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**US ARMY HRC
CASUALTY AND
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GENERAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE REQUEST FOR SERVICE		RETURN TO MILITARY RECORDS SECTION ARMY-AIR FORCE DEFENSE-UNIT GSA R3 FRC 219 North Lee St. Alexandria, Va.	
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		DATE	
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38 258 368			
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MILITARY RECORDS SECTION
ARMY-AIR FORCE DEFENSE-UNIT
GSA R3 FRC
219 North Lee St.
Alexandria, Va.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER
REGION 3



MILITARY RECORDS BRANCH

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

VIDRINE FRANCIS J.

RANK

SGT

SERIAL NUMBER

38258368

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

7 AUG 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

KROOP

DATE

4 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

RAGSDALE

DATE

7 MAY 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME VIDRINE, Francis J.		GRADE Sgt	SERIAL NO. 38 258 368
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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

Area of Death European, vic of St. Barthelmy, France		Case Number 14696
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Vidrine, Francis J.	Rank Sgt	Serial Number 38 258 368

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	G.M.
2. Geographical clue index file of unknowns recovered from appropriate area, compared with decedent	G.M.
3. Other documents or sources	

Remarks

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	Date
Name of Case Analyst <i>E. Miller</i>	Case Reviewer, Final Determination Section	Chief, Final Determination Section <i>Clackson</i>	



NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER

14696 (I)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Vidrine, Francis J.

RANK

Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

38 258 368

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

Individual Case

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

1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	INITIALS OF ANALYST
	VAT		VAT
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAT	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	VAT
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAT	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	VAT
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

KIA on 7 August 1944 in the vicinity of St. Barthelmy, France

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File

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Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

Vincent A. Thomas
Vincent A. Thomas/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

DATE

W. A. WOLF

C. C. WASSON, Capt QMC

THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC

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

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

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO 103, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 1st SEPT 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 witnesses and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE NO.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
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See attached roster.

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

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

ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, TC JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, QMC

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Lj. QMC CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC

HENRY F. MYERS, CWO, USA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

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29 August 1950

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

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

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MULVANITY:

ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

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

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ROBERT G. LAY
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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

GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

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

GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

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

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

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

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain QMC

AVRANCHES, MORTAIN, GER LA HAYE DU PUIT

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

VICINITY OF ST. LO

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
PRICKETT, Joe	Pvt	37 140 918
TARIN, Lucas R.	Pvt	18 011 253
BRANDHORST, Richard J.	Pvt	15 054 574
CLIBURN, David H.	Pfc	37 514 439
CORE, Barton W.	1/Lt	0 408 676
BRANDT, Charles K.	S/Sgt	32 798 542
CLARK, Russell E.	T/Sgt	35 366 464
BONITZ, Nicholas D.	S/Sgt	33 150 771
DIXON, Robert E.	Sgt	33 419 829
HAHN, Burton F.	2/Lt	0 686 150
HARVEY, Loy M.	S/Sgt	34 263 034
ISLES, Peter J.	S/Sgt	13 108 325
HARGETT, Tearsie E.	Pfc	14 092 645
GLNTILE, Thomas	Sgt	32 024 450
GOODSPEED, Norman L.	Pfc	32 292 966
LINDNER, John W.	Pvt	36 396 807
MURRAY, Howard G.	Sgt	17 049 636
SHORT, Charles W.	Pfc	37 512 517
FLICK, John F.	S/Sgt	36 325 584
CALLAWAY, David L.	1/Lt	0 674 033
FERRER, Mike A.	Pvt	32 792 624
FORENE, Trentre F.	Pvt	35 227 919
KING, Sterling	Pfc	35 646 627
FRANCOIS, Leonard D.	Pvt	31 316 479
JACQUES, Armando S.	S/Sgt	39 568 226
MAREHOOD, Charles B.	1/Lt	0 801 336
HORAN, Roger J.	2/Lt	01 012 610
REID, Arthur J.	Pfc	32 268 309
LINSLEY, Louis L.	2/Lt	01 168 339
SWITKA, Frank J.	Pvt	32 486 173
KORHORN, Louis G.	T/5	36 398 872
KNUTSON, Raymond W.	T/5	37 328 564
CHRISTY, Charles J.	Pfc	37 129 217
KAPRAL, Andrew G.	Pvt	33 264 840
OSTAPOW, Edward T.	T/4	32 087 120
LAMUSCUS, Noble P.	T/Sgt	6 298 090
DUGAN, William P.	Pfc	37 607 028
GOAD, Benjamin F.	Pfc	17 166 776
McKINNEY, Bob	Pvt	37 130 094

