvt.	20 746 699
15.	Kevedras, John F.	Pfc.	36 645 597
16.	Larson, Robert J.	Pfc.	37 418 798
17.	Lehane, John A.	Pfc.	32 820 919
18.	Lemm, Herbert H.	T/5	36 373 622
19.	Lohmann, Raymond A.	Pvt.	37 305 264
20.	Mariner, Robert E.	T/4	6 998 987
21.	Matelske, Steve	Cpl.	38 054 388
22.	Miller, Russell W.	Capt.	0 661 787
23.	Newton, Paul A.	Pvt.	14 010 321
24.	Norell, Gustave A., Jr.	Cpl.	32 714 748
25.	O'Donnell, Robert C.	Pfc.	37 547 649
26.	Pierce, Le Roy L.	Cpl.	17 057 646
27.	Sochinski, Walter A.	Pvt.	32 208 697
28.	Spears, Eldon C.	T/5	36 311 415
29.	Stein, Donald F.	Cpl.	37 095 254
30.	Stephens, Arrie A.	Pvt.	38 438 152
31.	Vail, Archie H.	Pvt.	32 944 819
32.	Vidrine, Francis J.	Sgt.	38 258 368
33.	Wyatt, Earl M.	Pvt.	38 043 949

VICINITY OF ST. LO

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HICKEY, James G.	Pfc	33 439 460
MAKOWSKI, Stanislaus J.	Pvt	32 562 358
BRAMLET, Claude O.	Pvt	36 776 699
WAUGAMAN, Peter M.	Pvt	35 057 210
HARTIGAN, Chester W.	Sgt	33 043 695
HEADS, Raymond	T/Sgt	38 117 175
SALMI, Uno A.	Capt	0 438 098
BROMAN, Donald W.	Pvt	37 485 648
HOWARD, Elvin E.	Cpl	38 333 715
VITELLO, Alphonse J.	T/4	33 030 167
PLEYTON, Ralph A.	Pvt	35 807 391
RANSOM, Edward J.	Pvt	32 945 520
STUART, James L.	Pfc	13 058 719
HAWKINS, Andrew J.	Pvt	33 690 254
HOEY, Edwin B.	T/5	37 664 776
ADAMS, Wilburn W.	Pvt	34 710 002
BELLIS, John F.	T/5	31 240 839
BUTLER, Archie J.	Pfc	33 659 432
BANKS, Darrell E.	Pvt	34 826 491
BAKER, Floyd C.	Pvt	39 305 447
BUCH, Nelson B.	Cpl	38 032 909
BLACKMAN, Abraham W.	S/Sgt	32 057 116
CHAGOURIS, George L.	Sgt	13 069 366
CODY, Gordon H.	Pfc	37 333 825
GYURKO, Edwin	S/Sgt	36 101 119
KAYS, Kenneth E.	Pfc	36 079 288
BLAND, George W.	S/Sgt	34 008 209
JADAK, Joseph	Pfc	32 209 538
MOLITOR, Harvey N.	Pvt	36 833 898
CLARK, John H.	Pvt	12 166 192
BIL, Carl J.	Pvt	36 868 601
MENESTRINA, Herbert	T/4	36 318 819
COAKLEY, Frank C.	T/Sgt	32 064 745
COTTINGHAM, Clyde Jr.	Pvt	35 658 671
DUNCAN, Charles S.	Pvt	34 518 044
NELSON, Stanley C.	Pfc	37 273 595
PARKER, Lincoln O.	Pvt	38 521 246
PHELPS, John P.	Pfc	14 000 141

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
PRICKETT, Joe	Pvt	37 140 918
TARIN, Lucas R.	Pvt	18 011 253
BRANDHORST, Richard J.	Pvt	15 054 574
CLIBURN, David H.	Pfc	37 514 439
CORE, Barton W.	1/Lt	0 408 676
BRANDT, Charles K.	S/Sgt	32 798 542
CLARK, Russell E.	T/Sgt	35 366 464
BONITZ, Nicholas D.	S/Sgt	33 150 771
DIXON, Robert E.	Sgt	33 419 829
HAHN, Burton F.	2/Lt	0 686 150
HARVEY, Loy M.	S/Sgt	34 263 034
ISLES, Peter J.	S/Sgt	13 108 325
HARGETT, Tearsie E.	Pfc	14 092 645
GEWILE, Thomas	Sgt	32 024 450
GOODSPEED, Norman L.	Pfc	32 292 966
LINDNER, John A.	Pvt	36 396 807
MURRAY, Howard G.	Sgt	17 049 638
SHORT, Charles W.	Pfc	37 512 517
FLICK, John F.	S/Sgt	36 325 584
CALLAWAY, David L.	1/Lt	0 674 033
FERRER, Mike A.	Pvt	32 792 624
EBORNE, Trentre F.	Pvt	35 227 919
KING, Sterling	Pfc	35 646 627
FRANCOIS, Leonard D.	Pvt	31 316 479
JACQUES, Armando S.	S/Sgt	39 568 226
NAREHOOD, Charles B.	1/Lt	0 801 336
HORAN, Roger J.	2/Lt	01 012 610
REID, Arthur J.	Pfc	32 268 309
LINSLEY, Louis B.	2/Lt	01 168 339
SWITKA, Frank J.	Pvt	32 486 173
KORHORN, Louis G.	T/5	36 398 872
KNUTSON, Raymond W.	T/5	37 328 564
CHRISTY, Charles J.	Pfc	37 129 217
KAPRAL, Andrew G.	Pvt	33 264 840
OSTAPOW, Edward T.	T/4	32 087 120
LAMASCUS, Noble P.	T/Sgt	6 298 090
DUGAN, William P.	Pfc	37 607 028
GOAD, Benjamin F.	Pfc	17 166 776
McKINNEY, Bob	Pvt	37 130 094

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
OLIARO, Albert D.	T/4	37 016 097
NORMAN, Robert R.	Cpl	34 300 738
POLK, James E.	Sgt	14 042 740
CROWTHER, Edwin F.	Pvt	35 759 448
HOLDER, Claude H.	T/4	36 058 619
McCALL, John A. Jr.	Pvt	34 603 232
WRIGHT, Norman F.	Cpl	17 018 400
RADOS, Steve	Pfc	35 026 219
LANGFORD, Norman R.	Pvt	35 694 359
POTTER, Henry	T/5	32 214 416
TOLLEY, William R.	Pvt	34 284 482
WORSTER, Linton C.	Pfc	36 205 086
PEACE, Chester	Pfc	35 132 460
MORAN, Walter J.	T/4	37 120 540
YOCHIM, Walter H.	T/Sgt	10 601 574
KLEKOSKI, Ivan E.	T/5	36 234 785
JACOBSIN, Gerald L.	S/Sgt	37 096 991
KOROWLOTNY, Bronislof	Pvt	31 281 027
BERTELS, Alphonse H.	Pvt	38 876 615
HALL, Cleatus L.	Pfc	34 596 252
McGOVERN, Edward P.	Cpl	31 025 187
PROBST, Arthur C.	Pvt	33 340 447
ROBERTS, Hubert G.	Pvt	14 012 111
McCANN, Raymond S.	2/Lt	01 017 378
KELLEY, Ray	Pvt	34 385 674
MLINARIO, Elmer F.	Pfc	33 430 616
SHIELDS, Leo W.	2/Lt	01 321 959
SCHAEFER, Elden D.	Pfc	35 536 457
WEBER, Louis J.	Pfc	32 998 857
MARTIN, Richard J.	Pvt	39 294 804
HARRIS, William W.	2/Lt	0 445 641
NICHOLAS, Vandan A.	Sgt	37 190 627
MILCAREK, Joseph	Pvt	13 132 369
ROMEO, Joseph T. Jr.	T/5	33 025 115
TALLEY, Marlin C.	Pfc	34 589 730
HO, Hom Jin	Pfc	32 962 980
HEISLER, Anthony J.	T/4	37 178 958
KASSANITSH, Elmer A.	Pfc	36 364 177

OMAHA BEACH

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HAAF, Howard S.	Sgt	18 081 540
MITCHELL, Claude H.	S/Sgt	18 036 992
SCHULTZ, Lars F.	2/Lt	0 735 932
SHAVER, Thomas L.	T/Sgt	14 120 849
DAHLMAN, Raymond	Pvt	37 147 278
LATIMER, Joe L.	Capt	0 520 631
KOKOSH, Joseph	Pvt	37 569 139
ROCK, Wallace E.	2/Lt	0 816 159
UZZO, Joseph H.	Pvt	13 021 998
BRINKER, Kenneth R.	Pvt	36 669 589
MINER, Charles A.	Cpl	33 001 772
SAUER, Louis O.	Pfc	32 822 006
MARTIN, Sandy Jr.	1/Sgt	35 201 316
LOCKEY, Luther C.	T/4	7 040 231

AVRANCHES, MORTAIN, GER LA HAYE DU PUIT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
MARINER, Robert E.	T/4	6 998 987
DAVENPORT, Glenn W.	Pvt	35 347 391
HOWARD, Charles S.	Pfc	6 290 692
ATCHISON, Fred	Pfc	34 813 906
BORCHARDT, Joseph	Cpl	37 512 586
CRUTHIS, Chalmer M.	Sgt	36 313 615
BROWN, Donald E.	Pvt	37 190 660
GERRALD, Jule D.	Sgt	34 389 023
LARSON, Robert J.	Pfc	37 418 798
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O'DONNELL, Robert C.	Pfc	37 547 649
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HEITZ, Sam J.	Cpl	35 283 379
STEIN, Donald F.	Cpl	37 095 254
WYATT, Earl E.	Pvt	38 043 949
FORMAN, Samuel (NMI)	Pvt	32 960 099
SPEARS, Eldon O.	T/5	36 311 415
GRINALDI, Anthony J.	Pvt	33 589 544
BICKELMAN, Eugene P.	Pfc	13 068 337
KEVEDRAS, John F.	Pfc	36 645 597
SOCHINSKI, Walter A.	Pvt	32 208 697
DOOLEY, Thomas T.	Pvt	34 611 119
JACKSON, James J.	Pfc	34 367 240
LOHMANN, Raymond A.	Pvt	37 305 264
MATELSKE, Steve	Cpl	38 054 388
NEWTON, Paul A.	Pvt	14 010 321
PIERCE, Le Roy L.	Cpl	17 057 646
STEPHENS, Arrie A.	Pvt	38 438 152
VAIL, Archie H.	Pvt	32 944 819
VIDRINE, Francis J.	Sgt	38 258 368
MILLER, Russell W.	Capt	0 661 787
LEMM, Herbert H.	T/5	36 373 622
NORELL, Gustave A. Jr.	Cpl	32 714 748

