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TECHNICAL SERVICES RECORDS SECTION
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219 N. Lee Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Townley, John H.
SN 0-1184317

14 June 1957

The Rev. John Townley, D. D. 612 Laurel Avenue
Point Pleasant, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Townley:

Your letter dated 28 May 1957, addressed to the President, has been forwarded to me for reply to your request for information concerning the erection of a memorial marker in Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate your son, the late Lieutenant John Holmes Townley, who died in World War II and whose remains were not recovered.

Inclosed is a leaflet concerning the erection of memorial markers in national cemeteries which defines those eligible for memorialization, the procedure for securing approval for erection of a marker, and the person authorized to make application therefor. You will note that your son may be memorialized under provision of Public Law 675, as amended by Public Law 651, by the legal next of kin, and that such markers must be provided and erected at private expense.

A section in the Arlington National Gemetery has been set aside to be used exclusively for the erection of memorial markers. I am inclosing specifications (merked "G") concerning the memorial markers that may be erected in this area.

Since all costs incident to this memorial will be at private expense, it will be necessary for the next of kin to engage a monument firm of their choice to do the work. The firm selected should submit a scale drawing of the proposed marker with full size sketch of details to the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., for approval, together with a statement signed by the next of kin, authorizing such firm to manufacture and install the marker.

If you are not familiar with the monument firms in this locality, it is suggested that you either contact one of your local firms, who may be

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able to assist you in this matter, or communicate with the Washington Board of Trade, 1616 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is not the policy of the Department of the Army to furnish a list or recommend monument firms.

I trust that the foregoing and the inclosures will prove helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Collier 54276

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1. Memorialization Leaflet

2. Specifications (nGm)

Memorial Division

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293 file for Lt. John H. Townley contains letter dated 10 December 1951 from Col. James B. Clearwater, Chief, Memorial Division, to Dr. & Mrs. John Townley advising them that their son's remains had

been declared nonrecoverable.

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HEADQUARTERS U.S. ARMY GARRISON CAMERON STATION ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY REFER TO

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4 JUN 1957

SUBJECT: Arlington National Cemetery

TO:

The Quartermaster General Department of the Army Washington 25, D. C.

The attached correspondence is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl Ltr fr Rev. Townley 28 May 57

Major, AGC Adjutant

Copy furnished:
Rev. John Townley, D.D., Pastor
612 Laurel Avenue
Point Pleasant, N. J.

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Phone Point Pleasant 5-0587 ander Shi theater REV. JOHN TOWNLEY, D. D., PASTOR 612 Laurel Avenue Point Pleasant, N. J.

Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Bay and Forman Avenues Point Pleasant, New Jersey

Box 191, Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.

appropriate m acknowledged by this office

May 28,1957

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

White House

Washington, D.C.

My Dear President Eisenhower:

In our local paper, dated July 3,1956, appeared the following article, and I quote: "President Eisenhower signed into law today a bill under which markers could be erected in National Cemeteries in memory of members of the armed forces who were killed or died on active duty and whose bodies were not recovered." I understand that such markers were not allowed.

My son, 1st Lt. John Holmes Townley, 01184317, of Headquarters Battery, 231st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 6th Armored Division, 3rd Army, a liaison pilot, was killed at Dol. France on August 3,1944. His body has never been recovered. My wife and I would like, if possible, to have a marker erected in Arlington National Cemetery. Our son had received The Silver Star for gallantry in action about three days before his death.

You may have known and remembered my brother, Dr. David Townley, Pastor of the Abilene, Kansas, Presbyterian Church.

Anything you can tell me about the possibility of having a marker erected would be deeply appreciated. Please advise me about the authenticity of the newspaper article quoted.

Sincerely yours,

John Townley

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY NAME (Lost, First, Middle) TOWNLEY, JOHN H. 14 0 1184317 ARM OF SERVICE ARMY DATE OF DEATH AREA OF DEATH 3 AUG 44 NAME OF AUDITOR

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THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 293 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION. ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY DE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

Townley, John H. SN 01 124 317

10 December 1951

Dr. and Mrs. John Townley 612 Laurel Avenue Point Pleasant, New Jersey

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Townley:

Soveral years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late First Lieutenant John H. Townley.

