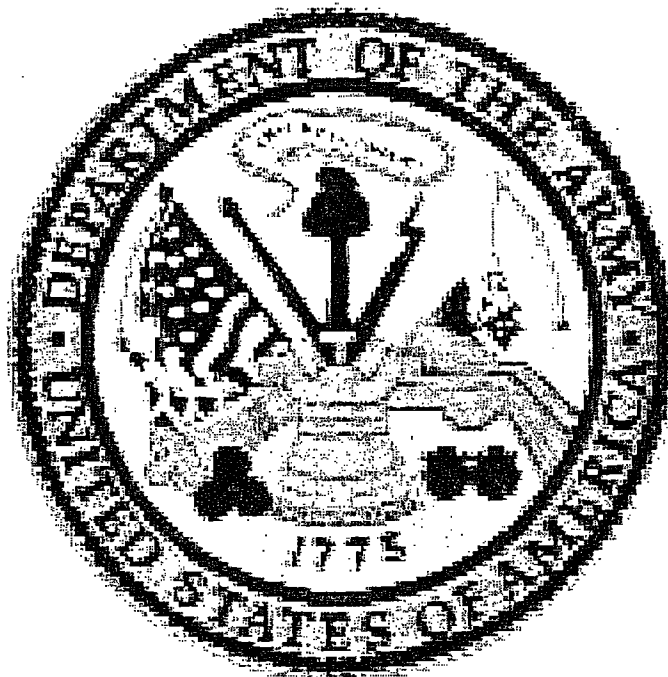


SSGT Charles P. Wilder

96th Bt, 337 B5

MIA 12-16-43 over North Sea



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Wilder, Charles

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# NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH <b>North Sea</b>		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>Wilder, Charles P</b>	RANK <b>S Sg</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>34 406 544</b>
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED <input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:		
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		INITIALS OF ANALYST <i>DMN</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		<i>DMN</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		

## REMARKS

*Pass as above*

Identification data for the above decedent has been compared with QMC Forms 1944 for all Unresolved World War II Unknowns recovered from the North Sea, with negative results.

D. M. DEGEN

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>DM DeGen</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>G. C. Newberry</i>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i>	<b>SEP 24 1951</b>

Non-Recoverability of Remains - European Area (Cont'd)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Thompson, Lloyd	2nd Lt.	O 736 607
Walker, Alton B.	S/Sgt.	18 076 480
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Wright, Raymond W.	T/Sgt.	35 366 435
Winchester, Grey C.	2nd Lt.	O 678 806

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wilder, Charles P.

s/sgt.

34 406 544

INFORMATION

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

FILE ON TOP OF CASE AT ALL TIMES

*File per conversation  
with Miss Baden  
26 Mar 48  
CME*

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA  
APO 58 U.S. ARMY

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter File AGAO - S 293.9 (27 Mar 47), D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 Apr 47.

The Board met pursuant to Par. 2, SO No. 69, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Command, 9 May 47, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France, on 20 NOV. 1947. The purpose of the Board was to determine recoverability/identity of certain casualties now under consideration by this command.

The Board reviewed reports of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, ETA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case files and other data considered are attached.

CASE No.	5	NAME	ASN	GRADE
		KERRICK, Lewis H.	0-662947	1/Lt
		ELEYE, George V.	0-680597	2/Lt
		THOMPSON, Lloyd (NMI)	0-736607	2/Lt
		EARMAN, Floyd W.	0-676928	2/Lt
		WRIGHT, Raymond W.	35366435	T/Sgt
		WALKER, Alton E.	18076480	S/Sgt
		DENMEAD, Donald R.	12038122	Sgt
		MARUSO, Stanley J.	31164049	S/Sgt
		WILDER, Charles P.	34406544	S/Sgt
		HAYNES, Benjamin L. Jr.	34444117	S/Sgt

**FINDINGS:** The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties may be considered as non-recoverable and recommends that no further action be taken to recover these remains.

JOHN H. EVANS, Col., INF.

KENNETH J. HODSON, Maj., JAGD

GEORGE E. SPRINGER, Maj., P.

GEORGE E. WOODS, Maj., CE

GROSVENOR W. FISH, Maj., QMC

JACK C. HAYES, Capt., QMC

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SPECIAL ORDERS

24 Oct 47

NUMBER 139

1. Par 4 SO 137 this hq cs pertaining to CAPT WANDAL D WITT 0505498 QMC is amended to add "Off is auth to carry Fld Mil 201 File. (Auth: Ltr AG 313.3 AGO-R Hq USFET, 27 Dec 46, Subject: "Forwarding of Field Military 201 File".

2. PAC Letter WD 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards for Identification of Unknown Dead", MAJ GROSVENOR W. FISH 042932 TC and CAPT JACK C HAYS 01577297 QMC are aptd to the Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area), vice LT COL JAMES F METCALF 0350280 QMC and MAJ GEORGE E CILLEY 0336143 FA, reld.

3. So much of par 4 SO 131 this hq cs pertaining to CAPT PAUL CUNNINGHAM 0405412 Ord as reads, "550 QM Gp" is amended to read, "598 QM Sv Co (AC)"

AUTH: Sec I Cir 157 Hq USFET 23 Oct 46 and Cir 28 Hq EUCOM 9 May 47.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

CARL W. RAGUSE  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief of Staff

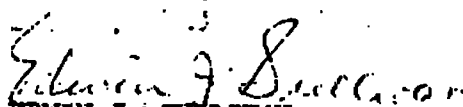
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/s/ Frank Francis  
FRANK FRANCIS  
Major, MSC  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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EDWIN J. SULLIVAN  
1st Lt., QMC

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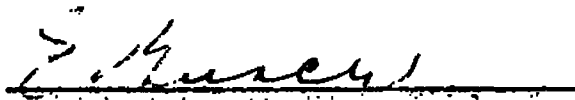
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HORACE SPEED, JR.  
Colonel, QMC

  
P. P. Linski  
Lt Col, QMC

APPROVED:

8 MAR 1948

  
E. Busch  
Colonel, QMC  
Acting Chief, Memorial Division

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HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE, 551st QM GROUP, AGRC, APO 58 (Liege)  
US ARMY  
8 August 1947

TO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 58 (Paris) US Army

1. Investigation conducted in the northern coastal areas of Holland failed to locate the remains of S/Sgt Leonard M BRANAM, 36353672.