VICINITY OF CHERBOURG

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
SAWYER, William A.	S/Sgt	18 163 248
WEIRICH, Glen L.	Pvt	35 544 533
BERRY, Matt C.	Pfc	34 043 263
SIMANETTI, John R.	S/Sgt	32 021 788
KITTLE, Charles R.	Sgt	15 354 672
MARANZ, Henry S.	T/Sgt	32 590 448
EVERETT, Lvert G.	2/Lt	0 686 837
BRYAN, Keith K.	Pvt	17 068 435
BURG, Harry L. Jr.	Pfc	15 117 552
FERNANDEZ, George V.	Pvt	20 228 814
FINDER, Edwin	Pvt	6 932 428
HAWKINS, Jesse N.	Pvt	34 631 599
JAPHET, James H.	S/Sgt	18 119 195
KINZY, Robert C.	Pvt	35 754 486
MANLOVE, Beverly J.	Sgt	17 099 551
MARGOTTO, Albert T.	S/Sgt	17 107 478
MEZO, Roy	Pvt	16 074 597
SMITH, Christopher C.	Pfc	12 138 478
TURKOVICH, Victor A.	Sgt	12 131 780
WEATHERSBY, Newton P.	Pfc	13 106 168
EASTMAN, Ralph T. Jr.	1/Lt	0 792 008
OGRIN, Joseph	2/Lt	0 689 813
STEVENS, Donald C.	2/Lt	0 804 246
ERICKSON, Archie V.	Pfc	37 465 784
LANGSTON, Jack D.	2/Lt	0 756 621

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HOPKINS, John V.	1/Lt	01 294 841
VAN SICKLE, Jark D.	Pvt	36 408 881
NADEAU, Armand E.	Pvt	11 131 551
BAKER, Lester R.	Pfc	17 109 674
GREGGS, Robert E.	Pfc	35 136 548
NIKSA, Edward W.	Pfc	32 827 230
SARVAS, Dave	Pfc	15 112 600
CALI, Dominick D.	Pvt	32 598 866
DENNING, Lloyd J.	Cpl	33 306 262
LAWRENCE, James W.	Pfc	35 370 538
SADOSKI, Peter P.	Pfc	31 211 410
HEALEY, Frederick S.	Pfc	55 305 98
RUSHING, Cleo	Pvt	34 812 909
SCHERER, Casper A.	T/4	32 156 708
SMITH, R.V. (IO)	Pvt	20 402 383
AUMAN, Pershing D.	Pvt	33 050 442
HILL, Joseph D.	Pvt	16 039 974
LAPIKAS, John M.	Cpl	33 113 283
RODRIGUEZ, Julio T.	Pvt	20 133 561
SPARKS, Carl J.	Sgt	18 070 327
BACON, Lewis C.	Pvt	37 302 484
BARR, Charles E.	Pvt	38 513 883
BAUR, Frank K.	Pfc	33 143 678
LEGG, Joseph E.	T/5	15 112 780
O'BRYAN, Charles E.	Pvt	20 746 704
WHITE, Melvin G.	S/Sgt	35 135 831
BURRI, Herman A.	Sgt	20 656 749
DANZIGER, Benjamin	2/Lt	01 299 211
CONDON, John A.	Pvt	17 076 365
BEISSER, Chester	Pvt	35 599 108
CHAVOUS, Samuel J.	Cpl	34 054 771
MAGNEY, Roy A.	Cpl	19 096 754
LOCKERMAN Colon A.	Pfc	34 571 683
REIDER, Foster P.	Pfc	33 010 611
BOYLAN, Richard E.	Sgt	32 023 449
CHELLINS, John E.	T/4	13 004 985
DONOHUE, Edward D.	Pvt	36 752 230
DUDGEON, Sidney G.	Pfc	32 093 950
FANNELLI, Andrew J.	Sgt	32 023 169

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HARDY, Joseph G.	T/5	14 024 716
HARDZOC, Floyd	Pfc	34 180 153
HARPER, Felix M.	T/5	13 016 604
HERSHMAN, Ralph W.	Pvt	13 042 608
INGENITO, Harold E.	Pfc	12 036 296
JEZAK, Joseph	Cpl	33 071 037
KELLER, William B.	Cpl	34 141 272
MASON, Conrad C.	Pfc	35 739 701
MORGIA, Anthony C.	Pvt	12 073 036
NICHOLS, Noel N.	Pvt	34 275 298
PATAKY, Bernard L.	T/4	13 002 415
PHELPS, John W.	T/4	32 024 275
SCHLOTT, Robert	S/Sgt	13 002 240
SMITH, Harry J.	Pvt	20 245 579
SPINA, Thomas	Pvt	32 572 316
STEPHENS, Horace S.	Pfc	34 141 354
VOSEN, Raymond F.	Pvt	16 132 054
WAUGH, Luther L.	T/5	35 664 638
FRATAGO, Michael H.	Sgt	33 345 371
HENRY, Richard B.	Pvt	36 885 105
WOJCIK, Walter A.	T/Sgt	37 186 511
VAN METER, Walter F.	Cpl	34 585 089
PINKOSKI, John	Pvt	13 059 409
BERLIN, John C.	T/5	18 151 944
KUEHLBY, John F.	F/O	T-61635
McKAMEY, James B.	2/Lt	0 668 479
SCOTT, Jess L.	Sgt	39 233 319
BARTO, Steve	Pvt	35 266 795
BRANNON, William F.	T/5	11 064 090
TORTORELLO, Anthony	Pvt	36 334 642
FARRIS, Dale (NMI)	2/Lt	0 763 584
FITZGERALD, Jark D.	Pvt	37 343 112
KENNEDY, Thomas M.	Pfc	32 600 334
O'CONNELL, Norman V.	Pvt	19 132 872
O'ROURKE, James A. Jr.	T/5	32 370 027
SIMPSON, Jack M.	Pvt	37 454 639
LOUIS, Charles K.	Pvt	19 096 999
ELLIS, Elmer	Pvt	20 406 903
ROBERTS, Harry Jr.	Pfc	35 617 857
FRANKEL, Merton	Cpl	39 124 515

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HALL, Charlie L.	Pfc	14 140 065
ZWYERS, Robert W.	Pvt	15 333 992
GUYTON, Wilbur M.	Pvt	34 663 591
HORMBAKER, Nelson F.	S/Sgt	6 948 738
McKEE, William R.	Pvt	32 949 592
HOLLOMAN, Wallace S.	Cpl	66 968 562
LESKO, John P.	Pfc	13 048 930
YESKO, Nicholas	Pvt	32 927 063
HUDAK, Joseph B.	Pvt	33 423 375
LONG, Houston H.	Pvt	32 359 883
EADY, Caley J.	T/4	14 142 168
RECORD, Orson B.	Pvt	20 157 352
BERGSTRESSER, Glenn	T/4	39 385 460
COUGHLIN, Lawrence J.	Pfc	35 069 317
FOSTER, Norman B.	Pvt	37 701 436
GOBLE, Francis W.	T/5	37 248 656
HERNANDEZ, Guadalupe	T/5	38 120 358
KLINE, William S.	2/Lt	01 013 442
METZ, Charles L.	Pvt	32 968 560
MOYER, Robert H.	Pvt	13 026 533
NEAL, Donald R.	Cpl	39 385 528
RHIMER, Nicholas W.	Cpl	13 008 950
KIRK, James	Pvt	34 673 669
PEDERSON, Harry B.	2/Lt	0 810 407
CERNY, Otaker	Pvt	6 902 607
SIMONS, Robert C.	Pvt	15 324 590
KOENIG, Thomas C.	Cpl	16 124 803
JONES, Theodore T. Jr.	1/Lt	0 456 301
ECKHOFF, Kenneth A.	Pfc	34 625 674
OLUBOWICZ, Steven	T/4	31 278 325
SCHECTER, Karl	Pfc	32 863 593
CAPLINGER, Robert D.	Pfc	35 801 083
HAGGINS, Sylbester D.	Pfc	32 552 252
HOMER, Mack	Pvt	34 740 215
SIMMONS, Henry	Pvt	38 227 090
WYATT, Daniel	T/5	38 311 942
ASHENFELTER, Edgar J.	Pvt	35 614 631
JENKINS, Earl F.	Pfc	35 590 188
ELLISON, Isidore	Pvt	32 008 511
NICHOLSON, Robert L.	Pfc	35 111 192

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
KIBBONS, David L.	Pfc	34 142 881
OKREPKI, Harry D.	Pfc	20 221 898
BARRACO, Andrew J.	Cpl	32 560 061
GEYER, Roy W.	S/Sgt	36 351 713
ROMNEY, Walter R.	2/Lt	0 807 313
HOKE, James T.	Pfc	38 094 200
LANGSTON, William L.	Pfc	18 086 596
SANDERS, Raymond C.	Pfc	37 107 418
HILL, Dewey D.	T/4	38 294 542
GUSTAFSON, Roy O.	Pfc	36 647 856
JESPER, Robert E.	Pvt	32 804 484
SOKOL, Sylvester F.	Pvt	33 365 213
HARPER, James T.	Pfc	35 671 355
MAGUFFEE, Henry B.	T/5	38 333 718
MAINE, Roger M.	Pfc	37 551 879

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14 November 1949

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

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Private Arrie A. Stephens, 38438152, Company D, 137th Infantry, was reported missing in action on 7 August 1944, by WFO Shipment No. 175.
2. A Finding of Death was made in the case of the above-named enlisted man, under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, by SR&D No. 3793, showing the presumed date of death as 8 August 1945.
3. This soldier's AG 201 file contains a Missing Report, dated 30 August 1944, signed by Capt Roger W. Baker which states that Pvt Stephens departed on a combat mission with his company on 6 August 1944 from the St Lo area, France to the Mortain area, and that he was last seen at the time of dispersal from vehicles. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Pvt Stephens:

"When enemy planes dropped flares, troops dispersed from vehicles. When scattered bombing was over, the troops reassembled at vehicles and it was at this time that Pvt Stephens was missing. A search was made that night by Captain Baker and T/Sgt Dunler and the next day a further search was made by S/Sgt Henson and Sgt West without finding any trace of Pvt Stephens."

