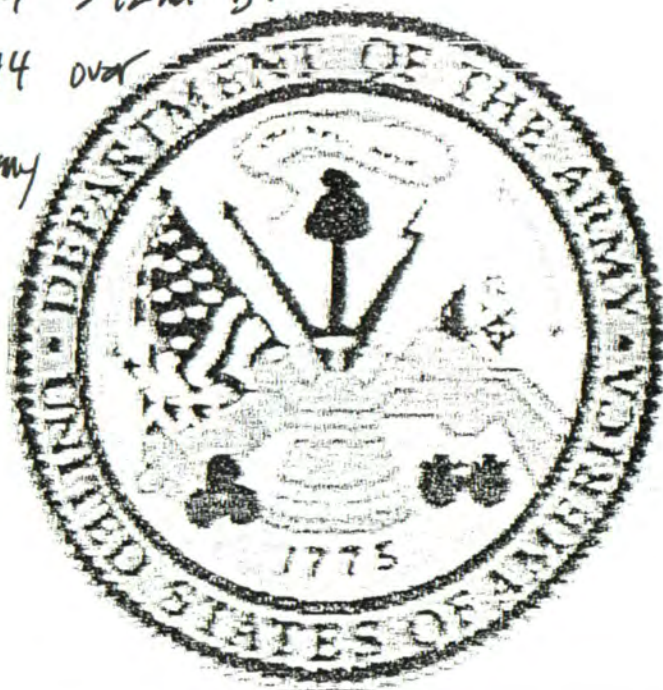


SSGT Earl J. Propst
578th BS, 392nd BG

9-13-44 over

Rudersheim, Germany

Propst



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED
PERSONNEL FILE

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RRE Form #43
25 Sep 48

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

<u>PROBST</u>	<u>Earl</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>S SG</u>	<u>15070720</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United
States Military Cemetery ST AVOLD

PTL

IN. FROM X-2017 (St. Avold Cem.)
 ST. AVOLD
 1101 - 25 - 1 - 25

1430 25 05 1945

Arrived at cem. by (boat) (car) (other) (collecting point)

Place of death Rudesheim Germany 1454 Sheet T-2 Scale 1:100,000 U.S.G.S.

no. 4416 Nord De Guerre Grid

Remains recovered by 3046 CM.GR.REG.OO. S/Sgt Coleman

Evacuated to cemetery by 3046 CM.GR.REG.OO. Sgt Petty 39341472

Is lead list attached No Are names of deceased found in same area as this

Unknown started Yes Are circumstances described which may indicate organiza-

tion of the deceased Yes If only part of a body was received, was a careful

search made for other parts of Unknown Yes

If remains come from vehicle, plane, etc. Plane removed, no information on

type of plane available.

Serial number, organization or symbol
 (St. Avold Cem.)

Crew list Unidentified X-2016 who may be identified as Probat, Theo. This

name was entered in Cemetery records and further verified by Bürgermeister.

If a tank, which hatch s were free and available for escape use Does not apply.

If organization to which vehicle or plane was assigned or if names of all other
 deceased are not known, give detailed information concerning vehicle or plane

Plane removed.

(Parts of markings or symbols) (Name) (Indicated by shell fire, etc.)

(Parts of tank, field, etc.) (Indicated by fire explosion)

(Parts of men who escaped) (Location of other vehicles or planes in vicinity)

A brief description of personal effects None

(Indicate exact location or part of body

where found)

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - AREA SEARCHING
To be completely filled out and attached to each copy of
GR Form 1, "Report of Burial" when disinterment is accomplished.

