

## DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A —  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

5258 01354

DATE

15 05 48  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

RATLIFF RUSSEL O

SERIAL NUMBER

15053961

RANK

TEC5

ARM

1

DATE OF DEATH

DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY

NAPLES ALLIED CEMETERY

1

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

5200 07  
CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT

B

ROW

9

GRAVE

98

COUNTRY

ITALY

CAUSE OF DEATH

1

## SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

~~CALL FUNERAL HOME~~ BAKER FUNERAL HOME  
PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY  
(F/B HAROLD, KENTUCKY)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

MR. GEORGE B. RATLIFF (FATHER)  
RURAL FREE DELIVERY #2  
VINTON, OHIO

## SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

☐ REMAINS  
☐ MARKER

USAGF

NAME AND TITLE

## SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE

BY

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE

BY

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

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

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



## RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

## 1. SHIPPED

FROM NAPLES PORT MORGUE		TO USAT LAWRENCE VICTORY	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER F A WILSON CAPT QMC	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER F A WILSON CAPT QMC	DATE 20 Oct 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER JOSEPH J CARROLL 1LT TS <i>Joseph J Carroll</i>	DATE 20 Oct 1948

**2. SHIPPED**

FROM		TO <i>NYPC</i>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>DDichman</i> LIEUT. COLONEL, TC. PORT TRANSPORT NOV 5 1948	DATE

### 3. SHIPPED

FROM NY PE		TO DC #07	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Train		NAME OF CONVOYER McLean, G M Ladden	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER W. H. FRIEISCH LIEUT. COLONEL, TC. PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	DATE NOV 9 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER E. Engelmann 1st Lt STANC	DATE OCT 1 1948

## 4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 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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CODE DIST. PT.

LOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY

CAUSE OF DEATH

B 9 98 NAPLES ALLIED CEM ITALY

## SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

## SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

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RATLIFF RUSSEL O

15053961

TEC 5

29 July 48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

REMAINS

USAGF

UNK

W E MC NEIL 2 LT QMC

MARKER

W E McNeil NAME AND TITLE

## SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS

SHROUD

SKELETAL

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

## REPORT OF REBURIAL

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 3 Aug 48

BY

C.M. DAVIS (EMBALMER)

CASKET SEALED BY

C.M. DAVIS (EMBALMER)

EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE 3 Aug 48

BY

STARK (RECORDER)

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

R.L. CROCKER 2nd Lt. QMC

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

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## 1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC NAPLES ITALY		TO NAPLES PORT MORGUE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER B K TRAYNOR WOJG	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>BC Craig</i> P C CRAIG CAPT QMC	DATE 31 July 48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Frank A. Wilson</i> FRANK A. WILSON CAPT QMC	DATE 31 Jul 48

## 2. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 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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# RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

COLUMBUS GENERAL DEPOT COLUMBUS 15 OHIO

ROUTINE 1 DECEMBER 1948

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: BAKER FUNERAL HOME

PIKEVILLE KENTUCKY

FROM QMDCG \_\_\_\_\_ BARDEN

REMAINS OF THE LATE T/5 RUSSEL O RATLIFF ASN 15053961 BEING SHIPPED TO YOU  
ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NO 36 CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD  
LEAVING COLUMBUS OHIO 11:25 PM SIX DECEMBER AND DUE TO ARRIVE PIKEVILLE KENTUCKY  
11:33 AM RAILROAD TIME, SEVEN DECEMBER. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT  
REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THIS INFORMATION  
ON TO NEXT OF KIN

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

THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 19 48.

WITNESS (Escort) David A. Ashby

CONSIGNEE Baker Funeral Home

Pikeville, Ky.

By: W. T. Baker

RECORDS ANNOTATED  
DATE Jan 24 1949  
NAME W. T. Baker  
R & H BR.



# MESSAGEFORM

MESSAGE CENTER NO.

TRANSMITTING MEANS

CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT

CALLS

STA. SER. NO.

PRECEDENCE

TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ORIGINATOR

DATE-TIME GROUP

NR

ACTION

INFORMATION

EXEMPT

OPERATING SIGNALS

GROUP COUNT

WESTERN UNION

SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY

GR

FROM: (Originator)

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

GOVT PD

ACTION TO:

MR GEORGE B RATLIFF  
DLR AND REPORT ANY CHARGES  
RURAL FREE DELIVERY #2  
VINTON OHIO

ACTION

PRECEDENCE FOR

INFORMATION

DAY LETTER

☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE  
IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION

INFORMATION TO: FROM QMDCG 14215-13 BARDEN

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE

RUSSEL O RATLIFF

ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED  
TO CALL FUNERAL HOME PINEVILLE KENTUCKY

WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL

INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AND FURNISH YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO COMMANDING OFFICER COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT COLUMBUS OHIO. REPLY IS NECESSARY WITHIN THIS PERIOD SINCE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY EIGHT HOURS. WHILE DELIVERY OF THE REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIPT FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY OF REMAINS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HOWEVER AS SOON AS REMAINS ARE RECEIVED HERE AND IT IS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE THEM FOR DELIVERY YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF RAIL ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. ALSO HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH YOU THIS INFORMATION SO THAT YOU MAY COMPLETE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THIS TELEGRAM WILL BE SENT AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO ACTUAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS DISTRIBUTION CENTER. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM. NOTIFY THIS OFFICE OF PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION SELECTED BY YOU TO FURNISH MILITARY HONORS.

BOWMAN CO COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT COLUMBUS OHIO

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SIGNATURE

AUTHORIZATION

SYMBOL

ORIGINATING AGENCY

NOV 2 1948  
COLUMBUS GENERAL  
DISTRIBUTION DEPOT  
U. S. ARMY  
COLUMBUS 15. O.