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

Realizing the extent of your great less, 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 confort to you.

Sincerely yours,

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

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

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- 1. The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 8 December 1950.
 - 2. Members present:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., Major, QMC C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC ALLAN L. LAWSON, Captain, QMC

- 3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of the remains of World War II dead lost in the geographical areas described below:
- a. Departments of France; Manche, Pas-de-Calais, Eure-Et-Loire, Eure, Ille-et-Vilaine, Finistere, Calvados and Orne.

4. FINDINGS:

- a. General and/or individual Area Search and Recovery operations have been completed in the above areas from 11 December 1946 to 18 November 1950.
- b. List of persons lost in subject areas whose remains are determined non-recoverable is attached as Exhibit "A". This list contains eighty-three (83) names.
- c. It has not been possible to associate definitely any of the persons listed in Exhibit "A" with any of the unknown remains recovered from the areas.
- d. Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371, Missing Aircraft Reports, After Action Reports, Missing Reports, Status Review and Determination Reports, Statements of Survivors and ditnesses, Narrative Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded for resolved casualties lost in the areas: On file in the Office of The Quartermaster Gen-

Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings (Cont'd)

eral, Washington, D. C.

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

s/ George Gunderman t/ GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr. QMC Member

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

s/ Allan L. Lawson t/ ALLAN L. LAWSON Captain QMC Member

A TRUE COPY:

Capt QMC

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

15 November 1950

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of 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 EDWARD D. MULVANITY, O 359 598, QMC., President MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC., MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC., CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSTEK, O 1 040 311, QMC., CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC., CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC., CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC., 1ST LT ROBERT W. GAYSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC., 2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ EDNARD F. PRICE, Jr., CAPT., QMC Adjutant. A TRUE COPY:

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Neal, Blonde F.	Pvt	37 507 799	Manche
O'Brien, William J.	Pvt	6 905 803	Man che
O'Connor, James E.	S/Sgt	17 043 566	Pas de Calais
Oglesbee, William H.	S/Sgt	39 557 844	Pas de Calais
Palma, Felix F.	Pvt	32 691 451	Manche
Pearce, James B.	S/Sgt	14 166 120	Pas de Calais
Pease, Foster S.	1/Lt	0-1 297 579	Manche
Pellizer, Louis	S/Sgt	39 836 172	Pas de Calais
Perkins, Robert E.	T/Sgt	33 297 432	Calvados
Pieck, George D.	Capt	0 789 944	Orne
Pietz, Milton F.	S/Sgt	17 071 942	Pas de Calais
Found, Curtis (NMI)	Pfc	6 964 730	Manche
Rogers, Layne, Jr.	1/4t	0 449 098	Pas de Calais
Ross, Harvey J., Jr.	Sgt	14 058 258	Finistere
Rue, Lester F.	Pvt	35 872 163	Manche
Schwarzenbek, Francis X.	1/Lt	0 435 706	Finistero
Sickler, Paul J.	Pfc	32 757 301	Manche
Shingleton, Donald J.	Pvt	35 754 377	Manche
	1/Lt	0 738 483	Calvados
Slustrop, Axel P.	04040404040		Finistere
Small, Mitchell (NMI)	Sgt	19 013 914	
Smyczynski, Thomas R.	Pfc	36 119 944	Orne
Spechler, Norman (NMI)	Pvt	12 026 085	Manche
Stockwell, Mobert E.	1/Lt	0 671 710	Pas de Calais
Sweeney, Thomas H.	Cpl	35 024 426	Manche
Thompson, A. E.	Sgt	18 190 792	Pas de Calais
Thompson, Harold J.	Pvt	6 920 387	Calvados
Tingle, william L.	1/Lt	0 437 899	Finistere
Tollett, Elton	S/Sgt	18 137 302	Eure et Loire
Townley, John H.	1/Lt	0-1 184 317	Ille et Vilaine
Trudeau, Freeman A.	Sgt	36 511 685	Orne
Urbanovich, Alphonse B.	Pfc	31 065 989	Ille et Vilaine
Vickowanich, Mike (NMI)	Pfc	36 572 842	Manche
Walker, Edward, Jr. (NMI)	S/Sgt	19 114 608	Pas de Calais
Wehner, Frederick T.	Pvt	32 229 620	Orne
Weiss, Don D.	Lt Col	0 437 629	Calvados
Whitham, George Jr. (NMI)	Sgt	1.2 025 350	Finistere
Womochel, Robert R.	Pfc	35 899 587	Finistere
York, walter A.	T/4	38 333 952	Manche

The Roster received from Field Board is filed in 293 file of 2/Lt Fred W. Ahlheim, 0-749 707.