2. Unknowns X-3265, X-3266, X-4626, X-4628, X-4634 (USMC Neuville-en-Condroz), X-2118 and X-2138 (USMC Margraten) previously recovered from the above area have been checked with negative results.

3. Report of Investigation and attached statements pertaining to subject case are included herewith.

15 Incls:

1. Narrative Report - Bladow
2. Narrative Report - Hilljegerdes
3. List of Burials - Schiermonnikoog
4. Copy - Area Search Cert. Schiermonnikoog
5. Statement - Commune of Westdongeradeel
6. Statement - Commune of Oostdongeradeel
7. Statement - Wiegersma
8. Statement - Commune of Ferwerderadeel
9. Statement - Amels
10. Statement - Commune of Leeuwarderadeel
11. List of Burials - Commune of Westdongeradeel
12. List of Burials - Commune of Barradeel
13. Statement - Hertema
14. Statement - Commune of Harlingen
15. MACR # 1564

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*Walter B. Morrow*

WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.



Korrick, Lewis H.  
Meyle, George V.  
Thompson, Lloyd  
Sullivan, Floyd A.  
Wright, Raymond

Walker, Alton D.  
Barwood, Donald S.  
Harvey, Stanley J.  
Hilder, Charles F.  
Meyers, Benjamin L., Jr.

# STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

5 March 1948

1. The following sources have been contacted for additional information:

- a. A-2 Files, Records Section
- b. Identification Section
  - (1) Clinic Index
  - (2) Card File of "Identified Unknowns"
- c. IACH
- d. 293 files of subject individuals

2. This case was worked in conjunction with non-recoverable case 495, which concerns the crew of aircraft 44-31113, the other plane involved in a mid-air collision.

3. All information secured confirms the findings and substantiates the recommendations made by the previous source.

B. J. Kennedy  
S. J. Kennedy  
Analyst

A/C 42-30872 - 96th Bb.Gp. - 337th Bb.Sq.

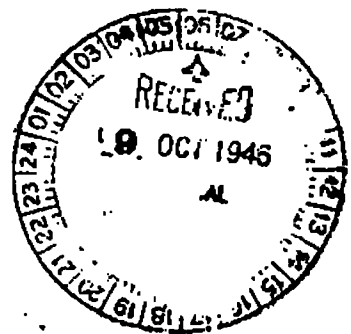
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A/C 42-31113 - 96th Bb.Gp. - 339th Bb.Sq.

MOTT,	Harold Raymond	1/st Lt	0-670589
- CREUTZMANN,	Harry Emil	2/nd Lt	0-681343
BLACKVELL,	Thomas Brooks	2/nd Lt	0-801114
STEWART,	Angus Douglas	2/nd Lt	0-670286
MANCINA,	John (NMI)	T/Sgt	39829787
GAUSS,	Floyd Wayne	T/Sgt	32142594
SANTILLAN,	Paul J.	S/Sgt	37436475
NICHOLS,	Andrew Robert	S/Sgt	32411389
BRANAM,	Leonard Melvion	S/Sgt	36353672
STURDEVANT,	Warren Monroe	S/Sgt	16009407

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HEADQUARTERS  
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NUMBER 69

9 May 1947

1. Par 2 SO 21 this hq cs is rescinded.
2. PAC letter file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 Apr 47, Subj: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, the fol ind, this hq, are appointed a Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area):

COL	JOHN H EVANS	015184	INF
LT COL	WILLIAM D MANN	0323364	JAGD
LT COL	JAMES F METCALF	0350280	QMC
MAJ	GEORGE E CILLEY	0336143	FA
MAJ	GEORGE E SPRINGER	0284512	FA
MAJ	GEORGE E WOODS	0252521	CE

James Domenico, WD Civ, CAF-3, Reporter

This Board will comply with instructions of above cited War Dept ltr, and will take over any unfinished cases referred to Uncoverable Casualty Board aptd by par 2 SO 21 this hq cs and rescinded by par 1 above.

AUTH: Sec I Cir 157 Hq US Forces European Theater 23 Oct 46.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PICKHAM:

ALFRED B. DENFISTON  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Clara R. Beery  
CLARA R. BEERY  
Capt, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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*M. V. Skinner*  
M. V. SKINNER  
1st Lieutenant, QMC

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

WILDER, CHARLES P.

RANK

S SG

SERIAL NUMBER

34 406 544

ARM OF SERVICE

A A F

DATE OF DEATH

16 December 1943

AREA OF DEATH

52 10' N - 5 20' E  
\*North Sea

NAME OF AUDITOR

MC CRAY

DATE

16 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

RAGSDALE

DATE

17 MAY 51

REMARKS

\*Subject decedent and nine (9) others were lost over the North Sea at coordinates 52 10' N - 5 20' E on 16 December 1943. For purposes of Memorialization, the area of death is North Sea, Code 68.

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

In Reply Refer To  
QMGMU 293  
World War II  
Unrecoverables

16 MAR 1943

SUBJECT: ~~Non Recoverability~~ of Remains

TO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Area  
APO 58, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Boards of Officers that have convened at your headquarters and have determined that the remains of certain personnel are non-recoverable.
2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on all personnel whose names appear on the attached roster.
3. It is requested that all records of your office pertaining to these deceased be amended to read REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T.H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

21648  
WLC

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>WILDER, CHARLES P.</b>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>34 406 544</b>		GRADE <b>S/SGT.</b>
HEIGHT <b>5' 11 3/4"</b>	WEIGHT <b>143</b>	COLOR EYES <b>BROWN</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>BROWN</b>	SHOE SIZE <b>8 B</b>	DATE OF DEATH <b>17 DEC 44</b>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

**337TH BOMB. SQ. 96TH BOMB. GP.**

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA **CREWMEMBER OF PLANE INVOLVED**

**IN MID-AIR COLLISION OVER THE WADDEN ZEE, 16 DEC 43.**

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	DATES
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.	NOV 42 - DEC 42
LOWRY FLD, COLO.	DEC 42 - FEB 43
LAREDO, TEX.	MAR 43 - APR 43
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	APR 43 -
MOSES LAKE, WASH.	APR 43 - JUNE 43
WALLA WALLA, WASH.	JUNE 43 -
TOPEKA, KANSAS	AUG 43 -
FROM: N.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS DIVISION NO RECORDS ON FILE	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

DENTAL CHART — **15 OCT 42**

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA  
APO 58 U.S. ARMY

SUBJECT : Non-recoverable Remains

TO : Non-recoverable Board AGRC.

