

443 THURSTON, WILLIAM C. 16 QAB. Feb 11/1979. DIRECTOR, ASIA
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RECEIPT OF REMAINS

MILITARY AND EXPORT
POST CHARGES

DISTRIBUTION CENTER 1818 W. PEARSON RD., CHICAGO 8 ILL. ROUTINE

SAT LETTER

REMAINS COMMITTED TO:

W. J. LAMM, FUNERAL DIRECTOR
200 NORTH WATER STREET
SPARTA, WISCONSINREMAINS OF THE LATE S. SGT. WILLIAM C. THURSTON, SR. 1600 6748
BEING SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY EXCORT. ON TRAIN NUMBER 001-503

C&N RR.

DUE TO ARRIVE SPARTA, WIS. 4:46 PM WED. 6 APRIL 1949

REQUEST THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE NEXT OF KIN AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REFER TO CONTROL NUMBER 20487THOS. O. CALL
MAJOR GSCMAY
FILE
RECORDS ASSIGNED
DATE 21 Dec 51
NAME J. K. Hays
R R R ES.

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased

this 6 day of April, 1949
(Day) (Month)*Edward J. Cherd*
(Name (Printed))*Morris J. Lambson*
Benjamin H. Krasoff
(Name (Printed))GPO FORM
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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3586 04237		DATE 15 10 48 DAY MONTH YEAR	
NAME THURSTON WILLIAM C		SERIAL NUMBER 16006745	GRADE SG	ARM 1	BACK MONTH YEAR 1 1 1
Cemetery ST MERE EGLISE 2 FRANCE		PLAT V	ROW 6	GRAVE 114	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 6300 08 CODE DFL CTR
SECTION B - CONDENSED NEXT OF KIN					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONDENSED			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN		
M. J. LANHAM, FUNERAL DIRECTOR 200 NORTH WATER STREET SPARTA, WISCONSIN			MRS. GARNET WEHRS (SISTER) WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN		
SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION					
NAME THURSTON, WILLIAM C.		SERIAL NUMBER 16006745	GRADE S/SGT	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED 11 May 1948
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ORGANIZATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BONES		USACF		RELIGION PROT.	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY S. S. CASTELLANIS Exhumator NAME AND TITLE
SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT					
NATURE OF BURIAL CG Uniform			CONDITION OF REMAINS Fractured skull and maxilla.		
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION					
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies)					
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASE transfer case					
DATE 17 May 1948		BY S. S. CASTELLANIS (Exhumator Signature)			
CASNET SEALED BY W. F. W. WICKSTER		CASNETING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY: All markings, tags and dates verified by: W. F. W. WICKSTER on 14 May 1948			
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.					
I certify that the entries on this form are true and correct.					
REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS				SIGNATURE OF AGES INSPECTOR TWS	

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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED			
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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE	DATE
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T. A. HADYKIE, Capt. INF.	CHESTER'S POINT #11 J. H. FAYE JR. 1st Lt. FA.		
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INSPECTION CHECKLIST																			
(FOR USE AT OVERSEAS POST, S.O. POST, AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER)																			
NAME THURSTON, William G.		SERIAL S 99		SERIAL NUMBER 16006765															
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REMARKS Handle missing from case, moisture present																			

20497

FORM NO.		INSPECTION CHECK LIST				ORIG. NO.
						1140
NAME OF INSPECTOR (Last, First, Middle Initial)		BRANCH OF SERVICE	GRADE	RELIGION	SEX	DATE
THOMAS, WILLIAM C.		ARMY	E 7	M		
ARMY OR NAVAL	NAVY NUMBER	COMPONENT				
S. SO.	16006715	M. J. LARAY, FUNERAL DIRECTOR 200 NORTH MAIN STREET SPARTA, WISCONSIN				
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FRONT (External) HANDLES AND FASTENINGS STENCILING - MARK PLATE CASE LOCKS (Marking) SOAK OR MOISTURE						
ROUTED THROUGH						
<input type="checkbox"/> WOODWAY OPERATING ROOM		<input type="checkbox"/> REPAIR SHOP				
CONDITION OF ROOMS		CASET MARKED				
<input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		
NECESSARY REPAIRS (Specify)		CASET EXCHANGED				
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		
		DIPPING CASE RETURNED				
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		
		DIPPING CASE EXCHANGED				
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		
REMARKS						
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	
				3/16	W. C. Thomas	
REMARKS						
027						

West Salem, Wis
March 10, 1949

In reference to
G.M. DIG-DD-293
Thurston, Willcom Co.

S/Sgt.

My name is spelled
Kenneth Kermit Wesker

Thank You
Mrs Kermit Wesker
West Salem
Wis.

OK
no
mk

Enc.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]



CMD/ms

14 MARCH 1949

QMDIG-00-293
THURSTON, WILLIAM C.
S/Sgt.

Mrs. GARNET WEHRS
WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN

DEAR Mrs. WEHRS:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS MADE OF YOUR TELEGRAM DATED 14 MARCH 1949 IN WHICH YOU SIGNED YOUR NAME "Mrs. GARNET WEHRS". OUR RECORDS INDICATE SPELLING OF YOUR SURNAME AS Mrs. GARNET WEHRS. IN ORDER THAT THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE MAY REFLECT THE CORRECT INFORMATION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU INFORM THIS OFFICE AS TO THE CORRECT SPELLING OF YOUR SURNAME.

A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE REQUIRING NO POSTAGE IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE IN REPLYING.

SINCERELY YOURS,

C. M. OENWALDER
CAPT., QMC
CHIEF, ADMIN. BR.
AGR DIVISION

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WEST SALEM WIS MAR 4 1949 105P

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RETEL CONTROL NO 20497 SGT WILLIAM C THURSTON MY ADDRESS

WEST SALEM WISCONSIN DELIVER REMAINS TO SPARTA WIS AS

ORIGINALLY REQUESTED

MRS GARNET WEHRGUD.

255P

20497 WEHRGUD.

ON MARCH 4 1949

*verify name
AS*



NUMBER TO CORRECT MAIL

POST OFFICE AND ZIP CODE

DATE OF MAIL

POST

RECEIVED BY MAIL NO 50487, 5111 HILLMAN E. HANCOCK, W. W. ADDRESS

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POST OFFICE ADDRESS

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AUX DIV., CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
1919 W. PERSHING RD., CHICAGO 9, ILL.WEATHER EXTER
DAY LETTER

DELIVER AND REPORT ANY CHANGES

MRS. GARNET WEERS**WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN**

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT REMAINS OF THE LATE

S. SO. WILLIAM C. THURSTON

ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES

OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO

M. J. LANHAM, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 200 NORTH WATER STREET, SPARTA, WISCONSIN

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN AN HOUR BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEPOT APOD 1919 WEST PERSHING ROAD CHICAGO ILLINOIS, INCLUDING FULL NAME OF DECEASED AND YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS. YOUR REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AFTER AN HOUR HAVE ELAPSED CANNOT BE COMPLIED WITH AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. DELIVERY OF REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIVED HOWEVER MANY FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY SEVERAL WEEKS. AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT OF REMAINS ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION AND TIME OF ARRIVAL AND REQUESTED TO NOTIFY YOU. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK LOCAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. IN REPLY REFER TO CONTROL NO. 20497