1. Unidentified X-2017* Unk Unk AAF
(Full name of deceased) (Rank) (ASN) (Organization)
2. State if identification tags were attached to remains, how many, and where attached. (To be filled out at disinterment) No tags
3. Give exact location of isolated grave, furnishing coordinates and letter prefix, map sheet, scale and series used Rudesheim, Germany WM 454 Sheet T-2 Scale 1:100,000 G.S.G.S. No. 4416 Nord De Guerre Grid.
NOTE: ATTACH OVERLAY SHOWING EXACT LOCATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE TYING LOCATION IN WITH PERMANENT LANDMARKS.
4. Full name of cemetery (include plot, row and grave if organized cemetery) Rudesheim Cemetery Rudesheim, Germany WM 454
5. Approximate or established date of death (state which & give basis for date selected) (Est) 14 Sept 1944 from BURGERMEISTER'S RECORDS/Rudesheim
6. Approximate or established date of burial (give basis for date established) (Est) 14 Sept 1944 from Burgermeister's records/Rudesheim
7. Manner in which grave was marked and all information contained on the marker No markings
8. List personal effects found in possession of civilian or unauthorized military personnel, furnishing name and address of individuals concerned None
9. Names and addresses of all persons questioned concerning death or burial and information each furnished (contact local Mayor, priest, cemetery caretaker, those responsible for burial and any other possessing important information)
Burgermeister - Dr. Faust, Geisenheimer Str. 26, Rudesheim
Priest - Pfr. Willig, Schmidt Str., Rudesheim
Police - Ringsdorf (Address unavailable)
Cemetery caretaker - Trohmann, Friedhof Str., Rudesheim
10. If buried in a coffin, give description and markings (To be filled out at disinterment) Plain wooden box No markings.
11. Action taken Disinterred.
Disinterment approved by 536 QM GP.
Disinterment and ~~reburial~~ made by: S/Sgt. Coleman
Date of ~~reburial~~/reburial: 25 OCT 1945
Place of ~~reburial~~/reburial U.S. Military Cemetery: St. Avoild, France
Plot 00 Row 1 Grave 25

NOTE: Additional particulars regarding investigation will be placed on reverse side

*Cross out word not applicable

Wendell Clapp
Signature of Investigating Officer
LT. WENDELL CLAPP
Rank 01596611 ASN
WENDELL CLAPP
CROSS QMC O-159661
CROSS QM OR COMPANY
SIGNING O.

20 November, 1945

SUBJECT: report of investigation, 10015 Gl. 1454

TO : 31, 556 Gl. Air 758, U.S. Army.

1. We received a report, 10015 Gl. 1454, (30), that was submitted by 10015 Gl. 1454, 2d EDA Det., 10015 Gl. 1454, 10015 Gl. 1454. The report states that an American pilot was buried in the town of Rudesheim (10015 Gl. 1454, sheet 150, 1/250,000). His name was given to them as John Hopkins or Father William, Schmidtstrasse 24, Rudesheim. He further stated that the man's identification tag might have been buried with him.

2. Investigation of this town prior to the receipt of this report revealed graves of three Americans, two of them who were supposed to be from the same plane crash, and one separate which was supposed to be John Hopkins. One of the two together was recorded as Probst, Theo. Investigators contacted the burgemeister (Faust), Father William, the police chief (Kindard), the cemetery caretaker (Hart Frohman) and some townspeople. All agreed that the single grave was that of the man who had been a PW and whom Father William knew quite well. Well enough, in fact, so that he claims to have valued the friendship considerably. He states that Hopkins used to tell about what a wonderful place New York is. It is not clear whether he refers to the city or the state. Hopkins is supposed to have died with lung trouble at the hospital in Rudesheim.

3. Disinterment of the three graves by members of this company discovered three bodies as reported. Of the two together, neither had any means of identification that was conclusive, so they were buried as X-2016 (St. Avoird cem.) (shown on burgemeister's records as Probst, Theo) and X-2017 (St. Avoird cem.), Plot Q graves 24 and 25 respectively. The single grave yielded a body with an identification tag around the neck bearing the name of William E. Goring, 3696539, religion catholic. Further processing of the body revealed no conflicting evidence and he was sent to St. Avoird Cemetery to be buried in Plot Q grave 52.