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

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

AVRANCHES, MORTAIN, GER LA HAYE DU PUIT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
MARINER, Robert E.	T/4	6 998 987
DAVENPORT, Glenn W.	Pvt	35 347 391
HOWARD, Charles S.	Pfc	6 290 692
ATCHISON, Fred	Pfc	34 813 906
BORGHARDT, Joseph	Cpl	37 512 586
CRUTHIS, Chalmer M.	Sgt	36 313 615
BROWN, Donald E.	Pvt	37 190 660
GERRALD, Jule D.	Sgt	34 389 023
LARSON, Robert J.	Pfc	37 418 798
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O'DONNELL, Robert C.	Pfc	37 547 649
HUTCHISON, Roger E.	Pvt	20 746 699
GIELOW, Walter B.	Pfc	36 327 153
HEITZ, Sam J.	Cpl	35 283 379
STEIN, Donald F.	Cpl	37 095 254
WYATT, Earl M.	Pvt	38 043 949
FORMAN, Samuel (NMI)	Pvt	32 960 099
SPEARS, Eldon O.	T/5	36 311 415
GRINALDI, Anthony J.	Pvt	33 589 544
BICKELMAN, Eugene P.	Pfc	13 068 337
KEVEDRAS, John F.	Pfc	36 645 597
SOCHINSKI, Walter A.	Pvt	32 208 697
DOOLEY, Thomas T.	Pvt	34 611 119
JACKSON, James J.	Pfc	34 367 240
LOHMANN, Raymond A.	Pvt	37 305 264
MATLSKE, Steve	Cpl	38 054 388
NEWTON, Paul A.	Pvt	14 010 321
PIERCE, Le Roy L.	Cpl	17 057 646
STEPHENS, Arrie A.	Pvt	38 438 152
VAIL, Archie H.	Pvt	32 944 819
VIDRINE, Francis J.	Sgt	38 258 368
MILLER, Russell W.	Capt	0 661 787
LEW, Herbert H.	T/5	36 373 622
NORELL, Gustave A. Jr.	Cpl	32 714 748

VICINITY OF CHERBOURG

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

VICINITY OF UTAH BEACH, CARENTAN, STE-MERE-EGLISE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HOPKINS, John V.	1/Lt	01 294 841
VAN SICKLE, Jark D.	Pvt	36 408 881
MADEAU, Armand E.	Pvt	11 131 551
BAKER, Lester R.	Pfc	17 109 674
GREGGS, Robert E.	Pfc	35 136 548
NIKSA, Edward W.	Pfc	32 827 230
SARVAS, Dave	Pfc	15 112 600
CALI, Dominick D.	Pvt	32 598 866
DENNING, Lloyd J.	Cpl	33 306 262
LAWRENCE, James W.	Pfc	35 370 538
SADOSKI, Peter P.	Pfc	31 211 410
HEALEY, Frederick S.	Pfc	55 305 98
RUSHING, Cleo	Pvt	34 812 939
SCHERER, Casper A.	T/4	32 156 708
SMITH, R.V. (IO)	Pvt	20 402 383
AUMAN, Pershing D.	Pvt	33 050 442
HILL, Joseph D.	Pvt	16 039 974
LAPIKAS, John M.	Cpl	33 113 283
RODRIGUEZ, Julio T.	Pvt	20 133 561
SPARKS, Carl J.	Sgt	18 070 327
BACON, Lewis C.	Pvt	37 302 484
BARR, Charles E.	Pvt	38 513 883
BAUR, Frank K.	Pfc	33 143 678
LEGG, Joseph H.	T/5	15 112 780
O'BRYAN, Charles E.	Pvt	20 746 704
WHITE, Melvin G.	S/Sgt	35 135 831
BURRI, Herman A.	Sgt	20 656 749
DANZIGER, Benjamin	2/Lt	01 299 211
CONDON, John W.	Pvt	17 076 365
BEISSER, Chester	Pvt	35 599 108
CHAVOUS, Samuel J.	Cpl	34 054 771
MAGNEY, Roy A.	Cpl	19 096 754
LOCKERMAN, Colon A.	Pfc	34 571 683
REIDER, Foster P.	Pfc	33 010 611
BOYLAN, Richard E.	Sgt	32 023 449
CHELLIS, John E.	T/4	13 004 985
DONOHUE, Edward D.	Pvt	36 752 230
DUDGEON, Sidney G.	Pfc	32 093 950
FANNELLI, Andrew J.	Sgt	32 023 169