OFFICIAL TITLE

FRANCIS FAPPIANO  
CAPT. QMC. Asst AGR Div

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WUA019 48 COLLECT GOVT CINTON OHIO NOV 3 253P

BOWMAN CO

COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTBN DEPOT

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOR REMAINS OF TECHNICAL  
FIFTH GRADE RUSSELL O RATLIFF REMAINS TO BE DELIVERED TO BAKER  
FUNERAL HOME PIKEVILLE KY NAME OF MILITARY ORGANIZATION WILL BE  
SENT TO YOU BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR MY CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS GEORGE  
B RATLIFF RFD TWO VINTON OHIO

GEORGE B RATLIFF

809A NOV 4



WU10 PD BETSYLAYEN

NOV 25 300P

BOWMAN CO

CLMBS DEPOT

PLEASE ADVISE DATE THE REMAINS OF MY SON RUSSELL O  
RATLIFF WILL ARRIVE AT PIKEVILLE KY ANSWER COLLECT  
TO BETSYLAYNE KY

GEORGE B RATLIFF

856A

RFD 2

Vinton, Ohio

174/01

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FROM: (Originator)

BOWMAN CO COLS GEN DEPOT COLS OHIO

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

ACTION TO:

• GEORGE B RATLIFF

• R F D 2

• VINTON OHIO

PRECEDENCE FOR

ACTION

INFORMATION

ROUTINE

☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE

IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION

INFORMATION TO:

FROM QMDCG 17401-B BARDEN

REURTEL 25 NOV REMAINS OF RUSSELL O RATLIFF WILL ARRIVE PIKEVILLE  
KY 6 DECEMBER. FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED THREE DAYS IN  
ADVANCE AS TO TRAIN TIME AND NUMBER

243 File

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SIGNATURE

AUTHORIZATION

ORIGINATING AGENCY

SYMBOL

DATE-TIME GROUP

26 Nov 48

OFFICIAL TITLE

ALBERT BARDEN  
Lt Col, QMC  
Chief, AGR Div

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**INSPECTION CHECKLIST**  
(For use at Distribution Center)

<b>NAME</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Ratliff, Russel O.</div>			<b>RANK</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">TEC5</div>		<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">15053961</div>	
<b>SOURCE</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">117014K</div>			<b>CONSIGNEE</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Call Funeral Home Pikeville, Kentucky</div>			
<b>SHIPPING CASE - GENERAL APPEARANCE</b> (CHECK ONLY DISCREPANCIES)			<b>CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (CHECK ONE)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
FINISH (EXTERIOR) FINISH (INTERIOR) HANDLES HAND BOLTS STENCILING - NAMEPLATE HEALTH PERMIT MARKER HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER			<b>REMARKS</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">Touch up</div>			
<b>CASKET - GENERAL APPEARANCE</b> (CHECK ONLY DISCREPANCIES)			<b>CONDITION OF CASKET (CHECK ONE)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
FINISH (EXTERIOR) HANDLES AND FASTENINGS STENCILING - NAMEPLATE CUM LOCKS (SEALING) DRAIN OR MOISTURE			<b>REMARKS</b> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">Touch up</div>			
ROUTED			THROUGH			
<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM			<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY REPAIR SHOP			
<b>CONDITION OF REMAINS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			<b>CASKET REPAIRS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
<b>NECESSARY DISINFECTION (EXPLANATION)</b>			<b>CASKET EXCHANGED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
			<b>SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
			<b>SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
			<b>REMARKS</b>			
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	
			0710	8/14/46	<i>[Signature]</i>	
<b>REMARKS</b> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; margin-top: 50px;">JMM</div>						





# REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)

DATE

December 10, 1948

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Ratliff, Russel O.

BRANCH OF SERVICE

Army

TO BE FILLED IN BY CLAIMANT

A. ☒ INTERMENT EXPENSES  
(Civilian or Private Cemetery)

B. ☐ TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES  
(National or Post Cemetery)

RANK OR GRADE

T/5

SERIAL NO.

15053961

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM

1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director.
2. Fill in as required and sign four copies.
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.

FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED

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: **Ferguson**

CITY OR COUNTY: **Harold, Floyd County,**

STATE: **Kentucky.**

FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED

I certify that the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above-named decedent from: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped)

TO: (Name and Location of National or Post Cemetery)

RETURN FOUR COPIES TO

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION  
COLUMBUS GENERAL DEPOT  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT

ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State)

**Rt. #2, Vinton, Ohio.**

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT

**Father.**

REMARKS

PAID ON VOUCHER. 76652  
JAN 10 1949  
W. KNOBELSCH. Lt. Col. F. D.  
SYMBOL NO. 211-943



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PART A

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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: Hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral 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

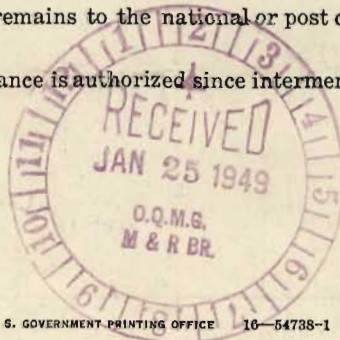
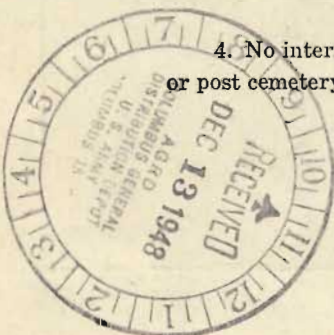
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1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. 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 since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.





## NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

NAME OF DECEASED

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

T/5 Russell O. Ratliff

T/5

15453961

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN

RELATIONSHIP

George B. Ratliff

Father

OLD ADDRESS

Harold Ky.

