

SSgt William F. Brooks

388 Bb, 564th BS

11-13-43 over Eggebek, Germany



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***INDIVIDUAL DECEASED  
PERSONNEL FILE***

 **COPY**

Brooks, William

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ORIGINAL

# RECEIPT OF REMAINS

HEADQUARTERS, NYPE

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1, AGR ROUTINE

58th ST & 1st AVE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

T. J. BEGGS, JR.

MADISON, FLORIDA

REMAINS OF THE LATE ( S SGT WILLIAM F. BROOKS ACCOMPANIED BY AN  
ESCORT ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JERSEY CITY ON TRAIN  
NUMBER 27 B&O RAILROAD AT EIGHT THIRTY AM EST  
ON TUESDAY 31 MAY AND DUE TO ARRIVE AT MADISON  
AT ONE TWENTY PM EST ON WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE

PLEASE ARRANGE TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND PLEASE  
NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL.

ESCORT S SGT. GEORGE BENNETT  
AF 16 239 026  
DET 5 1300 ASU

G. H. BARE

COLONEL, QMC

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased  
this 1st day of JUNE, 1949  
(Day) (Month)

29 JUN 1949

BRANCH  
MEMO. DIV.

George Bennett, S Sgt.  
(Witness (Escort))

T J Beggs Jr  
(Signature)

AF-16239 026



# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

## 1. SHIPPED

FROM USCG NEWVILLE, BELGIUM		TO ANTWERP PORT PIER 140	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER PVT SAYVA J. HARDY, RA 18010289	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER ANTONIO TEIXEIRA 1ST LT, SC, 01648826	DATE 24/2/49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER R. D. Miller	DATE 25 FEB 1949

## 2. SHIPPED

FROM AGRC ANTWERP		TO USAT HAITI VICTORY	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER D. E. PRICE, MAJ. QMC.	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER R. D. MILLER	DATE 22 APR 1949	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER D. E. Price	DATE 22 APR 1949

## 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO NYPE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER W. W. PREISCH LIEUT. COLONEL, TC	DATE MAY 4 1949

## 4. SHIPPED PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER

FROM NYPE		TO DC #01	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRAILER		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER H. O. YOUNG LIEUT. COLONEL, TC	DATE 5/6/49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER H. O. YOUNG Captain, QMC	DATE MAY 6 1949

## 5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER (ENG FOWELL, LFOBIDV)	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 6. SHIPPED

FROM DIZON, LFOBIDV 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.		TO KORLE #1, BOX 2 CHASIE B. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	DATE 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

## 7. SHIPPED

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



HEADQUARTERS  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
American Graves Registration Division  
1st Avenue & 58th Street  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED BY ALL ESCORTS WHO ACCOMPANY REMAINS  
OF DECEASED PERSONNEL FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION.

UPON RETURN TO THE AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION, WRITE THIS REPORT  
WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE ESCORT TO THE ESCORT CONTROL OFFICER FOR APPROVAL

1. BENNETT, GEORGE E. S/SGT. AF 16239026 accompanying the  
(Name, rank, serial number of escort)

remains of BROOKS, WILLIAM F. S/SGT. AF 34406658  
(Name, rank, serial number)

2. Departed AGRD, NYPT, on 31 MAY 1949 at 0615 AM hours  
(date)

for MADISON, FLORIDA by TRAIN B+0 0930 DST  
(destination - city and state) (Govt vehicle or train):

If train, give hour of departure from New York City and station

NEW YORK CITY B+0 0930 D.S.T. Arrived at

MADISON, FLA. on 1 JUNE 1949 at 1332 DST hours  
(destination) (date)

3. First contact was made with undertaker on 1 JUNE 49 at 1332 hours  
(date)

4. First contact was made with next of kin CHARLIE R. BROOKS  
(Name)

LOUETT, F.A. on 1 JUNE 49 at 1510 DST hours  
(address) (date)

5. I did/~~did not~~ attend the funeral services.

6. The funeral was held at 1600 hours, on 1 June 1949

7. Escort's presence is/~~is not~~ desired at funeral services

C.R. Brooks  
TCNYP (TDC) 18  
Rev. 30 Nov 48

8. Burial honors were/~~were not~~ provided at the funeral.

9. Burial honors were not provided because \_\_\_\_\_

10. Burial honors were provided by American Legion  
Post 68, MADISON COUNTY

11. Flag was presented to MR. CHARLES B. BROOKS

12. The next of kin ~~did~~ did not bring up the subject of identity of the remains. NAME 1235 0-1

13. HANLOCK HOTEL MADISON, FLA. ONE DAY  
(Name, address of Hotel and length of stay where billeted)

14. Departed 0446 DET by TRAIN SAL on 2 JUNE 49  
MADISON FLA. (Govt. vehicle or train) (date)

at 0446 DET hours Arrived at AGRD, NYP on 3 JUNE 1949  
(date)

at 1945 hours.