THOS. O. CALL
MAJOR, QMC

C.H. OSBERGHALDER
CAPT., QMC

Form 2 10-58

REPAIRS
RECORDS BRANCH

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REPAIRS
RECORDS BRANCH

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

SERIES BUREAU NO. 48-7022

GRADE OR RANK, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER, REPORTED PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE

S/Mex William G. Thurston, 16 006 745
 Platoon 7, Zone 6, Company 114,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Ste. Anne d'Auville 40, France

15 July 1948

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B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose. If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, Wm. Garnet Johns (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

- WIFE WIDOWER SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER MOTHER BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify): _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS
2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY
Mount Hope Cemetery, Sparks, Wisconsin (Specify County)
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
3. BE RETURNED TO _____ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
- (Please indicate if your own religious services or a service other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box.)
- YES NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES. (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

The address is correct

Johns
10/22/48
 ODD FORM 345 MILITARY
 11 3021 1948

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W. G. Johns, 11/24/48
Johns

PART 4 (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have taken Option Number 2 or Option Number 4 with your Federal Government identification number other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.
 1. AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE WHO I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
Lanhan, #00000000000000000000	Maurice	J.
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
200 N. Water St., Sparta, Wisconsin.	Sparta, Wisconsin.	Wisconsin.
CORRESPONDENCE OFFICE (Nearest national passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.
		260

OR
 2. AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM.

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
Lanhan, M. J. Funeral Director Sparta,			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A. OR COUNTRY
200 N. Water St.	Sparta, 08		Wisconsin.
CORRESPONDENCE OFFICE (Nearest national passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.	
Sparta, Wisconsin.	Sparta, Wisconsin.	260	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
Mrs. Marie Tomstad	Mrid	A.	sister
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A. OR COUNTRY
Hicoria Beach,	Pasadena		Maryland.

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

I desire that this body be returned direct to M. J. Lanhan, Funeral Director,

located at 200 N. Water St., Sparta, Wisconsin although my home address

is West Salem, Wisconsin which is just a few miles from Sparta. Burial

will be made in country

AS CONTAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

TH Mrs. Germet Wehrs
 SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN
 Mrs. Germet Wehrs
 STREET AND NUMBER
 West Salem, Wisconsin,
 CITY AND STATE

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 23 day of July
 1948 at city (or town) of West Salem county of LaCrosse and State (or Territory) of
 District of

C. E. Jackson
 SIGNATURE OF OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS
 C. E. Jackson Notary
 OFFICIAL TITLE

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

If you are the next of kin

1. THE
 NAMED IN PART 1 OF THIS
 THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON

LAST NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO THE

NUMBER AND STREET

WHOM I UNDERSTAND IS

If you are NOT the next of

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THE
 NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THE
 SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO THE

NUMBER AND STREET

PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in E (1) of this form.

I, THE _____, (PLEASE PRINT NAME) AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT ELIGIBLE PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEASED'S SPHINX IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED:

_____ (NAME)	_____ (DATE)
_____ (NUMBER OF NEXT OF KIN)	_____ (STREET AND NUMBER)
_____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	_____ (CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

_____ (NAME)	_____ (DATE)
_____ (NUMBER)	_____ (STREET AND NUMBER)
_____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	_____ (CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and instructions entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Affidavit.



S/Sgt William C. Thurston, 16 006 745
 Plot 7, Row C, Grave 113,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Ste. Marc Eglise #8, France

15 July 1945

Mrs. Corrot Wehrs
 West Salem, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Wehrs:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the strengthening and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemetery," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you. Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
 Major General
 The Quartermaster General

Incls. 2

ant

FORM 300		REQUEST FOR NEW LETTER OF INDENTURE	
NAME OF INDENTUREE	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF ISSUE
WILLIAM C. THORNTON	W.C.T.	10 006 765	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
1000, 1st, Care Station 12, Space	W	S	114
LETTER OF INDENTURE OF 1941 BY <i>Sister</i>			
NAME OF INDENTUREE			
W.C. Thornton			
ADDRESS			
West Salem, Wisconsin			
REASON FOR LETTER OF INDENTURE			
Unable to locate father.			
SIGNATURE OF INDENTUREE		DATE	
W.C. Jolly		6-15-68	

W II CONTROL NO. 20497

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES <small>(Must be completed on Service Entry before interment or burial)</small>		DATE 4/17/49
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) THOMPSON, WILLIAM C.		TO BE FILLED BY CLAIMANT
BRANCH OF SERVICE US ARMY		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERMENT EXPENSES <small>(Burial or Private Cemetery)</small>
MODE OF SERVICE S. CO.	REGIMENT NO. 16000745	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES <small>(National or Post Cemetery)</small>
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM		
1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director.		
2. Fill in as required and REIMBURSE Sign Original Only		
3. Check Box "A" or Box "B" above, not both.		
4. Check Box "A" when interment is in a civilian or private cemetery.		
5. Check Box "B" when remains are delivered to home or other place prior to burial in a national or post cemetery.		
CLAIM MADE BY APARTITION MAY 5 1949 <i>See</i>		
I certify that the sum of 75.00 was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below: NAME of cemetery: Mt. Hope CITY OR COUNTY: Sparta, Monroe Co. STATE: Wisconsin		Do not check this box if you are a member of the National or Post Cemetery. Do check this box if you are a member of the National or Post Cemetery.
RETURN FOUR COPIES TO: COMMANDING OFFICER CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEPT 1819 WEST PERSHING ROAD CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS ATTN: AGE DIVISION		SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT MRS. GARRET WEISS <small>(Address (Street number or RFD, City and State) WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN</small> RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT SISTER
REMARKS <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>F. C. U. S. ARMY, CHICAGO, ILL. PAID ON MAY 20 1949 MONEY ACCOUNTS OF E. C. BOYCE LT COL. F. S. Special Number 210-597</p> <p>179701</p> </div>		
(DO NOT SIGN THIS) COPY		

PART A

1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the Government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.

3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the Government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: Reissue bills from the railroad station to your home, the federal home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.

4. Reimbursement by the Government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipted bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

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PART B

1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the Government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the Government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the Government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. **WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.**

3. Reimbursement by the Government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.

4. No interment expense allowance is authorized when interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRA-OFFICE REFERENCE SHEET222 *T. Hamilton, William C.* JUL 28 1948

1 No.	2 From	3 To	4 Date	5 Message
1	LOI Section N/A Br.	Record Section N/A Br.	-MAT- 1948	<p>1. As 333 card in this case could not be immediately located action has been taken with a view to resolving the case without the 333 card.</p> <p>2. File is forwarded to your Section for such correction in 333 card as may be indicated.</p> <p>3. When your action has been completed please forward file to Mail and Records.</p> <p>CUNNINGHAM 7107</p> <p>Snowden 5635</p> <p><i>L.O.I. sent Section 7/28/48</i></p>
	<i>C. Ross</i>			<p>THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE</p> <p>7 JUL 1948</p>

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1 SEP 1945 612

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

				DATE, HOUR AND DATE
1	2	3	4	5
No.	From	To	Date	MESSAGE
1	Chief, Records Section M & S Br. Gen. Div.	Chief L. C. L. Jones Section 1948 M & S Br. Gen. Div.	28	<p>For Necessary Action.</p> <p><i>J. Mitchell</i></p> <p>RECEIVED 2108</p> <p>CLERK 24407 7/27/48</p> <p>Records this section corrected.</p> <p>Incl:</p> <p>1: 393 File Thurston, William C. 6745</p> <p><i>NOI but later by guff 48</i></p>
	<i>C. R. Hill</i>			

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE
U.S. Government Printing Office: 1945-O-706275-136

QUEST 293
 S/Sgt. William C. Thurston, 16 006 T&C
 Plot V, Row 6, Grave 114
 CG&C, St. Mere Eglise #2, France

21 June 1948

Mrs. Gernet Wehrs
 West Salem, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Wehrs:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your brother, the late Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston, has come to my attention.

