

293 STEARNS, GEORGE A. 33,152,455 PFC. INF. EUROPEAN AREA (PA.) Ltrd

CLAIMS FOR RAILHEAD TO INLAND TOWN TRANSPORTATION

G DECEASED PFC GEORGE A STEARNS 33152455

CONSIGNEE HAROLD S GLEASON FUNERAL HOME

ADDRESS 114 EAST FAYETTE STREET
UNIONTOWN, PENNA.

FROM: CONNELLSVILLE, PENNA.

TO: UNIONTOWN, PENNA.

(A) AUTHORIZED-PAYMENT MADE: 5 Jan. 48
PURCHASE ORDER AND AMOUNT:
1748 \$12.00

(B) AUTHORIZED-INVOICES NOT RECEIVED:
(REASONS IF KNOWN)

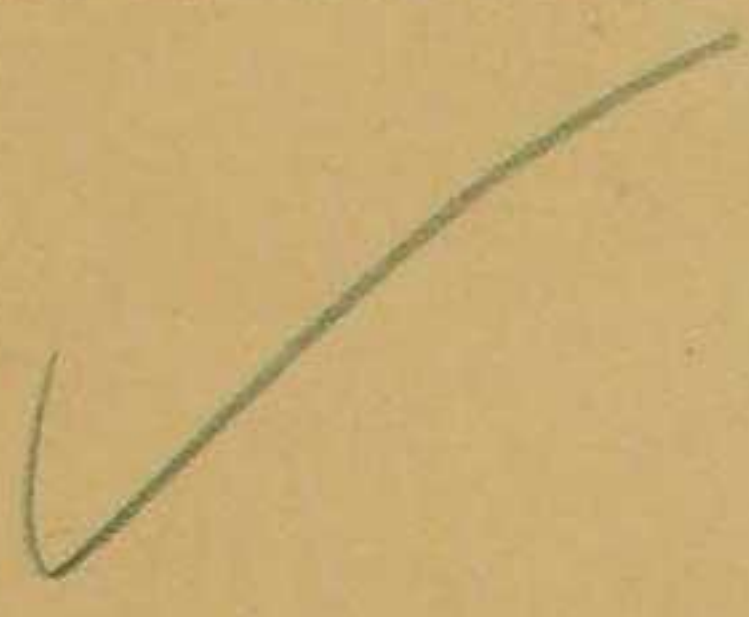
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IMPORTANT—PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN
THIS CARD PROMPTLY

SPQYH 293 Stearns, George A.

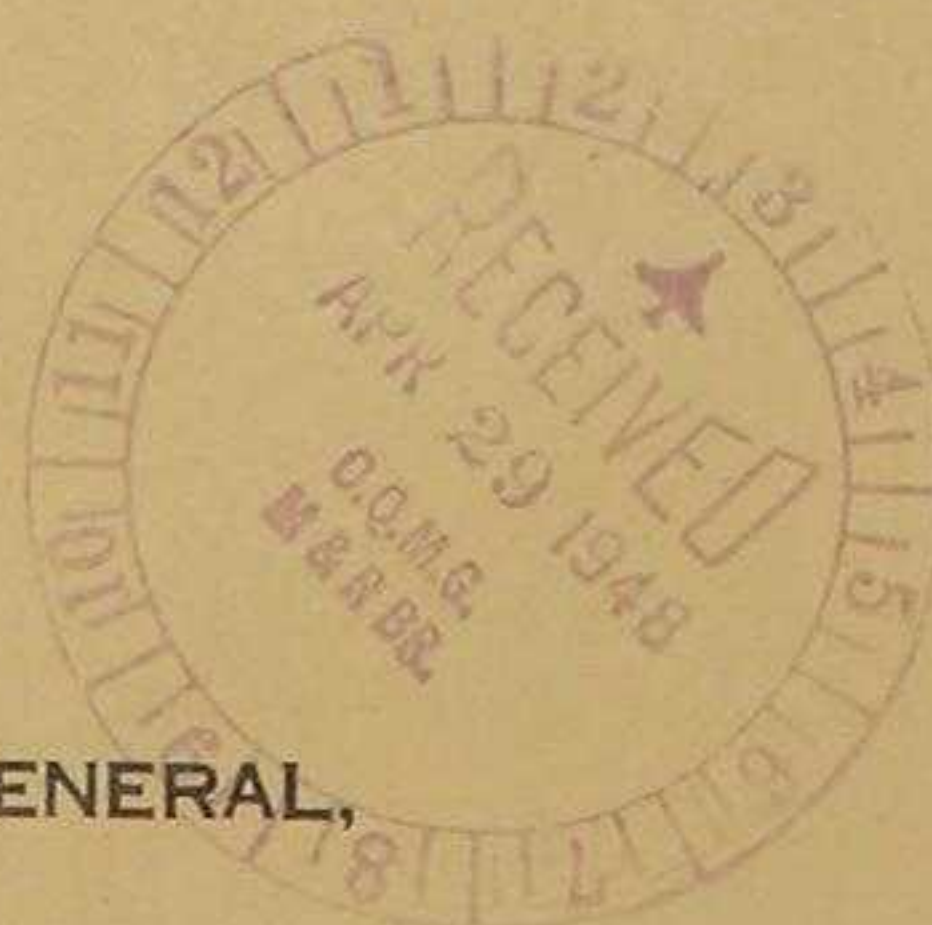
ORDER No. 3599

A bronze marker furnished by the Government was recently shipped to you. When this marker has been received by you, it is requested that this card be SIGNED on the line indicated for your signature, also noting the DATE the marker was received.