4. A special investigation at Rudesheim upon receipt of the report mentioned in paragraph one revealed nothing new. The priest gave us a signed statement that he was present at the burial of John Hopkins in the churchyard cemetery at Rudesheim. But he, the burgemeister, the caretaker of the cemetery, the police chief and some other people are now confused. They agree that the single grave was supposed to be that of Hopkins. In their confusion they have persuaded each other (and then dissuaded each other again) that Hopkins was the other one in the two graves together. This does not seem logical if what they said is true about the two coming from the same plane, and Hopkins coming from the hospital at a different time.

At the time of the first impact, when the car struck, it is claimed that the plane in which the two men had been riding had been pulled away. At the time of the second investigation parties of the plane were located, and the following information taken from it: "45 Ford 'Ford' was twisted in one wing. The rear right wheel was bent: "L-7748-18-

5. Further special investigation which I talked to my friends, Mr. Stengel, and Sister Euginia and had access to the hospital records of the hospital where Earl Lee and KILLIS were hospitalized satisfied me beyond doubt that the body in the single grave was actually that of a M.I.G. The sister who took care of the men in the hospital clinic there were five Americans in the same room. KILLIS was one of them. Others were named HENRIK, ALAN DALL, and KILLY, and of course JAMES KILLIS was the only^{one} who died. The rest were either cured there or sent to other hospitals. She further said that although a M.I.G. claimed he was Catholic and had not been "baptized", he was baptized before his death, and that rite performed by Father Antonio Willet of Hudson City. The error on the town records was determined to have been due to some confusion on the part of Father Willet as to which man died. He reported the name to the former sister's office as HENRIK, which was incorrect. No further information is available here, and none seems necessary.

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TO: Commanding General, First Field Headquarters, AGRO, AF 757, U.S. Army

1. Forwarded as a matter pertinent to your Headquarters, case references, "Ltr Mil Gov Let 1942, dtd 19 June 1945 (John Collins, ; Bureau Burial Report (William C. Gorin)".
2. Three (3) Reports of Burial (GRS.No.1) and support "Forms are inclosed pertaining to the above mentioned cases.

4. Incise:

Incl-1 ltr Al Gov't 12/23 dtd 1- June 1948
Incl-2 GRS No.1 and supporting forms (William E. Jering)
Incl-3 GRS No.1 and supporting forms (X2016)
Incl-4 GRS No.1 and supporting forms (X2017).

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29 April 1949

S/Sgt Earl J. Propst, ASN 15 070 720
Plot J, Row 22, Grave 7
Headstone: Cross
St. Avoird (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mr. Earl Propst
Route #4
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Propst:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

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8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		

LOWER TEETH

Right										Left					
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS II

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

Date July 19, 19 42

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*Restorable carious teeth by O

Nonrestorable carious teeth by /

Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
(horizontal line)

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
(oval to include abutments)

	X	
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IDENTIFICATION DATA

AG.2AC FORM
1 Aug 1946

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(Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown.)



REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

S/Sgt Earl J. Probst, 15 070 720
Plot 90, Row 1, Grave 25,
United States Military Cemetery
Saint Avold, France

16 October 1947

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, EARL PROBST

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

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|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| ☐ WIDOW | ☐ WIDOWER | ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD | ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| ☒ FATHER | ☐ MOTHER | ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD | ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| ☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____ | | | |

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

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

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO _____ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
- (FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

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

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

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

None

CODED 15 070 720

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PART I (Continued)

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

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (<i>Nearest railroad passenger station</i>)	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 (<i>Nearest railroad passenger station</i>)	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
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

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

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

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

<i>Earl Propst</i> (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) <u>Earl Propst</u> (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	<u>Route #4</u> (STREET AND NUMBER) <u>Morgantown W. Va.</u> (CITY AND STATE)
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Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 21st day of Nov., 1947, at city (or town) of Morgantown, county of Monongalia, and State (or Territory or District) of West Virginia.

