1st Lt Joseph R. Spiess
330th BS, 96th BG
MIA 3-19-45

INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

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

QMGMC 293
Spiess, Joseph D.
O-744423

DATE 24 August 1953

CEMETERY Jefferson Barracks

SUBJECT: Service Data Cemeterial Records

TO: [ ] Enl. Personnel Inf. Sect. Personnel Inf. Br, Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.
[X] Officers Personnel Inf. Sect. Personnel Inf. Br, Pentagon, Washington 25,D.C.

[ ] MPRC [ ] AFPRS

1. It is requested that the information indicated by ✓ marks below be verified from the official records of the above named person and forwarded to Memorial Division, Cemetery Branch of this Office.

2. This information is necessary to complete the interment records of this Office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

24 Aug 45

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

SPIESS, JOSEPH DOMINIC — FIRST LIEUTENANT

x Name (as shown in official records) — x Rank at time of death

0 058 214 — O 744 423 — 19 MARCH 1945

x Serial Number — x Date of Death

MISSOURI — SEE OVER

x State of Residence — x Enlistment Dates

19 MARCH 1916 — SEE OVER

x Date of Birth — x Last Discharge Date & Nature of

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
AIR MEDAL WITH (1) ONE BRONZE
x Decorations OAK-LEAF CLUSTER — x Highest Rank & Org. in which hel
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

FIRST LIEUTENANT — 333TH *

SERVICE: WW I ( ) WW II ( ) SAW ( ) OTHER

REMARKS: * BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

Info. Furnished by AGRC-66V — Initials of Recorder — 9/17/53 Date
Office of Record

FILE SEP 21 1953

N Reichert

Standard Form No. 1034a—Revised
Form prescribed by
Comptroller General, U. S.
September 1950
(Gen. Reg. No. 41, Supp. No. 11)

PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

D. O. Vou. No. 12388

Bu. Vou. No. [illegible]

MISC.

U. S. Dept. of the Army
(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Voucher prepared at [illegible]
(Give place and date)

THE UNITED STATES, Dr., Payee's Account No. ________

To Fendler Undertaking Company
(Payee)
7420 Michigan Ave., St. Louis Michigan
(Address) (City) (State)

PAID BY
R. SILVERMAN
Col. F. C.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
AUG 1953
Sym. 271
(For use of Paying Office) Sta. 625

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	ARTICLES OR SERVICES (Enter description, item number of contract or Federal supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary) Discount Terms	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE Cost	UNIT PRICE Per	AMOUNT Dollars	AMOUNT Cts.
		TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AS PER THE ATTACHED INVOICE:				$10	00
		REMAINS: 1 LT Joseph D. Spiers, 0 744 423 USAAF					
		AUTH: [illegible] [illegible]	[illegible] DATED 4 FEB 53 [illegible]	AIR FORCE LETTER 30-5 HQ USAF 8 MAY 51			
		SERVICES SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED After 13 July 53					

PAYMENT:
Complete ☐
Partial ☐
Final ☐

Use continuation sheet(s) if necessary

Shipped from ____ to ____ Weight ____ Government B/L No. ____ Total ~~$10 00~~

DD#1 + allied papers forwarded to Bmt 18 Aug 53 (initials)

INVOICE HEREWITH

(Payee must NOT use this space)
Differences ________
Account verified; correct for ________
(Signature or initials) ________

Contract No. ____ Date ____ Req. No. ____ Date ____ Invoice Rec'd. ____

$10.00

MEMORANDUM [illegible] THOMAS J. BUSH
[illegible] ADM. ASST.
10 Aug 53 [illegible]

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by Administrative Office)

Appropriation, limitation, or project symbol	Appropriation title	Limit'n. or Proj't. Amount	Appropriation Amount
[illegible]	[illegible]		$10.00
2142020	401-22 P1130-03 [illegible]		

Allotment symbol	Amount	Obligations liquidated	COST ACCOUNT Symbol	COST ACCOUNT Amount	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Symbol	OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION Amount

Paid by { Check No. ________ dated AUG 12 1953, 19__, for $ $10.00
Cash, $ ________ on ________, 19__

on Treasurer of the United States in
[illegible]

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FILE
RECORDS ANNOTATED
DATE [illegible]
NAME H J Bond
[illegible] MR. MBR. DIV.

49-16—63

METHOD OF OR ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

METHOD OF ADVERTISING

1. Advertising in newspapers Yes ☐ No ☐.
2. (a) Advertising by circular letters sent to ..... dealers.
   (b) And by notices posted in public places Yes ☐ No ☐.

   (If notices were not posted in addition to advertising by circular letters sent to dealers, explanation of such omission must be made below.)

ABSENCE OF ADVERTISING

3. Without advertising, under an exigency of the service which existed prior to the order and would not admit of the delay incident to advertising.
4. Without advertising in accordance with .....
5. Without advertising, it being impracticable to secure competition because of .....

(Here state in detail the nature of the exigency or circumstances under which the securing of competition was impracticable under 3 and 4)

NOTE.—The above form "Method of or Absence of Advertising" is to be used when purchases are made or services secured under proper authority without written agreement in any form. In case of a written agreement (formal contract, proposal, and acceptance, or less formal agreement) Standard Form No. 1036—Revised should be used for abstracting the method of or absence of advertising and award of contract. (See General Regulations No. 51, as amended.)

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NAME NAME: SPRISS, Joseph D.
RANK 1st Lt
ASN 0744423

MAP SHEET N - 52

22 Sept 51

DEFERRED SEARCH CASE

1. Decedents name is currently on Deferred Search Agenda.

2. Request all action be suspended until otherwise notified by Liaison Office.

CANCELLED
22 April 1953
Ltd
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

Mary A. Edwards
MARY A. EDWARDS
1st Lt. QMC
Chief Nonrecoverability Section
Identification Branch

FILE NAT

H. A. Cauffman
CAUFFMAN

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER	DATE (DAY / MONTH / YEAR)
1200	22 / 05 / 53

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
SPIESS, JOSEPH D.	0744423	1/LT	1	1	2

CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS (CODE / DIST. CTR.)
AGRS MAUS GRIESHEIM/MAIN GERMANY			181	7523 / 01

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEM. ST. LOUIS 23, MISSOURI	MRS. BALBINA SPIESS (MOTHER) 4379A GIBSON AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON	ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY (NAME AND TITLE)
☐ REMAINS ☐ MARKER	USAAF		

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (*Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1294a for major discrepancies.*)

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE BY

CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (*Signature*)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
DATE BY	

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

PREV. UNK X-9179, SAME GRAVE
IDENT. APPVD.

FILE RECORDS ANNOTATED
DATE 31 AUG 53
NAME M. Dah
Regis Sec. Mem. Div.

QMC FORM REV 11 FEB 48 1194

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER:

DATE: 6 March 53 (DAY MONTH YEAR)

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
UNKNOWN X-9179					

CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: CODE	DIST. CTR.
Griesheim/Main Mausoleum			181		

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED
UNKNOWN X-9179				

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON	ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY (NAME AND TITLE)
☐ REMAINS ☐ MARKER			

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL:

CONDITION OF REMAINS:
PORTIONS MISSING: Fragment L/squamus; sternum 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 7th carvical, 1st thru 6th thoracic vertobrae; 6 R & 3 L/ribs; distal tip L/humerus; all hand bones except 1 carpal of R/hand; distal tip L/fibula; all foot bones except R/calcaneous, R & L/talus.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION:

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (*Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.*)
Large amount flesh in final stage of decomp. Hair-Brown. Est. Age Approx 30. Est. Ht. 6-0½. Not burned.

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 6 March 1953 BY ROBERT W. CLIFFORD

CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (*Signature*)
ROBERT W. CLIFFORD	s/ROBERT W. CLIFFORD
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	**SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY**
DATE 6 Mar 53 BY ROBERT W. CLIFFORD	

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

I. BISHSMITH Captain, QMC.
SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

I certify that the entries on this form are true copies of the entries on Copy Number 4 of this Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed hereon.

s/Kenneth Hoy Capt

QMC FORM REV 11 FEB 48 1194

NY 0942

INSPECTION CHECK LIST

CASE NO		SPACE NO.

NAME OF DECEASED (*Last, First, Middle Initial*)	BRANCH OF SERVICE	RACE	RELIGION	SEX	DATE
SPIESS, JOSEPH D.	USAAF	W			7-13-53

RANK OR GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	CONSIGNEE
1 LT	O 744 423	JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATL CEM ST LOUIS 23, Missouri

SHIPPING CASE—GENERAL APPEARANCE (*Check ONLY Discrepancies*)	
	FINISH (*Exterior*)
	FINISH (*Interior*)
	HANDLES
	HANDLE BOLTS
	STENCILING—NAME PLATE
	HEALTH PERMIT MARKER
	HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER

CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (*Check One*)
☑ SATISFACTORY ☐ UNSATISFACTORY

REMARKS
Spray Shipping Case

CASKET—GENERAL APPEARANCE (*Check ONLY Discrepancies*)	
	FINISH (*Exterior*)
	HANDLES AND FASTENINGS
	STENCILING—NAME PLATE
	CAM LOCKS (*Sealing*)
	ODOR OR MOISTURE

CONDITION OF CASKET (*Check One*)
☐ SATISFACTORY ☐ UNSATISFACTORY

REMARKS

ROUTED THROUGH

☐ MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM

☐ REPAIR SHOP

CONDITION OF REMAINS
☐ SATISFACTORY ☐ UNSATISFACTORY

NECESSARY DISINFECTION (*Explain*)

CASKET REPAIRED ☐ YES ☐ NO

CASKET EXCHANGED ☐ YES ☐ NO

SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED ☐ YES ☐ NO

SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED ☐ YES ☐ NO

REMARKS

TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR
				7-7-53	A Barcale

REMARKS

QMC FORM 4 MAR 48 **1251** Replaces QMC Form R-5054, which is obsolete.

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AG 24

UUU17 DL PD TDS JEFFERSON BARACKS MO JUN 29 1225PMC
COMMANDING GENERAL NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION

YOUR TCNYP AA13 GH GRS BURIAL OF 1ST LT JOSEPH D SPI[illegible] HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR INTERMENT AT TEU AM DST WEDNESDAY [illegible] SHIP TO ARRIVE ST LOUIS UNION STATION GH MORNING OF [illegible] RAIL ROUTING AND TIME OF ARRIVAL KINDLY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEPT THIS MESSAGE

EUGENE B TAYLOR SUP JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY

CFN TCNYP AAXXX TCNYP AA13 GH RS 0-744423 13 14

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SUPT
JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATL CEM
JEFFERSON BARRACKS MO

FR TCNYP 4413 QMGRS

FOLLOWING REMAINS NOW AT THIS PORT READY FOR YOUR CALL

DECEASED: 1 LT JOSEPH D SPIESS SERIAL NR O 744 423 USAAF WWII DECEDENT WHITE

NOK MRS BALBINA SPIESS MOTHER 4379A GIBSON AVE ST LOUIS MISSOURI

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TCNYP 4413 QMGRS

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NON MILITARY FACILITIES

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ST LOUIS MO JUN 26 850AMC

COMMANDING GENERAL

DISTRIBUTION CENTER 1 NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION BROOKLYN NY

RETEL TCNYP 4350 QM GRS WISH TO CONFIRM DELIVERY

INSTRUCTIONS LATE FIRST LIEUT JOSEPH D SPIESS

MRS BALBINA SPIESS

1017A

TCNYP 4350 QM GRS..

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GREENWICH MEAN TIME (Z)
1953 JUN 25 13 REPORT DELIVERY
ARMY COMMCENTER
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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VIA WESTERN UNION

MRS BALBINA SPIESS
4379A GIBSON AVE
ST LOUIS MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO TCNYP 4350 QM GRS

PLEASE BE ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE 1 LT JOSEPH D SPIESS ARR NOW AT THE NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS BURIED IN JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY ST LOUIS MO. WE CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE BUT SUPERINTENDENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY WILL NOTIFY YOU BY TELEGRAM GIVING DATE AND HOUR FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT YOUR ATTENDANCE AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE. A MILITARY ESCORT WILL ACCOMPANY REMAINS TO NATIONAL CEMETERY. PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES INCIDENT TO INTERMENT IS AUTHORIZED. APPROPRIATE JOINT MILITARY HONORS AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AT GRAVESIDE BY VETERANS ORGANIZATION OR BY MILITARY OR NAVAL PERSONNEL. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER ONE NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION. 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.

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TCNYP 4350 QM GRS

5. So much of par 5 SO 130 this Hq as pertaining to delivery of remains of CPL JOHN PORTAS RA12376593 US Army is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DeWITT:

OFFICIAL:

GUY D THOMPSON
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

JOSEPH R CANN
Capt, AGC
Asst Adj Gen

DISTRIBUTION:
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For immediate delivery to.....

SYMBOLS:

ACCT - ACCOUNT
ACFT - AIRCRAFT
AD - ACTIVE DUTY
APR - AIR PRIORITY
APRX - APPROXIMATE
APT - APPOINT (ED) OR (MENT)
AVAL - AVAILABLE
BD - BOARD
DASO - DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SPECIAL ORDER
DDALV - DAYS DELAY EN ROUTE AUTHORIZED CHARGEABLE AS LEAVE
DP - BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT
DS - DEFENSE SERVICE
DY - DUTY
EDCSA - EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE OF STATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY
REPT - REPORT
STA - STATION
TDY - TEMPORARY DUTY
TPA - TRAVEL BY PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILE IS AUTHORIZED
TDN - TRAVEL DIRECTED IS NECESSARY IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 133)

HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
Brooklyn 50, New York 8 July 1953

E X T R A C T

1. 1ST LT WALTER E ALBRECHT AO1860310 29 Troop Carrier Sq 313 Troop Carrier Wg Mitchel AFB NY placed on TDY for aprx nine (9) days for purpose of escorting remains of 1ST LT GEORGE M VANDRUFF 0776834 USAAF. WP o/a 10 Jul 53 fr NYPE Brooklyn NY to Mclouth Kan. SHIP TO: LAWRENCE KAN. Upon arrival at Mclouth remains will be delivered to Walter S Bradford Funeral Home. When requested by next of kin escort will remain for purpose of attending funeral. UCTD rtn NYPE. Next of Kin: Mr C R Vandruff (Father) PO Box 25 Mclouth Kan. Tvl by Rail, Bus, Water, and Acft auth. TDN 407-22 P1130-02, 03 A214 2020 S99-999. CO 29 Troop Carrier Sq 313 Troop Carrier Wg Mitchel AFB NY.