Bronze Marker Received Saturday April 25-1948
(Date)Mrs. Betty Stearns,
(Signature)Harmington, Pa.
(Address)DDMG FORM 357
11 APR 46lib
MAY 4 1948
Harmington

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

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
MEMORIAL DIVISION,
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

FLAT BRONZE MARKER

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Below you will find a copy of the inscription taken from the official records as it will appear on the flat bronze marker you ordered. This copy is sent you so you may check it carefully before the marker is manufactured. Therefore, please check the Inscription-Name and Location of Cemetery-check with Cemetery Officials and make sure a bronze government marker will be allowed at grave-check Name and Address of the person to whom marker is to be shipped. After you have checked these carefully, correcting any errors, then sign and return this paper promptly in the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Until you return this slip the Bronze Marker cannot be ordered. Do not Delay-But Return Today.

INSCRIPTION: LATIN CROSS
GEORGE A STEARNS / PENNSYLVANIA / PFC 116 INF 29 INF DIV /
WORLD WAR II / OCT 1 1918 JUNE 6 1944

SHIP TO:

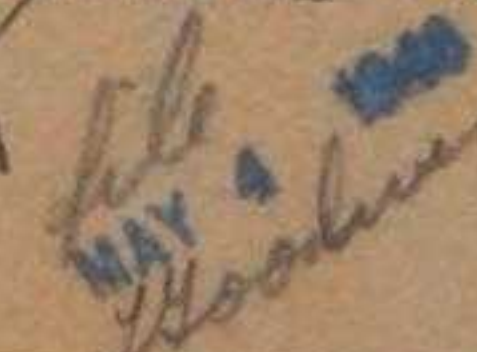
BETTY STEARNS
FARMINGTON
PENNSYLVANIA

FOR:

WAR SERVICE: ☐

APPLICANT:

CEMETERY:

LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL PARK
BROWNSVILLE
PENNSYLVANIA SWCORRECT AND SIGN HERE   

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CONTENTS: BRONZE MARKER

CONTRACT NO. W 49-056 QM 147

ORDER NO. 3599

NAME GEORGE A. STEARNS

OQMG FORM
22 JUL 47 **386**

GPO 16-52881-1

Betty Stearns
Farmington,
Pennsylvania

file
MAY 4 1948
Woodward

Copy of Inscription To Be Placed on Marker.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

FLAT BRONZE MARKER

INSCRIPTION: LATIN CROSS ✓

GEORGE A STEARNS / PENNSYLVANIA / PFC
WORLD WAR II / OCT 1 1918116 INF 29 INF DIV /
JUNE 6 1944SHIP TO:✓ BETTY STEARNS
FARMINGTON
PENNSYLVANIAFOR:WAR SERVICE: ☐APPLICANT:CEMETERY:LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL PARK
BROWNSVILLE
PENNSYLVANIA3599
Feb 4 1944
Hoodman

VHP
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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3582 03131		DATE 10 09 47 DAY MONTH YEAR	
NAME STEARNS, GEORGE A		SERIAL NUMBER 33152455	RANK PFC	ARM 1	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR 3200 03
CEMETERY ST LAURENT BAVEUX				1	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS CODE DIST. PT. 1
PLOT P	ROW 3	GRAVE 47	COUNTRY FRANCE		CAUSE OF DEATH 1

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE HAROLD S. GLEASON FUNERAL HOME 114 EAST FAYETTE STREET UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN BETTY E. STEARNS FARMINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA
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SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME Stearns, George A.	SERIAL NUMBER 33152455	RANK UTD	DATE OF DEATH 6 June 1944	DATE DISINTERRED 19 September 1947
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ☒ REMAINS ☒ MARKER	ORGANIZATION CO D 116TH INF REGT 29TH INF DIV	RELIGION Prot.	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY L. LEWAIRE, Recorder NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL G. I. Uniform	CONDITION OF REMAINS Adv. Decomposition
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

None.

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

None.

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 30 September 1947	BY V. K. SORENSON
CASKET SEALED BY V. K. SORENSON	EMBALMER (Signature) <i>V. K. Sorenson</i>
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY John Palyok Jr. 1st Lt FA

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

James F. Nabors
Maj. Inf.
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

QMC FORM
REV 15 MAR 46 1194

John Palyok Jr.
1st Lt FA
333 annotated
1-30-48
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R. R. Bunt

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED			
FROM St. Laurent, France		TO Cherbourg, France	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE 2 1/2 ton truck		NAME OF CONVOYER Sgt Agostino	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 22/9/47	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER James F. Nabors Maj. Inf.	DATE 22/9/47
2. SHIPPED			
FROM Casketing Point "A" Cherbourg		TO Port Unit Cherbourg	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE 2 1/2 ton truck		NAME OF CONVOYER J. E. Ratta Jr.	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER James F. Nabors Maj. Inf.	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER John E. Hendry Jr. Maj. CAC	DATE
3. SHIPPED			
FROM Port Unit, Cherbourg		TO NYPE USAT "ROBERT F. BURNS"	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE USAT ROBERT F. BURNS		NAME OF CONVOYER ELROY N. NATHAN, 1st LT. T.C.	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 4 Nov. 47	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER Elroy N. Nathan	DATE 4 Nov. 47
4. SHIPPED			
FROM USAT "ROBERT F. BURNS"		TO NYPE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE ZEC 531H 111 DIA		NAME OF CONVOYER ELROY N. NATHAN, 1st LT. T.C.	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER ELROY N. NATHAN, 1st LT. T.C.	DATE 24 NOV 1947	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER A. Jacobson	DATE 11/26/47
5. SHIPPED			
FROM NYPE		TO DC*3 Phila	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Train		NAME OF CONVOYER John A. Haas	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	DATE 12/2/47	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 12/3/47
6. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
7. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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MESSAGEFORM		MESSAGE CENTER NO.	TRANSMITTING MEANS	CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT	
CALLS V	STA. SER. No. NR	PRECEDENCE	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	ORIGINATOR	DATE-TIME GROUP
ACTION	INFORMATION	EXEMPT	OPERATING SIGNALS	GROUP COUNT GR	
SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY					
FROM: (Originator) PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION		
ACTION TO: BETTY E. STEARNS DARMINGTON, PA. GOVT. PD.			PRECEDENCE FOR ACTION Routine INFORMATION O.I. 1816		
INFORMATION TO: DLR. AND CHECK ANY CHGS.			☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE		
			REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION		
<p>WAR DEPARTMENT WILL DELIVER REMAINS OF LATE <u>PFC GEORGE A. STEARNS</u> IN NEAR FUTURE. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO <u>HAROLD S. GLEASON FUNERAL HOME, 114 E. FAYETTE ST., UNIONTOWN, FAYETTE CO., PA.</u> PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. PRIOR TO SHIPMENT FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED ^{72 HOURS IN ADVANCE} OF RAIL ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. REQUEST IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT ATTENTION AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION PHILADELPHIA PENNA. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION OF YOUR CHOICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR TELEGRAM REPLY REFERRED TO ABOVE NECESSARY YOU INCLUDE NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.</p>					
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION			AUTHORIZATION		
ORIGINATING AGENCY			SIGNATURE		
SYMBOL	DATE-TIME GROUP	OFFICIAL TITLE		PAGE 1 OF 1	