I wish to thank you for the information contained in your letter concerning your father, Mr. Frank Thurston. Our records have been amended to show you as the next of kin and the person now authorized to direct the final disposition of the remains of your brother.

Under separate cover we will furnish you full information regarding the "Returns of World War II Dead Program", and there will be included a form on which you may indicate your desires in this matter.

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

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMES
 Major, GAC
 Memorial Division



24 JUN 1948

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. [Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

The [Name] [Address] is [Address] [City, State, Zip].
I am [Name] [Address] [City, State, Zip].
[Name] [Address] [City, State, Zip] is [Address] [City, State, Zip].
[Name] [Address] [City, State, Zip] is [Address] [City, State, Zip].
[Name] [Address] [City, State, Zip] is [Address] [City, State, Zip].
[Name] [Address] [City, State, Zip] is [Address] [City, State, Zip].

Sincerely,
[Name]

[Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]



5 JUN 1967

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF RECEIPT (Last, First, Middle)	GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	
Shurston, William C.	2/261	16 006 715	
PREVIOUS SERIAL LOCATION (Country and County)	PLST	FOR	GRADE
PRESENT SERIAL LOCATION (Country and County)	PLST	FOR	GRADE
1000, St. Mary College #2, Francis	V	4	116
ADDRESSEE Name Rank MED. CORPS RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
Sister	West Plains, Missouri		
PARAGRAPHS (Reference)	ADDITIONAL DATA -- MODIFICATIONS		
165a	<p>I wish to thank you for the information contained in your letter concerning your father, Dr. Frank Shurston. Our records have been checked to show you as the son and the person now authorized to direct the final disposition of the remains of your brother.</p> <p>165i---2nd para. only,---Under separate cover---etc.</p> <p>166a</p>		
ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE	EXPIST INITIALS	REFILER INITIALS AND DATE	
<i>W.C.S.</i> 6-11-61			

DDMG FORM 638
1 FEB 1944OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

				DATE, HOUR AND DATE
NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	MESSAGE
1	Family Corres Branch Pan Ltr Section	Miss Williams P. N.	8 June 48	Forwarded for determination of next of kin. 4 Incls: 293; Thurston, William C., SS 16 006 745 Ltr dtd 18 May 48 Ltr dtd 2 June 48 Affidavit <i>J. G. GORMAN</i> 6072
2	SEC Sec PC Br Gen Div Sias Williams	Family Ltr Sec PC Br Sec Div	9 June 48	Discussed with Col. Freeman. Accept sister, Mrs. Carnet Wehrs, West Salem, Wisconsin, as person to direct disposition of decedent's remains. 3 Incls: 1. Ltr dtd 18 May 48 2. Ltr dtd 2 June 48 w/affidavit 3. 293 File of Thurston, William C. SS 16 006 745, St. Mary Spillie #2, 7-6-114 cc: HQ Capt Goodiger <i>Spillie</i> WILLIAM 2775 

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

16-55227-1 GPO

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

ATTENTION: [Illegible]
[Illegible]
[Illegible]
[Illegible]



MAIL ROOMS AND POST OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

West Salem, Wisconsin,
June 2nd, 1948.

In reply refer to

QUEST 203
Thompson, William G., S. H. 16 006 745
Flat 7 New 6, Green Hill
CSC Ste. New Engine # 2 Produce

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

Gentlemen:-

I am writing with reference to your letter of 13 May with reference to my brother who is buried in the above captioned cemetery. I answered this letter within three days of receiving it but am now enclosing a notarized statement from our District Attorney which may be of some help.

As you can see, I am not able to furnish a death certificate but trust that this statement will be acceptable and that his body may be returned to us.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Gerriet Wehrs

Mrs. Gerriet Wehrs,
West Salem, Wisconsin.





AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN }
 COUNTY OF MONROE } 20

Leo J. Goodman being first duly sworn on oath says that he is now the District Attorney of Monroe County, Wisconsin, and resides at Sparta, Wisconsin at the County seat of said County. That he has been District Attorney of said County since January 1941.

Affiant personally knew Frank Thurston, who is the father of the deceased veteran William C. Thurston. That the said Frank Thurston lived in the City of Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin, for a number of years prior to September 1942 and this affiant was well acquainted with him and saw him several times each week. That in September 1942 the said Frank Thurston disappeared from his home and has never been heard of since said date. An intensive search was made for Frank Thurston by the police officers of the City of Sparta and the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff of Monroe County and no one has ever found any trace of Frank Thurston. It is the common belief of all persons who knew him and of his relatives that he is deceased and has been deceased on or about September 1942.

A death certificate can not be procured of Frank Thurston nor can he be found or declared dead by any Court of this state until seven years have elapsed from September 1942.

Frank Thurston was a widower and his wife died in the year 1929. The following persons are the children of Frank Thurston: Garnet Wears, West Salem, Wisconsin; Marie Loustad, Rivers Beach, Baltimore, Maryland; (Pasadena); Mrs. Blanche Jenkins, Sparta, Wisconsin.

Leo J. Goodman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1948.

Barbara A. Murphy
 Notary Public, Monroe County, Wisconsin.
 My Commission expires Nov. 20, 1949.

May 18, 1948
West Salem Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I do not know the present
address of my father, Mr. Frank
Shurston. He disappeared
from the home in Sparta
Wisconsin in Sept. 1942.
There has been no word
of his whereabouts since
that time. There are no
other brothers and the
sister's names are as
follows:

Myra Garnet Wehra
West Salem, Wis.
Age 35

(100-1795)

Mrs Marie Lonstad
Rivera Beach
Baltimore, Md.
Age 33

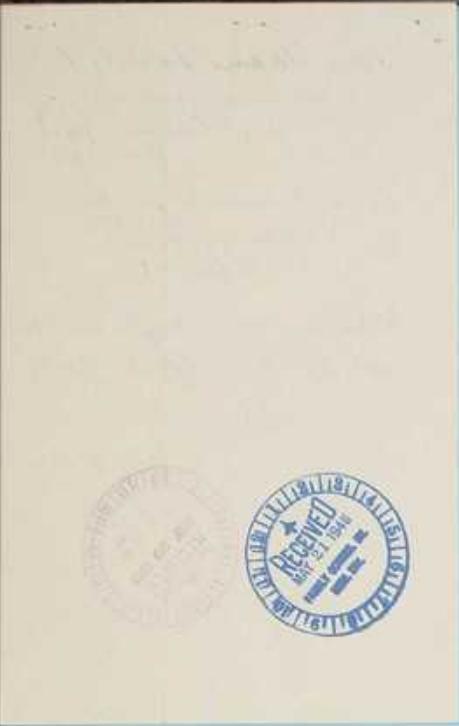
Mrs Blanche Jenkins
Sparta Wis.
Age 31

I hope this information
will be of help to you.

