

293 BRIDGE, ARLIE R., JR. 32,476,406 S/SGT. EUROPEAN AREA
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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

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NAME (Last, First, Middle)

BRIDGE, ARLIE R. JR

RANK

SSG

SERIAL NUMBER

32476406

ARM OF SERVICE

AAF

DATE OF DEATH

25 JULY 43

AREA OF DEATH

GERMANY

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. Cox

23 APR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

KINKEAD

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REMARKS

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13 April 1951

Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.
SN 32 476 406

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie R. Bridge
Route #4, Deer River Road
Carthage, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bridge:

The Department of the Army desires that you be informed of the final determination of the investigation in the case of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Arlie R. Bridge, Jr.

According to Army records and investigations, your son was one of ten crew members manifested aboard a B-17 type aircraft, serial number 42-3075, which crashed in the Eider River approximately four kilometers from Vollerwieck, Germany, on 25 July 1943. Three of the crew members parachuted from the plane, were taken prisoners of war and later returned to the United States military control; however, the other seven crew members were killed.

German records indicate that the Harbor Security Detachment on 1 August 1943, recovered the remains of an American flyer from the Biesumer Waterway. An identification tag containing the name, rank and serial number of your son was found with the remains. These remains were buried west of a wooden tower in the center of Blauort Island and the grave was supposedly marked with a rock.

Subsequent to that time, units of the American Graves Registration Service conducted searching operations on the Island of Blauort in an attempt to recover the remains of your son. Since the time the burial took place the sands of the beach have been constantly shifting and the waterline of the island itself has changed constantly. Due to the high tides, the American Graves Registration Detachment could only work when the tide was out and, although the entire area where several rocks were found was excavated, no remains were found.

In order to determine whether the remains of your son had been recovered and interred as an unknown, identifying data pertaining to him was compared with all available identifying data for unidentified remains interred in the cemeteries in this area and in reported isolated burials; however, none of these remains could be identified as those of your son.

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QMGMTF 293
Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.
SN 32 476 406

13 April 1951

In view of the fact that the extensive investigations conducted by our forces in the field failed to reveal any trace of your son's remains, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that his remains are not recoverable.

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

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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cc: DPRB
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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET				NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle) Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.
PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	
ADDRESSEE MR. Miss and MRS. Arlie R. Bridge	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) Route 4, Deer River Road Carthage, New York			
RELATIONSHIP parents				
PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS			
	The Department of the Army desires that you be informed of the final determination of the investigation in the case of your son, the late -----. According to Army records and investigations, your son was one of ten crew members manifested aboard a B-17 type aircraft, serial number 42-3075, which crashed in the Eider River approximately four kilometers from Vollerwieck, Germany, ^{on 25 July 1943.} Three of the crew members parachuted from the plane, were taken prisoners of war and later returned to the United States military control, however, the other seven crew members were killed. Your son, after having parachuted from the plane, landed in the North Sea and died from exposure in the water. German records indicate that the Harbor Security Detachment, on 1 August 1943, recovered the remains of an American flyer from the Buesumer Waterway. An identification tag containing the name, rank and serial number of your son was found with the remains. These remains were buried west of a wooden tower in the center of Blauort Island and the grave was supposedly marked with a rock. Subsequent to that time, units of the American Graves Registration Service conducted searching operations on the Island of Blauort in an attempt to recover the remains of your son. Since the time the burial took place the sands of the beach have been constantly shifting and the waterline of the island itself has changed constantly. Due to the high tides, the American Graves Registration Detachment could only work when the tide was out and, although the entire area where several rocks were found was excavated, no remains were found. In order to determine whether the remains of your son had been recovered and interred as an unknown, identifying data pertaining to him was compared with all available identifying data for unidentified remains interred in the cemeteries in this area and in reported isolated burials; however, none of these remains could be identified as those of your son. In view of the fact that the extensive investigations conducted by our forces in the field failed to reveal any trace of your son's remains, (over)			
ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE Jenkins 6 April 1951	TYPIST INITIALS		REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE	

GRADE
S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER
32 476 406

the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that his remains are not recoverable.

10. Thoroughly understanding the extent of the grief and distress you will experience upon receipt of this information, it is not easy to express condolence. It is my sincere hope, however, that the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country will be source of sustaining comfort to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage.

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INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

				Due, Hour and Date						
No	From	To	Date							
1	Fin Det Section Ident Br	Repat Br Mem Div ATTN: Corres Section	5 Apr 51	SUBJECT: Nonrecoverable Case No. 15464 1. The following approved nonrecoverable case (s) is (are) forwarded for whatever action is deemed necessary by your office: <table><tbody><tr><td>Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.</td><td>S/Sgt</td><td>32 476 406</td></tr><tr><td>Neyland, John D.</td><td>2/Lt</td><td>0 735 912</td></tr></tbody></table> 2. All action necessary to be taken by the Identification Branch has been completed. Attach As Indicated (Air Crew) <i>Edwards</i> EDWARDS 73472	Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.	S/Sgt	32 476 406	Neyland, John D.	2/Lt	0 735 912
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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION RECORDS			
AREA OF DEATH European, vicinity of Hamburg, Germany		CASE NUMBER 15464	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 323 Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.		RANK S/Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 32 476 406
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:			
			INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT			E. M.
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT			E. M.
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
REMARKS			
NAN FILE APR 5 1951 7618 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH			
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST E. Miller	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt., CMC	APR 5 1951

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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		CASE NUMBER 15464 (2)	
		AREA OR ZONE(S) European	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.	RANK S/Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 32 476 406	
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.)			
Neyland, John D. Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.		2/Lt S/Sgt	O- 735 912 32 476 406
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 UBK	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. REPORT OF DEATH D. FINDING OF DEATH C. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	INITIALS OF ANALYST UBK
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	UBK	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	UBK
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	UBK	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	UBK
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES None		UBK	
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:			
See attached Statement of Investigation NAN FILE APR 5 1951 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH			
NAME OF CASE ANALYST A. Kennedy/cwt		CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec. FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt OMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH JOHN M. NEFF, Capt OMC	DATE 4 April 51

Neyland, John D.
Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.

STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

1. This case pertains to the nonrecoverability of the remains of S/Sgt Arlie R. Bridge, Jr., 32 476 406 and 2d Lt John D. Neyland, O 735 912, 544th Bomb Squadron, 384th Bomb Group reported killed in action 25 July 1943 in the vicinity of Hamburg, Germany.

2. S/Sgt. Bridge and 2d Lt Neyland were two (2) of ten (10) crew members aboard aircraft No. 42-3075, which crashed in the Eider River approximately four kilometers from Vollerwieck, Germany. Three (3) of the crew members parachuted from the plane, were taken prisoners of war and later returned to US Military control. The remains of five (5) crew members washed ashore have been identified and buried.

3. German records indicate that the Harbor Security Detachment on 1 August 1943 recovered the remains of an American Flyer from the Buesumer Waterway. An identification tag containing the name, rank and serial number of S/Sgt. Bridge was found with the remains. These remains, which were badly decomposed were buried west of a wooden tower in the center of Blauort Island. The grave was supposedly marked with a rock. However, since the burial took place the sands of the beach have been constantly shifting and the waterline of the island itself has changed constantly. Due to high tides, the American Graves Registration Detachment could only work certain hours when the tide was out. The entire area where several rocks were found was excavated, and no remains were found.

4. The report from Headquarters of the 7887th Graves Registration Detachment indicate that there is no record of burial for S/Sgt Bridge or Lt. Neyland and an extensive area search as well as individual investigations have failed to disclose information as to the ultimate disposition of the remains of the decedent, it is concluded that they are nonrecoverable.

5. The AGRS search and recovery teams have made every effort to correlate this case with records pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results have been negative.

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy
Analyst

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

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

The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on - 7 DEC 1950. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

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

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
	NEYLAND, John D.	2nd Lt	O 735 912
	BRIDGE, Arlie R. Jr.	S/Sgt	32 476 406

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

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

EDWARD D. MULVANY, Lt.Col. O-359598, OMC

JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, O-1576321, OMC

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, O-1289071, OMC

CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311, OMC

LEWIS A. McANIS, Capt. O-1543042, MSC/OMC

JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. O-1055924, OMC

ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt. O-1288075, OMC

ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, O-1599085, OMC

JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt O-947298, OMC

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

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES:	NEYLAND, John D.	2nd Lt	O 735 912
	BRIDGE, Arlie R. Jr.	S/Sgt	32 476 406

ORGANIZATION: 544th Bomb Sq, 384th Bomb Gp.

DATE OF DEATH: 25 July 1943

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Hamburg, Germany

SYNOPSIS: The above named casualties were reported on the OCMG Forms 371, as Killed in Action, on the date cited above. The casualties were two (2) of seven (7) crew members aboard aircraft B-17, #42-3075, which failed to return from a bombing mission to Hamburg, Germany. The aircraft crashed into the mouth of the Eider River approximately four (4) Kilometers from Vollerwiek, Germany. The plane crashed into deep water, burned and sank.

Three (3) of the crew members Lt. John M. Hegewald, Lt. George L. Doubet, and Lt. Herbert A. Moritz who parachuted safely were taken prisoners of war and later returned to U.S. Military control.

Letter of Lt. Herbert A. Moritz, dated 31 May 1949, states: "Lt Neyland was killed in action near Hamburg, Germany. Of this I am positive, having witnessed his death personally. Lt. George Doubet, the co-pilot, told me later that the plane crashed into the Eider River. I am sorry but I am unable to give any positive information about S/Sgt Arlie Bridge."

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

Letter German Headquarters Flak Artillery Firing Range B-Nr 2037/43 states: "The Harbor Security Detachment Buesum has found on 1.8.43 in the North Sea on a sand bank of the Buesumer River before Blauort the remains of an American Flyer, which were so badly decomposed that they were falling apart and therefore the salvaging of the body was impossible, the remains were buried on the spot in the mud. One (1) American identification tag (with cord) was found with the remains. 1; Arlie R. Bridge, Jr. 32 376 406 T 42 O, Mrs L. Bridge, 114 Water Str., Carthage, N.Y. 2; 2 pictures, No further information on hand." German Dulag records AV-2037/43 recorded S/Sgt Bridge as buried on the Island of Blauort. Dulag AV-222/43 gives place of crash as mouth of Eider River near Vollerwieck. Dulag 704.01/D 28, Vol 2, states: "Plexi-glass nose was covered with blood, and one man was seen lying between the front and side guns in the nose. One (1) parachute was seen.

The remains of five (5) crew members washed ashore and were recovered from a cemetery, Toenning, Germany, as unknowns. These remains were evacuated and their identity established as T/Sgt Paul F. Henry, T/Sgt David N. Ketterer, S/Sgt Alvin H. Freitag, S/Sgt Walter S. McCormack and S/Sgt Dudley (NMI) Hulbert, reburied in USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.

Field Investigations conducted 21 July, 20 August 1947 and 8 August 1950, established the fact that the plane which crashed on 25 July 1943 near the mouth of the Eider River approximately two (2) miles from Vollerwieck, is the aircraft of which subject casualties were crew members. An investigation was conducted on the Island of Blauort the reported burial site of S/Sgt Bridge.