WD AGO FORM 11-168
15 JUN 1945

This form supersedes WD AGO Form 11-168, 23 Aug 44, and WD AGO Form 801, 12 Mar 43, which are obsolete.

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PHILA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

WESTERN
UNION

D G POLLARD

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH FUNERAL HOME

AWAIT THE DECEASED GEO A STEARNS

BETTY E STEARNS FARMINGTON PENN.

206P.

WESTERN
UNION



RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

AGR DISTRIBUTION CENTER, PHILA QM DEPOT

HAROLD S. GLEASON, FUNERAL HOME
114 EAST FAYETTE STREET
UNIONTOWN, PENNA.

PRIORITY O. I. 1816
~~ROUTINE~~

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

REMAINS OF THE LATE PFC GEORGE A. STEARNS, 33152455 BEING SHIPPED TO YOU
ACCOMPANIED BY ESCORT T/5 JOHN W. UNGER ON TRAIN NUMBER TWENTY SEVEN BALTIMORE
AND OHIO RAILROAD LEAVING PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN TEN AM SEVENTEEN DECEMBER AND
DUE TO ARRIVE CONNELLSVILLE, PENNA. RAILROAD TIME SEVEN FIFTY SEVEN PM SEVENTEEN
DECEMBER. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION
UPON ARRIVAL AND DELIVER TO UNIONTOWN, PENNA. REQUEST YOU SUBMIT ITEMIZED
STATEMENT IN QUADRUPLICATE PROPERLY CERTIFIED TO THIS DEPOT FOR PAYMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION CHARGES ONLY IF ANY FROM CONNELLSVILLE, PENNA. TO UNIONTOWN,
PENNA. REQUEST YOU NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN.

D. G. POLLARD
LT. COL., QMC

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED

THIS 17 DAY OF DEC MONTH, 19 47

John W. Unger
WITNESS (Escort)

Harold S. Gleason
CONSIGNEE

O.I.		INSPECTION CHECK ST			
1816		(For Use at Distribution Point)			
Name		Rank		Serial Number	
STEARNS, GEORGE A. ✓		PFC		33152455	
Source		Consignee			
Betty E. Stearns Farmington, Pa.		Harold S. Gleason Funeral Home 114 E. Fayette St., Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa.			
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		Condition of Shipping Case (Check One)			
		☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory			
FINISH (Exterior)		Remarks			
FINISH (Interior)					
HANDLES					
HANDLE BOLTS					
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE					
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER					
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER					
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		Condition of Casket (Check One)			
		☐ Satisfactory ☒ Unsatisfactory			
FINISH (Exterior)		Remarks <i>Touch up paint</i> 12/12/67 JRB			
HANDLES AND FASTENINGS					
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE					
CAM LOCKS (Sealing)					
ODOR OR MOISTURE					
ROUTED THROUGH					
☐ MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM		☐ REPAIR SHOP			
Condition of Remains		Casket Repaired			
☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory		☐ Yes ☐ No			
Necessary Disinfection (Explain)		Casket Exchanged			
		☐ Yes ☐ No			
		Shipping Case Repaired			
		☐ Yes ☐ No			
		Shipping Case Exchanged			
		☐ Yes ☐ No			
		Remarks			
Time	Date	Signature of Mortician		Time	Date
					12/16
				Signature of Inspector	
				Fore Butler	
Remarks					
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>Lat for ship</i> 188					

Form 8811
Rev. 1-4-40

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

1 Betty E. Stearns
(Signature or name of addressee)

2 [Signature]
(Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

Date of delivery 1946, 1947

Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
(GPO)

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

Return to

PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,

2800 SOUTH 20TH STREET

REGISTERED ARTICLE

AGR DIVISION

No.

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PENNSYLVANIA

AGR
ADM BR. ~~XXXXXX~~

QMDPK 293.8

2 December 1947

Betty E. Stearns
Farmington, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Stearns:

Inclosed is copy of Western Union Telegram sent to you on 21 November 1947, which is self-explanatory and to which no reply has been received.

Prompt reply, preferably by telegraph collect, giving this office the information requested, will be appreciated.

