



**INDIVIDUAL DECEASED
PERSONNEL FILE**

Roberts, Charles E

DD FORM 381
11 MAR 47

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

NAME OF DECEASED	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
CHARLES E. ROBERTS	S/Sgt	31157296
NAME OF NEXT OF KIN	RELATIONSHIP	
JOSEPH I. ROBERTS	FATHER	
OLD ADDRESS		
42 LINCOLN ST DORCHESTER MASS		
NEW ADDRESS		
51 BRIARFIELD RD		
MILTON 87 MASS		
REMARKS		

GROUP AND MASS BURIAL CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET

GROUP BURIAL NUMBER 11650 GB-320		NUMBER OF REMAINS IN GROUP		NUMBER OF CASKETS		TEMPORARY OVERSEAS CEMETERY MARGRATEN, HOLLAND		U.S. NATIONAL CEMETERY ZACHARY TAYLOR, KY.	
GRAVE LOCATIONS IN OVERSEAS CEMETERY FOR ALL REMAINS IN GROUP PLOT XX, ROW 10, GRAVE 250 PLOT ZZ, ROW 3, GRAVES 71, 72						DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE NUMBERS FOR ALL DIRECTIVES ISSUED FOR GROUP 11650 GB-320			
DECEDENT IN GROUP				NEXT OF KIN					
NAME OR "X" NUMBER		RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CREED	NAME		ADDRESS		
ROBERTS, CHARLES E. (WHITE)		S SG	31159298	PROT	JOSEPH I. ROBERTS (FATHER)		112 LINDSEY STREET DORCHESTER, MASS.		
SCHAEDLER, FRANCIS J. (WHITE)		T SG	17077322	N.R.	ANTON M. SCHAEDLER (FATHER)		ROUTE #1, BOX 702 GLENCOE, MISSOURI		
WALLACE, CYRUS M. (WHITE)		S SG	18125222	N.R.	GENEVA WALKER (SISTER) ALSO NOTIFY VERA MAE FRAILICKS (REM-WIDOW)		DENISON, TEXAS 820 W. 9TH STREET BONHAM, TEXAS		

*File
23 Jan 1950
J. J. [unclear]*

20 January 1950

S/Sgt Charles E. Roberts, 31 159 298

Group Burial

United States Military Cemetery

Margraten, Holland

Mr. Joseph I. Roberts
42 Lindsey Street
Dorchester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The Department of the Army desires that you be given the most recent information concerning your son, the late Staff Sergeant Charles E. Roberts, ASN 31 159 298.

The American Graves Registration Service in their search for deceased American personnel recovered certain remains from the area in which your son and others of his comrades met their death. As identifications could not be established at the time of the recovery, unknown designations were assigned pending further investigation, and temporary interments were made in a United States Military Cemetery overseas.

The investigation has now been completed, and although the circumstances rendered individual identifications impossible, sufficient evidence was present to determine that they were those of your son and two comrades and to warrant a group identification of the remains. The remains are now casketed, and being held overseas, pending return to the United States for interment in Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, located at Louisville, Kentucky.

This plan for the burial in one of our country's shrines of all the known groups of men for whom individual identity cannot be established, is based upon the provisions of Public Law 383, 79th Congress, as amended by Section 3, Public Law 368, 80th Congress. Final interment in a national cemetery in the United States where perpetual care will be given the graves, is fitting and proper. This particular national cemetery was selected in order that no undue burden of travel might be placed on any one family wishing to attend the services.

You and the next of kin of the other men will be informed of the date and time of final interment sufficiently in advance to permit you and any interested persons to attend the ceremonies. In order that you may receive information concerning these final rites, it is essential, in case you change your address, that you promptly inform the Commanding General, New York Port of Embarkation, Attention AGRD, First Avenue and 58th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Sincerely yours,

E. V. FREEMAN
Colonel, GMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - ROBERTS, Charles E. 31159298

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: Letter
3. DATE: 19 Jan 50
4. FROM: OQMG
5. TO: Supt., Zachary Taylor Natl. Cem., Louisville, Kentucky
6. SUBJECT: Group Burial

3 Decedents:

Roberts, Charles E. S/Sgt. 31159298

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7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - Zachary Taylor Natl. Cem. (Group Burial)

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SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: FORM

3. DATE: 20 Jan 50

4. FROM:

5. TO:

6. SUBJECT: No. 6 - Disint. Dir. # 4650 BB 320 covering Group or
Mass Burial from Margraten Holland to Zachary Taylor
National Cemetery.

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7. DOCUMENT FILED

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Mem Div Mem Div

17 Jan 50

3A/111/AK71JP/74X73
Subject: Group Burial USMC Margraten, Holland, 311-72, MX-10-250.

1. Forwarded herewith are 293 files for remaining subject group burial in which Roberts, Charles E., 31159298 is the first entry.

2. Next of kin have been verified and are listed below for your information.

3. Request you designate National Cemetery for final interment.

Roberts, Charles E. 31159298 S/Sgt White - Prot.
Next of Kin: Joseph I. Roberts (Father)
42 Lindsey Street
Dorchester, Mass.

Schaedler, Francis J. 17077322 T/Sgt White-
Next of Kin: Anton M. Schaedler (Father)
Route #1, Box 702,
Glencoe, Missouri

Tallace, Cyrus J. 18125222 S/Sgt White
Next of Kin: Geneva Walker (Sister)
Denison, Texas

*to be notified in addition to next of kin.

1. Frailicks (Rem Widow)
1111 9th Street
Wichita, Kansas

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Cen Br.
Mem Div

Chief
Rep Br.
Mem Div
ATTN:
Res Sec
Unit #4

19 Jan 1950

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With reference to preceding comment Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, A.F.D., 6, Box 24, Louisville, Kentucky, has been designated as the place of interment for the above mentioned Group Burial in which Roberts, Charles E., S/Sgt., 31159298 is the first entry.

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L. A. BERRY
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

St. Louis to Charles E. 3115-12-18
DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1. NO.	2. FROM	3. TO	4. DATE	5. MESSAGE
1.	Chief Id. Br. Mem. Div.	Repat. Br. Resol. Sec. ATTN: Mr. Arrowsmith	16 Dec. 1949	1. Forwarded for correction of necessary records and deflagging action the following Group Burial. Remains interred in U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland. ROBERTS, Charles E., S/Sgt. 31159298 SCHAMMELER, Francis J., T/Sgt. 17077322 WALLACE, Cyrus E., S/Sgt. 18125222 1. Forwarded for appropriate letters to the NCK. <i>M</i> 74059 <i>Kaplan</i> BARRY 2-62
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2.	Dec Unit Resol Sec Repat Br Mem Div	Unit 4 Resol Sec Repat Br Mem Div	20 Dec 49	Records corrected in Records Unit. Group Burial files for the above-named decedents are forwarded for continuation of action in your Unit. Incls 3 - 293 files 3 - 333 cards ARROWSMITH 5057 Thomas 71672

BURIAL INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	ASN	GRADE
GROUP BURIAL <i>242 Roberts Charles</i>		
ORGANIZATION		DATE OF DEATH
526th Bb Sq., 379th Bb Gp.		
PLACE	DATE OF BURIAL	DATE OF REBURIAL
Ahrweiler, Germany		

REMARKS Remains of Unknowns X-7504 thru X-7506, interred in U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, Plot XX, Row 10, Grave 250; Plot ZZ, Row 3, Graves 71 & 72; have been identified as a Group Burial, but individual identity cannot be established: ROBERTS, Charles E., S/Sgt., 31159298; SCHAEDELER, Francis J., T/Sgt., 17077322; WALKER, Cyrus E., S/Sgt., 18125222.

R. E. BARRY
Capt. GAC
Ident. Section

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GROUP IDEN OF FRANCIS J SCHREIBER 17077322 CMC CYRUS M WALLACE
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STATUS REVIEW AND DETERMINATION SECTION

REVIEW AND DETERMINATION
UNDER SECTION 5, PUBLIC
LAW 490, 7 MARCH 1942,
AS AMENDED

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CREW MEMBERS OF SIX B-17F
AIRCRAFT MISSING IN ACTION
IN THE EUROPEAN AREA SINCE
12 AUGUST 1943

S. R. & D. No. 1198

File

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G. W. ROGERS
Capt., QMC
Identification Branch

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13 August 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

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

I. - FACTS

1. The following-named officers and enlisted men have been carried on the records of this office as missing in action since 12 August 1943:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Osborne, Ralph H.	0-735641	Second Lieutenant
Swank, Robert D.	0-740975	Second Lieutenant
Hollingsworth, Frank H.	34,207,347	Technical Sergeant
Murphy, Joseph L.	11,053,174	Technical Sergeant
Schaedler, Francis J.	17,077,322	Technical Sergeant
Govern, Stanley H.	15,074,331	Staff Sergeant
Johnson, Carl B.	18,127,982	Staff Sergeant
Smalley, Win R.	37,418,175	Staff Sergeant
Serbo, Peter P.	31,281,461	Staff Sergeant
Wallace, Cyrus H.	18,125,222	Staff Sergeant
Wingate, Floyd H.	37,369,181	Staff Sergeant
Williams, James A.	14,098,108	Sergeant

2. The above-named officers and enlisted men were reported as missing in action over Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 12 August 1943, by messages from USSOS, London to W.R., dated 19 August 1943 as follows: Lieutenant Osborne, BCR No. 403; Lieutenant Swank, BCR No. 396; Staff Sergeants Johnson and Serbo, BCR No. 398; Technical Sergeants Hollingsworth, Murphy, and Schaedler, Staff Sergeants Govern, Smalley, Wallace, and Wingate, and Sergeant Williams, BCR No. 408. All of these officers and enlisted men were reported as being on flying pay status at the time they became missing in action.

3. These persons were members of six crews. Three of these crews, of which Lieutenant Swank and Sergeants Hollingsworth, Johnson, Smalley, Serbo, and Wingate were members, were from the 384th Bombardment Group. The other three, of which Lieutenant Osborne and Sergeants Govern, Murphy, Schaedler, Wallace, and Williams were members, were attached to the 379th Bombardment Group.

4. Missing Air Crew Reports (AICRs Nos. 286, 287, and 288) all dated 15 August 1943, are concerned with the three crews who were members of the 384th Bombardment Group. The reports state that these crews of B-17F aircraft participated in a combat mission to Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 12 August 1943, and failed to return to their base at A.A.F. Station 106. One plane, No. 42-3231, when last seen, was engaged with enemy fighters over enemy territory. According to eyewitness statements, parachutes were seen at that time; the plane was still under control, and the pilot seemed to know exactly what he was doing. At the time the reports were submitted, no information was available concerning the fate of the other two planes or their crews. The complete crews of these planes were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Keck, George B.	0-730520	First Lieutenant
Bryant, Arthur H.	0-735167	Second Lieutenant
Gaither, Raymond ...	0-672790	Second Lieutenant
Juart, William W.	0-796543	Second Lieutenant
Deville, Milton J.	18,133,971	Technical Sergeant
Hollingsworth, Frank E.	32,407,327	Technical Sergeant
Hughes, Walden A.	13,065,674	Staff Sergeant
Igou, William F.	34,333,114	Staff Sergeant
Peduch, Theodore	16,124,429	Staff Sergeant
Wolven, William D.	12,129,628	Staff Sergeant

b. Aircraft No. 42-3231 crashed near Bonn, Germany, see, to ...

