

SSgt Roy N. Ball

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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH Ball, North Sea		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Ball, Roy N	RANK S/Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 37 221204

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1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	INITIALS OF ANALYST
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	
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REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

Name (Last, First, Middle)

BALL ROY N

Rank

SSG

Serial Number

37221204

Arm of Service

AAF

Date of Death

16 NOV 43

Area of Death

NORTH SEA

Name of Auditor

RAGSDALE

Date

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Name of Reviewer

M. Cox

Date

5 OCT 50

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Ball, Roy N.	GRADE S/Sgt	SERIAL NO. 37 221 204
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AG 704 DEAD (4 Dec 47)

4 December 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section,
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Reports of Death

1. The following named Air Corps personnel were reported missing in action 16 November 1943 over the North Sea, while in flying pay status, by Casualty Message No. 328062, and, under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, a Finding of Death was made in their cases (SRAD 1604-A), showing the presumed date of death as 19 August 1945:

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1st Lt	Raymond A. Becker	0794612
1st Lt	Anthony Hoyte	0730808
1st Lt	Benjamin P. Myers	0664905
S Sgt	Roy E. Ball	37221304
S Sgt	Charles W. Looser	36511759
S Sgt	George L. Schneller	17016712
S Sgt	Lee W. Whittenmore	16064321
Sgt	Claude L. Farber	38268538

2. Missing Air Crew Report No. 1440 reveals that the above named officers and enlisted men, plus two others listed below, were the complete crew of a B-17F (Fortress) type aircraft, serial number 42-30455, which was last seen at 1057 hours on 16 November 1943 when it crashed into the North Sea about two miles off the coast of Norway near Varhaug, Norway (58° 37' N-5° 41' E).

1st Lt	Robert W. Stuart	0740974	KIA
S Sgt	Charles J. Reed	11090412	KIA

Excerpts of statement attached to the crew report and made by members of other planes, who were in the same formation and observed the subject plane when it crashed into the water, are quoted as follows:

From the statement made by 1st Lt George W. Harmon, 0795737 -
"About three miles out from Hellvig, Lt Becker's ship, 455, had radio room and #1 engine on fire. Alt. 13,000 feet. Ten parachutes were seen to open. Three boats were seen close by heading South."

From the statement made by 1st Lt. Keith E. Harris, 0731865 -
"... smoke was coming out and ten parachutes were seen - 3 to 4 vessels within 10 miles of where A/C came down - mine sweepers."

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From statement made by 2nd Lt Maurice G. Greshie, 0799346 -

"455 was just ahead, started to veer right, escape hatch came off, No. 2 engine black smoke, flames coming out radio hatch. Looked like started in gas tank - no enemy action - saw 1 man jump - saw total of 9 chutes all open. One chute (No 10) did not open. 9 chutes open - 1 not-10 total. Saw three coastal vessels in vicinity in V formation make down coast toward chutes. A/C hit water - big flash came out of radio room just before it hit."

From the statement made by Capt. Robert D. Brown, 0521448 -

"Two miles off coast near Vardoug, Norway * * * Ship went up and stalled out - they went down in a slow spiral - 9 chutes open - one body seen hitting water without chute opening - 3 coastal vessels turned in direction that the chutes were coming down and headed for them. Plane was in flames as it went down and hit the water."

3. Burial report is on file for 3 Sgt Charles J. Reed, 11090412, showing that his remains were recovered from Grave 1, Row 1, in a cemetery at Egersund, Norway (55°27' N - 6°00' E), and had been reburied in United States Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium. These remains had been previously buried as an unknown "X-4301 Neuville".

4. Captured German records from Interrogation Center at Dulag Luft No. AV 305/44 reveal that on 4 December 1943, the corpse of an American flier, who was identified as Robert W. Stuart, 0740874, was recovered west of Harmsøy near the Isle of Fleøy by the harbor commander Rangesund. He was buried in Grave No. 1 at the Memorial cemetery of Sola - Land on 7 December 1943. These records stated that rank insignias and identification papers were missing but he was identified by his identification tag and one half of the tag was nailed on the coffin when he was buried. This report was dated 19 December 1943 and prepared by Command of Base Area at Stavanger, Norway.

5. The mother of 1st Lt Becker, Mrs. Eva M. Becker, forwarded a copy of a report from the Chief of Police in Vardoug, which she received in answer to her request for any information regarding the fate of the crew of the subject plane, which reports are filed in the AG 201 file of 1st Lt Raymond A. Becker, 0794612. The pertinent parts of these reports are quoted as follows:

"* * * I remember well all the planes that passed over this district November 18, 1943. The air was still, weather clear, some clouds and light frost."

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"I personally did not see any planes go down, I conducted some investigations after receipt of your letter. I could not obtain any information in Varhaug, but south of Varhaug I was told about an American bomber that had fallen in the sea November 16, 1943. A boat had gone to the spot from Sirevaag.

"I at once contacted the Sheriff at Eggersund and received enclosed report from him. This is the only plane that had been observed falling down that day in the district hereabouts Varhaug and neighboring districts.

"It is reasonably certain that the planes mentioned in the report was piloted by your son the man that was found (see report) was buried by the Germans in Eggersund cemetery November 22, 1943, but no information was given about his name.

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"I just spoke to the minister in Eggersund parish who told me that the sexton of Eggersund cemetery had seen the buried flier. He thought the flier to be 20 years of age, with light blond hair. He had a very fine watch in a square case, more than this he could not see as the Germans chased him away.

"One must regrettably consider as certain all in your son's plane perished. • • • •

/s/ Sheriff Office at Haas.
October 16, 1945
Respectfully yours
I. I. GAUTLAND,

"Report to the
Commissioner of Police in England,
submitted by the Sheriff in Eggersund,
per Asst. Sheriff Earl G. Nordland

Re: An Allied bomber that crashed
outside of Sirevaag Nov. 16, 1943.

"Amund A. Heidland • • farmer and fisherman, residing at Heidland in Hegersund district, presented with the case and knowing the responsibilities as witness explains:

"On Nov. 16, 1943, Ingeman A. Heidland, Andreas H. Heidland and I were in Sirevaag with our fishing boat. The m/s "Mykle" owned by Thomas H. Myklebust and m/s "Jill" owned by Hans H. Myklebust were lying there, first mentioned boat readied for fishing had set out to sea before the bombers had been observed, and was thus the first on the spot.

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"We saw squadron after squadron of Allied planes come in toward land. In one of the last squadrons we saw one bomber afire. This was then 20 K.M. out from land and it spiralled down toward the water. The bombloads were first released and then 3 or 4 men with parachutes bailed out. Just before the bombs hit the water, one or two more fliers jumped out.

"I rather believe that one of them was the pilot as the bomber was under control up to then.

"This happened about 10:30 a.m. the assumed location where the bomber hit the water was estimated from shore and the distance out was 35° 23' 5" N latitude and 5° 33' east longitude.