2. COL WOFFORD E LEWIS AO205298 Hq 2500 M&S Gp Mitchel AFB NY placed on TDY for aprx five (5) days for purpose of escorting remains of 1ST LT JOSEPH D SPIESS 0744423 USAAF and ~~Group Burial~~ consisting of five (5) Remains in one (1) ~~Casket~~ First Name: LT COL JOHN W OSBORN AO371862 USAF and Group Burial 1200 GB 35 consisting of three (3) Remains in three (3) Caskets First Name: 1ST LT WILLIAM C BARNARD 0731790 USAAF. WP o/a 13 Jul 53 fr NYPE Brooklyn NY to Jefferson Barracks Mo. Upon arrival at Jefferson Barracks remains will be delivered to Supt Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. When requested by Supt and/or next of kin escort will remain for purpose of attending funeral. UCTD rtn NYPE. Tvl by Rail, Bus, Water, and Acft auth. TDN 407-22 P1130-02, 03 A214 2020 S99-999. Concurrence: CO Hq 2500 M&S Gp Mitchel AFB NY.

3. Par 6 SO 128 this Hq cs pertaining to delivery of remains of 2D LT RANDALL E COINER 02263765 US Army as reads "1ST LT JOHN S TOMAS 01552812 OrdC" is amended to read "CAPT JOHN S TOMAS 01552812 OrdC".

4. CAPT JAMES L ALLISON AO840916 519 Materiel Sq Suffolk AFB NY placed on TDY for aprx six (6) days for purpose of escorting remains of CAPT DAVID W JOHNSTON JR 0678057 USAAF. WP o/a 10 Jul 53 fr NYPE Brooklyn NY to Youngstown Ohio. Upon arrival at Youngstown remains will be delivered to King Funeral Home 678 Wick Ave. When requested by next of kin escort will remain for purpose of attending funeral. UCTD rtn NYPE. Next of Kin: Miss Nina D Johnston (Aunt) 556 West Princeton Ave Youngstown Ohio. Tvl by Rail, Bus, Water, and Acft auth. TDN 407-22 P1130-02, 03 A214 2020 S99-999. Concurrence: CO 519 Materiel Sq Suffolk AFB NY.

ROUTING JOINT MESSAGEFORM COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Space above for communications center only

27 May 1953

FROM: (ORIGINATOR) CGNYPE BKLYN NY

Date-Time Group	Security Class.
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Precedence	ACTION	INFO.
For:	SPECIAL DELIVERY	

SUPERINTENDENT
JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATL CEM
ST LOUIS MISSOURI

(THIS IS ADVANCE NOTICE: FURTHER NOTIFICATION WILL BE FURNISHED OF RAIL ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION.)

DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS ARE FURNISHED FOR: WORLD WAR II

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Grade	Serial Number
SPIESS	JOSEPH	D	1 LT	0 744 423
Branch of Armed Forces	**Race**	**Religion**	**Sex**	**Shipment No.**
USAAF	1	2	1	

Name & Relationship of NOK

MRS BALBINA SPIESS (MOTHER)

ADDRESS 4379A GIBSON AVE. ST LOUIS MISSOURI

CONSIGNEE JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATL CEM

ADDRESS ST LOUIS MO

FINAL BURIAL LOCATION: JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATL CEM

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM WHEN REMAINS ARE READY FOR YOUR CALL.

Security Class.
UNCLASSIFIED

Releasing Officer's Signature

SYMBOL Telephone Official Title

FRANK M. GREEN, JR.
MAJOR QMC

NOTE: REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF ABOVE INFORMATION BY SIGNATURE ON CARBON COPY AND RETURNE TO ORIGINATING OFFICE.

Frank A. Lockwood
JEFFERSON BKS NAT CEM, MO.
5/29/53

TCNYP QM(GRS) 293 27 May 1953

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Disinterment Directive (Copy #9)

TO: Commanding General
Fifth Army
1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois
ATTN: Quartermaster

Inclosed is Copy #9 of Disinterment Directive covering remains destined for burial in national cemetery within your Army Area.

FOR THE PORT COMMANDER:

1 Incl
1-DD#9

FRANK M. GREEN JR.
Major QMC
Chief, Graves Registration Service Branch
Quartermaster Division

BUDGET BUREAU No. 40-RZ77.

293

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

1/Lt Joseph D. Spiess 0 744 423

Griesh/Main Cer

Grave 181

DATE: 7 May 1953

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, BALBINA SPIESS (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

_____ (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 JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

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

☐ YES ☒ NO

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

NONE

Prev Link X-9179, same grave

Ident Apprd

Spiess

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			
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.

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
SPIESS	WILLIAM	L.	BROTHER
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
4944 BERTHOLD AVE.	ST. LOUIS		MO.

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.

Balbina Spiess. — (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

4379 GIBSON AVE. — (STREET AND NUMBER)

BALBINA SPIESS — (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

ST. LOUIS MO. — (CITY AND STATE)

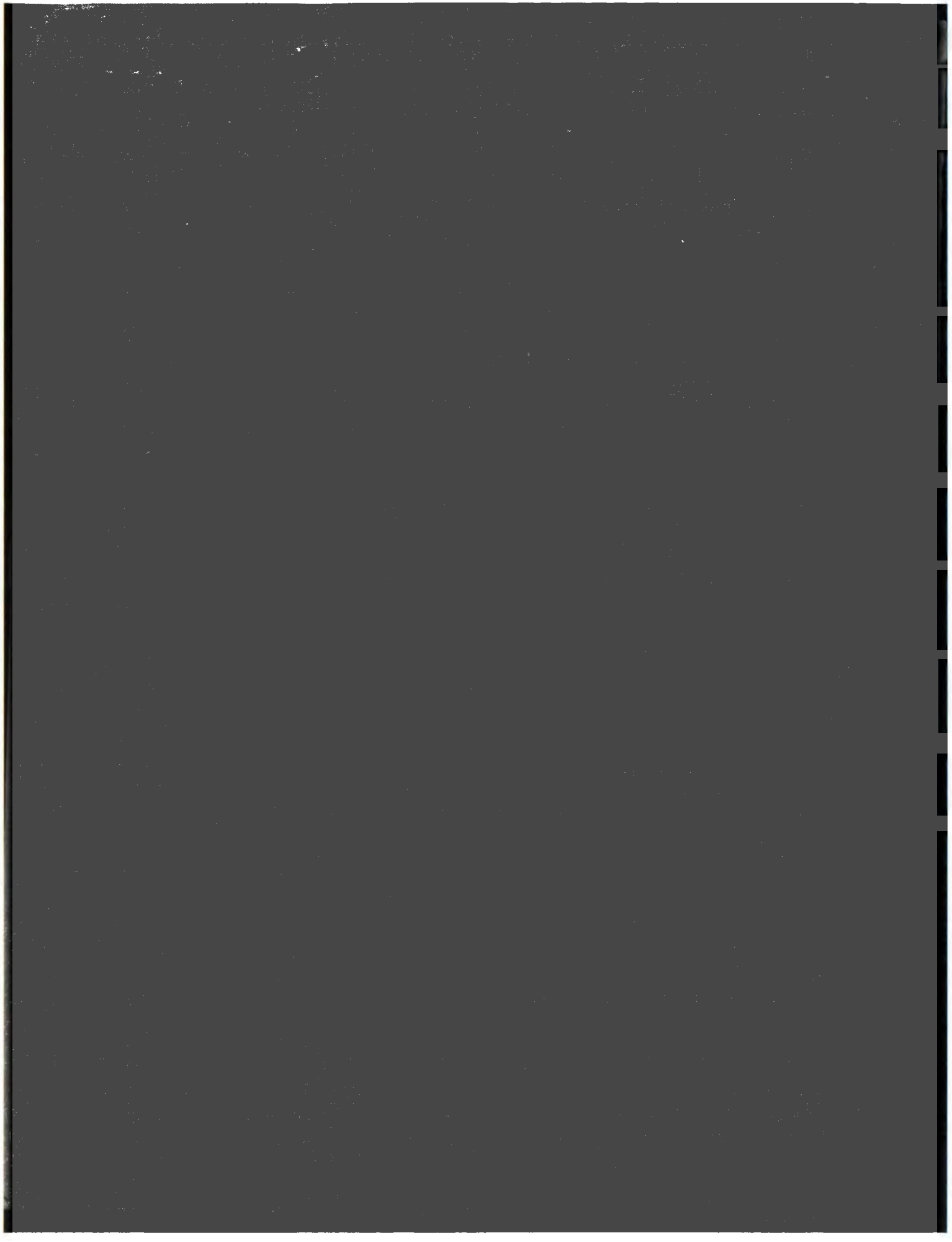
Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 18th day of May, 19 53, at city (or town) of St Louis, county of ——, and State (or Territory or District) of Missouri

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JULY 25th, 1956

John H. Durian — (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

Notary Public — (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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



Mrs. Balbino Spiess - Mother
4379-A Gibson Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Spiess, Joseph D. 1/Lt 0 744 423

First Lieutenant

I am writing to you with reference to your son, the late Joseph D. Spiess. A recent investigation, conducted by the Office of The Quartermaster General and the American Graves Registration Service, has been successfully concluded with the recovery and identification of his remains. Due to the period of time which has elapsed since his death, I feel that you should be informed of the evidence upon which the identification is based.

In February of this year, remains were recovered from a small church cemetery in Wormlage, Germany, approximately ten and one-half miles north of Ruhland. Information furnished by the Parish Priest revealed that the deceased had been interred following the crash of a bomber on 19 March 1945. The grave was marked by a cross bearing the inscription, "Hier Ruhen 8 USA Soldaten in Frieden" (Here rest 8 USA soldiers in peace). Upon disinterment of the remains, they were associated with your son and his fellow crew members on the basis of an identification tag for one, and laundry marks found on articles of clothing. Due to the commingled condition of the remains, it was necessary to remove them to one of our identification laboratories for examination by an accredited anthropologist and our identification technicians to effect proper segregation and identification.

The color of hair, dental pattern, estimated height, weight, and age of one of the deceased were in agreement with like data shown in your son's Army Records. These findings, in conjunction with the investigation, have resulted in the establishment of his identity. Perhaps you will be interested in knowing that the other deceased have been individually identified as the seven other members of your son's crew with whom he lost his life.

I wish to express my appreciation for your patience during the years; however, I am certain that you are cognisant of the many difficulties which were to be surmounted before any information of a definite nature could be furnished you.

The remains have been casketed and are now being held in an Army mortuary pending disposition instructions from the next of kin, either for return to the United States or for permanent burial in an overseas cemetery.

There are inclosed informational pamphlets regarding the Return of World War II Dead Program, including a Disposition Form on which you may record your desires in this matter. Upon receipt of the properly completed form, you may be assured that the Department of the Army will make every effort to comply with your instructions as indicated thereon.

In order that this Office may take immediate action toward the final disposition of the remains of your son, it is urged that you complete the inclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains", and mail it to this Office in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

INCLS: SEE ACTION SHEET FOR LETTER TO EFFECTS QM

Bennett

Sawyer 5 May 53

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

In Reply Refer to QMGMF 293 — 7 May 1953

Spiess, Joseph D.
O-744 423

SUBJECT: Identification of former UNKNOWN deceased

TO: Chief, Army Effects [redacted]
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

1. The remains which were previously interred as UNKNOWN X 9179 Plot ____, Row ____, Grave 181, USMC Grimbach/Main, Hesse, have been identified by AGES Field Board of Review as those of 1/Lt Joseph D. Spiess, O-744 423 whose next of kin, according to the records of this Office, is Mrs. Balbino Spiess, [redacted] 4379 A Gibson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

2. The identification has been approved by this Office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HORKAN:

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

DLN

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OUT MAY 7 1953 REGISTRATION BR MEM. DIV

WORK SHEET

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

In Reply refer to QMGMF 293

SUBJECT: Identification of former UNKNOWN deceased

TO: ~~Commanding Officer/ Quartermaster Activity Kansas City Records Center Kansas City 1, Missouri Attn: Effects Quartermaster~~ Chief, Army Effects Agency 601 Hardesty Avenue Kansas City 1, Missouri

1. The remains which were previously interred as UNKNOWN X 9179 ~~Plot~~ _____, ~~Row~~ _____, Grave 181, ~~USMC~~ Griesheim/Main, Main, have been identified as those of 1st Lt. Joseph D. Spiess, 0-744 403 whose Next of Kin, according to the records of this Office, is Mrs. Balbina Spiess - mother - 4379-A Gibson Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri.

2. The identification has been approved by this Office.

DAVIS

James B. Clearwater
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

WORK SHEET

23 Apr 53 Unclassified

QMG DEPTAR WASH DC ROUTINE

CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY

Pass to CO 7770 USAREUR QM Mort Svc Det From QMGMF

Pol ident approved: Lyman D Berkalew 0302517 Dale E Pagan 37530473 Francis W Jones 0764620 Herbert J Reifeld 16135146 Joseph D Spiess 0744423 David L Thomas 0733570 George H Vandruff 0776834 Martin T Zajicek 36698781. Delete from Deferred Search Roster M/52 Germany