4. The following pertinent information is quoted from replies to letters of inquiry addressed to former members of subject soldier's company:

a. Mr. Nathan G. McGee, 520 Colorado St., Lawrence, Kansas

"a. We were in a large motor convey moving into Mortain to help an outfit that was trapped....the whole convey stopped bumper to bumper for several minutes. While we were stopped, a German plane flew over us and dropped a light smoke flare that stayed at that point. He left and a short time later several bombers and pursuit planes came over us. They started dropping flares that made it like daylight. We jumped off to

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

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Private Arrie A. Stephens, 38438152, Company D, 137th Infantry, was reported missing in action on 7 August 1944, by WFO Shipment No. 175.

2. A Finding of Death was made in the case of the above-named enlisted man, under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, by SR&D No. 3793, showing the presumed date of death as 8 August 1945.

3. This soldier's AG 301 file contains a Missing Report, dated 30 August 1944, signed by Capt Roger N. Baker which states that Pvt Stephens departed on a combat mission with his company on 6 August 1944 from the St Lo area, France to the Mortain area, and that he was last seen at the time of dispersal from vehicles. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Pvt Stephens:

"When enemy planes dropped flares, troops dispersed from vehicles. When scattered bombing was over, the troops reassembled at vehicles and it was at this time that Pvt Stephens was missing. A search was made that night by Captain Baker and T/Sgt Dunler and the next day a further search was made by S/Sgt Henson and Sgt West without finding any trace of Pvt Stephens."

4. The following pertinent information is quoted from replies to letters of inquiry addressed to former members of subject soldier's company:

a. Mr. Nathan G. McGee, 520 Colorado St., Lawrence, Kansas

"a. We were in a large motor convey moving into Mortain to help an outfit that was trapped....the whole convey stopped bumper to bumper for several minutes. While we were stopped, a German plane flew over us and dropped a light smoke flare that stayed at that point. He left and a short time later several bombers and pursuit planes came over us. They started dropping flares that made it like daylight. We jumped off to

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the side of the road. They dropped a good many 500 pound bombs and then personal bombs. They were all right in our platoon area. We lost several men and we found bits of clothing that showed where some had gotten direct hits. Private Stephens was in our platoon.

"b.I believe he received a direct hit. I last saw him with the rest of us getting off trucks and going to the side of the road."

b. Mr. Smith H. Downes, Route 5, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

"He was in the same squad as I....We were going through St Hilaire about midnight when German bombers were heard over head they dropped flares which made it almost light as day. Arrie and I were together when we left the trucks. I laid down in a sunken road and Arrie went into the corner of the field just up the bank from where I was a bomb landed in the corner of the field. We looked the next day. All we could find was a couple little pieces of cloth where he had been so to the best of my belief he is dead for we never found any more traces of him."

c. Mr. Dick M. Wheeler, Box 234, Okaloosa, Kansas

".....There were three others killed that night in company D - 137 Inf.....I talked to some of the men and they all said they found the three that were killed but didn't find anything of Stephens but a few bits of G.I. clothing."

d. Mr. Wilbur Leatherman, Fowler, Kansas

"I.....got in touch with First Sgt Wallace Feldman...and he said that....on the night of 7th of August 1944...3 of our boys were killed and one was missing, the one Pvt Stephens, he was never heard of again.

"Mr. Feldman said he just [suppose] he was killed there but never was found."

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4. Mr. Albert G. Dunler, Westview Gardens, Dodge City, Kansas

".....three fellows I knew were killed.....These three fellows were Anderson, Reinert, and I can't think of the third persons name, but it wasn't Private Stephens."

5. The three men referred to in paragraph 4a are identified as S Sgt Floyd V. Reinert, 20724999, Tec 4 James H. Eakin, 37070318 and Tec 4 Lemuel C. Anderson, 20724940. S Sgt Reinert's AG 201 file contains a report from the regimental commander which states that S Sgt Reinert was killed instantly while with his company in a convoy which was bombed by enemy planes at St Hilaire du Harcourt, France. Tec 4 Anderson's next of kin was notified that his death occurred at Landivy, France.

6. St Hilaire du Harcourt is located approximately nine miles southwest of Mortain and Landivy lies about the same distance south of St Hilaire du Harcourt.

7. Captured German Records make no reference to Pvt Stephens. There is no Report of Burial for subject in the office of The Quartermaster General.

8. Pvt Stephens was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, per Circular 151, WD 1945.

9. While Pvt Stephens was with his company in a convoy, the troops dispersed when the convoy was bombed by enemy planes near St Hilaire du Harcourt, France, approximately nine miles southwest of Mortain. Subject took refuge in the corner of a field just up a bank from where one of his comrades lay (See par 4b). A bomb landed in the corner of the field and a subsequent search revealed only small fragments of clothing. Losses sustained during the attack were three killed and one, Pvt Stephens, missing. The three who were killed were found by company members. The foregoing facts are considered sufficient evidence to conclude that Pvt Stephens was killed when the bomb exploded at the approximate location where he lay in an effort to conceal himself. This conclusion is further substantiated by the fact that three other members of the company who were killed during the same incident were known and were found by company members and only subject was missing. In view of the above it can only be concluded that the fragments of clothing found near the spot where Pvt Stephens lay were his and that he did not survive.

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10. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that the person named in paragraph one, above, was killed in action on 7 August 1944, near St Hilaire du Harcouet, France. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

"Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1943, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 8 August 1945. This 'Report of Death' is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9."

Systemat will be routed to Operating Unit for notification and processing.

Station and place of death: European Area

ELIZABETH A. RIDGWAY
Investigator

CONCUR:

T. J. COLLUM
Major, AGP
OIC, Det and Review Unit

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN
Lt Col, AGP
OIC, Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO



AG 704 DEAD (8 Aug 45)
S. R. & D. No. 3793

8 August 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF STATUS
UNDER THE MISSING PERSONS ACR.

- 1 - FACTS

1. The following named persons have been carried on War Department records as missing in action in France since 7 August 1944, as reported by the WFO Shipments cited below and are individually considered in the paragraphs, the numbers of which are listed beside their names:

<u>PAR. NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SHIP NO.</u>
3	MAXWELL, FRANK	01324277	Second Lieutenant	178
13	MONAGHAN, LEO F., JR.	01106319	Second Lieutenant	167
11	CLARK, ULRIC C.	20847682	Sergeant	165
4	VIDRINE, FRANCIS J.	38258368	Sergeant	169
9	MATELSKI, STEVE	38054388	Corporal	168
10	PIERCE, LEROY L.	17057648	Corporal	167
5	ANTONELLI, JIDDO M.	33673976	Private First Class	165
5	KRAMER, ROBERT M.	36682844	Private First Class	165
5	LOUIS, JOHNNIE	32820347	Private First Class	165
12	TARCZNSKI, MITCHELL F.	36584985	Private First Class	200
8	DOOLEY, THOMAS F.	34611119	Private	110
6	KLINEK, JOSEPH S.	36878421	Private	169
8	NEWTON, PAUL A.	14010321	Private	110
7	STEPHENS, ARRIE A.	38438152	Private	185
4	WILLET, DALLAS M.	34493204	Private	169

2. The subject persons were members of Infantry, Armored Force, and Engineer Corps units, which on 7 August 1944 were engaged in repulsing the counterattack made by the enemy against the advance of Allied forces in the Mortain sector of Normandy, France. On that date elements of four armored German divisions made a drive on a five-mile front, directed against Mortain, which is located south of Vire, in an attempt to cut the United-States-held corridor from Normandy through Avranches to Brittany and thus sever U.S. supply lines. Mortain was lost in the ensuing battles, but was regained by our forces on 12 August.

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3. Second Lieutenant Frank Maxwell. 120th Infantry. 2nd Battalion.
Company "H".

a. Lieutenant Maxwell was initially reported missing in action since 16 August 1944, in France, by ETO Shipment No. 173. The later report, ETO Shipment No. 178, ~~in France~~, revealed 7 August 1944 as the correct missing in action date. Records indicate that the officer's emergency addressee was so notified.

b. In response to a request for information from Mrs. Florence Maxwell, the mother of Lieutenant Maxwell, to Commanding Officer, 120th Infantry, dated 20 December 1944, and found in the subject officer's AG 201 file, the 4th Indorsement, undated, from Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 120th Infantry, is quoted below:

"Lt Maxwell was last seen near Mortain, France where the Battalion was cutoff. No further information is available."

c. A report, dated 23 October 1944, from Colonel Paul T. Goode, Senior American Officer, at Oflog 64, Altburgund Germany, Subject: Fourth Report on Deaths and Wounds, to The Adjutant General, through the Swiss Legation, Casualty Branch Message No. 001093, contains the following listing on page 8, under the heading "Killed and Probably Fell into Enemy Hands":

"84. Maxwell, Frank, O-1324277, 2nd Lt. Co H 120 Inf., killed by small arms fire 8/8/44 at Mortaine (sic), France.
Witness: Hardaway, E. G. 020855, Lt. Col., 120 Inf. 5733
Cabanne St., St. Louis, Mo."

4. Sergeant Francis J. Vidrine. of 117th Infantry. Company "A". and
Private Dallas M. Willet. of 117th Infantry. Company "C".

a. Vidrine's AG 201 file contains a report dated 26 August 1944, and signed by Captain William A. Buckley, Personnel Officer, 117th Infantry, which states that on 7 August 1944 Company "A" was engaged in the defense of the town of St. Barthelemy, France. Sergeant Vidrine disappeared during a counterattack by the enemy, and was not seen after that time.

b. Willet's Service Record contains the following notation under the heading "remarks - Administrative":

"Missing in action near St. Barthelemy, France on 7 August 1944."

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c. Under date of 31 May 1945, this office dispatched a confidential message form to Commanding General, USF, ETO, file: AG 201 Willet, Dallas M. (31 May 45) 34,493,204, requesting a report of the circumstances under which Willet became missing in action. The basic communication was received back by 7th Indorsement dated 25 June 1945. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is a certified true copy of report pertaining to Private Willet, dated 25 August 1944 and signed by Second Lieutenant Quinton W. Robb, Infantry, which states that Willet was last seen on 7 August 1944 in the vicinity of St. Barthelmy, France, while his company was in a defensive position. The report also contains the following remarks:

"Defensive positions of the company overrun by enemy tanks forcing the organization to withdraw. This soldier was reported missing during re-organization of the company.