15. REMARKS (Unusual occurrences): NONE

16. RECEIPT OF TWENTY-ONE (21) ROUNDS OF BLANK AMMUNITION IS ACKNOWLEDGED  
(IF NO BLANKS WERE ISSUED WRITE "NONE") Yes

W. B. Jones (Name of Receiver) 459T George E. Bennett  
(Name, Rank, Serial Number of Escort)

American Legion Post #68 (Organization) DET. 512004 Co "A"

6/1/49 (Date Received) 3 June 1949 (Date)



RECEIVED

1949 MAY 2 22 25

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MADISON FLO 2 300P

G H BARE

QN DC 1 NYPE

RETEL THIS DATE HEREBY CONFIRM ORIGINAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

STOP SHIP REMAINS OF STAFF SGT WILLIAM F BROOKS TO

T J BEGGS JR FUNERAL DIRECTOR MADISON FLO STOP NOTIFY ARRIVAL

DATE TO SAME

CHARLIE BROOKS RT 1 BOX 9 LOVETT FLO.

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DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

1949 APR 30 16

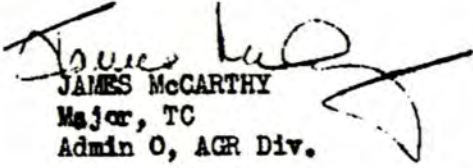
CHARLES R. BROOKS

ROUTE #1, BOX 9

LOVETT, FLORIDA

RECEIVED  
GREENWICH MEAN TIME (Z)  
U.S. ARMY CENTER  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

I certify that this message is an official business and that its transmission with a lower precedence, or by air mail, regular mail, or scheduled messenger would be prejudicial to the public interest.

  
JAMES MCCARTHY  
Major, TC  
Admin O, AGR Div.

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PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE S/SGT WILLIAM F. BROOKS  
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED  
TO T. J. BEGGS JR, MADISON, FLORIDA

WE CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN INTERVAL OF  
SEVERAL WEEKS WILL ELAPSE BEFORE DELIVERY CAN BE EFFECTED. YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR  
WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS PRIOR TO DELIVERY GIVING DATE AND TIME  
REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO  
ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION ON ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO INFORM  
YOU SO YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
MILITARY ESCORT. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS' ORGANIZA-  
TION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY  
INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM  
COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION OR SUBMIT NEW  
INSTRUCTIONS. WE REGRET IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE  
WITH CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT  
HOURS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

DWG (REV)

G. H. BARE  
COL, QMC

RELEASED TO W U

1 MAY 49

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# REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)

DATE

**PAID**

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)

**BROOKS WILLIAM F**

BRANCH OF SERVICE

**USAAF**

TO BE FILLED IN BY CLAIMANT

RANK OR GRADE

**S/SGT**

SERIAL NO.

**34408658**A. ☒ INTERMENT EXPENSES  
(Civilian or Private Cemetery)B. ☐ TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES  
(National or Post Cemetery)

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM

1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director.
2. Fill in as required and sign four copies.
3. Check Box "A" or Box "B" above, not both.
4. Check Box "A" when interment is in a civilian or private cemetery.
5. Check Box "B" when remains are delivered to home or other place prior to burial in a national or post cemetery.

FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED

I certify that the sum of \$ **75.00** was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below:

NAME: **Shilo Cemetery**CITY OR COUNTY: **Lovett (Madison County)**STATE: **Florida**

RETURN FOUR COPIES TO

FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED

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

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

SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT

**Lovett, Florida**  
ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State)

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT

REMARKS

J. C. Kovarik  
Col., F. D.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

JUN 1949

Sym. 210-344  
Sta. 625



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PART A

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1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the Government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.

3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the Government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: Hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.

4. Reimbursement by the Government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipted bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

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PART B

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1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the Government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the Government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the Government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.

3. Reimbursement by the Government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.

4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.



# Veterans' Service Center

MADISON, FLORIDA

June 10, 1949.

The Quartermaster General,  
Memorial Division,  
Washington 25, D. C.

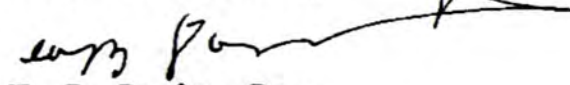
Dear sir:

Re: ASN 34 406 658

295 BROOKS, William F., Deceased.

Enclosed please find Form OQMG-623, application for  
an upright marble headstone for the above veteran.