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HARDY, Joseph G.	T/5	14 024 716
HARDZOG, Floyd	Pfc	34 180 153
HARPER, Felix M.	T/5	13 016 604
HERSHMAN, Ralph W.	Pvt	13 042 606
INGENITO, Harold E.	Pfc	12 036 296
JEZAK, Joseph	Cpl	33 071 037
KELLER, William B.	Cpl	34 141 272
MASON, Conrad C.	Pfc	35 739 701
MORGIA, Anthony C.	Pvt	12 073 036
NICHOLS, Noel N.	Pvt	34 275 298
PATAKY, Bernard L.	T/4	13 002 415
PHELPS, John W.	T/4	32 024 275
SCHLOTT, Robert	S/Sgt	13 002 240
SMITH, Harry J.	Pvt	20 245 579
SPINA, Thomas	Pvt	32 572 516
STEPHENS, Horace S.	Pfc	34 141 354
VOSEN, Raymond F.	Pvt	16 132 054
WAUGH, Luther L.	T/5	35 664 636
FRATAGO, Michael H.	Sgt	33 345 371
HENRY, Richard B.	Pvt	36 885 105
WOJCIK, Walter A.	T/Sgt	37 186 511
VAN METER, Walter F.	Cpl	34 585 089
PINKOSKI, John	Pvt	13 059 409
BERLIN, John C.	T/5	18 151 944
KOEHLER, John F.	E/O	T-61635
McKAMEY, James B.	2/Lt	0 668 479
SCOTT, Jess H.	Sgt	39 233 319
BARTO, Steve	Pvt	35 266 795
BRANNAN, William F.	T/5	11 064 090
TORTORELLO, Anthony	Pvt	36 334 642
HARRIS, Dale (MMI)	2/Lt	0 763 584
FITZGERALD, Jark D.	Pvt	37 343 112
KENNEDY, Thomas M.	Pfc	32 600 334
O'CONNELL, Norman V.	Pvt	19 132 872
O'ROURKE, James J. Jr.	T/5	32 370 027
SIMPSON, Jack M.	Pvt	37 454 639
LOUIS, Charles K.	Pvt	19 096 999
ELLIS, Elmer	Pvt	20 406 903
ROBERTS, Harry Jr.	Pfc	35 617 857
FRANKEL, Merton	Cpl	39 124 515