On 13 August 1944 following withdrawal of enemy the area was searched but no trace of this soldier was found."

d. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, St. Barthelmy, France, is located north of Mortain, in Normandy, at the coordinates 48° 43' N - 0° 57' W.

5. Privates First Class Antonelli, Kramer and Louie, 119th Infantry, Company "L":

a. The AG 201 files of Antonelli, Kramer and Louie contain identical reports dated 10 October 1944, signed by the Commanding Officer, Company "L", with variation only with respect to names, grades, and serial numbers. According to the reports, these enlisted men departed with their company from Pasture, France, on 6 August 1944 on a mission to rout remaining enemy troops from Juvigny, France, and were last seen in the vicinity of Juvigny. A portion of the report pertaining to Antonelli is quoted below:

"Company was ordered to rout remaining enemy troops from Juvigny, France, encountering heavy resistance and suffering many casualties. A check of men present was made late in the evening of 7 Aug 44 and Pfc. Antonelli could not be accounted for either wounded or evacuated and therefore was reported as missing in action."

b. The town of Juvigny, France, is in Normandy, southeast of Vire. The town of "Pasture" could not be identified, however.

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6. Private Joseph S. Klimek. 116th Infantry. Company "K":

a. The soldier's AG 201 file contains a report, dated 22 August 1944, and signed by Captain John R. Woodbridge, Personnel Officer, 116th Infantry, which states that Klimek was last seen on 7 August 1944 at his Platoon command post near Vire, France, just before his company began an attack on high ground in the vicinity.

7. Private Arrie A. Stephens. 137th Infantry, Company "D":

a. The soldier's AG 201 file contains a Missing Report dated 30 August 1944, and signed by Captain Roger N. Baker, which states that Stephens departed on a combat mission with his company on 6 August 1944 from the St. Lo area, France to the Mortain area, France, and that he was last seen at the time of dispersal from vehicles. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the subject soldier:

"When enemy planes dropped flares, troops dispersed from vehicles. When scattered bombing was over, the troops reassembled at vehicles and it was at this time that Pvt. Stephens was missing. A search was made that night by Captain Baker and T/Sgt. Dmler and the next day a further search was made by S/Sgt. Henson and Sgt. West without finding any trace of Pvt. Stephens.:

8. Private Thomas T. Dooley and Paul A Newton. of 33rd Armored Regiment Company "F":

a. Private Dooley and Newton were initially reported missing in action since 9 August 1944. in France, by ETO Shipments Nos. 166 and 167, respectively, which were received in the War Department 23 August 1944. A later report, ETO Shipment No. 110, received in the War Department 23 April 1945, disclosed that 7 August 1944 was the correct missing in action date. Records indicate that their emergency addressees were no notified.

b. Private Dooley's AG 201 file contains a report, dated 13 September 1944, from Headquarters 33rd Armored Regiment, which states that on 7 August 1944 the subject enlisted man departed with his company from a point located one-quarter mile south of Reffuveille, France, on a mission to Le Nes Nil Adelle, France, to stop an enemy counter-attack, and that he was last seen one-quarter mile west of Le Nes Nil Adelle. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the subject soldier:

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"Pvt Thomas T. Dooley, was driving tank that was hit by enemy fire on the front slope plate, and set fire. The shell as it hit the front slope plate wounded Pvt Dooley so he was unable to get out of the tank, and it is believed that he burned in the tank. No burial report has come down on Pvt. Dooley so it is believed he burned in the tank, and his body could not be identified.

"Fellow crew members believe that Pvt Dooley was so badly wounded when the shell hit he was unable to get out of the tank. Their statement is impossible to get now as they have been transferred to Hospital."

c. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, Reffuveille, France, is located at the coordinates 48° 40' N - 01° 06' W, and Le Nes Nil Adelee (Adelle) is at the coordinates 48° 42' N - 01° 04' W.

d. In response to a request for information from Staff Sergeant Carl R. Newton, the brother of Private Paul A. Newton, to Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, 33rd Armored Regiment, dated 10 September 1944, and found in the subject soldier's AG 201 file, a letter, dated 17 October 1944, from Headquarters 33rd Armored Regiment, is quoted below:

"Pvt. Paul A. Newton was driving a tank that was hit by enemy fire, and set on fire, Pvt. Newton was last seen by an unidentified Infantry soldier as he was leaving the tank. No word has been received of him. It may have been possible that he was captured by enemy."

The place where the casualty occurred was given as near Le Nes Nil Adelle, Nord de Guerre Zone, France.

e. In response to a request from this office to the Commanding General, USF, ETO, made by a confidential message form dated 24 January 1945, file: AG 704 (24 Jan 45), the 5th Indorsement, dated 21 February 1945, from Headquarters 33rd Armored Regiment, listed the crew member ~~id~~ of the subject tank and their status as follows:

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Private	THOMAS T. DOOLEY	34,611,119	MIA
Corporal	RICHARD M. OLSEN	37,120,469	LWA
Private	PAUL A. NEWTON	14,010, 321	MIA
Tech 5.	JAMES B. CROW	35,265,373	LWA

Attached to the 5th Indorsement is an affidavit, executed by Technical Sergeant Dolon E. Sanders, 6,271,643, of Company "F", 33rd Armored Regiment on 17 February 1945, in which he expressed the belief that Private Dooley was killed in action on 7 August 1944. This affidavit contains the following account of the circumstances surrounding the death of Private Dooley:

"I was about 100 yds from the tank * * * when it was hit by enemy fire. The tank burned and after it burned I examined the tank and found a charred body in the drivers seat. I did not see the men who got out of the tank, but all of them except Pvt. Dooley have been accounted for in a hospital.

"The body I saw was in the drivers seat. Pvt Dooley and Pvt. Newton were the only qualified drivers in the crew. Infantry soldiers later stated that Pvt Newton was seen to escape from the tank."

The 6th Indorsement to this correspondence, dated 13 March 1945, from Headquarters Third Armored Division, reads in part as follows:

"4. Status of Pvt. Thomas T. Dooley, 34611119 is not being changed due to fact that no definite information can be ascertained at this time as to whether either Pvt Dooley or Pvt Paul A. Newton, 14010321 was the party that escaped from ~~the~~ tank or remained * * *. Attention invited to statement by T/Sgt Sanders, The mere fact that Pvt Newton was seen to escape by Infantry soldiers is not deemed conclusive. Mistake identity could easily have been made. * * *

f. In response to a request for more detailed information concerning the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Private Dooley and Newton, made by a confidential message form from Headquarters European

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Theater of Operations to Commanding General, First US Army, dated 26 March 1945, file: AG 201 Dooley. Thomas T. 34611119 /Cas., the 3rd Indorsement, dated 10 April 1945, from Headquarters 33rd Armored Regiment, is quoted in part below:

"2. T Sgt Sanders, who made affidavits referred to in basic letter, has been further questioned regarding the incident. He states that it is impossible to determine who the Infantry men were who are supposed to have seen Pvt Newton evacuate the tank.

"3. Sgt Sanders further states that while in combat, crew often switch positions and that it is impossible to determine the position occupied by members of subject tank at time it was hit. However, it is his opinion that Pvt Dooley was driving the tank as he was the best qualified driver in the crew.

"4. Sgt Sanders was not able to find any identifiable features or clues on or near the charred remains in the tank.

"5. It is believed that the information given, although not definitely conclusive, is reasonable proof that Pvt Dooley is the person who was burned in the drivers seat of the tank. He has not been reported as a Prisoner of War or as a patient in a hospital."

9. Corporal Steve Matelske, 67th Armored Regiment. Company "G":

a. Matelske's Service Record contains the following notation under the heading "Remarks - Administrative":

"Missing in Action : While participating in ground attack 7th Aug 44 at Barenton 1 Mile South, Normandy France."

b. Under date of 31 May 1945, this office dispatched a confidential messageform to Commanding General, USF, ETO, file; AG 201 Matelske, Steve (31 May 45) 3E,054,388, requesting a report of the circumstances under which Matelske became missing in action. The basic communication was received back by 7th Indorsement dated 25 June 1945. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is an undated Missing in Action Report pertaining to Corporal Matelske, with affidavits by three eyewitnesses. According to this report, on 7 August 1944 Corporal Matelske was serving as the driver of tank No. W-3033254, further identified as "Gabby", when it was knocked

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out near Le Mesnil-Gilbert, in the vicinity of Barenton, France. The four remaining tank crew members, with their crew positions and present status, are as follows:

Sgt.	JAMES EDGAR	32,024,417	Tank Commander	Duty
Pfc.	EUGENE BICKLEMAN	13,068,337	Loader	WIA-to hospital
Pfc.	FREDERICK S. GERSTNER	38,198,401	Ass't Driver	WIA-To U.S.
T/4	MARGARITO MARCIAS	38,054,192	Gunner	Rotated -to U.S.

Included in the Report is the following statement, by Captain James F. White, Company Commander at the time of the casualty:

"The platoon of which the tank in which Corporal Matelski was a crew member was in action near Le-Mesnil-Gilbert, France. * * *. The tank was hit and four members of the crew are known to have escaped. The tank burned. Before the action was completed the company was withdrawn on another mission and the 4th Infantry Division took over our section. Due to the fact the area the tank was in was still unoccupied by troops and the tank was still burning when we left on another mission the tank was not examined by any known member of my command."

The Report also contains the following statement by Sergeant James Edgar, Tank Commander:

"My tank was advancing up the road in an attack. The tank was hit on the front slope, penetrating on the drivers side. The projectile exploded under the gun approximately to the rear of the drivers head. I was knocked to the floor. I gave the order to abandon the tank because the tank caught on fire immediately. Marcias and Bickleman asked me if I was all right. We separated when dismounting from the tank and met again at the Bn. Aid Station. I then asked Gerstner what happened to Matelski. He said that Matelski was killed."

A statement by First Lieutenant Charles W. Finley, of the 67th Armored Regiment, who was identified as a witness other than a crew member, contains no additional pertinent information.