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ROSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD FINDINGS OF NONRECOVERABILITY

NAME	RANK	ASN	Lost in Department of France indicated
Ahlheim, Fred W.	2/Lt	0 749 707	Pas De Calais
Brockman, Joseph S.	T/5	15 382 245	Orne
Brotherton, Douglas F.	Sgt	34 606 852	Calvados
Byers, Joseph T.	Pvt .	6 395 934	Manche
Byrne, Joseph P.	Pvt	36 619 287	Manche
Canty, John (NMI)	S/Sgt	11 072 858	Calvados
Coschignano, Peter A.	Cpl	32 797 010	Orne
Crawford, Tommy R.	Sgt	14 014 037	Manche
Daily, Wendell L.	1/Lt	0 740 760	Eure et Loire
Dalton, Holland P.	Pvt	39 033 777	Orne
Davis, Parkman W.	1/Lt	0 660 334	Finistere
De La Rose, Frank L.	Pfc	39 267 788	Manche
Dillon, James, Jr.	S/Sgt	35 637 059	Eure et Loire
Flatter, Samuel W.	T/Sgt	35 406 734	Eure et Loire
Foster, Hollis A.	S/Sgt	37 019 048	Pas de Calais
Gebhardt, Charles H.	T/5	35 288 875	Manche
Gerald, Robert L.	Pvt	6 983 883	Orne
Gordon, Lawrence S.	Pfc	19 074 804 1	Orne
Gray, Joe H., Jr.	Capt	0 419 578	Finistere
Grimes, Ray	Pvt	36 671 688	Orne
Hazlett, George H., Jr.	1/Lt	0 794 005	Calvados
Helms, Ralph E.	Pvt	36 696 184	Manche
Henderson, Sidney F.	T/4	31 196 781	Orne
Henry, Harold G.	T/Sgt	37 184 118	Pas de Calais
Hudson, Jack L.	Pfc	33 540 449	Calvados
Humphreys, Edwin S. J.	F/O	T- 123 595	Eure
Insley, Edwin G.	T/Sgt	33 064 534	Eure et Loire
Kallas, Charles J.	Pvt	35 014 842	Eure
Kane, Eugene P.	Pvt	31 416 089	Manche
Kerns, John E.	2/Lt	0 810 515	Eure et Loire
Klawitter, Henry A.	S/Sgt	36 213 414	Orne
Kopinski, John J.	T/Sgt	36 302 329	Pas de Calais
Kowalczyk, Joseph F.	Pvt	33 683 461	Manche
La Bella, Frank P.	T/Sgt	20 308 152	Manche
Lanier, Sidney T.	S/Sgt	18 024 236	Pas de Calais
Larson, Kenneth I.	Pfc	37 305 550	Manche
Lawalt, Gordon (NMI)	Pvt	33 604 833	Manche
Lawson, William V.	Pfc	20 453 694	Manche
Lawyer, Allan B.	Pfc	6 978 228	Manche
Leque, Clarence G., Jr.	Pfc	36 204 154	Manche
Lipskas, Bronis D.	S/Sgt	11 030 969	Eure et Loire
Lynch, William T.	Pvt	14 073 155	Finistere
Marrill, Perry E.	Pfc	37 152 773	Manche
McCaslin, Thomas J.	S/Sgt	17 038 437	Calvados
Mello, Arthur J.	Pvt	31 356 582	Manche
Meserow, David (NMI)	1/Lt	0- 732 880	Calvados



OMGMS 293 Townley, John H. SH 0-1184317

29 September 1950

Mr. George C. Heas, Jr. 115 East 90th Street New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Haas:

Your letter of 24 September 1950 has been received and the information you furnished concerning the fate of 1/Lt. John H. Townley forwarded to the Graves Registration Service, overseas.