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following case:

NAMES: See attached list of 20 crew members of B-17  
No. 42-31113 and B-17 No. 42-30872.

ORGANIZATION : See attached list

PLACE OF DEATH : NORTH SEA

DATE OF DEATH : 16 December 1943.

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above named twenty men formed the crews of two B-17's which departed England to bomb Bremen, Germany. Weather was recorded as being sub-zero. The course chartered took the two planes over the North Sea, coming in to Bremen from the North. A/C No. 113 was attacked by enemy aircraft and one engine was knocked completely off the ship, falling on A/C No. 872. Both planes went down at 52:10N - 05:20E, a location in the Wadden Zee, approximately eight miles from the west coast of Holland. No chutes were seen. ~~No further word has been heard~~ regarding these two A/C or their crews. The fact that they are not mentioned in captured enemy records (Holland being occupied territory at the time); and the fact that a detailed survey of the Dutch Coast by field teams resulted in failure to find trace of planes or crews - all leads to the conclusion that the above named twenty men were drowned in the North Sea and will not be recovered.

Reference is made to Determination of Status Report by AG Casualty and to letter from First Zone dated 8 August 1947.

2. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this Headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.

3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

*Walter B. Morrow*  
WALTER B. MORROW *Rec*  
Major., Infantry  
Chief, Isolated Burials



S E C R E T

S.R. & D. No. 1746

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"Aircraft No. 42-30872 went down near 53°10'N-05°20'E after being hit by one engine falling off aircraft No. 42-3113. Aircraft No. 42-3113 was attacked by enemy aircraft on an operational mission to Bremen, Germany on 16 December 1943. The crew consisted of the following personnel: \* \* \* \*. No chutes were seen."

The coordinates 53°10'N 05°20'E locate a point over the Wadden Zoo, approximately two miles northwest of Harlingen, Holland.

c. The AG 201 file of Sergeant Donald R. DENMEAD contains a photostatic copy of a postcard, dated 27 April 1944, from Staff Sergeant George B. Strauss, a prisoner of war of the German Government, to his sister, Miss Wynne Strauss, 3416 N. Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The pertinent part of his message reads as follows:

"DENMEAD was killed in action in Dec."

An examination of Visi-card records of the Casualty Branch shows a Staff Sergeant George B. Strauss, 16096952, whose mother lives in Chicago, Illinois, as missing in action on 26 July 1943 and who was reported as a prisoner of war of the German Government on a report received 14 August 1943.

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12. According to Official War Department sources, a large force of B-17 and B-24 aircraft with strong escort bombed Bremen, Germany, through a 10/10 overcast on 16 December 1943. High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped with unobserved results.

13. The AF 201 files and the Casualty Branch files of these officers and enlisted men have been examined. Nothing of value to this review was found, other than that set forth above.

14. Memorial Division, OQMG, and the Prisoner of War Division, PMGO, in response to requests from this office for any information bearing on the status of these officers and enlisted men, indicated that they had no record of them. In the case of the officers, Officer's Branch, AGO, in response to a similar request, stated that they were missing in action on 16 December 1943.

15. These officers and enlisted men have not been reported as prisoners of war or internees. They have not returned to duty.

## II. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The status of forty-five members of the crews of eight planes lost in the Bremen raid on 16 December 1943 is the subject of this review. As shown in the statement of facts above, each of the eight Fortresses carried a crew of ten, a total of eighty officers and men. Thirty-five of the eighty have been accounted for--twenty-six are dead and nine are pri-

S E C R E T

S.R. & D. 1746

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Present Status</u>
B	STEWART,	Angus D. 0670286	2/nd Lt	MIA
RO	HANCINA,	John 39829787	T/Sgt	MIA
TTG	GAUSS,	Eloyd W. 32142594	T/Sgt	MIA
BTG	SANTILLAN,	Paul J. 37436475	S/Sgt	MIA
RWG	NICHOLS,	Andrew R. 32411389	S/Sgt	MIA
ITG	BRANAH,	Leonard M. 36353672	S/Sgt	MIA
TG	STURDEVANT,	Warren M. 16009407	S/Sgt	MIA

The loss of this plane near the Dutch coast was due to a collision with aircraft No. 42-30872. (See paragraph 5, below.)

b. The Service Records of all the above-named onlisted men contain the notation that the plane was lost at 53°07'N, 05°12'E, a location in the Wadden Zee, approximately eight miles from the west coast of Holland.

c. On 6 October 1944, this office requested the Commanding General, U.S.F., European Theater of Operations, to furnish any additional information then available concerning the loss of this plane and the disappearance of the crew. The pertinent part of the 4th Indorsement, dated 24 October 1944, from Headquarters 96th Bombardment Group, reads as follows:

"Aircraft No. 42-3113 was on an operational mission to Bremen, Germany on 16 December 1943, when aircraft was attacked by enemy aircraft. One engine was knocked completely off ship, falling on aircraft No. 42-30872. Both ships went down at Dutch coast near 5310N-0520E. The crew consisted of the following personnel: \* \* \* \* \*

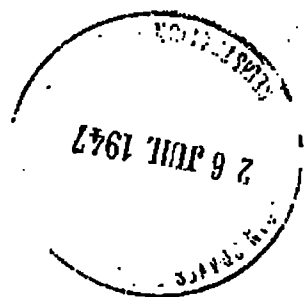
No chutes were seen."

The coordinates 53°10'N, 05°20'E locate a position over the Wadden Zee approximately two miles northwest of Harlingen, Holland.

5. Crew No.2

a. Missing Air Crew Report (AAF No. 1565), dated 17 December 1943, concerns the crew of B- 17 aircraft No. 42-30872 of the 337th Bombardment Squadron, 96th Bombardment Group.