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c. Attached as Inclosure No.2 to the aforementioned Missing in Action Report is a memorandum, dated 17 May 1945, from the Commanding Officer, Company "G", to the Personnel Officer, 67th Armored Regiment, which contains the following information concerning the casualty:

- "1. The tank was not examined by any member of this command.
- "2. * * *
- "3. No crew members are present at this time.
* * *
- "4. There are no witnesses present at this time.
- "5. * * *

10. Corporal LeRoy L. Pierce. 743rd Tank Battalion, Company "C":

a. Pierce's Service Record contains the following notation under the heading "Remarks - Administration":

Missing in Action at Juvigny Le Tertre, France,
7 August 1944."

b. The soldier's Ag 201 file contains a report dated 23 September 1944, and signed by First Lieutenant Harry F. Hansen, which states that Corporal Pierce was last seen on 7 August 1944 about one mile south of Le Mesnil Trove, France, while en route to attack this town. The resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance is quoted below:

"As his tank was proceeding south on main road to Le Mesnil Trove, it was hit by enemy anti-tank gun and immediately burst in flames. Cpl. Pierce no doubt died before he could get out, but it is not certain.

"I asked two men if Pierce had gotten out of the tank when they did, but they did not know."

c. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, Le Mesnil Trove (Trove), France, is located at the coordinates 48° 42' N - 01° 01' W.

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11. Sergeant Ulric C. Clark, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Company "A":

a. In response to a request from this office to the Commanding General, USF, European Theater of Operations, made by a confidential messageform dated 31 May 1945, files: AG 201 Clark, Ulric C. (31 May 45) 20,847,682, the 6th Indorsement, dated 19 June 1945, from Company "A", 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, is quoted in part below:

"2. On 7 August 1944, while Company A, 823 Tank Destroyer Battalion was occupying defensive positions at Mortain, France Sgt. Ulric C. Clark, 20847682, was a gun commander on a 3" Towed Tank Destroyer gun. His gun was inside the city of Mortain. To secure a vulnerable flank of his position, Sgt. Clark set up a .50 Cal. MG outpost. During the enemy counterattack that followed, Sgt. Clark went to this outpost to see if everything was alright. While at this position, he was seriously wounded. Of the personnel that saw what happened, Sgt. Simmons, Cpls. Deitrick and Baldwin, and Pvt. Gonzalez are the only ones available. * * * "

b. Attached to the 6th Indorsement as Inclosure No. 1 are undated statements by Sergeant George K. Simmons, 39,551, 705 and Corporal Rex W. Deitrick, 39,197,893.

(1) Sergeant Simmons' statement reads as follows:

"Deitrick and Baldwin were on a .50 Cal. Mg. outpost that was covering the road. Sgt. Clark came up to our position to check on the outpost. As he approached the position, he was shot by small arms fire. The bullet entered his stomach and went out through his back. I crawled up to where he fell, and with the aid of Deitrick brought him back to comparative safety, and helped dress his wounds. It was apparent that he was in a very critical condition, and as there were no Medics around, I got permission from S/Sgt. Allensworth to take a jeep and get some Medics. After leaving the position, the jeep was shot out from underneath, and as a result I never reached any Medics. It was impossible to get back to the original position, the enemy having overrun the position by that time. I never saw Sgt. Clark again."

(2) Corporal Deitrick's statement is quoted in part below:

" * * * There were no available Medics at the time, so S/Sgt. Allensworth told Sgt. Simmons to take a jeep and get some medics from the nearest aid station. After Sgt. Simons left, our position was being threatened by enemy fire, so we carried Sgt. Clark to the comparative safety of a garage where we laid him beside our half-track. About an hour later, while Sgt. Clark was still there (he had lost consciousness some time before this) our position was over-run by the enemy. At that time, our infantry was withdrawing through our positions, and S/Sgt. Allensworth ordered us to withdraw as soon as they passed through. We did this, and as Sgt. Clark was in no condition to be moved inasmuch as we had no way to carry him, we left him lying there along side the half-track. I never saw Sgt. Clark again."

Attached to the 6th Indorsement as Inclosure No. 2 are undated statements by Corporal Harold F. Baldwin, 39907107, and Private Valdemar Gonzalez, 38,363,547, which furnish substantially the same information as the statements quoted above.

c. On 21 March 1945 Mrs. Minnie R. Clark, the wife of Sergeant Clark, sent a letter of inquiry to the Adjutant General's Office, requesting that an investigation be made as to her husband's whereabouts, on the basis of a letter, dated 27 January 1945, which she had received from a Miss Jeanne F. Douville, 9 East Street, Attleboro, Massachusetts. Miss Douville's letter, a copy of which was forwarded to the War Department by Mrs. Clark and filed in Sergeant Clark's AG 201 file, reads in part as follows:

"Through correspondence with one of the men in his outfit, I received a letter in November saying that Sgt. Clark was in a hospital although he had been officially listed as missing in action since August. I have had no further news since then
* * * "

In her letter of 21 March, Mrs Clark also stated that she had been unable to obtain either a copy of the letter mentioned by Miss Douville, or the name of her informant.

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12. Private First Class Mitchell F. Tarczynski. 298th Engineer Corps Battalion. Company "A" :

a. Tarczynski's AG 201 file contains a report dated 10 August 1944, and signed by Warrant Officer (JG) Edward Bielewocz, Adjutant, which states that on 7 August 1944 Tarczynski's battalion departed from a point three miles north of Reffuveille, France to proceed to a new bivouac area in the vicinity of Oisseau, France. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance:

"Convoy on night movement to new bivouac area, in the vicinity of Oisseau, France. Surprise attack by enemy forces, forced the men to disperse immediately. The whereabouts of EM concerned are not known, although repeated efforts have been made to locate him."

b. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, Milly, France is located at the coordinates 48° 35' N - 01° 01' W.

13. Second Lieutenant Leo F. Monaghan, Jr., 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company:

a. This officer's AG 201 file contains a Missing Report, dated 26 August 1944, and signed by Second Lieutenant O. H. Feldman, Personnel Officer, which states that at 0100 hours on 7 August 1944 Monaghan and several others departed from Reffuveille, France, acting as the advance element to prepare the movement of company to a new bivouac area. It is further stated that Monaghan was last seen at a point one mile southeast of La Durietiere, France. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance:

"While following prescribed route set by his Co. Lt. Monaghan riding in 1/4-ton truck, followed by two 4-ton cargo trucks, both pulling R-4 bulldozers on 8-ton flat bed trailers, ran into a crossfire of small arms in vicinity of La Durietiere. Lt. Monaghan attempted to supervise the turning around of both trucks with bulldozers so that they could follow new route. The first truck with bulldozer turned around and returned to unit at new bivouac area. No trace of the second truck, with bulldozer, or Lt. Monaghan and one EM could be found thereafter."

"After fighting in the vicinity of La Durietiere had subsided, a search was made of Lt. Monaghan, and the 4-ton cargo and bulldozer. There were no signs of either in that area. It is known that a German unit had broken through the American Lines in that area and that Tech 5 Leon S. Strong of this unit, who was a member of the same advance party, hid behind the German Lines for three days in the vicinity of la Durietere, and returned to this unit after the Germans had been forced back."

b. Attached to the Missing Report are statements by Technicians Fifth Grade Arthur A. Kowalski and Robley T. Champion, of the 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company, who were eyewitnesses to the casualty

(1) Statement of Technician Kowalski:

"I was a member of the advance party on 6 August 1944 which included Lt. Monaghan and Sgt. La Ruffa. I was driving the first # 4-ton truck which was pulling ~~XXXXXX~~ a flat bed trailer and bulldozer. When we approached the inter-section at la Durietiere, I heard small arms fire which sounded as though it was a short distance away. Lt Monaghan had stopped us and about that time Captain Couse, our commanding officer, came by in the command car. I understood that Capt. Couse was going to ~~plan a new route to move the company convoy.~~ Lt Montaghan and Sgt. La Ruffa went down the road to investigate the noise and at the same time to find a place to turn around my truck and the one in back of me. Lt. Monaghan told me to move down the road where he had found a place to turn around. I turned around at the specified place and started on my way to follow the new route as revised by Captain Couse. I last saw Lt. Monaghan and Sgt. La Ruffa at the turnaround. Lt. Monaghan said that I should tell the other truck that was in back of me to come where he was and turn around as I did. I approached the other vehicle and was fired upon as I neared it. When I got ~~up to the other truck~~ up to the other truck no one was around it or in it. I kept going a little way and met Strong (driver of the second truck). He hopped on my and I gave him Lt. Monaghan's instructions. He got off and I proceeded towards the intersection at la Durietiere. I came across the men from the other truck and they hopped on. When I

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US Army, Paris, France to War Department, Casualty Branch Message No. 052032, stated that a burial report had been received on this soldier and that the estimated date of death was 7 August 1944. Accordingly, La Ruffa's status was changed from missing on action since 7 August 1944 to killed in action on 7 August 1944.

14. An examination of the files of these persons in Casualty Branch and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and of the Index in Prisoner of War Information Bureau, PMGO, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review.

11. - CONCLUSIONS.

1. The persons herein considered were members of five Infantry Regiments (the 116th, 117th, 119th, 120th and 137th), four Armored Force units (the 33rd Armored Regiment, 67th Armored Regiment, 743rd Tank Battalion, and the 823rd ~~Tank Destroyer Battalion~~), and two Engineer ~~High Pontoon Company~~ (the 298th Engineer Corps Battalion and the 507th Engineer ~~Light Pontoon Company~~). These Organization participated in the intense fighting in and around the Mortain area of Normandy, France, on 7 August 1944, when Allied forces were defending their positions against a counterattack by the enemy. Records reveal that the subject persons disappeared during the action, under the circumstances set forth in the following paragraphs.

2. Lieutenant Maxwell, of the 120th Infantry Regiment, was last seen near Mortain, France when his battalion was cut off. Subsequently, a report was received in the War Department, through the Swiss Legation, from the Senior American Officer at a German prisoner-of-war camp, to the effect that an American Officer had witnessed the death of Lieutenant Maxwell at Mortain on 8 August 1944, and that he was believed killed by small arms fire. (See paragraph 3c Part 1, above)

3. Sergeant Vidrine and Private Willet, of the 117th Infantry Regiment disappeared when their companies' defensive positions near St. Barthelemy, north of Mortain, France, were counterattacked and overrun by the enemy. A search of the area, made a few days later after the enemy had withdrawn, failed to reveal any trace of these soldiers.

4. Privates First Class Antonelli, Kramer and Louis, of the 119th Infantry Regiment, were last seen near Juvigny, southeast of Vire, France, while

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participating with their company in a mission to drive enemy troops from Juvigny. During this mission, heavy resistance was encountered, and the company suffered many casualties.