The burial site was supposedly marked with a rock, however, since the burial, the sands of the beach have been constantly shifting and the water line of the island itself have changed considerably. Due to high tides, work was only carried out during certain hours when tides were out. The entire area where several rocks were found was excavated to a depth nine (9) to ten (10) feet from the rocks to where the tower was located, and no remains were recovered.

In view of the facts presented above it can only be concluded that Lt. John D. Neyland was killed in the aircraft, and later crashed with the plane into the waters of the Eider River and his remains have

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never washed ashore, but rest with the wreckage in an unrecorded place which precludes recovery.

S/Sgt Arlie R. Bridge Jr., after having parachuted from the plane landed in the North Sea and died from exposure in the water and his remains washed ashore in a decomposed condition, were interred on the island of Blauort in a sand bank, in an unmarked location, which precludes recovery.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; German Dulag Records AV-222/43, AV-2037/43, AV-704.01/D 28, Vol. 2.; Letter George Doubet, dated 15 April 1949; Letter Herbert A. Moritz, dated 31 May 1949; Narrative Reports of Field Investigations, dated 21 July, 20 August 1947, w/Statements; Report Hq Flak Artillery Buesum 4 Aug. 43; On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Narrative Report of Field Investigation, dated 8 August 1949, w/ Statements; Attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.

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

C.W. Steinsiek
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Capt. QMC

FIRST FIELD COMMAND
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 62 U S ARMY

GRI 333.1
RRE 293.9 (IB)

8 August 1949

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION
AT VOLLERWIECK (L-55/M-63), Gy.

Pursuant to instructions contained in Ltr Hqs AGRC, file RRE 293.9 (IB), subj: Isolated Burials, dtd 21 June 1949, the undersigned conducted an investigation in an effort to locate the remains of John D. Neyland O-735 912 and Arlie R. Bridge, Jr., 32 476 406, deceased members of A/C #42-3075 which was missing on 25 July 1943. (Exh. "A").

Upon arrival at Buesum (M-71) contacted Johann Ziepa, Harbor Master of this port, in hope he would have knowledge of site of crash. He stated, however, that he knew of no plane crash but had helped the team from AGRC in 1948 attempt the recovery of the remains (Arlie R. Bridge, Jr.) buried on Blauort Island. In his opinion, these remains could not be found due to the sifting sands and mud also since it was unknown as to what personnel comprised the Harbor Security Detachment who made the burial as this group was from the German Navy.

As Dulag report gives site of crash near Vollerwieck (M-63) the Burgermeister, Johann Rickarts, was interviewed. He knew of the crash but could give no particulars as he was not present on the date concerned. He suggested I get in touch with Otto Andresen who was in charge of the Custom Team at this time. Andresen had burned all his war records but recalled the crash in question. I took place on a Sunday in July 1943 in the deep water in the mouth of the Eider River about two (2) miles from shore. The plane was burning before crash and sank immediately (Exhibit "B").

A check of a calendar proved the 25 of July was on a Sunday.

In an attempt to verify this was the A/C of which Neyland was a crew member, this investigator proceeded to Tonning (M-73) which was the headquarters of this area. Present Police Chief, Karl Wolfe, furnished Policeman Paul Metzlauff, as a guide to another plane crash in the area on the farm of Hans Pauls. Pauls daughter Anna had kept a diary which showed this crash to have occurred on 30 June 1941 at 1330 hours and the plane to be English. Six (6) deceased were found in the wreckage with one (1) next to the nose. Remains were buried in the cemetery at Welt (M-63).

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Following this information, the Pastor of Welt, Henning Schroeder was questioned. His records showed these deceased to have been interred on 3 July 1941 and recovered by a British Team on 20 August 1947.

Through our guide, Metzlauff, it was learned that Policeman, Peter Nissen, had captured an American officer from the plane which crashed in the water and turned him over to the former Police Chief of Tonning, Albert Katima.

Katima produced a copy of an original report dated 5 August 1943 which has no bearing on this investigation but definitely establishes date of crash and site. (Exh. "B-1"). Further his attached statement given in the presence of the undersigned shows plane crashed in deep water and remains of a deceased or of any blood being seen is impossible as stated in paragraph 3 of basic document. (Exh. "B-2").

CONCLUSION:

The plane which crashed on 25 July 1943 in the mouth of the Eider River approximately two (2) miles from Vollerwiek is the A/C of which Neyland and Bridge were crew members.

RECOMMENDATION:

a) JOHN D. NEYLAND: Remains of all deceased washed ashore in this area be checked for possible association with John D. Neyland. Further, if this proves negative, this case be put before a board as Non-Recoverable, as it is presumed deceased went down A/C and cannot be recovered due to sifting sand and silt deposited in the mouth of the river. Further, no obstruction has been reported by the fisherman of this area which is required when any obstacles are encountered by their nets.

b) ARLIE R. BRIDGE: These remains be declared Non-Recoverable due to the unknown location of burial in the mud and sand between the Island of Blauort and Buesum and this area is forever changing in contour.

c) Dulag (A/V-222/43) be checked in an effort to verify if remains were seen between front and side guns in the nose as this investigation proves conclusively A/C crashed in deep water.

/s/t/ PATRICK R. CUTHBERTSON
DA Civilian, FFC, AGRC
Investigator

Erklärung.

Mein Name ist Otto Andresen, wohnhaft Vollerwieck. Ich sage folgendes aus:

Ich war Postfuehrer beim Zoll von 1939 bis 1945. An einem Sonntag Mitte Juli 1943 stuerzte ein Flugzeug nachmittags ueber der Eidermuendung bei Vollerwieck ab. Das Fäugzeug brannte in der Luft, explodierte jedoch nicht und stuerzte ins tiefe Wasser (13 - 20 m tief). Die einzigen Truemmer, die gefunden wurden, war ein Rad, das die Fischer aus dem Wasser zogen. Alle Wasserleichen wurden von der Luftwaffe Toenning abgeholt im Jahre 1943.

Diese Angaben entsprechen der Wahrheit.

Vollerwieck, den 2. August 1949.

/s/ Otto Andresen.

A TRUE COPY:

H. A. SCHAEFER
Opns Chief Clerk

Translation

Statement

My name is Otta Andresen, residing at Vollerwieck. I state the following:

I was in charge of a custom check team from 1939 until 1945. On a Sunday in the middle of July 1943 a plane crashed into the mouth of the Eider River. The plane burnt in the air, however, did not explode and crashed in the deep water (13-20 meters deep). The only wreckage recovered was a wheel lifted out of the water by fisherman. All bodies washed ashore in 1943 were picked up by the personnel of the Toenning airbase.

Vollerwieck, 2 August 1949

/s/ Otto Andresen

Translated by:
Walter Seunhenn

EXHIBIT "B"

Translation

Statement

Rural Police Kreis Eiderstedt
District of Schleswig

Toennig, 5 August 1943

Original with 3 Incl.

to Rural Police Headquarters Schleswig
Returned with attached report.

This does not concern a rural policeman from Garding but I am the person in question.

When the plane crashed on 25.7.43. I was out on a duty trip at Katingsiel. I observed a dog-fight really close and went towards the scene of crash accompanied by the policeman (reserve) Nissen. I also observed that three crew members bailed out and came down in their parachutes.

When I arrived at Vollerwieck/Grothusenkogg on the dike I met the policemen Zinke and Leiss from Garding and many people. The plane and the parachutists came down on the water at Vollerwieck far out on sea. With my binoculars I observed a small point on the water appr. 3-4 km. away. It was one the crew members who got on land approx. 1 1/4 hours later.

A custom officer from the custom check point to Vollerwieck walked out in the water and rescued the flier, assisted by some other persons. The prisoner, an American officer, was taken to my car. He was wounded and bleeding from two wounds on the right leg. He was totally exhausted from being in the water for such a long time. That was when he asked me for a cigarette. I happened to have an opened pack of cigarettes on me and pull it out to offer him one. An other person gave him a light. It is not true that I Offered a full pack to the prisoner.

In the meantime many people were around watching what was going on and some of them felt sorry for this prisoner. I am quite surprised that this fact was not mentioned by the witness Hedrich. I even told the people that they paid too much attention to the prisoner. This remark I made is most likely what caused the witness Hedrich's report.

After we put the prisoner in my car I took off. We stopped at Katingsiel where we gave him first aid since he was bleeding too much. I then took the prisoner to the dispensary of the Toennig Airbase and was given a receipt. He was undressed immediately and carried to bed. Covered with white sheets.

Statement (Cont'd)

Toenning, 5 August 1943

I do not know the witness Hedrich. I think he was among the people at the scene. If he says the prisoner was given a package of cigarettes he is not telling the truth. My three policemen who were present can state that I only let him have one cigarette out of my pack. This I did not do to give a gift to the "murder of the population of Hamburg" but just because the man was totally exhausted and to revive him. I did not like to have him fainted.

If the witness, specially Hedrich says thinks my acting was senseless, so it is his personal opinion. I however think it was a fair acting, a soldier's humanity against a wounded enemy. Perhaps this was the first time he saw a fair acting by a German man. It is surprising me however that the witness did not mention the fact that the custom officer walked far out into the water and rescued the "murder of the population of Hamburg". There must be difference between things done by the police and by the custom guard.

He herewith deny the accusation of giving cigarettes to a murder of the German population. The witness must not know he did when he accused me. Also the Militray personnel at Toenning treated the man fair and did not put him in jail like a murder. He was treated by a German Army doctor, admitted to the dispensary and put in a bed with white sheets.

/s/t/ K a n t i m m
Lieutenant, Rural Police
in charge of Kreis Police.

Certified true copy:
/s/ Kopp
Master of Rural Police, ret.

Translated by:
Walter Sennhenn

EXHIBIT "B-1"

S t a t e m e n t .

My name is Albert Kantimm, 1st Lt. Rural Police ret. residing at # 10 Herzog Philipp Allee, Toenning, I state the following:

On 25 July 1943 an American bomber crashed into the mouth of the Eider river approx. 4 km from Vollerwieck. The plane crashed in the deep water burned and sank. At that time the tide was going out. I was at Katingsiel when I saw at least three fliers coming down in parachutes. From Vollerwieck I saw one man drifting in the water. After more than an hour this man was rescued by the policeman Nilsen. He was wounded on the thigh. I took him to Katingsiel in my car where he was given first aid. From there I brought him to the dispensary of the Toenning Airbase. I did not know the fliers name since I could not understand him. He was an officer. I do not know where the other crew members coming down in chutes landed.

I gave the above statement to the best of my knowledge and conscience.

Toenning, 3 August 1949

/s/ Albert Kantimm

Translated by:

Walter Sennhenn

EXHIBIT "B-2"

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STATUS REVIEW AND DETERMINATION SECTION

REVIEW AND DETERMINATION
UNDER SECTION 5, PUBLIC
LAW 490, 7 MARCH 1942,
AS AMENDED

S T A T U S
O F

TWO STAFF SERGEANTS OF THE 384TH
BOMBARDMENT GROUP, MISSING IN
ACTION SINCE 25 JULY 1943, IN
THE EUROPEAN AREA

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26 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

SUBJECT: Determination of Status under
Public Law 490, as amended

I. - FACTS

1. The following named enlisted men of the 544th Bombardment Squadron, 384th Bombardment Group, have been carried on the records of this office as missing in action since 25 July 1943:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Dean, Holgate J.	11,055,383	Staff Sergeant
Hulbert, Dudley K.	32,446,895	Staff Sergeant

2. Confidential message number W 6627, dated 2 August 1943, from USSOS London to WAR, reported Staff Sergeants Dean and Hulbert as missing in action since 25 July 1943, over Hamburg, Germany. The message further reported these soldiers in flying pay status.