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HALL, Charlie L.	Pfc	14 140 065
ZWYERS, Robert W.	Pvt	15 333 992
GUYTON, Wilbur M.	Pvt	34 663 591
HORMBAKER, Nelson F.	S/Sgt	6 948 738
McKEE, William R.	Pvt	32 949 592
HOLLOMAN, Wallace S.	Cpl	66 968 562
LESKO, John P.	Pfc	13 048 930
YESKO, Nicholas	Pvt	32 927 063
HUDAK, Joseph B.	Pvt	33 423 375
LONG, Houston H.	Pvt	32 359 883
EADY, Caley J.	T/4	14 142 168
RECORD, Orson B.	Pvt	20 157 352
BERGSTRESSER, Glenn	T/4	39 385 460
COUGHLIN, Lawrence J.	Pfc	35 069 317
FOSTER, Norman B.	Pvt	37 701 436
GOBLE, Francis W.	T/5	37 248 656
HERNANDEZ, Guadalupe	T/5	38 120 358
KLINE, William S.	2/Lt	01 013 442
METZ, Charles L.	Pvt	32 968 560
MOYER, Robert H.	Pvt	13 026 533
NEAL, Donald R.	Cpl	39 385 528
RHIMER, Nicholas W.	Cpl	13 008 950
KIRK, James	Pvt	34 673 669
PEDERSON, Harry B.	2/Lt	0 810 407
CERNY, Otaker	Pvt	6 902 607
SIMONS, Robert C.	Pvt	15 324 590
KOENIG, Thomas C.	Cpl	16 124 803
JONES, Theodore T. Jr.	1/Lt	0 456 301
ECKHOFF, Kenneth A.	Pfc	34 625 674
OLUBOWICZ, Steven	T/4	31 278 325
SCHECTER, Karl	Pfc	32 863 593
CAPLINGER, Robert D.	Pfc	35 801 083
HAGGINS, Sylbester D.	Pfc	32 552 252
HOMER, Mack	Pvt	34 740 215
SIMMONS, Henry	Pvt	38 227 090
WYATT, Daniel	T/5	38 311 942
ASHENFELTER, Edgar J.	Pvt	35 614 531
JENKINS, Earl F.	Pfc	35 590 188
ELLISON, Isidore	Pvt	32 008 511
NICHOLSON, Robert L.	Pfc	35 111 192

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

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 QRS (European Area) *Ident*
 SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMD, Washington 25, D. C., 3 February 1949

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

In compliance with request in basic communication, inclosed
 herewith is latest available dental information on the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Jackson, James J.	Pfc	34367240 <i>Ident</i>
Vail, Archie H.	Pvt	32944819 "
Vidrine, Francis J.	Sgt	38258368 <i>NR</i>
Lohmann, Raymond A.	Pvt	37305264 2

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

4 Incls:

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T. H. METZ

Lt. Col. QMC

Memorial Division



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for several days, then from there, I couldn't inform what happen to his body, but probably picked up and buried by them."

5. St. Barthelemy is located approximately three miles north of Mortain which lies approximately 15 miles south of Vire, France.

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

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

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

Station and place of death: European Area

Elizabeth A. Ridgway
Investigator

CONCUR:

T. J. COLLUM
Major, AGD
OIC, Det. & Review Unit

APPROVED. Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

COPY FOR:
OQMG, Memorial Div.

SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN
Lt. Colonel, AGD
OIC, Casualty Section
PA Branch, AGO

AS NOTED, Bureau of
Investigation (B-100)

For several days, then, there, I couldn't find out what happened
to his body, but probably picked up and buried by them."

5. It is recommended that Bureau be kept advised of developments
which may arise in connection with the case of the above.

6. It is recommended that Bureau be kept advised of developments
Section 8, Missing Persons, and that the information be accepted as an
official report of death. The missing report be initiated stating
that the person named above, was killed in action on 7
August 1942, while in the line of duty, near St. Germain, France.
The missing report and report of death will include the following
information:

"Report of death has been issued previously under Section
8, Death, 480, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing pre-
sumed date of death as 6 August 1942. This report of
death' is issued in accordance with Section 8 of said Act
and the effect on prior reports and amendments is as
provided in Section 8."

System will be used for operating this in notification and processing.

Station and place of death, European Area

COPIES:

Elizabeth A. Higgins
Investigator

T. J. COLLIER

Major, AGO

AGC, War & Peace Unit

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

SYLVIO L. ROSENTHAL
Lt. Colonel, AGO
AGC, Casualty Section
BA Branch, AGO

COPY FOR:
AGC, Memorial Div.

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8 December 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: OIC, Casualty Section,
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Sergeant Francis J. Vidrine, 38258368, Company A, 117th Infantry, was reported missing in action on 7 August 1944, while in combat infantryman's pay, by ETO Shipment No. 169.

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

3. a. Sgt Vidrine's AG 201 file contains a report, dated 26 August 1944, signed by Capt John E. Kent, Infantry which states that on 7 August 1944, Company "A" was engaged in the defense of the town of St. Barthelmy, France. Sgt Vidrine disappeared during a counterattack by the enemy and was not seen thereafter.

b. By letter to The Adjutant General, dated 24 March 1945, Sgt Vidrine's father inclosed a letter from Abbie Reviere, 38258374, addressed to a friend of his son on 18 August 1944. A pertinent part of the inclosure is quoted:

"I guess you heard of what happen to Francis Vidrine, I could give you all the details of what happen to him, but the censor wouldn't allow me to. I sure feel sorry for him after we had been so long together. But if ever I get to return I'll be able to tell his parents if they want to know."