Sincerely

Mrs Garnet Weber





GROUP 293

Thurston, William C., S.N. 10 000 745
 Plot V, Row 6, Grave 114
 USMC Sta. Mare Kilise #2, France

13 May 1948

Mrs. Garnet Wekre
 West Salem, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Wekre:

The Department of the Army is endeavoring to determine the next of kin who may be authorized to direct the final disposition of the remains of your brother, the late Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston.

The Secretary of the Army, pursuant to the authority granted him in Public Law 568, has established an order of eligibility among a decedent's next of kin for the purpose of determining the person having the right to designate the final resting place of his remains. Under this order of precedence the parents, if living, are accorded the right to make this determination, the father preceding the mother, brothers over 21 years of age in order of seniority, followed by sisters of legal age in order of their seniority.

Since our records disclose that your brother is survived by his father, and before the Department of the Army can comply with the legal requirements regarding the disposition of the remains of your brother, it is requested that you forward to this office the present address of Mr. Frank Thurston as this information is not of record in our office. If, however, he is deceased, it is necessary that his death be verified by furnishing us with a certified copy of his death certificate, together with a list or affidavit containing the names, ages and addresses of all surviving brothers and sisters. Upon receipt of the above information our records will be properly amended to show the person legally authorized to designate the final resting place of your brother's remains.

The official report of burial discloses that the remains of your brother were interred, in a dignified and solemn manner, in Plot V, Row 6, Grave 114, in the United States Military Cemetery, St. Marie Kilise #2, France, located twenty miles southeast of Cherbourg, France.



3237 293 Thurston, William C., S.N. 16 006 745 13 May 1948 (Cont'd)

Your cooperation and promptness in forwarding the requested document to our office will be greatly appreciated.

May I extend my sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

- 2 Incls.
1. Information Slip
2. Envelope

RICHARD B. COCHRAN
Major, JMC
Memorial Division

[Handwritten signature]
MAY 11 1948
U.S. AIR FORCE
MEMORIAL DIVISION

[Handwritten initials]

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Dr. Rec. File. *File*

Address: *File* GARNET WEXES Relationship Sister

State WEST SALEM

City, State WISCONSIN Date letter 1/67

Secretary _____

Temporary: _____

Permanent: _____

Plot How Gr. Con. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

The Department of the Army is endeavoring to determine the next of ~~kin~~ kin who may be authorized to direct the final disposition of the remains of your brother, the late S/Sgt. William C. Thurston.

The Secretary of the Army, pursuant to the authority granted him in Public Law 368, has established an order of eligibility among a decedent's next of kin for the purpose of determining the person having the right to designate the final resting place of his remains. Under this order of precedence, ^{parents, are} the ~~spouse~~, if living, ~~is~~ accorded the right to make this determination, ~~followed~~ the father preceding the mother, ~~followed by~~ brothers over 21 years of age in order of seniority, followed by sisters of legal age in order of their seniority.

Since our records disclose that your brother is survived by his father, and before the Department of the Army can ~~fully~~ comply with the legal requirements regarding the disposition of the remains of your brother, it is requested that you forward to this office the present address of Mr. Frank Thurston. ^{*This information should be furnished to our office.*} If however, he is deceased, it is necessary that his death be verified by furnishing us with a certified copy of his death certificate, ~~submit~~ together ~~together~~ with a list or affidavit containing the names, ages and addresses of all surviving brothers and sisters. Upon receipt of the above information our

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Decedent: THURSTON
 WILLIAM C.
 SGT
 1604274-
 ASB

records will be properly amended to show the person legally authorized to designate the final resting place of your ~~brother's~~ brother's remains.

34-a 1st para only Plot V, Row 6, Grave 114, Ste. Mere-Eglise #2,
France.

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166-C

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

In Reply Refer to: **3 640 058** **Thurston, William C., S/Sgt., RR 16 006 740.**
VA 1 **Ste. Mers. Eglice #3, P-T, B-6, G-114**

20 JAN 1948

Date of Birth: **19 September 1916**
 OCCASION: Request for information re next of kin of above named deceased serviceman of World War II. *NO 3 640 058*
 TO : Director, Dependents and Beneficial Claims Service
 Veterans Administration
 Washington 25, D. C. *128-47*
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For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the above identified deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate information be returned on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the completed letter be returned to this office.

1 Encl:
 Inv. logs

Mark J. Kice
 SAC, V. O. H.
 Subject: ODS
 Memorial Division

Date: March 11, 1948
 Veteran's
 Name: THURSTON, William C.
 No: 3 640 058

Information in the VA case file indicates that the deceased serviceman was survived by the relatives listed below.

NOTE - A. Identify two persons in the following order or preference:

1. Widow
2. Male children over 21 years
3. Female children over 21 years
4. Father
5. If parent is listed, state whether natural, step-, adoptive or foster parent.
6. If no information is available concerning any surviving relatives, state "None".

Relationship	Name	Address
WIDOW: None		
(If none, state "None")		
Has she remarried?		If so, is proof of remarriage on file?
Foster Mother	Stella Keff	1274 S. Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin
Sister	Bonche Jenkins	Sparta, Wisconsin

L. M. Milton
 DIRECTOR
 CLAIMS SERVICE Branch (Clerk No. 2)
 (Address) _____

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AIR MAIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.In reply refer to: OSM 203 Threton, William C., S/Sgt., SN 16 006 746,
PA 1 Sta. Mors. Edifice 92, N-Y, R-6, G-114Date: 26 JAN 1948Miss Janet Neel
Base Service Director
Midwestern Area
American Red Cross
1709 Washington Avenue
Saint Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Miss Neel:

The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with the responsibility of the disinterment and final burial of World War II deceased personnel. In order to secure disposition instructions, all efforts to contact the next of kin of the above-named decedent through various Government agencies and other members of the decedent's family have failed.

It is respectfully requested that your office furnish the current address of Mr. Frank Threton father, who is reflected (name) (relationship) in the records of this office as the next of kin and whose last known address was General Delivery, Sparta, Wisconsin.

In the event you are unable to locate the next of kin as shown above, it is also requested that this office be furnished the name, address and relationship of any other members of the decedent's family.

Mark J. Kille
Major, USAR
Memorial Division

AM File No. _____

Date: February 3, 1948

Field investigation by American Red Cross personnel revealed:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Miss Stella Pfaff	Aunt who raised soldier after mother's death.	Sparta, Wisconsin
Mrs. Garnet Wehrs	Sister	West Salem, Wisconsin

Remarks: On October 7 aunt who raised soldier returned form to OSG. Father's address unknown. He disappeared about 5 years ago.