Clements/ld

NAT file 24 Apr 53 ... 10 Hrs

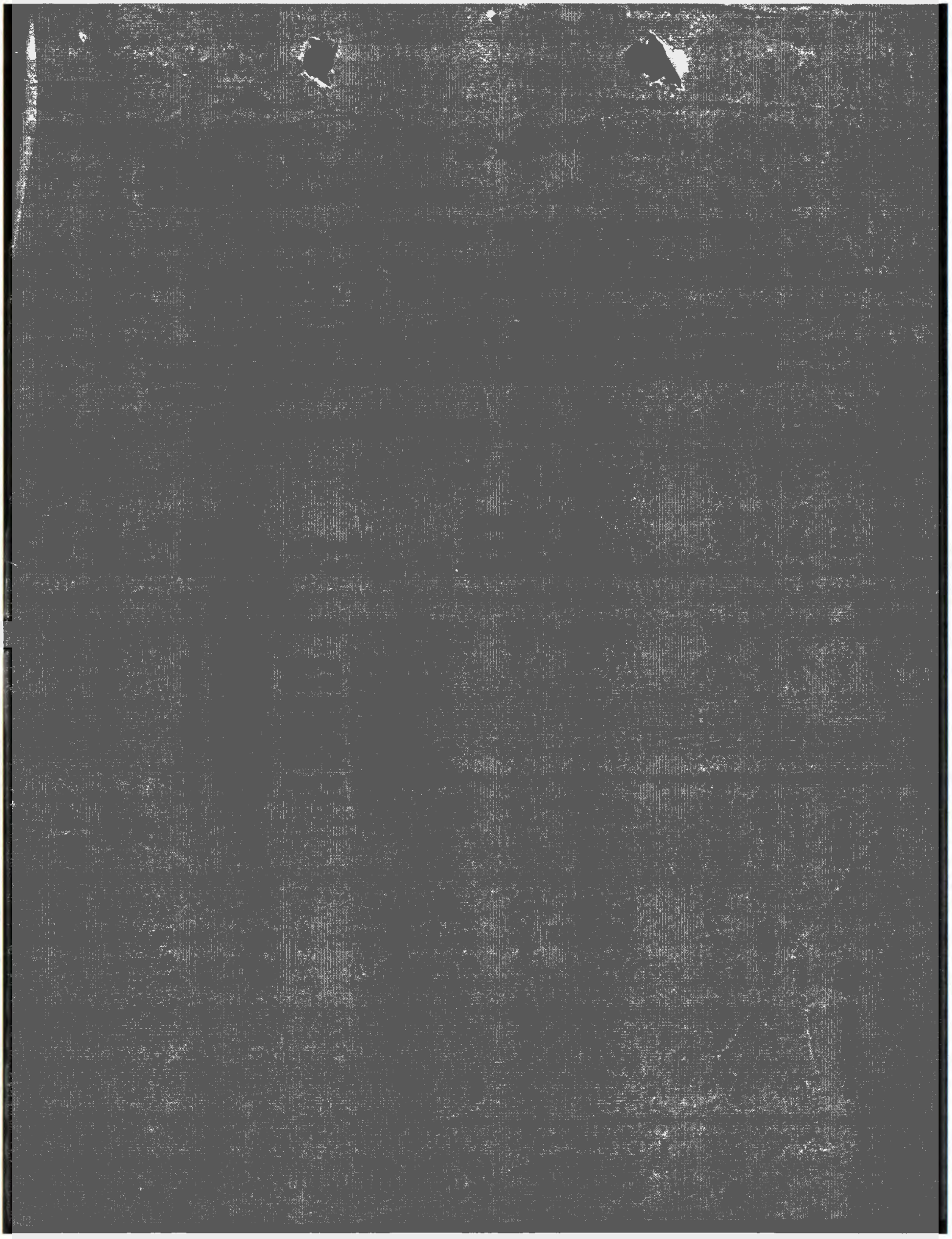
Unclassified 1 1

(DA)

Clarence C Salser
QMGMF 293 - GRA European 73880

MARY A STALKER, Capt, QMC
Memorial Division

293 - SPIESS, JOSEPH D - O-744 423



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2/3 Spies, Joseph D. O-744423

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PENTAGON LIAISON
MEM. DIV.

18 July 1950

Inclosed herewith all information found in the AGO Casualty and the DPRB 201 files on 1st Lt. Joseph D. Spiess, O-744423.

DEFENSED SEARCH CASH

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X-55550

For 293 File.

Rec'd JUL 19 1950

NAME: SPIESS, JOSEPH D. 37058294 ASN: O-744v3 RANK: 1st Lt.

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE 6 JUNE 1941

RACE: WHITE ORGN.: 339TH B. Sq. 96TH B. Gp.

RELIGION: CATHOLIC STATUS: KIA - 19 MARCH 1945

BORN: 19 MARCH 1916 PLACE OF CASUALTY: 51°37"N - 13°3"E.

PLACE: ST. LOUIS, MO. (Nr. RUHLAND, GERMANY).

WEIGHT: 155# FRACTURES: NONE

HEIGHT: 5'11"

EYES: BROWN

HAIR: BROWN

COMPLEXION: RUDDY SCARS:
COLLOID GOITER
1" TEMPORAL REGION, SCALP

SHOE SIZE: 10½

HAT SIZE: N/S FORMS 79: THREE (3)

DENTAL (Date: 6 JUNE '41)

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

Teeth: Indicate restorable carious teeth by circling; nonrestorable carious teeth by /; missing natural teeth by X.

DENTAL CHART, DTD. 9 MAY 43 SHOWS:

RT - MISSING
R16 - "
LT - "
L16 - "

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT 29

B 0-7444[illegible]3

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME

[illegible] Joseph D.

(3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS

2nd Lt

(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
28	W	Mo	3 7/12

DENTAL IDENTIFICATION RECORD

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.

(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS

(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS

Jean C. Berard
Capt
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

FORM 79—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
(Revised Feb. 28, 1941)

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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
DENTAL CLINIC No. 1

0-744423 Gulfport Field, Miss.

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME

Spiess, Joseph D.

(3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS

Lt. 21 antk-sub

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27	W	Mo.	2yr 4/12

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Sept 1943
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(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS

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Roland E. Wood
Maj
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

FORM 79—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
(Revised Feb. 28, 1941)

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY 27A

UPPER TEETH

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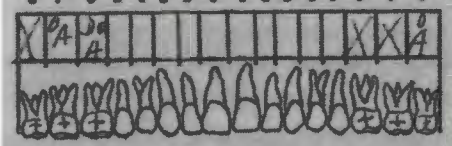

LOWER TEETH

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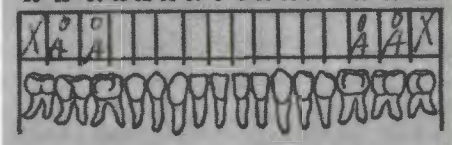

Class IV

Occlusion V : Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia M

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions V

Date July 20, 1944

C R Johnson 1st Lt
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*Restorable carious teeth by O
Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line) X X X

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

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY 38A

UPPER TEETH

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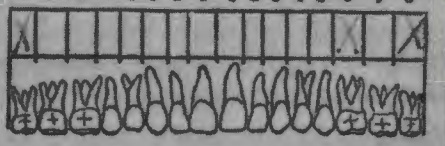

LOWER TEETH

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Class I V

Occlusion I : Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia NO

Dental foci suspected: Yes

Other conditions NORMAL

Date 6 Sept. 1943

R B Lea
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*Restorable carious teeth by O
Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line) X X X

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

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT 31

SAAAB, Santa Ana, Califor[illegible]

(1) SURNAME	(2) CHRISTIAN NAME
Spiess,	Joseph D. 37058294

(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
Avn/C	17	Air Forces

(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
26	W	Mo.	1 yr 3/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS 1942	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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Reappt.	8 POT	CWGC
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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

Form 79—Medical Department, U. S. A.
(Revised Feb. 26, 1941)
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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY 31A

UPPER TEETH

Right Left

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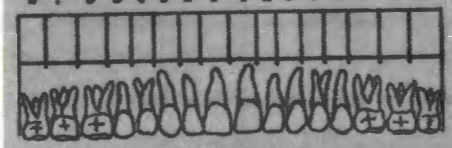

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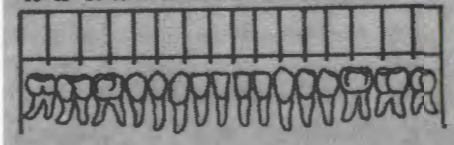

CLASS _____

Occlusion _____: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia _____

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions _____

Date _____, 19____

_____

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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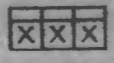
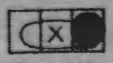
Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line)



Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (oval to include abutments)



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FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION FORM

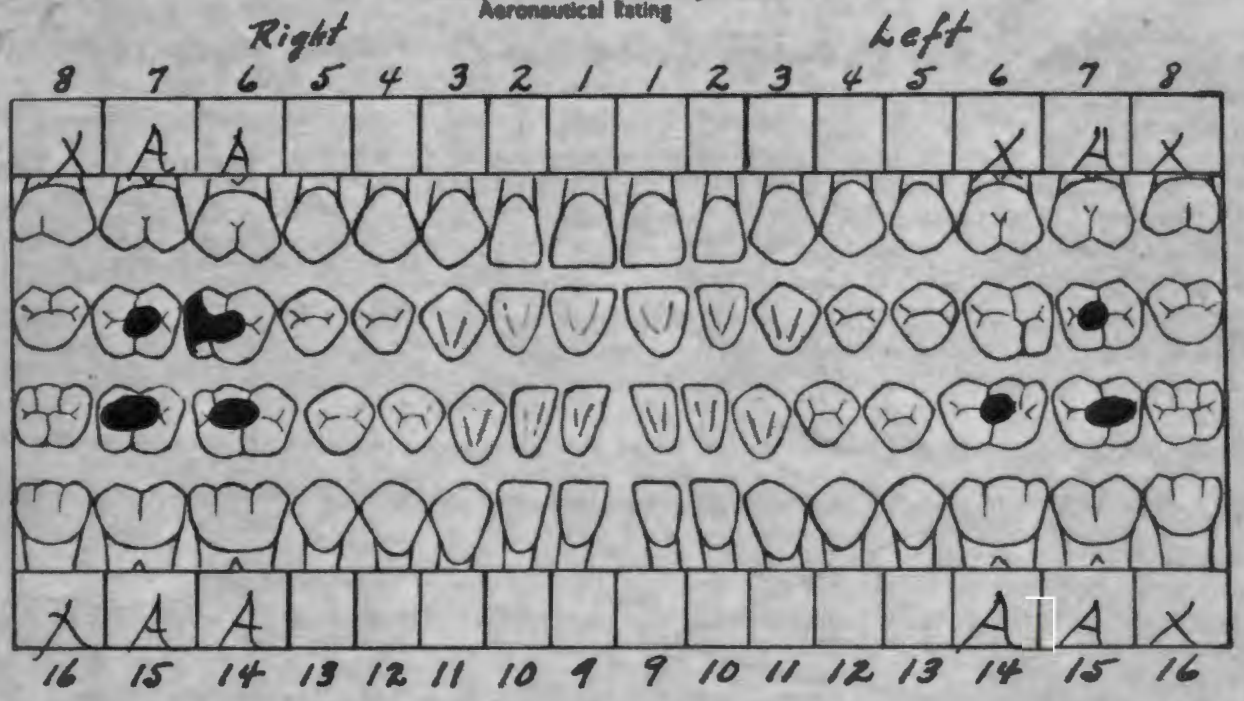
Office of the Dental Surgeon

1st CCRC GP. AAF. STATION 112
Station

Spiess, Joseph D. | 2nd Lt. | O-744423
Name | Rank | ASN

1st REPL & TNG SQN. | 28 | 3 3/12 | 1 Sept, 1944
Organization | Age | Service | Date

BOMBARDIER,
Aeronautical Rating



CLASS IV.

OCCLUSION Mal CALCULUS Heavy PERIODONTOCLASIA _____ FOCI SUSPECTED _____

ANOMALIES, OTHER CONDITIONS, REMARKS:

L-9 protruded Slight open bite.

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-oxyphosphate
CHART ALL SUBSEQUENT FILLINGS
NONRESTORABLE CARIOUS TEETH BY /
MISSING NATURAL TEETH BY X
TEETH REPLACED BY DENTURE X X X
TEETH REPLACED BY FIXED BRIDGE

APPROVED _____
Station Dental Surgeon
MORTON J. GOLDINER, CAPT.D.C.

Irving K. Robinovitz
Examining Dental Officer
IRVING K. ROBINOVITZ, CAPT.D.C.

PPA EEH/mlw/77117
Rm. 4322, 5/12/45

AFPPA-8

AAF 201 (13571) Spiess, Joseph D.
O744423

17 May 1945

Mrs. Balbina Spiess
4379 A Gibson Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spiess:

I am writing you with reference to your son, First Lieutenant Joseph D. Spiess, who was reported by The Adjutant General as missing in action over Germany since 19 March 1945.

Information has been received indicating that Lieutenant Spiess was the radar operator on a B-17 (Flying Fortress) bomber which participated in a combat mission to Plauen, Germany, on 19 March 1945. The report reveals that during this mission about 2:00 p.m., over the target area, our planes were subjected to flak and your son's bomber sustained damage. Subsequently the disabled craft dropped out of formation, went into a spin, and disappeared from view. It is regretted that no other information has been received in this headquarters relative to the whereabouts of Lieutenant Spiess.

Believing you may wish to communicate with the families of the others who were in the plane with your son, I am inclosing a list of these men and the names and addresses of their next of kin.

Please be assured that a continuing search by land, sea, and air is being made to discover the whereabouts of our missing personnel. Any additional information received will be sent immediately to you by The Adjutant General or this headquarters.

Very sincerely,

E. A. BRADUNAS
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

1 Incl.

W. D. 201 Files
A. G. Casualty Branch
Comeback Copy Room 4A280

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AG 201 Spiess, Joseph D.
NC-O 204060

26 July 1945

Mrs. Balbino Spiess
4379A Gibson Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spiess:

It is with deep regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, First Lieutenant Joseph D. Spiess, O744423, Air Corps.

Your son was reported missing in action since 19 March 1945 over Germany. It has now been officially established from reports received in the War Department that he was killed in action in the vicinity of Buhland, Germany on 19 March 1945.

I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic sacrifice in the service of his country may be of sustaining comfort to you.

I extend to you my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD P. WITTSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

1 Incl
WD Pamphlet No. 20-15

AG 704 DEAD (21 Jul 45)

21 July 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Casualty Branch, AGO.

SUBJECT: Reports of Death.

1. Technical Sergeant Steele M. Roberts, 33288642, a liberated prisoner of war, has stated that he was an eyewitness to the deaths of the following military personnel, members of the 339th Bombardment Squadron, 96th Bombardment Group, which occurred on 19 March 1945 at Rouland, Germany, when their plane was shot down:

Captain Francis M. Jones
First Lieutenant Joseph Spiess
First Lieutenant David L. Thomas
First Lieutenant Van Druff
Technical Sergeant Herbert Notfeld
Staff Sergeant Dale E. Fagan
Staff Sergeant Martin T. Zieject

Sergeant Roberts further stated that subject persons were interred in the churchyard of a small town twenty-five miles east of Rouland, Germany; also, that the command pilot, whose name he did not know, was killed.

2. Missing Air Crew Report Number 15871, submitted by the 339th Bombardment Squadron, 96th Bombardment Group, discloses that subject persons where crew members of a B-17 (Flying Fortress) which departed on a combat mission to Plauen, Germany on 19 March 1945. The aircraft sustained severe damage from enemy antiaircraft fire and disintegrated at 51° 37'' N, 13° 33'' E. The "Crew Report" identifies subject persons, who were reported missing in action over Germany on 19 March 1945, by ETO Shipment Number 090, while in flying pay status, as follows:

Command Pilot	Captain Lyman D. Barkalow,	0802817 (ASN as [illegible] 15190080)
Pilot	Captain Francis M. Jones,	0764688 (ASN as [illegible] 17111760)
Mickey Operator	1st Lt. Joseph B. Spiess,	0744423 (ASN as [illegible] 37056294)
Co-pilot	1st Lt. David L. Thomas,	0713570 (ASN as [illegible] 15093029)
Bombardier	1st Lt. George M. Vandruff,	0776834 (ASN as [illegible] 17128971)
Radio Operator	T/Sgt. Herbert J. Notfeld,	16135148
Asst. Radio Operator	S/Sgt. Dale Fagan,	37530473
Asst. Engineer	S/Sgt. Martin T. Zajicek	36698781

Investigation reveals that the location where the aircraft was last sighted (51° 37'' N, 13° 35'' E.) is in the vicinity of Ruhland, Germany (51°13''N,

AG 704 (21 Jul 45)

13' 50'' E).

5. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to authority contained in Section 2, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death and casualty reports be initiated stating that the persons listed in Paragraph 2, above were killed in action near Ruhland, Germany, on 19 March 1945, while in flying pay status, and that evidence of their deaths was received in the War Department on 20 July 1945. Casualty report will state that Machine Letter SD 1 will be used.

JOHN T. [redacted]
Lt. Col., AGD
Officer in Charge
Status Review and
Determination Section.

Approved. Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

GEORGE F. [redacted]
Colonel, AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
MEMORIAL DIVISION
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

QMGMU 293

Name: SPIESS, Joseph D.
Rank: 1st Lt
Serial: O 744 423

Date 27 January 1950

DEFERRED SEARCH CERTIFICATE

1. Information received from American Graves Registration Command, European Area (file reference: ltr, QMGMP 293 AGRS-EA, subj: Procedure For Handling Residual Cases of Unlocated Remains of World War II Deceased, dtd 25 Oct 49; and 1st Ind thereto, dtd 18 Nov 49, with incls) indicates that the case involving the recovery of the remains of the above named decedent cannot be resolved until further field investigation is conducted in the area specified below:

Russian Zone of Germany, Map Sheet N-52, Calau. No specific burial information. KIA 19 Mar 45. Air crash, B-17G #44-8704. Survivor stated that he identified the remains of the decedent and seven (7) other crew members, prior to their burial in a small church yard. Name of village is unknown.

CANCELLED

2. Due to the political situation in the area cited above, the American Graves Registration Command, European Area, considers it impracticable to conduct the necessary field investigation at this time.

3. Information on this case, and all similar cases known to the Identification Branch, has been forwarded to the Liaison Office, Memorial Division, for continuation of action to obtain entry into the area involved for performing the required field investigation.

4. Under the provisions of Memorial Division Information Bulletin No 21, dtd 27 Dec 49, further action on this case has been deferred until such time as it is possible to perform field investigation in the area involved.

WILLIAM R. DeWEESE
1st Lt QMC
Chief, Final Determination Section

Cys to: 293 file
Liaison Office, Mem Div
AGO

NOTE: Dental Charts, OQMG 371, Battle Casualty Report, and Report of Death in 293 File.

NRT
File
9 Feb 50

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE
Weiss Joseph D			37 058 294 O-744423		1st LT
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH
70 3/4	170	brown	brown	10 1/2	19MAR45

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

339th BOMBER SQ

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

KIA IN GERMANY NEAR RUHLAND

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

STATION	DATES
Deming N.M.	5/8/43
Dalhart Misc	5/13/43
Ephrata Wash.	10/27/43
MacDill Fld Fla.	11/26/43
Drew Fld Fla.	4/20/44
Hunter Fld Ga.	5/14/44
Langley Fld Va.	6/4/44

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
none	none

DENTAL CHART

9MAR43

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	UPPER RIGHT							UPPER LEFT							
X	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	X
	LOWER RIGHT							LOWER LEFT							

X - EXTRACTED O - CARIOUS / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

AGPAC FORM 1 Aug 1945 **I-380**

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

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

QMCHM 293 ~~Spiess, Joseph D.~~ (Name)

~~1st Lt.~~ (Rank)

~~O-744423~~ (Serial No.)

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

NAME: Fagan, Dale E.

RANK: S/Sgt.

SERIAL NO: 37530473

DATE: 5 SEP 1947

AIR MAIL

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

In Reply Refer To
QMGM 293

15 August 1947

Spiess, Joseph D.
0-0 744 423

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

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

1. There is attached hereto, five copies QQMG Form 371 (covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

NAME	GRADE	SERIAL NO.
Spiess, Joseph D.	1st Lt.	0 744423

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

POOLE ROGERS
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (*Last, First, Middle Initial*)	GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
[redacted], Joseph B.	1st Lt.	0-764 433

ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (*If applicable*)
332nd Bomb Squadron 94th Bomb Group	White	Catholic	37 088 294

DATE OF DEATH/MIA DATE OF FOD	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
29 Nov. 1943	Killed in Action	European Area

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5' 5 3/4"	170	Brown	Brown	10½

DENTAL CHART 9 March 1945.

UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
X 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 X 8

LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
X 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 X 16

X = Extracted 0 = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
NO	NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 29

Plane B-17G was hit by enemy flak S.W. of Berlin. Ship went into a spin and only two were able to bailout. They were captured, next morning they were taken to the scene of the wreckage to identify ship and the rest of crew. They were (6) buried in a small Church Yard about 25 miles S.W. of Koblenz. Reports my navigator Brown could give specific location of the towns.

M.A.C.I. No. 13871 Attached.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—40006-1

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD 16 March 1945

[illegible] MISSING AIR CREW REPORT [illegible] 1571

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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

1. ORGANIZATION: LOCATION AAF Sta 138 COMMAND OR AIR FORCE 8th
GROUP 96th ; SQUADRON 339th ; DETACHMENT None
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE AAF Sta. 138 ; COURSE [illegible]
INTENDED DESTINATION Plauen, Germany ; TYPE OF MISSION Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6-8/10 Altostratus or haze, tops 18-20000 ft. 6/10 cirrus base 23000 ft.
4. GIVE: (A) DATE 19 March 1945 TIME 1404 ; AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT 5137N 1333 E
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER ( ) LAST SIGHTED; (X) LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO; ( ) FORCED DOWN; ( ) SEEN TO CRASH; OR ( ) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF [illegible] ONLY ONE: ( ) ENEMY AIRCRAFT; ( ) ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT; (X) OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS:
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES B-17G ; AAF SERIAL NO. 44-8704
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES R-1820-97 ; AAF SERIAL NO. (A) SW-031703 (B) SW-031711 (C) SW-031717 (D) SW-0340722
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)
(A) Frid 1327431 (B) Frid 1327519 (C) Frid 1329294 (D) Frid 1328049 (I) 1329579 Frid
(E) " 1320769 (F) " 1327886 (G) " 1320715 (H) JM 380003 (J) Frid 1328904
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY X
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 10 ; PASSENGERS 0 ; TOTAL 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars. If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
(1) PILOT	Jones, Francis H.	Capt.	O-764628	KIA
(2) CO-PILOT	Thomas, David L.	1st Lt.	O-7 570	"
(3) Nav.	Brown, Howard O.	1st Lt.	O-2062638	[illegible]
(4) Bombardier	Vandruff, George N.	1st Lt.	O-778834	KIA
(5) Mickey Oper	Spiess, Joseph D.	1st Lt.	O-741423	KIA
(6) Engineer	Roberts, Steele H.	T/Sgt.	33528462	RMC
(7) Radio Oper	Reifeld, Herbert J.	T/Sgt.	16135158	KIA
(8) Asst. Eng (WG)	Zaliesk, Martin T.	S/Sgt.	36608751	KIA
(9) Asst. Radio Oper (BT)	Facun, Dale E.	S/Sgt.	37539871	KIA
(10) Command Pilot	Burkhalow, Lyman D.	Capt.	O-809517	KIA
(11)				

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

NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Moore, Robert G.	1st Lt.	O-767615		X		
(2) Kearns, Edward F.	2nd Lt.	O-2066595				
(3)						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED ____ ; (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH ____ ; OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY)
13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See #16
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. None available
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE None made
16 A/C was hit by flak and the right wing started to burn fiercely. The a/c peeled off to the right, jettisoning its bombs at the same time. It went into a spin and broke up [illegible]

23 March 1945 /s/t/ Robert J. Lucas, 2nd Lt., Air Corps.
(Date of Report) (Signature of Preparing Officer)

Incl. 3

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)

Prepared by Memorial Division, OQMG
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CORRESPONDENCE AGTION WORK SHEET

Send Letter to Mrs. B. Spiess — mother
Relationship

#3771a Gibson Avenue
ADDRESS St. Louis, Missouri

Army Serial Number 0 744 423 Rank 1st Lt.

St. Louis Administration Center, St. Louis, Missouri

OPENING PARAGRAPH: 62-1 (62-2) 62-3 62-4

BURIAL INFORMATION: 6 6A 7 8 9 10 10A 11 12 12A 13 13A
14 (14A) 14B 15 16 17 20 21 22 22B

Temp. Cem.
Perm. Cem. ____ ____ ____ ____ ____
Plot Row Grave Name of Cem. City and Country

RETURN OF REMAINS: 78 79 81 82

OTHER PARAGRAPHS 23 24 26 27 28 29 30 35 36 40 41 42
43 51 53 54 55 56 57 58 58A 60 61 63A
63B 65 65A 65B 65C 65D 66 67 68 68A 69 70
73 74 76 84 85

INDORSEMENTS: To (AG (47 71)) To Ch of Chap (46 71)
To Other Agencies: (71)

PERSONAL EFFECTS: 50 64

SUSPEND_____ days

Copy of letter to AGO and Identification Section*

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS * * PERMANENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS
BUCK SLIP TO RECORDS SECTION
COPY TO ADJUTANT GENERAL

Dates of Letters for which Copies are Necessary to AAF:

OTHER:

NAME OF DECEASED
Spiess, Joseph B.
LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

CLOSING PARAGRAPH: (62-5) Regret Delay *

____ Sabins ____ ____
Letter to be Dated Analyst Typist Reviewer

* Note: Circle paragraph numbers and/or starred phrases that are applicable.

[redacted]
4766

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TO: Identification Section

Case name ~~Spiess, Joseph D., 0 744 423~~ 1st Lt.

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate, applicable to this case.

Miss Sabins
Correct
2610 "B"

Burial information not of record in this section this date.

5/19/47
Grant

Tab A

WAR DEPARTMENT

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE No. AGRS-DC

SUBJECT 293 Burial of First Lieutenant Joseph D. Spiess, O 744 423

TO The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C. FROM Demob Pers Rec Br, AGO, St. Louis 20, Missouri DATE 15 Apr 47 COMMENT No. 1 Ingram-S

The attached copy of communicstion from Mrs. Balbina Spiess, 4379a Gibson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, regarding subject is forwarded as a matter pertaining to the Office of the Quartermaster General. The writer has not been advised of this reference.

1 Incl
Cpy ltr 6 Dec 46

for E. C. GAULT, Col, AGD
Chief, DPRB

Tec & Pro 4-25-47 JM

WD AGO FORM 1 MAY 1946 897

COPY

St. Louis, Mo.
Dec 6, 1946

St. Louis Administration Center
Records Service Branch
4300 Goodfellow Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Am writing to find out if I can get any information on the record you have on my son, Lt. Joseph Spiess, #0744423, a Radar Operator who was killed in Germany March 19, 1945.

I have never had the particulars from the Government, other than he was killed, and a letter would follow giving particulars. I understand you have all the records on these boys now, and the main reason I am writing, is to find out if they ever found his body and the place of burial.

Will you kindly write and let me know, if you have any information on him, as after all I am just one of those misfortunate mothers who would desire nothing more in this world than to learn where he is buried.

Thanking you very much and hoping to hear from you real soon, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. B. Spiess
4379a Gibson Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

** Continuation of 2. Course

COURSE: Base - 5118N 0035E - 5152N 0035E - Clacton - 5123N 0140E - 5052N 0135E - 4952N 0302E - 4956N 0407E - 5009N 0450E - 5008N 0710E - 5025N 0900E - 5040N 1147E 5044N 1346E 5108N 1411E - 5129N 1353E - 5137N 1350E - 5137N 1333E.

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QMCMF 293 Spiess, Joseph D. 1st. Ind.
S. N. O 744 423

WD, OQMG, Washington, D. C., 3 June 1947

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

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl.
cc ltr 3 Jun 47

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BRANCH
JUN 4 17 PM '47
MEMORIAL DIVISION

QMGMF 293
Spiess, Joseph D.
S. N. 0 744 423

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

3 June 1947

Mrs. B. Spiess
4379-A Gibson Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spiess:

Your letter to the St. Louis Administration Center, St. Louis, Missouri concerning your son, the late First Lieutenant Joseph D. Spiess, has been referred to us for reply.

It is with deep regret that you are advised that, up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son has not been received in this office. An inquiry is being made to obtain information regarding his remains. Upon completion of this inquiry you will be advised as to the results.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., for direct reply regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of your son as that office has jurisdiction over matters of this nature.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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cc: AGO

Cross Reference Sheet

See letter to ETO, AGRC, APO 887, dated ~~10~~ 15 April 1946, requesting reports of burial for the following crew members:

1st Lt. David L. Thomas	0713570
Capt. Lyman D. Barkalow	0802517
S/Sgt. Dale E. Fagan	37530473
Capt. Francis M. Jones	0764688
T/Sgt. Herbert J. Rotfeld	16135148
1st Lt. Jos D. Spiess	0744423
1st Lt. George M. Vandruff	0776834
S/Sgt. Martin T. Zajicek	36698781

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER SPQYG 293 ~~Thomas David L. 0713570~~ 314.6 T/O European U.S. Misc (Reports of Burial)

X 293 Spiess, Jos D. 0744423

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GENERAL SUB-SECTION
REPATRIATION & RECORD BRANCH

AGO REPORT Time of Call ______ Time of Reply ______

Spiess Jos D | 1st Lt | O-744423
Name of Deceased | Rank | Serial No.

KIA 19 March 1945 | ______ | ______
Cause of Death | Correct Rank | Correct Serial No.

Emergency Addressee:

Name Mrs Balbina Spiess Relationship Mother

Address 4379 A Gibson, St. Louis Missouri.

Miss Lee | AGO 79111 | 30 May 46
Information Furnished By | Division and Extension | Date Furnished

______
Approved by Sub-Section Chief

18th Air Force
96 Bomb Gr. 339 Sqrd.

Full Report

CORRECTED COPY

Graves Registration Form No. 1 (Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

16 March 1953
Date

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SPIESS, Joseph D.		1/Lt	0-744423
Last Name	First	Initial	Rank	Serial No.
96th Bomb Gp		339th Bomb Sq		
Unit			Organization	

Vicinity of Wormiage, Germany	19 March 1945	Plane Crash
Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
1600 Hrs 6 Mar 53	Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	Frankfurt/Main, Germany
Time and Date of Burial	Name of Cemetery	Name or Coordinates of Location

181			
Grave Number	Row Number	Plot Number	Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified? NONE

SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on :

	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Right :					
Deceased's Left :					

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible, Organization of person furnishing above data when other than officer reporting burial.

If proof of identification tag is not affixed fill in below :

Emergency Addressee

Name

Address

Religion CATHOLIC

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

Previously designated X-9179
Griesheim/Main Mausoleum-- Grave 181.