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Taber, Robin E.	0-663429	First Lieutenant
Esty, Harvey C.	0-672340	Second Lieutenant
Brittain, Arthur E.	13,096,046	Technical Sergeant
Schmidlopp, Philip E.	35,110,121	Technical Sergeant
Parkins, Walter, C.	34,124,122	Staff Sergeant
Scholand, Joseph A.	37,280,903	Staff Sergeant
Smalley, Win R.	37,418,175	Staff Sergeant
Wingate, Floyd H.	37,369,181	Staff Sergeant

Of the personnel listed above, Sergeants Smalley and Wingate are carried on the records of this office as missing in action, Sergeants Brittain and Parkins have been reported as killed in action, ~~and the others have been reported as killed in action,~~ and the others have been officially reported as prisoners of the Germans.

c. Aircraft No. 42-5806

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Bolin, Harold A.	0-673466	Second Lieutenant
Hoffmeyer, William A.	0-740813	Second Lieutenant
Perkins, Howell E.	0-673730	Second Lieutenant
Swank, Robert D.	0-740975	Second Lieutenant
Kosse, Russell J.	19,102,771	Technical Sergeant
Mattoon, William E.	32,393,056	Technical Sergeant
Johnson, Carl B.	18,127,982	Staff Sergeant
Martin, J. D.	18,066,088	Staff Sergeant
Richey, Carl V.	34,352,496	Staff Sergeant
Sorbo, Peter P.	31,281,461	Staff Sergeant

One member of the above-listed crew, Sergeant Richey, has been reported as killed in action. Three (Lieutenant Swank, Sergeant Johnson, and Sergeant Sorbo) are still carried as missing in action, and the remaining six have been officially reported as prisoners of the German Government.

5. A letter was sent from this office to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, on 15 June 1944, requesting further information concerning Lieutenant Swank, and Sergeants Hollingsworth, Johnson, and Sorbo. By fourth indorsement, dated 1 July 1944, Headquarters, AAF Station No. 106, confirmed the information given in the Missing Air Crew Reports referred to in paragraph 4, above. The indorsement further stated that twenty aircraft were involved on this mission and no specific observation was made of those particular planes, as large number of enemy aircraft made vigorous attacks on the group from the initial point into the target and back out to the enemy coast. No search was made, as these aircraft were lost over enemy territory.

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6. Missing Air Crew Reports (MCR Nos. 1359, 1360, and 1762) all dated 15 October 1943, cover the cases of the three crews who were members of the 379th Bombardment Group. These reports state that these crews of B-17F aircraft participated in an operational mission to Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 12 August 1943, and failed to return to their base at Wimbeldon, England. All of planes were last seen in the vicinity of the target area, and there was no information given as to the circumstances surrounding the loss of the planes or the disappearance of the crews. There were no statements of eyewitnesses. The complete crews of those planes were as follows:

a. Aircraft No. 42-5820

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Bozarth, Glen H.	0-731450	Second Lieutenant
Emons, Dale T.	0-742986	Second Lieutenant
Freund, Kurt	0-793098	Second Lieutenant
Macrae, Donald P.	0-797342	Second Lieutenant
Ragland, James L.	14,080,478	Technical Sergeant
Schaedler, Francis J.	17,077,322	Technical Sergeant
Angarano, Daniel J.	32,404,571	Staff Sergeant
Janison, Allen G.	16,126,120	Staff Sergeant
Roberts, Charles E.	31,159,298	Staff Sergeant
Wallace, Cyrus H.	18,125,222	Staff Sergeant

Staff Sergeant Roberts has been reported as killed in action; Technical Sergeant Schaedler and Staff Sergeant Wallace are carried as missing in action, and the remaining seven officers and enlisted men have been officially reported as prisoners of German Government.

b. Aircraft No. 42-5821

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Dusch, William L.	0-797259	Second Lieutenant
Dietrich, Clair M.	0-675043	Second Lieutenant
Galloway, Ernest A.	0-739083	Second Lieutenant
Rees, David W.	T-60357	Flight Officer
Brennan, John T.	35,305,886	Technical Sergeant
Murphy, Joseph L.	11,053,174	Technical Sergeant
Fiorani, Dominick M.	33,348,228	Staff Sergeant
Govern, Stanley H.	15,074,331	Staff Sergeant
Lundquist, Chester H.	39,238,814	Staff Sergeant
Williams, James H.	14,098,109	Sergeant

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Three of these officers and enlisted men (Sergeants G. Wern, Murphy and Williams) are carried on the records of this office as missing in action; three (Sergeants Brennan, Fierana, and Lundquist) have been reported as killed in action, and the remaining four have been officially reported as prisoners of the Germans.

c. Aircraft No. 42-29898

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Hand, William D.	0-674136	Second Lieutenant
Jones, Leslie M.	0-675504	Second Lieutenant
Osborne, Ralph H.	0-735641	Second Lieutenant
Wickham, Thomas C.	0-670309	Second Lieutenant
Farbrough, Mildred O.	34,354,636	Technical Sergeant
Keenan, Patrick J.	31,159,863	Technical Sergeant
Dayton, Warren T.	32,502,704	Staff Sergeant
Irwin, Charles B.	14,134,235	Staff Sergeant
Scruggs, Howard R.	18,134,956	Staff Sergeant
Truman, Lawrence E.	42,477,194	Staff Sergeant

Lieutenant Osborne is carried on the records of this office as missing in action; Lieutenants Hand, Jones, and Wickham have been officially reported as prisoners of the German Government, and the remaining six have been reported as killed in action.

7. A letter was sent from this office to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, on 15 June 1944, requesting further information concerning these and other officers and enlisted men of the 379th Bombardment Group who were being carried on the records of this office as missing in action. By fourth indorsement dated 30 June 1944, Headquarters, 379th Bombardment Group, gave the following information concerning the crews of the three planes discussed in paragraph 6, above:

- "b. Aircraft #898 was reported to go down completely out of control, wing over wing. * * * *
- "d. Aircraft #820 was only reported to us as being hit by fighters. No further information on this plane is available. * * * *
- "e. Aircraft #821 was seen to go down in a steep dive with No. 1 engine smoking. No chutes were observed. * * * *

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8. A letter addressed to the International Red Cross at Geneva from Colonel Delmer T. Squirey, Central Compound, Stalag Luft 3, dated 21 September 1943, Subject: "Casualty Report of Aircrews of U.S.A.A.F. out of Africa and United Kingdom", lists Technical Sergeant Hollingsworth among others reported by the German authorities as dead, as a result of enemy action on 12 August 1943.

9. A letter dated 4 April 1944, addressed to Mr. Francis B. James, Hotel des Bergues, Geneva, from Colonel C. G. Goodrich, South Compound, Stalag Luft 3, and forwarded to this office through the International Red Cross at Geneva, reports that Technical Sergeant Hatten, the radio operator of aircraft No. 42-5806, told Lieutenant Bolin that Staff Sergeant Peter Serbo was killed in action and crashed with the aircraft. The same letter reports that German authorities showed Lieutenant Bryant, bombardier of aircraft No. 42-30104, the death certificate of Technical Sergeant Frank Hollingsworth, the radio operator on that plane.

10. The AG 201 files and the Casualty Branch files of the officers and enlisted men listed in paragraph 1, above, have been carefully examined. No information, other than that set forth above, was found that would be pertinent to this review.

11. In reply to requests to furnish this office with any information in their files bearing on the status of these officers and enlisted men, the Memorial Division, OQIG, and the Prisoner of War Bureau, PWGO, showed they had no record or report of those officers and enlisted men; and in the cases of the officers, the Officers's Branch, AGO, could furnish no further information.

12. There is no report showing that any of these officers and enlisted men are prisoners of war, internees, or that they have returned to duty.

II. - CONCLUSIONS

L. This case concerns twelve officers and enlisted men, crew members of six B-17F planes who became missing in action over Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 12 August 1943.

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Each plane had a crew of ten. Of these sixty officers and enlisted men, eighteen have been accounted for as dead, and thirty have been officially reported prisoners of the German Government. There remain to be accounted prisoners of the German Government. There remain to be accounted for the twelve officers and enlisted men listed in paragraph 1, Part I, hereof.

2. The course of the flight of the mission in which these officers and enlisted men became missing was over enemy-occupied territory. The raid was on a large scale and vigorous enemy opposition was encountered, making specific observation of individual planes very difficult. Three of the planes of which these personnel were crew members were last seen over the target area and the other three were reported to have been lost over enemy territory.

3. Twelve months have elapsed since these officers and enlisted men became missing in action. All reports indicate that they have not been seen or heard from by anyone during this period. Accordingly, any reasonable presumption that they are still living must rest on the possibility that they were taken by the enemy as prisoners of war and have not been reported as such. Experience with the reporting practices of the Germans shows that they have consistently reported prisoners taken by their forces within four months of the date of capture. Only one case is known in which a member of the United States Forces has been reported a prisoner of the Germans after he had been carried as missing for more than a year.

4. In view of the foregoing, and the lapse of twelve months since these officers and enlisted men became missing in action, it appears that they may not reasonably be presumed to be living.

III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, in the cases of the officers and enlisted men named in paragraph

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1, Part I, hereof, and that such findings show the presumed date of death as of 13 August 1944.

/1/ D.C.

/t/ DORIS CHILLER
Investigator,
Status Review and
Determination Section.

CONCURRED IN:

/s/ D.P.R

/t/ DAVID P. RICHARDSON
Captain, U. S. D.,
Status Review and
Determination Section.

/t/ DANIEL P. POTTER
Colonel, U. S. D.
Officer in Charge,
Status Review and
Determination Section.
/1/ JTB

APPROVED:

/1/ GPH
GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, U. S. D.,
Chief, Casualty Branch

Second Lieutenant Ralph H. Osborne,
O-735641, et al.