3. Confidential letter, dated 25 April 1944 from this office to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, file, AG 201 Dean, Holgate J. (25 Apr 44) PC-S, requested that the names of the crew of the airplane of which Sergeant Dean was a crew member, their present status, and any additional information available, be furnished.

4. Confidential First Indorsement, dated 20 May 1944, from Headquarters ETOUSA, to The Adjutant General, in reply to communication referred to in paragraph 3 above, states as follows:

"1. Staff Sergeant Holgate J. Dean, 11,055,383, was right waist gunner of aircraft B17-F, #42-29670 which was reported as 'Missing in Action' on an operational mission to Hamburg, Germany on 25 July 1943. Twenty one (21) aircraft were dispatched on this mission. Names and present status of all crew members are as follows:

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1st Lt	James D. Crary	0728348	POW	25 July 1943
1st Lt	Herbert Schindler	0661664	POW	25 July 1943
1st Lt	Kolmer J. Hall	0728648	POW	25 July 1943
2nd Lt	Bradley B. Summers	0522731	POW	25 July 1943
T/Sgt	Kenneth W. Harland, Jr.	13033323	POW	25 July 1943
T/Sgt	Edward R. Keathley	19053628	POW	25 July 1943
S/Sgt	George D. McCulley	34190111	POW	25 July 1943
S/Sgt	Max B. Verbor	17067790	POW	25 July 1943
S/Sgt	Lawrence J. Roandean	32435712	POW	25 July 1943
S/Sgt	Holgate J. Dean	11055383	MIA	25 July 1943

"2. Subject aircraft was flying in the number four position in the low squadron. Six of the seven ships in this squadron were lost and no definite observation was made. However, this Group was attacked by 75 to 300 enemy aircraft from the continental coast to the target and back over the North Sea extending 30 miles beyond the enemy coast.

"3. The route followed on this mission was Heligoland -- Schorborn -- Cuxhaven -- Hamburg -- Lüneburg -- Oldesloe -- Meldorf.

"4. No further information is available concerning the status of S/Sgt Holgate J. Dean.

"5. No search was made as aircraft was lost over enemy territory."

5. Confidential letter, dated 26 April 1944 from this office to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, file AG 201 Hulbert, Dudley K. (26 Apr 44) PC-S, requested that the names of the crew of the airplane of which Sergeant Hulbert was crew member, their present status, and any additional information available, be furnished.

6. Confidential First Indorsement, dated 25 May 1944, from Headquarters ETOUSA, to The Adjutant General, in reply to communication referred to in paragraph 5 above, states as follows:

"1. The B-17F aircraft number 42-3075 of which S/Sgt Dudley K. Hulbert [Hulbert], 32446895 was a crew member, was lost on 25 July 1943 on an operational mission to Hamburg, Germany, in which twenty one (21) other aircraft participated.

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"2. Subject aircraft was flying in the number two position of the Low Squadron. As six out of seven ships in this formation were lost, no definite observations were made. However, this aircraft was last observed at 1639 hours over the target with number three engine smoking and enemy aircraft attacking in waves from 6 and 12 o'clock. The plexi-glass nose was covered with blood and one (1) man was lying between front and side guns in the nose. Only one parachute was seen to leave the aircraft.

"3. Listed below is the complete crew personnel of subject aircraft and their present status as indicated by records of this headquarters.

			<u>Present Status</u>
2nd Lt	Herbert A. Moritz	O-797365	POW
2nd Lt	George L. Doubet	O-742981	POW
2nd Lt	John M. Hodgewald	O-733650	POW
2nd Lt	John D. Noyland	O-735912	MIA
T/Sgt	Paul F. Henry	39531768	KIA
T/Sgt	David N. Ketterer	13086610	KIA
S/Sgt	Arlie R. Bridge	32476406	KIA
S/Sgt	Arvin H. Freitag	18106208	KIA
S/Sgt	Walter S. McCormack	37383089	KIA
S/Sgt	Dudley K. Hulbert	32446895	MIA

"4. No search was made as aircraft was lost over enemy territory."

7. a. Prisoner of War Report US/1038 Berlin Cables, received 25 August 1943, reported the following crew members on the same aircraft with Sergeant Dean, as prisoners of war of the German Government:

1st Lt. James D. Crary	T/Sgt. Kenneth W. Harland, Junior
1st Lt. Herbert Schindler	T/Sgt. Edward R. Keathley
1st Lt. Kelmer J. Hall	S/Sgt. Max B. Werber
2nd Lt. Bradley B. Summers	S/Sgt. Lawrence J. Reandoan

b. Prisoner of War Report US/1125 Berlin Cables, received 30 September 1943, listed S/Sgt, George D. McCulley, the only remaining crew member, beside Sergeant Dean, unaccounted for, as a prisoner of war, since 25 July 1943.

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8. a. Within five months after the mishap the German Government officially reported the status of the crew members of Sergeant Hulbert as follows:

2nd Lt. Herbert A. Moritz	POW	T/Sgt. David N. Ketterer	KIA
2nd Lt. George L. Doubot	POW	S/Sgt. Arlie R. Bridge	KIA
2nd Lt. John M. Hodgeward	POW	S/Sgt. Alvin H. Freitag	KIA
T/Sgt Paul F. Henry	KIA	S/Sgt. Walter S. McCormack	KIA

b. Evidence considered sufficient to conclusively establish the fact of death of Second Lieutenant John D. Noyland was received by the Secretary of War on 19 April 1944.

9. Letter dated 4 April 1944, from the Senior American Officer at Stalag Luft 3, Sagan, Germany, (Colonel C. G. Goodrich) to the International Red Cross, reads in pertinent part, as follows:

"(j) 1st Lt. K. J. Hall, ASN O-728648, reports that on July 25, 1943, due to enemy action, his a/c crashed 30 miles N.W. of Hamburg, Germany. T/Sgt. Kenneth Harland, from Richmond Va., and S/Sgt. Holgate Dean, from Massachusetts were killed in action and crashed with the A/C."

10. a. The Service Record of Sergeant Dean contains the following entry under Remarks Administrative: "Reported missing in action over Hamburg, Germany, July 25, 1943, While on operational mission over Hamburg, Germany. Crew #41 AP 29670."

b. The Service Record of Sergeant Hulbert contains the following entry under Remarks Administrative: "Missing in action July 25, 1943 over Hamburg, Germany. While on operational mission over Hamburg, Germany. Crew #45 AP 42-3075."

11. The AG 201 and Casualty Branch files, as well as the Service Records of the men herein considered, have been carefully examined and contain no information of value to this review in addition to what is set forth above.

12. The Memorial Branch, OQMG, and the Prisoner of War Bureau, PMGO, have, upon request, rendered reports showing that they have no information pertinent to the status of these men since they became missing in action.

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13. No report has been received from any source indicating that either of the men listed in paragraph 1, above, has returned to duty, been reported a prisoner of war or interned.

II. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The two bombers in the same bombardment squadron, in which each of subject personnel participated in a bombing mission over Hamburg, Germany, 25 July 1943, were both lost due to enemy action. As six of the seven ships in the formation were lost, no definite observations were made. However, the aircraft in which Sergeant Hulbert was a crew member, was last observed over the target with number three engine smoking and enemy aircraft attacking. (Par. 6, Part I), while a report from the pilot of Sergeant Dean's aircraft states their plane crashed 30 miles northwest of Hamburg (Par. 9, Part I). Other than the personnel herein considered, the remaining crew members of each plane have since been accounted for either as killed or prisoners of war (Para. 7 and 8, Part I).

2. The report made by Lt. Hall, through the Senior American Officer at Atalag Luft, 3, (Par. 9, Part I) is not entirely in accord with the known facts inasmuch as he reported both Sergeants Harland and Dean as killed in the crash of the aircraft. It is evident that Lt. Hall was not correct in his statement that Sergeant Harland was killed and such statement was probably based on unreliable hearsay evidence. However, since Sergeant Harland was officially reported as a prisoner of war of the German Government and Sergeant Dean has not been so reported, it seems logical to conclude that the report concerning him (Sgt. Dean) was correct.

3. More than twelve months have elapsed since these men became missing in action and there is no available record that either of them has been seen alive or heard from during that period, or is an internee or a prisoner of war. It is extremely remote that either is an unreported prisoner of war since the Germans have officially reported the status of all other crew members of each aircraft, and have, as a general practice, reported the capture of American prisoners within a few months of capture.

4. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances it is concluded that the subject enlisted men may not "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended.

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III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made in the cases of the persons named in Part I in paragraph 1, above, under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, and that the presumed date of death be shown in each case as 26 July 1944.

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Colonel, A.G.D.
Chief, Casualty Branch

Dean, Holgate J., 11,055,383.
Hulbert, Dudley K., 32,446,895.
Staff Sergeants, Air Corps

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R E F E R E N C E S

Confidential message number W 6627, (Casualty Branch number 214087) dated 2 August 1943, from USSOS London to WAR, CM-In-1083 (2 Aug 43), file AG 704 (2 Aug 43).

Confidential letter date 25 April 1944 from The Adjutant General's Office to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, file AG 201 Dean, Holgate J. (25 Apr 44) PC-S, and Confidential First Indorsement thereto.

Confidential letter date 26 April 1944 from The Adjutant General's Office to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, file AG 201 Hulbert, Dudley K. (26 Apr 44) PC-", with Confidential First Indorsement thereto.

Letter dated 4 April 1944, from Senior American Officer at Stalag Luft 3, Sagan, Germany (Colonel C. G. Goodrich) to the International Red Cross, Casualty Branch number 175045.

Casualty Branch Message number 113086, confidential review by Special Determination Sub-section, Status Review and Determination Section, Casualty Branch, AGO, concerning Second Lieutenant John D. Neyland, O-735912; file AG 704 Dead (20 Apr 44).

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U 2035 ✓ Freitag, Alvin H.
Telegram
1461

KIA 29 Jul 43

Tag: 18 106 208, body washed
ashore on Aug. 3, 1943 in the
vicinity of Suderhoft.
Buried in the New Cemetery
of St. Peter, Block D,
Row 10, Grave 5.

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BRIDGE, ARUE R. JR
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U 2031 ✓ McCormack, Walter S.
Telegram
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KIA 25 Jul 43

Tag: 37 383 089, dead body
washed ashore in the vicinity
of Vollerwieck on Aug. 6, 1943.
Buried in the new cemetery at
Tonning in 1 Square, 79, 1.



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KIA 25 Jul 43

U 2029 ✓ Henry. Paul F.
Telegram
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Tag: 39 531 768, body washed
ashore on Aug. 1, 1943, in
the vicinity of Vollerwiek,
Buried in the New Cemetery
Tonning 1, Square 72, 3.

A.V. 222/43

Air Base Command (Sea) Toenning.