4. In response, dated 25 November 1949, to a letter of inquiry from this office addressed to Mr. Abbie Reviere, Opelousas, Louisiana, on 3 November 1949, Mr. Reviere writes in part as follows:

"Sgt Francis Vidrine, 38258368 Co 'A' 117 Infantry was killed on early morning of August 7, 1944 in Western France.

"Sgt. Vidrine was killed by German machine guns mounted on tanks when I was forced out of my position, I saw Sgt. Vidrine laying dead on the side of his fox hole, being that we were pushed back about 700 yards and then formed another line, the German occupies our position

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Vidrine Francis J.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>38 258 368</i>		GRADE <i>Sgt.</i>
HEIGHT <i>69 1/2</i>	WEIGHT <i>143</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>10 D</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>8 Aug 45</i>

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

Co. A 117th Inf

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Near St. Barthetemy France

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Camp Wheeler Ga</i>	<i>26 Sept. 42</i>
<i>" Blanding Fla.</i>	<i>7 Jan. 43</i>

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH

NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

DENTAL CHART

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LOWER RIGHT

X - EXTRACTED

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LOWER LEFT

O - CARIOUS

I - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE OF BURIAL	PLACE OF BURIAL
703	1878	1918	1878	1918	1918	1918



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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

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LOWER TEETH

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CLASS 7

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

Date 11/16, 1942*Capt. R. W. ...*
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

38258355

DC #1 Camp Blanding, Fla

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME

Vidrine Francis J.

(3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
Pvt A 117th Inf(6) AGE, YEARS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YEARS
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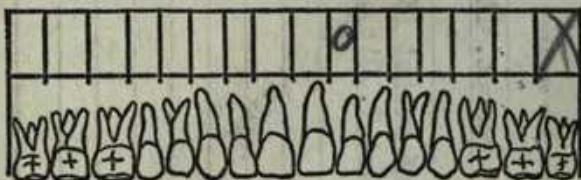
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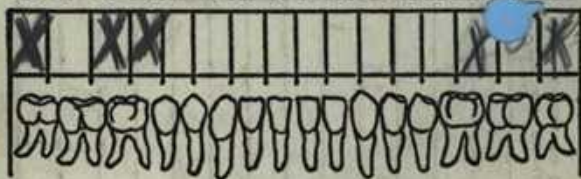


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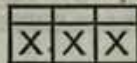
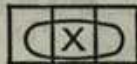
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Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Vidrine, Francis J.			GRADE Sgt.		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 38258368																																												
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WEIGHT

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SHOE SIZE

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CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

ORGANIZATION

RACE

CREED

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NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

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PRESENT SERVIC

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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) VIDRINE, FRANCIS J.		GRADE SGT.		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 38254364
ORGANIZATION Co; "A", 117TH INF. REGT.		RACE WHITE	CREED CATHOLIC	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 7-AUG-44	CAUSE OF DEATH FINDING OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA NEAR MORTAIN - FRANCE	
DATE OF FOD 8-AUG-45				
HEIGHT 5'9 1/2"	WEIGHT 143 lbs.	COLOR EYES BROWN	COLOR HAIR BROWN	SHOE SIZE 10-D
DENTAL CHART 24-MAR-43				
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AG 704 DEAD (-8 Aug 45)

S. R. & D. No. 3793

8 August 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status
Under the Missing Persons Act.

1. - FACTS.