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

Robert D. Henry
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public Commission Expires Feb 18, 1957
 (OFFICIAL TITLE)

PART I RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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

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

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

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

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

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(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

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S/Egt Earl J. Propst, 15 070 720
Plot QQ, Row 1, Grave 25,
United States Military Cemetery
Saint Avoird, France

16 October 1947

Mr. Earl Propst
Rural Free Delivery #4
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Propst:

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 B, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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Major General
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS DIVISION

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20 September 1946

Mr. Earl Propst
Rural Free Delivery #4
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Propst:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Earl J. Propst, A.S.N. 15 070 720.

93 The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery St. Avold, plot QQ, row 1, grave 25. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located twenty-three miles east of Metz, 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,

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COMM. & RECORDS BRANCH
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Major General
The Quartermaster General

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S/Cgt

3 Aug 23

x

392 Bomb Gp H

25 Oct 45 x

Propst, Earl
Rural Free Delivery Number Four
Morgantown, W. Va. Father

Prev. Br. as Unk X-2017 (St. Avold)

Positive Identification

US Mil Cem St Avold, France QQ 1 25 Propst Earl J 15070720
mh

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO BURIAL REPORTS AS TAKEN FROM AG CAS CARD

& MACH J 441

ELEMENTARY ST AVOLD

PLOT QQ ROW 1 GRAVE 25

NAME : PROBST EARL J
RANK : S SGT
ASN : 15070720
ORGANIZATION : 392 BOMB GP H
DATE OF DEATH : 13 Sept. 44
PLACE OF DEATH : ---
CAUSE OF DEATH : ---

RECORDS BRANCH

G.J. 19 Aug. 46

(Signature)

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

24 July 1946

Date

PROPST Earl J. S/Sgt 15070720
Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.
392 Bomb. Gr. H.
Unit Organization
RUDESHEIM, Germany 14 September 1944 K I A
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death
1530 - 25 October 1945 U.S. Military Cemetery St. Avoild, France
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location
25 1 02 Cross
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 Previously buried as Unknown X-2017 (St. Avoild)

How were remains identified? Identified through:

- 1) Est. date and place of death of X-2017 in agreement with MACR for AC 42-50279 of which Propst was a crew member.
- 2) Civ. Cemetery Records list "Propst" as one of two American Airmen buried in RUDESHEIM Cemetery, where X-2017 was disinterred.
What means of identification were buried with the body?
- 3) X-2017 was recovered from Rudesheim Cemetery with an identified crew member of AC 42-50279.
- 4) Favorable comparison of tooth charts for X-2017 and Propst, Earl J. 15070720.

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

Who is buried on: JOYNT 0-702283 2/Lt 392 Bb. Gr. H. 24
Deceased's Right: Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.
Deceased's Left: END of ROW
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 Unknown
Name
Address
Religion Unknown

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

NONE

REBURIAL

Previously buried in isolated grave located at: RUDESHEIM, Germany, WM 1454, Sh.T-2 1:100,000 GSGS 4416 Nord De Guerre Grid

This corrected copy of Report of Burial, prepared in the Office of the American Graves Registration Command.

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23 SEP 1946

Philip J. Wolf

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

PHILIP J. WOLF
Maj., GAC

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

24 Oct 45

Date

PROBST, Earl J.

Unidentified X-2017*

Sgt
-Unk

15070720
Unk

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

Unk

392d Bomb Gr (H)

AAF

Coord: WM1474

Unit

Organization

Rudesheim, Germany

(Est) 14 Sept 44

Plane Crash

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1530 25 OCT 1945

U.S. Mil. Cem. St, Avoird, France

Q200784

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

25

1

QC

(Temp) Cross

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?

IDENTIFIED BY FIELD - APRVD BY JOQMG - 6 SEPT 46

Remains were not identified.

What means of identification were buried with the body?