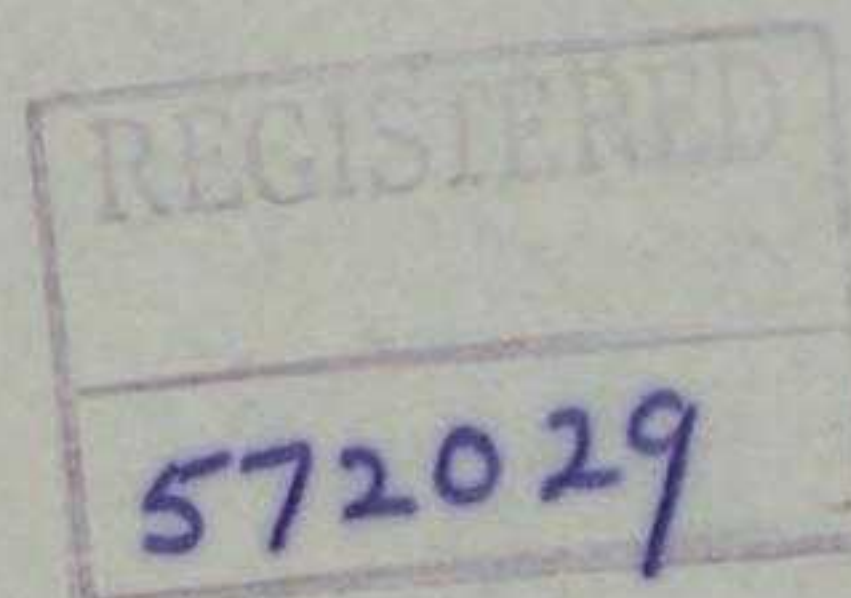
Very truly yours,

1 Incl
Cy Telegram

CARL B. KELLER, JR.
1st Lieut., QMC
Administrative Officer
AGR Division

WJD

JHC



NOV 21 1947

BETTY E. STEARNS

FARMINGTON, PA.

O.I. 1816

GOVT. PD.

RAPID

DLR. AND CHECK ANY CHGS.

PFC GEORGE A.

STEARNS

HAROLD S.

GLEASON FUNERAL HOME, 114 E. PAYETTE ST., UNIONTOWN, PAYETTE CO., PA.

72 HOURS IN ADVANCE

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2 JAN 1947 LIST

DUPLICATE

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See Instructions attached)		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (Please make out and return in duplicate)	
☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE	ENLISTMENT DATE March 17, 1942	SERIAL No. 33152455	EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ NONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER	DISCHARGE DATE	PENSION No.	COMPANY D
☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER		STATE Penna	RANK Pfc
☒ BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION 29th Division Co D 116th Infantry	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Stearns, George A	DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) October 1, 1917	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) June 6, 1944	LOCATION (City and State) Route 40 Near Brownsville, Penna
NAME OF CEMETERY Lafayette Memorial Park	SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) Betty Stearns (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) Uniontown, Pennsylvania
DO NOT WRITE HERE		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.	
FOR VERIFICATION DEC 31 1947	ORDERED	APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE Betty Stearns	DATE OF APPLICATION
B/L	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) Farmington, Pennsylvania		
SHIPPED			

OQMG FORM
REV 15 APR 47 623

IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side

16-11453-6 GPO

FOR ORD. 22 JAN 1948

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the type headstone or marker requested by the applicant will be permitted at the grave.

(Be sure you have noted what type is indicated by applicant on form)

(Signature of superintendent, sexton, or caretaker)

Date -----

16-11453-4

Return to: OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
MEMORIAL DIVISION,
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

FLAT BRONZE MARKER

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INSCRIPTION: LATIN CROSS

GEORGE A STEARNS / PENNSYLVANIA / PFC 116 INF 29 INF DIV /
WORLD WAR II / OCT 1 1917 1918 ✓ JUNE 6 1944SHIP TO: BETTY STEARNS
FARMINGTON
PENNSYLVANIA

FOR:

WAR SERVICE:

APPLICANT:

CEMETERY:

LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL PARK
BROWNSVILLE
PENNSYLVANIA MPT 2

CORRECT AND SIGN HERE

Betty Stearns

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Washington, D. C.

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INSCRIPTION: LATIN CROSS
GEORGE A STEARNS / PENNSYLVANIA / REC
WORLD WAR II / OCT 1 1917 / JUNE 6 1944
SHIP TO: BETTY STEARNS
FARMINGTON
PENNSYLVANIA

FOR:

APPLICANT:

RECEIVED
JAN 16 1948
MPT
BROWNsville
LAFAYETTE PARK
PENNSYLVANIA

CORRECT AND SIGN HERE

RETURN OF REMAINS -- WORLD WAR II DEAD

CERTIFICATE OF INTERMENT EXPENSES

Date December 23, 1947I Betty Stearns Jarmington Pa
(Name and address of person responsible for payment of interment expenses)hereby certify that the total sum of \$ 78.75 was incurred by me in connectionwith the interment of the remains of the late George A. Stearns
(Name)PFC 33152455 ARMY
(Grade, Serial Number, & Arm of Service of Decedent)in the LaFayette Memorial Park Fayette County Pennsylvania
(Name of Cemetery) (County or City) (State)Betty Stearns
(Signature)

NOTE:

1. This certificate will be completed in quintuplicate and signed by the person who engaged the receiving funeral director and is responsible for payment of his bill. It is Not to be accomplished or signed by the funeral director.