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O.Q.H.G
Liaison
Unit
24 Feb 1949
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REFERENCE

Message from USSOS, London to AGWAR, No. W-7027, dated 19 August 1943, Casualty Branch No. 232098, CM-IN-14931, File: AG 704 (19 Aug 43). (Classified Confidential)

Message from USSOS1 London to WAR, No. W-7021, dated 19 August 1943, Casualty Branch No. 231177, CM-IN-14480, File: AG 704 (19 Aug 43). (Classified Confidential)

Message from USSOS, London to AGWAR, No. W-7022, dated 19 August 1943, Casualty Branch No. 231182, CM-IN-14478, File: AG 704, (19 Aug 43). (Classified Confidential)

Message from USSOS, London, to AGWAR, No. W-7029, dated 19 August 1943, Casualty Branch No. 232030, CM-IN-14599, File: AG 704 (19 Aug 43). (Classified Confidential)

Missing Air Crew Report (AAF No. 286) dated 15 August 1943, (Classified Confidential)

Missing Air Crew Report (AAF No. 287) dated 15 August 1943, (Classified Confidential)

Missing Air Crew Report (AAF No. 288) dated 15 August 1943. (Classified Confidential)

Missing Air Crew Report (AAF No. 1359) dated 15 October 1943. (Classified Confidential)

Missing Air Crew Report (AAF No. 1360) dated 15 October 1943. (Classified Confidential)

Missing Air Crew Report (AAF No. 1762) dated 15 October 1943. (Classified Confidential)

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Letter to CG, ETOUSA, dated 15 June 1944
Subject: Review of Missing Personnel
Cases, Lukawski, Charles J., et al, w/7
endorsements. File: AG 704 (15 June 44).
(Classified Confidential)

Letter to CG, ETOUSA, dated 15 June 1944,
Subject: Review of Missing Personnel
Cases, Mattes, Frank G., et al, w/7
endorsements. File: AG 704 (15 June 44).
(Classified Confidential)

Letter from Colonel Spivey, Stalag Luft 3, to
International Red Cross, Geneva, dated 24
September 43, Subject: Casualty Report of
Air Crews of U.S.A.A.F. out of Africa and
United Kingdom. (not classified)

Letter from Colonel G. G. Goodrich, Senior
American Officer, Stalag Luft 3, dated 4
April 1944, addressed to Mr. Francis B.
James, Hotel des Bergues, Geneva, for-
warded to this office through the Inter-
national Red Cross at Geneva. Subject:
Personnel Casualty Report. Casualty Branch
No. 1750-5. (not classified)

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECD RED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

RILEY, CHARLES E

GRADE

S/Sgt.

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

31151277

ORGANIZATION

823d Bomb Gp
3d Bomb Gp

RACE

White

CREED

Reformed

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

—

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

12 Aug 43

CAUSE OF DEATH

Missing
KIA

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Near Hainan Island
South China Sea

DATE OF FOD

12 Aug 43

HEIGHT

5' 11"

WEIGHT

121

COLOR EYES

Blue

COLOR HAIR

Brown

SHOE SIZE

7 1/2 C

DENTAL CHART 3 July 43

UPPER RIGHT

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
X	A	A	A	S	X	X	X
				A			

UPPER LEFT

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

LOWER RIGHT

15	14	13	12	11	10	9
X	A	X	A	X		
			A			

LOWER LEFT

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				A	X	S	A
				A		A	

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

File
20 July 48
R. H. H. H.
Ed B. C.

Gefangenenlager:

44 11

Staatsangehörigkeit:

U. S. A.

der Liste:

Gefangenen-Nr.:

Seite der Liste:



Name:

Roberts, 293
Roberts, Charles E.

Beruf:

Vornamen:

Charles E.

Religion:

Dienstgrad: 1st Lt. S/Sgt

Geburtsdag u. Geburtsort:

Truppenteil:

Marb. Fortness Fortness

Vorname des Vaters:

Komp. usw.

Matr. Nr.

31 159 298

Familiennamen der Mutter:

Ort und Tag der Gefangennahme oder Internierung:

31, 159, 298

Name u. Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person:

Verwundungen, Verletzungen oder Tod:

X.I.A. 12 Aug. 43

wann und von wo zugegangen:

Aufenthalt u. Veränderungen:

16.8.43

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CGMG Form No. 302
17 June 1944

BURIAL INFORMATION RUS 1719 KU 21
6 Sept. 1943

NAME ROBERTS, CHARLES E. ASN. 31 159 298
RANK S/Sgt. ORGANIZATION Air Corps Fortress-2nd Confirmation
of L.P. No. 103 696/43 of Aug. 25, 1943.
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE.....

DATE OF DEATH Aug. 12, 1943 PLACE European Area

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

DATE OF BURIAL..... DATE OF REBURIAL.....

PERSONAL EFFECTS

REMARKS The German Minister of Aviation and Commander in Chief Air Forces
Air Force Personnel Bureau Az Venn 25 No. 103 928/43 (Chief- Section 11 D)
Berlin W. 8 6 Sept. 1943 7 Leipzig Street Tel. Address Air Minister Berlin
Telephones Local: 520023, 120047 Long Distance: 218011 Ext. 1193.

In reply please use the above file number giving date and contents in
brief. American Air Force Personnel To: High Command, Armed Forces Section
Prisoners of War, General V) Berlin-Schöneberg, Baden Street 50/51. Stamp.
9 Sept. 1943 Daybook No. 1. General V, General Delivery.

24-97813-3M

DDMG FORM 302a
1 Dec. 1944

BURIAL INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE ENEMY
THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE RED CROSS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

NAME (Last First Middle) ROBERTS, CHARLES E.		RANK S/Sgt.	ORGANIZATION Air Corps S.N. 31 159 298	
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE		
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE				
DATE OF DEATH K.I.A. Aug. 12, 1943		PLACE		
PLACE OF BURIAL Not reported yet			ROW NUMBER	GRAVE NUMBER
TYPE OF BURIAL ☐ SINGLE ☐ COMRADE		DATE OF BURIAL		DATE OF REBURIAL
OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW OF Machine Fortress				
NAME		RANK	NAME	
1.			6.	
2.			7.	
3.			8.	
4.			9.	
5.			10.	
PERSONAL EFFECTS				
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: GERMAN LIST OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES NO. 11/53				
RUS NUMBER 2256		DATED Oct. 30, 1943		PLACE Berlin
STAMP: INFORMATION CENTER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND CASUALTIES				DATE Oct. 30, 1943
REMARKS				

ENEMY CASUALTY FORM

1. CURRENT NO. *55*
2. COUNTRY (NATIONALITY) *U.S.A.*
3. NAME *T. J. ...*
4. DATE OF BIRTH
5. NAME OF FATHER
6. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
7. ADDRESS OF PARENTS
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
9. RANK *1st Lt.*
10. UNIT (TROOP DIVISION) *Machine Gun Co. 1st ...*
11. DATE AND PLACE OF CAPTURE... *Oct 1942*
12. WOUNDS AND INJURIES
13. DATE AND PLACE OF BURIAL *Not reported yet*
14. REGISTER NO. *3.11.57298*
15. REMARKS

FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION FORM

Office of the Dental Surgeon

Station 117 APO 634

CHARLES. E Station

POBERTS S/Sgt 3E159298

Name Rank ASN
526th Bomb Sq 34 I yr 7-8-43
Organization Age Service Date

Aeronautical Rating

Right												Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
A	A	A	SA	X	X	X	X	X		A	A	X	A	X					
[Diagram of tooth outlines with various markings]																			
X	A	X	AA	X								A	X	A	A				
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				

Class :-

Occlusion _____ Calculus _____ Periodontoclasia _____ Foci Suspected _____

Anomalies, other conditions, remarks:

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-orthophosphate
Chart all subsequent fillings
Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
Missing natural teeth by X [X][X][X]
Teeth replaced by denture [X][X][X]

Teeth replaced by fixed bridge [X][X][X]

APPROVED:

Station Dental Surgeon

Examining Dental Officer

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON
REPORT OF DEATH

DATE *11 October 1943*

FULL NAME Roberts, Charles A.		ARMY SERIAL NO. 31 159 203
GRADE C/-gt.	ARM OR SERVICE Air Corps	DATE OF BIRTH 27 November 1908
HOME ADDRESS Dorchester, Massachusetts		
DATE OF DEATH 12 Aug. 43	PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Anne M. Roberts (Mother) 42 Lindsey St., Dorchester, Mass.		
BENEFICIARY (NAME RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Anne M. Roberts (Mother) 42 Lindsey St., Dorchester, Mass. Mr. Joseph I. Roberts (father) 42 Lindsey St., Dorchester, Mass.		

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

M. G. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(OVER) **DANIEL J. REIDY.**

ADJUTANT GENERAL

(Date) 21 August 1

Subject: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Charles E. Roberts, 31159298, late a
(Name of deceased soldier) (Army Serial No.)
S/Sgt., Air Corps who died
(Grade) (Organization, Arm or Service)

on the 12 day of August, 1943, at European Area

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112 a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 223, HQ., KCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, reports that:

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

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

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 _____, Incl. _____.)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects and money (less the amount 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 17 July, 1944, pursuant to Special Orders 223, Headquarters, KCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application and/or affidavit of Joseph E. Roberts, Sr., (Name of _____) for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, now (Claimant) in the possession of the United States, together with other relevant evidence, were duly considered:

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112 Joseph E. Roberts, Sr. (Name of person found entitled)

of 42 Lindsey Street, Dorchester 24, State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
Massachusetts, is the father of the above-
(Relationship or Capacity)

named deceased soldier and appears to be entitled to receive his effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)
W. F. HERMAN, Major Q.M.C.
(Name, Rank, Organization)

WAR DEPARTMENT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
Kansas City, Missouri

JRM:HA:vbc

In the matter of the disposition
of the effects of

Case No. 84006 D

S/Sgt. Charles E. Roberts
(Name of deceased soldier)

RECEIPT FOR EFFECTS
DELIVERED TO CLAIMANT

31159298
(Serial Number)

(S-3-24-44)

I hereby acknowledge that I have received from the Effects Bureau, Kansas City
Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri, the following effects of the above-named
deceased soldier:

Number	Articles	Number	Articles
1	Bag of Toilet Articles		
1	Lot Books		Souvenir coins, wings
3	Religious books	2	Cigarette lighters
1	Electric iron and cord	1	Writing folder
1	Flashlight	1	Photo folder
2	Pr. shoes	2	Wallets, (1 with P.M.O. receipts, cards, Religious medals)
1	Lot socks		
1	Box barbers tools		
1	Lot towels and wash cloths		
1	Lot underwear		
2	Shirts		
2	Pr. trousers		
2	Athletic support		
1	Sweater		
1	Pr. swim trunks		
2	Pans		
1	Toilet kit		
2	Sewing kits		
4	Brushes		
2	Pipes		
1	Pkg. tobacco		
4	Pencils		
1	Fountain pen		
1	Soap box w/part of a wrist watch.		

~~RECEIVED BY THE EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 31, 1944.~~
~~THIS RECEIPT IS NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY THE CLAIMANT IN INK.~~
~~CHAS. E. ROBERTS.~~

Subscribed at _____ on this 31 day of July
19 44.

Witnessed
Annie Roberts
(Signature of Witness)

Joseph E. Roberts, Jr.
(Signature of claimant in ink)

42 Lindsay St.
Dorchester 24 Mass
(Address)

42 Lindsay St.
Dorchester 24 Mass
(Address)



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

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~34006-D~~

(S-8-25-44)
JEM:HA:rbg
July 26, 1944

Mr. Joseph D. Roberts, Sr.
42 Lindsey Street
Dorchester 24, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for the information given in your letter of July 10, in connection with disposal of the property of your son, Staff Sergeant Charles E. Roberts.

This property was forwarded to you by parcel post under date of July 21, 1944. When you have received the package, please sign one copy of the inclosed receipt and return that copy to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

There is inclosed check for \$56.24. This check represents money which belonged to your son and has been converted to a check to avoid the possibility of loss.

The transmittal of personal property by this Bureau 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.