5. Private Klimek, of the 116th Infantry Regiment, was last seen at his platoon command post near Vire, France, just before an attack was launched by his company on high ground in the vicinity.

6. Private Stephens, of the 137th Infantry Regiment, became missing between St. Lo and Mortain, France, when his company reassembled at their vehicles, after having dispersed during a night bombing raid. Searches made that night and the next day failed to reveal any trace of him.

7. Private Dooley and Newton, of the 33rd Armored Regiment, were crew members of a tank which was hit by enemy fire and set on fire in the vicinity of Le Mesnil Adee, in the Mortain area, France. The two remaining crew members, who managed to escape from the tank with slight wounds, stated that Private Dooley was seriously wounded in the tank by an enemy shell, and expressed the belief that he was unable to leave the vehicle. An eyewitness to the incident examined the tank after it burned, and found a charred body, with no identifying marks, in the driver's seat. These remains could be those of either Dooley or Newton, as eyewitnesses disagree as to which of these soldiers was driving the tank, and both of them were rated as qualified drivers.

8. Corporal Matelske, of the 67th Armored Regiment, was driving a tank when it was hit by enemy fire and set on fire in the vicinity of Barenton, France, which is located south of Mortain. The four remaining crew members, two of whom were wounded, managed to escape from the tank. One of them told a fellow soldier that Matelski was killed when the enemy shell penetrated the tank on the driver's side and exploded behind the driver's head. The tank was not examined subsequent to the casualty, due to the fact that the company left the area on another mission while it was still burning.

9. Corporal Pierce, of the 743rd Tank Battalion, was a crew member of a tank which was hit by an enemy anti-tank gun and set on fire near Le Mesnil Tove, in the Mortain Area, France. Two crew members who succeeded in escaping from the tank had no knowledge of what happened to Pierce.

10. Sergeant Clark, of the 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, was seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire while acting as a gun commander on a tank destroyer gun, at a machine gun outpost in the city of Mortain, France. His fellow soldiers administered first aid, but were unable to locate any medical men to assist them in caring for the injured soldier. About an hour later, the

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unit's position was overrun by the enemy, forcing the gun crew to withdraw. Sergeant Clark was left behind, since he had lost consciousness some time before and was in no condition to be moved.

11. Private First Class Tarczynski, of the 298th Engineer Corps Battalion, became missing near Milly, France, in the Mortain Area, when a surprise night attack by the enemy forced his convoy, which was en route to a new bivouac area, to disperse immediately. Subsequent efforts to locate the missing soldier proved to be futile.

12. Lieutenant Monaghan, of the 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company, became missing near La Duretiere, France, in the Mortain area, while leading an advance party of three trucks in a night movement of the company to a new bivouac area. As the party neared an intersection at La Duretiere, enemy small arms and machine gun crossfire was encountered: and Lieutenant Monaghan and an enlisted man (a Sergeant LaRuffa) left their vehicle to supervise the other trucks in turning around at a suitable place and setting out on a new route. They were last seen at the turnaround, and searches made that night and later on, after the fighting in the vicinity had subsided, failed to reveal any trace of them. On 15 February 1945 Headquarters Communications Zone, ETO, notified the War Department that a burial report had been received on Sergeant LaRuffa, and that the estimated date of death was 7 August 1944. On the basis of this report, LaRuffa's status was changed to killed in action as of 7 August 1944.

13. Although it is twelve months since these persons became missing in action and approximately three months since the cessation of hostilities in Europe, no report has been received in the War Department to indicate that any of them are alive.

14. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, it is concluded that these persons may not reasonably be presumed to be living.

III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of section 5 of the Missing Persons Act in the cases of the persons named

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in paragraph 1, Part I, above, and that these findings show the presumed date of death in each case to be 8 August 1945.

/s/ Comtome L Couklin
Investigator

/s/ Theodore G. Weinberger
First Lieutenant., AGD

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

/s/ John T. Burns
/t/ JOHN T. BURNS
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Determination Section.

/s/ George F. Herbert
/t/ GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch

Second Lieutenant Frank Maxwell,
01324277, Infantry, et al.

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HEADQUARTERS 137th INFANTRY
APO 35 U.S. ARMY

SUBJECT : Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Reports.

August 6

The regiment remained in the same area and awaited further orders. Casualties for 5-6 August were 1 killed on the 5th, 2 wounded on the 5th, 6 missing on the 5th, and 2 missing on the 6th.

A resume of casualties incurred to date, before leaving the St Lo-Vire area, would show:

In the battle for St Lo, from 10 July to 19 July, 196 were reported killed, 592 wounded, and 32 missing in action. Additional casualties during the continued operation of the area taken, up to 30 July, and delayed reports of earlier casualties, together with information gained from various sources, boosted these figures to 145 killed, and 704 wounded, while these missing were reduced to 6. One officer remained missing in action, 11 officers had been killed, and 29 wounded, of whom 4 had already been returned to duty.

After beginning the attack south of St Lo, operating as Task Force S with the XIX Corps in the drive through Tessy toward Vire, the regiment lost 30 killed, 80 wounded and 34 missing from 31 July to 4 August. Scattered casualties during the continued occupation of this area brought the total to 31 killed, 262 wounded and 42 missing in action before leaving this sector. Among those killed were 3 officers, while 6 officers had been wounded and 2 were missing. Twenty-one prisoners had been taken.

Since arriving in France the 137th Infantry had suffered 1183 casualties. Consisting of 177 killed, 956 wounded, and 40 missing in action. Many of the wounded had returned to duty, and these and new replacements totaled 826.

At 1750 the 137th Infantry left the St Lo-Vire area. Their destination was the vicinity of Louvigne, lying southwest of Avranches, where the latest German thrust was threatening to cut off the entire Brest Peninsula.

Proceeding to Pontfarcy, the motor convoy turned southwest, swung around Villendieu, then continued southwest to Ponts, within sight of Avranches on the Mont Saint Michel Bay. Turning east at Ponts to Grecey, then south, the convoy reached the designated city of St Hilaire at midnight.

With the regiment now fully battle tested, it became apparent that time should be taken to cite certain members for outstanding acts of heroism displayed in previous battles. By the end of the week, Fifteen men had been recommended for awards ranging from the Bronze Star to the Distinguished Service Cross. On the 4th of August

1944. Hq. 35th Inf Div. announced the following awards to men of this regiment: T/5 Peter G. Silvert member of medical detachment from Garden Plains, Kans, for gallantry in action was awarded the Silver Star; Sgt Allen C Allburty member of Co. I, who hails from Aberdeen, Washington, for heroic achievement was awarded the Bronze Star; Pfc. Cofford F. Goza who drives a truck for Company M and answers the roll call from Avans, Georgia was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement.

August 7

When the convoy had almost cleared St. Hilaire it was caught in a heavy bombing by a large force of German Planes, which rounded the city and the highways leading south to Louvigne and St James, after first dropping flares. Despite the vulnerability of the long convoy in the brightly lighted highway, the vehicles were damaged only slightly and the convoy moved on to the assembly area northwest of Louvigne immediately after the raid. However, four men were killed and three wounded by the bombing, with one missing.

Shortly after 1500 the 137th Infantry moved east to the area near St Symphorien and at 1830 received the Division order to begin movement by motor to secure the high ground in the Mortain-St. Cyre area. With the enemy threatening from the northwest and already reported in the 134th Infantry area, the plan called for an attack at 2000- only one and a half hours notice.

The 35th Division was now under XX Corps of the Third Army. The coming operation called for the 30th Division on the left, with the 2nd Armored Division operating within the sector.

Various sources of information indicated that a large force of Germans were packeted in the Mortain Forest.

With Company B of the 737th Tank Battalion and Company B of the 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached, the 137th jumped off on schedule, but met no resistance. They continued to advance until 2230, then dug in for the night, in conformance with Division orders. At this time their line was in the vicinity of Villechien.

August 8

The Attack was resumed in the morning according to schedule, and at 0720 Companies E and F were on the objective, followed by the 1st Battalion, which was about 1000 yards back.

The 3rd Battalion was released to the 134th Infantry on order of the Commanding General, 2nd Armored Division after confirmation by the 35th Division's Commander. The 1st and 2nd Battalion, after reaching their objective, assumed outpost, roadblock and patrol activity previously done by the 3rd Battalion.

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Stephens, Arrie A.

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 11 February 1949

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

In compliance with request made in basic communication, submitted herewith is extraction of SR&D Report from Casualty Branch, accompanied by all information available in Historical Files, Operations Report, concerning the death of Pvt. Arrie A. Stephens, 38430152.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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SR&D Report
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Lt. Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
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APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

10 December 1948

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 for Private
Arrie A. Stephens, 38438152.

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2. Records this headquarters indicate that the above
became missing on the night of 7 August 1944 between St Lo
and Mortain, France when his company reassembled after having
dispersed during a night bombing raid. Searches conducted
during the night and the next day failed to reveal any trace
of him.

3. It is requested that, if available, additional
information which may aid in the recovery of the remains, be
forwarded this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. MULVANITY
Lt Colonel, QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen





Pentagon Liaison

12 JAN 1949

MEM. BY. DOWD

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Stephens, Arrie A.

GRADE

PVT.

PRESENT SERIAL
NUMBER

38438152

ORGANIZATION

Co "D", 137th INF REGT.