2. Return to:

Commanding Officer
Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot
2800 South 20th Street
Philadelphia 45, Pa.
ATTN: Officer in Charge Distribution Center

QMC FORM R-5066
7 Nov. 46

PAID

JAN 2 1948

RETURN OF REMAINS -- WORLD WAR II DEAD

CERTIFICATE OF INTERMENT EXPENSES

Date: December 22, 1943

I, Petty Sherrin
(Name and address of person responsible for payment of interment expenses)

hereby certify that the total sum of \$ 18.75 was incurred by me in connection

with the interment of the remains of the late

(Name)

(Grade, Serial Number, & Arm of Service of Decedent)

In the Lafayette Memorial Park (Name of Cemetery)
Levitt County (County or City)
Pennsylvania (State)

(Signature)

NOTE:

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2. Return to:

Commanding Officer
Philadelphia Quartermaster
3800 South 20th Street
Philadelphia 48, Pa.
ATTN: Officer in Charge of Casualties
RECEIVED
JAN 6 1948

RECEIVED
DEC 29 1943
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TOTAL

JAN 2 1948
PAID

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Pfc. George A. Stearns, 33 152 455
Plot P, Row 3, Grave 47,
United States Military Cemetery
St. Laurent, France

30 April 1947

A		C	
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, Mrs. Betty E. Stearns

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF 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) Does not apply

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

Samson Chapel Cemetery, Farmington, Pennsylvania Fayette
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY) County

- ☐ 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 _____
(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 at a location 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.)

None

19 Aug. 47 - Remo
OQMG FORM 345 MILITARY
14 NOV 1946

MAY 29

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PAGE 1

PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.
I, 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
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		TELEPHONE No.

OR
I, 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			
Harold S. Gleason Funeral Home ,			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
114 E. Fayette Street	Uniontown,	Fayette	Pennsylvania
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	
Uniontown , Pennsylvania	Uniontown, Penna.	Uniontown, Pa. 2800	

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
XXXX Stearns	Jack	John	Brother
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
	Farmington	Fayette	Pennsylvania

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

None

AS EXPLAINED 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.

Mrs Betty E. Stearns (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)
MRS. BETTY E. STEARNS (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)
Farmington, Fayette County, Penna. (STREET AND NUMBER)
Pennsylvania (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 6th day of May, 1947, at city (or town) of Uniontown, county of Fayette, and State Pennsylvania.

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

Wm A. Chrise (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires at the end of the next Session of the next State Legislature

If you are the next of kin and you d

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NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN TH

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE

(SIGNATURE OF

(NAME PRINTED

If you are NOT the next of kin auth

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NO
NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM.
SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET

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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 _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)
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 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

_____	_____ (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.



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Pfc. George A. Stearns, 33 152 455
Plot P, Row 3, Grave 47,
United States Military Cemetery
St. Laurent, France

30 April 1947

Mrs. Betty E. Stearns
Farmington Post Office
Farmington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Stearns:

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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

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NEW LOI

Date 23 Apr 1947

Rank Pfc Name George A Stearns 33 152 455
A. S. N.

LOI to be sent to:

St. Laurent France
Cemetery

P 3 47
Plot Row Grave

Mr. Betty E. Stearns
Mrs. Betty E. Stearns
Miss Betty E. Stearns
Name

Farmington Post Office
Street

Farmington
City

Penn.
State

File
30 Apr 47
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NEW LOI

Date 23 Apr 1947

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PFC

George A Stearns

33 152 455

Rank

Name

A. S. N.

LOI to be sent to:

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St. Laurent France

Cemetery

P

3

47

Plot

Row

Grave

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss

Betty E. Stearns

Name

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Street

Farmington

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State

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5 MAY 1947

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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Pfc. George A. Stearns, 33 152 455
Plot P, Row 3, Grave 47,
United States Military Cemetery
Saint Laurent, France

25 March 1947

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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, _____

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

- | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| ☐ 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) _____ | | | |

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

(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 _____
- (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
- ☐ YES ☐ NO

(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

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.)

File 47
23 Apr 47
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(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(DATE)
(STREET AND NUMBER)	
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

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LAST NAME STEARNS	FIRST NAME BETTY	MIDDLE INITIAL E
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED MOTHER	FARMINGTON	PENNSYLVANIA
NUMBER AND STREET 69 SNYDER TERRACE	CITY OR TOWN FARMINGTON, PA	STATE OR COUNTRY PENNSYLVANIA

(SIGNATURE) <i>Vera Jean Stearns Smith Remained</i>	(DATE) <i>April 8, 1947</i>
(STREET AND NUMBER) <i>69 Snyder Terrace</i>	
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) VERA JEAN STEARNS SMITH	(CITY AND STATE) <i>Uniontown, Pennsylvania</i>

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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

Dear Sirs:

From what I understand I am not the next of kin. Three years after my husband's death I remarried.

My husband's final wishes to me were that I should never have his body removed from a permanent military cemetery. He wished that his body lay with the other soldiers on the soil on which he gave his life. I have a letter written by him asking me to carry out one last request in case of his death.

I don't know what his mother's plans are but I do wish if by some change, that this wish could be fulfilled.

Respectfully

Sara Joan Stearne Smith ^{Widow} Remarried

Pfc. George A. Stearns, 33 152 455
Plot P, Row 3, Grave 47,
United States Military Cemetery
Saint Laurent, France

25 March 1947

Mrs. Vera J. Stearns
330 Evans Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

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Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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Stearns, George A.
A.S.N. 33 152 455

29 January 1947

Mrs. Vera J. Stearns
330 Evans Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Stearns:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery St. Laurent, France, in which your husband, the late Private First Class George A. Stearns, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

G. A. HOREKAN
Brigadier General, QMC
Assistant

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Incl
Photograph
O.D.M. BRANCH
MAIL & RECORDS

QUEM 314.6
Graves Registration
(European, U. S. Misc.)