Very truly yours,

  
W. B. Davis, Jr.,  
County Service Officer,

WED:bh

Encl. (1)

File  
15 June 1949  
W. B. Davis, Jr.  
Adm. H. L.



RRE Form #39  
13 Jul 48

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

BROOKS	WILLIAM	F	S SG	34406658
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

RePatricated to the United States: 26 APR. 1949

Incl #

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)

21 May 1946

Date

1 January 1946

NAME BROOKS William F. RANK S/Sgt ASN 34406656

ORGANIZATION 389th Bb. Gp. 561th Bb. Sq. 8th AAF

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Cemetery Records, Grave No corresponds  
German Green Burial Card  
Laundry mark on shirt B-6656

(All statements above this line will be completed, upon final) processing, by the clerical staff at the unit processing point.)

## SECTION A — GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? No If so, state the following information:

a. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ ASN \_\_\_\_\_

b. ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

2. Was partial identification established? Yes If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME UNKNOWN RANK Unk. ASN Unk.

b. ORGANIZATION A A F

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY Oppenlander, C.F.; Harman, Hayes;  
Peterson, Norwal O.; Bosetti, Leroy R.; Wright, Haskell W.; Mc Clanahan F.D.; 3 Unknowns.

(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)

a. Date of above burials 18 November 1943 Common Graves? No

5. Name and Type of Cemetery Flensburg, Civilian Cemetery

(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery C(210-930)Sh 236 1:50,000

a. Town Flensburg Country Germany

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section American Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave 161 a

b. Is Sketch attached? No

8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.

a. Town \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinates \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is Sketch attached? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Is area mined? \_\_\_\_\_

9. How is the grave marked? Wooden block with No. 161 a

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon \_\_\_\_\_

a. From what source was this information obtained?

(Identification tags, personal effects)

1. By whom \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where are the cemetery records?

Buergermeister's Office  
(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)



- a. What information was contained thereon? None Date and place of death, Grave No; \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of burial. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Where was the information obtained? German Military
- c. By whom? Unk.
12. What is the date of death? 13 November 1943
- a. Give basis Cemetery records
13. What is the cause of death? Wounds suffered in plane crash
- b. Give basis Statement
14. What is the date of burial? 18 November 1943
- a. Give basis Cemetery records
15. What was the place of death? Janneby, Germany Coords Husum 1:100,000  
G(120-779)Sh J-3
- b. Give basis \_\_\_\_\_
16. Where were the remains found? Janneby, Germany Coords Husum 1:100,000  
G(120-779)Sh J-3
- a. By whom? Unk.
- b. Is sketch attached? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Was a casket used? Yes Who furnished the casket? Unk.
- Type of casket Wooden How marked? Unk.
18. Who made the burial German Military  
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? Unk.

SECTION B — AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the AAF).

19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? Unk.
- a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
- b. Near wreckage? Unk.
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).
- a. Type of Plane Unk.
- b. Markings and/or name on plane \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: Unk.
21. How did crash occur? Enemy damage Anti-aircraft \_\_\_\_\_  
Enemy Planes? Yes Collision? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Did plane explode in the air? Yes On ground? No
23. Did plane burn in the air? Yes On ground? Yes
24. What was the direction of the flight? East to west
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? Going to home base.



26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? No
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? Yes
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash Unk.
29. State precise time and date of plane crash Day, 13 November 1943  
(Night?) (Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? No How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Escaped? \_\_\_\_\_  
Prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED** (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?  
a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed  
(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or . . . front, side, or back)  
b. Near wreckage?  
c. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)  
a. Type of tank  
b. Markings and/or name of tank  
c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?
34. Did tank explode? Burn?
35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank \_\_\_\_\_  
(Night?) (Day?)

38. Did any of the crew members escape? \_\_\_\_\_ Prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_
- SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH** (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable).

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i. e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire)  
If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.  
a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?
40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased

**SECTION E — GENERAL** (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? No  
If not, state reason Not available  
a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Yes  
Where? On body By whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
Present disposition Unk.  
If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned.