Extract made 11 September 1943

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NR.	DATE AND PLACE.	NAME.	RESULT.	INTERMENT.
9.	1 August 1943 Mouth of Eider near Vollerwieck 334/28-3-43	<u>HENRY</u> Paul F. 39531768 T 43 O	dead body washed ashore <i>25 July 43</i>	Toenning, New Cemetery 1 Section 72,3 1 August 1943
12.	6 August 1943 same as above	<u>McCORMACK</u> Walter S. 37383089 T 43 O	" <i>25 July 43</i>	Toenning, New Cemetery 1 Section 79,1 6 August 1943
13.	6 August 1943 Mouth of Eider Katingsiel	<u>KETTERER</u> David N. 13086610 T 43 A	" <i>K 25 July 43</i>	Toenning, New Cemetery 1 Section 72,2 6 August 1943

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U 2032 ✓
Telegram
1461.

Ketterer, David N.

KIA 25 Jul 43

Tag: 13 086 610, body washed
ashore on Aug. 6, 1943 in the
vicinity of Rartingsiel.
Buried in the New Cemetery
in Tonning 1, Square 72, 2.

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Report to L.P.
No. 103,525/43, Aug 13, 1943

Hegewald, John Martin
2nd Lt. Born Sept 2, 1916.
Ident. Tag: O-733,650. Taken prisoner.

Henry, Paul F.
S/Sgt. Ident. Tag: 39,531,768. Dead.
Square 72,3.

McCormack, Walter S.
S/Sgt. Ident. Tag: 37,383,089. Dead.
Square 79/1.

Ketterer, David N.
S/Sgt. Ident. Tag: 13,086,610. Dead.
Square 72/2

Buried Aug. 6, 1943 in the Toenning New Cemetery

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25 Jul 43

U 1818 ✓ Bridge, Arlie R. Jr., Ident. Tag 32476406
Dead. Corpse recovered
1 Aug. 1943 near Blant-
ort, buried at place
of discovery.

A.V. 203/43

Headquarters Flak-Art. Shooting Place
Buesum

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English extract made.
11 August 1943
USA

REPORT ON CASUALTY NR. 18

on enemy Aircrew members.

Time of report: 5 July 1943 - 3 August 1943

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Force Commander Mitte
Army Information Center for Casualties and POW

NR.	DATE AND PLACE.	NAME.	REMARKS.
1.	Parts of body, decomposed on the bank of the Buesumer Fahrwas-sers near Blauort. Recovered by Harbor Guard Unit Buesum. on 1 August 1943	<u>BRIDGE Jr</u> Arlie R. USA AF 32476406 T 42 O P	ADDRESS: Mrs.L.Bridge 114 Water St Carthage NY The parts of the body have been very decomposed, so that they had been buried on the same place.
			The effects, recovered at the dead body, had been sent to Transit Camp, Oberursel.
2.	Parts of a dead Body recovered on 1 August 1943 in the North Sea near Wesselburener-koogloch by Harbor Guards Unit, Body very decomposed	<u>FITTON</u> C.E. RAF 1075399 RAF	The parts of the body have been very decomposed, so that they had been buried on the same place. The at the dead body recovered effects had been sent to Transit Camp, Ober-ursel

English extract to be made

British

(signed).....Col
and Commander

Bridge 25 July 43 MIA
25 July 43 MIA



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and Commander
(signed).....

subject expected to be made

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near H&R
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DATE OF REVIEW: 2 JUL 1973 - 3 JUL 1973

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RECORD ON CASUALTY

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11 JUL 1973
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Edna F. H.
Sgt. Br.
2 Sept 49

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QJME 293
Noyland, John D.
SN O-735912

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Dept. of the Army, OJME, Washington 25, D. C., 25 April 1949

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

1. Forwarded herewith is a photostat copy of letter from one of the surviving crew members, George Douhet of aircraft #42-3075 which crashed 25 July 1943, in which S/Sgt. Arlie R. Bridge, 32476405 and 2/Lt. John D. Noyland, 0735912 were missing in action.

2. Immediately upon receipt of reply from the other two survivors the information will be forwarded your headquarters.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

X-293 Bridge, Arlie R. 32476405

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QMMS 293
Bridge, Arlie R.
SN-32 476 405

31 March 1949

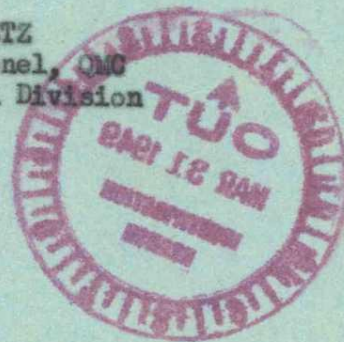
SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to your letter, HRE 293.9 (IB) dated 15 February 1949, Subject: "Request for Information."
2. This Office will contact the three surviving crew members of aircraft #42-3075, concerning the location of the crash in which Staff Sergeant Arlie R. Bridge, SN-32 476 405 and Second Lieutenant John D. Neyland, SN-O-735 912 were missing in action on 25 July 1943.
3. Immediately upon receipt of reply from the survivors, the information will be forwarded your Headquarters.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division



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X 293 Neyland, John D.
O-735-912

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21 March 1949

COMM 223
Bridge, Arto R.
24-32 176 402

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 26, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to your letter, COM 223.9 (10) dated 15 February 1949, Subject: "Request for Information."

2. This Office will contact the three surviving crew members of aircraft 44-3072, concerning the location of the crash in which Staff Sergeant Arto R. Bridge, 24-32 476 402 and Second Lieutenant John B. Heyland, 24-0-732 912 were missing in action on 25 July 1943.

3. Immediately upon receipt of reply from the survivors, the information will be forwarded your Headquarters.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

T. H. MEX
Lt. Colonel
Special Division



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QMOMS 293

Bridge, Arlie R.
SN 32 476 405

29 March 1949

Mr. John M. Hegewald
Rural Route #1
New Albany, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hegewald:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information concerning the exact location where aircraft #42-3075 crashed on 25 July 1943, in which S/Sgt. Arlie R. Bridge, 32476405 and 2nd Lt. John D. Neyland, O-735912 were missing in action.

Records this Office indicate you were a crew member of this aircraft at the time of crash.

Any information you may be able to give concerning the incident will be greatly appreciated.

To expedite the reply, an envelope, requiring no postage, is inclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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Envelope

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MAR 29 1949

O. C. M. S.
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T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division



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QMOMS 293
Bridge, Arlie R.
SN 32 476 405

29 March 1949

Mr. George L. Doubet
Williamsfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. Doubet:

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Sincerely yours,

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Lt. Colonel, QMC
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relative to the state of affairs.
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this office is endeavoring to obtain any possible information

Best, Mr. Hayslett
Hayslett, Hayslett
Mr. George F. Hayslett

on 25 July 1952
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Hayslett

on 25 July 1952

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QMMS 293
Bridge, Arlie R.
SN 32 476 405

29 March 1949

Mr. Herbert A. Moritz
21440 Lorain Road
Fairview Village, Ohio

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Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade	
BRIDGE	ARLIE	R. JR.	32476406	S. SGT mk	
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size	Date of Death
5' 9"	145	BROWN	BROWN	8 1/2 E	July 25, 1943

Last Organization to which attached or used (Give complete designation)

544th B. Sq. 384th B. Gp.

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

Killed while on operational mission over Hamburg, Germany

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION

DATES

~~Syracuse, N.Y.~~
FT. NIAGARA, N.Y.
MIAMI, FLA.
TYNDALL FIELD, FLA.
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
BLYTHE, CAL.

Sept. 23, 1942
Sept. 26 to Oct. 21, 1942
Oct. 22, to Oct. 31, 1942
Dec. 2, to Jan. 31, 1943
Jan. 31, to March 13, 1943

Fractures and/or Breaks

Tattoos and/or Birth marks

DENTAL CHART

SEPT. 17, 1942

X 7 X 5 4 3 2 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 X

Upper Right c attached Photostat

Upper Left

X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 X

Lower Right

Lower Left

X - Extracted

O - Carious

/ - Carious non-restorable

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown

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BRIDGE, ARLIE R.

32476406

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William Ashby

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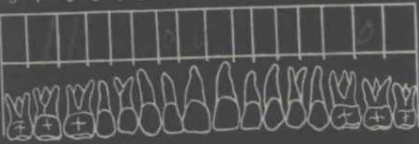
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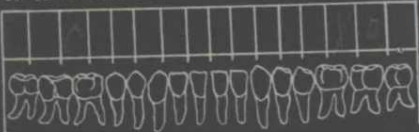
UPPER TEETH

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



LOWER TEETH

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



CLASS 7

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
Periodontoclasia
Dental foci suspected: Yes No
Other conditions

Date, 19.....

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)

O	X	O
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
		(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, REMEDY, ETC.	
		(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS	
		(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS	

W. H. Maguire 1st Lt
Infantry Corps, U. S. A.

Form 75—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)
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***REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

UPPER TEETH

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LOWER TEETH

Right: 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
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Bridge (Archie) A Jr.

To Clinical Records Branch

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For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
STATION Hospital AAB, BLYTHE, CAL. E-3	FEB. 7, 1943	FEB. 9, 1943	579 1/2

W. Ashby	Aug 26 1943	OPRB
Clerk	Date	Branch

(Germany L-55)
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(Basic Ltr WD OQMG, QMGMR 293 Bridge, Arlie R. Jr. SN 32 476 406,
dtd 14 April 1947).

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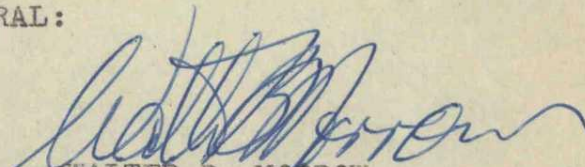
Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58,
US Army, 6 November 1947.

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

1. Inclosed herewith copies of negative report received
from First Field Command, on investigation conducted for the
recovery of the remains of S/Sgt Arlie R. Bridge Jr., 32476406.

2. Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Incls:

1. Report fr Hq Flak-
Artillery Buesum,
4 Aug 43
2. Narrative Report,
21 July 47
3. Four statements
4. Sketch
5. Narrative Report,
20 Aug 47



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

14 APR 1947

In Reply Refer To
QMGR 293

Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.
SN 32 476 406

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

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

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, QMGR Form 371
(covering all available information in the Office of The Quartermaster
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by
this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Bridge, Arlie R., Jr.	S/Sgt.	32 476 406

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be
furnished this office in accordance with the provisions of radio, this
headquarters, No. WCL 37087, dated 13 December 1946.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Martin G. Riley
MARTIN G. RILEY
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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Dental Chart

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Form 371 (5 Cys)
Dental Chart

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14 APR 1947

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED					
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Bridge, Arlin R., Jr.			GRADE S/cgt		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 32 476 406		
ORGANIZATION 544th Bomb Sq 384th Bomb Grp			RACE White		CREED Protestant		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 25 July 43			CAUSE OF DEATH Result of enemy action		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Hamburg, Germany		
DATE OF FOD							
HEIGHT 5' 7"		WEIGHT 145		COLOR EYES Brown		COLOR HAIR Brown	
						SHOE SIZE 8 1/2	
DENTAL CHART 17 Sept 42							
UPPER RIGHT X 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1				UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 X			
LOWER RIGHT X 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9				LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 O X			
X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable							
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS				TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Age: 32 Killed while on operational mission over Hamburg, Germany, body found in Bunsen Bakery. Buried at Elmort, Germany. No MACH - No record in AAF Historical Branch							

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Headquarters Flak-Artillery-Firing Range, Buesum
B-Nr 2037/43 Az: Ic/Bes. Vork.