Originally recovered as SR 505 from a mass burial of eight (8) deceased disinterred from a separate plot in the Church Cemetery of Wormiage (N-52/A-25), Germany.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting Burial

I. EISENSMITH Captain, QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

Height:
Weight:
Color of Eyes:
Color of Hair:
Race:

Laundry Marks:
Number of Rifle:
Wear Glasses?
Is Tooth Chart Attached?

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

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

TOOTH CHART

Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

Indicate missing natural teeth by ○; fillings by △; Bridges by ⌒; caps over teeth by □; replacements by artificial teeth

Operator No.:

Date:

Upper

Lower

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

HEADQUARTERS
7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757 US ARMY

Joseph D. SPIESS	1/Lt	O-744 423
(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)

previously buried as Unknown X- 9179, USMC Oriesheim/Main Mausoleum
Identification is approved in accordance with letter, WD AGAO-S 293.9, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947, and par 118b, SR-830-110-5, DA, dated 3 March 1949, by the following members of the Board of Review, appointed by par 6, SO 209, Headquarters, Frankfurt Military Post, dated 12 September 1952.

Maj H. O. YOUNG, O-319334, QMC
(President)

Capt ISADORE EISENSMITH, O-1587230, QMC

APPROVED 23 April 53
J. C. MacFARLAND
Lt. Col. QMC
Identification Section
Memorial Division, QMC

Capt FRANCIS M. SIMON, O-1590810, QMC

1st Lt AMIT J. PRICE, O-2011675, QMC

1st Lt THEODORE R. PETERSON, O-1688748, QMC

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST			Date 12 March 1953
Unknown X-No. or other designation	Cemetery	Plot	Row	Grave
X-9179	Griesheim/Main Mausoleum			181
Identified as:	Joseph D. SPIESS 0-744 423 1/Lt.	96th Bomb Gp 339th Bomb Sq		

ITEM	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	UNKNOWN
Date and place of death	X		
Cause of death	X		
Dental Chart	X		
Color Hair	X		
Estimated Height	X		
Estimated Weight	X		
Estimated Age	X		
Scars, Fractures, etc.			X
Laundry Marks	X		
Shoe Size			X
Type Clothing	X		
Identification Tag			X
Personal Effects			X
Enemy Records			X
Emergency Medical Tag			X
Pay Book (EM/OFF)			X
Signed Statement of Identity			X
Statement of Civilians	X		

REMARKS: 1/Lt Joseph D. SPIESS was one (1) of eight (8) casualty crew members of US A/C B-17G #44-8704 which crashed near RUHLAND (N-52/A-23), Germany on 19 March 1945. The remains designated X-9179 is one (1) of eight (8) US Air Force deceased recovered from a separate plot in the Church Cemetery at WORMLAGE (N-52/A-25), Germany. Identifying media listed above in addition to anthroplolgical findings indicates conclusively that Unknown X-9179 represents the remains of 1/Lt SPIESS.

Wesley A. Jeep

WESLEY A. JEEP US DAC GS-7
48 12144

OQMG Form 1908
21 Jun 48 (Reproduced)

SR 505

DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

UNKNOWN X-9179 (Griesheim/Main Mausoleum)			NAME SPIESS, Joseph D. 1st Lt O-744 423 ESN : 37 058 294		
R-8	Maxilla Missing	)	R-8	X	
R-7	oA	broken	R-7	oA	
R-6	doA	broken	R-6	doA	
R-5			R-5		
R-4			R-4		
R-3			R-3		
R-2	MSD		R-2		
R-1	MSD		R-1		
L-1			L-1		
L-2	MSD		L-2		
L-3			L-3		
L-4			L-4		
L-5			L-5		
L-6	X (10 mm)		L-6	X	X *
L-7	oA	broken	L-7	oA	X *
L-8	X		L-8	X	oA*
R-16	X		R-16	X	
R-15	oA	broken	R-15	oA	
R-14	oA		R-14	oA	
R-13			R-13		
R-12			R-12		
R-11	MSD		R-11		
R-10		chipped at death	R-10		
R-9	crowded lingually	chipped at death	R-9		
L-9		chipped at death	L-9	Protruded - slight open bite	
L-10	crowded lingually		L-10		
L-11			L-11		
L-12		chipped	L-12		
L-13		chipped	L-13		
L-14	oA	chipped	L-14	oA	
L-15	oA	chipped	L-15	oA	
L-16	X		L-16	X	
ESTIMATED HEIGHT 6'0½"			HEIGHT 5'10 3/4"		
ESTIMATED WEIGHT 160 - 180			WEIGHT 157 - 170		
ESTIMATED AGE Approx 30			AGE 29 yrs	(KIA: 19 Mar 1945 (DOB: 19 Mar 1916	
HAIR Brown	Race White	Fractures None noted	HAIR Brown	Race White	Shoe 10½

REMARKS Remains Processed - March 1953

NOTE: Remains are intact from 6th thoracic vertebra down to feet

Dental: FPDIF dated 1 September 1944
*DIR dated 20 July 1944

Electrically heated flying suit "Type A-9" size 42; cotton shorts w/marking "S-1611"; web waist belt w/officer type buckle; white cotton undershirt, wool OD shirt

No available records of fractures, breaks and/or bone malformations

Recovered from cemetery at Wormlage, Germany
Estimated Date of Death - 19 March 1945

Mickey Operator

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(Germany M-52) 4214

BERLIN DETACHMENT (PROV)
FIRST FIELD COMMAND
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
BERLIN, GERMANY

19 Oct 1948

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION
Senftenberg (M-52/4-34)

At 0930 hrs, 19 Oct 1948, the undersigned with Sgt. Altman, a Soviet escort officer from Karlshorst and a Soviet Major with a German civilian interpreter from the Kommandantura called on Burgermeister Hans Weise in his office in Senftenberg. We had asked to be taken to the Standesamt to check the Kreis records but were refused this request.

The head of the Standesamt, Max Beschoff, was summoned. He brought no records with him but he was sure that, as far as his records were concerned, all Americans who had been buried in cemeteries in his Kreis were disinterred and taken away by American troops. He did, however, say that his records were incomplete because Allied deceased had been buried in Kreis cemeteries and cemetery officials had neglected to furnish the Standesamt with information of all burials, especially during the latter part of 1944 and the early part of 1945.

The Soviets were not cooperative. The Burgermeister's words were carefully checked by them. He was told that he could help us in a quiet sort of way but that there could be no Bekanntmachungen or any inquiries that would attract public attention. It appeared that the Burgermeister wanted to help us but could do nothing under restriction for he said that our stay in his Kreis was too short to accomplish our mission; and that people or officials summoned before us would not talk. He said that he would quietly canvass his entire Kreis and that he felt sure that in two weeks he would be able to give us the exact location of any isolated graves in his area.

Accordingly all the pertinent facts in cases in Calau, Drebkau and Gr. Ransdhen were given to him.

A report should be received from him in about three weeks.

PAUL M. CLARK
Lt. Col. FA
Commanding

THE FOLLOWING MARKINGS AND/OR NAMES APPEARING ON ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT RECOVERED WITH SUBJECT CASES (X-9177 thru X-9184, Griesheim/Main Mans) HAVE BEEN VERIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECT CASES

BARKALOW, L. D., 0-802517 - Casualty of A/C #44-3704 (X-9184)

TEXAS, D. L. - Casualty of A/C #44-3704 (X-9180)

T-3570 - Laundry marking of D. L. TEXAS, casualty

Z-3781 - Laundry marking of MARTIN T. ZAJICEK, casualty (X-9177)

1688 - Last four digits of the SN of FRANCIS M. JONES, casualty (X-9183)

CANNOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECT CASES

S-1588 - No record

S-1611 - (1) SIMON, LAWRENCE A., Pvt, 15171611 (DOD not entered on roster)

(2) SMOLOWSKI, ALEXANDER, 61161611 (DOD - 20 Jul 42)

S-935- - (1) "S-9352" - SKILLAND, JACK B., 1/Lt, 0-689352, A/C (DOD - 20-11-44)

(2) "S-9354" - SPICER, RICHARD W., S/Sgt, 15329354, A/C (DOD - 16-12-43)

(3) "S-9359" - SUNTAD, WARREN H., 2/Lt, 0-689352, A/C (DOD - 13-4-44)

SIMON, O. K., 22 082 747 - Non-casualty

THOMPSON, CLYDE W. - Non-casualty

Graves Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised) Sept. 1948)

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

6 March 1953
Date

Last Name	First	Initial	Rank	Serial No.
~~UNKNOWN X-9179~~ SPIESS,	JOSEPH	D.	~~UNK~~ 1/Lt.	~~UNK~~ 0-744423

Unit	Organization
UNK	UNK

Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
Vicinity of WORMLAGE, Germany	19 March 1945	Plane Crash

Time and Date of Burial	Name of Cemetery	Name or Coordinates of Location
1600 Hrs 6 Mar 53	Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Grave Number	Row Number	Plot Number	Type of Marker
181			

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified ? NONE

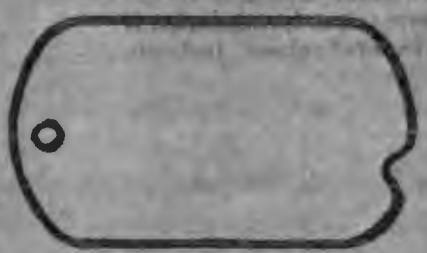
See Corrected S/R dated 16 March '53. MAF.
What means of identification were buried with the body ?

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

Who is buried on :

	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Right :					
Deceased's Left :					

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If piece of identification tag is not affixed fill in bellow :

Emergency Address of _____ Name

Address

Religion

Release Made 5/25/53 POW

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

Recovered as SR 505 from a mass burial of eight (8) deceased recovered from a separate plot in the cemetery of WORMLAGE (N-52/A-25), Germany.

I. EISENSMITH

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

I. EISENSMITH Captain, QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

Height:
Weight:
Color of Eyes:
Color of Hair:
Race:

Laundry Marks:
Number of Rifle:
Wear Glasses?
Is Tooth Chart Attached?

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

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

Left Hand

Right Hand

TOOTH CHART

Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

Indicate missing natural teeth by x; crowns by □; fillings by ▪; bridges by ⊏⊐; artificial teeth by artificial teeth.

Chronological Age

Other Data

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

SR 505

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN	2. DATE OF REPORT
X-9179	6 March 1953

3. NAME OF CEMETERY	4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT	7. DATE OF REINTERMENT
Griesheim/Main Mausoleum			181		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED ~~SEX~~ AGE	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT	10. COLOR OF HAIR	11. RACE
Approx 30 Yrs	6' - 0 1/2"	Brown	White

12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS

None

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES

None

14. WAS BODY BURNED?	TO WHAT EXTENT?
☐ YES ☒ NO	
15. WAS BODY MANGLED?	TO WHAT EXTENT?
☒ YES ☐ NO	Slightly. See attached skeletal chart.

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

None noted

17. LIST EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, MARKINGS, SERVICE, ETC. *(If laundry marks are indistinct such notation should be made and specimen forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area)*

REMNANTS OF: Electrically heated flying suit "Type A-9"...Size 42.
Cotton shorts "B. V. D." w/marking "S-1611"
Web waist belt w/officer type buckle
White cotton undershirt
Wool OD shirt

- -

Technician : W. A. Neep

Anthropologist : Prof. E. Breitinger

SKELETAL CHART

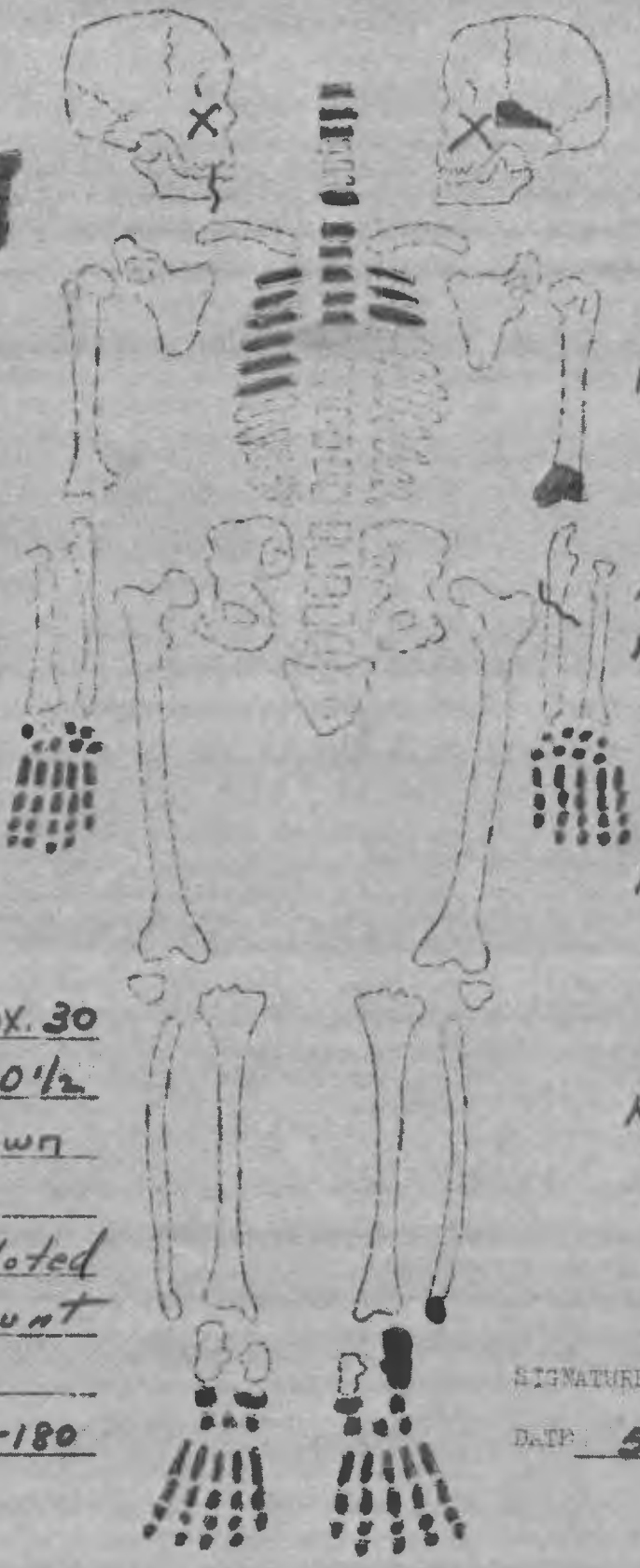
(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT PRESENT)

SR 505

X-9179

Griesheim/M

Grave 181



NOTE:
Remains are intact from 6th thoracic vert. down to feet

R/HUMERUS 35.9 cm

R/ULNA 29.0 cm

R/RADIUS 27.0 cm

R/FEMUR 48.9 cm

TIBIA 40.2 cm

R/FIBULA 40.0 cm

EST. AGE Approx. 30

EST. HEIGHT 6-0½

COLOR HAIR Brown

HEALED FRACTURES

None Noted

FLESH Lg. Amount

BURNED No

EST. WEIGHT 160-180

SIGNATURE W. A. Heep

DATE 5 March 1953

HEADQUARTERS
7770 QUARTERMASTER MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757 US ARMY

11 March 1953

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : Deferred Search
PROCESSING DIRECTIVE : 215
SEARCH AND RECOVERY CASES : 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509 and 510

IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT

1. Search and Recovery Cases 503 thru 510 were recently recovered from a separate plot in the cemetery at NORMLAGE (M-52/4-25), Germany. A statement by the pastor of the Church at Normlage indicates this group of eight (8) deceased were crew members of a US Bomber which crashed 19 March 1945 near the village Normlage. Preliminary inspection of these remains revealed the presence of large quantities of US Air Force clothing and equipment. Date and location of crash is in agreement with available records for US A/C B-17G #44-6704 which crashed 19 March 1945 near Ruhland, Germany in the vicinity of Normlage. Two (2) crew members were returned to military control and eight (8) crew members were casualties.