Previously buried in ice field grave

GRS Form #1 in bottle

Coord: WM1474

Rudesheim, Germany

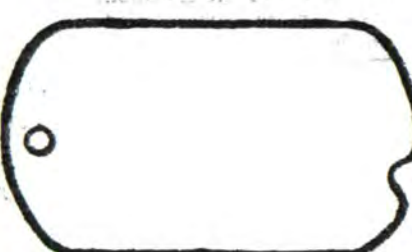
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right: X-2016* Unk 2nd Lt. AAF 24

Deceased's Left: END OF ROW.

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 -Unk Mrs. Alice J. Probst (M)

Address RPD #4, Morgantown, West Va.

Religion Unk

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

No personal effects

Disinterring Officer

Reinterring Officer

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

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IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

Height: 5'10" Laundry Marks: Unk
 Weight: 170 Number of Rifle: Unk
 Color of Eyes: Decomposed Glasses: Unk
 Color of Hair: Brown Is Tooth Chart Attached? Yes
 Race: White

(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.)

This body, Unidentified X-2017* is believed to be from same plane as Unidentified X-2016*

Unidentified X-2016*, is believed to be identified as Probst, Theo. This name was entered in Cemetery records, and further verified by Burgermeister.

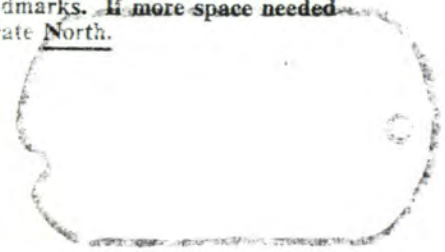
NOTE: Unknown 2 burials refer to

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

NOTE: brood

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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.



Decayed's Left

Decayed's Right

SEE ATTACHED TOOTH CHART	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

Other Data:

722660

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - AREA SEARCHING

To be completely filled out and attached to each copy of
GR Form 1, "Report of Burial" when disinterment is accomplished.
St Avoild Cem

1. Unidentifies X-2017* Unk Unk AAF
(Full name of deceased) (Rank) (ASN) (Organization)
2. State if identification tags were attached to remains, how many, and where attached. (To be filled out at disinterment) No tags
3. Give exact location of isolated grave, furnishing coordinates and letter prefix map sheet, scale and series used Rudesheim, Germany WM1454, Sheet T-2, Scale 1:100,000 GSGS No. 4416 Nord De Guerre Grid
NOTE: ATTACH OVERLAY SHOWING EXACT LOCATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE TYING LOCATION IN WITH PERMANENT LANDMARKS.
4. Full name of cemetery (include plot, row and grave if organized cemetery) Rudesheim, Cemetery Rusesheim, Germany WM1454
5. Approximate or established date of death (state which & give basis for date selected) (Est) 14 Sept 1944 from Burgermeisters records
6. Approximate or established date of burial (give basis for date established) Est 14 Sept 1944 from Burgermeisters records
7. Manner in which grave was marked and all information contained on the marker No markings
8. List personal effects found in possession of civilian or unauthorized military personnel, furnishing name and address of individuals concerned None
9. Names and addresses of all persons questioned concerning death or burial and information each furnished (contact local Mayor, priest, cemetery caretaker, those responsible for burial and any other possessing important information)
Burgermeister - Dr Faust, Geisenheimer Str. 26, Rudesheim
Priest PFR Willig, Schmidt Str., Rudesheim
Police - Ringsdorf, (Address unavailable)
Cemetery Caretaker - Trohmaun, Friedhof Str., Rudesheim
10. If buried in a coffin, give description and markings (To be filled out at disinterment) plain wooden box, no markings
11. Action taken Disinterred

Disinterment approved by 536 OM Group
Disinterment ~~and reburial~~ made by: S/Sgt Coleman
Date of ~~burial~~/reburial: St Avoild, France 25 October 1945
Place of ~~burial~~/reburial U.S. Military Cemetery: St Avoild, France
Plot 20 Row 1 Grave 25

NOTE: Additional particulars regarding investigation will be placed on reverse side

Signature of Investigating Officer

*Cross out word not applicable

Rank LT. WENDELL CLAPP
ASN 01596611

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

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Staff Sergeant Earl J.