Hedwigenkoog, 4 August 1943
Post address: Hedwigenkoog
over Wesselburen (Holst.)
Telephone: Buesum 435/436
Mailing address: Wesselburen,
1. Holstein

Refer. D (Luft) 2706/07 Sect VII
Subject: Location of identification Tags of enemy fliers.
To: Dulag Luft
Oberursel near Frankfurt/Main

The Harbor Security Detachment Buesum has found on 1.8.43 in the North Sea on a Sand Bank of the Buesumer River before Blauort the remains of an American Flyer, which were so badly decomposed that they were falling apart and therefore the salvaging of the body was impossible, the remains were buried on the spot in the mud.
One (1) American identification tag (with cord) was found with the remains.

1. Arlie R. Bridge, Jr
32476406 T42 O
Mrs L. Bridge
114 Water St
Carthage N.Y.

2. 2 Pictures.

No further information on hand.

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Colonel and Commander

Incl. 3 -

HEADQUARTERS
466TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171, U.S. ARMY

PVC/gt

21 July 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT

On July 10, 1947 I was ordered by operation section of this headquarters to Blauort, Germany (L-55/M-61) to investigate case number 8475, which contains information concerning two crew members from aircraft # 42-3075 lost on the 25 July 1943. Operational Instructions # 32 shows S/Sgt. Dudley K. Hulbert, 32446895 and S/Sgt. Arlie R. Bridge, Jr., 32476406 as still missing from this plane. It also states that four (4) other crew members have been reburied in U.S. Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz. Operational Instructions # 32 states that according to Dulag Luft records (AV 203/43) decomposed parts of the body of S/Sgt. Bridge were recovered on the bank of the Buesumer Fahrwasser near Blauort (L-55/M-61) and buried there.

Upon arriving at Buesum, Germany where the Harbor Security Detachment was stationed, I went to the town administration office to see if I could find any one who had served with this unit during the war. There I was told to go and see Willi Friedrich who, during the war held the position of Leader of the Harbor-Security-Group.

He states that he remembers of an American flier being found near Blauort Banks and two photos and one identification tag being found. He also states that the body was so badly decomposed that they buried it in the same spot where it was found. He states he was not present and cannot remember the exact date, but it was in the year of 1943. He says the identification tag and photos were sent to the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Firing Range at Hedwigenkoog.

He also states it would be very hard to find the body, because the sand banks are always in shifting. The place was marked with a rock, which by now has disappeared in the sand, (see Incl. # 1).

I then proceeded to Hedwigenkoog to speak with Ernst Gehrts who was the Commanding Officer of the AMA Firing Range at Busum. He states that the identification tag and other items found on bodies that were sent to him, were later sent to the Dulag Luft by him.

He also states he cannot remember any case when a body was found and buried near Blauort as he had nothing to do with the Harbor-Security-Detachment (see Incl. # 2).

I then went to see Hans Warms who was in charge of the Harbor-Security-Detachment. He states he remembers a body being found near Blauort Sands with the head, arms and legs missing. He states he does not remember when it happened nor whether identification tags were found. He also states the remains could not be transported so were buried on the same spot.

He says the sand banks are always shifting and therefore the grave cannot be found today. He says during tide the grave is covered with water and the sand banks must have moved several hundred meters during the past four years (see Incl. # 3).

I then went to see Ernst Will who was in Command of the boat crew who found the body. He says the body was found near Blauort during the summer of 1943 and his men brought him two photos and one identification tag. He states he ordered the body buried on the spot as it was impossible to transport it and as the sand is always in motion, it is impossible to locate the grave. He also states his crew members were from Southern Germany and the Rheinland and today no one is residing in Buesum who was with the crew who could give more information (see Incl. # 4).

CONCLUSION:

It is concluded that the remains of Arlie R. Bridge can not be found as the sand banks where he was buried have shifted since the burial. In 1943 the tower was in the middle of the Island and the water line was located approx. 1500 meters from the tower and as of today the water line is within 150 meters on the South West side of the tower (see Incl. # 5, A,C).

It is concluded that S/Sgt. Dudley K. Hulbert, 32446895 has been accounted for as he was disinterred from St. Peter, the last of May or the first of June 1947 in my presence. The disinterring team found identification tag on the remains with inscription:

Dudly K. Hulbert
32446895.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that higher Headquarters check their file for the records of Dudley K. Hulbert, 32446895.

Paul V. Carter
S/Sgt. ASN 33869628

5 Incls.:

1. Statement; Willi Friedrich
2. Statement; Ernst Schots
3. Statement; Hans Warns
4. Statement; Ernst Willi
5. Sketch ; of Blauort.

Incl 5 -

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Buesum, 15.7.1947

Eidesstattliche Erklaerung

Mein Name ist Willy F r i e d r i c h , geb. 6.8.1914. Ich war Gruppenfuehrer der Hafenschutz-Flotille Cuxhaven, Gruppe Buesum.

Ich erinnere mich, dass die Leiche eines amerikanischen Fliegers bei Blauort gefunden wurde, wobei 2 Photos und eine Erkennungsmarke sichergestellt wurden. Wie mir gemeldet wurde, war es unmoeglich, die Leiche zu transportieren, sie wurde deshalb an Ort und Stelle im Watt beerdigt. Ich selbst war nicht dabei und kann mich auch nicht an das genaue Datum erinnern, es war aber 1943.

Die Erkennungsmarke und die Photos wurden zum Luftwaffen-Schiessplatz Hedwigenkoog gesandt.

Wegen der dauernden Veraenderung der Sandbank duerfte es schwer sein, die Leiche zu finden, wenn sich ueberhaupt noch Reste erhalten haben. Die Stelle war durch einen Stein gekennzeichnet, der aber auch versandet ist.

Diese Angabe machte ich nach bestem Wissen.

/s/ Willy Friedrich
/t/ WILLY FRIEDRICH

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Infantry
Operations Officer

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/gt

TRANSLATION

Buesum, 15 July 1947

SWORN STATEMENT

My name is Willi F r i e d r i c h , born on 6th August 1914. I was group leader of the Harbor-Security-Detachment Cuxhaven, Group Buesum.

I remember the body of an American flier being found near Blauort-Banks; also 2 photos and 1 identification tag were recovered. It was reported that it was impossible to transport the body, so he was buried on the same spot in the mud. I was not present myself nor can I remember the exact date, but it was in the year 1943.

The identification tag and the photos were sent to the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Firing Range at Hedwigenkoog.

It would be very difficult to find the body if there were any at all, because the sandbanks are always in motion. The place was marked with a stone, which has also disappeared into the sand.

I made this statement to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Willi Friedrich
/t/ WILLI FRIEDRICH

Translated by:

Eberhard Geisler-Interpreter
466th QM Battalion
Operations section

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
OF TRANSLATION:

GUSTAVE H. WEIDMANN
Major Infantry
Operations Officer

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Hedwigenkoog, 12.7.1947.

EIDESSTATTLICHE ERKLÄRUNG

Mein Name ist Ernst Gehrts, 25.5.1891 geb.. Ich war Oberst und Kommandant des Flakschiessplatzes Blauum.

In meiner Eigenschaft als Standortaeltester wurden mir die Erkennungsmarken und sonstige gefundenen Gegenstaende von Seeleichen uebermittelt, die ich an Dulag Luft weiterzugeben hatte.

Ich kann mich nicht an einen besonderen Fall erinnern, wo eine Leiche bei Blauort gefunden und dort beerdigt wurde, da ich mit der Hafenschutz-Abteilg. nichts zu tun hatte, diese hat wahrscheinlich die Leiche gefunden.

Diese Angabe machte ich nach bestem Wissen.

gez. Ernst Gehrts

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GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Infantry
Operations Officer

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TRANSLATION

Hedwigenkoog, 12th July 1947

SWORN STATEMENT.

My name is Ernst Gehrts, born 25th May 1891. I was Colonel and Commanding Officer of the Anti-Aircraft-Artillery-Firing Range at Båsum.

In my capacity as senior officer I sent the identification tags and other items, found on bodys and submitted to me, to the Dulag Luft.

I cannot remember one perticular case when a body was found near Blauort-Banks and buried there, because I had nothing to do with the harbour-Security-Detachment, which probably found the body.

I made this statement to the best of my knowledge.

s/ Ernst Gehrts

Translated by:

Eberhard Geisler, Interpreter
Civilian Employee
466th QM Bn.

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GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Infantry
Operations Officer

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Büsum
12.7.47.

Eidesstattliche Erklärung

Mein Name ist Hans Warns, geb. 27.12.99. Ich war Dienststellenleiter der Hafenueberwachungsstelle Büsum.

Ich kann mich erinnern, dass bei Blauort die Ueberreste einer Leiche gefunden wurden, jedoch fehlte der Kopf, Arme und Beine. Auch der Rumpf war sehr zerfetzt. Ich kann aber nicht mit Bestimmtheit sagen, ob das im August 1943 war und ob damals Erkennungsmarken gefunden wurden. Wegen der weit vorgeschrittenen Verwesung konnten die Leichenteile nicht transportiert werden und wurden deshalb an Ort und Stelle beerdigt, wie das oft geschehen musste. Das Grab ist heute nicht mehr zu finden, da die Sandbaenke dauernd wandern und eine Feststellung des Platzes nicht mehr moeglich ist. Die Grabstelle ist waehrend der Flut von Wasser bedeckt. Die Sandbaenke duerften sich im Laufe der vergangenen 4 Jahre um einige hundert Meter verschoben haben.

Diese Angaben machte ich nach bestem Wissen.

s/ Hans Warns

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GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Infantry
Operations Officer

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Buesum, 12 July 1947

SWORN STATEMENT

My name is Hans W a r n s , born 27.12.1899. I was in charge of the Harbor Security Detachment Buesum.

I remember the remains of a body having been found near Blauort-Sands, but head, arms and legs were missing. Even the body was badly smashed. But I can't say for sure whether that happened in August 1943 nor whether identification tags were found there. The parts of the body could not be transported because of the decomposition and were buried in the same spot, as had to be done in other instances also. The grave cannot be found today, because the sandbanks are always in motion and it is impossible to locate the place. The place of the grave is covered with water during the high tide. The sandbanks have probably moved a few hundred meters during the past four years.

I made this statement to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Hans Warns
/t/ HANS WARNS

Translated by:

Eberhard Geisler-Interpreter
466th MI Battalion
Operations section

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OF TRANSLATION:

GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Infantry
Operations Officer

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Buesum 18.7.47.

Eidesstattliche Erklaerung.

Ich heie Ernst Will, geb 25.8.1898. Ich war Bootsfuehrer bei der Hafenschutz-Flotille Gruppe Buesum.