2. The eight (8) deceased were recovered as a mass burial and were received in a co-mingled condition. Segregation was accomplished according to size, age, teeth, articulation and markings on clothing found on sections of the remains. Three (3) Mae West type life preservers were found with the names "CLIDE W. THOMPSON", "G.E. SNIDER, 22844747" and "BRADY...", but there is no indication in records this headquarters that any of these airmen were casualties.

3. Pending approval of identification by O.M.G. tentative Unknown "X" numbers for Griesheim/Main Mausoleum have been assigned these eight (8) deceased as indicated below:

SR 503 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9177 Crypt 179
SR 504 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9178 Crypt 180
SR 505 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9179 Crypt 181
SR 506 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9180 Crypt 182
SR 507 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9181 Crypt 183
SR 508 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9182 Crypt 184
SR 509 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9183 Crypt 185
SR 510 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9184 Crypt 186

4. Physical characteristics have been compared with like data on O.M.G. Forms 371 for the subject casualties as shown below:

		HEIGHT	AGE	WEIGHT	HAIR	SHOE
X-9177	(Remains)	5'-7½"	20-21 Yrs	160-180 Lbs	BLACK	10½ E
S/Sgt ZAJICEK	(Fm. 371)	5'-7"	20-21 Yrs	173 Lbs	BLACK	10½ EE

This remains is of decidedly stocky proportions. The right leg joins the distal portion of right tibia which was removed from a size 10½ E service shoe. The length of the right femur and tibia corresponds exactly with the given height for ZAJICEK and the shoe size is correct. It is possible that this shoe size was actually 10½ EE but the condition of the inner sole reveals only one "E". Teeth for ZAJICEK were recovered from cases X-9180 and X-9184. The shattered skull articulates with the vertebral column which is complete down to and including the 9th thoracic vertebra. Subject skull and vertebrae cannot be associated with any of the other casualties.

X-9178	(Remains)	5'-4½"	22-23 Yrs	120-140 Lbs	BROWN	Fav.
T/Sgt BOTFELD	(Fm. 371)	5'-5"	22½ Yrs	143 Lbs	BROWN	8½ D

Teeth for BOTFELD are intact in the skull and mandible which were found with this remains. This remains is definitely the shortest and smallest of the group and is in agreement only with characteristics of T/Sgt BOTFELD. Remnants of cotton shorts found with this case had the marking "B-935(?)" which does not agree with any of the available serial numbers for subject casualties but the "initial" agrees with BOTFELD, the only casualty of this crew whose name begins with the letter "B". Subject clothing marking may represent a commercial laundry marking for T/Sgt BOTFELD. Articulation of skull with vertebral column is not possible because the first and third cervical vertebrae are missing. Size and age characteristics of the skull preclude the possibility of associating this skull with any of the associated casualties where first cervical vertebrae are also missing.

X-9179	(Remains)	6'-0½"	Approx 30 Yrs	160-190 Lbs	BROWN	-
1/Lt SPIESS	(Fm. 371)	5'-10 3/4"	29 Yrs	170 Lbs	BROWN	10½

This remains is intact from the sixth thoracic vertebra down to the feet. Cotton shorts removed from around the hip area of this remains bore the marking "S-1611". 1/Lt SPIESS was the only casualty of this crew whose name begins with "S". Although the numbers of subject marking do not compare with the last four digits of either the enlisted or officer serial numbers for Lt SPIESS it is possible this is a commercial laundry marking. The estimated age based upon the intact portions of the pelvic girdle (pubic symphyses) indicates an age of approximately 30 years. This age is favorable for only two of the

subject casualty crew members, Capt. BARKALOW and 1/Lt SPIERS. Upper torso portions including thoracic vertebrae numbers 3 thru 8 identified as the upper torso of Capt. BARKALOW (by ID tags in shirt pocket and pilot wings pinned over pocket) can be articulated only with lower vertebrae in case X-9184. The fact that these upper torso portions for Capt BARKALOW cannot be associated with the intact lower torso of X-9179 is further proof that X-9179 represents the remains of 1/Lt SPIERS. Teeth for Lt. SPIERS were recovered from cases X-9180 and X-9184. The maxillary bone (with teeth) joins the skull which was one of three skulls found with X-9180. It is not possible to articulate this skull with the remains because the first three cervical vertebrae are missing.

X-9180	(Remains)	5'-9½"	Aprx 23 Yrs	160-180 Lbs	Brown	--
1/Lt THOMAS	(Fm.371)	5'-10"	22 - 23 Yrs	176 Lbs	Brown	9½ E

1/Lt bar and clothing markings "T-3570" found twice on a wool OD shirt removed from this remains are in agreement with rank, initial and last four digits of serial numberfor 1/Lt THOMAS. The portion of wool drawers bearing the marking "X-8781" (ZAJICEK) was found loose with this case and not actually on the remains. Teeth for Lt. THOMAS, found with this case, join the skull and the skull articulates with the first six (6) cervical vertebrae. Subject cervical vertebrae can not be associated with any of the other casualty crew members which is additional proof that this case represents the remains of 1/Lt THOMAS.

X-9181	(Remains)	6'-0 3/8"	21 - 23 Yrs	190-210 Lbs	Brown	—
1/Lt VANDERUFF	(Fm. 371)	6'-0"	21 - 22 Yrs	196 Lbs	Brown	9½ AA

Skeletal portions in this case are decidedly heavy and strong which is in agreement with height and weight of Lt. VANDERUFF. A wool shirt found with this remains had "Bombardier" wings pinned over the pocket and is in agreement with duty assignment of Lt. VANDERUFF as indicated on the MACR for subject aircraft. A portion of wool shirt with laundry tab bearing the marking "D.L. THOMAS" found with this case is a portion of the shirt found case X-9180. Teeth for Lt. VANDERUFF were found with this case. It is not possible to join the portion of left maxilla to the skull or articulate the mandible with the skull because portions of the skull are missing. The massive features of the mandible, however, are in agreement with like features of the skull.

X-9182	(Remains)	5'-8 7/8"	19 - 20 Yrs	120-140 Lbs	Brown	--
S/Sgt FAGAN	(Fm. 371)	5'-8½"	20 - 21 Yrs	127 Lbs	Brown	9 A

This case consists of the portions representing the youngest and proportionately smallest skeletal remains. The skull articulates with the first cervical vertebra and although several vertebrae of this column are missing there is a definite congruity which determines that all vertebrae present are for one and the same deceased. The left portion of mandible with teeth identified as those of S/Sgt FAGAN was found with this case and the articulating head of this mandible coincides more favorably with the glenoid fossa present with the skull in this case than in any of the associated cases.

X-9183	(Remains)	5'-1 1/8"	22 - 24 Yrs	180 - 200 Lbs	Brown	11-D
Capt JONES	(Fm 371)	5'-0"	22 - 23 Yrs	184 Lbs	Brown	11-D

This case first consisted of upper torso portions of Capt BARKALOW (confirmed by wool shirt removed with two ID tags and ID card found in pocket, pilot wings pinned over pocket, age, height and weight of skeletal portions) and lower torso portions of Capt JONES (confirmed by marking on wool drawers and size of shoes removed from feet). The right foot with size 11-D shoe was found with this case while the left foot with size 11-D shoe was found with X-9177. Each of these feet were removed from heavy wool socks with laundry tabs marked "S-1508". This marking does not coincide with available casualty listings on file this headquarters. The possibility that these are the feet of 1/Lt SPIERS can be disproved by the fact that X-9179, consisting of complete lower torso with legs and portions of feet intact, has been identified as the remains of Lt. SPIERS on the basis of age, height, weight and clothing marking. In addition, the shoe size is perfect for Capt. JONES but is too large for Lt. SPIERS.

X-9184	(Remains)	5' - 0 3/8"	Aprx 30 Yrs	180 - 200 Lbs	Brown	--
Capt BARKALOW	(Fm 371)	5' - 10"	30 Yrs	184 Lbs	Dk Brn	10½ EE

The upper torso portions of this remains were found with X-9183 and were removed from a wool shirt having two (2) ID tags and an ID card for Capt BARKALOW in the pocket. Pilot wings were found pinned over this pocket. The upper portion of vertebral column now joins perfectly with the lower portion of the vertebral column of this (X-9184) case. Teeth for BARKALOW were also removed from X-9183 and placed with this case. It is not possible to articulate the teeth with the skull or vertebral column because vertebrae and skull portions are missing. There is evidence of a healed fracture at the sternal half of the right clavicle.

5. CAUSE OF DEATH: Extremely shattered condition of the casualties and the presence of large quantities of US Air Force clothing and equipment indicate that death was caused by plane crash.

Wesley A. Neff
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US DAC GS-7
Lab. Identification Techn.

M. Breitinger
M. BREITINGER
Professor, Institute of Anthropology
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Frankfurt/Main, Germany

HEADQUARTERS
7770 USARMUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757 US ARMY

17 February 1953

N52/L21A

REPORT OF RECOVERY

On 13 February 1953, the undersigned accepted eight remains recovered from Wormlage (N/52/A-25) as remains of USAAF deceased.

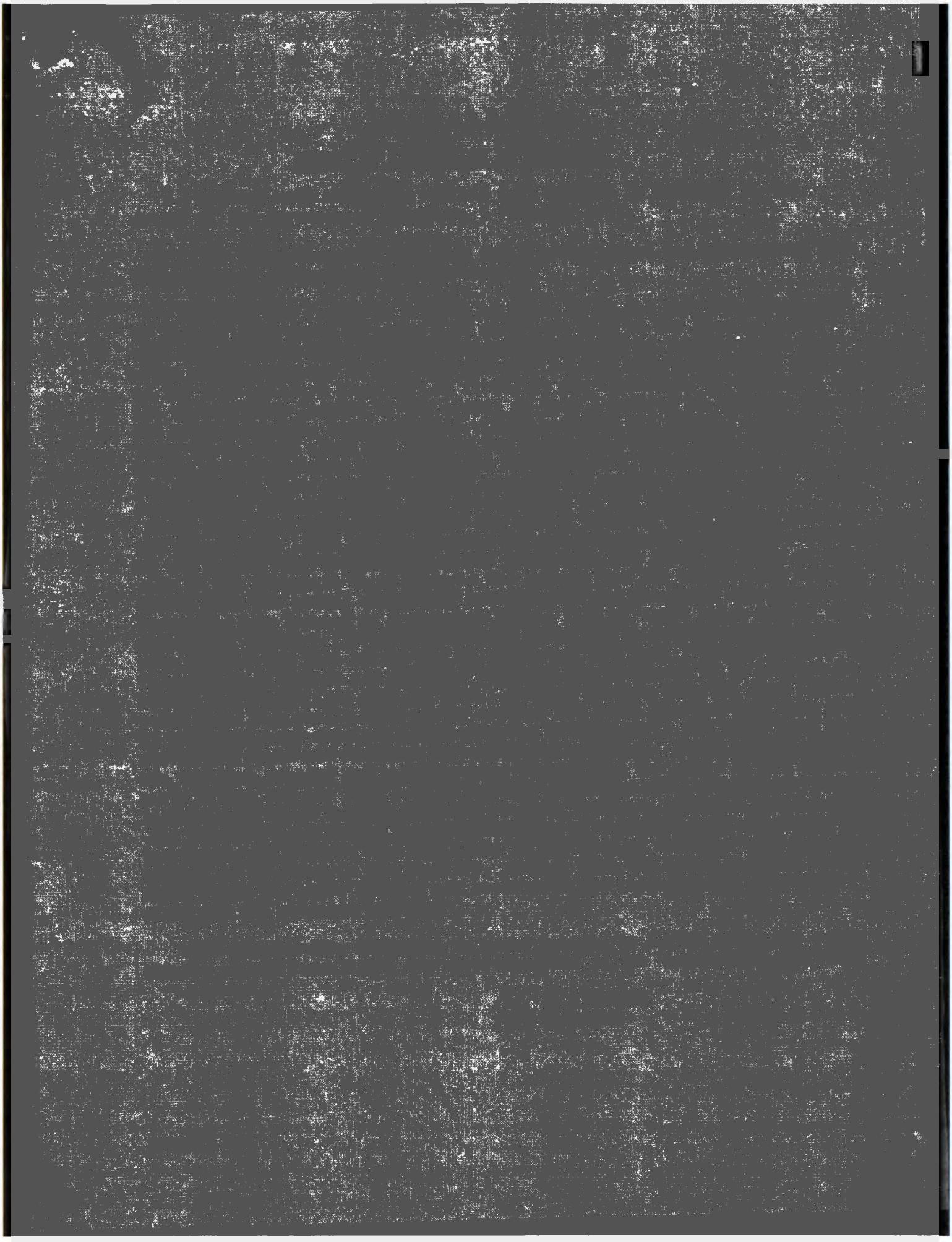
Preliminary processing revealed remnants of USAAF equipment and clothing.

Report of Exhumation conducted, statement of Pastor Bauer of Wormlage, and cemetery sketch are attached as Exhibits A, B, and C.

Place of crash occurred approximately 500 meters northeast of village Wormlage (N-52/A-85) Germany.

Remains were evacuated under evacuation numbers E-R 503 thru 510.