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

PAR. NO.	NAME	ASN	GRADE	SHIP. NO.
3	MAXWELL, FRANK	01324277	Second Lieutenant	178
13	MONAGHAN, LEO F., JR.	01106319	Second Lieutenant	167
11	CLARK, CLYDE C.	30847682	Sergeant	165
4	VIDRINE, FRANCIS J.	38258368	Sergeant	169
9	MATELSKE, STEVE	38054388	Corporal	168
10	PIERCE, LEROY L.	17057646	Corporal	167
5	ANTONELLI, JILDO M.	33673996	Private First Class	165
5	KRAMER, ROBERT M.	36682844	Private First Class	165
5	LOUIE, JOHNNIE	32820347	Private First Class	165
12	TARCZYNSKI, MITCHELL F.	36584985	Private First Class	200
8	DOOLEY, THOMAS T.	34611119	Private	110
6	KLINEK, JOSEPH S.	36878421	Private	169
8	NEWTON, PAUL A.	14010321	Private	110
7	STEPHENS, ARRIE A.	38438152	Private	175
4	WILLET, DALLAS M.	34493204	Private	169

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

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By Authority The QMG

Signature *D. W. Rogers*Date *3-24-52**ap-30-181503*

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S. R. & D. No. 3793

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

a. Lieutenant Maxwell was initially reported missing in action since 16 August 1944, in France, by ETO Shipment No. 173. The later report, ETO Shipment No. 178, revealed 7 August 1944 as the correct missing in action date. Records indicate that the officer's emergency addressee was not notified.

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

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

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

"84, Maxwell, Frank, O-1324277, 2nd Lt. Co H 120th.,
 Killed by small arms fire 8/8/44 at Mortaine (sic), France.
 Cabanne St., St. Louis, Mo."

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

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

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

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

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c. Under date of 31 May 1945, this office dispatched a confidential message from to Commanding General, USF, ETO, file: AG 201 Willet Dallas M. (31 May 45) 34493204, requesting a report of the circumstances under which Willet became missing in action. The basic communication was received back by 7th Indorsement dated 25 June 1945. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is a certified true copy of report pertaining to Private Willet, dated 25 August 1944 and signed by Second Lieutenant Quinton W. Robb, Infantry, which states that Willet was last seen on 7 August 1944 in the vicinity of St. Barthelmy, France, while his company was in a defensive position. The report also contains the following remarks:

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

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

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

5. Private First Class Antonelli, Kramer and Louis. 119th Infantry, Company "L":

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. Privates Dooley and Newton were initially reported missing in action since 9 August 1944, in France, by ETO Shipments Nos. 166 and 167, respectively, which were received in the War Department 25 August 1944. A later report, ETO Shipment No. 110, received in the War Department 23 April 1945, disclosed that 7 August 1944 was the correct missing in action date. Records indicate that their emergency addresses were so notified.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Private	THOMAS T. DOOLEY	34611119	MIA
Corporal	RICHARD M. OLSEN	37120469	LWA
Private	PAUL A. NEWTON	14010321	MIA
Tech/5	JAMES B. CROW	35265373	LWA

Attached to the 5th Indorsement is an affidavit, executed by Technical Sergeant Dolon E. Sanders, 6271643, of Company "F", 33rd Armored Regiment, on 17 February 1945, in which he expressed the belief that Private Dooley was killed in action on 7 August 1944. This affidavit contains the following account of the circumstances surrounding the death of Private Dooley:

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

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

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

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS 137th INFANTRY
APO 35 U. S. ARMY

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

August 6

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

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

In the battle for St Lo, from 10 July to 19 July, 106 were reported killed, 592 wounded, and 32 missing in action. Additional casualties during the continued operation of the area taken, up to 30 July, and delayed reports of earlier casualties, together with information gained from various sources, boosted these figures to 145 killed, and 704 wounded, while these missing were reduced to 6. One officer remained missing in action, 11 officers had been killed, and 29 wounded, of whom 4 had already been returned to duty.

After beginning the attack south of St Lo, operating as Task Force S with the XIX Corps in the drive through Tessy toward Vire, the regiment lost 30 killed, 260 wounded and 34 missing from 31 July to 4 August. Scattered casualties during the continued occupation of this area brought the total to 31 killed, 262 wounded and 42 missing in action before leaving this sector. Among those killed were 3 officers, while 6 officers had been wounded and 2 were missing. Twenty-one prisoners had been taken.

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

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

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

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

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

August 7

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

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

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

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

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

August 8

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

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

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

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

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

"4. Sgt Sanders was not able to find any identifiable feature or dues of or near the charred remains in the tank.