"We were unfortunately delayed about one hour as the Germans demanded to be taken along. Five Germans came on board with one "obergefeiter" Krippman as leader. It took us about one hour to get to the scene of the accident. We were half way the bombers returned from Knaben and started to unload their bombs partly over land and partly over the water m/s "Jill" which was further but then we were turned toward land, but continued out again when we came alongside them. m/s "Nykie" had already cruised about the spot for a time when we arrived, but had found nothing. We saw some parts of the bomber and an oil slick. m/s "Jill" found one flier's body and the German advance port boat which was stationed at Egerund took charge of it, what they did with the body I do not know, but it is possible that he was buried in the cemetery at Egerund.

"He had removed the parachute and his shoes and had a life saving vest. It seems he had been swimming awhile as m/s "Nykie" found a parachute nearby. As we understood it the flier had just died. He had been about two hours in the water. I believe this was the body of the pilot as it was picked up near the spot where the plane came down. In the parachute I found a notebook dated 1943, there were no notes in it. A German soldier took it, neglecting to turn it over to the officer. To the best of my knowledge no papers were found on the body.

"We cruised around for about two hours, but found nothing more. A light breeze was blowing and weather was clear, but a strong current was running westward. It is possible that the other fliers landed in these currents and drifted away. . . ."

6. The Coast and Geodetic Survey reported that the average temperature of the water off of the coast in this vicinity during the middle of the month of November is 47° Fahrenheit. This average was based on readings over a period of a number of years. Restricted Air Sea Rescue Bulletin, dated July 1944, contains an article by Lt. Colonel George W. Holt, AUS, which states, in pertinent part:

" The shearing, down, or electrical flying suits at present furnished our airmen are not waterproof. A man so dressed cannot survive for more than 20 Minutes in water of 30° F. In water of 40° F, he may be incapacitated in less than 10 minutes."

7. Personnel who were on this bombing mission reported that they observed the subject plane (B-17F, AAF No. 42-30455) go into a slow spiral when the engine appeared to fail. The plane burst into flames and the entire crew of ten men were seen to leave the plane shortly before it crashed into the North Sea. Nine of the chutes were seen to open while one of the chutes did not open. These observers reported that they saw three boats, believed to be mine sweepers, headed for the site of the crash. A fisherman, who was aboard his fishing boat next to the coast, reported that he and two other men aboard his boat, watched squadron after squadron of allied planes come in toward land. In one of the last squadrons, they saw one bomber afire. He furnished practically the same information as given by the returned members of the squadron with the additional following facts. He stated that the members of the crew, exact number unknown, bailed out as the plane spiralled toward the water, and after the bomb load was released. This accident took place about 12 miles from shore at approximately 10:30 a.m. on 16 November 1943. Only one plane was observed going down on this day in this vicinity. There were also two mine sweepers nearby. All three boats left for the scene of the accident. The two mine sweepers reached the scene a short time before his boat. He was delayed about an hour as the Germans demanded to be taken along. It was approximately two hours before his boat reached the place where the plane crashed into the water. The crew on one of the mine sweepers had located a flier's body. The German advance port boat, which was stationed at Eggersund, took charge of it. He understood the flier had just died, having been in the water about two hours. He did not know where the body was buried but thought it may have been buried at Eggersund, Norway. The crews on the two mine sweepers reported that they had searched thoroughly for rest of the crew but only found parts of the bomber and an oil slick. The fisherman stated that they cruised around for about two hours more but found nothing. There was a light frost that morning with a breeze blowing and a strong current was running westward, which would be seaward. A burial report revealed that the remains of one of the crew members, S Sgt Charles J. Reed, were recovered from a cemetery at Eggersund, Norway, which is a short distance up the coast from the scene of the plane crash. His body may be the body which was found at the scene of the plane crash. The Germans recorded the fact that

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a corpse, when they identified as 1st Lt Robert W. Stuart, was recovered on 4 December 1943, west of Karmøy near the Isle of Floøy by the harbor commander and was buried in Grave No. 1 at the memorial cemetery of Sola - land on 7 December 1943. It is a known fact that the subject plane crashed into the North Sea at least 12 miles from shore. It was a clear cold day with a light frost. It will be noted that a man is incapacitated in water of 40°F. in less than 10 minutes. There was a strong current running westward, which would drag any of the men who bailed out of the plane away from the shore line and into the swift current of the North Sea and would have carried them far out to sea. In view of the distance that these men were from shore when they bailed out of their plane into the water, and the fact that the water was cold and that there was a swift current which would pull them seaward, away from the shore, it would have been impossible for any of them to have reached shore under these conditions unless they were rescued. The fact, that they were not rescued and no trace of any of them, except the one body recovered at the scene of the crash, even after a thorough search over quite a period of time, precludes any possibility that they may have reached the shore alive. Therefore, these facts lead to no other conclusion but that the entire crew perished in the North Sea, when their plane crashed into the sea on 16 November 1943, at coordinates, approximately 58° 23' 5" N Latitude and 5° 30' E longitude.

8. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that the officers and enlisted men named in paragraph 1 above, were killed in action 16 November 1943 when their plane crashed into the North Sea off the coast of Norway near Varhaug; and that they were in flying pay status at the time of their death. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2a, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 8, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 19 August 1945. 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 provided in Section 2.

CONCUR:

FLORA T. LEWIS
Investigator

SANFORD COFFIN
Captain, AGO
OIC, Status Review and
Determination Unit

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

COPY FOR:
CGMC, Memorial Division

HARLE E. EWING
Lt. Colonel, AGO
OIC, Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

AS 704 - Dead (19 Aug 45)
S. R. & D. No. 1604-A

19 August 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

SUBJECT: Subsequent Review and Determination of Status
Under the Missing Persons Act.

1. - FACTS

1. The following named persons of the 569th Bombardment Squadron, 390th Bombardment Group were officially reported missing in action, in flying pay status, over the Coast of Norway as of 16 November 1943:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Becker, Raymond A.	0794612	First Lieutenant
Hoyte, Anthony	0730808	First Lieutenant
Myers, Benjamin F.	0664905	First Lieutenant
Ball, Roy E.	37,221,204	Staff Sergeant
Loeser, Charles W.	36,511,759	Staff Sergeant
Reed, Charles J.	11,090,412	Staff Sergeant
Schneller, George L.	17,016,712	Staff Sergeant
Whittemore, Lee W.	16,064,321	Staff Sergeant
Farber, Claude L.	38,268,538	Sergeant

2. Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Secretary of War by Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act and delegated to the Chief, Casualty Branch, AGO, the above named persons were continued in a missing in action status as of 17 November 1944. The facts and circumstances considered at the time of the initial review and determination of status of the above named persons are set forth in S. R. & D. No. 1604; file reference: AS 704 Missing (17 Nov 44), and are incorporated herein by reference. Circumstances now warrant a subsequent review and determination of their status pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of said Act.

3. Since the initial review and determination of status of the persons named in paragraph 1, above, no additional information concerning their disappearance or absence has been received in the War Department.