H.A. SCHARPER
USMAC R-309242
Investigator



Translation

Protestant Parrish
Wormlage (W.-L.)
via Altenahern

Wormlage, 5 February 1953

REPORT OF EXHUMATION

On 5 February 1953 the remains of the eight (8) airmen of US nationality who crashed on 19 March 1945 were disinterred by Herr KIELMANN with the permission of the Ministry of the Interior. Particular attention is invited to the fact that two of the airmen were burned beyond recognition. The bodies had been partly recovered from trees. At the disinterment, it was determined that the remains were entirely intermingled and entangled and recovery operations were particularly difficult due to the location of the remains in a decomposition liquid up to appr. 20 cm depth. However, it is to be emphasized that by order of Herr KIELMANN no skeletal remains and no other remains were left behind here. Even the liquidy muddy substance at the bottom of the grave was meticulously examined by Herr KIELMANN.

The remains are being evacuated with the aid of motor vehicle O.B. 035-290 to Berlin.

Seal of the Church at Wormlage

/s/ Egner

Priest

EXHIBIT "F"

N-52/4214

CEMETERY OF WORMLAGE

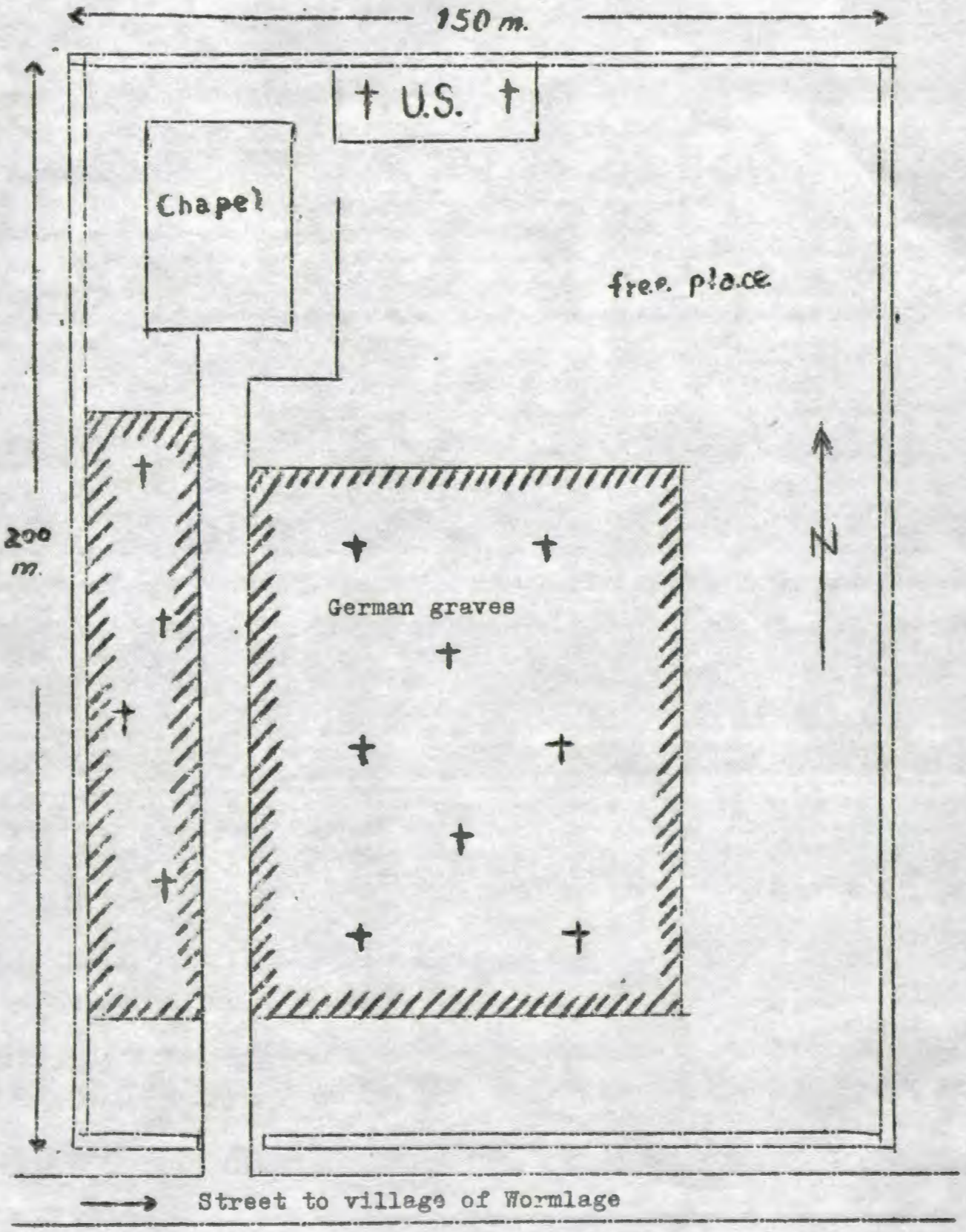


Exhibit C

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 27 Jul 45 AM/3831

FULL NAME	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE
SPIESS, JOSEPH D.	0 744 423	1st LT
HOME ADDRESS	**ARM OR SERVICE**	**DATE OF BIRTH**
Saint Louis, Mo.	AC	19 Mar 18
PLACE OF DEATH	**CAUSE OF DEATH**	**DATE OF DEATH**
European Area	Killed in action	19 Mar 45
STATION OF DECEASED	**DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE**	**LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES** (YEARS, MONTHS, DAYS)
European Area	8 May 43	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (*Name, relationship, and address*)

Mrs Balbino Spiess, mother, 4379A Gibson Ave., Saint Louis, Mo.

BENEFICIARY (*Name, relationship, and address*)

Mrs Balbino Spiess, mother, same as above.
Miss Agnes L. Spiess, sister, same as above.

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

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

[X] BATTLE [ ] NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 19 Mar 45, until such absence was terminated on 24 Jul 45, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

L E Thompson

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AG 201	NAME: SPIESS JOSEPH D ASN 0- 744 423	GRADE: 1 LT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED: 03
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	MRS. BALBINA SPIESS 4379 A GIBSON AVENUE ST LOUIS, MISSOURI		DATE TELEGRAM SENT: 10 01 09 3 APRIL 1945

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

RELATIONSHIP SON

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
1 LT	SPIESS JOSEPH D HAS BEEN	O-744423	AC	ETO	S	090

TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY DAY	MONTH	YEAR	CASUALTY CODE
MISSING IN ACTION OVER	GERMANY SINCE	19	MAR	45	9

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FUM/LR/cs

466154 17 March 1947

Mrs. Balbino Spiess
4379 A Gibson Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spiess:

Thank you for the information recently given the Army Effects Bureau in connection with the disposal of personal property of your son, First Lieutenant Joseph D. Spiess.

This property, consisting of two pilot log books, is being sent to you under separate cover.

If, for some reason, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this letter, please notify me so tracer can be instituted.

Yours very truly,

P. U. MAXEY
Lt Col, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

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Mrs. Balbino Spiess
4379a Gibson Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

1st Lt. Joseph D. Spiess
0-744423
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DAMAGED

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
none	Mother Mrs Bobbina Spiess 4379 ~ Gibson ave St Louis Mo.
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE

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	BOND		SYMBOL		ORIG. REG. MAIL
	TRAV. CHECK				TO G. A. O.
	FOREIGN CURRENCY		AMOUNT		MUTILATED
	U. S. CURRENCY				TO ISSUING AGENCY

DATE

BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE

PAYEE

REMITTER OR DRAWER

TALLY NO. ✓	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE ✓	BOX NO.	SHEET ___ OF ___ SHEETS
6824		25 Feb 47		

NAME: Joseph D. Spiess ✓ — S. S. N. —

ORGANIZATION: Air Forces — RANK: Avn Cadet ✓ — CASE NO.

WAREHOUSE SPACE: 177	EXAMINED BY: B. Smith
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION: Wgt	PACKED BY:
WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY:
	STORED BY:

- DIARY REMOVED
- PHOTO FILM REMOVED
- MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED

SHIPPED — DATE: MAR 18 1947 — BY WHOM: RD

EFF. GR FORM 11 (15 JUNE 45) 3600 LABEL, E.C. 8-17-45

CHECKED PT-R

COPY
KCQMD
AEB/fm

AGCM-M (11 Feb 47) 11 February 1947

SUBJECT: Disposition of Personal Diaries and Pilot Log Books

TO: Effects Quartermaster
Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
Kansas City 1, Missouri

1. Forwarded for return to the owners or their next of kin, whichever the case may be, are the following personal diaries, pilot log books, and bombardier log books which were found in the records of Organization Records Branch, Records Administration Center, AGO, during processing and searching operations (Inclosures #1 thru #6, respectively):

a. David Bobak, 33,768,109, personal diary.

b. Harry A. Dresser, 1st Lt., 02027122, personal diary

c. Edgar T. C. May, A/C, (ASN unknown), pilot log book

d. Joseph D. Spiess, Bombardier, (ASN unknown), pilot log book

e. Joseph D. Spiess, A/C, (ASN unknown), bombardier individual log book

2. Representatives of both Civil Affairs Division, WDSS, and Intelligence Division, WDGS, have examined the above-mentioned records and have indicated no interest therein. With the concurrency of those offices, these books are forwarded to the Army Effects Bureau for appropriate Disposition.

3. Similar records found in the future at Records Administration Center, AGO, will be forwarded direct to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/s/ Charles D. Bordman
Adjutant General

6 Incls:
Personal diaries of:
1. David Bobak
2. Harry A. Dresser
Pilot log books of:
3. Joseph D. Spiess
4. Edgar T. C. May
Bombardier individual log book of:
5. Joseph D. Spiess

SAVE

KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 465154

PUM/CB/bj
4 March 1947

Mrs. Balbino Spiess
4379A Gibson Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spiess:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, First Lieutenant Joseph D. Spiess.

It is my intention to forward this property to you; however, in view of the lapse of time since our previous correspondence, I shall appreciate it if you will first confirm your address.

Your reply may be made at the foot of this letter, if desired, and mailed in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

P. U. MAKEY
Lt Col, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

1 Incl—
Envelope

Mrs. Balbino Spiess
4379A Gibson Ave.
St. Louis (10) Mo.

[redacted]

EFF. QM Form
(28 June 45) 37

EXPEDITE MEMO — TO WAREHOUSE DIVISION

DATE	PRIORITY	CASE NO.
[redacted]		

NAME (ON TALLY) [redacted]

A.S.N.	RANK	STATUS

TALLY NO.	BAY	PALLET	BOX	TYPE CONTAINER

WHSE. LOCATION (POST-INVENTORY)	REQUESTED BY	APPROVED BY
	[redacted]	

- [ ] COMPLETE INVENTORY
- [ ] TRANSMITTAL INVENTORY
- [ ] CLEAN BLOOD STAINED ITEMS
- [ ] ATTACH ALL PAPERS
- [ ] CHECK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- [ ] DO NOT LAUNDER OR CLEAN
- [ ] LAUNDER AND CLEAN IF NECESSARY
- [ ] DETERMINE IF OWNER IS
- [ ] FLAG TALLY IN

SHIP	NAME
TO	ADDRESS

REMARKS: ADM. DIV. [redacted]

REMARKS: WHSE. DIV.

file

5-17-46

Joseph B. [illegible], O-[illegible], Case [illegible], Trans. Space F

Carl Gagliardi, [illegible], Case [illegible], Trans. Space F

Joseph T [illegible], [illegible], Case [illegible], Trans. Space F

James C. [illegible], O-[illegible], Case [illegible], Trans. Space F

George H. [illegible], [illegible], Case [illegible], Trans. Space F

SAVE

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

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

465154
IN REPLY REFER TO:

KTB:VK:kl
November 16, 1945

Dear Mrs. Spiess:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, First Lieutenant Joseph D. Spiess.

These effects, contained in two cartons, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY NIEMIEC
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Correspondence Branch

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11/19

AMOUNT OF CHECK

ACCOUNT NUMBER

NOTE DISCREPANCY IN
- NAME
- SERIAL NUMBER
- RANK

INCLOSE VALUABLES
SHIP VALUABLES

VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)

RECIPIENT FROM
- CASUALTY REPORT
- INVENTORY
- FORM 20
- LETTER

NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
- ENVELOPE
- 2 CARTONS
- PACKAGE
- FOOT LOCKER

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
- REMOVE GI
- SHIP BLOODSTAINED
- SHIP DAMAGED
- REMOVE BL'DSTAINED
- REMOVE DAMAGED
- FILMS REMOVED
- DIARY REMOVED

Mrs. Balbino Spiess
4379A Gibson Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

1st Lt. Joseph D. Spiess
O-714423
466154 D

RTB:VK:mfc

SUMMARY COURT DATA

DATE OF FINDING

APPLICANT

DATE ACTION TAKEN 19 Nov 45

MAIL REVIEWER (initials)

REMARKS

1 J 96
2 - PP
1 Ch mw 10-1-45 PP

SHIPPED
- FRANKED
- EXPRESS
- FREIGHT

DATE SHIPPED NOV 28 1945

SHIPPING CLERK

ROUTING
- ACCOUNTING BRANCH
- WAREHOUSE
- FILE

ORDER FOR ACTION

EFF OM FORM 14
10 OCT 1945

S 4423 E   182024   S -4423

LAUNDRY INVENTORY
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

465,154 md

DRY CLEANING	Do not use		LAUNDRY		Do not use
TROUSERS, WOOL			SHIRTS, WOOL		
COAT, SERVICE, WOOL		1	TROUSERS, COTTON	22	1
OVERCOAT, LONG			TIE, COTTON		
OVERCOAT, SHORT, WOOL		9	UNDERSHIRTS, COTTON	36	9
CAP, GARRISON			SHIRTS, DRESS, COTTON		
CAP, SERVICE		9	DRAWERS, COTTON	36	9
TIES, WOOL			SWEATSHIRTS, COTTON OR WOOL		
GLOVES, LEATHER OR WOOL			DRAWERS, WOOL		
SCARFS, SILK, RAYON, OR WOOL		2	SOCKS, COTTON, PR.	08	2
SWEATERS		1	SOCKS, WOOL, PR.	06	1
TRUNKS, SWIM			PAJAMA TOPS		
LEGGINGS			PAJAMA BOTTOMS		
BATHROBES			FATIGUES, 1 PC., COTTON		
BED ROLL			FATIGUES, TOPS, COTTON		
COMFORTER			FATIGUES, TROUSERS, COTTON		
			FATIGUES, CAP		
			BELT, COTTON		
			TOWEL, HAND	20	
		5	TOWEL, BATH		5
		1	CLOTH, WASH	02	1
			GLOVES, COTTON		
			JACKET, FIELD		
			SUPPORTERS, ATHLETIC		
			HANDKERCHIEFS		
			SCARFS, COTTON		
			CASE, PILLOW		
			TRUNKS, GYM		
			SHEETS, COTTON	12	
		1	BAGS, BARRACKS		1
				142	

TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET ___ OF ___ SHEETS
4808		7 Oct 45		

NAME: Joseph W. Spiess — A. S. N. 0-749423

ORGANIZATION — RANK: Lt. — CASE NO.