293 FILE <b>7A3</b>		DA . ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED <b>7A3</b>		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>BROOKS, WILLIAM F.</b>		GRADE <b>S/Sgt</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>34406658</b>	
ORGANIZATION <b>564 Bomb Sq. 388 Bomb Gp</b>		RACE <b>WHITE</b>	CREED <b>PROTESTANT</b>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
DATE OF DEATH <b>12 Nov 1943</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>KIA</b>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>EDDELEN, GERMANY</b>		
DATE OF POD				
HEIGHT <b>5' 6 1/2"</b>	WEIGHT <b>113</b>	COLOR EYES <b>BLUE</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>BROWN</b>	SHOE SIZE <b>1 1/2 B</b>
DENTAL CHART <b>11 Oct 1942</b>				
UPPER RIGHT <b>X 7 6 5 4 3 2 ①</b>		UPPER LEFT <b>① 2 3 4 5 6 7 X</b>		
LOWER RIGHT <b>16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9</b>		LOWER LEFT <b>9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16</b>		
<b>X = Extracted</b> <b>O = Cavity</b> <b>1 = Cavity Non-Restorable</b>				
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <b>NONE</b>		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <b>NONE</b>		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <b>D/B 25 Sept '21</b> <b>7 Buried. Nimville en Condrez, Belgium.</b> <b>P. - R-6</b> <b>R. - 3-52</b>				

File  
 MAR 3 1949  
 G. W. Rogers  
 Capt., QMC  
 Identification Branch

**E T O**

Ret LTR 379  
 371 JAB

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD

~~W. Becker, William~~ <sup>FI</sup> ASM. 34406658

To Clinical Records Branch

For Disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
S. H. Pyndell Hld. Hse.	7 Dec 42	11 Dec 42	2080

H. Kuhlmann 17 Aug 46 QMC  
Clerk Date Branch



Identification Section  
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade
Bunker	William	F.	3446658	S/sgt.
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size
5' 6 1/2"	113	Blue	Brown	7 1/2 B
Date of Death				
13 Feb 43				

Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)

564<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq. 388<sup>th</sup> Bomb GP

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

Edwards, Germany

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

STATION	DATES
Camp Blending, Fla.	Oct 42
R.F.C. Miami Beach, Fla.	Nov 42
Lyndell Fld, Panama City, Fla.	Jan 43
Lowery Fld, Denver, Colorado	Mar 43
AA B, Salt Lake City, Utah	Mar 43

(over)

Fractures and/or Breaks

Tattoos and/or Birth marks

None

None

DENTAL CHART 11 Oct 42

X	7	6	5	4	3	2	①	①	2	3	4	5	6	7	X
Upper Right							Upper Left								
16 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

AAB, Pocahontas, Idaho  
AAB, Herington, Kansas  
Presque Isle, Maine

July 43

Aug 43

Aug 43





Special Doyle GMB.

Brooks William F.

ASN. 34406658

1 - Form 79 Dental Record.

H. Kuhlmann Sheet # d268

27 Aug 46

- 2144-45 -

IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

✓ 2912

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE
Brooks, William J.			O-679-987		2nd Lt.
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH
71"	150	Brown	Brown	9 1/2 D	5 Jan 44

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

708th Bomb Sq. 447th Bomb Sq (H)

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF N/A

near the harbor of Gujan-et-Metras, France

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

STATION	DATES
Victoria, Texas	May 43 to June 43
Dale-Mabry, Fld	June 43 to Jul 43
Perry a.a. Fld, Fla	Date unknown to Jul 43
Dale-Mabry, Fld	Jul 43 to Aug 43
Geiger Fld	Aug 43
Moses L.K. Wash.	Aug 43
Laward, Hebe	Sept 43 to Oct 43

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH

NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
Not of record	Not of record

DENTAL CHART

X O X 5 4 0 2 1	X X 3 X X X X 0
UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
X X X 0 12 11 10 9	9 10 11 12 13 X X 18
LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED      0 - CARIOUS      1 - VARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

Denture Partial upper



## QUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

S/Sgt William F. Brooks, 34 406 658  
 Plot R, Row 3, Grave 52,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

15 January 1948

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

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

## PART I

I, **Charlie R. Brooks**

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

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

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

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

**Shilo Cemetery, (Madison County), Lovett, Florida**

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

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

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

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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 (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

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

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <b>T. J. Beggs, Jr.</b>			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.
<b>Madison, Florida</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>Florida</b>
	<b>Madison, Florida</b>		<b>38</b>

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
<b>Brooks</b>	<b>Mary</b>	<b>C.</b>	<b>Mother</b>
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
<b>Route 1, Box 9</b>	<b>Lovett</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>Florida</b>

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.

Charlie R. Brooks (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)      Rt. 1, Box 9, (STREET AND NUMBER)  
Charlie R. Brooks (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)      Lovett, Florida (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 7th day of Feb.  
 1948, at city (or town) of Madison, county of Madison, and State (or Territory or District) of Florida

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

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.  
 My commission expires February 10, 1948.  
 Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.



**ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

*All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.*

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CONFIDENTIAL

S/Sgt William F. Brooks, 34 406 658  
Plot R, Row 3, Grave 52,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

13 January 1948

Mr. Charlie R. Brooks  
Route #1  
Lovett, Florida

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LANKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

Incls.



24 October 1946

Mr. Charlie R. Brooks  
Route #1  
Lovett, Florida

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Staff Sergeant William F. Brooks, A.S.N. 34 406 658.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, plot R, row 3, grave 52. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located nine miles southwest of Liège, Belgium, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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RAF 201 - (2502) Brooks, William F.  
(AV 399) 34406658

Mrl Charlie R. Brooks  
Route One  
Lovett, Florida

Dear Mr. Brooks:

I am writing to you in reference to your son who gave his life in the service of his Country during the European conflict.

Information has been received indicating that Staff Sergeant William F. Brooks was the ball turret gunner of a B-24 (Liberator) bomber which departed from Hethel, England on a bombing mission to Bremen, Germany on 13 November 1943. The report reveals that during this mission, your son's plane accidentally collided in mid-air with another of our planes. Subsequently the damaged bomber went into a vertical dive and fell to the earth.

In an effort to furnish the next of kin with all available details concerning casualties among our personnel, the Army Air Forces recently completed the translation of several volumes of captured German records.

In regard to your son, these records indicate that he was killed on 13 November 1943, when his aircraft crashed approximately three miles west of Eggebek (54°37' N., 9°23' E.), Germany, which is about twelve miles south of Flensburg. Of the ten members of your son's crew killed in the crash, six were identified. Your son was not one of the identified, therefore it is logical to assume that he was one of the four unknown dead. These records further state that his body was interred on 19 November 1943, in the cemetery at Flensburg (54°46' N., 9°27' E.), Germany.

The Quartermaster General in his capacity as Chief, American Graves Registration Service, is charged with the responsibility of notifying the next of kin concerning grave locations of members of the military forces who are killed or die outside the continental limits of the United States. The Quartermaster General will furnish you with definite information of your son's burial location, should this information be received from the Commanding General of the Theater concerned.

May the knowledge of your son's valuable contribution to our cause sustain you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

LEON J. JENSEN  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army  
Deputy, AG/AS-1





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

CEMETERY NEUVILLE-en-CONDROZ PLOT R ROW 3 GRAVE 52

NAME : BROOKS, William F.

RANK : S/Sgt.

ASN : 34406658

ORGANIZATION : 389 Bomb Gp H

DATE OF DEATH : ---

PLACE OF DEATH : ---

CAUSE OF DEATH : ---

C.P. 20/7/46

(Signature)



# REPORT OF REBURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

21 May 1946  
Date

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BROOKS, William First Initial S/Sgt Rank 244006650 Serial No.  
327th Bb. Co. 504th Bb. Sq. 8th AAF Organization  
Jannoch, Ger. C(120-779) Sh. J-3 13 Nov 1943 Date of Death  
Place of Death Flensburg 1:100,000 Cause of Death  
1630, 7 June/46 U.S. MIL. CEM. LEUVILLE en CO. DROU. L. 121 K(390-137)  
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location  
52 Grave Number 3 Row Number R Plat Number  
Type of Marker CROSS  
Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes ☐ No ☒ Attached to Marker Yes ☐ No ☒

## If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

Cemetery Records, Grave No corresponds  
German Green Burial card  
Laundry mark on shirt 3-6056  
What means of identification were buried with the body?

QRS # 1 in hot 1c

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
	HARMAN, Hayes Jr.	0-741516	Unk	Unk	51
Deceased's Left:	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
	CARY, Dwayne H.	375347772	Unk	Unk	53

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 Address: Unk  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion: Unk

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

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# REBURIAL

Previously buried in isolated grave  
located at Flensburg, Ger. C(210-930)  
Sh. 236 Flensburg 1:50,000

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

HERBERT W. COPELAN, 2nd Lt, Inf,  
Verified by G.R.S. Officer  
1st Field Hq

Reintering Officer

FILE  
6 SEP 1946

Sol J. J. 2065  
2nd Lt., Inf.  
Disintering Officer  
death at 01 120 00





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1 Dec. 1944

BURIAL INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE ENEMY

THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE RED CROSS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