Vinton Ohio. R.F.D. No 2

NEW ADDRESS

REMARKS

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

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

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



# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

BUDGET BUREAU No. 49-R277.

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

DATE:

T/4 Russel O. Ratliff, 15 053 961  
Plot B, Row 9, Grave 98,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Naples, Italy

23 October 1947

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

A		C	
B		D	

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, George B. Ratliff  
(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

Harold Sty

(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)

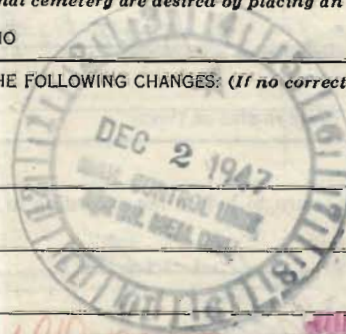
- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_
- (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services 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



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JUN 4 1948

Chad. R. Jones  
5/13/48

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**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 <i>Ratliff</i>	FIRST NAME <i>Raymond</i>		MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>Ky USA</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) <i>Harold Ky</i>	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS <i>Harold Ky</i>		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 <i>Call Funeral Home</i>			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN <i>Pikeville Ky</i>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <i>Pike county</i>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>Ky</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

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 <i>Ratliff</i>	FIRST NAME <i>Raymond</i>	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <i>Brother</i>
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>Ky</i>

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

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.

*George B. Ratliff*  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

*R.F.D No 2*  
(STREET AND NUMBER)

*Vinton Ohio*  
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November

1947 at city (or town) of Vinton, county of Eschia, and State (or Territory or District) of Ohio

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

*Duma S. Evans*  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
*Notary Public*  
(OFFICIAL TITLE)



## 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.

_____	_____
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(DATE)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(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

_____	_____
(SIGNATURE)	(DATE)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
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(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.*



T/5 Russel O. Ratliff, 15 053 961  
Plot B, Row 9, Grave 98,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Naples, Italy

23 October 1947

Mr. George Ratliff

Harold, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ratliff:

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. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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23 October 1947

V. J. Palmer, Jr., Director  
U.S. Army, War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. George Marshall

London, England

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the  
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Sincerely,

THOMAS A. BARNETT  
Major General  
The Department of Defense

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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16 October 1946

Mr. George Ratliff

Harold, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ratliff:

293 The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade Russel O. Ratliff, A.S.N. 15 053 961.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Naples, plot B, row 9, grave 98. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located in Naples, Italy, 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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13 October 1964

Mr. George B. Smith

General, Army

Dear Mr. Smith:

The War Department is most grateful that you be furnished information regarding the partial location of your unit, the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, A.S.M. 13 000 000.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are located in the U.S. Military Cemetery, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Grave 20. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been completed with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located in Hanoi, Viet Nam, and under the same name and designation of United States military personnel.

The War Department has not been authorized to supply, at Government expense, with the facilities of the name of the receiving military personnel, have on record, in the records of your loved one, in a like case, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the name of him with full information and collect his remains.

Please advise us through agency in your local area.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LAMM

Major General

The Adjutant General

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REBURIAL

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REPORT OF ~~BURIAL~~ REBURIAL (see reverse side)

AR 30-1815 & TM 10-630

10 November 1943

Date Report Filled Out

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<u>RATLIFF</u>	<u>Russel</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>15053961</u>	<u>W</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)	(Serial No.)	(Race)
<u>T/5</u>	<u>Co B 307 Eng</u>		<u>Army</u>	<u>U.S.A.</u>
(Rank)	(Organization)		(Branch)	(Country)
<u>Naples, Italy</u>	<u>10 October 1943</u>	<u>KIA</u>		<u>UNKNOWN</u>
(Place of Death)	(Date of Death)	(Cause of Death)		(Religion : P, C, H, etc.)

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

Identification Tags found on body : Yes ( ) ; No (X).

If no identification tags, other means used to identify body (identification card, letters, etc.) EMT Tag

Complete fingerprint chart of both hands on reverse side if body cannot be identified.

Complete tooth-chart on reverse side and list anatomical characteristics and other data if fingerprints cannot be taken.

If unidentified, give circumstances :

List of Personal Effects found on Body and disposition of Same : NONE

UNKNOWN

(Name of Emergency Addressee)

UNKNOWN

(Address of Emergency Addressee)

(Signature (or Name) of Person furnishing above data when other than the Officer reporting burial.)

1615 hrs 9 November 1943 Allied Cemetery, Naples, Italy

(Time and Date of Burial)

(Location, Name, & No. of Cemetery)

IF BURIAL OTHER THAN IN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE REVERSE SIDE THIS FORM

<u>B</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>Temp Wood</u>	<u>General</u>
(Plot No.)	(Row No.)	(Grave No.)	(King Grave Markers)	(Type of Religious Ceremony)

Identification Tag buried with body ( ) ; Identification Tag attached to marker ( ).

If Identification Tags not present, what other identification data were buried with the body and in what kind of container ? QMC Form # 1 GRS sealed in can and buried one (1) foot below grave marker

Bodies buried on either side. (See paragraph 4 on reverse side this form.)

Right side : HINES, Gustaf H. PFC 37163771 Co H 36th Eng 97

(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)	(Grave No.)
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Left side : ALFIERI, John NMI Pvt 32602497 Co A 540th Eng 99

(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)	(Grave No.)
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(Signature of Officer Reporting Burial)

JOHN A. LONG 1st Lt 47th QM CO (GR)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT BURIAL, REPORT : Make out QMC Form 1 - GRS in quadruplicate for U.S. dead, one additional copy for allied and enemy dead. Sign all copies. Submit report to nearest member of Graves Registration Service. Graves Registration Service will forward the original and two copies through at least one higher administrative headquarters (to be checked against Casualty Reports and allied papers and all copies verified by the Graves Registration Officer of that headquarters) to Base Section Graves Registration Service Officer. OVER FOR BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR BURIAL

1. PREPARATION OF BODY : Have body examined by member of Medical Department whenever possible (to attach E.M.T. Form 52b.) Remove all personal property; remove one identification tag, leave other on body in protected position (in case of enemy dead, leave 1/2 tag on body, forward 1/2 with personal effects). If no tag present, make notation of identifying data on form, protect in sealed bottle, canteen, spent shell, or best available container, and bury with remains. If unidentified, take fingerprints of both hands; if this is not possible fill out tooth-chart and note height, weight, color of eyes and hair, tattoo marks, birthmarks, etc., and other data as serial no. of weapon, laundry marks, where body found, etc. Wrap body in shelter half, mattress cover, or blanket when available.

2. BURIAL : Dig grave to a depth of five feet (hasty battlefield burials, to sufficient depth to prevent elements from exposing the body). Place only one body in a grave. Dig graves side by side, row behind row.

3. MARKING OF GRAVE : Fasten identification tag to temporary name peg and place at head of grave. For enemy dead, write data on peg. When pegs are not available, copy data on a piece of paper, place in bottle, spent shell, or other receptacle, seal tightly and place so as to mark and identify grave. If identification tag cannot be fastened to peg or placed in container, do not leave at grave but forward with report of burial. If only one tag is found on body, it should be buried with body. The information thereon should be written on marker or placed in container at head of grave. Do not use weapons or helmets to mark graves.

4. LOCATION OF GRAVE : Report burials in established cemeteries by plot, row, and grave number (or show on cemetery map). For all other burials prepare sketch in space provided below; and give location by means of map references, or by reference to prominent permanent landmarks. Information must be specific, accurate, complete. Stand at foot of grave facing head to determine bodies buried to the left and right.

5. PERSONAL EFFECTS : List only personal effects taken from body on the Burial Report form. Place these with information as to identity of owner, organization, emergency addressee, in personal effects bag, or wrap in handkerchief, towel, or other available material, and turn over to Grave Registration Service Personnel with report of burial. Government property is not to be included in personal effects but is to be turned in to Salvage Collecting Point.

SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE :

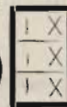
Disinterred by 47th QM CO (GR) from Cimitero Pieta, Naples, Italy N244520 Plot 1 Row 2 Grave 21 on 9 November 1943.

Reinterred same date in Allied Cemetery Naples, Italy Plot B Row 9 Grave 98.

TOOTH-CHART

(Right)	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	6	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Indicate : missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □ ; bridges by ( ) linkings anchor teeth; replacements by denture (horizontal line.)



Characteristics :  
Other Data :

When unidentified, take thumb and fingerprints of both hands.

If this is not possible, fill in tooth chart.

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REPORT OF BURIAL  
AR 30-1815 & TM 10-630

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14 OCTOBER 1943

Date Report Filled Out

RATLIFF	RUSSEL	O	15053961	W
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)	(Serial No.)	(Race)
T/5	Oo B, 307th ENGR BN		82D A/B DIV	USA
(Rank)	(Organization)		(Branch)	(Country)
NAPLES, ITALY	10 OCT 1943	KIA		UNK
(Place of Death)	(Date of Death)	(Cause of Death)		(Religion : P, C, H, etc.)

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

Identification Tags found on body : Yes ( ); No (X).

If no identification tags, other means used to identify body (identification card, letters, etc.) : EMT

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UNKNOWN

(Name of Emergency Addressee)

(Address of Emergency Addressee)

(Signature (or Name) of Person furnishing above data when other than the Officer reporting burial.)

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12 OCTOBER 1943

(Time and Date of Burial)

PIETA CEMETERY, NAPLES, ITALY (N244520)

(Location, Name, & No. of Cemetery)

IF BURIAL OTHER THAN IN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE REVERSE SIDE THIS FORM

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(Plot No.)	(Row No.)	(Grave No.)	(King Grave Markers)	(Type of Religious Ceremony)

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	(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)	(Grave No.)

Left side :	PERRY	PVT	35292639	Oo H, 36th ENGRS	20
	(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)	(Grave No.)

(Signature of Officer Reporting Burial)

(Verified by unit G.R.S. Officer)

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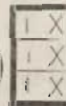
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## TOOTH-CHART

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Characteristics :

Other Data :

When unidentified, take thumb and fingerprints of both hands.

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If this is not possible, fill in tooth chart.



SPQYO 293  
Ratliff, Russell O.  
S.N. 16053961

1 January 1944

Address Reply To THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ratliff,  
Harold, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff:

Your letter of recent date addressed to The Honorable Albert Chandler, requesting information concerning your son, the late T/5th Gr. Russell O. Ratliff, has been forwarded to this office for necessary reply to so much thereof as pertains to the burial location.

Your desire for information concerning the burial place of your son is fully understood and I sincerely regret that security regulations will not permit, at the present time, more than meager information to be furnished, however, you may be assured that the remains of your son were interred with the utmost respect and reverence in a temporary military cemetery at place of death, with an appropriate ceremony conducted by an Army Chaplain. As soon as military regulations will permit the exact location and grave number to be disclosed, you will be further advised.

My heartfelt sympathy is with both you and your wife in your sorrow, and may you come to find much comfort in the knowledge that your son's unselfish and gallant service has earned for him a lasting place in the grateful memory of our country.

For The Quartermaster General.

Sincerely yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.,  
Assistant.

201 Chandler, Albert B (Hon.)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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File No. AG 201 Ratliff, George Russell 2 Dec, 1943  
(20 Nov 43)RW-C **URGENT**

**INFORMAL ACTION SHEET**

Subject Place of burial  
From WW II Records Branch High Point, N. C. 3466-EX. 15  
(Branch or division) (Room number) (Building) (Telephone number)  
To: The Quartermaster General  
(Branch or division) (Room number) (Building) (Attention)

Remarks or indorsements:

The inclosed copy of letter from Mr. and Mrs. George Ratliff referred to this office by the Honorable Albert B. Chandler, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. regarding the location and number of the grave of their son, the late Russell O. Ratliff and copy of reply thereto are forwarded for consideration and direct reply to the writer.

*Samie Russell*  
Capt, AGD.

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Incl 1. cpy ltr 18 Nov 43.  
Incl 2. cpy ltr 20 Nov 43.  
Incl.3. cpy ltr 2 Dec 43.

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**URGENT**  
**PROMPT ATTENTION REQUESTED**

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PROPOSED ACTION SHEET



**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Use both sides (bottom turned up).
2. Except for initial action, each comment dated and numbered consecutively, with telephone and room number after the signature or initials.
3. A line drawn across the sheet under each action.
4. Carbon record copy made of all interoffice action.



AG 201 Ratliff, Russel O.  
(20 Nov 43)RW-C

2 December 1943.

Mr. George Ratliff,  
Harold, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to The Honorable Albert Chandler, United States Senate, Washington, D. C., regarding the death of your son.

The records show that your son, the late Technician, Fifth Grade, Russel O. Ratliff, Army serial number 15053961, Engineers, was killed in action 10 October 1943 in Italy, in defense of his country. I regret that I am unable to furnish you with further information regarding his death, as nothing additional relative thereto has yet been received.

Matters pertaining to the location and number of graves of former soldiers who die outside the continental limits of the United States come under the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C. and a copy of your letter has been forwarded to that officer for consideration and reply.

Permit me to extend to you my sincere sympathy in the loss you have sustained.

Very truly yours,

JONATHAN K. HAWKINS,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Chief of Branch.



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Dr. Col. A. B. 103. 43

March 10, 1945



C O P Y

United States Senate  
Committee on Military Affairs

November 20, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. George Ratliff  
Harold, Kentucky

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff:

I have sent your letter of November 18th to the Adjutant General, asking that any available information be furnished us about the death of your son, Robert H. Dunlop, whose serial number is 15,053,961.

You have my sincere sympathy and my good wishes.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Albert B. Chandler  
Albert B. Chandler.

CC-Major General J. A. Ulio



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United States  
Committee on Military Affairs

November 20, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith  
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

I have sent your letter of November 18th  
to the Adjutant General, asking that any available  
information be furnished as to the death of your  
son, Robert L. Smith, whose serial number is  
17 023 001.

You have my sincere sympathy and my good

faith.

Sincerely yours,

Walter D. Woodbridge  
Adjutant General

Adjutant General, U. S. Army



C O P Y

Harold, Ky November, 18, 1943.

15,153,961  
Ratliff O Russell

The Honorable Albert Chandler,  
The United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr Chandler,

I am in receipt of Telegram, also letter from Robert H Dunlop, Brigadier General, Acting the Adjutant General. stating that my Son Russell O Ratliff was killed in action in Itlay, under date of October 10,1943.

I would appreciate it very much if you could handle, at your earliest Convenience, and advise me the place of death, if he died suddingly from action, and place of burial, Number of grave and any further information you may be able to secure.

I want to state to you that this will be appreciated, and would like to have the informanton at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours

/s/ Mr. and Mrs George Ratliff  
Mr. and Mrs George Ratliff.



London, 18 November 1943

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The Honorable Albert Einstein,  
The United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Einstein,

I am a member of the League of Nations, and I am  
writing to you, because I am sure that you will be  
interested in the League of Nations, and I am sure  
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would send me a copy of the League of Nations.

I am sure that you will be interested in the  
League of Nations, and I am sure that you will be  
interested in the League of Nations, and I am sure  
that you will be interested in the League of Nations,  
and I am sure that you will be interested in the  
League of Nations, and I am sure that you will be  
interested in the League of Nations.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. DuBois  
and the League of Nations



21, 525

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

DATE 12 November 1943  
reg/amb 4632

293 FULL NAME <b>Ratliff, Russel O.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>15 053 961</b>
GRADE <b>T/5th Gr</b>	ARM OR SERVICE <b>Corps of Engineers (Paratroop)</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>10 Jul 1921</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Harold, Kentucky</b>		
DATE OF DEATH <b>10 Oct 1943</b>	PLACE OF DEATH <b>North African Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed In Action</b>
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Gypsy E. Ratliff, mother, Harold, Kentucky</b>		
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Gypsy E. Ratliff, mother, Harold, Kentucky</b> <b>Mr. George Ratliff, father, Harold, Kentucky</b>		

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

**J. A. Marshall**

(OVER)

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

*Handwritten:*  
Lal  
977444  
p. 18

ADDITIONAL DATA: (CONFIDENTIAL)

STATION OF DECEASED

*North African Area (Italy)*

Nov 13 5 23 PM '43

MEMORIAL DIVISION

215-26



2/5th  
4th

293 Ratliff, Russell P.

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87.81

15053 961



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

(S-11-11-44)  
JRM:LB:sc  
October 11, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO 40151-B

*filed*

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Ratliff  
Route #2  
Vinton, Ohio

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, Technician Fifth Grade Russel O. Ratliff.

This property, consisting of one Bible, is being forwarded to you. When you have received it, I shall appreciate your acknowledging delivery by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided, and returning it to me.

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

Yours very truly,

*F. A. Eckhardt*

F. A. ECKHARDT  
Captain Q.M.C.  
Assistant

1 Incl.  
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mr. George B. Ratliff  
Signature

Mrs. Gypsy E. Ratliff  
Signature

Oct. 20, 1944  
Date

5718/44  
**SCREENED**





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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Ship to:

Mr. George B. Ratliff ✓  
Route #2  
Vinton, Ohio ✓

Effects Of

T/5 Russel O. Ratliff ✓

Name

15053961 ✓

ASN

40151-D ✓

Case No.

Wt.

Ship Via

*Franked*

G B/L No. \_\_\_\_\_

JRM:LB:sc

Date 11 October 1944 ✓

*Monley*  
For the Effects Quartermaster

PACKAGES SHIPPED

*1 Pkg*

Franked ✓

Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL

WT. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Shipped

**OCT 16 1944**

**OCT 11 1944** 3

REMARKS:

*LB*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Shipping Clerk)





Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets  
Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

INVENTORY

Deceased ☒  
Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O.W. \_\_\_\_\_  
Abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

Box 279

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS R. C. Ratliff ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 1

TALLY-IN NO. 4029 INVENTORY DATE 9-26-44 CASE NO. 40151

EFFECTS OF RUSSEL C. RATLIFF RANK T/5

A.S.N. 15053961 ORG. 307 A/B Engr. Bn.

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION:

# 1 package

ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

1 Bible

REMARKS:

Mother: Gypsy Ratliff  
Harold, Ky.

ATTACHMENTS:

Form 54

2nd inv.

NO CORRESPONDENCE

NO SHORTAGE ON REVERSE

C.A.T. Not available

NO G.I. ON REVERSE

STORAGE ) 12 37  
SPACE )

SAFE STORAGE \_\_\_\_\_  
VAULT STORAGE \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT OCT 14 1944  
SHIPPED \_\_\_\_\_

Inventoried by Nolan Manahan Packed by Al Dudge

RB

OCT 6 1944



Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets  
Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

INVENTORY

Deceased ☒ X  
Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O.W. \_\_\_\_\_  
Abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

B-279

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS R. C. Ratliff ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 1

TALLY-IN NO. 4929 INVENTORY DATE 9-26-44 CASE NO. 40151

EFFECTS OF RUSSEL C. RATLIFF RANK T/5

A.S.N. 15053981 ORG. 307 A/B Engr. Bn.

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION:

#1 package

ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

1 Bible

REMARKS:

Mother: Gypsy Ratliff  
Harold, Ky.

ATTACHMENTS:

Form 54

2nd inv.

NO CORRESPONDENCE

NO SHORTAGE ON REVERSE

C.A.T. Not available

NO G.I. ON REVERSE

STORAGE ) 12 57  
SPACE )

SAFE STORAGE \_\_\_\_\_  
VAULT STORAGE \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT OCT 14 1944  
SHIPPED \_\_\_\_\_

Inventoried by Molan Packed by Aldredge

RB

OCT 6 1944

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRM:BF:heb  
3 May 1944

In reply refer to SPQDK 250.414

SUBJECT: Report of transactions by Summary Courts-Martial  
Army Effects Bureau

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

There are submitted herewith reports of transactions by the Summary Courts-Martial at the Army Effects Bureau, in the disposition of the personal effects of the following named deceased military personnel:

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Army Serial No.</u>
11777	Smith, Martin	2nd Lt.	G-660011
27125	Townsley, Harold R.	1st Lt.	G-789834
33212	Rorig, Kramer W.	2nd Lt.	G-732579
40151	Ratliff, Russel C.	T/5th Gr.	15053961
40772	Hynes, James W.	Pvt.	20703519

For the Commanding Officer:

W. F. HEHMAN,  
Major Q.M.C.  
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

5 Incls--

Incl. 1--Report case No. 11777  
Incl. 2--Report case No. 27125  
Incl. 3--Report case No. 33212  
Incl. 4--Report case No. 40151  
Incl. 5--Report case No. 40772

DS:ml

Eff QM Form No. 23 (Rev. 4/6/44)





Summary Court-Martial  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Case No. 5 40151  
(Date) 3 May 1944

Subject: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Russel C. Ratliff, 15053961, late a  
(Name of deceased soldier) (Army Serial No.) (Paratroop)  
T/5th Grade, Corps of Engineers who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Arm or Service)

on the 10 day of October, 1943, at in North African Area

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112 a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 228, HQ., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, reports that:

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

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ None, of which the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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 and money (less the amount 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 3 April, 1944, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application and/or affidavit of Mr. & Mrs. George Ratliff (Name of Claimant) for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, now in the possession of the United States, together with other relevant evidence, were duly considered:

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112 George B. Ratliff (Name of person found entitled)

of Route #2, Vinton, State of  
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Ohio, is the father of the above-  
(Relationship or Capacity)

named deceased soldier and appears to be entitled to receive his effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)  
W. F. NEWMAN Major Q.M.C.  
(Name, Rank, Organization)  
SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL



DS: jeb  
Eff 24 Form No. 5



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

In the matter of the disposition  
of the effects of:

T/5th Gr. Russel O. Ratliff  
(Name of deceased soldier)

15053961

(Serial Number)

Case No. 40151 et  
(S-5-7-44)

RECEIPT FOR EFFECTS  
DELIVERED TO CLAIMANT

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

[illegible]

~~Receipt is also acknowledged of the sum of \$XXXXXX~~

~~Dollars (\$ )~~

~~decensed soldier~~

Subscribed at Winton Ohio on this 27 day of April,  
19 44.

Witnessed

(Signature of witness)

(Signature of claimant in ink)

Gypsy Ratliff  
Vinton Ohio R-2  
(Address)

George B Ratliff  
Vinton O R-2  
(Address)



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

IN REPLY REFER TO No. 40151-D

(8-5-7-44)  
JRM:BF:ct  
April 7, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Ratliff  
Route 2  
Vinton, Ohio

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff:

Thank you for the information furnished in connection with disposal of the property of your son, Technician Fifth Grade Russel O. Ratliff.

This property has been forwarded under separate cover by mail. When you have received the package, it is requested that Mr. Ratliff sign and return to this Bureau one copy of the inclosed receipt. The signature may be witnessed by Mrs. Ratliff. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

My action in sending such property does not, of itself, vest title in you. These effects are transmitted only in order that some responsible person receive them, so that distribution may be made in accordance with the laws of the state of your son's legal residence.

Please accept my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

R. E. RODGERS  
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.  
Assistant

2 Incls—  
Receipt (in dup.)  
Envelope



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

IN REPLY REFER TO \_\_\_\_\_

100-100000  
100-100000  
100-100000

Mr. and Mrs. [Name]  
[Address]  
[City, State]  
Dear Mr. and Mrs. [Name]:

Thank you for the information furnished in your  
letter of [Date] regarding the [Subject].

The [Subject] has been forwarded to the [Department]  
for their consideration. It is expected  
that [Subject] will be [Action] by [Date].  
The [Subject] will be [Action] by [Date].  
The [Subject] will be [Action] by [Date].  
The [Subject] will be [Action] by [Date].

The [Subject] is being [Action] and [Action] of [Date].  
The [Subject] is being [Action] and [Action] of [Date].  
The [Subject] is being [Action] and [Action] of [Date].  
The [Subject] is being [Action] and [Action] of [Date].

Respectfully,  
[Signature]

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

W. H. [Name]  
[Address]  
[City, State]

Enclosed (in [Number])  
[Number]



ARMY SERVICE FC 3  
ARMY EFFECTS BU U

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Suspense (S-4-18-44) ✓

APR 5 1944

Case No. 40151-D (dk) ✓

Date April 4, 1944 ✓

MEMORANDUM TO Warehouse Branch:

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

Effects of: T/5th Gr. Russel O. Ratliff ✓ Serial No. 15053961 ✓

Ship to: Mr. George B. Ratliff ✓

Street and Number Route 2 ✓

City and State Vinton, Ohio ✓

Ship Via: Frank Gov't B/L No. ✓

*S. B. Hunt*  
For the Effects Quartermaster

LIST OF PACKAGES SHIPPED

*1 Pkg*

Printed Mail -- 4¢ or less ✓

Parcel Post Charges

Registered Express Charges

Estimated Freight Charges

Total Number of Pieces: 1 ✓

Weight of Shipment: 2 # ✓

Shipping Clerk *L. H. P.*

Date

APR 5 1944

ML:mp

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





Deceased \_\_\_\_\_ X  
Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
A.W.O.L. \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O.W. \_\_\_\_\_  
Abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets

Flat 11 Box 1

INVENTORY

Shown on Tally In as

TALLY IN NO. 3155 INVENTORY DATE 2-14-44 CASE NO. 40151

EFFECTS OF      RUSSEL O. RATLIFF      RANK      T/3

ARMY SERIAL NO. 15053961      ORG. 307 A/B Engr. Bn.

CONSIGNOR T. O. Baltimore, Md.

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

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Warehouse Space 661 Inventoried By Petterson

Locked Storage Space                      Packed By                      M. Moran

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

FEB 26 1944

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Deceased \_\_\_\_\_ X  
Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
A.W.O.L. \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O.W. \_\_\_\_\_  
Abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets

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INVENTORY

Shown on Tally In as \_\_\_\_\_

TALLY IN NO. 3155 INVENTORY DATE 2-14-44 CASE NO. 40151

EFFECTS OF      RUSSEL O. RATLIFF      RANK      T/5

ARMY SERIAL NO. 15053961      ORG. 307 A/B Engr. Bn.

CONSIGNOR T. O. Baltimore, Md.

DELIVERING CARRIER \_\_\_\_\_ G B/L NO. \_\_\_\_\_ G B/L DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Warehouse Space 661 Inventoried By Petterson

Locked Storage Space	Packed By	M. Moran
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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPO  
601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO No. 40151-D

(S-4-24-44)

JRM:BF:ct

March 24, 1944

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Mrs. Gypsy E. Ratliff  
Route # 2  
Vinton, Ohio

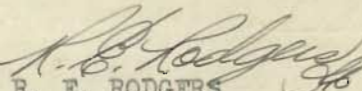
Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 17 in connection with disposal of the personal property of your son, Technician Fifth Grade Russell O. Ratliff. I am returning the letter which you submitted.

Before the property, which we now have in our custody, can be forward to you, it is necessary that we obtain additional information regarding your son. If his father is living, what is his name and address? If there is a Will which has been probated, please send us the original or certified copy of the Letters Testamentary. All papers submitted will be returned as soon as possible.

Your cooperation in this matter will be very much appreciated. For your convenience, there is inclosed a self-addressed envelope.

Yours very truly,

  
R. E. RODGERS  
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.  
Assistant

2 Incls—  
Letter  
Envelope

(over)

I am sending you the information  
you asked for regarding our son  
Russell E. Ratliff 15053961. His Father's  
Name is George B. Ratliff ~~and~~ Vinton  
Ohio Route # 2, whose former address  
was Harold Ky. we both live  
under the same roof. I hope  
this will be sufficient information  
as we are very anxious to receive  
our sons' belongings. Thank you  
for your kindness.