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Present Status</u>
B	KERRICK,	Lewis M. 0662947	1/st Lt	MIA
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RO	WRIGHT,	Raymond W. 35366435	T/Sgt	MIA



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sonors of war. (For other personnel missing on this same raid, see S.R. & D. 1803 on file in Mail and Message Section, Casualty Branch.)

2. The circumstances surrounding the loss of these crews have not been completely reported for the apparent reason that, in an operation on the scale of this raid, accurate observation of what happened to each plane was impossible.

3. It is quite definitely established that four of the crews went down in the Wadden Zoo, off the northwest coast of Holland; three crews were last seen near the Dutch coast; one was last seen in western Germany. Crew No. 1 was attacked by enemy fighter planes and one engine of their plane was knocked completely off, falling on the plane of crew No. 2. Both planes crashed and two locations, both in the Wadden Zoo, were given as the scene of the casualty. No one was seen to parachute from either of those two planes and all members of each crew are still carried as missing in action.

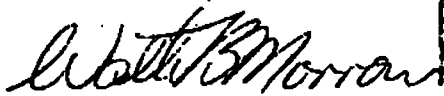
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8. In view of the foregoing, together with the fact that twelve months have elapsed during which period these officers and enlisted men have not been seen or heard from by anyone, it appears that they may not reasonably be presumed to be living.

### III. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, in the cases of the officers and enlisted men named on the attached list, and that these findings show 27 December 1944 as the presumed date of death.

\* A TRUE COPY:



WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

/t/ DAVID P. RICHARDSON  
Captain, A.G.D.,  
Status Review and  
Determination Section

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

/t/ ELIZABETH L. DAVENPORT  
Investigator,  
Status Review and  
Determination Section

/t/ DANIEL P. POTEET  
Colonel, A.G.D.  
Officer in Charge  
Status Review and  
Determination Section

/t/ GEORGE F. HERBERT  
Colonel, A.G.D.  
Chief, Casualty Branch

TAKEN FROM 201 FILE: MOTT, Harold R.

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COURSE:

Base to Ely to Newmarket to Cromer to 5303-0143E to 5430-0640E  
to 5340-0845E to 5326-0920E to Target.

\* F - Frigidaire  
S - Savage

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Continued):

(i) S 501735 ; (j) S 501530 ; (k) S 501572 ; (l) S 502012 .

S E C R E T

S.R. & D. No. 1746

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Crow Position	Name	ASN	Grade	Present Status
TTG	WALKER, Alton B.	18076480	S/Sgt	MIA
BTG	DENNEY, Donald R.	12038122	Sgt	MIA
RTG	MARUSO, Stanley J.	31164049	S/Sgt	MIA
ITG	WIDER, Charles P.	34406544	S/Sgt	MIA
TG	HAYNES, Benjamin L.	34444117	S/Sgt	MIA

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The loss of this plane was due to a collision with aircraft No.42-31113.  
(See paragraph 4 above.)

b. Sergeant HAYNE's AG 201 file contains a letter, dated 26 July 1944, from his mother with an inclosure, a photostatic copy of a letter, dated 18 July 1944, from Mrs. Edna Carpenter, the mother of Lieutenant KERRICK. The pertinent part of Mrs. Carpenter's letter reads as follows:

"The boy I have waited for has finally come home from England. He wrote to me on July 8th, Lewis's twenty-fifth birthday. Ever since his letter came I have tried to decide whether or not to pass on the message he sent me. My final decision has been to go on the assumption that, like myself, you would want to know what happened. I shall quote from Bob's letter.

"Dear Mom: - I just got that beautiful letter that you wrote to me.

"Mom, right off I am going to give you both barrels. I'll tell you what follows told me they saw. I wasn't there but this is the best I can do.

"Horky Hendrickson's plane got a direct hit. He went out of control and crashed into Low. They both blow up. It happened just off the enemy coast over the North-Sea. No one got out of either ship. \* \* \* #"

c. No record was found in Visi-card files of Casualty Branch showing a Hendrickson as a casualty on 16 December 1943 in this area.

d. On 6 October 1944, the Commanding General, U.S.F., European Theater of Operations, was requested to furnish this office any additional information concerning the loss of this plane and the disappearance of the crew. The pertinent part of the 4th Indorsement, dated 24 October 1944, from Headquarters, 96 th Bombardment Group, is quoted below:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

IN REPLY REFER TO OMMGF 293

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Wilder, Charles P.

SN 34 406 544

IMPORTANT

Address reply and envelope to:

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Do NOT include the name of the official who signed the communication.

24 March 1948

Mr. Charlie W. Wilder

Bunn, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wilder:

More than two years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Charles P. Wilder.

During that time the most painstaking efforts have been made to locate his remains. The circumstances surrounding his death have been thoroughly reviewed, and after a detailed study of all records and reports, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that the remains are not recoverable.

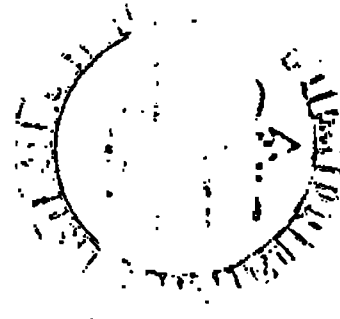
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Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, I deeply regret that I have no alternative but to convey this information to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Richard B. Coombs*

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division



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## MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