S. R. & B. No. 1604-A

4. An examination of the files of these persons in Casualty Branch, Officers' Branch, and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and the index in Prisoner of War Information Bureau, FMIO, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review.

II. - CONCLUSIONS

In view of the facts and circumstances set forth in the initial review, the lapse of approximately three months since the cessation of hostilities in Europe, and the fact that no report indicating that they are alive has been received in the War Department during the twenty-one months, which have elapsed since the inception of the subject persons missing in action status, it is concluded that they may not "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act, in the cases of the persons named in paragraph 1, Part I, above, and that these findings show the presumed date of death in each case to be 19 August 1945.

Investigator

/s/ S. Miller
Captain, AGO

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

JOHN F. BURNS
Lieutenant Colonel, AGO
Officer in Charge
Status Review and
Determination Section.

GEORGE F. HERRICK
Colonel, AGO
Chief, Casualty Branch.

Recher, Raymond A., OY94812,
First Lieutenant, Air Corps, et al.

AS 704 - Missing (17 Nov 44)

CASUALTY BRANCH
STATUS REVIEW AND ~~INTELLIGENCE~~ SECTION

REVIEW AND DETERMINATION
UNDER SECTION 8, PUBLIC
LAW 602, 7 AUGUST 1942,
AS AMENDED

STATUS

OF

NINE CREW MEMBERS OF A B-17F AIR-
PLANE MISSING IN ACTION IN THE
EUROPEAN AREA SINCE 16 NOVEMBER 1943

S. R. & A. No. 1004

AD 704 - Missing (17 Nov 44)

17 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

SUBJECT: Determination of Status under
Public Law 498, as amended.

1. - FACTS

1. The following named officers and enlisted men of the 569th Bomb Squadron, 390th Bomb Group, have been carried on the records of this office as missing in action in the European Area since 16 November 1943:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Becker, Raymond A.	0794612	First Lieutenant
Mayto, Anthony	0730808	First Lieutenant
Myers, Benjamin P.	0664905	First Lieutenant
Hall, Roy N.	37,221,204	Staff Sergeant
Loewer, Charles W.	36,511,750	Staff Sergeant
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Farber, Claude L.	38,268,538	Sergeant

2. Confidential message number W8834, from US305 London to War, dated 24 November 1943, reports the personnel named in paragraph 1. above, and also First Lieutenant Robert W. Stuart, 0740974, missing in action, on 15 November 1943, over the Coast of Norway, in flying pay status.

3. Confidential Missing Air Crew Report, number 1400, dated 18 November 1943, filed at Headquarters, Army Air Forces, states that the personnel named in paragraphs 1 and 2, above, were the crew members and only occupants of B-17F aircraft number 42-30455 when it departed Station 153 on 16 November 1943, on a bombing mission. It is further stated that this plane was lost at 1057 hours near "Varhoug", two miles off the coast of Norway, as the result of number one engine catching fire; that parachutes were used; that this plane was last seen by First Lieutenants George W. Harnock, 0795737, and Keith R. Harris, 0731865, and Second Lieutenant Maurice S. Grosbie, 0799346, and that no search was made.

5. Attached to Missing Air Crew Report, number 1400, are statements based upon the interrogation of Captain Robert D. Brown, 0521448, First Lieutenants George W. Harmon, 0795737 and Keith E. Harris, 0731865, and Second Lieutenant Maurice G. Crosbie, 0799346, which are as follows:

"From the interrogation of 1st Lt. George W. Harmon, 0-795737:

"About three miles out from Hellvig, Lt. Becker's ship, 455, had radio room and #1 engine on fire. Alt. 15,000 feet. Ten parachutes were seen to open. Three boats were seen close by heading South."

"From the interrogation of 1st Lt. Keith E. Harris, 0-731865:

"1055 hours - while formation was making 360° 25 miles SW of Higeroin A/C #455, smoke was coming out and ten parachutes were seen - 3 to 4 vessels within 10 miles of where A/C came down - mine sweepers."

"From the interrogation of 2nd Lt. Maurice G. Crosbie, 0-799346:

"455 was just ahead, started to veer right, escape hatch came off, No. 2 engine black smoke, flames coming out radio hatch. Looked like started in gas tank - no enemy action - saw 1 man jump - saw total of 9 later all open. One chute (No 10) did not open. 9 chutes open - 1 not - 10 total. Saw three coastal vessels in vicinity in V formation make down coast toward chutes. A/C hit water - big flash came out of radio room just before it hit."

"From the interrogation of Capt. Robert D. Brown, 0-521448:

"Two miles off coast near Varboag, Norway - 1057 - 15,000 feet - #455/Becker's ship, seemed like #1 engine was afire. Ship went up and stalled out - they went down in a slow spiral - 9 chutes open - one body seen hitting water without chute opening - 3 coastal vessels turned in direction that the chutes were coming down and headed for them. Plane was in flames as it went down and hit the water."

6. Fatal Casualties List number US/1567, received 7 April 1944 from Berlin through the International Red Cross, file AG 383.5 (7 Apr 44), reports, in pertinent part, as follows:

"AIRMAN ROBERT W STUART 0740974 BODY RECOVERED DECEMBER FOURTH NEAR ISLAND FYOT"

7. The officer named in paragraph 6, above, is the only member of this crew who has, at the date of this review, been accounted for. His present status is given below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Present Status</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Rec'd</u>
Stuart, Robert W.	0740974	KIA	Mass #US/1567	7 Apr '44

8. The Qualification Cards of Lieutenants Becker, Hoyte and Myers bear the following entries under "Record of Service":

a. "16 Nov 1943 Rjukan"

b. "Officer reported Missing in Action off Coast of Norway 16 November 1943 with aircraft number 42-30455 while participating Heavy Bombardment Mission as confirmed by Edgar M. Witten, Lt. Col. AG, 80, 390th Bombardment Group (H)."

9. The following entry appears under "Remarks" upon the Qualification Cards of Bull, Looser and Reed and also in the Service Records of each of subject enlisted men under "Remarks Administrative", and under "Remarks", entered variously under the 9th, 12th and 15th Indorsements to said Records:

"Soldier missing in action 16 November 1943 over South West Coast of Norway in B-17 airplane No. 42-30455 while on a heavy bombardment mission as confirmed by 80, 390th Bombardment Group (H)."

10. Army Map Service has, upon request, reported that the Island of Feoy (see paragraph 6, above) lies between 59° 22' north and 59° 25' north and between 5° 9' east and 5° 12' east. This island is a few miles from Varhaug, near which subject plane crashed.

11. Secret World War II Chronology for November 1943, prepared by Military Intelligence Division, War Department, states the following, in pertinent part, under 16 November 1943:

"Norway: at Rjukan world's largest electrolysis plant and adjacent hydroelectric power plant devastated by 367 tons of bombs dropped by 143 B-17's."