Propst, Army Serial Number 15,070,720, Air Corps, ~~to be dead.~~ He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 13th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 14th day of September, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Henth
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA		FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS							
None							
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
3 Aug 1923	Morgantown, West Virginia	16 Oct 1941		YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
				Over	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Alice J. Propst	Mother	Rural Free Delivery Number Four Morgantown, West Virginia

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mr. Earl Propst	Father	Rural Free Delivery Number Four Morgantown, West Virginia
Mrs. Alice Propst	Mother	Rural Free Delivery Number Four Morgantown, West Virginia

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Circumstances of disappearance:

The subject person was a crew member of an airplane that was hit by enemy antiaircraft fire and was last seen in a steep dive in the vicinity of Schwabisch-Hall, Germany, while on a combat mission.

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REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1015

24 July 1946

Date

PROPST Earl J. S/Sgt 15070720
Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.
392 Bomb Gp. H.
Unit 13 Organization
RUDESHEIM, Germany 14 September 1944 KIA
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death
1530 - 25 October 1945 U.S. Military Cemetery St. Avold, France
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name of Coordinates of Location
25 1 00 Cross
Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

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

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

Who is buried on: JOYNT 0-702263 2/Lt. 392 Bb. Gp. H. 24
Deceased's Right: Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.
Deceased's Left: END OF ROW
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

Unknown

Address

Religion

Unknown

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

NONE

REPURIAL

Previously buried in isolated grave located at: RUDESHEIM, Germany
WM 1454, Sh. T-2 1:100,000 GSGS 4416
Nord de Guerre Grid

This corrected copy of Reprt of Burial, prepared in the office of the American Graves Registration Command.

s/t/ PHILIP J. WOLF
Maj., QMC

A TRUE COPY:

JOSEPH E MCCLUSKEY
2nd Lt, Inf

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.C. Officer

REPORT OF BURIAL IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

Height: Laundry Marks:
Weight: Number of Rifle:
Color of Eyes: Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair: Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:

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

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

Left Hand

2

1

Thumb

Right Hand

2

1

Thumb

TOOTH CHART

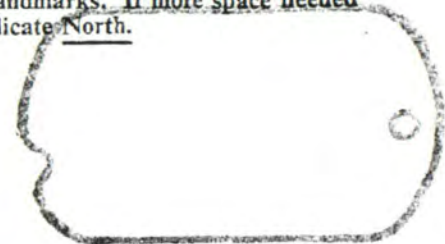
Deceased's Left													
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6
18	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6
Upper							Lower						

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

Characteristics:

Other Data:

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.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
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REPORT OF DEATH

plm-1D563

DATE 16 Sep 1946

FULL NAME PROPST, EARL J.				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 15 070 720		GRADE S/SGT	
HOME ADDRESS Morgantown, W. Va.				ARM OR SERVICE AC		DATE OF BIRTH 3 Aug 1923	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area			CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action			DATE OF DEATH 13 Sep 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 16 Oct 1941		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Alice J. Propst, mother, RFD #4, Morgantown, W. Va.							
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Earl Propst, father, RFD #4, Morgantown, W. Va. Alice Propst, mother, address as above							
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
						AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
						YES NO	
						IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
						YES X NO	
						OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
						YES NO	
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT						☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE	

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YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
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AG 201	NAME PROPST EARL J 15 070 720	GRADE S/SGT SON	1946 SEP 10 09 53 CAS. REPORT RECEIVED Letter TELEGRAM SENT 11 Sept 46
NAME AND AD- DRESS OF E. A.	MRS ALICE J PROPST RFD #4 MORGANTOWN WEST VIRGINIA		