MACR NO. 1565

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: LOCATION: AAF Sta 138 COMMAND OR AIR FORCE 8th Air Force  
GROUP 96th Bomb Gp. (H); SQUADRON 337th Bomb (H); DETACHMENT - - - -
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE AAF Sta 138 COURSE See attached sheet  
INTENDED DESTINATION Bremen, Germany TYPE OF MISSION Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Weather: Sub-zero. Visibility: At 23000 ft, unrestricted. Target obscured.
4. GIVE: (A) DATE 16 Dec 1943 TIME 1352 AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN  
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT Near Dutch Coast  
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER (X) LAST SIGHTED; ( ) LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO;  
( ) FORCED DOWN; ( ) SEEN TO CRASH; OR ( ) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY ONE): ( ) ENEMY AIRCRAFT; ( ) ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT; (X) OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS  
FOLLOWS: Collided with aircraft #42-31113
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES B-17F AAF SERIAL NO. 42-30872
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES R-1820-97 AAF SERIAL NO. (A)  
43-63160 (B) 43-63284 (C) 43-62814 (D) 43-63256
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)  
(A) \* F 405514 (B) F 405731 (C) F 405527 (D) P 197232  
(E) F 397257 (F) \* S 501912 (G) S 501926 (H) S 502162
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY XXX  
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 10; PASSENGERS 0; TOTAL 10  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
(1) PILOT	Kerrick, Lewis W.	1st Lt.	0-662917	KIA
(2) CO-PILOT	Blevle, George V.	2nd Lt.	0-680597	KIA
(3) Navigator	Thompson, Lloyd (M.T.)	2nd Lt.	0-736607	KIA
(4) Bombardier	Bakman, Floyd W.	2nd Lt.	0-676928	KIA
(5) Radio Opr.	Wright, Raymond W.	T/Sgt.	35366435	KIA
(6) Top Turret Gnr.	Walker, Alton B.	S/Sgt.	18076480	KIA
(7) Ball Turret Gnr.	Denmead, Donald R.	Sgt.	12038122	KIA
(8) Right Waist Gnr.	Maruso, Stanley J.	S/Sgt.	31164049	KIA
(9) Left Waist Gunner	Wilder, Charles P.	S/Sgt.	34406544	KIA
(10) Tail Gunner	Haynes, Benjamin L., Jr.	S/Sgt.	34441317	KIA
(11)				

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Sisler, Darrell C.	1st Lt.	0-797196		X		
(2) Johnson, Clarence L.	2nd Lt.	0-740824		X		
(3) Smith, Billie J.	1st Lt.	0-740967		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED; (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH; OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY)
13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. Unavailable.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Unavailable.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. None.

Prepared by Memorial Division OMSG.

17 December 1943.  
(Date of Report)

/s/ /t/ GEORGE B. ECCLELAND  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)  
(See attached sheet)

1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Unit Personnel Officer.



S E C R E T

S.R. & D. 1746

EXTRACT

17 December 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Casualty Branch.

SUBJECT : Determination of Status under  
Public Law 490, as amended.

I. - FACTS

1. Attached and made a part hereof is a list of forty-five officers and enlisted men entitled: "U.S. Army Air Forces Personnel Missing in Actions 16 December 1943, Following a Bombing Raid on Bremen, Germany."

2. These officers and enlisted men were reported missing in action while in flying pay status on 16 December 1943, by USSOS London, on classified messages numbered W 9421, dated 24 December 1943, and 26 December 1943, respectively (Casualty Branch Nos: 358083 and 361019). Those messages also showed the crew position for each individual.

3. Missing Air Crew Reports reporting the circumstances of the loss in each case have been submitted by the respective organizations of the officers and enlisted men named above. According to these reports, they were on a bombing mission to Bremen, Germany, on 16 December 1943. The weather conditions and visibility were described as follows: "Weather: Sub-zero. Visibility: At 23,000 ft, unrestricted. Target obscured." The reports, with the exception of AAF No. 1558, state that the course of the flight was "Base to Ely to Newmarket to Cromer to 5303-0143E to 5430-0640E to 5340-0845E to 5326-0920E to Target". This course was over the North-Sea, coming in to the Target, Bremen, from the North. The reports also set forth the complete crew of each plane and a summary of the facts surrounding that plane's disappearance. The following paragraphs, 4 to 11, inclusive, set forth the pertinent facts from all sources concerning each individual crew. The status of each crew member has been obtained from Visi-card records of the Casualty Branch.

4. Crew No. 1.

a. Missing Air Crew Report (AAF No. 1564), dated 17 December 1943, concerns the crew of B-17 aircraft No. 42-31113 of the 339th Bombardment Squadron, 96th Bombardment Group.

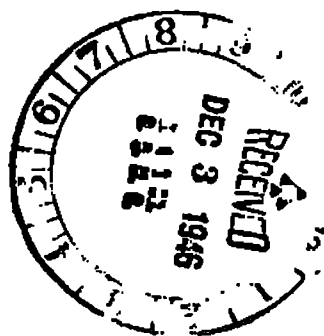
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P	MOTT,	Harold R. 0670589	Capt	MIA
CP	CREUTZMANN,	Harry E. 0681343	2/nd Lt	MIA
N	BLACKWELL,	Thomas B. 0801114	2/nd Lt	MIA

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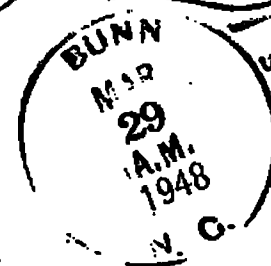
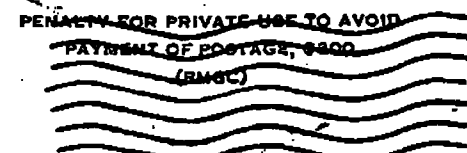
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**-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

193 NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
WILDER, CHARLES P.		34406544	S/SGT	AC	RTO
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY		PAYING OR RECEIVING PAY	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
RTO	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
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**NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE**

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MR. MRS. MISS - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL - LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
Mr. James Perry Wilder	Brother	3 Jan 45
NO. AND NAME OF STREET-CITY-STATE		
R.F.D. #4, Lewisburg, North Carolina.		

REMARKS: AG 201 (17 Dec 44) ☐ CORRECTED COPY

MEMO: CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH. \*FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON was made in the case of this individual under provisions of Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended. \*\*PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH: 17 Dec 44. In line of duty. Not result of own misconduct. On duty status.