12. The AG 201 file of Lieutenant Becker contains two letters from the mother of this officer, which are quoted, in pertinent part, below:

a. Mrs. Eva M. Becker to the Air Adjutant General, dated 2 May 1944;

"I have . . . Heard . . . my son is definitely a prison (sic) . . . I am so sure this report would not come through without some foundation".

b. Mrs. Eva M. Becker to TAG, dated 31 October 1944:

"Yesterday I received word from a very reliable source. That my son is a prisoner of war".

13. Letter from Acting The Adjutant General to Mrs. Eva M. Becker, dated 19 November 1944, in reply to Mrs. Becker's letter quoted, in part, under paragraph 12 b. above, requests that she "forward any data known to you, in this respect, including all letters, with their envelopes, which you may have received concerning the unofficial report. If the information was received orally, it is further requested that you furnish the name, address and serial number, if any of the source." No reply to this request for information is on file in this office.

14. Letter from Thomas G. Myers to TAG, dated 22 November 1944, filed in AG 201 file of Myers, is, in pertinent part, as follows:

" . . . we have received a letter from Mrs. Eva M. Becker, dated November 1st, 1944, in which she states 'I had a phone call from Captain Schmidlein whose home is not too far from mine. He had just received a letter from the base in England. A very good friend of our boy's. Had written to say, your son had gotten through (or escaped) September 15. And said my boy is a prisoner of war'."

15. The Pilots Chart Division, Hydrographic Office, Navy Department, has reported that the mean temperature of the water in the vicinity of Varhang, Norway, where the plane crashed, in the month of November is 47° Fahrenheit, and that the mean air temperature in the same area for that month is 45° Fahrenheit. These temperature averages are based on readings over a thirty year period.

16. Confidential photostatic copy of First Indorsement, dated 12 September 1944, to letter from TAG to North Atlantic Wing, APO, dated 16 August 1944, states the following pertinent data:

a. Of 52 crew members of planes which went down in the North Atlantic, 46 survived and 6 perished due to crash landings, exposure, shock, drowning, etc.

b. "The maximum time a person can survive immersion in the North Atlantic with water temperature of 38° F would appear to be sixty (60) minutes."

17. Restricted Air Sea Rescue Bulletin, dated July 1944, contains an article by Lieutenant Colonel "George" W. Holt, AUS, which states in pertinent part:

"The shearing, down, or electrical flying suits at present furnished our airmen are not waterproof. A man so dressed cannot survive for more than 20 minutes in water of 30° F. In water of 40° F, he may be incapacitated in less than 10 minutes."

18. The Air Sea Rescue Office, Army Air Forces, has furnished the information that the maximum period during which a man may survive in water at a temperature of 50° Fahrenheit is 3 hours.

19. Rand-McNally Atlas temperature map shows the Vahang area to be in a temperature belt in which winter temperatures range from 35° to 50° Fahrenheit.

20. Reports received from the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, PWIB, the Memorial Division, OCMG, and in the case of the officers, the Officers Branch, AGO, show that these agencies have no pertinent information concerning the status of these individuals since they became missing in action.

21. Examination of the AG 301 and the Casualty Branch files of the subject personnel, and the enlisted records of the enlisted men, fails to disclose any information pertaining to their disappearance not hereinbefore set forth. Nothing in these files, other than statements in the letters mentioned in paragraphs 12 and 14, above, indicates that these men have been seen or heard from by anyone since the inception of their missing in action status.

22. No official report has been received in the War Department to indicate that any one of these men has returned to duty, is a prisoner of war or an internec.

11 - CONCLUSIONS

1. The crew members of plane A-17F, number 42-20455, on 16 November 1944, participated in a bombing mission to the electrolysis plant at Alesund, Norway, and an adjacent hydroelectric plant. The formation of which they were a part returned to base across the southwestern coast of Norway. When in the vicinity of Vahang, subject plane was observed to have one engine and the radio room on fire, another engine smoking and the escape hatch off. When about two miles off the coast the entire crew bailed out. Nine parachutes were seen to open, but one crew member was seen to strike the water with his parachute unopened.

While the chutes were in the air, three mine sweepers are reported to have started from a distance of a few miles in V formation down coast toward them. No other search was made. The German Government has reported that the body of Lieutenant Stuart of this crew was recovered near the island of Høy (located within a few miles of the place where subject men bailed out) on 4 December 1943.

2. It seems likely that Lieutenant Stuart was the man whose parachute did not open, and who would, therefore, not be likely to survive his landing.

3. The proximity of these men to the Norwegian coast when they bailed out and the presence of three mine sweepers in the immediate vicinity and headed toward them, made a rescue of some or all of subject men a reasonable probability. This probability is greatly strengthened by the fact that the mean temperature of the water in that area for November is an record as 47° Fahrenheit. Since the statement has been made on good authority that a man may live for a maximum of three hours in water at a temperature of 50° Fahrenheit, it is a conservative estimate that a man might survive in water at a temperature of 47° Fahrenheit, which is probably not far from the actual temperature experienced by these men, for two hours. After allowing for the relatively slow speed of mine sweepers and the maximum distance indicated from subject men, when the vessels started toward them, it is not reasonable to suppose that they could have required more than one hour to reach these men. The probability is that they reached the scene of the crash in much less time than that. The facts that vessels of this sort were close to the shore of German-occupied Norway and that they were operating in waters through which an important German supply route by sea is operated, strongly suggest that they were German-controlled. It is reasonable, therefore, to presume that subject men may have survived their landing and have been captured by the Germans.

4. It is now twelve months since these men disappeared, during which time no report indicating that any one of them has been seen or heard from by anyone, other than in the extracts from letters quoted in Part 1, paragraphs 12 and 14, above, has been received in the War Department. These unofficial reports, while not conclusive, tend to show that two members of this crew survive. The fact that no prisoner of war report including the name of any one of these men has been received in the War Department from the German Government does not exclude the possibility that they are prisoners, since there have been a few instances in which that Government has failed to report prisoners of war within a year of the date of capture.

5. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances it is concluded that the persons whose status is herein considered may "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5, Public Law 490, as amended.

III. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the persons listed in Part I, paragraph 1, above, be continued in the status of missing in action as of 17 November 1944 under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended.

GEORGE A WOOD
Investigator
Status Review and
Determination Section

CONCURRED IN:

GARLIN MASON
Captain, A. G. D.
Status Review and
Determination Section

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

APPROVED

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

Becker, Raymond A., 0794612,
First Lieutenant, Air Corps
and eight others.

AS 704 - Missing (17 Nov 44)

REFERENCES

Confidential message number W8834, Casualty Branch message number 328062, from USSOS London to War, dated 24 November 1943, OM-IN-14802, file AS 704 (24 Nov 43).

Confidential message number WH1081, Casualty Branch message number 047036, USSOS, London to War, dated 15 February 1944, OM-IN-10976, file AS 704 (15 Feb 44).

Confidential Missing Air Crew Report number 1400, dated 18 November 1943, with four attached statements. Filed at Headquarters, Army Air Forces.