Im Sommer 1943 wurde bei Blauort von der Besatzung meines Bootes die Leiche eines Amerikaners gefunden. Ich selbst war nicht an Land. Mir wurden 2 Photos und eine Erkennungsmarke gebracht und gesagt, dass ein Transport nicht mehr moeglich sei, deshalb oeffnete ich die Beerdigung an Ort und Stelle (an der Westseite der Sandbank) an. Die Stelle ist wohl nicht mehr genau zu bestimmen, da der Sand sich dauernd veraendert. Die Leute meiner Besatzung stammten aus Sueddeutschland und dem Rheinland, heute wohnt keiner mehr in Buesum, der Auskunft geben koennte.

Diese Angabe machte ich nach bestem Wissen.

gez. Ernst Will

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Infantry
Operations Officer

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Buesum, 18 th July 1947

Sworn statement :

My name is Ernst Will, born on 25th Aug. 1898. I was in charge of a boatscrew of the Harbor-Security-Detachment Group at Buesum.

The body of an American was found near Blauort in summer 1943 by the crew of my boat. I was not on land myself. They brought me 2 photos and 1 identification tag and told me that a transport would be impossible. Therefore I ordered the burial on the same spot (west of the sandbank). The spot cannot be located anymore, because the sand is permanent in motion. The crewmembers came from southern Germany and the Rheinland, today no one of them is residing at Buesum, who could give more information.

I made this statement to the best of my knowledge.

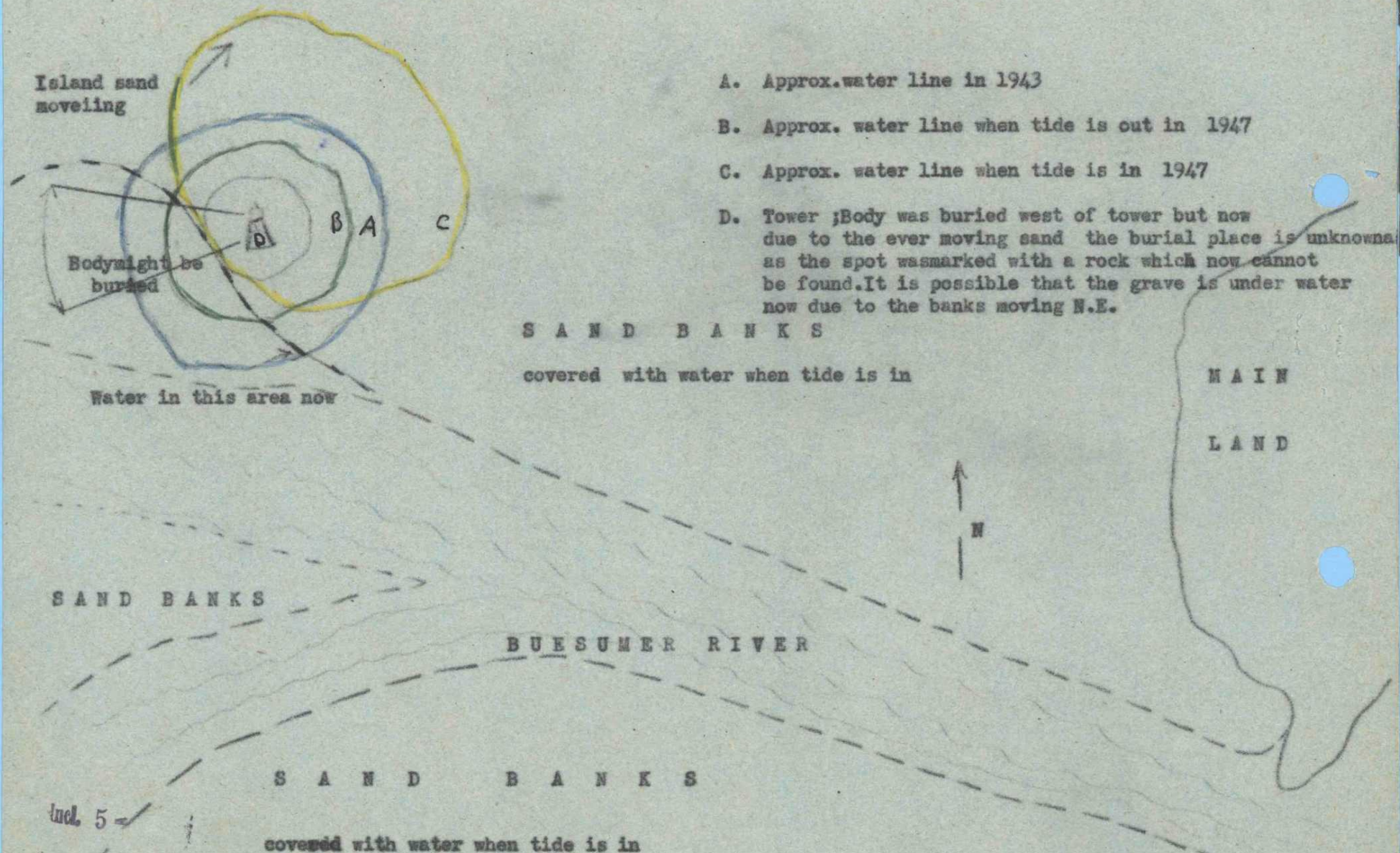
s/ Ernst Will

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Major Infantry
Operations Officer

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Sketch of the Island B L A U O R T (L-55/M71) where Arlie R. Bridge Jr. is buried. The grave is west of the tower



HEADQUARTERS
466TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171, U.S. ARMY

JME/rp

20 August 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT

On 8 August 1947 I was sent from this Headquarters to Blau-ort Island (L-55/M-71) to attempt to locate the remains of a deceased American flier, Arlie R. Bridge, Jr.

According to investigation, Bridge was buried on 1 August, 1943 west of a wooden tower in the center of the island. The grave was supposedly marked with a rock. However since the burial took place the sands of the beach have been constantly shifting and the water line of the island itself has changed considerably.

On 13 August I obtained ten (10) German civilian laborers from the British P.C.L.U. in Heide. Arrangement for transportation by boat to and from the island was made with the British C.C.G..

Due to the high tide covering the reported area of burial I was able to work only between the hours of 0400 - 0700 and 1600 - 1900 when the tide was out.

I started from the tower and had the ten laborers probe the sand in search of the burial place or the rock which had been used to mark the grave. After one whole day had been spent in probing, three rocks were located between 75 and 100 yards west of the tower. On the following three (3) days, 14, 15 and 16 of August I had the laborers excavate the entire area to a depth of nine (9) to ten (10) feet from where the rocks were located to the tower.

No traces of any human remains were located in the entire area excavated. It is doubtful whether remains of subject deceased are still buried in original burial place, due to the change in the terrain which has taken place since the burial.

James M. Egnor
T/5, RA 35957305
Disinterrer

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Bridge, Arlie R.
SN 32 476 406

24 July 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie R. Bridge
Route #4
Carthage, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bridge:

We have been requested to furnish you information concerning your son, the late Staff Sergeant Arlie R. Bridge.

The German burial report received in this office through the agency of the International Red Cross, indicates that the remains of your son were interred in Blauort, Germany. When this reported burial has been verified by the American Graves Registration Service, and your son's remains have been removed to an established American Cemetery, you will be advised.

Our records have been amended to show that your address has been changed from 114 Water Street, Carthage, New York, to Route #4, Carthage, New York.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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cc to Mr. Robert S. Rhodes, Jr.
Division of Veterans' Affairs
241 Woolworth Building
Watertown, New York

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SN 32 476 406
Bridge, Arlie R.
Garbage, New York

24 July 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie R. Bridge
Route 44
Garbage, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bridge:

We have been requested to furnish you information concerning
your son, the late Staff Sergeant Arlie R. Bridge.

The German burial report received in this office through the
agency of the International Red Cross, indicates that the remains
of your son were interred in Blamort, Germany. When this reported
burial has been verified by the American Graves Registration Service,
and your son's remains have been removed to an established American
Cemetery, you will be advised.

Our records have been amended to show that your address has
been changed from 114 Water Street, Garbage, New York, to Route 44,
Garbage, New York.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, GRC
Memorial Division

cc to Mr. Robert S. Rhodes, Jr.
Division of Veterans Affairs
241 Woolworth Building
Watertown, New York



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STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

241 Woolworth Building
Watertown, New York

June 25, 1947

The Adjutant General
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

The family of former ²⁹³S/Sgt Arlie R. Bridge, Jr.,
ASN 32476406, has never been informed as to his
place of burial overseas. They have requested this
office to obtain any information available.

S/Sgt. Bridge was killed in action over Hamburg, Germany,
July 25, 1943.

Any information you may have will be greatly appreciated
by the family.

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Rhodes, Jr.
Robert S. Rhodes, Jr.
State Veterans' Counselor

RSR/pb

Family address:

Mrs. Lena Bridge
Rte. 4, Carthage, N.Y.

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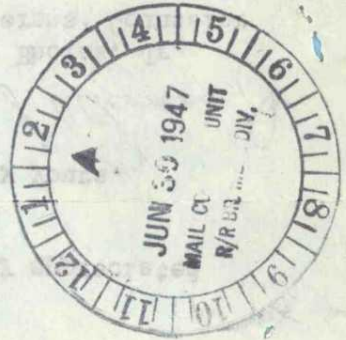
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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr.
Miss.
Addressee: Mrs. Archie R. Bridge parents Relationship
State R. # 4
City, State Carthage, Mo. '47 Date letter
Cemetery
Temporary:
Permanent:
Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

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Chy. add fr. 114 water st
Carthage Mo
To the address
above

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Decedent: Bridge Archie R. S/Sgt 32476406
Last First Initial Rank ASN

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Bridge, Arlie R., Jr. 32 476 406
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4 Aug. 1945
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Gefangenenlager: <u>Name - Bridge, Arthur</u>		Staatsangehörigkeit: <u>Amerikaner</u>	Nr. der Liste: <u>324 764 06</u>
Gefangenen-Nr.: _____		Seite der Liste: _____	
Name: <u>Bridge Jr.</u>		Beruf: _____	
Vornamen: <u>Alie R.</u>		Religion: _____	
Geburtsstag u. Geburtsort: _____		Dienstgrad: <u>Fly. 1st Lt.</u>	
Vorname des Vaters: _____		Truppenteil: _____	
Familiennamen der Mutter: _____		Komp. usw. <u>A.S.N.</u>	Matr. Nr. <u>324 764 06 T 42-0</u>
Emergency address: <u>Was. D. Bridge</u>		Ort und Tag der Gefangen- nahme oder Internierung: <u>U.S.A. 44.</u>	
Name u. Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person: <u>114 Water St. Burlington N.Y. P.</u>		Verwundungen, Verletzungen oder Tod: <u>Dead</u>	
Aufenthalt u. Veränderungen: <u>1.8.43 auf einer Ankerbank des Bushmeyer K. Body was found Aug. 1943 Fahr musseas vor blutort Leichen fiele in Bussmer water way near ankye frunden. Blumont.</u>		wann und von wo zugegangen: _____	
* Watched Ashore 1 Aug 43 was buried at the place where the body was found.		Spab luge: Die Leichen reite waren so zerfallen, dass sie nicht mehr geborgen werden konnten Sie sind an der Fundstelle im Seebich vergaben	

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Source of information: -

Report from Commander, anti aircraft artillery
Report 18 dated 5 July 1943 - 3 August 1943
v.4 - Ref. IV - Report 203/43