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AG 201	NAME WILDER CHARLES P ASN 34 406 544	GRADE S/SGT BRO	
NAME AND AD. DRESS OF E. A.	JAMES P WILDER RED FOUR LEWISBURG NORTH CAROLINA		DATE SENT 92 NOV 46

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE 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.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR BROTHER

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
S/SGT	WILDER, CHARLES P.	34406544	AC			322052-11-19
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE	
KILLED IN ACTION		IN	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
			16	DEC	43	

REMARKS: AG 704 DEAD/13 NOV 46/ ☐ CORRECTED COPY

REPORT OF DEATH ISSUED 26 NOV 46. plm  
MEMO -- SR AND D SEC. APPROVED -- ACTING CHIEF, CAS BR. ACFT IN WHICH ABOVE WAS CREW MEMBER WENT INTO WADDEN ZEE, OFF NW COAST OF HOLLAND AFTER COLLISION PL -- W ETO. FINDING OF DEATH ISSUED PREVIOUSLY UNDER SEC 5, MISSING PERSONS ACT, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH AS 17 DEC 44. THIS RPT OF DEATH BASED ON INFO RECD SINCE THAT DATE, IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC 9 OF SAID ACT AND ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PRESCRIBED IN SEC 9.

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Wilder, Charles P.

S/Sgt

34406544

Name

Rank

ASN

66th Bomb Group

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22 September 1943

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Wilder, Charles P.  
SN 34 406 844

24 March 1948

Mr. Charlie W. Wilder  
Bunn, North Carolina

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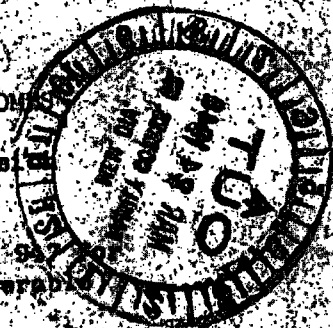
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RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, GMD  
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CC: AGC

(See 293 File 1st Lt. Louis Kerick, S. N. 34 402 21  
release information regarding remains non-recoverable)



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**REPORT OF DEATH**

plm-1C488

DATE 26 Nov 1948

FULL NAME <b>WILDER, CHARLES P.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>34408544</b>	GRADE <b>S/SGT</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Raleigh, N. C.</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>AC</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>20 May 1921</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>16 Dec 1943</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>15 Oct 1942</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

**James Perry Wilder, brother, RFD #4, Lewisburg, N. C.**

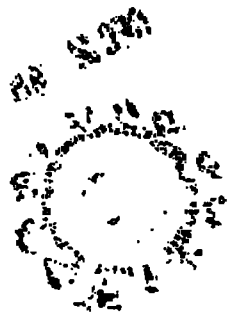
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INVESTIGATION MADE	IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS	OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES X NO	YES NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942 as amended, showing presumed date of death as 17 Dec 1944. This "Report of Death" based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.

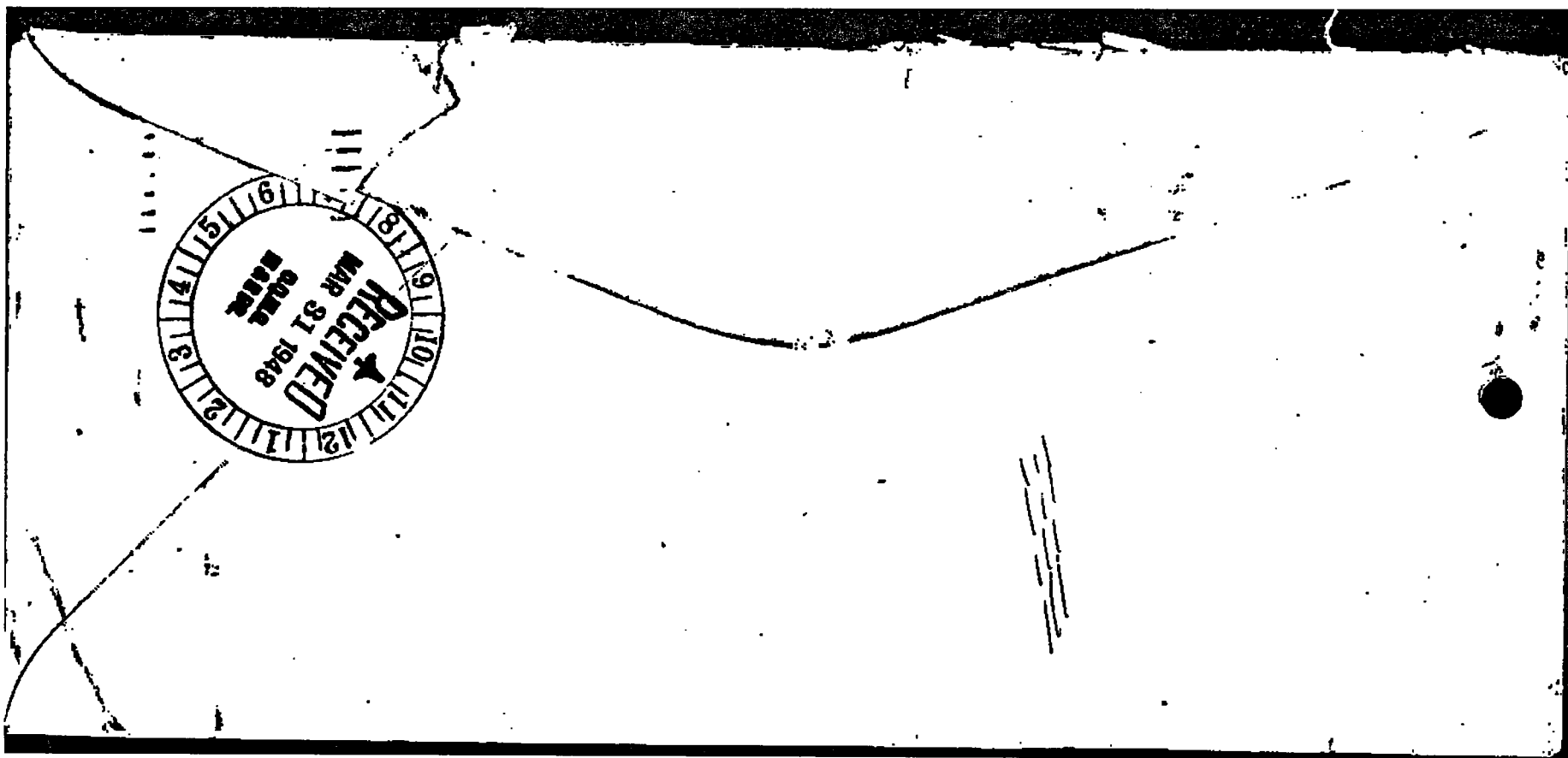


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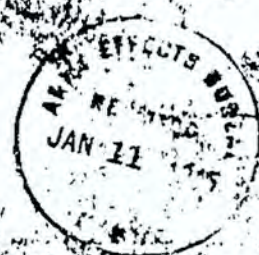


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MR. MRS. MISS FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
Mr. James Perry Wilder	Brother	3 Jan 46
<p>NO. AND NAME OF STREET-CITY-STATE</p>		
R.F.D. #4, Lewisburg, North Carolina.		