Fatal Casualty List number US/1567, Casualty Branch message number 099089, received 7 April 1944 from the German Government thru the International Red Cross, file, AS 383.6 (7 Apr 44).

Secret World War II Chronology for November 1943, prepared by the Military Intelligence Division, War Department.

Confidential photostatic copy of letter from TAG to Commanding Officer, North Atlantic Wing, AFG, dated 16 August 1944, with one indorsement. Filed in Status Review and Determination Section.

Restricted Air Sea Rescue Bulletin, dated July 1944. Filed in Status Review and Determination Section.



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QMGMF 293
Ball, Roy N.
SN 37 221 204

5 July 1949

Mr. John Ball
Rural Free Delivery #1
Rantoul, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ball:

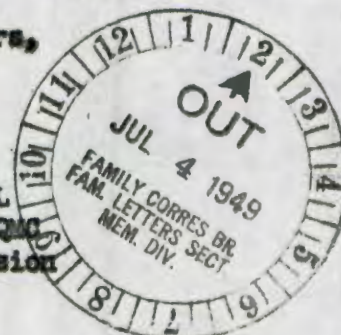
Almost four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Roy N. Ball.

The unfortunate circumstances surrounding the death of your son have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon information presently available, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division



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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RAG 300.4

22 Mar 48

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER . 33

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-368, 14 May 47 and AR 420-5, the following Board of officers is appointed to meet at Liege, Belgium, or at such other place as the president may designate at the call of the president thereof, for the purpose of considering whether such EM as may be brought before it should be discharged prior to the expiration of their term of service. Proceedings of the Board will be in conformity with AR 420-5. Findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, and entered on ED AGO Form 37.

LT COL	PARK W. BAILEY	0242216	INF
MAJ	DAVID MINS, JR	0228758	FA
MAJ	JOHN W. LONG	0333779	INF
CAPT	THOMAS C. HAYDEN	01584337	CMC
1ST LT	ALVIN C. BECK	01646841	INF
1ST LT	ROBERT VANINA	01786119	MC

2. Par 3 and 4, SO 6, this hq, 14 Jan 48 pertaining to appointment of Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area), are rescinded.

3. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, subj "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area):

LT COL	PATRICK W. GUINEY	019066	CMC
MAJ	GEORGE M VER HULST	A0650035	USAF
MAJ	MARSHALL J. BLACKMON	0277013	INF
CAPT	JACK C. HAYES	01577297	CMC
1ST LT	JOSEPH E McCLUSKEY	01338110	INF

4. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for non-recoverability of remains (European Area):

LT COL	EDWARD D. MULVANTY	0359598	CMC
MAJ	GROSVENOR W. FISH	042932	CMC
MAJ	FRANCIS P SWEENEY	034485	INF
CAPT	OWEN T McCANN	01595680	INF
1ST LT	GEORGE L. FREEMAN	0159551	CMC

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-recoverable Remains.

TO: Non-recoverable Board AGRC

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

NAMES:	BECKER, Raymond A.	1/Lt	O-794612
	MYERS, Benjamin P.	1/Lt	O-664905
	MOYTO, Anthony	1/Lt	O-730808
	FARBER, Claude E.	Sgt	38268538
	LOESER, Charles W.	S/Sgt	36511759
	WHITTEMORE, Leo W.	S/Sgt	16064321
	BALL, Roy N.	S/Sgt	37221204
	SCHNELLER, George L.	S/Sgt	17016712

ORGANIZATION: 390th Bb Gp, 56th Bb Sq

PLACE OF DEATH: North Sea

DATE OF DEATH: 16 November 1943

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above were part of a crew of ten men of aircraft #42-30455 which crashed into the North Sea two miles off the coast of Norway. According to squadron members at least nine parachutes were seen to emerge from the plane and one body was observed falling without a parachute. The remains of two crew members washed ashore and are now interred in US Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz (1/Lt Robert W. Stuart G-7-164 and S/Sgt Charles J. Reed E-11-255). Unknown X-4201 (Neuville) formerly associated with crew member Becker has been identified as S/Sgt Reed. A complete check of unknowns washed ashore in Norway failed to uncover any that could be associated with the subject fliers. To date, no information regarding the missing airmen has been received at this headquarters and it can be concluded that they were lost at sea.

Reference is made to Missing Air Crew Report V #49 and appended statements.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records in file Headquarters American Graves Registration Command.

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET				NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle) Ball, Roy N.	GRADE S/Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 37 221 204	
PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)		PLOT	ROW				GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)		PLOT	ROW				GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. John Ball MISS MRS.		ADDRESS (Street, City, State) R.F.D. #1 Hantoul, Kansas					
RELATIONSHIP Father							
PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS						
	1104 ————— 1108 ————— 1100						
ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE MRS 6-30-48		TYPYST INITIALS		REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE			

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

C NUMBER

6856 (8)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

EUROPEAN

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

BALL, Roy N.

RANK

S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

37 221 204

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

**BECKER, Raymond A.
MYERS, Benjamin P.
MOTTO, Anthony
FARNER, Claude L.
LOESER, Charles W.
WHITTAKER, Leo W.
BALL, Roy N.
SCHNEIDER, George L.**

**1st Lt
1st Lt
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**0 794 612
0 664 905
0 730 808
38 268 538
36 511 799
16 064 321
37 221 204
17 016 712**

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST		INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S) DECEASED	EW	4. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	EW
(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	EW	5. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	EW
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	EW	6. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES OF INFORMATION ENUMERATED BELOW	EW

**Geographical clue index file of unknowns from pertinent area
Missing Air Crew Report
German Records**

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

None

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

E. WELLINGTON/msh

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO **Repatriation Br, Correspondence Section**
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

T.W. GUINER

W.R. DOWNS, 1st Lt OMC

by G.W. ROGERS, Capt OMC

17 Jan 1949

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND 16 NOV. 1948
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY ~~5 OCT 1948~~

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 April 1947.

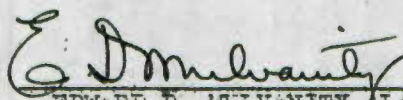
The board convened pursuant to par 4, SO No. 33, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U S Army, 22 March 1948, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on ~~5 OCT 1948~~ 16 NOV. 1948. The purpose of the board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under the jurisdiction of this command.

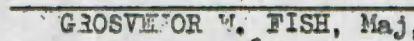
The board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered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

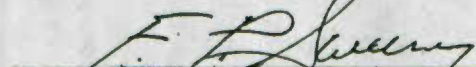
CASE NO. 6	NAME	ASN	GRADE
	BECKER, Raymond A.	0-794612	1/Lt
	MYERS, Benjamin P.	0-664905	1/Lt
	MOYTO, Anthony	0-730808	1/Lt
	FARBER, Claude L.	38268538	Sgt
	LOESER, Charles W.	36511759	S/Sgt
	WHITTEMORE, Leo W.	16064321	S/Sgt
	BALL, Roy N.	37221204	S/Sgt
	SCHNELLER, George L.	17016712	S/Sgt

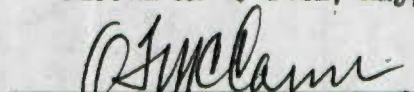
FINDINGS: The board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.


EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt Col, QMC


GROSVENOR W. FISH, Maj, QMC


FRANCIS P. SWEENEY, Maj, Inf


OWEN F. MCCANN, Capt, QMC


GEORGE L. FREEMAN, 1st Lt, QMC

3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials.
4. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

R. E. DEFFE
Major, CMC

R. E. DEFFE

5. VOOG 6 Jan 48 auth CAPT GORDON L. ALDERMAN 0479536 CHC to
tv1 fr Second Zone, AGRC, APO 58, Carentan, France, to First Zone, AGRC,
APO 58, Liege, Belgium, by TPA are confirmed, the exigencies of the
service having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance.

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

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

CARL W. RAGUSE
Colonel, QMC
Chief of Staff

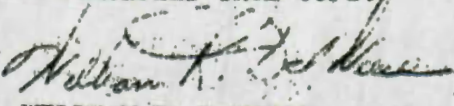
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/s/t/ FRANK FRANCIS
Major, - AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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WILLIAM R. DeWEESE
1st Lt. QMC

E X T R A C T
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT NO. V #49

1. ORGANIZATION; Location: Station 153 Air Force: 8th
Group: 390th Squadron: 569th Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure: Station 153 Course: Bombing
Intended Destination: Station 153 Type of Mission
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR
WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4. Give: (a) Day 16 Month: Nov Year: 1943 Time: 1057 and
Location: 2 mi. off coast of Norway nr Varhoug of last
known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(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: No.1
engine caught fire.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series: B-17 AAF SN: 42-30455
Aircraft Nickname:
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series: R-1820-97 AAF SN (a)
43-61016 (b) 43-61006 (c) 41-24174 (d) 43-59735
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 145002 (b) 463892 (c) 140230 (d) 503003
(e) 502265 (f) 502447 (g) 502392 (h) 502553
(i) (j) (k) (l)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW ARE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle
Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle
Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew: 10 Passengers: 0
Total: 10

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (last name first)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	PRESENT STATUS
1. Pilot	BECKER, Raymond A.	1/Lt	0-794612	DED
2. CP	STUART, Robert W.	1/Lt	0-740974	Neuville
3. N	MYERS, Benjamin F.	1/Lt	0-664905	DED
4. B	MOYTO, Anthony	1/Lt	0-730808	DED
5. RO	FARBER, Claude L.	Sgt	38268538	DED
6. TT	LOESER, Charles W.	S/Sgt	36511759	DED
7. BT	WHITTEMORE, Leo W.	S/Sgt	16064321	DED
8. RWG	BALL, Roy N.	S/Sgt	37221204	DED
9. TG	REED, Charles J.	S/Sgt	11090412	Neuville
10. LWG	SCHNELLER, George L.	S/Sgt	17016712	DED

11. REMARKS:

S T A T E M E N T S

About three miles out from Heilvig, Lt. Becker's ship, 455 had radio-room and #1 engine on fire. Alt. 13,000 feet. Ten parachutes were seen to open. Three boats were seen close by heading South.

From the interrogation of 1st Lt. Keith E. Harris, O-731865:

1055 hours - while formation was making 300° 25 miles SW of Eigeroin A/C #455, smoke was coming out and ten parachutes were seen - 3 to 4 vessels within 10 miles of where A/C came down - mine sweepers.

From the interrogation of 2nd Lt. Maurice G. Crosbie, O799346:

455 was just ahead, started to veer right, escape hatch came off, No. 2 engine black smoke, flames coming out radio hatch. Looked like started in gas tank - no enemy action - saw 1 man jump - saw total of 9 later all open - One chute No. 10 did not open - 9 chutes open - 1 not - total 10. Saw three coastal vessels in vicinity in V formation make down towards chutes - A/C hit water. Big flash came out of radio-room just before it hit.

From the interrogation of Capt. Robert D. Brown, O-521448:

Two miles off coast near Varbour, Norway, 1057 - 13,000 feet - #455/Becker's ship, seemed like #1 engine was afire. Ship went up and stalled out - they went down in a slow spiral - 9 chutes open - one body seen hitting water without chute opening - 3 coastal vessels turned in direction that the chutes were coming down and headed off for them. Plane was in flames as it went down and hit the water.

Identification Section
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade
BALL	ROY	N	37221204	1st Sgt. 35
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size
6' 8 1/2"	135	BLUE	Brown	8B.
Date of Death				
19 Aug 45.				
Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)				
569 Bomb Sq. (H) 390th Bomb Group (H)				
Place of Death or place last seen if MIA				
NEAR NORWAY.				

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION	From	DATES TO
R.C. Fort Leavenworth Kansas	19 Sept 42	19 Sept 42
AFFTC. St Petersburg Fla.	22 Sept 42.	13 Oct 42
Wanlinder Texas	16 Oct 42	23 Nov 42
Salt Lake City Utah	27 Nov 42	19 Jan 43
Gower Field Idaho	21 Jan 43.	Feb 43
6th Bomb Sq. Gower Field	1 Feb 43	23 March 43
L.P.G. Walla Walla Wash.	24 March 43	12 April 43
Salina Kansas	15 April 43	9 July 43.

Fractures and/or Breaks	Tattoos and/or Birth marks

DENTAL CHART 1 Sept 42

X 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper Right	Upper Left
X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
Lower Right	Lower Left

X - Extracted

O - Carious

/ - Carious non-restorable

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET CLASSIFIED OR IDENTIFIED NORWAY

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALL, Roy, N.		GRADE S/SG	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 37 221 204
ORGANIZATION 569th Bomb Sq. H. 390th Bomb Sq H.	RACE White	CREED Methodist	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 16 Nov 43	CAUSE OF DEATH NIA	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA over South West Coast of Norway near Varhaug in North Sea.	
DATE OF FOD 19 Aug 45	HEIGHT 68 1/2 in	WEIGHT 135	COLOR EYES Blue
		COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 8B
INDUCTION DENTAL CHART DATE Sept 42			
UPPER RIGHT X 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
LOWER RIGHT X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9		LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable			
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS None		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK None	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

Norway
BRIT IS

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
BALL, ROY M		S Sgt		37 221 204	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
569th B. Sq. (H) A.C.		WHITE	METHODIST	NONE	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
16 Nov 43	K-1-A		Approx 2 miles off The western coast of Norway NY VARHAUG.		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
	68 1/2	135	BLUE	BROWN	8 B.
DENTAL CHART 1 SEPT. 42					
UPPER RIGHT			UPPER LEFT		
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X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
NONE			NONE		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
not on British Isles Roster					