NAME (Last, First, Middle) <u>293 Brooks, William F.</u> <u>BROOKS, Eugene F.</u>		RANK <u>S/Sgt.</u>	ORGANIZATION <u>Air Corps S.N. 34406658</u> <u>564th Bombardment Squadron</u> <u>389th Bombardment Group</u>
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE <u>Mr. Charlie R. Brooks, Route 1, Lovett, Madison County, Florida</u>			
DATE OF DEATH <u>KIA 13 November 1943</u>		PLACE	
PLACE OF BURIAL <u>Cemetery "Friedenshugel", Flensburg, Germany</u>		ROW NUMBER	GRAVE NUMBER <u>161-161a-</u> <u>162-164</u>
TYPE OF BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> COMRADE	DATE OF BURIAL <u>Nov. 19, 1943</u>		DATE OF REBURIAL
OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW OF <u>Machine Type unknown</u>			
NAME		RANK	NAME
1 <u>Harman, Hayes</u>			6.
2 <u>Peterson, Norwal O.</u>			7.
3 <u>Bosseti, Leroy R.</u>			8.
4 <u>Wright, Haskell W.</u>			9.
5 <u>McClanahan, F. D.</u>			10.
PERSONAL EFFECTS			
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: GERMAN LIST OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES NO. <u>15/81-84</u>			
RUS NUMBER <u>2865</u>	DATED <u>23 December 1943</u>	PLACE <u>Berlin, Germany</u>	
STAMP: INFORMATION CENTER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND CASUALTIES		DATE <u>23 December 1943</u>	
REMARKS <u>McKeon, Brooks, Pierson, and Yarbrough, were reported as unknown on this list # 15/81-84, identified by the A.G.O. on 11 May 1944.</u>  <u>Individual identification by graves cannot be determined from information available.</u> <u>2nd Lt. Eugene F. McKeon, S/Sgt. William F. Brooks, S/Sgt. Kenneth B. Pierson and S/Sgt. James R. Yarbrough have the grave numbers 161-161a-162-164, that are listed above. They are the unknowns mentioned above.</u>  <u>✓ 293 Brooks, Eugene F.</u>			

AG 704 (10 May 1944)

*293 711c Keon, Eugene F.*

11 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

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

ATTENTION: Chief, Memorial Branch, Room 1901, Temporary Building A.

1. Reference is made to German Official Dead list No. 15, dated at Berlin, Germany, 23 December 1943, and filed in the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General.

2. The unidentified deceased reported as numbers 81 to 84, inclusive on this list, buried in Grave numbers 161, 161a, 162, and 164, in Cemetery, "Friedens-hugel", Flensburg, Germany, have been identified as Second Lieutenant Eugene F. McKeon, O-678732, Staff Sergeant William F. Brooks, 34406658, Staff Sergeant Kenneth B. Pierson, 15331781, and Staff Sergeant James R. Yarbrough, 3433129, former members of the 564th Bombardment Squadron, 389th Bombardment Group, who were killed in action 13 November 1943. Individual identification by graves cannot be determined from information available.

3. The emergency addressee of Lieutenant McKeon is his mother, Mrs. Susanne J. McKeon, 10 Vermilyea Avenue, New York, New York; that of Sergeant Brooks is his father, Mr. Charlie R. Brooks, Route 1, Lovett, Madison County, Florida; that of Sergeant Pierson is his mother, Mrs. Alice Pierson, St. Francisville, Illinois; and that of Sergeant Yarbrough is his mother, Mrs. Genia S. Yarbrough, 305 North Lens Street, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama.

For The Adjutant General.

DANIEL P. POTZET  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Officer in Charge,  
Status Review and  
Determination Section.

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X 293 Brooks, William F.  
34406658*

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 31 May 1944  
MMB/pmr/4627

FULL NAME <b>Brooks, William F.</b>				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>34 406 658</b>		GRADE <b>s/Sgt.</b>	
HOME ADDRESS <b>Lovett, Florida</b>				ARM OR SERVICE <b>Air Corps</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>25 Sep 21</b>	
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>			CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed In Action</b>			DATE OF DEATH <b>13 Nov 43</b>	
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>16 Oct 42</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
						YEARS <b>1</b>	MONTHS <b>-</b>
						DAYS <b>28</b>	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mr. Charlie R. Brooks, father, Rt. #1, Lovett, Florida.</b>							
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Charlie R. Brooks, father, address shown above. Mary C. Brooks, mother, address shown above.</b>							
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES NO YES NO			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 13 Nov 43 and until such absence was terminated on 9 May 1944 on which date conclusive evidence of death was received by the Secretary of War.

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CORRESPONDENCE DIVISION

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

**Battle**

**James W. Reinhart.**

ADJUTANT GENERAL

Summary Court-Martial  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Jardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Case No. 115381 M  
Date 25 November 1944

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

William F. Brooks 34406658 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)  
Staff Sergeant Air Corps who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Arm or Service)  
on the 13 day of November, 1943, at European Area.

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

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

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

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ None, of which the sum of \$ None was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. one.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ None, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt None, Incl. None.)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below.)