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ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			SERIAL NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	NOTE NO.	REFERENCE		DEPT	PAGE
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REPORT OF DEATH

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DATE 26 Nov 1946

FULL NAME <b>WILDER, CHARLES P.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>34406544</b>	GRADE <b>S/SGT</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Raleigh, N. C.</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>AC</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>20 May 1921</b>
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942 as amended, showing presumed date of death as 17 Dec 1944. This "Report of Death" based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*U. M. Anderson*

ADJUTANT GENERAL

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. James Perry Wilder

S/Sgt. Charles P. Wilder

4811 N. W. 15th Avenue

Effects of

34406544

Miami, Florida

Name

141,790-M

ASN

Case No.

Wt.

Ship Via

FRANKED

G B/L NO.

Date 14 December 1944

Whipple:blh

Virginia Marshall  
For Effects Quartermaster

NOTE: Item in locked storage to be  
sent by registered mail.

SHIPPED

DATE: 12/21/44

PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 ctn

Franked

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Frt. Chgs.

867-534

TOTAL

WT.

Date Shipped

DEC 16 1944

REMARKS:

DEC 20 1944

DEC 14 1944

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

Shipping Clerk

mk



Jeb

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

(S-1-14-45)  
JRM:NW:blh  
December 14, 1944

In Reply Refer To: 141,790-W

Mr. James Perry Wilder  
4811 N. W. 15th Avenue  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Wilder:

Thank you for the information furnished the Army Effects Bureau, to enable disposition of personal effects belonging to your brother, Staff Sergeant Charles P. Wilder.

This property is being forwarded in a carton and package, 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 only in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them, pending the return of the owner. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

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

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

Yours very truly,

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

1 Incl. -  
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

James Perry Wilder  
(Signature of Bailee)

12/24-44  
(Date)

# CASUALTY MESSAGE

## TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM	WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU	AGO 141790
CHG. APPROPRIATION	TFD 3832

AG 201 **WILDER, CHARLES P** (24DEC43)  
ASN **34 406 544**

SPXPC-N **358083-5(3)** 29 DECEMBER  
MESSAGE NO. DATE 1943

**MR JAMES PERRY WILDER**

**RURAL FREE DELIVERY NUMBER FOUR**

**LEWISBURG NORTH CAROLINA**

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR

**BROTHER** **STAFF SERGEANT CHARLES P. WILDER**  
(RELATIONSHIP) (GRADE) (NAME)

HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING **IN ACTION SINCE**

**SIXTEEN DECEMBER** **IN EUROPEAN AREA** PERIOD IF FURTHER  
(DATE) (AREA)

DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED PERIOD

OFFICIAL:

**ULIO**  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

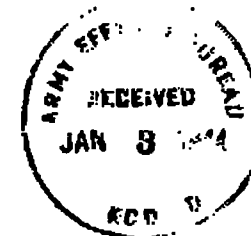
**ADJUTANT GENERAL**

**BATTLE**

THIS COPY FOR ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Not to be delivered by phone except when authorized by the sender.  
Not to be delivered between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM.

W. D., A. G. O. FORM 802-4  
20 SEPTEMBER 1943



7 JAN 1947

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

Q'GYG 293 Wilder, Charles Paul (Name)

S/Sgt. (Rank)

34406544 (Serial No.)

V.A.C.R. Information Filed Under:

NAME: **Mayle, George V.**

RANK: **2nd Lt.**

SERIAL NO: **0-480557**

494

MACR: 1565

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

16 JUL 1947

QMGM 293 Wilder, Charles P. (Name)  
S/Sgt. (Rank)  
34 406 544 (Serial No.)

M.A.C.R. Information Filed Under:

NAME: **DENMEAD, DONALD R.**

RANK: **SGT.**

SERIAL NO: **12 038 122**

DATE:

SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> SHEETS		ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED MISSING POW ABANDONED	
BOX NUMBER		ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES <u>1</u>			
TALLY NUMBER <u>5534</u> ✓		INVENTORY DATE <u>11-18-44</u> ✓		CASE NUMBER <u>1141.790</u>	
EFFECTS OF <u>Charles P. Wilder</u> ✓		RANK <u>S/sgt</u> ✓			
A.S.N. <u>34406544</u> ✓		ORGANIZATION <u>337 Bomb Sq</u> ✓			
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <u>#1 Paratrooper</u>					
CLOTHING		PERSONAL ITEMS		CONTAINERS	
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1 mirror ✓					
1 roll bandage ✓					
1 note book ✓				No Lock Storage	
1 wallet w/ photo, cards, note book & short notes				1 air medal	
				SHIPPED	
				DATE: <u>12/10/44</u>	
REMARKS Father Charles W. Wilder Bunn V. E. Home address 4811 N. W. 15th Ave Miami Florida		ATTACHMENTS 1 Inventory ✓			
Cat Mr J. P. Wilder Lonsburg North Carolina Route 4		NOV 27 1944			
WAREHOUSE SPACE <u>1322</u>		STORED BY <u>JCM</u>		WEIGHT	
INVENTORIED BY <u>Bessie R. Rits</u>		DATE SHIPPED <u>DEC 16 1944</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHORTAGE ON REVERSE ✓ <input type="checkbox"/> 10 TAGS REMOVED <input type="checkbox"/> DIARY REMOVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOCKED STORAGE ✓ <input type="checkbox"/> LAUNDRY REMOVED <input type="checkbox"/> FILM REMOVED	
PACKED BY <u>Short</u>					



ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U S GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

AMOUNT

DATE

SYMBOL

1 overnight bag w/ contents

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

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

Walter  
Alder

Charles  
Dunlop

P  
P

11/11/11

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18th day of December 1912

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December 9, 1944  
4811 N. W. 15th. Ave.  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Re: 141, 790W

My father, Charles W. Wilder died on November 8th. 1944 and your letter addressed to him was delivered to me. I am an older brother of Charles P. Wilder and reared him from the time that he was four years of age. I have been unable to locate any written instrument stating with whom he wanted his property stored, but inasmuch as I have his Last Will and Testament, under the terms of which all his property both real and personal is devised to me, I assume that I would be the proper party to keep said property.