RACE

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CREED

FORMER SERIAL
NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

7 AUG. 44

CAUSE OF DEATH

DIED

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

BETWEEN
ST LO AND MORTAIN, FRANCE

DATE OF FOD

8 AUG. 45

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

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SHOE SIZE

DENTAL CHART

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UPPER LEFT

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LOWER LEFT

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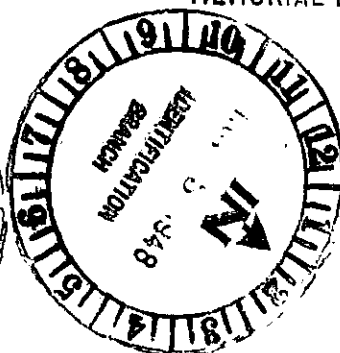
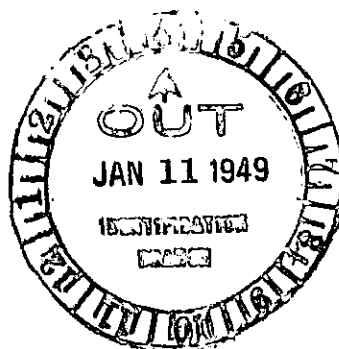
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BORN 18 JUL 23 SHOE SIZE 8D RELIG PREF METHODIST NO REC FD OF FRACTURES
OR TATTOOS HOWEVER DSS FORM 221 SHOWS MAN ALLEGED SKULL FRACTURE

DENTAL CHART AT INDCN DTD 8 JAN 43 NO TEETH MISSING NO TEETH FILLED
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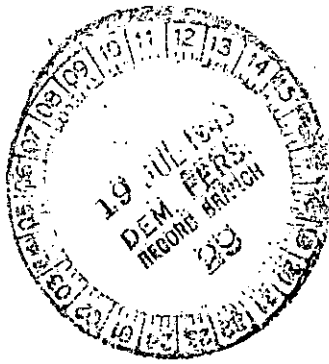
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

ON ITEMS CHECKED,

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH		FROM: SEARCH & INFORMATION IDENTIFICATION BR. 371 UNIT. Q.M.C. 15391818606	
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle) <u>STEPHENS, ARIE A.</u>		☐ GRADE OR RANK <u>PRV.</u>	SERIAL NUMBER ☐ IN <u>3843 8152</u> ☐ OFF
☐ ORGANIZATION		☐ STATUS (Date)	☐ AG REPORT OF DEATH
REMARKS:			
☒ RACE <u>WHITE</u>	☒ CREED <u>METHODIST</u>	FILE SEP 23 1948 E. J. GILLESPIE, JR., CH. CLK. IDENTIFICATION BRANCH	
☒ HEIGHT <u>67</u>	☒ WEIGHT <u>143</u>		
☒ SHOE SIZE <u>8 D</u>	☒ COLOR OF HAIR <u>BLONDE</u>		
☒ EYES <u>BLUE</u>	☒ COLOR OF HAIR <u>BLONDE</u>		
☐ DENTAL	☐ FRACTURES / BREAKS		
☐ SPECIFIC PLACE OF DEATH ☐ S - R & D REPORT		REVIEWER'S NAME <u>E.S. ROBERTSON</u>	
		DATE REQUESTED <u>9-JULY-48</u>	

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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT DENTAL CLINIC #2 (D.V.) CAMP BUTNER, N.C.

(1) SURNAME				(2) CHRISTIAN NAME			
Stephens, Arrie A. - 38438152							
(3) RANK		(4) COMPANY		(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS			
Pvt.		B.		137th Inf.			
(6) AGE, YEARS		(7) RACE		(8) NATIVITY		(9) SERVICE, YEARS	
20		W.		Okla.		1 yr.	
(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, OPERATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC. Exam.							
(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENT AND OPERATIONS 1944 Feb.							
(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS Class H.S.							

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right										Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
0														0			

LOWER TEETH

Right										Left					
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
0															

CLASS. II

Occlusion Good : Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy,

Periodontoclasia no

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions _____

Date 2-3, 1944

Capt Simon
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*Restorable carious teeth by O

Nonrestorable carious teeth by /

Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
(horizontal line)

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
(oval to include abutments)

	X	
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 REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
 DIVISION DENTAL CLINIC
 CAMP RUCKER, ALA.

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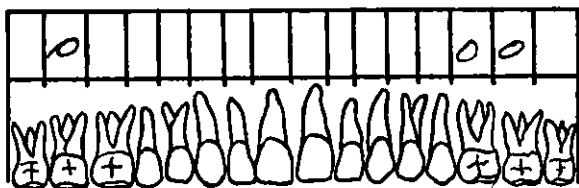
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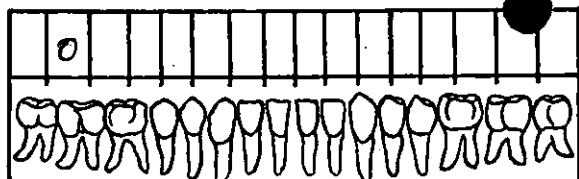


LOWER TEETH

Right

Left

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16



CLASS II

Occlusion Norm Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia 220

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions ---

Date Sept. 25, 1943

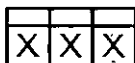
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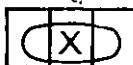
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION MEMORIAL DIVISION

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HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH

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

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

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

STATION	DATES
FILE SEP 23 1948 RECEIVED	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

DENTAL CHART

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT							
<i>OK</i>															
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT							

X - EXTRACTED

O - CARIOUS

/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Stephens ARRIE A			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38438152		GRADE PVT
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH 8-8-45

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

Co-D-137th INF-

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

ST. LO and MORTAIN AREA, FRANCE

Killed in European -

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

STATION	DATES
FT. Bliss Tex	23 Jan-43 - 26 Jan-43
Camp Rucker-	5 APRIL 43; 5 APRIL 43
New York- N.Y.-	9-Jan-44 9-June-44
.. .. P.O.E. ..	2 Aug-44

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH

NO RECORDS ON FILE

FILE

SEP 23 1948

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

DENTAL CHART

8 Jan-43 3-FEB-44

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

UPPER RIGHT

UPPER LEFT

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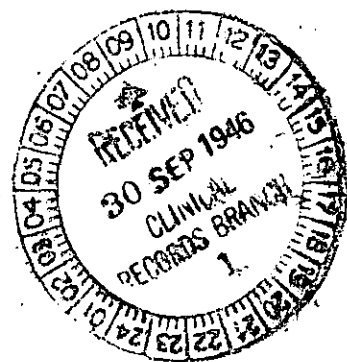
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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

GRADE

PRESENT SERIAL
NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

RACE

CREED

FORMER SERIAL
NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR

SHOE SIZE

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT

UPPER LEFT

8 6 5 4 3 2 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LOWER RIGHT

LOWER LEFT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X=Extracted

O=Carious

1=Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE

AUG 3-1948

E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMC
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

QMCMT 293
Stephens, Arrie A.
SN 38 438 152

17 June 1948

Mrs. Ollie Stephens
1822 North Cambridge
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Stephens:

An inquiry has been received from Mr. E. H. Riemen, Service Officer, Associated Veterans Council, pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Private Arrie A. Stephens.

With deep regret I must inform you that, as yet, no information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son has been received in this office.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are continuing their intensive search of the area in which he died. Please rest assured that when a report of the recovery and burial of the remains of your son is received, I will inform you immediately.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy in your great loss.

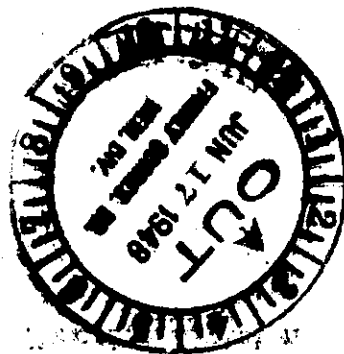
Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

cc: Mr. Riemen



RBC



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RECORDED
JUN 17 1948

TO THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FROM THE SAC, NEW YORK (100-36111)

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE 16, 1948.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE MATTER:

1. [Illegible]
2. [Illegible]
3. [Illegible]

100-36111
JUN 17 1948

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle)		GRADE		SERIAL NUMBER	
Stephens, Arrie A.		Pvt		28 438 152	
PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)		PLOT		ROW GRAVE	
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)		PLOT		ROW GRAVE	
ADDRESSEE		ADDRESS (Street, City, State).			
MR. MISS MRS. Ollie Stephens		1822 N. Cambridge			
RELATIONSHIP Mother		Roswell, New Mexico			
PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS				
165-7	-- from Mr. E. H. Riemen, Service Officer Associated Veterans Council, P. O. Box 166, Roswell, New Mexico				
40-c	omit "the late" --				
166-m	cc To: Mr. E. H. Riemen (see address above)				
ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE		TYPIST INITIALS		REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE	
EJH 6-14-48					

CONTROL SUB-SECTION
REPATRIATION & RECORD BRANCH

Information From A-Z File

Burial

Reburial

Stephens, Anna A
Name of Deceased

PR4
Rank

38438152
Serial No.

Cause of Death

Organization

Date of Burial

Emergency Addressee:

Name

Relationship

Address

Mo Az
Cemetery

Plot

Row

Grave

Edna Flood 7/28/48
Information Furnished by

Approved by Sub-Section Chief

MEMORIAL DIVISION
FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

DATE

28 May 1948

TO: Identification Branch

FROM: Family Letters Section

SUBJECT: Case Name.

Anie A. Stephens

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate,
applicable to this case.

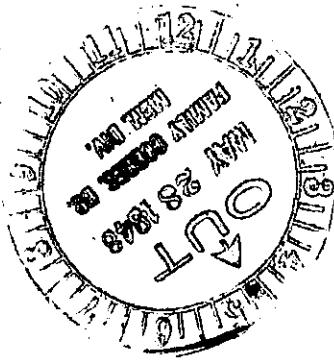
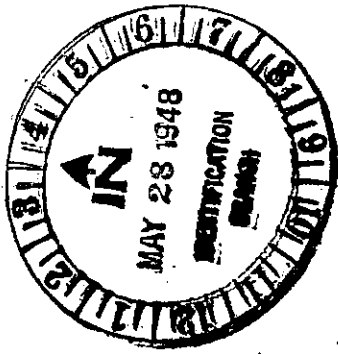
No burial information.
Becker

3 June 1948

Findings of non-recoverability have not been received from
the field to date.

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

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED

DATE TELEGRAM SENT

NAME	GRADE
STEPHENS ARRIE A	PVT
ASN 38438152	HUS
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	
MRS VERA F STEPHENS WHITE RURAL ROUTE 1 BOX 38 B ROSWELL NEW MEXICO	

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

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR HUSBAND

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	P OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
PVT	STEPHENS, ARRIE A.	38438152	INF			320019-0-1X
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN FRANCE	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
			7	AUG	44	

REMARKS: AG 201 /14 NOV 49/ ☐ CORRECTED COPY

MEMO DET UNIT APPROVED OIC CAS SEC PAB. KILLED NEAR ST. HILAIRE DU HARCQUET. FOD ISSUED PREV UNDER SEC 5, PL 490, 7 MAR 42, AS AMENDED, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH 8 AUG 45. RPT OF DEATH ISSUED IN ACCORD WITH SEC 9 OF SAID ACT AND ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PROVIDED IN SEC 9.