Yours very truly,

O. M. DARNALL
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau

3 Incls
Check
Form 5
Envelope

f-11
- 2

REQUEST FOR INCLOSURES

Case No. 84006 D ✓

JHM:HA:vbc
26 July 1944

To:

 Locked Storage for:

X Accounting Branch for Check

Account No. 22817 Amount \$ 56.24 ✓

Payable to

Mr. Joseph D. Roberts, Sr.
42 Lindsey Street ✓
Dorchester 24, Massachusetts

Correspondent Helen Alexander *HA-174*

Soldier's name: S/Sgt. Charles E.
Roberts

Relationship: Father ✓

Check No. 19338

Initials EW

22817

84006 D

JULY 26

44

JOSEPH D. ROBERTS, SR.

56.24

FIFTY-SIX AND 24/100

MAJOR Q.M.C.
Asst.

DS:ml
Eff 3M Form 49 (Rev. 11/16/43)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENTS

Helen Alexander

Suspense 2 August 1944

Case No. 84006 D

Date 19 July 1944

MEMORANDUM TO Warehouse Branch:

Please see that the personal effects on the above mentioned case are packed, weighed and ready for shipment promptly so that they may be readily picked up. Bills of Lading and all other papers will be marked with the case number and can be identified thereby. The original of this form should be returned to the Administrative Branch after completion.

Effects of: S/Sgt. Charles E. Roberts Serial No. 31159298

Ship to: Mr. Joseph D. Roberts, Sr.

Street and Number 42 Lindsey Street

City and State Dorchester 24, Massachusetts

Ship Via: Express Gov't E/L No. 7-178

W. H. H. H.
For the Effects Quartermaster

LIST OF PACKAGES SHIPPED

Franked Mail -- 4¢ or less

Parcel Post Charges 2.17 ✓

Estimated Express Charges 2.17

Estimated Freight Charges

Total Number of Pieces: 1 Shipping Clerk W. H. H. H.

Weight of Shipment: 1 lb. 17 oz. Date 19 July 1944

ML:ds

Effects Form 14 (Rev. 10/15/43)

Box

INVENTORY

Shown on Tally In as C.E. Roberts

TALLY IN NO. 4088 INVENTORY DATE June 20, 1944 CASE NO. 840067

EFFECTS OF CHARLES E ROBERTS RANK S/SGT

ARMY SERIAL NO. 3115 9298 ORG. 526 Bomb Sq., 379th Bomb Gp.

CONSIGNOR

DELIVERING CARRIER	G B/L NO.	G B/L DATE

[illegible]

Warehouse Space _____ Inventoried By Paul Ward
 Locked Storage Space _____ Packed By Paul

84006 D

42 Winsley St.
Dorchester 24 Mass.
July 10, 1944

C. M. Darnall
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter No.
84006 D, concerning the personal
property of my son, Staff Sergeant
Charles E. Roberts, he was not
married and he left no will

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Roberts, Sr.

J. E. R.

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

(S-8-6-44)
JRM:HA:cly
July 6, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~32000~~ 3

Mr. Joseph L. Roberts
42 Lindsey Street
Dorchester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your son, Staff Sergeant Charles L. Roberts.

To make proper disposition of this property, it is necessary that we have certain information regarding your son's family. I would like to know whether he was married and, if so, the name and address of his widow.

If your son left a Will which has been probated, please furnish the original or a certified copy of the Letters Testamentary. Any papers submitted will be returned to you as soon as possible.

Please mail your reply in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage, as this will accelerate delivery of the property.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. DAZZALL
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau

1 Incl--
Envelope

EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER, ETOUSA
SUMMARY COURT
DEPT G-44
APO 507
United States Army

Control No. 3973

84006

SUBJECT: Closing Statement, Account of:

<u>ROBERTS, Charles E.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>31159278</u>
(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)

TO: Effects QM, Kansas City QM Depot, 601 Hardesty Ave, Kansas City, Mo.

1. Submitted herewith is complete file of subject person:

- (a) Organization 526 Bomb Sq
- (b) Status as per S/R 44, dated 23 Jan 44
- (c) Beneficiary Mrs. Annie Roberts (other)
46, Elmore St, Worcester, Mass.

2. Personal effects were shipped 10 Mar 44

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Incl.#	Date Rec'd.	<u>RECEIPTS</u> Details	Dollars	Sterling
1	Sept 43	Lt./Transmittal	56.24	

Total to be accounted for

Incl.#	Date Pd.	Details	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> Amount
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56.24

Total Disbursements

None

Balance

56.24

*Sterling converted for transmission to U. S.

Inclosed check to Effects QM, Kansas City

56.24

Balance at this office

None

4. Remarks: None

JUN 10 1944

362193382w

5. Account is now closed at this office.

6. Request acknowledgment of receipt by indorsement on the reverse side hereof.

INVENTORY

EDWARD CHAYES
Lt.Col., QMC.
Effects QM, ETOUSA.

4 Incls. Incl. 1 to 3 Complete file of subject person.

Incl. 4 U.S.Treasury check #

Dated

1944

CONTROL NO. 3978 NAME ROBERTS, CHARLES E. S/Sgt. 31159298

CHANGE OF STATUS FROM MISSING IN ACTION. TO PRISONER OF WAR

AUTHORITY: CASUALTY REPORT NO. 449 DATED 23 JAN 1944

COVERING PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

REMARKS: _____

Inc 3

Allen J. W. [illegible]
Allen J. W. [illegible]
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Asst. Effects Q.M. *cc*

FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIXTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) ARMY AIR FORCES WWW-jvd
Office of the Squadron Commander
Army Air Force Station 117

APC # 634
3 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, General Depot G-14, APC #507.

1. Submitted herewith in accordance with instructions contained in VIII Bomber Command Instructions No. 15-8, dated 11 June 1943, is the inventory of effects of S/Sgt Charles E. Roberts, 31159298, 526th Bombardment Squadron (H), 379th Bombardment Gp (H), who has been missing in action since 12 August 1943.

2. Money Order # 23563 in the amount of \$56.24 enclosed herein represents the net cash left here by S/Sgt Charles E. Roberts. *JK*

3. S/Sgt Roberts is not known to have any creditors or debtors.

4. S/Sgt Charles E. Roberts is not known to have had an account in any bank in this theatre.

5. S/Sgt Roberts' Designated beneficiary is:

Mrs. Annie Roberts (Mother)
42 Lindsay Street,
Lorchester, Mass.

6. The net assets of S/Sgt Roberts do not exceed 500 pounds in value.

7. Request acknowledgement of receipt.

For the Squadron Commander:

2 Incls

Incl 1- Inventory of Effects.

Incl 2- Money Order # 23563.

William W. Weaver
WILLIAM W. WEAVER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ground Executive.

3978

Encl

August 16, . . .

526 th BOMB. BATT. (H)
379 th BOMB. BATT. GROUP (H)
1.2.C. 634 U.S. Army.

I N V E N T O R Y

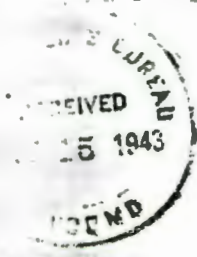
I certify that the following inventory comprises the effects of S/Lt. Charles W. Roberts, ASN. 31159298 of the 526 th Bombardment Squadron (H), 379 th Bombardment Group (H), who has been missing since 12 th August, 1943.

I further certify that the following effects will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Advanced Air Depot, Number 2, I.A.S.C., I.A.C. 635, U.S. Army.

6-pr.	unders, Cotton
12-pr.	Socks
2-sh.	Shirts, Khaki
2-pr.	Trousers, Khaki
1-pr.	Trunks
7-sh.	Towels
2-sh.	T-shirts
5-sh.	Visc. Socks
1-sh.	Sweater
1-pr.	Slippers
1-sh.	Visc. Toilet Articles
1-sh.	Flashlight
3-sh.	Wallets
1-sh.	Electric Iron
1-sh.	Kit, Sewing
1-pr.	Rings, Silver
1-sh.	Visc. Miscellaneous Articles

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.

File



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON
REPORT OF DEATH

[Signature]

DATE 11 October 1943

1st Lt / cmc 4628

FULL NAME Roberts, Charles L.		ARMY SERIAL NO. 31 159 295
GRADE 1st Lt.	ARM OR SERVICE Air Corps	DATE OF BIRTH 27 November 1908
HOME ADDRESS Dorchester, Massachusetts		
DATE OF DEATH 12 Aug. 43	PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) Mrs. Anne M. Roberts (Mother) 42 Lindsey St., Dorchester, Mass.		
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) Mrs. Anne M. Roberts (Mother) 42 Lindsey St., Dorchester, Mass. Mr. Joseph I. Roberts (father) 42 Lindsey St., Dorchester, Mass.		

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

THIS COPY FOR ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

DANIEL J. REIDY.

ADJUTANT GENERAL

CASUALTY MESSAGE

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

AG 201

WAR DEPARTMENT
42 JUNE 1902
RECEIVED

FROM	WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU	AGO
CHG. APPROPRIATION	

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.
ON JUNE 14, 1902, AT 10:00 A. M.
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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.
ON JUNE 14, 1902, AT 10:00 A. M.

OFFICIAL:

ULIO
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

3-1714

ADJUTANT GENERAL



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CASUALTY MESSAGE

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

BUREAU AGO

CHG. APPROPRIATION LE 3831

ROBERTS, CHARLES E (19-AUG 43) SP/PC-N 232030-2 (18) 22 AUGUST 1943
AG 201 31 159 098

DR. H. W. ROBERTS
42 LINDSEY
BAPTIST CHURCH CHUBBETT

I AM AT TO INFORM YOU REPORT RECEIVED THAT YOUR SON STAFF SERGEANT
CHARLES E ROBERTS MISSING IN ACTION OVER EISENKIRCHEN GERMANY SINCE
TWENTY AUGUST IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION OF HIS STATUS
ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

OFFICIAL:

16 '43
ULIO
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

ADJUTANT GENERAL

BATTLE

Army Effects Bureau



ROUTING SLIP
(AR 340-15)

NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS,
DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES,
OR SIMILAR ACTIONS.

TO	INITIALS	DATE
Chief, Memorial Div	PR	
Asst Chief, Mem Div		
Chief, Disposition Br		
Asst Chief, " "		
Secretary		
Operations Section		
1 Chief	K	
Asst Chief		
Ch, Decedent Unit		
2 Ch, Claims & Effect U.		
Technical Section		
Chief		
Asst Chief		
<i>No reply necessary</i>		

CHECK ACTION DESIRED

INFORMATION	SIGNATURE	NOTE AND RETURN
CIRCULATE	NECESSARY ACTION	SEE ME
FROM	TELEPHONE	DATE

ORGANIZATION

DISPOSITION FORM

AUG 1 1964

(AR 340-15)

OFFICE SYMBOL OR FILE REFERENCE

SUBJECT

SPTS-MD Lihenthal, Edelfred

Request for tran.

TO Foreign Report Section

FROM

Disposition Branch

DATE 7 August 1964

CMT 1

Coordination Branch

Memorial Division

Mrs. Whittingham/akv/54309

Collection Division

OCof Spts

Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence

(OACISI)

Pentagon Annex 32 Room B-1-B

Request attached letter from Edelfred Lihenthal be translated and returned to this Office.