Please accept my appreciation and thanks for your very informative and prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. GOX Capt., QMC Nemorial Division

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AIR MAIL

QMCMS 293 Townley, John H. SH O-1184317 29 September 1950

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO:

Commanding Officer

7837 Graves Registration Detachment

APO 757, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

1. Reference is made to let Indorsement this Office, dated 11 September 1950, file QMGMS 293 Townley, John H., Subject: Request for Information.

2. Attached herewith is a copy of the reply received from George C. Hass, Jr., relative to the circumstances of death and burial of 1/Lt. John H. Townley, SM 0-1184317.

FOR THE QUARTERNASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl Cy ltr fr Hans THOMAS E. COX Capt., QMC Memorial Division

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PEPSI-COLA COMPANY

3 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Telephone: MUrray Hill 8-4500

eptember 24, 1950

Captain Thomas E. Cox Office of The Quartermaster General Memorial Division Department of the Army

Re: QMGMS 293 TOWNLEY, John H. SN 0-1184317

Dear Captain Cox:

Washington 25, D. C.

In regards to your letter of the 11th of September, 1950, I will set forth, to the best of my knowledge, the circumstances of the death and burial of First Lieutenant John H. Townley.

On August 2nd, 1944, Lt. Townley and I were flying together in a L-4 Observation Aircraft near Dol, Brittany, France. We were brought under fire by German 20 MM anti-aircraft weapons and Lt. Townley was hit by one round which ranged upwards through the entire length of his body. As a result of this, the plane crashed in an orchard some 400 yards southeast of the town.

German SS Troops dragged us clear out of the wreckage, but did not provide us with first aid. Following several hours, a German Medical Officer appeared and cared for my wounds. He, also, directed that both of us be carried to an aid station in the parochial school house in Dol. Upon arrival at the aid station, the German doctor informed me that Lt. Townley was dead. When I was carried out of the station about an hour later, I saw a body lying under a blanket which I was informed was Lt. Townley's. This is all of the information I can give you, as I was subsequently sent to the hospital at St. Malo.

I have no idea, at all, of the location of Lt. Townley's body, although I would suspect it would be in the vicinity of the Catholic church in Dol.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Haas, Jr.

GCH:ejk



11 September 1950

TOWNEY, John H. SH 0-1184317

Hr. George C. Hass, Jr. 115 East 90th Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Haas:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information relative to the circumstances of death and burial of First Lieutenant John H. Townley who was reported as killed in action when the L-4 observation aircraft which he was flying was shot down near Dinan, France on 3 August 1944.

Reports received at the time of his disappearance indicate that he died in a German first aid station somewhere in the Dinan area. It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful if you can furnish any information relative to the fate of Lieutenant Townley. Answers to the following questions would be particularly helpful:

- 1. The site of the plane crash.
- 2. The location of the German Aid Station.
- 3. The number of the aircraft.
- 4. Any additional information regarding him.

Please use the inclosed self-addressed envelope for your convenience and to expedite delivery.

Sincerely yours.

THUSIAS E. COX CAPT QIC Nemorial Division

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MUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OGMG, Machington 25, D. C., 11 September 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757. c/o Postmater, New York, New York

- 1. A letter of inquiry has been sent to 1st Lt George C. Mana, Jr. whose reply will be forwarded as soon as practicable.
- 2. Attached herewith are photo copies of Missing Report and 1st Indorsament dated 8 January 1945 relative to the fate of 1st Lt John H. Townley. 01 184 317.

FOR THE QUARTER ASTER GENERAL:

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THOMAS E. COX -- QNC Memorial Division

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

GRRE 293.9

7 August 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO:

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

1. Reference is made to OOMG Form 371 and 295 file, your office, pertaining to 1/Lt John H. TOWNLEY, 01 184 317, KIA 3 August 1944.

2. It is requested that your office communicate with l/Lt George C. HAAS Jr., a crew member, in an effort to secure any information he may possess concerning the site of plane crash, location of German first aid station (town or village), and type and number of aircraft.

3. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR. Major QMC Registration Division



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(Basic: Ltr Dpt of the Army, OQMG, QMGMM 293, Townley, John H., 01 184 317, dated 30 September 1947)

RRE 293.9 (IB)

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Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58 US Army 31 October 1947

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

- 1. Inclosed herewith all documents pertaining to negative report received from the field on investigation conducted for the recovery of the remains of First Lieutenant John H. Townley, 0-1184317.
- Continued effort will be made to associate the subject deceased with Unknowns interred in US Military Cemeteries.
 - 3. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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listed thereon.

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Lt Col QMC

Actg Asst Adj Gen

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE QUARTER WASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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30 SEP 1947

In Reply Refer To CHICHM 293

Townley, John H. SN 01 184 317

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

TO:

Commanding General

American Graves Registration Command

European Area

APO 58, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

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NAME

GRADE

SERIAL NO.

Townley, John H.

1st Lt.

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2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, file AGAC-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERWASTER GENERAL:

Incl Form 371 (5 cys) James C. Mac Farland

Major, QMC

Memorial Division

AIRMAIL

HEADQUARTERS SECOND ZONE
AMERICAN GRAVES RECISTRATION COMMAND
CAMP JOHN B. FRANCS
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

JFN/WHH/jml.

GRVFL 293.9

8 July 1947

SUBJECT: Isolated Burial

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58 US Army

- 1. In accordance with Operational Instructions No. 50, dated 4 April 1947, a thorough search has been made in the area of Dol de Bretagne for the isolated grave of 1st Lt John H. Townley, reported to have died in a German first aid station on 3 August 1944 in that area. No information concerning this deceased could be found by the investigator. Local civilians in this area state that all American deceased have been removed for reburial in U.S. Military Cometeries.
- 2. Records in this headquarters list one unknown who might be associated with this case:

Unknown X-165, St James, Plot 0, Row 9, Grave 216
Place of death: France (NW of Hill 71)
Organization: 6th Armored Division (insignia was
found on clothing).
Est. height: 6 ft.
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3. It is suggested that your hesiquarters review the records for the above deceased to determine if he might be identified as Lt Townley.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

7 Incls.

1. Oper Instr #50. 4 Apr 47

2. Narrative, 14 June 47

3. Statement, H. Dumont

4. Statement, Mayor of Baguer-Plean

5. Statement, A. Tielle 6. Statement, Roptin

7. Statement, Mayor of Baguer-Morvan

Tel: Balzac 5200

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JAMES F. NABORS Major., INF

Asst. Adjutant

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Operational Instructions #50

4 April 1947

lst Lt John H. Townley, 0-1184317, 231st Armored FA
Battalion was killed in action 3 August 1944 in the vicinity
of Dol de Bretagne, Ille et Vilaine. Died at a German first
aid station. A report from Hq 231st Armd FA Battalion states
"a wound starting at the buttocks and emerging from the base
of the neck was noticeable. Remains were not burned".

Description: Height: 69"

Weight: 160 lbs Eyes: brown Hair: black

Clothing size: Shirt: 15 1/2 - 32

Trousers: 32-31 Undershirts: 36 Shorts: 32 Shoes: 7 1/2

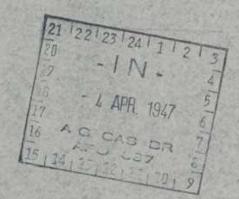
Religion: Protestant

No unknowns listed in files this headquarters as recovered from Dol.

Investigation should be conducted.

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14 June 1947

NARRATIVE

In reference to Operational Instructions No. 50, pertaining to 1st Lt John H. Townley, 0-1184317, 231st Field Artillery Battalion, investigation has been completed in the region of Dol de Bretagne. No information concerning any American deceased, unknowns, or isolated graves could be found (see attached statements).

In conclusion the undersigned investigator firmly believes that the remains of the above-mentioned officer were buried in this area in an unknown place or that the German Army removed the remains from this locality (Dol) and buried the deceased in another location.

It is recommended that all records be checked thoroughly in a further attempt to locate the remains of Lt John H. Townley.