STA AND PL OF DEATH ETO. ROSWELL, LEE CO., NEW MEXICO

HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY: STEPHENS ARRIE A

ROUTE TO OPER UNIT FOR NOTIF AND PROCESSING.

Reports of Death issued 28 Nov 49/lgj

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION:		REPORT VERIFIED	FORM 43	AG 201-REQ
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED		OR CHARGED TO		
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED		NO	YES	(AS INDICATED BELOW)
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED	
		6 Aug 45		
FORWARDED TO	SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER
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			abc	Chamberlain

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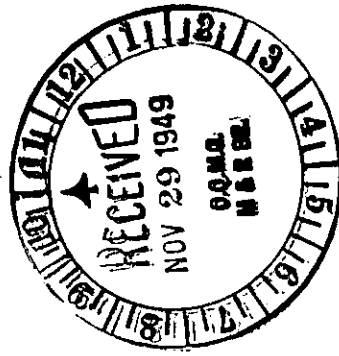
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P. O. BOX 166

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

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Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Disabled American Veterans
Sunshine State Chapter 1

Quarter Master General
Memorial Division
Washington 25, D. C.

293
Re: STEPHENS, Arrie A.
ASN 38 438 152 (deceased)

Dear Sir:

The mother of the above captioned veteran has asked me to write you for the following information.

Where is her son buried?

She states that she was notified that her son was missing on Aug. 7, 1944. She acknowledges receipt of a letter telling her that her son was officially declared dead on Aug. 8, 1945. She desires that the boys remains be brought back to this country.

Will you please send her the necessary form together with all information pertaining to the cost of having her son returned? Thank you.

Please direct your reply to Mrs. Ollie Stephens 1822 N. Cambridge, Roswell, N. M. sending this office a copy for our files.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Riemen
service officer



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

3793

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Arrie A. Stephens, Army Serial Number 38,438,152, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 7th day of August 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 8th day of August, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. H. H.

ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European		FLYING STATUS No	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN HIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None							
DATE OF BIRTH 18 Jul 1923	HOME ADDRESS Roswell, New Mexico	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 15 Jan 1943		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH) YEARS MONTH DAYS Under three years			

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. Veona F. Stephens	RELATIONSHIP Wife	ADDRESS Rural Route Number 1, Box 38 B Roswell, New Mexico
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* BENEFICIARIES

NAME Veona Faye Stephens	RELATIONSHIP Wife	ADDRESS Rural Route Number 1, Box 38 B Roswell, New Mexico
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REMARKS

*Second Alternate Beneficiary: **Ollie Stephens (Mother)** Distribution 56
19th and Washington Streets
Roswell, New Mexico

Circumstances of disappearance: **Infantryman became missing while on a combat mission with his company between St. Lo and Mortain, France.**

11-11-1945
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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 28 Nov 49 lgi

FULL NAME Stephens, Arrie A.				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 438 152				GRADE Pvt.					
HOME ADDRESS Roswell, New Mexico				ARM OR SERVICE Infantry				DATE OF BIRTH 18 Jul 1923					
PLACE OF DEATH France				CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action				DATE OF DEATH 7 Aug 44					
STATION OF DECEASED European Area				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 15 Jan 43				LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS					
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE: (Name, relationship, and address)													
Mrs. Veona F. Stephens, Wife, R.R. #1, Box 38 B, Roswell, New Mexico													
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)													
Mrs. Veona Faye Stephens, Wife, same as above													
Mr. John William Stephens, Father, General Delivery, Roswell, New Mexico													
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT													
										BATTLE		NON-BATTLE	

*Also notify: Mrs. Ollie Stephens, Mother, 19th and Washington Sts., Roswell, N.M.

##Mrs. Ollie Stephens, Mother, same as above

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 8 August 1945. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9, of said Act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

WAR DEPARTMENT

3793

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

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

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME				SERIAL NUMBER				GRADE		ARM OR SERVICE		REPORTING THEATRE	
STEPHENS ARRIE A.				38438152				PVT		INF		ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY				DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER		
FRANCE 9				DAY	MONTH	YEAR							
				07	AUG	44			MIA		175		

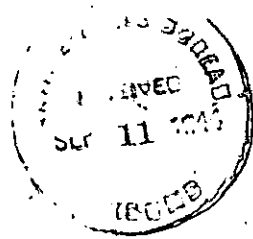
NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME		RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS VERA E. STEPHENS		WIFE	3 SEPT. 1944
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE			
RURAL ROUTE NUMBER 1 BOX 38 B ROSWELL NEW MEXICO			

REMARKS:

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ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <u>4</u> FORM 43 <u>1</u> AG 201 REQ									
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____									
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FORWARDED TO ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐									
SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRES. S. R. & D. CERTIF. M. & M. NON-DEL.									
REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE ☒ CHECKED BY <u>[Signature]</u> REVIEWED BY <u>[Signature]</u>									

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ACCT. AREA		CASUALTY STATUS		ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.			LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA		CREW POS.		RESIDENCE				COMP	RACE			
				DAY	MO.	YR.				DAY	MO.	YR.					STATE	COUNTY							
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RTB:1B:eo
August 30, 1945

Mrs. Veona Faye Stephens
Rural Route #1, Box 38 B
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Stephens:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, Private Arrie A. Stephens.

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 husband.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt., GIC
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Branch

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SCREENED
4-20-48 3/4

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Verna P. Stephens

Rural Route #1, Box 38 B

Roswell, New Mexico

Effects of:

Name

Pvt. Arrie A. Stephens

ASN

38438152

Case No.

220837 D

Wt.

DATE 30 August 1945
RTB:IB:eo

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check

 Acct. No.

 Amount

 Inclose "Valuables" item

 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

 Remove C.I.

 Note discrepancy in

 Films removed

 Diary removed

 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

 Accounting Branch

1 Warehouse Division

2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

SHIP DAMAGED ITEM

Franked

SEP 7 1945

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Frt. Chgs.

No. of packages 1

B7
Shipping Clerk

ARRIE Stephens

38438152

PVT.

220,837

MIA T/O 252

PKG 333-F

MIA

6 Apr. 45

SHIPPED VIA MAIL

K.C.

220,837
ne

ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY		STATUS	
☒	INBOUND INVENTORY ✓	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		☐	DECEASED
☐	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL			☒	MISSING
☐	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.			☐	P. O. W.
☒	TALLY IN FORM 43 ✓			☐	ABANDONED
☐		☐		☐	UNKNOWN
☐	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	☐	BELT	☐	OVERCOATS
☐	BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	☐	BOOKS, ADDRESS	☐	PAPERS, PERSONAL
☐	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)	☐	BOOKS, PILOT LOG	☐	PENCIL, MECHANICAL
☐	BOOKS	☐	BRUSHES	☐	PEN, FOUNTAIN
☐	BRACELET, IDENT.	☐	CASE	☐	PHOTOS
☒	CAMERAS	☐	CLOTH, WASH	☐	PIPES
☒	CLOTHING ✓	☐	COATS	☐	RINGS
☒	MISC. ARTICLES ✓	☐	FOOTLOCKER	☐	SCARFS
☐	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	☐	FOOTWEAR, PR.	☐	SHIRTS
☐	RIBBONS, DECORATION	☐	GLASSES	☐	SOCKS, PR.
☐	SHORT SNORTER	☐	GLOVES, PR.	☐	STATIONERY
☐	SOUVENIR MONEY	☐	HANDKERCHIEFS	☐	TIES
☐	SOUVENIRS	☐	HEADWEAR	☐	TOBACCO
☐	TESTAMENTS	☐	JACKETS	☐	TOILET ARTICLES
☐	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	☐	KITS	☐	TOWELS
☐	U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	☐	KNIVES	☐	TROUSERS, PR.
☐	WATCH	☐	LETTERS	☐	TRUNKS, PR.
☐	WINGS	☐	LIGHTERS	☐	UNDERWEAR
CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO			INFORMATION		
none			Verna Fay Stephens Box 38-B Rt Roswell New Mexico (10-22)		
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS			CROSS REFERENCE		
43. Initials undoubtedly # 62					
CHECK		REC'D BY	NUMBER		BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER			SYMBOL		TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND			AMOUNT		ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK			DATE		TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY			BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE		MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY		PAYEE		TO ISSUING AGENCY	
REMITTER OR DRAWER					
TALLY NO.		ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS
72V		1	18 Aug 45	11	
NAME			A. S. N.		
ARRIE A. STEPHENS			38438152		
ORGANIZATION			RANK		
Co B 137 inf			Pvt		
CASE NO.					
WAREHOUSE SPACE			DIARY REMOVED		
1454 A			PHOTO FILM REMOVED		
PACKED BY			MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED		
3 Bell			SHIPPED		
INSPECTED BY			DATE		
P			SEP 7 1945		
STORED BY			BY WHOM		
P/W			BF		

DAMAGED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

*See serial 1
of 2nd 500000*

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

NAME UNIDENTIFIED #

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
31	6	11	78
TYPE OF PKG.		WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
PKG			

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

2 Sep 44

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Stephens Arrie A Pvt 38438152
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 871

US Army

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

was reported Missing in Action About 9 August 1944
(Status-Killed, MIA, Hospitalized, etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Wife

Veona Faye Stephens, Box 38-B, Route 1, Roswell, New Mexico

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

1 Garrison Cap
1 File
1 Hunting Knife Sheath
Toilet Articles
1 Lighter
1 Watchstone

Money in the amount of \$ _____ has been turned into

(Name of finance officer)

Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

(Symbol of finance Office)

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

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

Name

John E. Keller

Rank & ASN

Capt 033825L

Organization

137th Inf

Any additional pertinent information:

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

JRM:IB:eo

Case No. 220837

Date 30 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Arrie A. Stephens

38438152

late a

(Name of deceased)

(Army Serial Number)

Private

(Grade)

Infantry

(Organization, Army or Service)

who died

on the 8 day of August, 1945, 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., KCOM 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 25 August 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCOM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of

Mrs. Veona Faye Stephens

for the effects of the above-named de-

ceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered:

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of

A.W. 112,

Mrs. Veona Faye Stephens

of

(Name of person found entitled)

Rural Route #1, Box 38 B

Roswell

State of

(Number, Street or Avenue)

(City, Town or Village)

New Mexico

is the

Widow

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, QIC

(Name, Rank, Organization)

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL