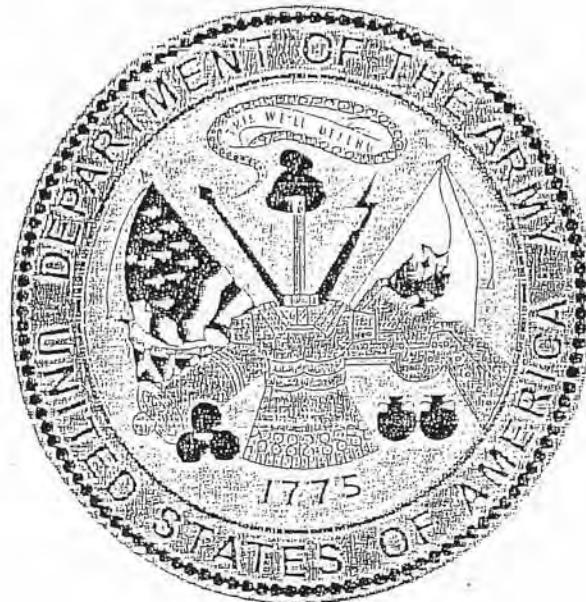


McKeersy



# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONAL FILE

SEP 18 1948

# RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER  
AGR DISTRIBUTION CENTER, PHILA. QM DEPOT

SUPERINTENDENT  
BEVERLY NATIONAL CEMETERY  
BEVERLY N J

DAY LETTER  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

O.I. 8411

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

REMAINS OF LATE CPL BENJAMIN L MC KEEBY 6978947 WILL BE  
DELIVERED TO YOU BY THIS DEPOT VIA GOVERNMENT HEARSE AT APPROXIMATELY  
ONE PM TWENTY FIRST SEPTEMBER ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY  
ESCORT. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS UPON DELIV-  
ERY ~~AND NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN. ESCORT WILL BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN A~~  
~~MAXIMUM OF SEVENTY TWO HOURS~~

C. R. YOST, LT COL, QMC

NAT  
FILE  
RECORDS ANNOUNCED  
DATE 18 Oct. 48  
NAME Wheeler  
R & R BR.

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

THIS 21 DAY OF September, 19 48  
DAY MONTH

Lt. Ralph J. McClaine  
WITNESS (Escort)

Frank A. Lockwood per L.A.E.  
CONSIGNEE

FRANK A. LOCKWOOD, PER L.A.E.

## DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A—  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

3555 01886

DATE

15 03 48  
DAY MONTH YEARNAME  
MC KEEBY BENJAMIN L

SERIAL NUMBER

6978947

RANK

CPL

ARM

1

DATE OF DEATH

DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY  
MARIGNY - ST LO

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

1 2221 03  
CODE DIST. PT.PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY  
P 2 21 FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH

6

## SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

BEVERLY NATIONAL CEMETERY  
BEVERLY, NEW JERSEY

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

CHARLES M. MC KEEBY (FATHER)  
RURAL DELIVERY #3  
NEWTON, NEW JERSEY

## SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SERIAL NUMBER RANK DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED  
MC KEEBY, BENJAMIN L 6978947 Cpl 24 June 1948IDENTIFICATION TAG ON  
☐ REMAINS  
☐ MARKERORGANIZATION  
USAGF

RELIGION

UNK

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

John Pasley, Enbl  
NAME AND TITLE

## SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

OD Uniform

CONDITION OF REMAINS

Advanced Decomposition

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

GRS tag on marker

EM's ID card found.

Paper in wallet with  
name on it

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 2

No middle initial on GRS tag

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ transfer case

DATE 29 June 1948

BY

John Pasley

CASKET SEALED BY

W T Bush

EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

All markings, tags,  
and plates verified by

DATE 1/7/48 BY Ben Benjamin

John Pasley 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.  
/except casketing

John L. Boyd, 2 Lt. FA

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

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



# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

## 1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC Marigny		TO Casketing Point A Cherbourg	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER Pfc McGary	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER John J. Andrews, 1st Lt. Inf.	DATE 25/6/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER E N Ciampo, 1st Lt. FA	DATE 24/6/48

## 2. SHIPPED

FROM Casketing Point A Cherbourg		TO Port Unit Cherbourg	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER T/Sgt J Fuller	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER E N Ciampo, 1st Lt. FA	DATE 25/6/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER John E Hendry Jr., Major CAC	DATE 25/6/48

## 3. SHIPPED

FROM CHERBOURG PORT UNIT		TO NYPOE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE USAT LAWRENCE VICTORY		NAME OF CONVOYER JOSEPH J. CARROLL, 1st Lt. TC	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JOHN E. HENDRY JR. MAJ. CAC	DATE 3/8/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER Joseph J. Carroll	DATE 3/8/48

## 4. SHIPPED

FROM NYPOE		TO NYPOE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JAMES L. MCKINNON	DATE AUG 19 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER JAMES L. MCKINNON	DATE AUG 19 1948

## 5. SHIPPED PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER

FROM NYPOE		TO NYPOE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE DELESTA MEM TENEBA		NAME OF CONVOYER DELESTA MEM TENEBA	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JAMES L. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C.	DATE AUG 21 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER DELESTA MEM TENEBA	DATE AUG 21 1948

## 6. SHIPPED

FROM ST. LUCAS		TO ST. LUCAS	
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



O.I. - 8411		<b>INSPECTION CHECK LIST</b> (For Use at Distribution Point)				
Name <b>MCKEEBY, BENJAMIN L.</b> ✓		Rank <b>CPL</b> ✓		Serial Number <b>6978947</b> ✓		
Source <b>Charles M. McKeeby (Father) Rural Delivery #3, Newton, N. J.</b>		Consignee <b>Beverly National Cemetery Beverly, N. J.</b> ✓				
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		Condition of Shipping Case (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINISH (Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> FINISH (Interior) <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLES <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLE BOLTS <input type="checkbox"/> STENCILING - NAMEPLATE <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH PERMIT MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER		Remarks  <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;">8/24/48 J.P.B.</div>				
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)						Condition of Casket (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINISH ( Exterior ) <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLES AND FASTENINGS <input type="checkbox"/> STENCILING - NAMEPLATE <input type="checkbox"/> CAM LOCKS (Sealing) <input type="checkbox"/> ODOR OR MOISTURE		Remarks  <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;">Val. Insp. 9/17/48 J.F.</div>				
ROUTED THROUGH						
<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM		<input type="checkbox"/> REPAIR SHOP				
Condition of Remains <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory		Casket Repaired <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Necessary Disinfection (Explain)		Casket Exchanged <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
		Shipping Case Repaired <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
		Shipping Case Exchanged <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
		Remarks				
Time	Date	Signature or Mortician		Time	Date	Signature of Inspector
					9/21/48	J.P. Ramsey
Remarks  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">Tuesday 9/21</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">Sat. for Shop</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 3em; border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 100px; height: 100px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 20px auto;">62</div>						

# MESSAGEFORM

MESSAGE CENTER NO.

TRANSMITTING MEANS

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CALLS

STA. SER. No.

PRECEDENCE

TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ORIGINATOR

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SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, PHILA., PA.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

ACTION TO:

- CHARLES M. MC KEEBY
- RURAL DELIVERY #3
- NEWTON, NEW JERSEY

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PRECEDENCE FOR INFORMATION

DAY LETTER

O.I. 8411

☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE  
IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION

INFORMATION TO:

DLR AND CHECK ANY CHGS

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE CPL BENJAMIN L. MC KEEBY

ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS INTERRED IN BEVERLY NATIONAL CEMETERY. 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 PHILA. QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, PHILA. PENNA. 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 FINAL INTERMENT OF THE REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIPT FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY OF REMAINS TO THE NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HOWEVER NATIONAL CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT WILL NOTIFY YOU BY TELEGRAM DATE AND HOUR FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT YOUR ATTENDANCE AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE. APPROPRIATE JOINT MILITARY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AT GRAVESIDE BY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OR MILITARY OR NAVAL PERSONNEL. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. INTERMENT EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS IS NOT AUTHORIZED IN ANY CASE WHERE BURIAL IS MADE IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

C. R. YOST, LT COL., QMC

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

AUTHORIZATION

SIGNATURE

ORIGINATING AGENCY

SYMBOL

DATE-TIME GROUP

OFFICIAL TITLE

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PHILA QM DEPOT

RE TELEGRAM CPL. BENJAMIN L. MCKEEDY ALL PREVIOUS

INSTRUCTION REMAIN THE SAME NO CHANGES IN ORIGINAL PLANS MY

ADDRESS IS CHARLES MCKEEDY RD THREE NEWTON NEW JERSEY

CHARLES MCKEEDY

1250P



9/14 8<sup>00</sup>A

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PHILA QM DEPOT

ATTN AGR

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CPL BENJAMIN L. MCKEEY 6978947

SCHEDULED FOR ONE THIRTY PM TUESDAY 21 SEPT 1948

FRANK A LOCKWOOD SUPT BEVERLY NATIONAL CEMETERY BEVERLY  
NEW JERSEY

734P

79XX 6978947 21 1948

*Tues*  
*9/21*  
*12<sup>00</sup>*  
*N*





Date 21 September 1948

TO: Mr. Charles M. Mc Keeby  
RFD #3  
Newton, New Jersey

The authorized inscription for a Government headstone of the general type (furnished for all decedents except those who served only during the Civil and Spanish-American Wars) includes: (1) The State from which the veteran came; (2) religious emblem in a small circle above the inscription on the face of the headstone; and (3) the dates of birth and death.

In order that the appropriate information, as desired by the next of kin, may be shown on the headstone for the decedent whose name is listed below, it is requested that you fill in the proper spaces indicated below the data called for, and RETURN THIS FORM PROMPTLY TO THE

**U. S. NATIONAL CEMETERY  
BEVERLY, N. J.**

Superintendent of Cemetery or Commanding Officer of Post

If this form is not returned to the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days from date of mailing, the headstone will be ordered with the data as to religious emblem, State and date of birth inscribed thereon as shown in the official records, and NO CHANGE WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

**To be filled in by Superintendent or Commanding Officer**

Name of Veteran Benjamin L. Mc Keeby  
Rank, etc. Cpl. Co. B-207 Eng. 82 Parcu. Troopers  
Grave or lot No. 923 Section D  
Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ (World War II Repatriation Program)  
Date buried 21 September 1948

**To be filled in by Next of Kin**

State desired New Jersey  
Religious emblem desired Latin Cross for Christian Faith  
(Latin Cross for Christian Faith, Star of David for Hebrew Faith)  
Date of birth September 8, 1920  
Address of kin R.D.#3 Newton, New Jersey  
Signature Charles M. McKeeby Date 9-24-1948

OCT 18 1948  
*[Signature]*

RRE Form # 39  
13 Jul 48

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to :

*Sm*  
MC KEEBY BENJAMIN L CPL 6978947  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

Repatriated to the United States: 10 AUG 1948

STATION FILE

Incl #



GRE-293

1st Ind.

MW/hpc

Hq. 1st QM Group, Com Z ETO, APO 562, U. S. Army, 23 Jan. 1945.

TO: C.O., Marigny American Mil. Cemetery, APO 350, U. S. Army.  
ATTN: CO, 3047th QM GR Co., APO 350, U. S. Army.

1. Forwarded for compliance and reply by indorsement.
2. Records in this office corrected accordingly.



*Maurice Whitney*  
 Capt. amc  
 MAURICE WHITNEY  
 Lt. Col., QMC  
 Commanding

2nd Ind.

Hq., 3047th QM Gr. Reg., Co., APO 350, U S Army, 1 February 1945.

TO: CO., 1st QM Group, APO 562, U S Army.

1. Basic communication complied herewith.

/s/t/ LOUIS B. WEISS  
 Capt., QMC  
 Commanding

Q-GRE(Marigny P-2-21)

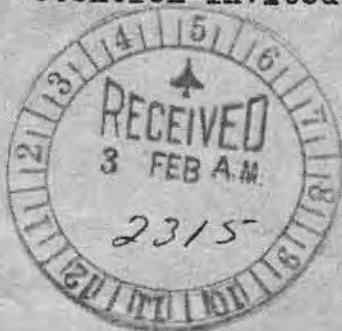
3rd Ind.

MW/hpc

Hq: 1st QM Group, Com Z ETO, APO 562, U. S. Army, 2 Feb. 1945.

TO: CG, Com Zone (Fwd) ETO, APO 887, U. S. Army.  
ATTN: GR & E Division, OCQM.  
THRU: GR Officer, NBS, APO 562, U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to 2nd Indorsement.



*Maurice Whitney*  
 MAURICE WHITNEY  
 Lt. Col., QMC  
 Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS  
COMMUNICATIONS ZONE  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster  
APO 887

GVL/mjg

(S: 31 January 1945)  
16 January 1945

Q-GRE (Marigny, F-2-21)

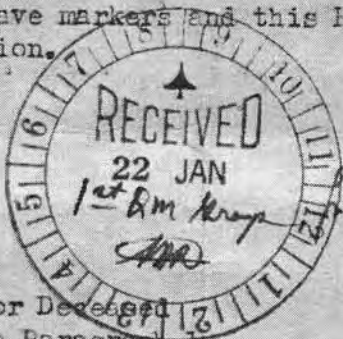
SUBJECT: Identification Tags for Deceased Personnel.

TO : Graves Registration Officer, 56th QM Base Depot, APO 562, U. S. Army.

1. Inclosed are Identification Tags for deceased personnel, who were disinterred from LE MESNIL VIGOT CHURCH (361681), 13 August 1944, to Marigny American Military Cemetery, as follows:

a. McKEEBY, Benjamin L.	6978947	Plot F, Row 2, Grave 21
b. TURNER, Walter V.	14171118	" P, " 2, " 22
c. HEINZ, Albert L.	13178358	" P, " 2, " 25
d. EVERT, John P.	36706836	" P, " 2, " 26
e. SCHOLZ, Donald R.	36295448	" P, " 2, " 27
f. BOLIN, Raymond H.	11998332	" P, " 2, " 28
g. CARRIERE, Raymond	32798489	" P, " 2, " 34

2. It is requested that the identification tags listed above be secured to the proper grave markers and this Headquarters notified by indorsement upon completion.



*Beny Rosaler*  
BENY ROSALER,  
Colonel, QMC,  
Chief, GR & E Div.

7 Incls.

Identification Tags for Deceased  
Personnel as listed in Paragraph 1,  
above.





## REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Cpl Benjamin L. McKeedy, 6 978 947  
 Plot P, Row 2, Grave 21,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Marigny, France

23 October 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, CHARLES M. McKEEY

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

(LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- ☒ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT BEVERLY N.J.  
 (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.)

# **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	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		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			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
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	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
Mc KEEBY	Rebecca	L.	Mother
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
R.D. # 3.	Newton	Sussex Co.	New Jersey

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

*Please notify me when the body will arrive at the cemetery for burial, so the family may be present.*

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.

*Charles M. McKeeby* R.D. #3  
 (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) (STREET AND NUMBER)  
 CHARLES M. McKEEBY NEWTON, N.J.  
 (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1947, at city (or town) of Newton, county of Sussex, and State (or Territory or District) of New Jersey

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

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY

(OFFICIAL TITLE) COMMISSION EXPIRES

AUGUST 18, 1952

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

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

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

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

Gpl Benjamin L. McKeby, 6 978 947  
Plot 7, Row 2, Grave 21,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Nancy, France

28 October 1947

Mr. Charles M. McKeby  
Rural Free Delivery #3  
Morton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. McKeby:

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. LAMKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

Encl.



3 October 1946

Mr. Charles M. McKeeby  
Rural Free Delivery #3  
Newton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. McKeeby:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Corporal Benjamin L. McKeeby, A.S.N. 6 978 947.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Marigny, plot P, row 2, grave 21. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located nine miles west 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 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. LASKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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 2/0 *European*  
*U.S. misc*

JAMES L. PRIN  
 Major, GSC  
 Assistant

17 January 1946

American Graves Registration Command  
 European Theater, Versailles, France  
 APO 887, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

Marigny, France

Chittick, James V.	1st Lt.	0 337 532	116 Inf. Reg	129 7 E
Gleissmann, Joseph R	Pfc	36 228 075	36 Arm'd Inf. Reg	120 6 Q
Rathway, Charles L.	Pvt	35 141 604	115 Inf. Reg	11 1 C
Tredell, Samuel R.	2nd Lt	01 516 557	110 Inf. Reg	79 4 C
Draft, John (HMI)	S/Sgt	32 028 150	116 Inf. Reg	88 9 H
Lester, Albert L. Jr.	Pvt	34 765 385	R.C.M. 33rd A.R.	123 10 L
Lepak, Louis J.	S/Sgt	36 205 671	12 Inf. Reg	75 4 E
<i>X293</i> Malachy, Benjamin L.	Cpl	62 782 47	307 Abns Reg Bn	21 2 F
Parenteau, Jean L.	Pfc	31 052 246	391 Arm'd PA Bn	180 9 L
Price, Silas M. Jr.	Pvt	34 887 532	39 Inf. Reg.	85 5 E

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Last Name First Name M.I.

McKeeby, Benjamin L.

Army Serial No. 6978947

Name of Cemetery Marigny

Plot

Row

Grave

Letter to: Field

Remarks:  
add middle initial

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AG 704 DEAD (28 Feb 45)

CBC/MCR/arc/4602

28 February 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Casualty Branch, AGO.

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status of  
 Captain Francis E. Elanders, 01283572;  
 Private John E. Lane, 12151114, Private  
 Donald J. Wood, 12050015; Second Lieutenant  
 Robert S. Insley, 0463929; and Second  
 Lieutenant Eston D. Kuhn, 0683029, and  
 Correction of Various Dates of Death.

1. The Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theater of Operations, reported the following described personnel missing in action in France since 6 June 1944 by the Casualty shipment number set forth after each name:

NAME		CASUALTY SHIPMENT NO.	PAY STATUS
Captain Francis E. Elanders	01283572	Infantry 133	Parachute
Second Lieutenant Robert S. Insley	0463929	Infantry 116	Parachute
Second Lieutenant Eston C. Kuhn	0683029	Air Corps 100	Flying
Private John E. Lane	12151114	Infantry 133	Parachute
Private Donald J. Wood	12050015	Infantry 141	Parachute

2. The Commanding General, United States Forces, European, Theater of Operations, reported that the following personnel became missing in action in France on 6 June 1944 and subsequently reported them killed in action 1 July 1944 by the casualty shipments set forth below:

NAME		MIA CAS. SHIP. NO.	KIA CAS. SHIP. NO.
Captain H. M. Greary	0452375	Infantry 128	180
First Lieutenant Joseph I. Shankey	0443929	Infantry 133	180
Corporal Benjamin L. McKeeby	6978947	Corps of Engrs. 104	180
Private First Class John P. Evert	36706836	Infantry 128	180
Private First Class Jettie House	35593816	133	180
Private Raymond Carriere	32793439	Infantry 128	202
Private Albert L. Heinz	13178258	Infantry 128	236
Private Francis J. Slane	13093723	Infantry 128	180
Private Walter V. Turner	14171118	Infantry 133	180

3. Casualty shipment number 131 from the Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theater of Operations, reported Private First Class Donald H. Scholz, 36295448, Infantry, missing in action in France since 6 June 1944.

*Handwritten:* 29 Jan 45  
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while casualty shipment number 225 from the same source advised that he had been killed in action on 6 June 1944.

4. The Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theater of Operations, originally reported the following personnel missing in action in France since 7 June 1944 and subsequently advised that they were killed in action in France on 1 July 1944, by casualty shipment numbers set forth after each name:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MIA CASUALTY</u>		<u>KIA CASUALTY</u>	
		<u>SHIP NO</u>		<u>SHIP NO</u>
Second Lieutenant Robert D. Donlan 01299710	Infantry	141		185
Private First Class Raymond H. Bolin 11993332	Infantry	131		211

5. Dispatch No. 9974 of the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, to the Department of State, Casualty message No. 001093, had as an inclosure a report containing information relative to the deaths of American Military personnel. Included in this report was the following data concerning subject personnel:

"21. Lane, John C., Pvt., 508 Parachute Inf., killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N.R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Inf. Brigade. P.O. Box 1156 Carmel, Calif.

"22. Crary, Hal M., Capt., 508 Parachute Inf. cause of death unknown, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France 6/7/44. Witness: Hoskot, N.R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Inf. Brigade. . . .

"23. Flanders, F. G. Capt., 508 Parachute Inf., cause of death unknown, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France 6/7/44. Witness: Hoskot, N.R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Inf. Brigade. . . .

"24. Shanky, J. I., 1st Lt., 508 Parachute Inf. cause of death unknown, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France 6/7/44. Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Inf. Brigade. . . .

"25. Donlan, (Unknown) 1st Lt., 508 Parachute Inf. cause of death unknown, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France 6/7/44. Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade. . . .

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"26. Insley, H. L., O-463929, Lt., 505 Parachute Inf., killed by small arms fire 6/7/44, at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N.R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade. . . .

"27. Kuhn, (Unknown) Lt., 9th US Air Force, cause of death unknown, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France 6/7/44. Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade. . .

"28. Heinz, Albert, ASN 1378358, Pvt., 508 Parachute Inf., killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade...

"29. Schultz, Donald R., ASN 36295448, Pvt., 508 Parachute Inf., killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, Buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France, Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade . . .

"30. McKeeby, B. L., ASN 6978947, Corporal, 307 Eng. Battalion, killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade. . .

"32. Wood, Donald J., ASN 120050015, Pvt., 508 Parachute, killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N. R. O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade . . .

"33. Everet, John P., ASN 36798489, Pvt., 508 Parachute Inf., Killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, Buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade . . .

"34. Carriere, Raymond, ASN 32798489, Pvt., 508 Parachute Inf., killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N. R. O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade . . .



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"35. House, Jette, ASN 34493816, Pvt., 508 Parachute Inf., killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N. R. O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade. . .

"36. Slane, Francis., ASN 13098723, Pvt., 508 Parachute Inf., killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade . . .

"37. Bolin, Raymond H., ASN 11998332, Pvt., 508 Parachute Inf., Killed by small arms fire 6/7/44 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Witness: Hoskot, N. R., O-302774, Lt. Col., 2nd Airborne Infantry Brigade . . ."

6. Upon repatriation, Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel R. Hoskot, O-302774, the witness referred to above, made the following statement concerning subject personnel to Captain (then Lieutenant) Harry V. Bair, Casualty Branch, AGO, at Walter Reed Hospital, 25 January 1945:

"I was with the 82nd Airborne Division and was captured with a number of paratroopers behind the German Lines on 6 June 1944. The next day, 7 June 1944, we were being transported in 10 German trucks when our column was strafed by American planes. The following men were killed by the strafing:

Captain Hal M. Crary		508th Par. Inf.
Captain F. E. Flanders		" " "
Lieutenant J. I. Shankey		" " "
Lieutenant (?) Smith		" " "
Lieutenant (?) Donald		507th Par. Inf.
Lieutenant H. L. Insley,	0463929	505th Par. Inf.
Lieutenant (?) Kuhn		9th Air Force
Private Albert L. Heinz,	1378358	508th Par. Inf.
Private Donald R. Schultz,	36295448	" " "
Private John C. Lane		" " "
Corporal B. L. McKeeby,	6978947	Eng. Bn. 82nd A.B. Div.
Staff Sergeant Walter B. Turner	14171118	508th Par. Inf.
Private Donald J. Wood,	12050015	" " "
Private John P. Everet,	36706836	" " "
Private Raymond Carriere,	32798489	" " "
Private Jettie House,	34493816	" " "
Private Francis C. Slane,	13098723	" " "
Private Raymond H. Bolin,	11998332	" " "

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"The above named men are buried in the village cemetery in a mass grave at Les Mesnil Bigot, Dept. Of Manche, Normandy, France. I read the services at the burial. The French dug the graves and the mayor of the town told me they would mark the grave with a cross. I gave him the name of each man or one of the dog tags."

7. Evaluation of Facts.

a. Captain Flanders, Lieutenants Insley and Kuhn, and Privates Lane and Wood were reported missing in action in France since 6 June 1944 and have remained in that status since clarifying details as to their fate were not available. Dispatch from the American Legation, Bern, Switzerland, however, advised that, according to testimony of Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel R. Hoskot, 0302774, Lieutenant Insley and Privates Lane and Wood were killed by small arms fire on 7 June 1944 at Les Mesnil Bigot, France, and that Captain Flanders and Lieutenant Kuhn were dead also, having been buried 7 June 1944 at Les Mesnil Bigot, France. Upon Colonel Hoskot's return to the United States as a repatriated prisoner of War, he confirmed this information, advising that he, Captain Flanders, Lieutenants Insley and Kuhn, and Privates Lane and Wood were among many prisoners of war being moved in trucks by the Germans. When the truck convoy was strafed by American planes on 7 June 1944 near Les Mesnil Bigot, France, these men were killed. Colonel Hoskot further advised that he assisted in their burial at Les Mesnil Bigot.

b. After having been reported missing in action since 6 June 1944. Captain Creary, Lieutenant Shankey, Corporal McKeeby, and Privates Evert, House, Carriere, Heinz, Slane and Turner were reported killed in action 1 July 1944. Likewise, Lieutenant Donlan and Private Bolin were reported killed in action on 1 July 1944, although they became missing in action 7 June 1944. Private Scholz, who was reported missing in action 6 June 1944, was reported to have been killed in action on the same date. According to Colonel Hoskot, however, Corporal McKeeby and Privates Bolin, Carriere, Evert, Heinz, House, Scholz, Slane and Turner were killed by small arms fire on 7 June 1944 at Les Mesnil Bigot, France, and buried there, and Captain Creary and Lieutenants Donlan and Shankey were buried at Les Mesnil Bigot, France, on 7 June 1944. Colonel Hoskot stated that these men were also victims of the 7 June 1944 strafing of the German truck convoy in which they were being transported.

c. Colonel Hoskot further reported that all of subject personnel were buried in one grave in the village cemetery at Les Mesnil Bigot, Department



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of Manche, France, and that he read the burial service over them. The mayor of the town assured Colonel Hoskot that the grave would be marked with a cross, and Colonel Hoskot furnished him the name or one identification tag of each man interred therein.

d. Most of the names of subject personnel furnished by Colonel Hoskot were correct. A few, however, were described by incomplete or misspelled names and all serial numbers were not supplied. In order to identify these, a thorough search of AG Casualty files, AG 201 files, AG numerical files, and the pertinent payroll rosters of the organizations to which the men reported to belong was necessary. Such search conclusively established the identity of these men as subject personnel.

8. Conclusion. Colonel Hoskot's eyewitness statements, as set forth above, are those of one in a position to know the facts and, as such, lead to no other logical conclusion than that subject personnel were killed in action 7 June 1944.

9. Recommendation. It is recommended, therefore, that the status of the following personnel be changed from "missing in action" to "killed in action" in France on 7 June 1944:

Captain Francis E. Flanders	01283572	Inf. (Enl ASN 30110558)
Second Lieutenant Robert S. Insley	0463929	Inf.
Second Lieutenant Eston C. Kuhn	0683029	AC (Enl ASN 35426697)
Private John E. Lane	12151114	Inf
Private Donald J. Wood	12050015	Inf

All of the above personnel were in parachute pay status, with the exception of Lieutenant Kuhn who was in flying pay status.

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10. It is further recommended that the dates of death of the following personnel be changed to 7 June 1944 and that casualty reports be initiated stating that they were killed in action in France on 7 June 1944 while in parachute pay status:

Captain Hal M. Creary	0452375	Inf	(Enl ASN 34014209)
First Lieutenant Joseph I. Shankey	0443939	Inf	(Enl ASN 32007707)
Second Lieutenant Robert D. Donlan	01299710	Inf	(Enl ASN 36308982)
Corporal Benjamin L. McKeeby	6978947	Eng	
Private First Class Raymond H. Bolin	11998332	Inf	
Private First Class John P. Evert	36706836	Inf	
Private First Class Jettie House	35593816	Inf	
Private First Class Donald R. Sxholz	36295448	Inf	
Private Raymond Carriere	32798489	Inf	
Private Albert L. Heinz	13178358	Inf	
Private Francis J. Slane	13098723	Inf	
Private Walter V. Turner	14171118	Inf	

MARY C. ROCHE  
Investigator,  
Special Determination  
Sub-Section.

CHARLES B. CLANCY, JR.  
First Lieutenant, AGD,  
Special Determination  
Sub-Section.

CONCURRED IN:

JOSEPH F. KENNESSEY  
Captain, AGD,  
Status Review and  
Determination Section.

JOHN T. BURNS  
Major, AGD  
Officer in Charge,  
Status Review and  
Determination Section.

APPROVED:

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Secretary of War by Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act and delegated to the Chief, Casualty Branch, Adjutant General's Office, by a delegation of authority dated 22 August 1944, the information cited in the foregoing review and determination of status is accepted as an official report of death. Casualty reports will be initiated stating that the following personnel were killed in action in France on 7 June 1944, and that evidence of their death was received by the War Department on 27 February 1945:



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Captain Francis E. Flanders	01283572	Inf (Enl ASN 20110558)
Second Lieutenant Robert S. Insley	0463929	Inf
Second Lieutenant Eston C. Kuhn	0683029	AC (Enl ASN 35426697)
Private John E. Lane	0683029	Inf
Private Donald J. Wood	12050015	Inf

These casualty reports will also state that all of the above personnel were in parachute pay status, except Lieutenant Kuhn who was in flying pay status. In addition, casualty reports will be initiated changing the date of death of the following personnel and stating that they were killed in action in France on 7 June 1944, while in parachute pay status:

Captain Hal M. Creary	0452375	Inf (Enl ASN 34014209)
First Lieutenant Joseph I. Shankey	0443939	Inf (Enl ASN 32007707)
Second Lieutenant Robert D. Donlan	01299710	Inf (Enl ASN 36308982)
Corporal Benjamin L. McKeeby	6978947	Eng
Private First Class Raymond H. Bolin	11998332	Inf
Private First Class John P. Evert	36706836	Inf
Private First Class Jettie House	35593816	Inf
Private First Class Donald R. Scholz	36295448	Inf
Private Raymond Carriere	32798489	Inf
Private Albert L. Heinz	13178358	Inf
Private Francis J. Slane	13098723	Inf
Private Walter V. Turner	14171118	Inf

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

GEORGE F. HERBERT  
Colonel, AGD,  
Chief, Casualty Branch,  
A. G. O.