FOR THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES:

Incl
as

OREN WOMACK

Disposition Branch

Memorial Division

I-5161

111-1 Roberts, CHARLES E. 31 AUG 1964

FILE DISPOSITION BR. MAY 28 1965
Al Davis

SPTS-MD Lihenthal, Edelfred

Request for translation

Foreign Report Section
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Collection Division
Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence
(OACISI)
Pentagon Annex 32 Room B-1-B

Disposition Branch
Memorial Division
OCof Spts
7 August 1964
Mrs. Whittingham/akv/54309

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FOR THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES:

Incl
as

OREN WOMACK
Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

Edelfried Eichenthal

5482 Hkwicker

Hilf dem Green 6

West-Germany

1. 8. 1964

Sehr geehrter Herr Oberstleutnant Rogers,
bitte haben Sie recht herzlichen Dank für
Ihr Schreiben vom 23. Juli, worin Sie mir freund-
licherweise den genauen Beerdigungsplatz der
drei amer. Luftmänner mitteilten.
Ich dachte, das Quartermaster General Departmen-
sei für amer. Kriegsstat. auf amer. Erde zustän-
dig, wovon ich mich ja auch brieflich wandte.
Meine Nachforschungen gingen von dem Glauben an
die drei Sergeanten Schaeffer, Wallace und
Robert, waren noch immer unbekannt, da dies
in allen Akten des hiesigen Standesamtes
steht, ich aber wußte, daß einer dieser Soldaten
Robert hieß, weil man dessen Erkennungsmar-
ke gefunden hatte. Aber die Nazis hatten alles
verschwiegen.

Meine Suche nach den 4 Überlebenden hat den
Grund, die hervorragende Tapferkeit den großen
Mut in aussichtsloser Lage zu würdigen. Einer
dieser Flieger wurde erst nach Tagen in meinem
Bereich gefangen genommen. (Ich war damals
134 Jahr alt). Er eröffnete sofort das Feuer
aus seiner Pistole auf zwei deutsche Polizeibeamte

Wie schon in meinem anderen Brief erwähnt sprang der Pilot des Bombers ohne Fallschirm ab und überlebte den Toedersprung. Er steuerte den schweren Bomber von unserem Städtchen nur mit 2 Motoren weg und als Dank dafür wurden die Flieger, trotzdem einige schwer verwundet waren, geschlagen und getötet. Natürlich gab es auch ausländische Männer, die ihnen geholfen haben, aber die braunen Heimatkämpfer und die SS Overbrück hatten die Macht.

Leider blieb meine Suche nach den Überlebenden bisher erfolglos, weil die General Service Administration, Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis 39. Missouri, mir die privaten Anschriften nicht zusenden darf, weil jeder amer. Servicemann den Schutz dieser Dienststelle hat.

Eielliecht war auch mein Schreiben nicht genug begründet, weil die US Historical Division, Maxwell Air Force Base, in Habana mein Brief weiterleitete und ich nicht beschrieb, was für eine Tendenz ich mit meinen Anfragen verfolge.

Die US Historical Division sandte mir den ganzen Vermögens - Bericht der ganzen Luftmannschaft, vom 15. Okt. 1943 an,

wodurch ich ein gutes Stück weiter kam.

Ich will diesen Kriegsausschnitt den Kampf der einzelnen Soldaten in allen Phasen für meine Heimat erhalten, damit die Menschen an das Geschehene erinnert werden zur Mahnung und zur besseren Zusammenarbeit und diese Männer nicht umsonst ihr Leben für die Freiheit ließen.

P.S. Sie werden vielleicht denken, daß es doch so viele Leute gibt, die über ihre eigene Handlung reden und schreiben!

Ja, wir wir die Folgen des II. Weltkrieges hier in Deutschland klar vor Augen haben, heißt die Frage oft, ob es hier noch viele alte und neue Nazis gibt? Ich sage ja! Aber die Tatsache ist weit gefährlicher, daß es viel zu wenige Antinationalsozialisten gab und gibt.

Mein Vater war ein großer Gegner der Nazis. Er wurde mehrmals von der Gestapo verhaftet und meine Familie hatte darunter sehr zu leiden, was ich nicht vergessen werde.

Haben Sie nochmals Dank.

In vorzüglicher Hochachtung
Karlfried F. L. enthal

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE TRANSLATION NO. T-5561

LANGUAGE: German TRANSLATOR: SP6 T. Power

SUBJECT: Letter from Edelfried Lilienthal

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Edelfried Lilienthal
5482 Ahrweiler
Auf dem Green G
West Germany

1 August 1964

Dear Lt Col Rogers:

Please allow me to thank you for your letter of 23 July in which you very kindly told me the exact location of the graves of three American aviators. I thought that the Quartermaster General Department was in charge of American war dead on American soil and so wrote them. I became interested due to the fact that the three sergeants, Schaedler, Wallace and Roberts, were still unknown—as that is what appears in all the files at this registry—although I knew that one of them was called Roberts since his identification tag had been found. The Nazis suppressed everything.

My search for the seven survivors was motivated by a desire to have their outstanding bravery and courage in the face of a hopeless situation recognized. I was there days later when one of these flyers was caught—I was 13½ years old at the time. He immediately opened fire on two German policemen with his pistol, a daring act by one so exhausted. As I said in my other letter, the pilot of the bomber jumped without a parachute and survived the fall. He directed the heavy bomber, with only two engines running, away from our town, and as thanks for this the flyers were beaten and kicked, despite the fact that several of them were badly wounded. Of course, there were decent men who helped them, but the brown-clad home guard and the SS criminals were in power.

Unfortunately, my search for the survivors has been in vain until now as the General Service Administration, Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis 32, Missouri were not permitted to send me the private addresses because every American serviceman is protected by that agency. Perhaps my letter did not say enough, because the United States Historical Division at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama passed my letter on and I did not state the purpose that my inquiry was to serve.

The United States Historical Division sent me the complete missing-in-action report for the entire crew dated 15 October 1943 with which I was able to make considerable progress

I want to preserve for my country this example of the struggle by individual soldiers in all its phases so that man will be reminded of what has taken place and inspired to greater cooperation in order that these men will not have given their lives for liberty in vain

P.S. Perhaps you are thinking that there are so very many Germans who talk and write about their own countrymen. Now that the consequences of the Second World War are obvious here in Germany, the question is often asked whether there are still many old and new Nazis here. I say, "Yes." However, much more dangerous is the fact that there are now, as in the past, far too few opponents to national socialism. My father was a great opponent of the Nazis. He was arrested several times by the Gestapo and as a result my family had to suffer a great deal, which I shall not forget.

Once more, thank you.

Very respectfully,

s/ Edelfried Lilienthal

119 MAIL

SPTS-MD

Mrs. Whittingham/akv/54309
23 July 1964

Mr. Edelfried Lilienthal
5482 Ahrweiler
Auf dem Green 6
West Germany

Dear Mr. Lilienthal:

This is in reference to your letter dated 11 June 1964 in which you inquired concerning the grave locations for Technical Sergeant Francis J. Schaedler, Staff Sergeant Cyrus M. Wallace and Staff Sergeant Charles E. Roberts who died during World War II.

As you were informed in correspondence from this Office dated 7 October 1963, since individual identification could not be made a Group Burial was established which represented the only recoverable remains of the three servicemen. They were buried on 8 August 1950 in the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky.

I sincerely hope the foregoing information may prove helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

POOLE ROGERS
Lt. Colonel, OMC
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

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RETURN TO DISPOSITION BR. MEM. DIV.

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SPTS-MD Lihenthal, Edelfred

Request for translation

TO Foreign Report Section

FROM Disposition Branch

DATE 22 June 1964 CMT 1

Coordination Branch

Memorial Division

Whittingham/krj/54309

Collection Division

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Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence (OACSI)

Pentagon Annex 32 Room B-1-B

Request attached letter from Edelfred Lihenthal be translated and returned to this office.

FOR THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES:

Incl
as

Oren Thomack
OREN WOMACK
Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

Edilfred E. Schmidt
5432 Thowiler
Auf dem Green 6
West Germany

11.6.64

Quartermaster General, Department of the Army,
Washington 25 DC.

Sehr geehrte Herren,
seit Jahren bemühte ich mich um die Vervollständigung der Geschichte des Flying Fortress B-17F 42-5820 und ihrer Besatzung, die am 12.8.1943 über Thowiler, im Rheinland, nach einer Bomben-Mission auf Gebsenkirchen in Deutschland, von deutschen Jagern der Jagdgeschwader 26 abgeschossen wurde und hier abstürzte.

Bei diesem Absturz fanden drei amer. Enfl-männer den Tod.

Diese drei Amerikaner wurden hier am 15.1.46 beigesetzt, am 19.2.46 nach Margraten in Holland überführt, dann nach dem W.S.F. überführt und am 8.8.1950 auf einem National-Friedhof in Kentbury England in einem Gruppengrab beigesetzt.

Meine Nachforschungen ergaben, daß der Bombardier die 526th Bomb. Squadron, 379th Bomb. Group angehörte, die in Kimbolton (Huffth)

11.11.47

im England stationiert war.
Die militärischen Inschriften der drei toten
Fliegeroffiziere sind:

Radio Operator, Technical Sergeant,
Francis J. Schaeffer, 17 C 77 322

Bottom - Belly Turret, Staff Sergeant
Cyrus W. Wallace 15 125 229

Tail Gunner, Staff Sergeant
Charles E. Roberts 31 159 295

Meine Anfrage an Sie ist mit der B.H. ver-
bunden, ob Sie vielleicht die Möglichkeit ha-
ben, mir den Beerdigungsplatz der drei
Flieger genau mitzuteilen.

Ich würde mich sehr freuen, wenn ich dadurch
meine Aufzeichnungen vervollständigen könnte.
Da ich die Luftschlacht persönlich erlebte und
die amer. Fliegeroffiziere sich äußerst tapfer-
setzten und insbesondere die 7 Überlebenden
den einen äußerst dramatischen und heloten-
mütigen Abgang wagten, (Der Pilot steu-
erte den Bomber mit in Abturm von neuen
kleinen Stadt fort und sprang dann wie
er schon zu tief war, ohne Fallschirm be-
kannnt in die hohen Bäume ab und
überlebte den Absprung.) hat mich dieser
kleine Kriegsausschnitt bewegt alles

darüber niederschriften.

Darüber hinaus wird mein Ziel sein, den drei
Toten amers. Silolaten an der Absterbstelle
einen Gedenkstein zu errichten, damit es den
Toten zur Hülftigung, den Lebenden zum
Gedächtnis und der Nachwelt zur Mah-
nung sei und wir zu Gott beten um Ruhe
für die Toten und um Frieden für die
Lebenden.

Ich wäre Ihnen sehr zu Dank verpflichtet
wenn Sie sich für mich bemühen würden
und mir ein Antwortschreiben zusenden wür-
den.

Zufrieden

Edelfried Fickert

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE TRANSLATION NO. I-5236

LANGUAGE: German TRANSLATOR: Albert T. O'Connell

SUBJECT: Letter from Edelfried Lilienthal

Edelfried Lilienthal
5482 Ahrweiler
Auf dem Green 6
West Germany

11 June 1964

Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

For years I have concerned myself with writing the story of the B-17F Flying Fortress 42-5820 and its crew, which was shot down by German fighters of the 26th Fighter Squadron on 12 August 1943. The aircraft was shot down over Ahrweiler while returning from a bombing mission over Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

In this crash three American airmen were killed.