II. Report from German Minister of
Aviation No. 103921/43, dated 19 Oct. 1943
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DDMG FORM 302a
1 Dec. 1944

BURIAL INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE ENEMY
THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE RED CROSS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

NAME (Last First, Middle) BRIDGE, Arlie R., Jr.		RANK Flyer	ORGANIZATION Air Corps S.N. 32 476 406 T42	
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE		
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE Mrs. L. Bridge, 114 Water Street, Carthage, N.Y.				
DATE OF DEATH Found Aug 1, 1943		PLACE Found in Busumer Waterway		
PLACE OF BURIAL At Blauort, Germany			ROW NUMBER	GRAVE NUMBER
TYPE OF BURIAL ☐ SINGLE ☐ COMRADE		DATE OF BURIAL		DATE OF REBURIAL
OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW OF				
NAME		RANK	NAME	RANK
1.			6.	
2.			7.	
3.			8.	
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5.			10.	
PERSONAL EFFECTS				
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: GERMAN LIST OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES NO. 9/92				
RUS NUMBER 1792		DATED Sept. 25, 1943		PLACE At Berlin
STAMP: INFORMATION CENTER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND CASUALTIES				DATE Sept 25, 1943
REMARKS				

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Cas. List 9

ENEMY CASUALTY FORM

1. CURRENT NO. 92
2. COUNTRY (NATIONALITY) U.S.A.
3. NAME Bridge, Arlie R. Jr.
4. DATE OF BIRTH
5. NAME OF FATHER
6. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
7. ADDRESS OF PARENTS
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mrs. I. Bridge
114 Water St. Carthage, N.Y.
9. RANK Flyer
10. UNIT (TROOP DIVISION) U.S.A. A.T.
11. DATE AND PLACE OF CAPTURE Found Aug. 1, 1943
near Briesumer Waterway
12. WOUNDS AND INJURIES
13. DATE AND PLACE OF BURIAL Blauert, Germany
14. REGISTER NO. 2 2476406
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15. REMARKS

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BURIAL INFORMATION RUS 2216 19 Oct 1943
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NAME BRIDGE, ARLIE R., JR. ASN 32 476 406

RANK S/Sgt. ORGANIZATION Air Corps

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE Mrs. Lena Bridge, 114 Water St., Carthage, New York
Near Blauort, Germany,

DATE OF DEATH 25 July 1943 (AGO) PLACE European Area
Corpse recovered 1 Aug 1943

PLACE OF BURIAL Buried at place of discovery--Blauort, Germany.

DATE OF BURIAL not given DATE OF REBURIAL

PERSONAL EFFECTS

REMARKS SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Minister of Aviation and Commander-in-Chief
of the Air Force, Air Force Personnel Bureau. Az. Verl 25, Nr. 103 921/43
(Chef-Abt. II D) (In reply please refer to above file number, giving date
and contents in brief.) Berlin W8 19 Oct. 1943. 7 Leipzig St. Tel. Adr:
Reichsluft, Berlin. Tel: local: 520024, 218241, 120047. Long Distance:
218011. Ext. 1193. RE: American Air Force Personnel. TO: High Command
of the Armed Forces, Section, Prisoners of War, Gen'l (V) Berlin-Schoeneberg
50/51 Badensche Street. STAMPED: O.K.W. Chief, Pris. of War. 25 Oct. 1943.
General V.

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FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION FORM
Office of the Dental Surgeon

AAF Station No. 106 APO 634
Station

KIA
Name Bridge, Arlie R. Rank S/Sgt ASN 32476406
Organization 544th Bomb. Sqdn., Age 21 Service July 18, 1943
384th Bomb. Group. (H) Date

Gunner
Aeronautical Rating

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APPROVED ROBT. J. STEPHEN 1st. Lt., DC
Station Dental Surgeon

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Examining Dental Officer
ROBERT J. STEPHEN
1st. Lt., DC

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON
REPORT OF DEATH

DATE **6 November 1943**
NRB/nry 4627'

FULL NAME Bridge, Jr., Arlie R.		ARMY SERIAL NO. 32 476 406
GRADE S/Sgt.	ARM OR SERVICE Air Corps	DATE OF BIRTH 8 August 1921
HOME ADDRESS Carthage, New York		
DATE OF DEATH 25 Jul 43	PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Result of enemy Action
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) Mrs. Lena Bridge, mother, 114 Water St., Carthage, New York		
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) Lena Bridge, mother, 114 Water St., Carthage, New York Arlie R. Bridge, father, 114 Water St., Carthage, New York		

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

ADDITIONAL DATA (CONFIDENTIAL)
THIS COPY FOR THE Q. M. G. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(OVER)

J.W. Reinhart

ADJUTANT GENERAL

*File 11-11-43
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J.W. Reinhart
File 11-31-45
H.A.*

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THIS COPY FOR THE G. N. C. (CONFIDENTIAL)

ADDITIONAL DATA: (CONFIDENTIAL)

STATION OF DECEASED *European Area*

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

DATE OF DEATH *10/12/43* PLACE OF DEATH *10/12/43* CAUSE OF DEATH *10/12/43*

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DATE OF BIRTH *2/10/1901* PLACE OF BIRTH *2/10/1901* CAUSE OF BIRTH *2/10/1901*

The individual named on the obverse side of this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been absent in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 25 Jul 43 and until such absence was terminated by the receipt in the War Department of evidence of death transmitted by the German Government through the International Red Cross, of said termination being 1 Nov 43.

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Bridge, Arlie R. Jr. S/Sgt 32476406
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Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT Case No. 74466
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri Date 27 February 1945

JRM:BKH:dw

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Arlie R. Bridge, Jr., 32476406 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Staff Sergeant, Air Corps who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 25 day of July, 1943, 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., 223, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

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

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

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

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

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 18 May 1944, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Arlie R. Bridge, Sr. for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Arlie R. Bridge, Sr. of
(Name of person found entitled)

Deer River Road, Route 4, Carthage State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

New York, is the father of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

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

(3-12 Oct 44)
JRM:NM:wh
12 August 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO SPODK 220.87 (74466 D)

SUBJECT: Disposition of Personal Effects

TO : Commanding Officer, 544th Bomb. Sq., 384th Bomb. Gp., (H) AAF,
APO 634, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

THROUGH: Effects Quartermaster, UK, Depot G-14, APO 507, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Attention is invited to inclosed copy inventory of effects of
Arlie R. Bridge, Jr., 32476406, S/Sgt., AC, deceased, formerly assigned
to your organization.

2. All the items indicated thereon have been received at the Army
Effects Bureau with the following exceptions:

- 1 Sweat Shirt
- 1 Belt
- 1 Flashlight
- 1 Toilet Kit
- 1 Sewing Kit

3. It is requested that this Bureau be informed relative to dispo-
sition made of the above mentioned items.

For the Effects Quartermaster:

G. H. GALVIN, JR.
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Chief Adm. Control Branch

1 Incl—cy inventory of effects

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May June 2nd 44 ⁷⁴⁴
Army Effects Bureau 744 ⁶⁶
Kansas City, Missouri.

Received ~~the~~ our
Sons. Clothings O.K.
and Thanks.

Mr. & Mrs. Arlie & Lena
Bridge
Sheer River Rd. R. 4.
Carthage, N. Y.



War Department
Army Effects Bureau
601 Hardest Ave.
Kansas City Quartermasters Depot
Kansas City, Missouri.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
Kansas City, Missouri

In the matter of the disposition
of the effects of:

S/Sgt. Arlie R. Bridge, Jr.
(Name of deceased soldier)

32476406

(Serial Number)

JRM:NM:ns
(S-6-29-44)

Case No. 74466D

RECEIPT FOR EFFECTS
DELIVERED TO CLAIMANT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received from the Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri, the following effects of the above-named deceased soldier:

Number	Articles	Number	Articles
1	billfold w/snapshots, cards, & papers	1	pr oxford shoes
	towels, underwear, handkerchiefs, socks		neckties
1	empty money belt	1	web belt
1	pr glasses w/case	2	new Testaments
1	barracks bag	1	pkg w/toilet, shoe shine & misc items

Receipt is also acknowledged of the sum of Six and ninety-two-----

Dollars (\$ 6.92), found among the effects of said deceased soldier.

Subscribed at _____ on this _____ day of _____, 19____.

Witnessed

Mrs. Lena Bridge
(Signature of Witness)

Carthage, N.Y.
Shen River Rd. R 4
(Address)

Arlie R. Bridge, Jr.
(Signature of claimant in ink)

Carthage N.Y.
Shen River Rd. R. 4
(Address)

ML:mem
Eff qM Form No. 5

Arrived May 29, 1944

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

(S-6-29-44)
JRM:HMs
May 29, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie R. Bridge, Sr.
Deer River Road, Route 4
Carthage, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bridge:

Thank you for the information given in your letter of May 15 and the papers sent this Bureau in connection with disposal of the property of your son, Staff Sergeant Arlie R. Bridge, Jr. These papers are returned to you herewith.

Under the 112th Article of War, by which this Bureau is governed, the father precedes the mother in receiving the son's effects. Therefore, this property was forwarded to Mr. Bridge by parcel post on May 25, 1944.

When you have received the package, it will be necessary that Mr. Bridge sign one copy of the inclosed receipt as claimant; Mrs. Bridge may sign as witness. Kindly return the signed receipt to us as soon as possible. For your convenience, there is inclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

There is inclosed check for \$6.92. This check represents money which belonged to Sergeant Bridge and has been converted to a check to avoid the possibility of loss.

My action in sending such property does not, of itself, vest title in you. This property is transmitted only in order that some responsible person receive it, so that distribution may be made in accordance with the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

Please accept my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

6 Incls.
3 Papers
Form 5
Check
Envelope

W. F. HUGHMAN
Major Q.M.C.
Actg. Effects Quartermaster

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REQUEST FOR INCLOSURES

Case No. 74466D

JRM:NM:ns

May 29, 1944

To:

Locked Storage for:

x Accounting Branch for Check

Account No. 17676 Amount \$6.92

Payable to

Mr. Arlie R. Bridge, Sr.
Deer River Road, Route 4
Carthage, New York

Correspondent

NM

Check No. 11760

Initials FW

17676

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MAY 31

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ARLIE R. BRIDGE, SR.

6.92

SIX AND 92/100

MAJOR Q.M.C.
Asst.

DS:ml

Eff QM Form 49 (Rev. 11/16/43)

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

JRM:NM:os

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Suspense 6-6-44Case No. 74466 DDate May 23, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO Warehouse Branch:

Please see that the personal effects on the above mentioned case are packed, weighed and ready for shipment promptly so that they may be readily picked up. Bills of Lading and all other papers will be marked with the case number and can be identified thereby. The original of this form should be returned to the Administrative Branch after completion.

Effects of: S/Sgt. Arlie R. Bridge, Jr. Serial No. 32476406Ship to: Mr. Arlie R. Bridge, Sr.Street and Number Deer River Rd., R #4City and State Carthage, New YorkShip Via: Parcel post Gov't B/L No. _____C. J. Osborn
For the Effects Quartermaster

LIST OF PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 CartonFranked Mail -- $4\frac{1}{2}$ or less _____Parcel Post Charges 1.57 ✓Estimated Express Charges 1.29

Estimated Freight Charges _____

Total Number of Pieces: 1Weight of Shipment: 21 #Shipping Clerk 90

Date

MAY 25 1944

ML:mp

Effects QM Form 14 (Rev. 10/15/43)

Deer River Rd. R. 4
Carthage, New York

May 15, 1944

74466

Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardisty
Kansas City 1 Missouri

IMMEDIATE ACTION

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Dear Sir.