Respectfully Yours

Mrs. Gypsy E. Ratliff  
Vinton O. Route 2

xlw  
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E. A. Cunningham. 40151. V. Vinton Ohio  
Dear Sir: **IMMEDIATE ACTION** Mar 17 1944

I am enclosing the letter I recd from the war dept saying I was the beneficiary of my sons Grants pay. Technician fifth grade Russell E. Ratliff. I sure will be glad to get his personal belongings & I thank you very much for your kindness his army serial no. was 15053961 please mail it to, he was unmarried ~~that was~~

Mrs. Gypsy E. Ratliff  
Vinton Ohio

Route #2.

My former address was Harold My Box 28. but we have moved here since this all occurred so in writing me please send here to the address mentioned.



KANSAS CITY, MO.

MAR 20 1944 PM



No. 40151-D

(S-4-3-44)  
JRM:BF:et  
March 3, 1944

Mr. George Ratliff  
Harold, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ratliff:

Technician Fifth Grade Russel O.  
Ratliff, consisting of a few small items.

E. A. CUNNINGHAM  
1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
Assistant

RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1964  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1964  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1964

RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1964

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JAN 10 1964

RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1964  
(2-1-64)



Serial No. 15053961 Name Rat Liff, Russia

Grade Rank T/5

Organization Co "B" 307 Eng Bn

Address

Nearest Relative

Address

Killed in Action Died of Disease

Date Hospital

Battle Area Information

Place of Burial

Point of Coordination

Description of Body

Members Missing

Signed

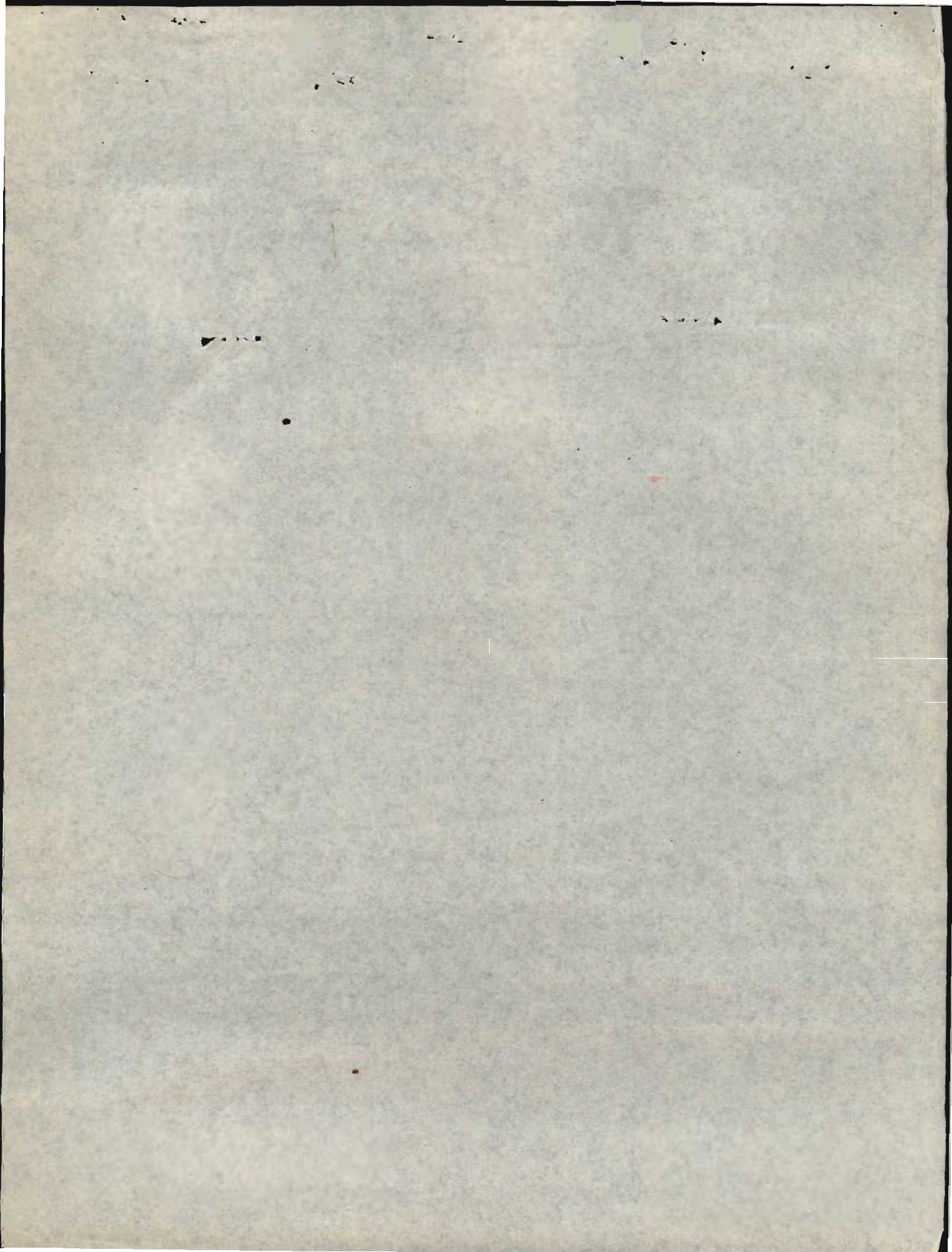
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# - Lt Whalen -

## INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600 550)

Ratliff, Russel O 15053961  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a T/5 307 A/B Engr Bn  
 (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the 10 day of Oct, 1943

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

NUMBER	ARTICLES	* Package NUMBER
1	Billfold & Misc Papers	
1	Testament (Bible)	
1	Ring	
Nearest of Kin - Mother		
	Mrs Gypsy Ratliff	
	Harold, Kentucky	

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

### CLASS II — Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
	Effects delivered to Quartermaster, 82nd Airborne Division, APO 469, for shipment to Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri.





File  
B2