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

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
S/SGT	PROPST, EARL J.	15070720	AC	ETO		252066- U-2
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
			13	SEP	46	

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FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED
Form # 0353		DET	14 Sep 45	
FORWARDED TO	SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER
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				F. REL.
				CORRES.
				REMARKS
				S. R. & D.
				NON-DEL
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				REVIEWED BY

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plm-1D563

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

(S-10-16-45)
RTB:JFH:pam
August 8, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 403167

Mrs. Alice J. Probst
P.F.D. # 4
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Probst:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your son, Staff Sergeant Earl J. Probst:

2 cartons and contents

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,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt., QMC
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

1 Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Alice J. Probst
(Signature of Bailee)

8/20/45
(Date)

Eff. QM Form 205 (11 Apr 45)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Alice J. Propst

SHIP TO:
S/Sgt. Earl J. Propst

M.F.D. # 4

Morgantown, West Virginia

Effects of: 15070720
Name
403167 M

ASN

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 8 August 1945

RTB:JFH:pam

B. Manville

POF: 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.

1st Jm. 7-16
2

REMARKS:

Franked _____
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Int. Chgs. _____
No. of packages 2

[Signature]
Shipping Clerk

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
DRY CLEANING LIST

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
LAUNDRY LIST

TALLY
NO.

103 108

403,167

TALLY
NO.

P-0720E

P-0720E

DRY CLEANING

do
not
use

LAUNDRY

do
not
use

SHIRTS, WOOL
TROUSERS, WOOL
COAT, SERVICE, WOOL
JACKET, FIELD
OVERCOAT, LONG
OVERCOAT, SHORT, WOOL
CAP, GARDISON, WOOL
CAP, GARDISON, W/LEATHER COTTON
CAP, SERVICE WOOL
CAP, SERVICE, W/LEATHER COTTON
TIES, WOOL
GLOVES, LEATHER OR WOOL
SCARFS
SWEATERS
TRUNKS, SWIM

SHIRTS, DRESS, COTTON
HANDKERCHIEFS
TROUSERS, COTTON
TIE, COTTON
UNDERSHIRTS, COTTON
DRAWERS, COTTON
SWEATSHIRTS, COTTON OR WOOL
DRAWERS, WOOL
SOCKS, COTTON, FR.
SOCKS, WOOL, FR.
PAJAMA TOPS
PAJAMA BOTTOMS
FATIGUES, 1 PC. COTTON
FATIGUES, TOPS, COTTON
FATIGUES, TROUSERS, COTTON
CAP, FATIGUE, COTTON
BELT, COTTON
TOWEL
CLOTH, W.O.L.
CAP, GARRISON, "NO. 1" COTTON
CAP, SERVICE, "NO. 1" COTTON
GLOVES, COTTON
LEGGERS
SUPPORTER, ELASTIC
SCARFS
TRUNKS, SWIM
PANTS, BASIN

48

WAREHOUSE SPACE

STORED BY

WEIGHT

INVENTORIED BY

PACKED BY

CHECKED BY

ALL SHIPPED
JUNE 13 1945

NAME PROSPT, EARL J. S SGT 120

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
41	32		8679
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
BOX			

QM Form 48

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY	L P.O.W. ABANDON TALLY NO. <u>2</u> INV. DATE <u>16 7</u> ORIG. NO. <u>1</u> OF PKGS. BOX NO. SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> SHEET ORGANIZATION <u>576 Cont Bn</u> <u>39th Cont Bn</u>
NAME <u>Earl J. Propst</u> A.S.N. <u>150707-0</u> RANK <u>S/Sgt</u>		