These three Americans were buried here on 15 August 1943; on 19 February 1946 the bodies were transferred to Margraten in Holland and then to the United States and finally laid to rest in a communal grave in a National Cemetery in Kentucky on 8 August 1950. My research has revealed that the bomber was part of the 526th Bomber Squadron, 379th Bomber Group which was stationed in Runbolton, Suffolk, England.

The military designation of the three dead airmen was:

Radio Operator, T/Sgt Francis J. Schaedler, 17077322
Bottom Turret Gunner, S/Sgt Cyrus M. Wallace, 18125222
Tail Gunner, S/Sgt Charles E. Roberts, 31159298

My request for information concerns the possibility of your providing me with the exact address of the grave of these three flyers.

I would be very happy if you could provide this information so that I can complete my notes. I personally observed this air battle in which the American airmen fought with the utmost bravery, especially the seven survivors who dared to make a very dramatic and heroic jump from the plane (as the plane was coming down, the pilot flew it away from our little town, and then when the plane was so low, he jumped without a parachute and survived the jump, landing in tall trees). My observation of this bit of the war has made me determined to write a description of it.

Aside from that, it is my intention to erect a memorial to these three dead American soldiers at the crashsite which should be a homage to the dead, thought-provoking to the living, and an admonition to posterity so that we can pray to God for tranquility for the dead and peace for the living.

I should be very thankful to you if you would trouble yourself to answer this letter.

Sincerely,
s/Edelfried Lilienthal

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Ahrweiler, 22 October 1963

Dear Colonel Rogers:

Let me thank you, first of all, for your letter of 7 October.

The information forwarded to me in connection with the crash of the U.S. B-17 bomber near Ahrweiler on 12 August 1943 has been very helpful. I owe you special thanks for the names of Sergeants Roberts, Wallace, and Schaedler who were killed. I realize how difficult it is to reconstruct an incident of this type after such a long time, but my search has been successful due in large measure to your cooperation, for which I thank you. I shall now try to locate the surviving crew members with the objective of erecting a memorial tablet at the site of the crash dedicated to the three deceased American airmen. On 13 October I visited the American military cemeteries at Margraten, Holland, and Henry Chapell in Belgium. It is to the credit of the United States that such imposing memorial sites have been dedicated to their dead as a silent admonition to the living.

At Margraten I visited the grave of Technical Sergeant Benjamin W. Dyl who had initially been interred at Ahrweiler.

Subsequently I made yet another trip to the registrar's office at Ahrweiler because the number of Benjamin W. Dyl's identification tag as well as the first name of Elmer R. Tuttle and the latter's Army serial number did not coincide with your information. I was able to ascertain that the German military authorities at Ahrweiler at the time made correct entries, but that the Nazi civil authorities had modified the first name several times (Elner, Ellner, Elmer) and had also changed the figure 7 of the serial number. I fail to understand why this was done since in due course it was bound to render any search much more difficult.

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I also found a letter dealing with the crash of the bomber which referred to a crew of eight men. Apparently two of the airmen jumped so early that we were unable to see them and possibly they were taken elsewhere.

I am only mentioning all this as a sidelight. Once more with sincere gratitude, I remain,

s/ Edelfried Lilienthal

Translation by: Mr. Charles V. P. von Luttichau, Office, Chief of Military History, WA, Room 2245, Lemno C. (Letter hand carried by Mr. Kerscher on 24 October 1963. Translated copy received in Disposition Branch, Memorial Division on 30 October 1963.)

Thunweiler, 27. Okt 63

Sehr geehrter Herr Oberstleutnant,
ich möchte es nicht versäumen,
Ihnen für Ihr Schreiben vom 7. Okt.
zu danken.

Ihre Mitteilungen, in Bezug auf
den ~~Abwurf~~ des amer. B 17 F
Bombers, am 12. Aug. 1943 hier bei
Thunweiler, sowie über die Besetzung
des Flugzeuges und insbesondere
über die Namen der drei gefallenen
Sergeanten Roberts, Wallack und
Schaidler, haben mich sehr ge-
freut. Ich weiß, daß es sehr
schwierig ist, nach so langer Zeit,
dieses Kriegsergebnis zu re-

AIR-MAIL

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7 October 1963

Mr. Edelfried Lilienthal
5482 Ahrweiler
Auf dem Green 6
West Germany

Dear Mr. Lilienthal:

This is in reply to your letter of 12 August 1963 concerning your desire to obtain the names of three American flyers killed on 12 August 1943 in a plane crash near Ahrweiler, Germany, and interred as unknowns in a local cemetery.

Department of the Army records show that five remains were disinterred from Ahrweiler Cemetery in February 1946 by American Graves Registration Service personnel and brought to our Military Cemetery at Margraten, Holland for reburial. At the time of reburial in Margraten, one of the remains was identified as Private Elmer A. ANTLE, 35 499 063, an Infantry casualty, and the other four remains were interred as Unknowns. Subsequent investigation resulted in the individual identification of one Unknown as Technical Sergeant Benjamin W. DYK, 42 112 922, also an Infantry casualty. The three remaining Unknowns recovered from Ahrweiler could not be individually identified so a group burial was established representing the only recoverable remains of the following Air Force casualties: Staff Sergeant Charles E. ROBERTS, 31 159 298, Cyrus M. WALLACE, 18 125 222 and Technical Sergeant Francis J. SCHADLER, 17 077 322. The remains of these flyers were returned to the United States and interred on 8 August 1950 in a National Cemetery located in Kentucky.

Sergeants Roberts, Wallace and Schadler were the only casualties of a ten man crew aboard a B-17-F "Flying Fortress" Number 42-5820 which was lost on a bombing mission to Gelsenkirchen, Germany, 12 August 1943. The other seven crew members survived and were later returned to U. S. military control.

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Mr. Edelfried Lillenthal

7 October 1963

It is with regret that the names and addresses of the three deceased airmen's relatives or the seven surviving flyers cannot be furnished since this is considered privileged information. However, you may be assured that your genuine concern and purpose in erecting a monument for the three deceased American flyers is praiseworthy and deeply appreciated by untold thousands whose lives were touched by the cruelty of war.

Sincerely yours,

PR

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RODOLPH ROGERS
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

Kerscher
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MEMO FOR RECORD:

Mr. Lillenthal requested information regarding remains formerly buried in Ahrweiler, Germany. His letter indicated that he had conducted a thorough research and had amassed considerable information re the burials. He requested additional information to include the names and addresses of the entire crew of the B-17. I did not deem it appropriate to release the names of the crew or NOK of the deceased.

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Ahrweiler, 12 August 1963

American Memorial Division
Office of Support Services
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am turning to you with a big request in my search for some American war dead.

All my previous efforts have met with great difficulties, though I still hope that my search will be successful. To begin with, let me describe the incident in question so that you will know what I am looking for.

On 12 August 1943, between 1015 and 1100 (German War Time), which equals 0915 - 1000 Central European Time, an American four-engine aircraft crashed near Ahrweiler in the Rhineland. I believe that it was a bomber of the "Liberator" type. Three of the eight crew members were killed and their bodies charred beyond recognition. The five remaining airmen were taken prisoner. On 15 August 1943 the three American dead were interred in the local cemetery without their identity having been established.

In recent years I have contacted all persons who were somehow connected with the crash of the bomber, capture of the survivors, their interrogation, identification of the dead, or their interment. I have composed a detailed record of the incident since I personally witnessed the crash and am still trying to identify the dead.

While contacting the local German authorities and talking with those connected with the matter at the time I discovered that no one here has any exact information about the names of the three dead even though at the time it should have been possible to make such identification.

My big request to you is to seek your assistance in this search. I have the following information:

In addition to the three dead crew members two more Americans were interred who had died in the local hospitals. These two men were Elmer Tuttle, EM 75 499 063, Grave No. 576, died 29 January 1945 and T/Sgt Benjamin W. Dyl, EM 42 117 922, entered the hospital on 5 February 1945 and died there on 16 February 1945, Grave No. 240.

When I was visiting Sandweiler in Luxembourg the American supervisor of the U. S. Military Cemetery there established that Benjamin W. Dyl was interred at Margraten (Holland), Plot H, Row 9, Grave 2. The remains of Elmer Tuttle had been returned to the United States since his name no longer appeared in the lists.

In any case all five Americans who had been interred at Ahrweiler were exhumed on 19 February 1946 and, since Benjamin Dyl was reinterred at Margraten I believe the conclusion is justified that the others were also transferred there. Unfortunately no record to this effect exists at the local registrar's office, nor is there any mention of the three crew members who were still unidentified at the time of the exhumations.

The American superintendent at Margraten to whom I submitted a request for details about the three crew members forwarded my letter to the American Battle Monuments Commission in Paris, France, which informed me that Benjamin Dyl interred at Margraten while Elmer Tuttle's remains had been returned to the United States.

The American authorities in Paris did not have any information about the three pilots but have referred me to you on the grounds that the necessary information is available only in Washington.

This is why I am placing all my hopes in you with the request that you help me in obtaining the necessary information.

As of today, 12 August 1963, twenty years have passed since this incident and I know how difficult it is to reconstruct the event after all this time.

However, with reference to the principal question as to the place of interment of the three pilots I have learned from the persons I have interviewed that one of them may have been named Roberts and that his first name was presumably Wilmar. I also discovered that he may have been the aircraft commander with the rank of captain.

The date of 12 August 1943 should also be considered the date of the airplane crash by the American authorities and should coincide with the date of death, since on that date five U. S. Air Force personnel were captured who, I hope, have survived the war.

I am further in possession of a photograph of the downed bomber which shows the squadron insignia in detail. This emblem consists of a yellow or orange triangle with a black letter "K".

Please help me in my efforts so that I will finally know where the dead airmen are interred.

You might even be able to help by forwarding the names of the three men as far as their home addresses are concerned, which would enable me to contact their relatives.

Perhaps you could also let me know the identity of the five remaining airmen and their home addresses. I would very much like to get in touch with the survivors and, above all, furnish them a picture of their aircraft.

Above all, however, I wish to erect a memorial stone at the site of the crash dedicated to the dead pilots, so that the dead may be remembered and honored as a reminder to the living and a warning to future generations.

Once again permit me to summarize:

The crash occurred on 12 August 1943 between 1015 and 1100 German War Time, i.e. 0915 and 1000 Central European Time.

Exhumation and transfer of the dead took place on 19 February 1946, presumably to Margraten (Holland). The name of the aircraft commander who was allegedly among the dead was presumably Captain Wilmar Roberts.

As mentioned previously I have compiled detailed notes about the capture of the five remaining crew members in order to teach our children about the madness of war through this episode. At the same time this record is to serve as a warning to those who were all more or less tainted with Nazism to remind them that they have

violated basic human rights including those of these airmen.

Should you be unable to provide me with any information about the crew of this bomber, please let me know what American authorities to contact in order to obtain the addresses of the survivors.