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET COVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALL, Roy N.		GRADE S/sgt.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 37,231-204
ORGANIZATION A.C. 569th B.M.B. Sq. (H)	RACE WHITE	CREED PROT.	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) —
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 16-11-43	CAUSE OF DEATH F.O.D.	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA APPROX. 2 MI. OFF THE WESTERN COAST OF NORWAY, NEAR VARDHAUG.	
DATE OF FOD 19-8-45			
HEIGHT 68 1/2"	WEIGHT 135	COLOR EYES BLUE	COLOR HAIR BROWN
			SHOE SIZE 8 B

DENTAL CHART

15-11-42

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE

JUN 2 1948

R. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., USA
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

MIA
16 Nov 43

FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION FORM
OFFICE OF THE DENTAL SURGEON

153
Station

BALL, ROY N. S/Sgt.
Name Rank

37221204
ASN

PDD

569-390 B&R 21
Organization Age

1 1/2
Service

10/6/43
Date

WAIST GUNNER

RIGHT

Aeronautical Rating

LEFT

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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[Dental Chart Diagram]															
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Class IV

Occlusion Normal Slight None None None None None None None None None None None None None None

Anomalies other conditions, remarks:

None

Outline caries on diagram of teeth
Chart fillings on teeth, Initial the type in space above and below
AS G-gold, A-amalgam, S-synthetic, O-oxypophosphate
Chart all subsequent fillings
Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
Missing Natural Teeth by X
Teeth replaced by denture [X] [X]
Teeth replaced by fixed bridge [X]
[X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X] [X]

APPROVED Lee M. DeBolt
Station Dental Surgeon

L. M. A.
Examining Dental Surgeon

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CROSS REFERENCE

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

3 December 1941

QM'GYG 293 BALL, ROY N. (Name)

S/Sgt. (Rank)

37221204 (Serial No.)

1

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

NAME: BECKER, RAYMOND A.

RANK: 1/Lt.

SERIAL NO: 0-794612

(USE AS YELLOW)

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

1604-A

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Heahut

**ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH**

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European		FLYING STATUS Yes	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN RIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D
PREVIOUS REVIEWS Continued missing in action as of 17 November 1944							
DATE OF BIRTH 23 Oct 1921	HOME ADDRESS Rantoul, Kansas	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 15 Sept 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH) YEARS MONTH DAYS under three years			

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. Elva A. Ball	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Rantoul, Kansas
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BENEFICIARIES

NAME Mrs. Elva Ball	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Rural Free Delivery Number One Rantoul, Kansas
NAME John Ball	RELATIONSHIP Father	ADDRESS Rural Free Delivery Number One Rantoul, Kansas

REMARKS

Distribution <u>56</u>	
Circumstances of disappearance: The plane in which he was a crew member failed to return from a bombing mission over Rjukan, Norway.	
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

1947 DEC

NAME BALL ROY N ASN 37221204	GRADE S/SGT SON	DATE CAS REPORT RECEIVED 15
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A. MRS ELVA A BALL RANTOUL KANSAS		DATE REPORT SENT 12 Dec 47

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 SON

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	P OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
S/SGT	BALL, ROY N.	37221204	AC		L	339034- U-4
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY			DATE OF CASUALTY	
KILLED IN ACTION		IN NORTH SEA			16 NOV 43	
		CASUALTY CODE				

REMARKS:

AG 704 DEAD /4 DEC 47/

☒ CORRECTED COPY

MEMO S.R. AND D. UNIT. APPROVED BY OIC. CAS. SEC. PA. BR. KILLED WHEN PLANE CRASHED OFF COAST OF NORWAY NEAR VARHAUG. FINDING OF DEATH ISSUED PREVIOUSLY UNDER SEC.5, PUBLIC LAW 490, 7 MAR. 42, AS AMENDED, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE DEATH 19 AUG. 45. RPT DEATH, BASED ON INFO REC'D SINCE THAT DATE, IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC.9 OF SAID ACT, AND ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PROVIDED IN SEC.9.

Report of death issued 15 Dec 1947 in
 PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR. 2B, OPER. BUL. 35, 1945.

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED		FORM 43		AG 201 REQ	
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED		OR CHARGED TO		DATE	
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED		NO		YES (AS INDICATED BELOW):	
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED	
	0353	Dead	19 Aug 45 ETO	17 Aug 45	
FORWARDED TO	SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER	CERTIF.
REPORT NOT VERIFIED	NO FORM 43	NO CAS. BR. FILE	CHECKED BY	REVIEWED BY	

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 1 MAY 1945

EDITION OF 1 JAN. 1945 MAY BE USED.

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

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1604-A

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TELEGRAM

ICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

BUREAU

JON 3832

AG 201 BALL, ROY H (24 NOV 43) SPXPC-N 328062 (13) 26 NOVEMBER 1943
ASN 37 221 204

MRS ELVA A BALL

RANTOUL KANSAS

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS REGRET THAT YOUR
SON STAFF SERGEANT ROY H BALL HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN
ACTION SINCE FIFTEEN NOVEMBER OVER NORWAY IF FURTHER DETAILS OR
OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

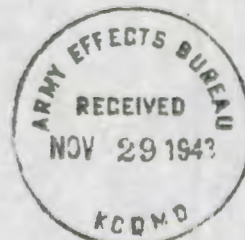
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

BATTLE

OFFICIAL:

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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AS 201 Ball, Roy E.
(15 Feb 44) FC-8 047036-C

17 February 1944

Mrs. Elva A. Ball,
Rantoul, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Ball:

Reference is made to my telegram and letter of 26 and
30 November, respectively, regarding your son, Staff Sergeant Roy E.
Ball, 37,221,204.

Information has now been received that your son has been
missing in action since 16 November 1943 over Norway instead of
15 November as was previously reported.

My continued sympathy is with you during this period of
anxiety.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph C. Moor,
Major, A. C. D.

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

Distribution:
Director, Office of Dependency Benefits
Director, Bureau of Public Relations
Nat. Hqs., American Red Cross
Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Mo.
I.G., Army Air Forces
As. Pay Rec. Bureau, FD
Gravelly Point, Mdg.





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

IN REPLY REFER TO 93293 M

(S-10-23-44)

JRM:VM:wb

September 23, 1944

Mrs. Elva A. Ball
Rantoul, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Ball:

SCREENED

Thank you for confirming your address in connection with disposal of the personal effects of your son, Staff Sergeant Roy N. Ball. *7/13/48*

Since our letter to you of August 31, this Bureau has received some additional property of Sergeant Ball. This property contained in one carton, is being forwarded and should reach you in the near future. I am inclosing herewith Sergeant Ball's Flight Record which was received at this Bureau.

When you have received the property, I will appreciate your 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.

As previously stated, the forwarding of property or funds by this Bureau does not, of itself, vest title to them. They are forwarded merely in order that you may safely keep them on behalf of the owner until his return or the receipt of additional information.

Yours very truly,

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

2 Incls--
Flight Record
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged

Mrs. Elva A. Ball
Signature of Bailee

file
OK
Sept. 27 - 1944
Date
October 2nd

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Ship To: Mrs. Elva A. Ball

Effects Of

Rantoul, Kansas

Name S/Sgt. Roy N. Ball

ASN 37221204

Case No. 93293 M

Wt.