In reply to this letter will say ^{our} ~~my~~
son wasn't married and left his \$10,000 Ins.
to me (his mother) Lena Marsh Bridge the papers
have been filled out and sent in, with a
Gov. Seal made out by Floyd Arthur, Justice
of the Peace Carthage, N.Y. I received 3 or 4 of
these \$100 allotments when our son was reported
killed in war. Previous telegraph of Aug. stating
he was missing in action while flying over
Hamburg, Germany. July 25, 1943. I am
enclosing three papers and hope the informa-
tion will be correct.

Sincerely

Mr. + Mrs. Arlie^R (Lena) Bridge Sr.

PS-
We bought a 30 acre farm
with a \$1038. - Gratuity received from the Gov.

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

(S-6-10-44)
JRM:NM:cms
May 10, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO: #74466 D

Mr. Arlie R. Bridge
~~114 Water Street~~
Carthage, New York

*new str. add.
sheer River Rd. R. 4.*

Dear Mr. Bridge:

The Army Effects Bureau has received a small amount of money which belonged to your son, Staff Sergeant Arlie R. Bridge, Jr.

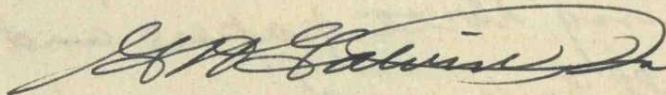
This is the only property of Sergeant Bridge received here to date; however, money ordinarily is transmitted from overseas by mail, in advance of other personal effects.

To make proper disposal of these funds, it is necessary that we have certain information regarding your son's family. I will appreciate your informing us whether he was married and, if so, the name and address of his widow.

In addition, if Sergeant Bridge left a Will which has been probated, the original or a certified copy of the Letters Testamentary should be sent here for inspection. Any papers that you send us will be returned promptly.

For your convenience in replying, there is inclosed an addressed return envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,



G.H. GALVIN, JR.
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Chief, Adm. Control Branch

1 Incl-Envelope

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Deceased _____ ARMY SERVICE FORCES Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets
Missing X ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
A.W.O.L. _____ Flat 4 Box _____
P.O.W. _____ INVENTORY
Abandoned _____

Shown on Tally In as Archie R. BridgeTALLY IN NO. 3719 INVENTORY DATE 5/5/44 CASE NO. 74466EFFECTS OF ARLIE R. BRIDGE JR. RANKS Sgt.ARMY SERIAL NO. 32476406 ORG. 544th Bomb Sq. 384th. Bomb Group (H)

CONSIGNOR _____

DELIVERING CARRIER _____ G B/L NO. _____ G B/L DATE _____

Package No.	Article Description	Remarks
#1	1 Billfold w/snapshots, cards, and	Mrs. Lena Bridge
CARTON	papers.	114 Water Street
	1 Pr. shoes, oxfords	Carthage, New York
	Towels, underwear	
	Handkerchiefs, socks	
	Neck ties	
	1 Money belt, empty	
	1 Web belt	
	1 Pr. glasses w/case	
	2 New Testaments	Shortage on reverse
	1 Barracks bag	side.
	1 Package w/toilet, shoe shine and	
	misc. items	
		Paper belonging to:
		Paul F. Henry found
		and removed from
		effects of Arlie R.
		Bridge Jr.
		Attached:
		1 Inventory
		1 Tag
		MAY 25 1944

Warehouse Space 453X Inventoried By Horan HaganLocked Storage Space _____ Packed By Shields

MP:ml

Eff QM Form 11 (Rev. 10/15/43)

MAY 16 1944

GIN:rh 5/12/44

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SHORTAGE:

1 Sweat shirt
1 Belt
1 Flashlight
1 Toilet kit
1 Sewing kit

Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets
Flat Box

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DELIVERING CARRIER Mail G. B/L NO. _____ G B/L DATE _____

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EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER, ETOUSA
SUMMARY COURT
DEPOT G-14
APO 507
United States Army

15 APR 1944

Control No. 3014

SUBJECT: Closing Statement, Account of:

BRIDGE, Arlie R, Jnr.
(Name)S/Sgt
(Rank)32476406
(ASN)

TO: Effects QM, Kansas City QM Depot, 601 Hardesty Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

1. Submitted herewith is complete file of subject person;

(a) Organization 544 Bomb Sq APO 634
(b) Status Dec'd as per O/R No.449 dated 23 Jan 44
(c) Beneficiary Mrs. Lena Bridge (Mother)
114 Water St, Carthage, New York

2. Personal effects were shipped 17 Feb 44

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Incl.#	Date Rec'd	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	Dollars	Sterling
		Details		
1	18 Aug 43	Ltr/Transmittal	\$6.92	

Total to be accounted for

\$6.92

Incl.#	Date Pd.	Details	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
			Amount

Total Disbursements

None

Balance

\$6.92

*Sterling converted for transmission to U. S.

Inclosed check to Effects QM, Kansas City

\$6.92

Balance at this office

None

4. Remarks: None

5. Account is now closed at this office.

6. Request acknowledgment of receipt by indorsement on the reverse side hereof.

EDWARD CHAYES
Lt Col, QMC,
Effects QM, ETOUSA.

5 Incls. Incl 1 to 4 Complete file of subject person.

Incl 5 U.S.Treasury check # 1160 dated 13 APR 1944

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Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City
Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardisty
Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri

Receipt acknowledged.

For The Effects Quartermaster:



S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 106
Office of the Station Commander

G-B-3

APO 634,
2 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records of Effects.

TO : C.O., Effects Quartermaster, General Depot, G-14, APO 507,
U.S. Army.

1. Forwarded herewith in accordance with instructions contained in letter, Office of the Quartermaster, 2nd Advanced Air Depot, dated 22 July 1943, is the inventory of effects of the following named Enlisted Men:

T/Sgt Robert O. Burnes	S/Sgt Jerome J. Goubeaux
T/Sgt Frank Chiafari	S/Sgt Carl V. Hill
T/Sgt Albert W. Detrick	S/Sgt John L. Holmes
T/Sgt John J. Gillis	S/Sgt Dudley K. Hulbert
T/Sgt Kenneth W. Harland, Jr.	S/Sgt John F. Jackson
T/Sgt Paul F. Henry	S/Sgt David E. Kay
T/Sgt Edward R. Keathley	S/Sgt Robert A. Leonard
T/Sgt David N. Ketterer	S/Sgt Walter A. McCormack
T/Sgt Bert Landrum, Jr.	S/Sgt George D. McCulley
S/Sgt John S. Bagdis	S/Sgt William C. Patton
✓ S/Sgt Arlie R. Bridge, Jr.	S/Sgt Walter M. Pollard
S/Sgt Nicholas D. Ciamarra	S/Sgt Lawrence J. Réandéau
S/Sgt Holgate J. Dean	S/Sgt Donald A. Rutan
S/Sgt Frank L. Delmonte	S/Sgt Charles F. Stephenson I.
S/Sgt Alvin H. Freitag	S/Sgt Max B. Verber

2. Request acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon.

For the Commanding Officer:

C.H. CROWE, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant

79 Incls:

30-Letters Transmittal Records
of Effects (in dup)
30-Inventory of Effects (in dup)
19-Money Orders

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544TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) ARMY AIR FORCES
APO 634 384th Bomb Group US Army

30 July 1943.

In reply refer to:
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records of Effects.

TO : C. O., Effects Quartermaster, General Depot G-14, APO 507, U. S. Army.

1. Submitted herewith in accordance with instructions contained in letter, Office of the Quartermaster, 2nd Advanced Air Depot, dated 22 July 1943, is the inventory of effects of S/Sgt ARLIE R. BRIDGE, JR., 32476406, 544th Bomb Squadron, 384th Bomb Group (H), who has been missing in actions since 25 July 1943.

2. Money order No. 11769 in the amount of \$6.92, enclosed herein, represents the net cash left by S/Sgt Bridge.

a. There were no unindorsed or unnegotiated checks found among this enlisted man's effects.

3. The following is a list of known creditors and debtors of S/Sgt Bridge.

a. Debtors: (None)

b. Creditors: (None)

4. S/Sgt Bridge is not known to have had an account in any bank in this theater.

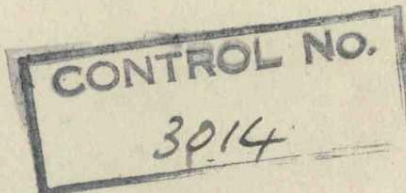
5. S/Sgt Bridge's designated beneficiary is:

Mrs Lena Bridge (Mother)
114 Water St., Carthage, New York

6. The net assets of S/Sgt Bridge do not exceed 500 pounds in value.

7. Request acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon.

2 - Incls:
Inventory of Effects
Money order No. 11769



R. L. Lindsey
R. L. LINDSEY
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.



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544TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) ARMY AIR FORCES
APO 634 384th Bomb Group US Army

28 July 1943.

I N V E N T O R Y

I certify that the following inventory comprises all the effects of S/Sgt ARLIE R. BRIDGE, JR., 32476406, of the 544th Bomb Squadron, 384th Bomb Group (H), who has been missing in action since 25 July 1943.

I further certify that the following effects were forwarded to the C. O., Effects Quartermaster, General Depot, G-14, APO 507, U. S. Army.

Box No. 1

8 each	Towels, bath
1 each	Towel, face
1 pair	Shoes
1 pair	Glasses
1 each	Pen flashlight
2 each	Belts
1 pkg	Buttons
2 each	Bibles
1 each	Toilet set
1 each	Sewing kit
1 each	Money belt
1 each	Sweat shirt
1 pkg	Letters
19 each	Handkerchiefs
4 each	Undershirts
5 pair	Shorts
12 pair	Socks
2 each	Ties
1 each	Bill fold

S/Sgt Bridge's designated emergency addressee is Mrs Lena Bridge, (mother), 114 Water St., Carthage, New York.

R. L. Lindsey
R. L. LINDSEY
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON
REPORT OF DEATH

741466

DATE 6 November 1943
NAB/nry 4627'

FULL NAME Bridge, Jr., Arlie R.		ARMY SERIAL NO. 32 476 406
GRADE S/Sgt.	ARM OR SERVICE Air Corps	DATE OF BIRTH 8 August 1921
HOME ADDRESS Carthage, New York		
DATE OF DEATH 25 Jul 43	PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Result of enemy Action
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) Mrs. Lena Bridge, mother, 114 Water St., Carthage, New York		
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) Lena Bridge, mother, 114 Water St., Carthage, New York Arlie R. Bridge, father, 114 Water St., Carthage, New York		

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

THIS COPY FOR ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

J.W. Reinhart
ADJUTANT GENERAL

The individual named on the obverse side of this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been absent in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 25 Jul 43 and until such absence was terminated by the receipt in the War Department of evidence of death transmitted by the German Government through the International Red Cross, date of said termination being Nov 43.