Janet Neel by Act.
Director

 AIR MAIL



AIR MAIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.In Reply Refer to: (Form 20) Thurston, William E., S/Sgt., US 16 508 748,
Pg 1 His Mox, Station 27, P.O. 2-5, 6-114Date: 30 JAN 1954Miss Janet Seal
Base Service Director
Midwestern Area
American Red Cross
1700 Washington Avenue
Saint Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Miss Seal:

The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with the responsibility of the disbursement and final burial of World War II deceased personnel. In order to secure disposition instructions, all efforts to contact the next of kin of the above-named decedent through various Government agencies and other members of the decedent's family have failed.

It is respectfully requested that your office furnish the current address of Mr. Frank Thurston father, who is reflected (name) (relationship) in the records of this office as the next of kin and whose last known address was General Delivery, Sparta, Wisconsin.

In the event you are unable to locate the next of kin as shown above, it is also requested that this office be furnished the name, address and relationship of any other members of the decedent's family.

lj
(Mallock)John J. Gill
Major, USG
Memorial Division10/25
4-28
6/8

cc: This file _____ Date: _____
Final investigation by American Red Cross personnel

ljcc: This file

AIR MAIL

Director

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

In Reply Refer to: QUART 091 Thornton, William G., 2/24/16 SS 16 006 748
SS 1 Sto. Serv. Split 22, P-7 2-6, G-114

20 JAN 1943

Date of Birth: 19 September 1916
SUBJECT: Request for information re next of kin of above named deceased serviceman of World War II.
TO : Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service
Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the above identical deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate information be entered on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the completed letter be returned to this office.

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1 Encl:
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(Ballock)

MAJ. J. GILL
Major, QMG
Memorial Division

Ent.
Veteran's
Name
SS

Information in the VA case file indicates that the deceased serviceman was survived by the relatives listed below.

NOTE - A. Identify the persons in the following order of preference:

1. Widow
2. Male children over 21 years
3. Female children over 21 years
4. Father
5. If parent is listed, state whether natural, step-, adoptive or foster parent.
6. If no information is available concerning any surviving relatives, state "None".

Relationship	Name	Address
WIDOW		
(If none, state "None")		
Has she remarried?		If so, is proof of remarriage on file?

DIRECTOR
CLAIMS SERVICE
(Address)

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

BUREAU BUREAU NO. 16-202

NAME OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE

Sgt. William C. Eganston, 16 006 745
 Pick V, Row 6, Grave 134,
 Chillon Station Military Cemetery
 Ste. Anne d'Aillon, VD, France

26 September 1947

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. Where the nearest next of kin is dead and properly cared for by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose. If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

1. Stella H. DeFatt

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

- DECEASED (HOW OR YOUR NAME IF NEXT OF KIN)
- WIDOW WIDOWER SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER MOTHER BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) Just has acted as mother to the deceased

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO INDICATE THAT IT IS BY SIGNING THAT THE FOLLOWING: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected)

- I BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- I BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

Name, Address, Post Office, State, Territory, or Possession

(NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN)

3. BE RETURNED TO _____ (COUNTRY) _____ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A

PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY OVERSEAS)

4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services of a function other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

YES NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If any corrections are necessary, indicate the fact by inserting the word "WAS" in the space below.)

Father Frank Thurston Deceased in 1951 had has been presumed to have been
sent. Sisters of the deceased and the Aunt who acted as mother to the deceased
military have advised that Stella DeFatt is the proper person to arrange for the
return of the deceased soldier who will be buried beside his own mother.

345 Form Serial 15-24-47 FILE

Name Stella DeFatt
 Address 777 N. 1st Street
 City St. Louis, Mo.
 State Mo.
 Telephone 434-1234
 Family Contact Branch

DD FORM 1345 MILITARY

PART 4 (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral arrangements, should at a location other than the national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

4. AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEPHONE NO.	
EXPRESS OFFICE (Use local railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	

5. AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR H. J. Lashum			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
North Water St.	Sparta	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
EXPRESS OFFICE (Use local railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.	
Sparta, Wisconsin	Sparta, Wisconsin	261	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PARAGRAPH, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
Mrs. Ernest (Alfred) Weber	Mrs. Ernest		Sister
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
	West Salem	La Crosse	Wisconsin

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

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PARAGRAPH, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I, Stella Pfaff,
 the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 My address is 277 1/2 South Water St., Sparta, Wisconsin
 My address is 277 1/2 South Water St., Sparta, Wisconsin
 My address is 277 1/2 South Water St., Sparta, Wisconsin

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 7th day of October

1950 at city (or town) of Sparta, county of Monroe and State (or Territory) of Wisconsin

District of Wisconsin

Hester Helgeson
Notary Public, Wisconsin

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

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS
By Notaries for Wisconsin, Page 704, 1950

If you are the next of kin and you

5. THE
NAMED IN PART 1 OF THIS FORM
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN

LAST NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED

NUMBER AND STREET

WHICH I UNDERSTAND SHALL

DATE

DATE

If you are NOT the next of kin

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I
NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM
SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED

NUMBER AND STREET

DATE

PART II--RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE _____, (PLEASE PRINT NAME) AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

(STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

(CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE I OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE)

(STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

(CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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



W. W.
 70
 S/Mgt. William C. Thurston, 16 006 743
 Plot V, Row G, Grave 114,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Ste Nerve Nlino, 22, France

25 September 1947

Mr. Frank Thurston
 General Delivery
 Sparta, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Thurston:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LADDIN
 Major General
 The Quartermaster General

Encs.
 [Handwritten initials]

crj

13 August 1946

Mr. Frank Thurston
General Delivery
Sparta, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Thurston:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston, A.S.N. 16 006 745.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Ste. Marie Eglise #C, plot V, row C, grave 11A. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located twenty miles southeast of Cherbourg, France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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WAR DEPT. OFFICE

Handwritten initials and scribbles

SPCIG 285 Thureton, William C. S. N. 16006745

1st Ind.

Adj. G. O. C., Washington, D. C.

23 November 1945

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

Forwarded for reply to so much thereof as pertains to your office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ JAMES L. PERIN
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Major, QMC
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Assistant

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SEC & ENCL DIVISION

Handwritten signature

Original records
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1272 E. Water St
Spartan
Wisconsin
Oct. 12 - 1944

Quarters Master General
157
Washington
D.C.

Gentlemen:

We have been informed by
Major W. D. Taylor Major General
U.S.A. commanding
that by writing to you, you could
give us all details concerning
place of burial of
Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston
16006745-

Killed in Normandy France
June 24 - 1944.

since his father Frank Thurston
has been missing for over two years,
and I have stood in place of a
mother to Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston
B. R. attached
1117144 c. 13.

161 Secretary William R. 3/57

since his mother's death.
I greatly appreciate all
information you could give.
Thanking you.

Respectfully

(Miss) Stella P. Jeff.



POSTAGE REQUIRED

NO. OF COPIES

10-12-1965

Sparta
Wisconsin
Box 99

Office of Quartermaster General
Washington D.C. 20

Gentlemen:

293
my nephew S/Sgt. William C. Thurston
16006743
Apt 4 Co 1st Bn. 502 Para Inf
APO 472 90 Post Master
New York N. Y.

was killed in Normandy France on
24 day of June 1944.