SUBJECT: Burial Records

16 DEC 1946

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

1. Request the burial records and grave markers for the following decedents, interred in the United States Military Cemetery St. Laurent, France, be changed to read as follows:

NAME	RANK GRADE	SERIAL NO.	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	ORGANIZATION
23 Stearns, George A.	PFC	33 152 455	P	3	47	Co D, 116th Inf Regt, 29th Inf Div
Sobrak, Edward J.	PFC	17 156 717	F	2	22	Co L, 18th Inf Regt, 1st Inf Div
Sobocki, John A.	PFC	35 763 876	Q	8	158	Co E, 116th Inf Regt, 29th Inf Div
Sorensen, Rudolph T.	S-307	37 098 130	W	3	43	Co I, 38th Inf Regt, 2nd Inf Div
Swoll, Fred J.	PFC	34 826 218	T	1	5	Co L, 134th Inf Regt, 35th Inf Div
Stevens, Clerton	PFC	20 366 844	Q	3	47	Pq BTRY, 11th Pz Bn, 29th Inf Bn
Smithson, Albert E.	PFC	32 369 376	C	3	54	Co K, 18th Inf Regt, 1st Inf Div

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QM
Assistant

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REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF LETTER FOR 293 INFORMATION		DATE		
		3 DEC 46		
NAME				
STEARNS, GEORGE A. P.F.C.				
SERIAL NUMBER				
33152455				
LETTER TO				
FIELD				
☐	NAME			
☒	RANK			
☐	ASN			
☒	ORGANIZATION			
☐	NEXT OF KIN			
☐	LATEST ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN			
☐	DATE OF DEATH			
☐	CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
☐	MISCELLANEOUS			
SPECIAL CHECKER (Signature)				
<i>J. J. J.</i>				

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293 Stearns, George A. 33152455
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11 July 1946

Mrs. Vera J. Stearns
330 Evans Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Stearns:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your husband, the late Private First Class George A. Stearns, A.S.N. 33 152 455.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery St. Laurent, plot P, row 3, grave 47.

This cemetery is located twenty miles northeast of St. Lo, 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 your feasible wishes 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 you with full information and solicit your 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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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

GRAVES REGISTRATION
FORM NO. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

RESTRICTED
REPORT OF BURIAL
TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

REBURIAL
4 July 1944
Date

A STEARNS GEORGE A. 33152455
Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.
Co "D" 116 Inf Reg 29 Inf Div X.I.
Unit Organization
St Laurent, France 6 June 1944 (KIA) Shot in Head
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death
0900 hrs, 8 June 1944 St Laurent Cem Sur Mer #1 675-896
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location
47 3 P Temp
Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

Body disinterred from American Cem #2, 5 July 1944 from
Grave No. 27 Row 1 Plot A.

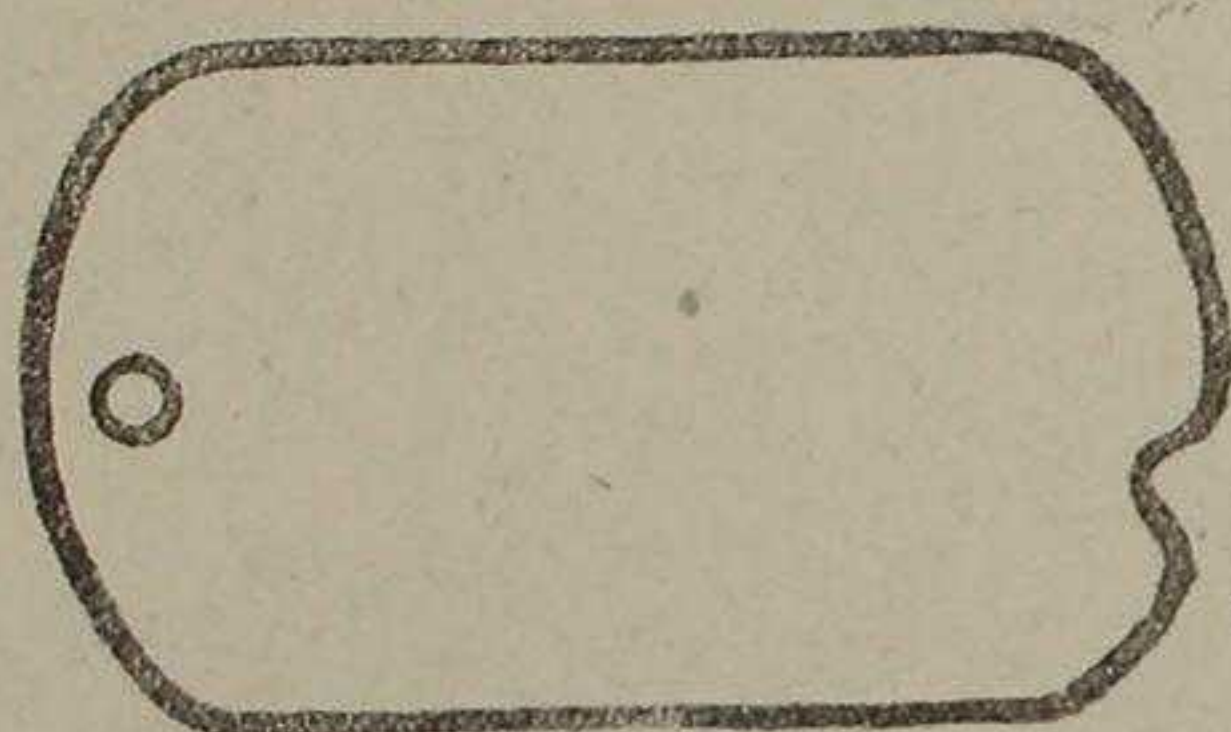
What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right: Skeens, Sherman J. 33047978 48
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.
Deceased's Left: Strong, Louis H. 31067554 46
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee Vera J. Stearns
Name

330 Evans St, Uniontown, Penna
Address

Religion Protestant

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

- 1 Sheaffer Pencil
- 1 Sheaffer Pen
- 1 Cig. Lighter
- 1 Bible
- 1 Wallet

240 Francs (French Currency)

Effects of Communication Zone

located at 669-905

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Ernest J. Terry

ERNEST J. TERRY

1st Lt. QMC

Graves Registration Officer

Upper	Lower
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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 Rifle:
Color of Eyes:	Wear Glasses?
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, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Left Hand

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2
Right Hand

2

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Thurnb

TOOTH CHART

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.