Once again I wish to express my gratitude for any assistance that you may be able to render in my search and am eagerly looking forward to your reply.

Very respectfully yours,

Edelfried Lilienthal
5482 Ahrweiler
Auf dem Green 6
West Germany

— Frankfurt, 12.8.1963

An die American Memorial Commission,
Office of Support Service,
Department of the Army, in Washington

Sehr geehrte Herren,
ich würde mich mit einem großen Interesse
an Sie in Bezug auf den Suche nach
eingenommenen Kriegsgefangenen.

Meine Bemerkungen waren bisher
sehr schwierig und trotzdem hoffentlich auf
Erfolg in meinen Nachforschungen.

Ich möchte Ihnen jedoch zuerst die
Begebenheit genau erläutern, damit Sie
wissen, was ich suche.

Am 12.8.1943, zwischen 10¹⁵ Uhr
und 11⁰⁰ Uhr deutscher Kriegszeit =

THE FOLLOWING B-17-F AIRCRAFT, 8TH AAF, BASED IN ENGLAND, WERE
LOST ON A BOMBING MISSION IN THE RUHR 12 AUGUST 1943:

MACR	Group/Location	Aircraft Serial No.	Status of Crew	Location AC Downed	Remarks
259	91, Station 121	42-3162	10 EUS		No casualties
260	91, " "	42-29587	1 DOW, 9 EUS		1 DOW German hospital
261	91, " "	42-5077	4 KIA, 6 EUS	Dortmund, G	Cas. accounted for
262	91, " "	42-5787	10 EUS		No casualties
374	92, Station 102	42-29884	10 EUS		No casualties
655	92, " "	42-30081	10 EUS		No casualties
656	92, " "	42-5801	2 KIA, 7 EUS 1 DNB		Dead recov fr Vlissingen, Holland & ident
658	92, " "	42-29945	10 EUS		No casualties
253	95, Station 119	42-30194	5 KIA, 6 EUS	Kattenbosch, Belgium	Dead recov & ident
254	95, " "	42-30418	10 EUS		
256	303, Molesworth	42-29640	1 KIA, 9 EUS	Belgium	Casualty ident
252	305, Ridgewell	42-29553	8 KIA, 2 RMC	Gladbach, G	Cas. accounted for
255	306, Thurleigh	42-3406	8 KIA, 2 EUS	Forsbach, G	Cas. accounted for
905	379, Kimbolton	42-3199	5 KIA, 5 EUS	Lindlar, G	Dead recov fr Koln & identified
1359	379, " "	42-5820	3 KIA, 7 RTD	Meckenheim, G	Dead recov fr Ahrweiler Ger & ident as GB.
1360	379, " "	42-5821	6 KIA, 4 EUS	Leimersdorf	Dead recov fr Leimersdorf, Ger & ident.
1762	379, " "	42-29898	7 KIA, 3 EUS	Metternich	Dead recov fr Gross Vernich, Ger & ident.
383	381, Station 167	42-29954	5 KIA, 5 EUS	Bornheim, G.	Dead recov fr Waldorf, Ger. & ident.
385	381, Ridgewell	42-29950	5 KIA, 5 RTD	Rheurdt near Lintfort, G.	4 Ident; 1 Nonrecov.
660	381, Station 167	42-5847	10 EUS		No cas. fr this crash
286	384, Station 106	42-30104	6 KIA, 4 EUS		Dead recov & ident.
287	384, " "	42-3231	4 KIA, 6 RTD	near Bonn	4 dead - nonrecov. *
288	384, " "	42-5806	4 KIA, 6 RTD	Vollmershofen, Germany	Dead recov fr Wittersshleid, Ger & ident.
289	384, " "	42-30046	8 KIA, 2 EUS	Gelsenkirchen	Dead recov fr Gelsenkirchen, Ger & ident.
290	384, " "	42-29686	2 KIA, 8 EUS 85 166	Heisterbacherrott, Germany	Dead recov fr Oberpleis, Ger & ident.

* NONRECOVERABLES (as of May 65)

TOTAL A/C Lost: 25
TOTAL men aboard A/C: 251
TOTAL Survived: 166
TOTAL KIA, DNB, DOW: 85
TOTAL Identified: 80
TOTAL Nonrecoverable: 5

MACR #287
1. BRITAIN, Arthur E. TSgt 13 096 046
2. PARKINS, Walter C. SSgt 34 124 122
3. SMALLEY, Win R. SSgt 37 418 175
4. WINGATE, Floyd M. SSgt 37 369 181

MACR #385

C R E W

<u>MACR</u>	<u>AC Serial No.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SN</u>	<u>Status</u>
261	42-5077	P:	THOMSON, Robert W.	2Lt	0-410842	EUS
		CP:	KLIMKOW, Sargie (NMI)	2Lt	0-675234	EUS
Target:		Nav:	LAUSTED, George F.	2Lt	0-736872	EUS
Gelsenkirchen, Ger.		Bomb:	COUZZI, Michael J.	2Lt	0-734652	EUS
AC Downed:		Engr:	GOODWIN, Carroll I. Jr.	TSgt	31116912	EUS
Dortmund, Ger.		AsstE:	ZIERNICKI, Robert S.	SSgt	33315247	Identified
		RO:	BROOKS, Robert I.	TSgt	39610200	EUS
		AsstRO:	KIENBERGER, Wayne M.	SSgt	37308607	Identified
		Gnr:	BLONSTEIN, Charles (NMI)	SSgt	32509822	Identified
		Gnr:	LENGYEL, Mickey (NMI)	SSgt	33278222	Identified
374	42-29884	P:	JOHNSON, Hans C.	1Lt	0-442687	EUS
		CP:	WEIR, Donald E.	2Lt	0-736431	EUS
Target:		Nav:	DOOLAN, Robert H.	2Lt	0-795238	EUS
Gelsenkirchen, Ger.		Bomb:	BROYLES, Harold D.	SSgt	18046530	EUS
AC Downed:		TTGnr:	DICKINSON, Paul A.	TSgt	16004389	EUS
Cologne, Ger.		BTGnr:	McKAGAN, Azzan C.	SSgt	20654246	EUS
		RWGnr:	GUTIERREZ, Carlos M.	SSgt	19081383	EUS
		LWGnr:	ANTALA, Rudolph J.	TSgt	15081558	EUS
		TGnr:	TREON, John E.	SSgt	13030877	RMC
		ROGnr:	JACKSON, Herbert W.	SSgt	10600471	EUS
253	42-30194	P:	HAMILTON, Clifford B.	Capt	0-1699500	Identified
		CP:	COLE, Clifford E.	Maj	0-23834	RTD
Target:		Nav:	LAWSON, Leroy F.	1Lt	0-664900	EUS
Wesseling, Ger.		Bomb:	JONES, Virgil W.	1Lt	0-728490	EUS
AC Downed:		ROG:	OCHELTREE, Lydle C.	TSgt	35276316	Identified
Kattenbosch, Belg.		Engr:	ANDERSON, John L.	TSgt	11021194	EUS
		BTG:	DEVERGER, Claude E.	SSgt	16041158	Identified
		RWG:	JENKINS, Daniel W.	Col	0-17962	RMC
		LWG:	GARDNER, Cleo H.	SSgt	15105615	Identified
		TG:	SCOTT, Churchill L.	LCol	0-357187	Identified
254	42-30418	P:	LEMKE, Edward L.	1Lt	0-565698	EUS
		CP:	DAHL, Rueben L.	2Lt	0-739914	EUS
Target:		Nav:	KAUFMAN, Edgar B.	2Lt	0-795258	EUS
Wesseling, Ger.		Bomb:	WELLES, John E.	2Lt	0-734404	EUS
AC Downed:		ROG:	BURROUGHS, Lee E.	SSgt	39183530	EUS
Near Malmedy, Belg.		Eng:	GADWA, Francis L.	TSgt	19074049	RMC
		BTG:	SILVA, Alfred D.	SSgt	31161618	EUS
		RWG:	WHITFIELD, John B.	SSgt	19072367	EUS
		LWG:	RANGOLD, Daniel C.	SSgt	32465895	EUS
		TG:	MARTINI, Attilio J.	SSgt	32499129	EUS
256	42-29640	P:	PENTZ, Arthur H.	1Lt	0-791488	EUS
		CP:	MULLIGAN, Thomas E.	2Lt	0-735434	EUS
Target:		Nav:	STREET, Benjamin B.	1Lt	0-662108	Identified
Gelsenkirchen, Ger.		Bomb:	PHILPIT, Russell O.	2Lt	0-731416	EUS
AC Downed:		ETTgnr:	DOUGHERTY, John A.	TSgt	13048148	EUS
Belgium		AEWgnr:	HORVATH, Robert A.	SSgt	15104336	EUS
		ROGnr:	MURRAY, Robert L.	TSgt	34266551	EUS
		BTGnr:	EDWARDS, Hurd L.	SSgt	11020423	EUS
		RWGnr:	HOWARD, George Z.	SSgt	34307919	EUS
		TGnr:	KNUDSEN, Elmer T.	SSgt	10600608	EUS

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MACR	AC Serial No.	Position	Name	Rank	SN	Status
383	42-29954	P:	WROBLICKA, William(NMI)	Capt	0-791532	RMC
		CP:	NEELEY, Claude E.	2Lt	0-735435	RMC
Target: Gelsenkirchen,		Nav:	HARRIS, David E.	2Lt	0-670119	EUS
Germany		Bomb:	SCHNEIDER, Lester W.	2Lt	0-744986	EUS
AC Downed: Near		TTGnr:	LABUSHEVICZ, Joseph G.	SSgt	36320870	EUS
Bornheim, Germany		RO:	SMITH, Fred M.	SSgt	32831351	Identified
		BTGnr:	JONSON, Edwin M.	SSgt	37197647	Identified
		RWGnr:	PHELAN, John C.	Sgt	17129602	Identified
		LWGnr:	KRATZER, John L.	SSgt	20500924	Identified
		TGnr:	CECIL, Walter R.	SSgt	38234081	Identified
385	42-29950	P:	EVANS, Fred G.	F/O	T-303	Identified
		CP:	ROBBINS, Joseph K.	F/O	T-224	EUS
Target:		Nav:	LANDER, John G.	2Lt	0-797333	EUS
Gelsenkirchen, Ger.		Bomb:	WATKINS, Clarence A.	2Lt	0-733384	EUS
AC Downed: Rheurdt		Engr:	DODGE, Charles	TSgt	19067088	Identified
near Lintfort, Ger.		RO:	KERN, Herbert R.	SSgt	15013843	Nonrecoverable
		Gnr:	MESLER, Walter V.	SSgt	32461230	Identified
		Gnr:	HACKETT, Kenneth L.	SSgt	33273367	EUS
		Gnr:	MILLER, Charles C.	SSgt	33210812	Identified
		Gnr:	DOLL, Stuart A.	SSgt	33234926	EUS
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* 1359	42-5820	P:	FREUND, Kurt W.	2Lt	0-793098	RTD
		CP:	EMENS, Dale T.	2Lt	0-742986	RTD
Target:		Nav:	MacRAE, Donald P.	2Lt	0-797342	RTD
Gelsenkirchen, Ger.		Bomb:	BOZARTH, Glenn H.	2Lt	0-731450	RTD
AC Downed: Meckenheim		TTGnr:	RAGLAND, James L.	TSgt	14080478	RTD
near Ahrweiler, Ger.		RO:	SCHAEGLER, Francis J.	TSgt	17077322	Ident (GB)
		BTGnr:	WALLACE, Cyrus M.	SSgt	18125222	Ident (GB)
		RWGnr:	JAMISON, Allan G.	SSgt	16126120	RTD
		LWGnr:	ANGARANO, Daniel J.	SSgt	32404571	RTD
		TGnr:	ROBERTS, Charles E.	SSgt	31159298	Ident (GB)
** 1360	42-5821	P:	REES, David W.	FO	T-60337	EUS
		CP:	DIETRICH, Clair M.	2Lt	0-675043	EUS
Target:		Nav:	BUSCH, William L.	2Lt	0-797259	EUS
Gelsenkirchen, Ger.		Bomb:	GALLOWAY, Ernest A.	2Lt	0-739083	EUS
AC Downed:		TTGnr:	BRENNAN, John T.	TSgt	35303886	Identified
Leimersdorf, Ger.		RWGnr:	LUNDQUIST, Chester H.	SSgt	39238814	Identified
		ROGnr:	MURPHY, Joseph L.	TSgt	11053174	Identified
		BTGnr:	FIORANI, Dominick P.	SSgt	33348228	Identified
		LWGnr:	WILLIAMS, James A.	Sgt	14098108	Identified
		TGnr:	GOVERN, Stanley M.	SSgt	15074331	Identified