If you have a record of his death, just
what happened to him, would you be
so kind to let me know by return mail.
any information you could give me
would be greatly appreciated.

I thank you.

Respectfully yours
Miss Stella Hoff.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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GENERAL DIVISION
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SP-20 20
 Thurston, William C.
 S. N. 16006745

Address Reply To
 THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 Attention: Memorial Division

23 November 1945

Miss Stella Pfaff
 Box 94
 Sports, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Pfaff:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter requesting information regarding your nephew, the late Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston.

For information regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of your nephew, a copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. for a direct reply to you.

The official report of burial shows that the remains of your nephew were originally interred in the United States Military Cemetery, St. Martin, France, but were later disinterred and moved to a more suitable site where constant care of the grave can be assured by our Forces in the field. The remains of your nephew are now interred in the United States Military Cemetery #2, St. Mere Eglise, France, Plot V, Row 6, Grave 11A. This cemetery is located approximately six miles north and east of Cherbourg and twenty-one miles southeast of Cherbourg, both in France.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PERREN
 Major, GAC
 Assistant

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 W. C. THURSTON
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 Thurston, William C.
 16 006 745

22 August 1945

Miss Stella A. Pfaff
 1007 Water Street
 Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Pfaff:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter requesting the return of the remains of your nephew, the late Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston.

At the outbreak of the war it became necessary to adopt the policy that the remains of our military personnel, who die at stations outside the United States, shall be interred locally until after the cessation of hostilities, and remain buried there until such time as appropriate arrangements become available for their return. A notation has been made on the official records that it is your desire to have the remains of your nephew returned to the United States, if possible, for final interment. At the proper time, the legal next of kin will be contacted by this office in order to obtain their wishes regarding the final disposition of the remains.

The official report of interment shows that the remains of your nephew were interred in the United States Military Cemetery, St. Martin, France, Plot A, Row 2, Gravs 34. With reference to other larger cities the approximate location of St. Martin, France is six miles north of Cherbourg and ten miles southeast of Valognes, both in France.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR L. VANRUM
 Colonel, QMC
 Assistant

CCF

MAILED
 16-21-45
 REMAINS DIVISION

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6-12-1995

Sparta
Wis.

Memorial Branch,
Quartermaster General's Office
War Department
Washington D.C.

gentlemen:

Would you kindly let me know
if any arrangements have been made so far,
about bringing back the soldiers, that
were killed in Europe?

My Nephew

293 S/Sgt. William C Thurston

16006745

Mg + Mg Co 1st Bn. 502 Para Inf.

APO - 472 70 Post Master

New York. N. Y.

Was killed in France June 24 - 1949.
and was temporarily interred in the
U.S. Military Cemetery, St. Martin, France.
Plot A, Row 2, Grave 34,

We would like to have him brought
back as soon as they are being
brought back to the States.

Thanking you for all information
you can give me. Respectfully
Miss Stella Hoff.

GRAVES INVESTIGATION ACT 1958
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 Thurston, William C.
 S.N. 16 CG 743

23 November 1944.

Address Reply To THE
 QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Miss Stella Pfaff,
 127 1/2 South Water Street,
 Sparta, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss Pfaff,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date requesting information concerning your nephew, the late Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston.

You are advised that information received in this office reveals that the remains of your nephew were temporarily interred in the U.S. Military Cemetery, St. Martin, France, Plot A, Row 2, Grave 34, with a Protestant Ceremony conducted at the grave by an Army Chaplain. The cemetery is well cared for and under immediate supervision of our military authorities. A temporary marker, with a fitting inscription thereon, has been erected, and the grave properly recorded.

Please accept my sincere sympathy and condolence in the loss of your nephew.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYN A. DARLINGTON
 Lt. Colonel, G.M.C.,
 Assistant.

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 MEMORIAL DIVISION

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IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

Height: _____ Laundry Marks: _____
 Weight: _____ Number of Ribs: _____
 Color of Eyes: _____ Wrist Clasped? _____
 Color of Hair: _____ Is Tooth Chart Attached? _____
 Race: _____

If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below. In space below, insert and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformations, etc.

TOOTH CHART

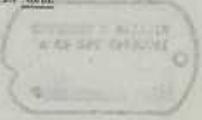
Upper	Dentures (Left)														Lower
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	

Indicate dentures removed with "R" or removed by "I" above the (L) Spaces by "D" below and with "P" above or below by "D" below.

Chemist's name: _____

Other Data: _____

If this is an isolated burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.



Previously buried in _____
 Plot # _____

41 74 40 08 0000

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 18 July 1944
DIV/BRANCH/REG'T

SOLDIER NAME Thurston, William C.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 16 006 785	GRADE S/Sgt						
HOME ADDRESS Sparta, Wisconsin		ARMY OR SERVICE Paratroop Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 19 Sept 1918						
PLACE OF DEATH France	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action	DATE OF DEATH 24 June 44		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS 3 9 0					
STATION OF DEGREE European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 25 Sept 40							
NATURAL ADDRESS (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Stella A. Pfaff, aunt; 127 1/2 Water St., Sparta, Wisconsin									
NEXT OF KIN (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Frank Thurston, father; General Del, Sparta, Wisconsin Mrs. Tomstad, sister; 4630 N. Dover St., Chicago, Ill.									
IDENTIFICATION MARKS		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN INDEMNITY	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY OFFICE	AUTHORIZED SURRENDER	ON FLYING PAY STATUS	OTHER PAY STATUS (IF DIFFERENT)		
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	X	X		X	X			X	X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

Parachute Pay

SOURCE FURNISHED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. G. O.	F. B. I.
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<input type="checkbox"/>		A. G. O. FILE

 BATTLE NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

H. H. Rotunette
ADJUTANT GENERAL

Form 100-1
Rev. 10-1-54
(When 1 Sept. 1957)

REPORT OF BURIAL

9768
11 June 44

Thurston William C S Sgt 661
Last Name First Initial Suffix Serial No.

177 502nd Probt Inf Regt
Boudinville 8 June 44 KIA
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death
101900 June 44 St Martin St Martin, France
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name of Community Name of Country of Location
34 2 A
Grave Number Row Position Plot Number Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

What source of identification was buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on:	Name	Serial No.	Rate	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Right:	<u>Evans, William</u>	<u>32114012</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>4th Div</u>	<u>35</u>
Deceased's Left:	<u>Stoll</u>	<u>32301223</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>4th Div</u>	<u>33</u>

Signature of Priest, Rector and if possible Organization of person burying same. Date when other than office reporting burial.