SPQYG 293  
McKeeby, Benjamin L.  
S. N. 6 973 947

19 February 1945.

Mrs. Charles McKeeby,  
Rural Delivery #3,  
Newton, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. McKeeby:

Your letter addressed to the Adjutant General, has been referred to this office for necessary action to that part pertaining to the burial of your son, the late Corporal Benjamin L. McKeeby.

The official records of this office show that the remains of your son were interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Marigny #1, France, Plot P, Row 2, Grave 21.

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

CCP

MEMORIAL DIVISION

FEB 20 10 13 AM '45

RECEIVED  
MAYO A. DARLING  
FEB 20 12 00 PM '45



WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES

TRANSMITTAL SHEET

VP/law *West*

15 November 1944.

TO	Dir., Memorial Division, OCMG, Room 1007, Tempo C., Washington, D.C.	
	(Service, division, or organization)	(Location)
DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED COMMUNICATION	(Branch or unit)	(Attention)
	Mrs. Charles McKeeby (Originator)	TAG (Addressee)
		2 November 1944. (Date)
	Burial (Subject)	AGPC-G 201 McKeeby, Benjamin (File No.)
FROM	Casualty Branch, A.G.O., Investigation and Correspondence Section, Fam. Relations Sub section, Room 3711 Munitions Building 79040 (Service, division, or organization) (Location) (Telephone)	

1. For necessary action.
2. Corporal Benjamin L. McKeeby, 6978947, was killed in action on 1 July 1944 in France. He was previously reported missing in action on 6 June 1944.
3. Writer has not been advised of this reference. Letter has been forwarded to Chief Demobilized Personnel Record Branch.

For the Chief, Casualty Branch:

*[Signature]*

1 Incl.  
Ltr dtd 2 Nov 44.

Samuel J. *[Signature]*  
Major. A



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MEMORIAL DIVISION

C O P Y

R.D. #3  
Newton, N. J.  
Nov. 2, 1944.

The Adjutant General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have received word that our son, Corporal Benjamin L. McKesby, 6978947, was killed in action in France on July 1st. Previously, we had received word that he was missing in action since June 6th.

On Tuesday, we received a certificate for the Purple Heart and also a Memorial Certificate, both stating he "died in action as a direct result of wounds". We have also heard from other sources that he died of wounds rather than being killed directly.

The difference in the dates and the conflicting stories have worried us a great deal. No matter how horrible we would much rather know the truth than to keep wondering and worrying constantly.

If at all possible, we would like to know how and where he died, where he was buried and any other details you may furnish us. We feel that we are entitled to this much.

From one source we were told that his body was found some distance from where he dropped on D Day with the 82nd Air Borne. If this is true, it would ease our minds a great deal.

Ben was the oldest of three sons in the Service. Donald is 20 and is a Navy Pilot "somewhere in the Pacific". Bobby, 19, is an Aerial Gunner on a Navy plane.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are

Very truly yours,

/s/ Mrs. Chas. McKesby



RESTRICTED  
REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

Benjamin REBURIAL

32253  
13 August 44

Date

6978947

McKeeby,

Last Name  
Unknown

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

St. Lo., France

Unit

1 July 44

Organization

M.W. BODY KIA

2145 Place of Death  
13 August 44

Date of Death  
Marigny #1

Cause of Death  
Marigny

Time and Date of Burial

21

2

Name of Cemetery

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Name or Coordinates of Location

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 village of Le Mesnil Vigot Church Yard 13 August 44.

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on:

Turner, Walter V. 14171118 Unknown

22

Deceased's Right:

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

NO Grave (Beginnin g of Row)

Deceased's Left:

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

Name

Address

Religion

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

None.

REBURIAL

Previously buried in isolated grave

located at Le Mesnil Vigot Churchyard

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

DEC 7 1944

W. L. Pearson

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

WHITMAN PEARSON

Capt., Q. M. C.

Graves Registration Officer

# 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.:

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.

Left Hand	4	3	2	1	Thumb
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Right Hand	4	3	2	1	Thumb
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## TOOTH CHART

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

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ∩; linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Data: \_\_\_\_\_



\*Corrected Report

# WAR DEPARTMENT

Original forwarded **THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE**  
15 Sept 44.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH hbp/3707

DATE 9 March 1945

FULL NAME  McKeeby, Benjamin L.				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER  69 789 47		GRADE  Cpl							
HOME ADDRESS  Newton, N. J.				ARM OR SERVICE  Corps of Engineers		DATE OF BIRTH  8 Sept 20							
PLACE OF DEATH  European Area			CAUSE OF DEATH  Killed in action			DATE OF DEATH  *7 June 44							
STATION OF DECEASED  European Area				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE  3 Oct 39		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS Over 3 years							
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)  Mrs. Charles McKeeby, mother, RFD #3 Branchville Rd., Newton, N. J.													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)  Rebecca McKeeby, mother, same as above. Charles M. McKeeby, father, RFD #3, Newton, N. J.													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
												X	X

## ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

On Parachute Pay.

The individual named in this report of death is shown by the records of the War Department to have been absent in a missing in action status on 6 June 44 and subsequently reported killed in action on \*7 June 44, such absence was terminated on 10 Sept 44 on which date evidence of death was received by the Secretary of War from a Commander in the European Area.

\*Previously reported as 1 July 1944.