Belt	☒ TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	☒ VIRGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	☒ CLOTHING	☒ BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAPED
Cloth, Wash	☒ BRACELET IDENT.	☒ BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
Coats	☒ Brushes	☒ Case
Footwear, Pr.	☒ CAMERAS	☒ Foullocker
Gloves, Pr.	☒ Glasses	☒ KIT, SW, INT. OR W/TYPE
Handkerchiefs	☒ Knives	☒ BOOKS
Headwear	☒ Lighters	☒ Books, Address
Jackets	☒ KTC	☒ Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	☒ Pen, Fountain	☒ DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUP)
Scarfs	☒ Pencil, Mechanical	☒ FILMS
Shirts	☒ Pipes	☒ Letters
Socks, Pr.	☒ RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	☒ Papers, Personal
Ties	☒ RIBBONS, DECORATION	☒ Photos
Towels	☒ Rings	☒ Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.	☒ Tobacco	☒ SHORT SWEATER
Trunks, Pr.	☒ Toilet Articles	☒ SOUVENIRS
Underwear	☒ WATCH	☒ SOUVENIR MONEY
1. U.S. Stamp Lot # 19 - 12 1/2		☒ Stationery ☒ TESTAMENTS ☒ U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS	ATTACHMENTS	FORM #54	FORM #100
1. U.S. Stamp Lot # 19 - 12 1/2 2. U.S. Stamp Lot # 19 - 12 1/2 3. U.S. Stamp Lot # 19 - 12 1/2			
C.A.T.			
WAREHOUSE SPACE	STORED BY	DATE SHIPPED	☒ G.I. REMOVED ☒ SHORTAGE ON REVERSE ☒ IDENT. TAGS REMOVED ☒ DIARY REMOVED ☒ LOCKED STORAGE ☒ LAUNDRY REMOVED ☒ FILM REMOVED
INVENTORIED BY			
PACKED BY	CHECKED BY	#43 OR ADDITIONAL	

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

2 October 1944

date

576 Bomb Sq. 312 Bomb Gr. (1), 1. 3. 1943.

(Organization and A.I.O. Numbr)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Depot G-14, APO 507.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with Adm. Cir. # 80, dated 25 Oct. 1943, Hq SOS ETOUSA, is inventory of Effects concerning subject named below.

Propst	Earl	J.	Sgt.	15070720	
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Control No)
					(for use of Effects QM)

Organization 576 Bomb Sq. 312 Bomb Gr. (1).
(UNIT -----Not branch of service)

*Status. (~~Missing~~, Missing in Action, ~~Prisoner of War~~) on the 13th day of September 1944

Designated Beneficiary (with address)

Mr. Earl J. Propst, Route #4, Morgantown, West Virginia. (Father)

C. II Assets: Cash found in effects, less cost of money order inclosed herewith

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

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

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

Bank Accounts

Debtors

Creditors

Inclosed is (Will Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks. Describe Fully)

REMARKS (if any)

* Strike out words not applicable.

Negative report where applicable.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

- 01. 01. 1
- 2. Fountain pen
- 1. Voucher book
- 2. Pr. rings
- 1. Award bar
- 1. Air medal and ribbon
- 1. P. H. S.
- 1. Address book
- 2. Handled letters
- 1. Folder - F Form 5's

01. 02. II

- 1. Pr. shoes, (boots)
- 1. Pr. shoes, low cut
- 1. Pr. tennis shoes
- 2. Pr. slippers
- 2. Bath towels
- 1. Undershirt wool
- 1. Pr. swim trunks
- 1. Cap, garrison
- 1. Supporter
- 2. Undershirts, etc.
- 2. Pr. trousers, cotton
- 2. Pr. socks, wool
- 2. Socks
- 1. Razor
- 1. Tooth brush
- 1. Pr. gloves
- 1. Hair brush
- 1. Cribbage set - 12 cards
- 1. Mirror in case

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that effects were shipped to Effects, QM. PTCUSA, A.P.O. 507, C-14, U.S. Army by delivering to Station Quartermaster on 2 Oct. 1944.
at Station 115

Robert E. Nichols
Signature - (Name)
1st. Lt. Air Corps

Apt. No. 3.
576th Bomb Sq. (B)

Rank & Organization