Deceased's Right								Deceased's Left								
Upper	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Indicate: missing natural teeth by ×; crowns by ○; fillings by □; Bridges by ⊕; linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth ✕

Characteristics:

Other Data:

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 1 Aug 1944
Mullen/mfa 4626

FULL NAME <u>Stearns, George A.</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>33 152 455</u>		GRADE <u>Pfc</u>	
HOME ADDRESS <u>Brownsville, Pa.</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Inf</u>		DATE OF BIRTH <u>1 Oct 1918</u>	
PLACE OF DEATH <u>France</u>		CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>6 Jun 1944</u>	
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>20 Feb 1942</u>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS <u>4</u> <u>8</u> <u>27</u>	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Vera J. Stearns (Wife) 330 Evans St., Uniontown, Pa.</u>					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Vera J. Stearns (Wife) same as above</u> <u>Mrs. Betty Stearns (Mother) 218 Brashear St., Brownsville, Pa.</u> <u>Mr. Jack Stearns (Brother) same as mother</u>					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>	
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY?		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES		YES		YES	
<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>	
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)		YES		NO	
		<u>X</u>			

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

COPIES FURNISHED:		
S. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O., U. S. A.
2. O. O. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

☒ BATTLE
☐ NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

H. E. Robinette
H. E. ROBINETTE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE			
YES NO			
IN FLYING PAY STATUS			
YES NO			
<u>X</u>			
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES NO			

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

H. E. ROBINETTE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Vera J. Stearns
330 Evans Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Effects of:

Name Pfc George A. Stearns

ASN 33152455

Case No. 162,431

Wt.

RTB:LK:nw
DATE 9 August 1945*S. Christie*
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

☒ Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. 148200
Amount \$4.84
☐ Inclose "Valuables" item
☐ Ship "Valuables" item(s)Remove G.I.
☒ Note discrepancy in asn
☐ Films removed
☐ Diary removed
☐ Laundry removed

ROUTING:

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☒ Accounting Branch
☐ Warehouse Division
☒ Files Branch, Adm. Div.

148200

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August 14 45

Vera J. Stearns

4.84

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REMARKS

Franked _____
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
No. of package _____

Eff. OM Form 14 (26 Dec 44)

Shipping Clerk

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORY

162431
J

CASE NO. _____

TYPED BY _____
jc

DATE _____
6/26/45

STATUS _____
KIA

NAME _____
George A. Stearns

A.S.N. _____
✓ 3152455

RANK _____
Pfc

ORGANIZATION _____

AMOUNT _____
4.84

ACCOUNT NO. _____
148200 le

LIST NO. _____
F 271 - 3

PAID-Check No. 117425
lat

REMARKS _____

ACCOUNTING INVENTORY

162,431

RTB:LK:nw
August 9, 1945

Mrs. Vera J. Stearns
330 Evans Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Stearns:

The Army Effects Bureau has received additional property of your husband, Private First Class George A. Stearns, consisting of funds in the amount of \$4.84. A check for this sum is inclosed.

As previously indicated, such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

Sincerely,

1 Incl--e/s

C. B. QUINN
2nd Lt., GMC
Chief, Files Branch

[Handwritten signature]

162431

SPQDK 201

JRM:DW:mec
2 April 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Pay Records

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

Transmitted herewith for disposal by personnel officers concerned,
in accordance with par. 4ld(2), AR 345-125 Cl9, W.D., A.G.O. Forms No. 28,
(Soldier's Individual Pay Record) of:

Ballard, John R.	36682787	Pvt	Unknown
Bear, Jack W.	16015262	Pvt	Unknown
Bowdoin, Laurence M.	14139053	Cpl	Unknown
Kell, John V.	34826527	Pvt	Unknown
Lazovick, Francis F.	33024547	S/Sgt	Inf
O'Neill, Jack F.	33805075	Pvt	Unknown
<u>Stearns, George A.</u>	<u>33142455</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>Inf</u>
<u>Volz, Francis M.</u>	<u>37149084</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>Inf</u>
Woodward, Thomas M.	37624022	Pvt	Unknown
Zomparelli, Alex V.	36371778	Pfc	Unknown

For the Effects Quartermaster:

P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

10 Incls--W.D., A.G.O. Forms No. 28

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mec*

Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT Case No. 162,431
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri Date 5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

George A. Stearns, 53152455 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Private First Class, Infantry who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 6th day of June, 1944, 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., 223, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

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

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

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

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

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 21 February 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of _____

Mrs. Vera J. Stearns 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. Vera J. Stearns of
(Name of person found entitled)

530 Evans Street, Uniontown State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Pennsylvania, is the widow of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL



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

JRM:NM:md
February 21, 1945

162431
IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mrs. Vera J. Stearns
330 Evans Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Stearns:

Thank you for the information furnished the Army Effects Bureau in connection with personal effects belonging to your husband, Private First Class George A. Stearns.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one package.

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

As matters relating to the circumstances of casualties are under the jurisdiction of The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., it is suggested that you may contact that official for any available information.