FINDING:

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 10 October 1944, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Charlie R. Brooks for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Charlie R. Brooks of  
(Name of person found entitled)  
Route #1 Lovett State  
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)  
of Florida is the Father of the  
(Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

W. F. HEHMAN, Major U.M.C.  
(Name, Rank, Organization)  
SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL





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

(S-11-10-44)  
JRM:NM:1b  
October 10, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO 115381 M

Mr. Charlie R. Brooks  
Route #1  
Lovett, Florida

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Thank you for the information furnished the Army Effects Bureau in connection with disposal of personal effects belonging to your son, Staff Sergeant William F. Brooks. Record has been made of the Certification which you forwarded, and I am returning it to you herewith.

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

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

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

It is sincerely regretted that the wrist watch was received here in a damaged condition; however, because of its sentimental value, it is being included with the balance of the property.

Yours very truly,

2 Incls—  
Certification  
Envelope

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over*

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

Receipt acknowledged:

*Charlie R. Brooks*  
Charlie R. Brooks

*Oct. 18, 1944*  
Date

**R E S U M E**

Statement made by J. R. Kelley, Judge of Madison County,  
Florida:

S/Sgt. William F. Brooks was not married.

No probate of Will

Beneficiaries are Charlie E. Brooks, father, and Mary C. Brooks, mother.

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

JEM:IB:jd  
15 September 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQDK 201

SUBJECT: Disposal of Pay Records

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

Transmitted herewith for disposal by personnel officers concerned, in accordance with par. 44d(2), AR 345-125 019, W.D., A.G.O. Forms No. 28, (Soldier's Individual Pay Record) of:

Brooks, William F.	24406658	Pvt.	Air Corps
Dewees, George H.	13357046	Pvt.	
Dunhaver, Donald W.	20722121	A/C	Air Corps
Poster, William H.	31113871	S/Sgt.	
Joye, James H.	17098653	A/C	Air Corps
Pascals, Anthony (NMI)	32214582	T/4	Quartermaster Dept.
Reifler, Jack (NMI)	32658358	Pvt.	Infantry
Rollins, Maynard B.	31116658	Pvt.	Air Corps
Strain, Samuel G.	17160787	Pvt.	Air Corps
Wahlberg, Harry C.	3121026	Pfc.	Air Corps

For the Effects Quartermaster:

G. H. GALVIN, JR.  
1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
Chief, Adm. Control Branch

10 Incls--W.D., A.G.O. Forms No. 28

*file*

W. D. Walser,  
1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
Assistant  
Army Service Forces  
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

IMMEDIATE ACTION

RE: 115381-M

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of September 26, 1944, reference number above stated. We beg to inform you that our son, Staff Sergeant William F. Brooks, has been reported killed on the 13th day of November, 1943; and I will accept the personal property belonging to my deceased son under the terms of your letter of the date above stated.

My wife, Mary B. Brooks, and myself are the only heirs at law of the said William F. Brooks, deceased. Attached hereto you will find certification of the Judge of the Probate Court in this county which is self-explanatory.

If further proof is necessary we will furnish same.

Very truly yours,

*Charlie R. Brooks*  
Charlie R. Brooks

Witness:  
J. S. Shulton  
*[Signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*



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

In Reply Refer to 115381-M

(S-10-26-44)  
JRM:NW:fpn  
September 26, 1944

Mr. Charlie R. Brooks  
Route # 1  
Lovett, Florida

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal property belonging to your son, Staff Sergeant, William F. Brooks.

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

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

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

1 Incl--  
Envelope

Eff. QM Form 204 (26 Aug 44)

*W. D. Walser*  
W. D. WALSER  
1st Lt. J.M.C.  
Assistant

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Ship to: **Mr. Charlie R. Brooks**  
**Route #1**  
**Lovett, Florida**

Effects Of

Name **S/Sgt. William F. Brooks**

ASN **34406658**

Case No. **115381 D**

Wt.

Ship Via franked G B/L No. \_\_\_\_\_

JRM:NM:lb  
Date 10 October 1944

H McMillan  
For the Effects Quartermaster

PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 Ctn  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL 1 WT. \_\_\_\_\_

Franked ✓  
Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Shipped OCT 12 1944

OCT 10 1944

REMARKS:

mtg  
(Shipping Clerk)



Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets  
Box No.       