My brother was unmarried. The names and addresses of his nearest relatives and next of kin are as follows,

James P. Wilder- 4811 N. W. 15th. Ave. Miami, Fla.  
Bettie W. Batton- Route 4, Louisburg, N. C.  
Sallie W. Rush- 1388 N. W. 22nd. St. Miami, Fla.  
Lola W. Winchester- State Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.  
Kate W. Carlyle- Route 1, Zebulon, N. C.  
Lucille W. Day- Franklinton, N. C.

I would be willing to receive, and keep his property as gratuitous baillee, and to redeliver the same to either him, his personal representative or the Army Effects Bureau upon demand.

Yours very truly,

*James Perry Wilder*

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri (S-1-1-45)

In Reply Refer to 141,790W

JRM:NW:blh  
December 1, 1944

**IMMEDIATE ACTION**

Mr. Charles W. Wilder  
Bunn, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wilder:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal property belonging to your son, Staff Sergeant Charles P. Wilder.

Since he has been reported to be missing in action, it is our desire that some close relative keep this property pending return of the owner or change in his status. If you have any letter or other written instrument from him indicating with whom he wants his belongings stored, please forward such paper to me. After examination, it will be returned promptly.


It will be appreciated if you also will kindly furnish the following information, and any other which you may consider important:

1. Is he married? If so, what is his wife's name and address?
2. What are the names and addresses of his closest relatives, i.e. oldest child, father, mother, oldest brother, oldest sister, etc.?
3. What is the name, address and relationship of the person with whom you believe he would want his property stored?
4. Would you personally be willing to receive, receipt for, and safely keep his property as gratuitous bailee?
5. If the property is delivered to you, will you agree to return it to him, his personal representative, or the Army Effects Bureau upon request?

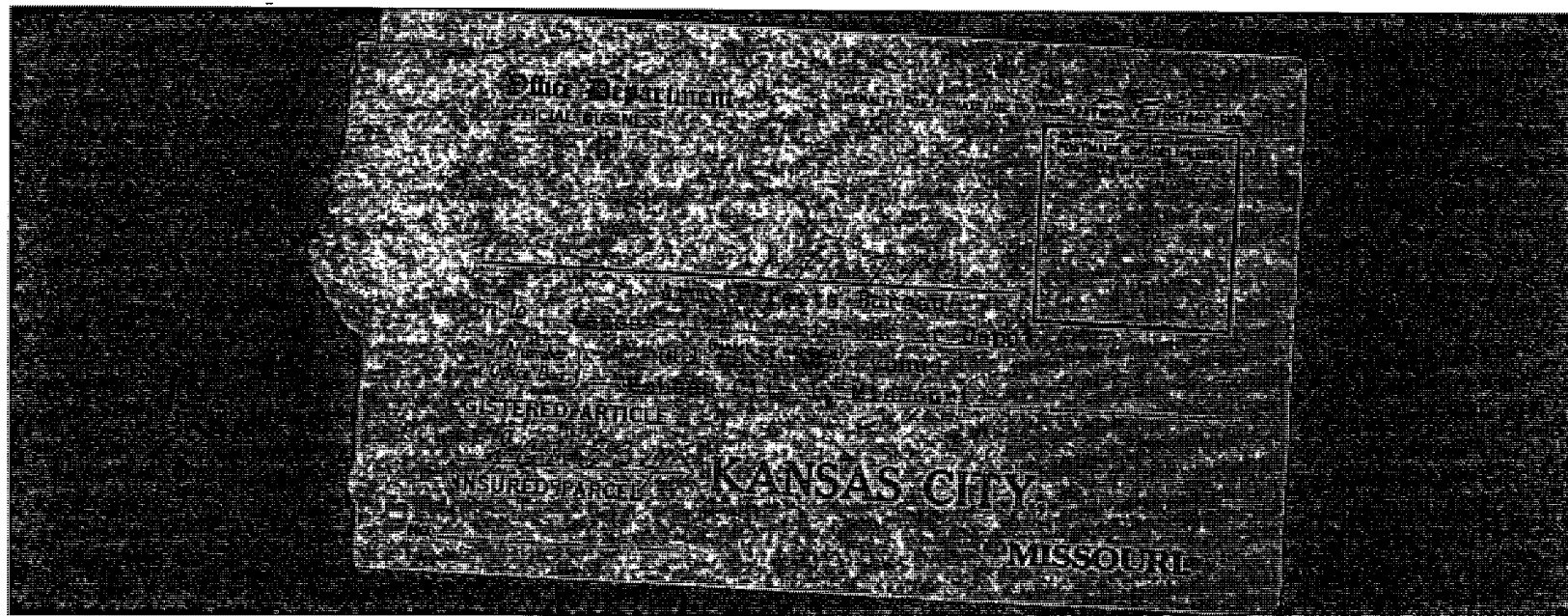
Please be assured that this letter is in no way intended as a casualty message. Its sole purpose is to acquire information that will enable us to make proper disposal of the property now in our custody.

If you so desire, you may use the reverse side of this letter for your reply. For your convenience, there is enclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

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

*See other side*  
1 Incl--  
Envelope



TALLY NO. 5-5-84

TALLY NO. 5-5-84

NAME Charles F. Welch

RANK 5/5

RANK 5/5

37406-475-1154

DATE 11-18-44

QM Form 56

QM Form 56

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

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
INVENTORY

*Pal-55'*  
*Bay 38*  
*BH*

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

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS *W. L. Allen* *C. P.*

TALLY-IN NO. 5534

ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTS OF \_\_\_\_\_

RANK \_\_\_\_\_

A.S.N. \_\_\_\_\_

ORG. \_\_\_\_\_