I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Sincerely yours,

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain QMC
Assistant

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAUORDER FOR SHIPMENTSHIP TO: Mrs. Vera J. Stearns
330 Evans Street
Uniontown, PennsylvaniaEffects of:
Name Pfc. George A. Stearns
ASN 33152455
Case No. 162431 D
Wt.JRM:NM:md
DATE February 21, 1945*Le Mc Mullen*
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

☐ Inclose Bureau Check	☐ Remove G.I.
☐ Acct. No. _____	☐ Note discrepancy in _____
☐ Amount _____	☐ Films removed
☐ Inclose "Valuables" item	☐ Diary removed
☐ Ship "Valuables" item(s)	☐ Laundry removed

ROUTING:

☐ Accounting Branch
☐ Warehouse Division
☐ Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

1 pkg

FRANKED FEB 24 1945

Franked _____
 Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
 Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
 No. of packages 1

FEB 28 1945

FEB 23 1945

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Shipping Clerk

SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>14</u> SHEETS		ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED ☒
BOX NUMBER <u>28</u>		ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES <u>1</u>		MISSING ☐
TALLY NUMBER <u>5311</u>		INVENTORY DATE <u>31 - JAN. 1945</u>	CASE NUMBER <u>62,431</u>	P.O.W. ☐
EFFECTS OF <u>GEORGE A. STEARNS</u>		RANK <u>Pfc</u>		ABANDONED ☐
A.S.N. <u>33152455</u>		ORGANIZATION <u>INF.</u>		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION				
CLOTHING		PERSONAL ITEMS		CONTAINERS
BELT		BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION		BAGS, CLOTH
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)		BRUSHES		BAGS, TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH		CAMERAS		BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
COATS		GLASSES		CASE,
FOOTWEAR, PR.		KNIVES		FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR.		LIGHTERS <u>Wase</u>		KIT, SEWING
HANDKERCHIEFS		MISC. INSIGNIA		KIT, TOILET
HEADWEAR		MISC. ITEMS		KIT, WRITING
JACKETS		PEN, FOUNTAIN		PAPERS AND MISC.
OVERCOATS		PENCIL, MECHANICAL		BOOKS
SCARFS		PIPES		BOOKS, ADDRESS
SHIRTS		RELIGIOUS ARTICLES		BOOKS, NOTE
SOCKS, PR.		RIBBONS, DECORATION		BOOKS, PILOT LOG
TIES		RINGS		DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
TOWELS		TOBACCO		FILMS
TROUSERS, PR.		TOILET ARTICLES		LETTERS
TRUNKS, PR.		WATCH		PAPERS, PERSONAL
UNDERWEAR		WINGS		PHOTOS
				SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
				SHORT SNORTER
				SOUVENIRS
				SOUVENIR MONEY
				STATIONERY
				TESTAMENTS
				U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)
File mp				
REMARKS: <u>Wife:</u>		ATTACHMENTS: ☒ FORM #54 ☐ FORM #100		
<u>Vera J. Stearns</u>		<u>1 B. R. label</u>		
<u>330 Evans St.</u>		<u>** 1 Form 28</u>		
<u>Uniontown, Pa.</u>		<u>** 1 Form 65-4</u>		
* Rusty and bloodstained				
** Damaged by water				
*** Moldy				
C.A.T. <u>Vera J. Stearns</u>		7 1945		
<u>330 Evans St.</u>		FEB 7 1945		
<u>Uniontown, Pa.</u>				
WAREHOUSE SPACE <u>115-4</u>	STORED BY <u>SW</u>	WEIGHT	GI REMOVED	
INVENTORIED BY <u>C. Hoover</u>			SHORTAGE ON REVERSE ☒	
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			LOCKED STORAGE	
			LAUNDRY REMOVED	
			FILM REMOVED	

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

Money in amt of
\$4.84 turned over to R.C.
Ravie, Lt Col. F.D. Supm.
211-549 on July 19, 1944
Money 2.40 Francs
Notes \$4.84

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

C. Hoover

INVENTORY CLERK

P. B. Bentley

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

STRAINS GEORGE A. 34152455
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a Pro (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

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

[illegible]

*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

[illegible]

Serial No. 33152455 Name STEARNS, GEORGE, A
Grade YES Rank _____
Organization _____
Address _____
Nearest Relative VERA J. STEARNS
Address 130 EVANS ST. UNIONTOWN, PENNA.
Killed in Action YES Died of Disease _____
Date 6-14 Hospital _____
Battle Area FRANCE Information _____
Place of Burial ST. LAURENT SUR MER No. 1
Point of Coordination _____
Description of Body _____
Members Missing _____
File map
Signed _____



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

IN REPLY REFER TO 162431

JRM:NM:mmh
February 10, 1945

Mrs. Vera J. Stearns
330 Evans Street
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Stearns:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your husband, Private First Class George A. Stearns.

I know you want to receive this property quickly, and in making application it is necessary only that you confirm your address, stating that you are the legal widow of Private Stearns.

I regret to advise that included among your husband's effects is a lighter which is damaged, apparently by blood-stains. I shall appreciate it if you will indicate whether you desire this article forwarded with his property.

Your reply may be made at the foot of this letter, if desired, and mailed in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Sincerely yours,

F. A. Eckhardt
F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain QMC
Assistant

1 Incl--
Envelope

The article a lighter you describe as damaged, you can forward with property I have never heard from a Buddy or Chaplain the exact place of his death which I have hoped I would I am the legal widow of Private 1st Class George A. Stearns Mrs Vera J. Stearns 330 Evans, st Uniontown Pa.



KANSAS CITY, MO.

FEB 11 1945

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

(162431)

JRM:NM:mmh
10 February 1945

of George A. Stearns, 33152455, Pfc., Infantry, deceased.

G. H. GALVIN, JR.
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

1 --W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 65-4

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