If point of identification tag is not allowed fill in below:

WILLIAM C THURSTON
15006745 742 43 A

Emergency Address _____
Address _____
Belgian _____

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

1 WD AGO # 28	1 pencil
2900 France	2 rings
1 Ball Fold	
1 shoulder patch	
1 cigarette lighter	
1 fountain pen	

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

RESTRICTED
Valid in U.S.A. Only

DD FORM 100-1 (Rev. 10-1-54)

Form 100-1

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Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT Case No. 110968 ✓
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri Date 8 March 1948 ✓

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

William C. Thornton, late a
(Name of Decedent) (Army Serial number)
Staff Sergeant, Infantry (2nd Troop) who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 21 day of June, 19 44, at France

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo, pursuant to S.O., 22, Hq., QM Dept., dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the a. ve-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

- No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.
- Local debtors owed decedent's estate a none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "none"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. _____)
- Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of a none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See enclosed receipt, Incl. _____)
- Disposition of decedent's effects (See money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial Findings below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 13 February 1948, pursuant to Special Orders 128, Headquarters, QM Dept., dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of _____

Miss Stella A. Pfaff for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Marie Toasted of _____ (Name of person found entitled)

Rayward State of _____
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
Wisconsin, is the sister of the _____
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN H. KENNEDY, Colonel, U.S.A.
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 18 July 1944
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FULL NAME Thurston, William C. 112263		ARMY SOCIAL NUMBER 16 006 785	GRADE S/Sgt
HOME ADDRESS Sparta, Wisconsin		ARMY OR RESERVE Paratroop Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 19 Sept 1918
PLACE OF DEATH France	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action	DATE OF DEATH 24 June 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY OR CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 25 Sept 40	LENGTH OF SERVICE COMBAT PURPOSES YEAR MONTH DAY 9 0 0
DEPENDENT ADDRESSES (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Stella A. Pfaff, aunt; 127 1/2 Water St., Sparta, Wisconsin			
DEPENDENT (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Frank Thurston, father; General Del. Sparta, Wisconsin Mrs. Tomsted, sister; 4630 N. Dover St., Chgo. Ill.			
IDENTIFICATION BADGE		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN INDEMNITY
YES	NO	YES	NO
X	X	X	X
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED EXPENSE	DEFLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
X	X	X	X
OTHER PAY STATUS (EXCEPT BONUS)			
YES	NO		
X	X		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

Parachute Pay

COPIES FURNISHED:		
A. G. O.	A. G. O.	A. G. O. R. S.
A. G. O. R. S.	A. G. O.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
A. G. O.	REV. ADMIN.	CRIMINALLY MIA/DEAD FILE
A. G. O.		A. G. O. FILE

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

H. B. Rotunette
ADJUTANT GENERAL

SAVE



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOY
 400 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
 KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 110266GEO:Ha:mt
 May 24, 1945Mrs. Marie Tomstad
 Bayward, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Tomstad:

Reference is made to our previous correspondence relative to the personal effects of your brother, Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston.

For your information, I am inclosing a list of property belonging to your brother, which was sent to Mr. Frank Thurston, General Delivery, Sparta, Wisconsin. Apparently these effects were received by Miss Stella H. Pfaff, 127 1/2 South Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin.

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

It is suggested that you contact Miss Pfaff regarding these effects.

Yours very truly,

E. T. BROWN
 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
 Asst. to Chief, Adm. Division

1 Incl.
 List of Effects

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

JMS:WJdy
 February 27, 1948

110,003

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mrs. Marie Tomstad
 Hayward, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Tomstad:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your brother, Staff Sergeant William G. Thurston.

I am inclosing a check for \$50.51, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property is 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 us and tracer will be instituted.

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

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

Yours very truly,

A. G. SCHMACKER
 1st Lt. G.M.C.
 Asst. Chief, Adm. Division

1 Encl--
 Check

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
AND SUPPORT BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Marie Fousted

SHIP TO: Hayward, Wisconsin

OFFICE OF: William C. Thurston
 DATE: 16008740
 CASE NO.: 110263 D
 E.L.

DATE: 20 February 1945
 DATE: 20 February 1945

NAME: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

1. Include Bureau Check
 Acct. No. 61188
 Amount \$28.51
 Include "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" (items)

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

RECEIVED:

1. Accounting Branch FEB 20 P.M.
 2. Warehouse Division
 3. Files Branch, Aust. Div.

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110263

March 1 45

Marie Fousted

58.51

Fifty-Eight and 52/100

Col. U.S.A.

REMARKS:

Practical _____
 Est. Exp. _____ MAR 3 1945
 Est. Pkg. _____
 No. of packages _____

MAR 5 1945

Shipping Clerk

EFF. Q8 Form 1a (26 Dec 44)

HISTORICAL RECORDS

SERIALS

U.S. GOV. PRINTING

NUMBER

DATE

PRICE

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were
out in the collection inventoried by me.

INVENTORY CLERK

SIGNATURE

U.S. SENATOR

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-10)

Thurston, William c 16006745

(Last name) (First name) (Middle name) (Army serial number)

Rate a S/Sgt 502nd Frcht. Inf.

(Rank) (Component or unit of service)

Who died on the 25th day of June, 1944

CLASS I—Belt, buckle, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLE	PROPERTY NUMBER
1	Wings, silver Frcht. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1	Service bar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1	Photo holder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

*To be filled out only in case of discrepancy by The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLE	PROPERTY NUMBER
1	Prayer book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	Swim trunks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1	Wool hood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1	Sweat shirt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	T shirts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1	Hat, g.d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1	razor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

NAME

WASHINGTON, WILLIAM C - S DPT

RAY	PALET	BOX	TALLY
20	99		6515
TYPE OF Pkg.	WHEEL SPACE	INVENTORY	
OTM			

EX-107 Form 40

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardisty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: _____

Thank you for the information furnished the Army Effects Bureau, to enable disposition of personal effects belonging to

This property is being forwarded in and should reach you in the near future.

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are consigned only in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them, pending the return of the owner. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau.

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

Incl. --
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

(Signature of Bailee)

(Date)

Eff. QM Form 205a



ORVILLE L. ARNOLD POST NO. 100
AMERICAN LEGION
SPARTA, WISCONSIN

January 5, 1944.

Army Effects Bureau,
Kansas City Distribution Point,
231 Broadway Avenue,
Kansas City, 1, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

See JTB-Ms-111
110,255-1
Staff Sergeant
William C. Thomson,
Deceased.

In reference to your letter of December
27, 1944, the address of Reg. Mail Forwarded to
Warrent, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Harold H. ...
Harold H. ...
Board of Officers.

WHL/hff



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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
 501 BROADWAY BLDG
 KANSAS CITY 2, MISSOURI



100,000 \$
 IN REPLY REFER TO _____

(M-1-22-45)
 JRM:R/RLH
 December 23, 1944

Mr. Harold E. Markham
 Service Officer
 The American Legion
 Sparta, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Markham:

This acknowledges letter written in your behalf by Mr. J. P. Burns, Service Officer, The American Legion, and check forwarded by the Army Effects Bureau to Mr. Frank Thurston, as the property of his son, Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston, deceased.

We will appreciate your furnishing the present address of Mrs. Marie Tomstad, so that we may contact her with regard to disposition of Sergeant Thurston's property.

For your convenience in replying, I am inclosing a self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

A. P. THOMAS
 Administrative Assistant
 Army Effects Bureau

1 Incl--Envelope

for file

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

JAMES F. BURNS
DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER
WOODWARD BLDG., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20540

SERVICE AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT

MILWAUKEE
POST OFFICE - WOOD, WISCONSIN
November 20, 1944.

Quartermaster Depot,
U.S. Army Effects Bureau,
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: THURSTON, William G.
XC-3,640,068

Gentlemen:

I am attaching a check for \$58.51 and quoting the following information from a letter so received from Harold E. Markham, Service Officer, The American Legion, Sparta, Wisconsin.