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

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

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

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

b. Under date of 31 May 1945, this office dispatched a confidential messageform to Commanding General, USF,ETO, file: AG 201 Matelske, Steve (31 May 45) 38054388, requesting areport of the circumstances under which Matelske became missing in action. The basic communication was received back by 7th Indorsement dated 25 June 1945. Attached as Inclosure No. is an undated Missing in Action Report pertaining to Corporal Matelske, with affidavits by three eyewitnesses. According to this report, on 7 August 1944 Corporal Matelske was serving as the driver of tank No. W-3033254, further identified as "Gabby", when it was knocked

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

Sgt.	JAMES EDGAR	32024417	Tank Commanded	Duty
Pfc.	EUGENE BICKLEMAN	13068337	Loader	WIA-to hosp
Pfc.	FREDERICK S. GERSTNER	38198401	Ass't Driver	WIA-to US
T/4	MARGARITO MARCIAS	38054192	Gunner	Rotated- to U.S.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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11. Sergeant Ulric C. Clark, 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion,
Company "A"1

a. In response to a request from this office to the Commanding General, USF, European Theater of Operations, made by a confidential message form dated 31 May 1945, file: AG 201 Clark, Ulric C. (31 May 1945) 20847682, the 6th Indorsement, dated 19 June 1945, from Company "A", 823rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, is quoted in part below:

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

b. Attached to the 6th Indorsement and Inclosure No.1. are undated statements by Sergeant George K. Simmons, 39551705 and Corporal Rex W. Deitrick, 39197893.

(1) Sergeant Simmons' statement reads as follows:

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

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

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

Attached to the 6th Indorsement as Inclosure No. are undated statements by Corporal Harold F. Baldwin, 39907107 and Private Valdemar Gonzalez, 38363547, which furnish substantially the same information as the statements quoted above.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. This officer's AG 201 file contains a Missing Report, dated 8 August 1944, and signed by Second Lieutenant O.H. Feldman, Personnel Officer, which states that at 0100 hours on 7 August 1944 Monaghan and several others departed from Reffuveille, France, acting as the advance element to prepare the movement of company to a new bivouac area. It is further stated that Monaghan was last seen at a point one mile southeast of La Durietiere, France. The report gives the following resume of the circumstances surrounding his disappearance:

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

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"After fighting in the vicinity of la Durietiere had subsided, a search was made of Lt. Monaghan, and the 4-ton cargo and bulldozer. There were no signs of either in that area. It is known that a German unit had broken through the American lines in that area and that Tec5 Leon S. Strong of this unit, who was a member of the same advance party, hid behind the German Lines for three days in the vicinity of la Durietiere, and returned to this unit after the Germans had been forced back."

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

(1) Statement of Technician Kowalski:

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

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arrived at the intersection I waited and Lt. Feldman came along in a jeep. He said that the other men who hopped on my vehicle should stop Lt. Bragg who is at the tail end of the convoy, to investigate. I followed with my vehicle behind Lt. Feldman to the new bivouac area."

(2) Statement of Technician Champion:

"I was a member of the advance party with Lt. Monaghan on 6 August 1944. I was riding in a 4-ton cargo driven by Tech 5 Leon S. Strong. On arriving at intersection near la Durietiere, France, we heard quite a bit of small arms fire and explosions of mortar shells. Lt. Monaghan stopped our vehicles and told us that he would go down the road and find a place for us to turn around. * * * The 4-ton cargo in front of us, upon orders from Lt. Monaghan proceeded towards the turnaround. I don't know how far down the road the truck in front went. While this truck in front disappeared into the darkness, we were suddenly opened up on with machine guns. I and the two men with me, jumped off our vehicle into the ditch alongside the road. * * * As we approached the intersection we heard the 4-ton cargo truck, which had turned around, coming up the road. We hopped on it but Lt. Monaghan and Sgt. La Ruffa were not in it. Presumably they were still at the turnaround waiting for our truck and trailer to turn around. When we got to the intersection at la Durietiere, we hopped off Kowalski's truck and got into Lt. Bragg's jeep which had just arrived there. He was the tail end of the Company Convoy. * * * We joined our company the following morning but learned that Lt. Monaghan, Sgt. La Ruffa, and Tech 5 Strong, were still missing."