### COPIES FURNISHED:

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G. A. O.	YET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*[Signature]*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

**REPORT OF DEATH**

DATE 15 September 1944  
vs/4632

FULL NAME <b>McKeeby, Benjamin L.</b>				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>69 789 47</b>		GRADE <b>Cpl</b>							
HOME ADDRESS <b>Newton, N. J.</b>				ARM OR SERVICE <b>Corps of Engineers</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>6 Sep 20</b>							
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>			CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>			DATE OF DEATH <b>1 Jul 44</b>							
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>3 Oct 39</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS <b>Over 3 yrs.</b>							
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Charles McKeeby, mother, RFD #3 Branchville Rd., Newton, N. J.</b>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Rebecca McKeeby, mother, same as above.</b> <b>Charles M. McKeeby, father, <del>Branchville Rd.</del> RFD #3 Newton, N. J.</b>													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
										<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	

**ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT**

On parachute pay.

The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been absent in a missing in action status on 6 Jun 44 and subsequently reported killed in action on 1 Jul 44. such absence was terminated on 10 Sep 44 on which date evidence of death was received by the Secretary of War from a Commander in the European Area.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
*J. A. Marshall*  
**J. A. Marshall**

**26 SEP 1944 FILE**  
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\*Corrected Report

WAR DEPARTMENT

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15 Sept 44.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH hbp/3707

DATE 9 March 1945

FULL NAME <b>McKeeby, Benjamin L.</b>				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>69 789 47</b>		GRADE <b>Cpl</b>							
HOME ADDRESS <b>Newton, N. J.</b>				ARM OR SERVICE <b>Corps of Engineers</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>8 Sept 20</b>							
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>			CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>			DATE OF DEATH <b>*7 June 44</b>							
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>3 Oct 39</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS <b>Over 3 years</b>							
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YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
												X	X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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\*Previously reported as 1 July 1944.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*[Signature]*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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214992

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

(Duplicate of 1308)✓

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME				SERIAL NUMBER				GRADE		ARM OR SERVICE		REPORTING THEATRE	
MCKEEBY BENJAMIN L				6978947				CPL		CE		ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY				DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER		
				DAY	MONTH	YEAR							
FRANCE				06	JUN	44	J		MIA		104		

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

MR.-MRS.-MISS		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL		LAST NAME		RELATIONSHIP			
		MRS		CHARLES		MCKEEBY		MOTHER			
NO. AND NAME OF STREET			CITY			COUNTY			STATE		
RURAL FREE DELIVERY THREE BRANCHVILLE RD.			NEWTON			NEW JERSEY					

REMARKS:

☐ CORRECTED COPY

30 JUNE 44 el



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED _____ FORM 43 _____ AG 201 REQ _____									
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____									
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED _____ NO _____ YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):									
FILE NO.		MESSAGE NO.		TYPE		DATE AND AREA		E. A. NOTIFIED	
REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE _____ CHECKED BY _____ REVIEWED BY _____									

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA		CASUALTY STATUS		ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.			LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE				COMP	RACE					
				DAY	MO.	YR.				DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY									
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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

JRM:mp  
19 September 1945

214992

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

Lt. (j.g.) Donald J. McKeeby  
Box 27, Bldg. 711, Room 127  
N.A.S., Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 15 September has come to my attention and I attach hereto a copy of the inventory of your brother's effects which was prepared overseas by A. T. Zbinden, CWO, USA. You will note that the inventory makes no mention of funds.

All items listed upon the inventory were received here and forwarded to your mother, Mrs. Charles McKeeby, at R.F.D. # 3, Branchville Road, Newton, New Jersey, on March 26, 1945. If, perchance, additional effects arrive, they will be promptly forwarded to your mother.

Very sincerely yours,

1 Incl--a/s

JOHN R. MURPHY  
Colonel, QMC  
Effects Quartermaster

7.5 #3 Box 166

Newton, New Jersey

September 15, 1945

214,992

Army Effects Bureau  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs;

I am writing in regards to the personal effects  
of my brother, the late Cpl. Benjamin L. McKeeby 697894  
Co "B" 307 Eng. Aib., H.P.O. #69 % Postmaster, N.Y.C., N.Y.

He was first listed as "missing in action, June 6, 1944"  
later reported "killed in action, July 1, 1944".

The following article were received by my  
parents, Mr. & Mrs. Char. McKeeby, R.F.D. #3, Box 166,  
Newton, N.J.

2 uniform collar buttons	1 crucifix
1 black flashlight case	5 pieces of foreign money
1 pipe	1 picture of a Red Cross Clubmobile in England
1 money belt	1 ring box
1 set of paratrooper wings	1 picture of a paratrooper of the 82nd
2 Service ribbons,	

There came in a cigar box with no inventory



signed by an officer of his outfit, or with nothing  
whatsoever to prove they actually belonged to him.

As a Naval Officer I have helped inventory some  
of the effects of our personnel, and it is quite evident  
to me that my brother's effects were not handled  
in the proper manner. As further evidence of im-  
proper handling, I cite the fact that a cashiers  
money order, sent to him by my parents, was  
forged, and cashed at least a week after he was  
reported as missing. The forged signature was  
apparently approved by a Warrant Officer in his  
outfit.

This matter is now under investigation by  
Army Officials, but I would appreciate your  
cooperation in checking the handling and disposal  
of the remainder of his personal belongings.

Sincerely yours,  
Donald J. McKelby  
LT (SS) 17-1 USNR

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

In Reply Refer To: 214992

(S-Apr 26 45)  
JFM:MD:mcl  
March 26, 1945

Dear Mrs. McKeeby:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal effects belonging to your son, Col. Benjamin L. McKeeby.

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

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

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

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your son.

Yours very truly,

*Harry Niemiec*  
HARRY NIEMIEC  
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.

Chief, Correspondence Branch

Incl--  
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

*Mrs Chas. McKeeby*  
(Signature of Bailee)

*March 29, 1945*  
(Date)



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: **Mrs. Charles McKesby**

**R.F.D. #3, Branchville Road**

**Newton, New Jersey**

Effects of:

Name **Cpl. Benjamin L. McKesby**

ASN **6978947**

Case No. **214,992 M**

Wt.