"I am returning herewith check for \$58.51 funds payable to Frank Thurston, father of William G. Thurston who lost his life in France June 24, 1944. This is being returned as the father, Frank Thurston disappeared in 1942 and is presumed to be dead. The six months gratuity pay is being paid to a sister, Mrs. Tonstad, being named the second beneficiary, the Veterans Administration knowing the circumstances as to Mr. Thurston's disappearance. The insurance is being paid to Miss Stella Pfaff, 127 1/2 South Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin as she raised the family of children after the death of the mother and was named beneficiary of the insurance for this deceased veteran.

One of the sisters lives in Sparta, one lives at West Salem, Wisconsin and one lives in the Northern part of the state. The sister who lives in Sparta and Miss Stella M. Pfaff have been coming to me with various letters as this was originally handled by the Red Cross and Mr. Libke, the County Service Officer.

I suggest you contact him if any further information is required.

Yours very truly,

J. F. Burns
J. F. Burns,
Department Service Officer.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT
401 HENDRY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 2, MISSOURI

JMK:tant
November 8, 1944

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IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Miss Stella Pfaff
127 1/2 S. Water Street
Sparta, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Pfaff:

This refers to our previous correspondence relative to the personal effects of your nephew, Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston.

Since our letter to you of August 25, the Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of Sergeant Thurston.

The Summary Court Officer at the Army Effects Bureau has determined, under the 112th Article of War, that Mr. Frank Thurston, General Delivery, Sparta, Wisconsin, is the proper person to receive the effects for distribution, in accordance with the laws of the state of Sergeant Thurston's legal residence. The property has, therefore, been forwarded to him.

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

Yours very truly,

A. F. TIMMS
Administrative Assistance
Army Effects Bureau

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ARMY SERVICE FORCE
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT
 600 WASHINGTON AVENUE
 KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

(5-12-7-44)

JUN:HA:at

November 7, 1944

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Frank Thurston
 General Delivery
 Sparta, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Thurston:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Staff Sergeant William C. Thurston.

I am inclosing a check for \$58.51 representing funds which belonged to him.

The remainder of the property is being forwarded in one package and should reach you in the near future.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

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

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

Yours very truly,

A. F. TIMMS
 Administrative Assistant
 Army Effects Bureau

2 Incls--
 Check
 Envelope

Receipt Acknowledged:

(Signature of Claimant)_____
(Date)

REQUEST FOR INCLUSIVES

Case No. 110265 A

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TO:

~~Wolfram Communications~~ Accounting Unit for Checks

Routing:

Account No. 41969 Amount \$ 58.51

1. Aco's Unit for Check
2. Ann Tiana

Account No. _____ Amount 0 _____

TOTAL - \$ _____

Payable to:

Frank Thurston
General Delivery
Sparta, Wisconsin

Correspondent Helen AlexanderCheck No. 32463Initials JWC

41969

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NOVEMBER 9 44

FRANK THURSTON

58.51

FIFTY-EIGHT AND 51/100

MAJOR Q.M.C.
 ASST.

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ARMY SERVICE PACKS
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAUORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Ship To:

Effects of

Mr. Frank Thurston

Name

General Delivery

ADD

S/Mgt. William C. Thurston

Sparta, Wisconsin

Case No.

16006715

St.

110063 D

Ship Via

O B/L No.

Date November 7, 1944
JHM:ham

For Effects Quartermaster

PACKAGES SHIPPED

_____	Franked	_____
_____	Det. Exp. Chgs.	_____
_____	Det. Frt. Chgs.	_____
TOTAL <u>1</u> PK.	Date Shipped	<u>NOV 10 1944</u>

NOV 8 1944

REMARKS:

NOV 11 1944

Eff. of Form 14 (Rev. 8-19-44)

Shipping Clerk

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
 801 ARMOYNT AVENUE
 KANSAS CITY 2, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO Form 2

100-100000
 August 27, 1944

Miss Stella Proff
 1211 N. Daley Street
 Wichita, Kansas

Dear Miss Proff:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 10 regarding the personal property of your nephew, Staff Sergeant William C. Thuretan.

We have checked our records and regrettably we have not received any information regarding his belongings.

All War Department agencies are under instruction to forward the personal effects of military personnel to the Army Effects Bureau for disposition, and it is reasonable to assume that your nephew's property ultimately will be received here. However, because of transportation difficulties, considerable time may elapse before the shipment arrives here.

You may be assured that upon receipt here of any of your nephew's belongings, disposition will be made promptly.

Yours very truly,

S. R. WRENDSLEIN
 Captain U.S.A.
 Assistant

Serial No. _____ Name Hester, William
 Grade _____ Rank _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 Nearest Relative _____
 Address _____
 Killed in Action Yes Died of Disease _____
 Date 1945 Hospital _____
 Battle Area China Information _____
 Place of Burial China
 Point of Coordination _____
 Description of Body _____
 Members Missing None
 Signed Harry P. L.
1st Lt.

de 10-21-12 1/2 S. Water St.
Sparta, Wisconsin
filed in Aug - 19 - 1944
Effects, Quartermaster,
Kansas City, Missouri. 110263

Dear Sir:

On July '7 I was notified
of the death of my nephew
S/Sgt. William C Thurston
ASN 16006745-

Hq + Hq Co. 1st Bn.

502 Para. Inf.

A.P.O. 472 70 Post Master New York N.Y.

Having been killed in action in
France on June 24.

on right of (kin) I would like to
know if there is any possibility of
obtaining his personal effects.

I realize that it will take some
time before I can effect these
things, but I would like to have
your record of request so it can be
acted upon as soon as possible.

Thanking you, I am
Very respectfully yours.

(Miss) Stella Hoff.

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[Faint, illegible text follows, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Aug-3 Date 1944

HEADQUARTERS, 502ND PARACHUTE INFANTRY,
APO 472 U. S. Army

SUBJECT: Transmittal of inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Depot G-14, APO 507,
U. S. Army.Transmitted herewith in accordance with Adm. Cir. #80,
dated 29 Oct. 1943, Hq. SAC, ETOUSA, is inventory of Effects concern-
ing subject named below.

<u>Thurston</u>	<u>W. Llam</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>14008745</u>	
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(M.I)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Control No.)
					(For use of
					Effects QM.
					ETOUSA)

Organization 502nd Parach. Inf.

UNIT - - - (Not branch of Service)

*Status. (Deceased, ~~xxxx~~ leaving in action) on the 24th day of June 1944

Designated Beneficiary (With address)

C1. II Assets: Cash found in effects, less cost of money order in-
closed herewith.

U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____ U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____

U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____ U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____

U. S. Official Check # _____ Amt. _____ Bank _____
(Name & Branch)

#Bank Accounts _____

#Debtors _____

#Creditors _____

#Inclosed is _____
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks,
Describe Fully)INVENTORY OF EFFECTS - (Enclosed).I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's
effects and that effects were shipped to Effects QM, ETOUSA, A.P.O.
507, G-14, U. S. Army by delivering to Apo 472 on _____Aug. 3rd 1944.R.B. Molberry
Signature - (In Ink)R.B. Molberry (Block
Name letters)2nd Lt., 502nd Parach. Inf.
Rank and organization



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