*On 12 August 1963, inquiry received from a German National, Edelfried Lilienthal, 5482 Ahrweiler, Auf dem Green 6, West Germany, concerning crew of MACR #1359.

** On 3 April 1965, an inquiry was received from same writer concerning crew of MACR #1360.

714-0 Robert Charles E
SPTS-MC

31154-01

Request for Information Concerning the Next of Kin
of Three Deceased Veterans of World War II

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DD of Spts

24 Aug 64

Mrs. Mathews/osm/75419

The inclosed letter dated 4 August 1964 (written in German), on the above subject,
and a copy of the translation are forwarded for direct reply. The writer has not been
advised of this referral.

FOR THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES:

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J. C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Colonel, GWC
Chief, Memorial Division

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SUBJECT: Submission of Communication Written in Foreign Language

HQ, DA, OCoSPTS, Washington, D. C. 20315, 24 August 1964

TO: Chief, National Cemetery Supervising Office, Defense Construction
Supply Center, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Inclosure 1, letter dated 4 August 1964 written in German, and a
copy of the translation, subject as above, have been forwarded to The
Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. 20315, for direct reply, as that
office has jurisdiction over the release of information concerning the
next of kin of World War II decedents.

FOR THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES:

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MFR: Mrs. Mathews/osm/75419

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JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Colonel, OMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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Letter dated 4 August 1964 (written in German), with translation, requested
information concerning the names and addresses of the next of kin of three WWII
decedents: Charles E. Roberts, SN-31 159 298; Francis J. Schaedler,
SN-17 077 322; and Cyrus M. Wallace, SN-18 125 222. A copy of the translation
and the original letter were forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.,
for direct reply by that office.

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ZACHARY TAYLOR NATIONAL CEMETERY

4701 Brownsboro Road

Louisville 7, Kentucky

SPTSCC-NC-MLL

7 August 1950

SUBJECT: Submission of Communication Written in
Foreign Language

THRU: Chief, National Cemetery Supervising Office
Defense Construction Supply Center
Columbus, Ohio, 43215

TO: Chief, Office of Support Services
Headquarters, Department of the Army
ATTN: Memorial Division
Second and T. Streets, S. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The inclosed letter from Edelfred Lillienthal of West Germany apparently written in the German language was received this date.

2. I am unable to read this letter, however I was able to read the names of three men that the letter refers to and find that these men were interred in this cemetery in gravesites 112 and 113 as a group burial on 3 August 1950. Cemetery records indicate that they were WW II deceased returned from Margraten, Holland. The names of the men are:

- a. ROBERTS, CHARLES E.
- b. WALLACE, CYRUS M.
- c. SCHAEDELER, FRANCIS J.

3. Request that the letter be interpreted and answered by your office if information given above is sufficient for proper reply. If further information from the files of this office is necessary, please advise.

1 Incl
a/s

Clifton Cockrell
CLIFTON COCKRELL
Superintendent

SPTSCD-NC (7 Aug 64)

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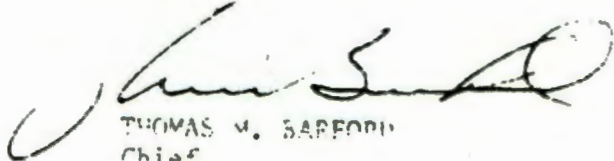
SUBJECT: Submission of Communication Written in Foreign Language

NATIONAL CEMETERY SUPERVISING OFFICE, DEFENSE CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY CENTER,
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215 12 August 1964

TO: Chief of Support Services, ATTN: Memorial Division, Second & T
Streets, S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Attached letter, marked Inclosure #2, is a translated copy of Inclosure #1, prepared in this office.
3. Request this correspondence be answered by your office and a copy furnished this office as reference for future cases of this nature.

2 Incl
1 Added


THOMAS W. SAFFORD
Chief

August 4, 1964

Gentlemen:

For many years I have put a great effort to describe a small episode of the war which I personally witnessed. Here are the results of my effort:

On the 12th day of August, 1943, the American B-17-F "Flying Fortress" No. 42-5820 was shot down by German fighter planes, in the vicinity of Ahrweiler, in Rheinland. The American plane belonged to the 370th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force, 1st Air Division "K", 526th Bomb Squadron, stationed in Kimbolton, Suffolk, England. The bomber had a crew of ten men, of which seven survived, and three were killed. These American soldiers were first buried August 15, 1943 in Ahrweiler; they were later brought to Margraten, Holland, on February 19, 1946, to the American war cemetery. On August 8, 1950, they were transferred to the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky, and were buried together permanently in one grave there. The names of the three soldiers are:

1. Technical Sergeant Francis J. Schaedler, #7.077322
2. Staff Sergeant Cyrus M. Wallace, 18-125.222
3. Staff Sergeant Charles E. Roberts, 31.159.298

It took me many years to come up with this information, since the soldiers were buried as unknown soldiers and were listed as such in our town office. The plane crash during the air battle was very dramatic, and the American crew were very heroic. The pilot of the heavy bomber steered the craft with only two engines, disregarding his own safety, away from our village, and because he was too close to the ground, he jumped without his parachute and survived the crash. A second crew member parachuted earlier and was taken prisoner in my presence. At that time I

was aged thirteen and a half, and I was impressed by the great courage of the soldier. He immediately opened fire at the German police who came to take him prisoner, even when he must have known it was hopeless for him.

I have described all this in detail after I consulted with many persons involved. The American authorities were very helpful with lists of missing persons so I was able to determine the names of the members of the crew. I have a snapshot which was very helpful because the insignia is identifiable.

This letter to you, gentlemen, is connected with a request I would like to make. I spent quite a bit of effort to get addresses of the soldiers' relatives, but I have been unsuccessful. I realize that this all happened twenty years ago, but I wish to get in touch with them. Could you help me by supplying me with the addresses of the relatives of the members of the crew?

I want to pay tribute to the deeds of the common soldier, and my goal is to erect a monument for the three dead soldiers on the place of the crash, to honor the dead, to have a memorial for the living and to warn the coming generations, and to pray to God for peace.

Sincerely Yours,

Edelfried Lilienthal

Refined Linanthol
5753 Akwaler
Lafden June 6
West Germany

QMGMC 293
Roberts, Charles E.,
31159298

10 January 1952

Mr. Joseph I. Roberts
51 Briarfield Road
Milton 87, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Reference is made to the interment of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Charles E. Roberts, and his comrades, which was made in Graves 142 and 143, Section I, Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. It is regretted that because of the fact it was impossible to identify individually the remains of your son, you were deprived of the comfort and consolation which you might have been afforded by interring his remains at home.

It is felt that you might like to have the inclosed photographs of the stone which has been placed at the grave.

You are assured that the grave will always be cared for in a manner fully commensurate with the sacrifice your son has made for his country. Any desired information concerning the grave or the cemetery will be furnished upon request.

Sincerely yours,

JAS. F. WATT
Lt. Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

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Burial from Margraten - Holland to Zachary Taylor
National Cemetery Louisville, Kentucky
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6. SUBJECT:

GROUP BURIAL RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES

ROBERTS, Charles E. 31159298

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

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DD Form
20 Jan. 50

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION SHEET

GROUP BURIAL 4650-GB-320

DATE 29 March 1950

COLLON GRAVE _____

Supplement to Disinterment,

Directive No. 4650-GB-320

OVERSEAS BURIAL LOCATION:

NAME Roberts, Charles L. S/Cgt., 31159298

CEMETERY Margraten, Holland

PLOT XX ROW 10 GRAVE 250
22 3 71 & 72

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The current address of the Next of Kin of the above named deceased should be changed to read as follows:

NEXT OF KIN

ADDRESS

Mr Joseph L. Roberts (Father)

51 Briarfield Road
Milton 97, Mass.

DENNIS
74173

Kell
39 March 1950

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Ident Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Records Sec Repat Br Mem Div	27 Feb 1950	1. Confirmation of the following Group Burial has been received in this Branch per radio #638 (AGRC 247) 8 February 1950: 2- ROBERTS, Charles E., S/Sgt. 31159298 Gp Burial Nr SCHAEDLER, Francis J., T/Sgt. 17077322 320, Margraten WALLACE, Cyrus M., S/Sgt. 18125222 (Plot XX, Row 10, Grave 250; Plot ZZ, Row 3, Graves 71 & 72) 2. Above are interred as indicated. 3. Copy of radio #638 is attached for your information. 1 Incl Cy Rad #638 (AGRC 247) METZ 74059 NEFF 2462
2	Records Section Repat Br Mem Div	Unit 4 Resol Sect Repat Br Attn: Mrs. Davis	17 Mar 50	1. Forwarded herewith 293 files pertaining to the above Group Burial for which the Disinterment Directive was dispatched 23 January 1950. 2. Request necessary action be taken in your section. Incls: 3-293 files ODENWALDER 73836 THOMAS 71672 FILE

FROM REG DIV PARIS

MSG NO AGRC 247

D.T.G. 081011Z

ACTION QMC

MCIN NO 68718

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TO OQMG WASH DC

GRAVES GRNC

REF AGRC TWO FOUR SEVEN

PASS TO MEMORIAL DIVISION

URMSGs WCL TWO ONE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR AND TWO FIVE TWO SIX FIVE FINAL

PROCESSING OF GP BURIALS NO CHANGE FMC GP STATUS OF GP BURIAL NR THREE

TWO ZERO MARGRATEN STAFF SGT CHARLES E ROBERTS THREE ONE ONE FIVE NINE

TWO NINE EIGHT AND TWO OTHERS PX SGD HENRY CITE AGRRE

CFN ROBERTS

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