> Marion K. Cole WK Captain, Infantry Investigating Officer



I, the undersigned. Dumont Henri, Owner, certify that there were 5 German buried in one of my fields near my house. Those 5 bodies were removed by the Americans, and the American sergeant told me that there was no American body among them. This job took plane in September 1944.

/s/ Dumont Henri

Translated by:

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TRANSLATION

The Mayor of Baguer-Pican (Ille et Vilaine) undersigned, certify that there is no grave of American soldier, nor unknown grave, on the territory of the community.

Baguer Pican, June 12, 1947

/s/ Illegible

The Mayor:

Mr Dilien Jan

Translated by:

J. Leseigneur

TRANSLATION

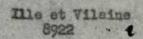
I, the undersigned, Mr Tielles Augustin, Cemetery caretaker at Dol, certify that there was no American grave in the cemetery.

/s/ Mr Tielle Augustin

Translated by:

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TRANSLATION

We, Mayor of The town, and community of Del de Bretagne, certify that there is no American, unknown, or isolated graves on the community.

The American soldiers killed were removed by the American

Army.

June 12 1947.

/s/ Roptin

Translated by:

J. Leseignour

Ille et Vilaine 8932

TRANSLATION

June 12, 1947

The Mayor of Baguer-Morvan, attest that there was no American wounded on the territory of the community, and that there is no Unknown grave at Baguer Morvan.

Baguer Morvan, June 12, 1947

Translated by:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Dental Chart attached.

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FILE UNDER NO. 293 - TOWNIEY, John H. 0-1184317

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LETTER

31 Mar. 1947

AG, ASF ATTN: Status Review & Determination Sub-Sec., Casualty Sec., Pers. Actions Br., AGO

SUBJ:

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Transmittal letter listing Forms 2-WA forwarded for information requested.

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TO : World Wer II Records Administration Center, ACO, St. Louis, Mo.

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QMGYG 293 Townley, John H. S.N. Ol 18h 317

Address Reply To THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL Attention: Memorial Division 3 July 1946

Mrs. Henrietta Townley 612 Laurel Avenue Point Pleasant, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Townley:

An inquiry has been received in this office from Mr. Leonard G. Lomell, Director, Ocean County Veteran Service Bureau, Toms River, New Jersey, concerning your son, the late First Lieutenant John H. Townley.

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

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

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

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

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S. D. COCHEU Lt. Colonel, QMC Assistant SDO

QMGYG 293 Townley, John H. S.N. Ol 184 317

Address Reply To THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL Attention: Memorial Division 3 July 1946

Mr. Leonard G. Lomell Director, Ocean County Veteran Service Bureau 110 Hooper Avenue Toms River, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lomell:

Your letter concerning the late First Lieutenant John H. Townley has been received in this office.

Inclosed for your information is a copy of our letter to Mrs. Henrietta Townley, mother of the above-named decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERALL

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Townley

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LEONARD G. LOMELL

110 Hooper Avenue . Toms River, N. J.

Telephone 132

June 11, 1946

Quartermaster General's Office Washington, 25, D. C.

Townley, John (?) ASN: 0-1184317 - 1st Lt. H

Dear Sir:

This office is writing at the request of the mother of the above captioned deceased veteran.

The above named deceased veteran was killed in action in the vicinity of Dol, France, on the Brittany Peninsula. At the time of his death, he was in the hands of the enemy. The family has been notified officially of his death, but has never learned the exact location of his grave.

Would you kindly forward this family any information you may have as to the location of the above named deceased veteran's grave? If any additional information is necessary, please feel free to call upon us.

Thank you for this courtesy.

Yours truly.

MLeonard G. Lomell

Director

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Letter

23 Aug. 1945

FROM: TO: Hdqrs, 3rd U. S. Army, Office of QM., APO 403

CG, Gr Reg Serv Comd, USFET, APO 887

SUBJ:

Request for Comparison of Fingerprints.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION									
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INFORMATION REQUIRED

Request latest available home address of 1st Lt. George C. Haas, Jr., ASN not shown. Subject was with the 231st Armored Field Artillery Battalion on 3 August 1944.