JPM:SP:sac

DATE 23 March 1945

*V. Lee*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check  
         Acct. No.           
         Amount           
         Inclose "Valuables" item  
         Ship "Valuables" item(s)

         Remove G.I.  
         Note discrepancy in           
         Films removed  
         Diary removed  
         Laundry removed

ROUTING:

         Accounting Branch  
1. Warehouse Division  
2. Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

*1 pkg*  
Franked. **FRANKED**  
Est. Exp. Chgs.           
Est. Frt. Chgs.           
No. of packages 1

**MAR 26 1945**

*PA*  
Shipping Clerk

SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> SHEETS	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOX NUMBER	ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES <u>1</u>		P.C.W. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TALLY NUMBER <u>6758</u>	INVENTORY DATE <u>28 Feb 45</u>	CASE NUMBER <u>214992</u>	ABANDONED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EFFECTS OF <u>BENJAMIN L McKEE BY</u>			RANK <u>CPL.</u>
A.S.N. <u>6978947</u>	ORGANIZATION <u>Co. B 307 A/B Engrs. Bn.</u>		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <u>#1</u>			

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BELT	<input type="checkbox"/> BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, CLOTH
<input type="checkbox"/> BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input type="checkbox"/> BRUSHES	<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, TRAVEL
<input type="checkbox"/> CLOTH, WASH	<input type="checkbox"/> CAMERAS	<input type="checkbox"/> BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
<input type="checkbox"/> COATS	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSES	<input type="checkbox"/> CASE
<input type="checkbox"/> FOOTWEAR, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> KNIVES	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOTLOCKER
<input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, SEWING
<input type="checkbox"/> HANDKERCHIEFS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISC. INSIGNIA	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, TOILET
<input type="checkbox"/> HEADWEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> MISC. ITEMS	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, WRITING
<input type="checkbox"/> JACKETS	<input type="checkbox"/> PEN, FOUNTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS AND MISC.
<input type="checkbox"/> OVERCOATS	<input type="checkbox"/> PENCIL, MECHANICAL	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS
<input type="checkbox"/> SCARFS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PIPES	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, ADDRESS
<input type="checkbox"/> SHIRTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, NOTE
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS, PR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RIBBONS, DECORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, PILOT LOG
<input type="checkbox"/> TIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RINGS <u>case</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
<input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS	<input type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO	<input type="checkbox"/> FILMS
<input type="checkbox"/> TROUSERS, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> TOILET ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/> LETTERS
<input type="checkbox"/> TRUNKS, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> WATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS, PERSONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WINGS (British)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHOTOS
		<input type="checkbox"/> SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		<input type="checkbox"/> SHORT SMOOTHER
		<input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIRS
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIR MONEY
		<input type="checkbox"/> STATUERY
		<input type="checkbox"/> TESTAMENTS
		<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS: <u>Mother</u>	ATTACHMENTS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form #54	<input type="checkbox"/> Form #100
<u>Rebecca Mc Keeby</u>		
<u>Q9D #3</u>		
<u>Newton, New Jersey</u>		

C.A.T. <u>none</u>	WEIGHT	GI REMOVED
		SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
		IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
		DIARY REMOVED
WAREHOUSE SPACE <u>357</u>	STORED BY <u>Ad</u>	DATE SHIPPED <u>MAR 26 1945</u>
INVENTORIED BY <u>H. L. Lanning</u>		LOCKED STORAGE
PACKED BY <u>H. L. Lanning</u>	CHECKED BY <u>H. L. Lanning</u>	LAUNDRY REMOVED
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #43 OR ADDITIONAL
		FILM REMOVED



NAME

MC KEEBY, BENJAMIN L.

CPL

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
16	78	554	6758
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
CTN			

# INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600 550)

Mc Keeby Benjamin L. 6978947  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a Cpl. Co B 307 A/B Engr Bn  
 was missing (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the 6th day of June, 1944

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

NUMBER	ARTICLES	* Package NUMBER
1	Pipe ✓	
1	Flashlight ✓	
1	Ring case ✓	
1	Money belt ✓	
2	Service ribbons ✓	
1	British Paratrooper wings ✓	
2	Service insignia ✓	
3	Souvenir coins ✓	
1	Cross & chain ✓	
4	Snapshots ✓	

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

## CLASS II — Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
	None



**CLASS II — Continued**

[illegible]

I *certify* that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that "the effects were delivered to \_\_\_\_\_

(Give name and degree of relationship ; If legal representative

or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

\*the effects of class I have been forwarded to The Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.

A. T. ZBIBDEN, CWO., USA.,  
307 A/R Engr Bn Pers Ad:

APC 469. US Army  
(Station)

10 July, 1944  
Date

\*Strike out words not applicable.

H.Q. YRS IN F 45/20 m

R E S T R I C T E D

201 -McKeeby, Benjamin L (Enl)1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 469, U. S. Army, 19 July 1944.

TO: Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, APO 871, U. S. Army.



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G. B. B.

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*ok*

R E S T R I C T E D





Date: 10 July 1944

SUBJECT: Personal effects of soldier Missing In Action

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETCUSA, APO 871, U. S. Army.

THRU : Commanding General, 82d Airborne Division, APO 469, U. S. Army.

1. Name. Benjamin L. Mc Keeby.
2. Grade or rank. Opl.
3. Army Serial Number. 6978947
4. Organization. Co "B" 307 a A/B Engr Bn.
5. Status (~~XXXXXXXX~~ Missing) MIA
6. Date of casualty. 6 June 44.
7. Date and disposition of Effects. 10 July 44. 82d A/B Div, Effects QM.
8. Bank in United Kingdom in which ~~deceased~~ <sup>MISSING</sup> had an account. None
9. Names of Debtors and Creditors. None
10. Name and address of next of kin. Rebecca Mc Keeby - Mother,  
RFD # 3,  
Newton, New Jersey.

For the Commanding Officer:

*A.T. Zbinden*  
A. T. ZBINDEN,

CWO., USA., 307 A/B Engr Bn,  
Personnel Adjutant.

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WD AGO Form 54 (trip only)