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
INVENTORY

Deceased         
Missing         
P.O.W.         
Abandoned       

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS Sgt. W. T. Bishop ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 7  
TALLY-IN NO. 444 INVENTORY DATE 5/25/44 CASE NO. 115381  
EFFECTS OF William F. Brooks RANK Sgt  
A.S.N. 34466658 ORG. 564 Brn Sgd

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION:	
ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	
<u>Cards</u>	<u>Pocket Knife</u>
<u>3 Packs Cigarettes</u>	<u>Sporks</u>
<u>Things</u>	<u>Ident Bracelet</u>
<u>Wrist Watch (Damaged)</u>	
<u>Intercom</u>	
<u>Religion</u>	
<u>Spurs</u>	
<u>Knives</u>	
<u>Wash Cloth</u>	
<u>Handkerchiefs</u>	
<u>Shirts</u>	
<u>Belts</u>	
<u>Wire Pocket Articles</u>	
<u>1 Baggie</u>	
<u>10 Buttons</u>	
<u>Religion Book</u>	
<u>10 Buttons</u>	
<u>1 Pair of Socks</u>	

REMARKS:

Gatlin  
Charles R Brooks  
W. T. Bishop  
FLA

ATTACHMENTS:

54  
Pay 12.00

NO CORRESPONDENCE

SHORTAGE ON REVERSE

G.I. ON REVERSE

SHIPPED

OCT 12 1944

(STORAGE)  
(SPACE)

SAFE STORAGE  
VAULT STORAGE

WEIGHT  
SHIPPED

Inventoried by        Packed by

(See AE 600-450)

(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a S/Sgt., 564th Bomb Sq (H) AAF  
M.I.A. (Grade) (Organisation or arm or service)

~~XXXXXX~~ On the 13 day of Nov., 1943

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

[illegible]

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

**CLASS II—Other effects**

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1/2	Towels
1/3	Face cloths
1/4	Face towel
1/5	Handkerchiefs
1/6	Drawers, cotton
1/7	Belts
1/8	Shaving kit
1/9	Combs
1/10	Prayer book
1/11	Mountain pen



**CLASS II—Continued**[illegible]

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that the effects were delivered to Effects Quartermaster  
1. (Give name and degree of relationship) Sgt. J. H. [illegible]  
APC 507, U. S. Army.  
or beneficiary named by the deceased, (no state)

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

FRANKLIN B. EDWARDS,  
1st Lt, AG, Supply Officer

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(Station)

7 December, 1943  
(Date)

(Date)

\*Strike out words not applicable.

WILLIAM  
BROOKS, W.F. Sgt. 34406658.

MISSING IN ACTION

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1 Medium Wooden Box - W-5816.

Received 19th December, 1943.

NEXT OF KIN:- Mr. Chas Brooks,

Route 1,  
Lovett, Florida.

115-381

SHIPPED TO PORT CM. APO EC  
LIST EF 82 K NO. 14277  
JUN 2 1944 ALLY OUT NO. 266

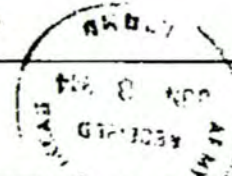


WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

11-381  
DATE 31 May 1944  
DDP/DM/4627

NAME <b>Brooks, William F.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>34 406 658</b>	GRADE <b>J/Sgt.</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Levett, Florida</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Air Corps</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>25 Sep 21</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed In Action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>13 Nov 43</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>16 Oct 42</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS <b>1 - 28</b>
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mr. Charlie R. Brooks, father, Rt. #1, Levett, Florida.</b>			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Charlie R. Brooks, father, address shown above. Mary C. Brooks, mother, address shown above.</b>			
INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO <b>X</b>	IN LINE OF DUTY YES NO <b>X</b>	OWN MISCONDUCT YES NO <b>X</b>	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS YES NO <b>X</b>
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE YES NO <b>X</b>		IN FLYING PAY STATUS YES NO <b>X</b>	OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW) YES NO <b>X</b>



ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 13 Nov 43 and until such absence was terminated on 9 May 1944 on which date conclusive evidence of death was received by the Secretary of War.

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G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
Q. M. G.	OFF FIS DIR.	

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

**Battle**

**James V. Reinhart.**

ADJUTANT GENERAL

## CASUALTY MESSAGE

115.381

STANDARD FORM NO. 14A  
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT  
MARCH 15, 1959

## TELEGRAM

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FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

BUREAU

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AG 201 BROOKS, WILLIAM F (22 NOV 43) GPXPC-M 386110-3 (8) 26 NOVEMBER 1943  
ASN 34 406 680MR CHARLES R BROOKS  
ROUTE ONE  
LOVETT FLORIDA

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS REGRET THAT YOUR SON  
STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM F BROOKS HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION  
SINCE THIRTEEN NOVEMBER OVER GERMANY IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER  
INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

ULIO  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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ADJUTANT GENERAL