Ltr 860

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Latest address for Haas, George C. Jr. 0-447,437

115-E- 90th St. New York, 28, N. Y (6 Nov. 49)

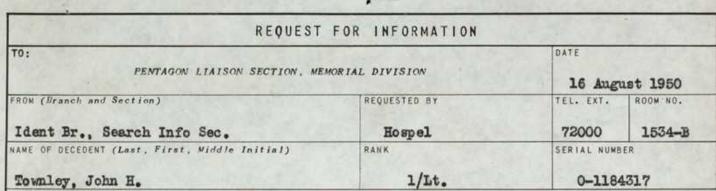
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INFORMATION REQUIRED

Request MACR information on above individual.

Ltr #860

INFORMATION FURNISHED

30 August 1950

Inclosed herewith all the information available which was obtained from DPRB 201 Files and AGO Casualty Files pertaining to the late First Lieutement

John H. Townley, 0-1,184,317, formerly a member of the 231st Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

PENTAGON LIAISON
ALG S 0 1950
MEM. DIV. OQMG

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

DONALD A RENNER CAPT QMC (E CAPT QMC)

NAME: Lownley, John H. ASN: 0-1184,317RANK: 1st Lieut.
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RELIGION: Protestant STATUS: MIA 3 aug 1944
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H E A D Q U A R T E R S 6TH ARMORED DIVISION DIVISION ARTILLERY A. P. O. 256

22 February 1945

Dear Mrs Townley:

It is with the deepest regret that I write this letter to you, especially since conditions have made it so belated. The War Department has already informed you of the death of your son John H. Townley ASN 01184317, who was killed in action on the 3rd of August 1944 in Normandy, France. It is my last wish that I should add to the remorse and sorrow occasioned by your great loss.

But I do desire to remind you that your loss is also ours, and it is our hope that you will permit us to express our sympathy to and with you at this time. He will never be forgotten as long as one of his Army associates is left, for he was truly respected and loved by all—both officers and men—for his remarkable personality and character.

May I add that as his Chaplain, I personally knew him and admired him for those inner qualities of faith that he revealed to me on many instances. He died bravely and courageously--"he died that we might live". A Memorial Service was held by the Division to give reverent homage to him and his comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice for us.

"May the Lord bless, comfort you and keep you", is my prayer.

Sincerely,

PENTAGON LIAISON

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MEM. DIV. OQMG

s/Paul H. Elmen t/Paul H. ELMEN Chaplain, USA

OOPY

AG 201 Townley, John H. PC-N ETO 037

14 February 1945

Mrs. Henrietta Townley 612 Laurel Avenue Point Pleasant, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Townley:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, First Lieutenant John H. Townley, 01184317, Field Artillery, who was previously reported missing in action since 3 August 1944 in France.

An official message has now been received which states that he was killed in action on the date he was previously reported missing in action. Recently provisions were made whereby there will be sent directly to the emergency addressee or the next of kin a letter containing further information about each person who dies overseas in the service of our country, and if this letter has not already been received, it may be expected soon.

I realize the burden of anxiety that has been yours since he was first reported missing in action and deeply regret the sorrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice for his home and country be a source of sustaining comfort.

My sympathy is with you in this time of great sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

s/ J. A. ULIO Major General The Adjutant General

PENTAGON LIAISON LUG 3 01950 MEM. DIV. OQMG



AG 201 Townley, John H. PC-N ETO159

19 August 1944

Mrs. Henrietta Townley 612 Laurel Avenue Point Pleasant, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Townley:

This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your son, First Lieutenant John H. Townley, 0-1184317, Field Artillery, has been reported missing in action since 3 August 1944 in France.

I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received. I will again communicate with you at the expiration of three months.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports. However, in order to relieve financial worry, Congress has enacted to dependents of personnel being carried in a missing status. legislation which continues in force the pay, allowances and allotments

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HEADQUARTERS, 231ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, APO 256, U. S. Army, 8 January 1945.

- TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U S Army (THRU CHAMMELS)
 - 1. For compliance in reference to basic communication.
- 2. In accordance with letter, Hq, Third U. S. Army, APO 403, U.S. Army dated 30 September 1944 File: (AG 704 (GNMCE-Cas) the following information is furnished.
- a. First Lieutenant JOHN H. TOWNLEY, O-1184517, Headquarters Battery, 231st Armored Field Artillery Battalion was reported as Missing in Action in vicinity of Dinan, France on 3 August 1944.
- b. Lieutenant Townley was a liaison pilot with the 231st Armored Field Artillery Battalion and at approximately 1400 hours on 2 August 1944 he took off in his L-4 Plane from the landing strip near Avranches, France to direct artillery fire in the vicinity of Dinan, France. The last known where abouts of Lieutenant Townley was at 1630 hours, 2 August 1944 when he contacted the S-3 of this battalion by radio. Although a thorough search was made of the area from the air by other planes no trace of the missing plane was found. Other pilots who flew over the same area where Lieutenant Townley was reported missing stated that there was considerable anti-aircraft fire on 2 August 1944.
- c. Lieutenant Townley was reported by this organization as Missing in Action on 3 August 1944 and no further information on his status has been found. He is still carried as Missing in Action.
- 3. No further information on the above mentioned officer can be furnished by this headquarters.

For the Battalion Commander:

s/Roy L. Carver CWO, USA Ass't Adj.

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MISSING REPORT

To accompany WD AGO Forms 66-1 or 24 of Missing or Missing in Action Personnel (other than those covered by Missing Air Crew Report).

NAME Townley, John H.

ASN 0-1184317GRADE1st Lt Service FA

ORG 231st Armored F. A. Bn APO 256 Reported MIA 3 August 1944

MISSION Observe Artillery Fire

POINT OF DEPARTURE Arranches, France DATE 2 August 1944

INTENDED DESTINATION No definite destination. To observe fire and return to airstrip at Arranches, France.

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS Not seen after takepoff from airstrip

BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

The above named officer was not seen anymore after he had taken off in a Liaison type airplane as pilot to observe artillery fire and fly as escort for Bn during road march. No contact was established by radio with the plane, Many attempts were made to establish contact by radio and give location of Bn for his information but they all failed.

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY:

REMARKS: (Any information not covered above, including details and results of search, if any, conducted)

A thorough search was made by other planes of the division, but no trace was found. There has been no information received up to this date.

Date of Report 13 August 1944

DIGO WILLIAM

(Signature of preparing Officer) lst Lt., FA., S-1 231st Armored F. A. Bn.

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the Secretary of War from a commander in the European area.

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RTB:BT:reh October 2, 1945

Dr. John Townley
La2 Laurel Avenue
Point Pleasant, New Jersey

Dear Doctor Townley:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, First Lieutenant John H. Townley.

These effects, contained in one footlocker, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, pleas e notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. KOOB lst Lt., QMC Officer-in-Charge SJ Branch

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SHIP TO:

Dr. John Townley

612 Laurel Avenue

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1st Lt. John H. Townley

Point Pleasant, New Jersey

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Declassified in accordance with Executive Order 13526

KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 Hardesty Avenue

Kansas City 1, Missouri

Date 31 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

(Name of deceased)

(Name of deceased)

on the 3 day of August , 19 44, at Duropean Area

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KCOM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the affects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to

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

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none , of which the sum of was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None";

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any)

has been made by the Summary Court-Martiel by transmittel through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial

FINDING

coased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the

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

(Name of person found entitled)

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

Dr. John Townley

Point Pleasant

(City, Town or Village)

Relationship or Capacity)

Bofore a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on

, Incl.

, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Hoadquarters

for the effects of the above-named do-

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, CMC

(Name, Rink, Organization) SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

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

otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl.

KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of

United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered:

c. Decedent ewed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See

Field Artillery

(Organization, Army or Service)

First Lieutenant (Grado)

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A.W. 112,

612 Laurel Avenue

(Number, Street or Avenue)

New Jersey

29 August 1945

Dr. John Townley

185599

RTB:IB:wms September 1, 1945

Dr. John Townley 612 Laurel Avenue Point Pleasant, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Townley:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant John H. Townley.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton.

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. HOOB 1st Lt., QMC Officer-in-Charge SJ Branch

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Dr. John Townley

612 Laurel Avenue

Effects of: 1st Lt. John H. Townley Name

Point Pleasant, New Jersey

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