Ship Via

G B/L No.

Date September 23, 1944

JRM:VM:wb

Barber
For Effects Quartermaster

PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 ctn
TOTAL 1 WT. 15

Franked

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Frt. Chgs.

Date Shipped

SEP 29 1944

REMARKS:

Sheet 1 of Sheets
Box No.

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

INVENTORY

Deceased
Missing
P.O.W.
Abandoned

140-9116

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS SGT. R. N. BALL ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 1

TALLY-IN NO. 4493 INVENTORY DATE 8-19-44 CASE NO. 93293

EFFECTS OF ROY N. BALL RANK S/SGT.

A.S.N. 37221204 ORG. AC, 569th Bomb Sq. (H)

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION:

#1 Carton

ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

1 Blouse w/wings and 2 Ribbons ✓	2 Billfolds w/papers and pictures ✓
1 Shirt ✓	no money ✓
1 Pr. Trousers ✓	
2 Towels ✓	
1 Undershirt ✓	
1 Cotton drawers ✓	
1 T-shirt ✓	
1 Pr. Socks ✓	
2 Caps, 1 w visor and cap cover ✓	
1 Belt ✓	
2 Ties ✓	
1 Pr. shoes ✓	
1 Toilet kit w/articles ✓	
1 Lot letters ✓	
2 Chevrons ✓	
1 Letter pack ✓	
4 Writing tablets ✓	
Photos and snapshots ✓	

REMARKS:

Mother: Mrs. Elva Ball
RFD #1
Rantoul, Kansas

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Form 54 ✓

NO CORRESPONDENCE ✓

SHORTAGE ON REVERSE ✓

NO G.I. ON REVERSE ✓

file

STORAGE)
SPACE)

1868

SAFE STORAGE
VAULT STORAGE

27-944
SHIPPED

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-500)

Ball, Roy H. 3722 1204
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)
into a **1st Sgt. AC. 569th Bomb Squadron (H)**
was reported missing in action
who ~~was~~ on the **16** day of **Nov**, 19**43**

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

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1.	1- Personal Papers	

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

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1.	1- Wool of Coat
2.	1- Wool of Shirt
3.	1- Wool of Trousers
4.	1- Wool of Socks
5.	1- Wool of Cap, overseas
6.	2- Ties, CMC
7.	1- Cotton Drawers
8.	1- Cotton Undershirt
9.	1- Belt
10.	1- Shoes

W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 54
July 1, 1943

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July 1, 1943

CLASS II--Continued

NUMBER	ARTICLES
11.	2- Bill Folds
12.	1- Service Cap
13.	2- Towels
14.	1- T shirt
15.	1- Military Set
Mrs. Elva Ball (Mother)	
RFD- 91	
Rantoul, Kansas	
Money { Specie \$ _____	
Notes \$ _____	

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that *the effects were delivered to **Effects Quartermaster, Gen. Depot G14**

(Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative

APD 507 THUR. Depot #2

or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

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

Charles B. Braine Jr.
CHARLES B. BRAINE, JR.
 1st Lt., Air Corps

APD 634

(Station)

26 November

19 **43**

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APD 634

(Station)

26 November

(Date)

19 **43**

(93293-m)

Rantoul, Kans.
Sept 2 - 1944

Dear Mr. Kettering.

In reply to your letter of Aug. 31
saying that the Army Effects bureau
had received a Flight record
belonging to S/Sgt. Roy W. Ball.

The address you have is correct,
and I will appreciate getting them
very much.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Elva A Ball.

Rantoul, Kansas.

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(S-10-1-44)
JRM:VM:v1
August 31, 1944

Mrs. Elva A. Ball
Rantoul, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Ball:

The Army Effects Bureau has received a Flight Record belonging to your son, S/Sgt. Roy N. Ball, who according to our present information is missing in action.

It is my intention to forward these papers to you; however, before placing them in the mail, I will appreciate your confirming the accuracy of the above address.

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

Yours very truly,

LESLIE L. KETTERING
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

1 Incl--Envelope

569TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
390TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 559
U. S. ARMY

G-A-1

392.

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, APO 507, U. S. Army.

1. Inclosed herewith form 54 listing additional effects.

Ball, Roy N.

S/Sgt.

37221204

2. According to records of this organization there is no record of receipt of effects. Request this organization be furnished receipt stating control number.

For the Squadron Commander:

1 Incl - Form 54

Charles B. Brame Jr.
CHARLES B. BRAME JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.



(See AR 600-550)

late a 1st Lt. 569th Bomb Squadron (B)
(Grade) (Organization or arm or service)
who was reported missing in action
on the 26 day of Nov., 1943

NUMBER	ARTICLES	PACKAGE NUMBER
1.	1-Porn 3	
	Mrs Elva Hall (mother)	
	Room 1	
	Portland, Oregon	

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

[illegible]

Money { Specie \$ _____
Notes \$ _____

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that *the effects were delivered

Effects Quartermaster Gen. Depot 011
(Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative)

APD 507

or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

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Walter F. Seidl

WALTER F. SEIDL
1st Lt., Air Corps

APD 559

(Station)

4 April

19 44

(Date)

*Strike out words not applicable.

RECEIVED

569TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
390TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO-634
U. S. ARMY

93293



22 December 1943

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, APO 507, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Administrative Circular #34, Headquarters, SOS, EFOUSA, the following information is transmitted:

- a. Ball, Roy N. S Sgt. 37221204, 569th Bomb Sq (H)
- b. Missing in Action since 16 November 1943
- c. Beneficiary - Mrs. Elva Ball,
RFD 31
Rantoul, Kansas
- d. Subject EM had no bank account in the United Kingdom.
- e. Subject EM had no creditors or debtors.

For the Squadron Commander:

Charles B. Brame Jr.
CHARLES B. BRAME JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl - WD AGO Form 54

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

JRM:SP:gl
AEB 22 July 1944
CASE NO. 93293
(S-22 Sep 1944)

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

Please complete and return to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri

(**) Ball Roy N. 37221204 S/Sgt.
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Serial No.) (Grade)

1. ~~Organization and AF number~~ (Missing in Action 16 Nov 1943)

2. Name, Relationship and Address of:

a. Beneficiary:

b. Alternate Beneficiary:

c. Nearest Relative:

d. Emergency Addressee: *Mrs. Elmer A. Ball (Mother)*

e. Bailee shown on W.D., A.G.O. Form 43: *Mrs. Elmer A. Ball (Mother)*

(*) If the above ASN is not assigned to the soldier named, it is requested that the AEB be advised the name, rank and present mailing address of the soldier to whom this ASN is assigned, together with the information requested in paragraph 2 above.

(**) In the event the above ASN is not assigned to this soldier, it is further requested that this Bureau be furnished available information regarding this soldier of record in your office.

RET:ml
Eff QM Form 20 (Rev. 10/12/43)

26 July 44

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10/11/44

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