c. According to information received by telephone from Army Map Service, La Durietiere (la Durietiere), France, is located at the coordinates 48° 36' N - 01° 26' W.

d. Sergeant Joseph La Ruffa, Jr. 32642207, of the 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company, mentioned in the eyewitness statement quoted in paragraph 15b, above, was initially reported missing in action in France since 7 August 1944 by ETO Shipment No. 167. Subsequently, a confidential message No. # E10760, dated 19 February 1945, from Headquarters Communication Zone, E TO,

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

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

11. - CONCLUSIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Lieutenant Monaghan, of the 507th Engineer Light Pontoon Company, became missing near La Duretiere, France, in the Mortain area, while leading an advance party of three trucks in a night movement of the company to a new bivouac area. As the party neared an intersection at La Duretiere, enemy small arms and machine gun crossfire was encountered; and Lieutenant Monaghan and an enlisted man (a Sergeant La Ruffa) left their vehicle to supervise the other trucks in turning around at a suitable place and setting out on a new route. They were last seen at the turnaround, and searches made that night and later on, after the fighting in the vicinity had subsided, failed to reveal any trace of them. On 19 February 1945 Headquarters Communications Zone, ETO, notified the War Department that a burial report had been received on Sergeant La Ruffa, and that the estimated date of death was 7 August 1944. On the basis of this report, La Ruffa's status was changed to killed in action as of 7 August 1944.

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

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

III. - RECOMMENDATION

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

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

/s/ Cantome L. Couklin
 Investigator

/s/ Theodore G. Weinberger
 First Lieutenant, AGD

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

/s/ John T. Burns
 /t/ JOHN T. BURNS
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 Determination Section

/s/ George F. Herbert
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 Col Colonel, AGD
 Chief, Casualty Branch

Second Lieutenant Frank Maxwell,
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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Sergeant Francis J. Vidrine,

Army Serial Number 38,258,368, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 7th day of August 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 8th day of August, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Herbert

ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA		FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN HIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European		No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS							
None							
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
19 Jul 1921	Washington, Louisiana	12 Sep 1942		YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
				Under	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mr. Elford Vidrine	Father	Star Route Washington, Louisiana

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Elisabeth Vidrine	Mother	Star Route Washington, Louisiana
Elfort Vidrine	Father	Star Route Washington, Louisiana

REMARKS

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Circumstances of disappearance: Infantryman became missing near St. Barthelemy, France, when his company's position was overrun by the enemy.

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AS 201	NAME VIDRINE FRANCIS J ASN 38258368	GRADE SGT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 14 DEC 49
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	ELFORD VIDRINE STAR ROUTE WASHINGTON LOUISIANA		DATE TELEGRAM SENT <i>St.</i> 13 Dec 49

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

THE SECRETARY OF ~~WAR~~ ^{THE ARMY} HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR **SON**

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
SGT	VIDRINE, FRANCIS J.	38258368	INF			343009-4-1X
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN FRANCE	DAY 7	MONTH AUG	YEAR 44	

REMARKS: **AG 201 /8 DEC 49/** ☐ CORRECTED COPY

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

Reports of Death issued 15 Dec 49/ *lgj*

ROUTE TO OPER. UNIT FOR NOTIF. AND PROC.

HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY: **WASHINGTON, ST ME LANDRY CO., LOUISIANA**

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REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 15 Dec 49 lgi

FULL NAME Vidrine, Francis J.				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 258 368				GRADE Sgt.					
HOME ADDRESS Washington, Louisiana				ARM OR SERVICE Infantry				DATE OF BIRTH 19 Jul 1921					
PLACE OF DEATH France				CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action				DATE OF DEATH 7 Aug 44					
STATION OF DECEASED European Area				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 12 Sep 42				LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS					
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)													
Mr. Elford Vidrine, Father, Star Route, Washington, Louisiana													
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)													
Mrs. Elizibeth Vidrine, Mother, same as above													
Mr. Elford Vidrine, Father, same as above													
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT													
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Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 8 August 1945. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9, of said Act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.

* On combat Infantry pay.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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M. Stair
 ADJUTANT GENERAL