WAREHOUSE SPACE: OK 456

EXAMINED BY: Gibler.

SUPERVISOR'S OK: MC

LAUNDRY REMOVED FROM FOOTLOCKER ☐

LISTED BY: Vaughn

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION: 7 Nov 45 — WEIGHT

CHECKED BY: Steller

SHIPPED — DATE: NOV 28 1945 — BY WHOM

CHECKED AND PACKED BY

EFF. OR FORM III. (18 JUNE 45) 40M LABUS. E C 6-17-45

AIR CORPS FORM NO. 104A
APPROVED JULY 20, 1937

SHIPPING TICKET

PREPARED BY

DATE

SHIPPING OFFICER'S VOUCHER NO.

SHIPPING ORDER: CLASS NO.

CONSIGNOR 339TH BOMB SQ. (H) AAF. 6 APRIL 1945

CONSIGNEE EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER,
ETOUSA WAREHOUSE DIVISION
STANLEY WAREHOUSE
LIVERPOOL

ACCOUNTABILITY

DATE SHIPPED

AUTH. OR REQ. NO.

SHIP BY

B/L NO.

ROUTING

INSPECTED BY

SELECTED BY

PACKED BY

STOCK LOCATION	ITEM	QUANTITY ORDERED	QUANTITY CHANGED TO	UNIT	PART NO.	NAME	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
		1		EA		BOX, WOODEN. (PERSONAL EFFECTS OF: JOSEPH D. SPIESS, 1ST. LT. O-744423, WHO IS MISSING IN ACTION) DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY: MRS. BALBINA SPIESS, 4379A GIBSON AVE., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (MOTHER)		

COPY TO

RECEIVED

NAME AND RANK

SIGNATURE

DATE

RECEIVING OFFICER'S VOUCHER NO.

POSTED TO STOCK RECORD BY

3 copies to Effects QM, UK; 1 copy in box with effects; 1 copy to CG, European Theater of Operations, APO 887 (Attention: AG Casualty Division); 1 copy retained

6 APRIL 1945
(Date)

339TH BOMB SQUADRON, 96TH BOMB GROUP (H), AAF, APO 559, U. S. ARMY
(Organization & APO No)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, UK, APO 507, US Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with letter, Hq, European Theater of Operations, 15 Nov 1944, file AG 382.3 PubCa, Subject: "Disposition of Personal Effects in UK", is an inventory of effects concerning the subject named below:

SPIESS, JOSEPH D. 1ST LT. O-744423
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN) (Control No)
(For use of Effects QM, UK)

339TH BOMB SQUADRON, 96TH BOMB GROUP, (H), AAF.
(Unit---------Not Branch of Service)

Status: XXXXXXX (Deceased, Missing in Action, XXXXXXXXXXXX Prisoner of War) on the 19TH day of MARCH 1945

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

USMD No. ____ Amt $ ____ USMD No. ____ Amt $ ____

USMD No. ____ Amt $ ____ USMD No. ____ Amt $ ____

US Official Check No. A17791 Amt $ 5-2-3 20.63 Bank BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
(Name & Branch)

(#) Bank Accounts ____

(#) Debtors ____

(#) Creditors ____

(#) Inclosed is CHECK NO. A17791
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travellers Checks)

** Strike out words not applicable.
(#) Negative report, where appropriate.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

EFFECTS IN ONE BOX

WOODEN BOX:

1 PR. TROUSERS, [illegible]
3 PR. TROUSERS, OTN.
1 PR. TROUSERS, PINKS
2 EA. SHIRTS, GREENS
3 EA. SHIRTS OTN
1 EA. SHIRT, [illegible]
1 EA BLOUSE, GREEN
1 EA COAT, SHORT, TAN
1 EA RAINCOAT, W/ EXTRA LINING.
1 PR. GLOVES, LEA., BLACK
1 PR GLOVES, L A., TAN
1 EA. TOILET KIT W/ WALLET SOUVENIR COINS, MISC. TOILET ARTICLES, 2- PENCILS, PEN, BELT
1 EA. BOX OF PERSONAL LETTERS
6 EA. TIES, OTN.
3 EA. CAPS, OTN.
2 EA. CAPS, GREEN.
1 EA. SHOE. KIT
1 EA. EXPANSION FILE
1 EA. "TARGET GERMANY"
1 EA. LAUNDRY BAG

1 EA. TOILET BAG, W/ SCARF, MASSAGER, MISC. ARTICLES, SHOE STRINGS, DECK OF CARDS, BLITZ CLOTH, 2- ROSARY CRUSADES, ROAD TO VICTORY, POCKET SIGNAL SET.
1 EA. CAP, OFFICERS
14 EA. HANDKERCHIEFS
2 EA. SILK HANDKERCHIEFS
1 PR. SHOWER SLIPPERS
1 EA. BAG
30 PRS. SOCKS
12 PRS. DRAWERS, [illegible]
7 PRS. DRAWERS WOOL
12 EA. UNDERSHIRTS, OTN
5 EA. UNDERSHIRTS, [illegible]
2 PR. SHOES, OXFORDS
1 PR. SHOES, SERVICE
1 PR. COVERALLS
14 EA. BATH TOWELS

5 EA. FACE CLOTHES.
1 BOX. W/ SOVENIR BUTTON 5 SHOULDER PATCHES 2 PR. WINGS, BOX MISC. INSIGNIA, PICTURES, COLLAR STAY, PENCIL LEAD, 3 ROLLS OF FILM, SEW KIT, BELT BUCKLE, BUTTONS & PINS, SHOE LACES, THREAD, SOUVENIR TICKET, SOAP DISH, CARDS, [illegible] 17- RELIGIOUS PAMPHLETS, 2 [illegible] [illegible] PLASTIC [illegible] [illegible] MATERIAL

REMARKS: (if any)

BENEFICIARY: MRS. [illegible] SPIERS,
4370A [illegible] AVE.,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (MOTHER)

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that the effects were shipped to the Effects QM, UK, APO 507, US Army by delivering to [illegible] on APRIL 19 [illegible]

LOUIS A. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Squadron Supply Officer,
339th Bomb Squadron.

TANDARD FORM NO 1108a

U. S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING
MEMORANDUM

NO. WV-9925265

INITIALS AND NO

OF INITIAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY: RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC.

TRAFFIC CONTROL NOS.

THIS CAR AT — FOR

†SIZE CAR IN FT. & INS. ORDERED	FURNISHED	†MARKED CAPACITY OF CAR ORDERED	FURNISHED	†DATE CAR FURNISHED	DATE B/L ISSUED
					23 NOV 1945

ECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY NAMED ABOVE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS NAMED ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, THE PUBLIC PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION (CONTENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN), TO BE FORWARDED TO DESTINATION BY THE SAID COMPANY AND CONNECTING LINES, THERE TO BE DELIVERED IN LIKE GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION TO SAID CONSIGNEE.

FROM (SHIPPING POINT): KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

FROM (FULL NAME OF SHIPPER): ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT

MARKS

SIGNEE: S. BALDING SPIRES
[illegible]79A GIBSON AVENUE

CHARGES TO BE BILLED TO (DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT AND BUREAU OR SERVICE AND LOCATION): Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

NATION: SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE: 809-93B P 470-05 A 216/62409 Z 99-999

[illegible] JOURNEY ONLY [illegible] SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT IS SUBSERVED THEREBY

EXPRESS NO. 8195
CARRIER'S DELIVERY SERVICE REQUESTED

ISSUING OFFICE: KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT, KANSAS CITY, MO.

NAME AND TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER: O.E. JOHNSTON, CAPT., T.C., Transportation Officer

PICKUP SERVICE AT ORIGIN: WAS NOT BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS AGENT (Insert "WAS" or "WAS NOT")

INITIALS OF SHIPPER'S AUTHORIZED AGENT OR EMPLOYEE

†FURNISH THIS INFORMATION IN CASE OF CARLOAD SHIPMENTS ONLY.
*SHOW ALSO CUBIC MEASUREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS VIA OCEAN CARRIER IN CASES WHERE REQUIRED.

PACKAGES [illegible]	KIND	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (USE CARRIERS' CLASSIFICATION OR TARIFF DESCRIPTION IF POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE A CLEAR NONTECHNICAL DESCRIPTION)	NUMBERS ON PACKAGES	ACTUAL WEIGHTS*
		NON-MILITARY		
	Ct.	Personal Effects	466154	86
		RELEASED VALUATION AT LOWEST RATE AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT: A.R. # 112 AND W.D. CIRCULAR # 86 16 MARCH 1945		

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER

[illegible]T NO. OR [illegible]T ORDER NO. ______ DATED ______
[illegible] AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT
POINT [illegible] CONTRACT
[illegible] OF [illegible] OFFICER: FOR T.O.

NAME OF TRANSPORTATION COMPANY: RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC.

DATE OF RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT

SIGNATURE OF AGENT — PER

MEMORANDUM COPY

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RTB:VKsew

465154

October 27, 1945

Mrs. Balbino Spiess
4379A Gibson Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spiess:

I am inclosing a check for $20.65, representing funds of your son, First Lieutenant Joseph D. Spiess.

No other property belonging to him has been received at the Army Effects Bureau to date.

Our action in transmitting funds does not of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of decedent's legal residence.

Money ordinarily is sent from overseas by mail in advance of other effects; therefore, it is probable that additional belongings of decedent will reach this Bureau at a later date. As it is intended to forward any such property to you promptly upon receipt here, I ask that you please notify this Bureau if there is a change in your address within the next few months.

I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Sincerely,

C. B. QUINN
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Files Branch

1 Incl--Check

3 copies to Effects QM, UK; 1 copy in box with effects; 1 copy to CG, European Theater of Operations, APO 887 (Attention: AG Casualty Division); 1 copy retained

6 APRIL 1945
(Date)

339TH BOMB SQUADRON, 96TH BOMB GROUP (H), AAF, APO #559, U. S. ARMY
(Organization & APO No.)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, QF, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with letter, HQ, European Theater of Operations, 16 Nov 1944, file AG 342.3 Pub(A), Subject: "Disposition of Personal Effects in UK", is an inventory of effects concerning the subject named below:

SPIESS,	JOSEPH	B.	1ST LT.	O-744423	3775
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Control No)

(For use of Effects QM, UK)

Organization
339TH BOMB. SQUADRON, 96TH BOMB GROUP, (H), AAF.
(Unit, Section, Detachment or Branch of Service)

Status: (~~XXXXXX~~ Died in action, ~~XXXXXXXXXXX~~) on the 19TH

day of MARCH 1945

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

USMC No. ~~X~~ Amt $ USMC No. Amt $

USMC No. Amt $ USMC No. Amt $

US Official Check No. 817791 Amt $ 5-2-3 4 20.63 Bank BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
(Name & Branch)

(#) Bank Accounts

(#) Debtors

(#) Creditors

(#) Inclosed in CHECK NO. 817791, PTA RECEIPT FOR $100.00
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travellers Checks)

** Strike out words not applicable.
(#) Negative report, where appropriate.

Date APR 13 1945
Receipt is acknowledged of Class II Assets as shown on basic communication.
EFFECTS QM

19 Incl
Incl

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

WOODEN BOX:

1 PR. TROUSERS, GREENS
3 PR. TROUSERS, CTN.
1 PR. TROUSERS, PINKS
2 EA. SHIRTS, GREENS
3 EA. SHIRTS CTN
1 EA. SHIRT, WL OD
1 EA BLOUSE, GREEN
1 EA COAT, SHORT, TAN
1 EA RAINCOAT, W/EXTRA LINING.
1 PR. GLOVES, LEA., BLACK
1 PR GLOVES , LEA., TAN
1 EA. TOILET KIT W/ WALLET SOUVENIR COINS, MISC. TOILET ARTICLES, 8- PENCILS, PEN, BELT.
1 EA. BOX OF PERSONAL LETTERS
6 EA. TIES, CTN.
3 EA. CAPS, CTN.
2 EA. CAPS, GREEN.
1 EA. SHOE, KIT
1 EA. EXPANSION FILE
1 EA. "TARGET GERMANY"
1 EA. LAUNDRY BAG

REMARKS: (if any)

EFFECTS IN ONE BOX

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1 PR. SHOWER SLIPPERS
1 EA. BAG
36 PRS. SOCKS
12 PRS. DRAWERS, CTN
7 PRS. DRAWERS WOOL
12 EA. UNDERSHIRTS, CTN
5 EA . UNDERSHIRTS, WL
2 PR. SHOES, OXFORDS
1 PR. SHOES, SERVICE
1 PR. COVERALLS
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BENEFICIARY: MRS. BALBINA SPIESS,
4379A GIBSON AVE.,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (MOTHER)

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that the effects were shipped to the Effects ON, UK, APO 507, US Army by delivering to Base at ABOUT 10 on APRIL 1945

LOUIS A. KAUFMAN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Squadron Supply Officer,
339th Bomb Squadron.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPT FOR COLLECTION OF P.T.A. FUNDS

A.A.F. STATION 138

5 February 1945

$ 100.00 L 24-15-9

Received in Cash of JOSEPH D. SPIESS, 1st Lt., O-744423, 339th Bomb Sq.
(Name, Rank, ASN, and Organization)

ONE HUNDRED**** Dollars and NO Cents on account of personal funds to be paid to MRS. BALBINA SPIESS

Address 4579-A Gibson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri

Which sum I have passed on to the credit of the United States and hold myself accountable therefor.

Norman Bark

R.E.STRAN Capt., F.D., Finance Officer

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

Case No. 465154
WPH:VKlew
Date 27 October 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Joseph D. Spiess, 0744423 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

First Lieutenant, Air Corps who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 19 day of March, 19 45, at European Area (Washington).

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department 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 decedents 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. none.)

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 24 October 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Balbino Spiess 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,

Mrs. Balbino Spiess of
(Name of person found entitled)

4579A Gibson Avenue, Saint Louis State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Missouri, is the Mother 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. P. HERMAN, Major, CAC
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

Eff. QM Form 75

CPC7P-8-19-45-2000

466154

RTB:VK:lh
July 27, 1945

Mrs. B. Spiess
4379 A Gibson Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spiess:

This refers to your recent inquiry regarding the personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant Joseph B. Spiess.

I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of his property. It is reasonable to assume, however, that his belongings ultimately will reach here, as all War Department agencies have instructions to forward the personal effects of military personnel to this Bureau for disposition. Transportation delays generally are encountered in delivery of effects, and considerable time should be allowed for the return of property from overseas.

Promptly upon receipt here of any of your son's belongings, disposal action will be taken.

Yours very truly,

R. T. BROWN
1st Lt., QMC
Chief, Adm. Division

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St. Louis, Mo.
July 20, 1945

INQUIRY CLERK

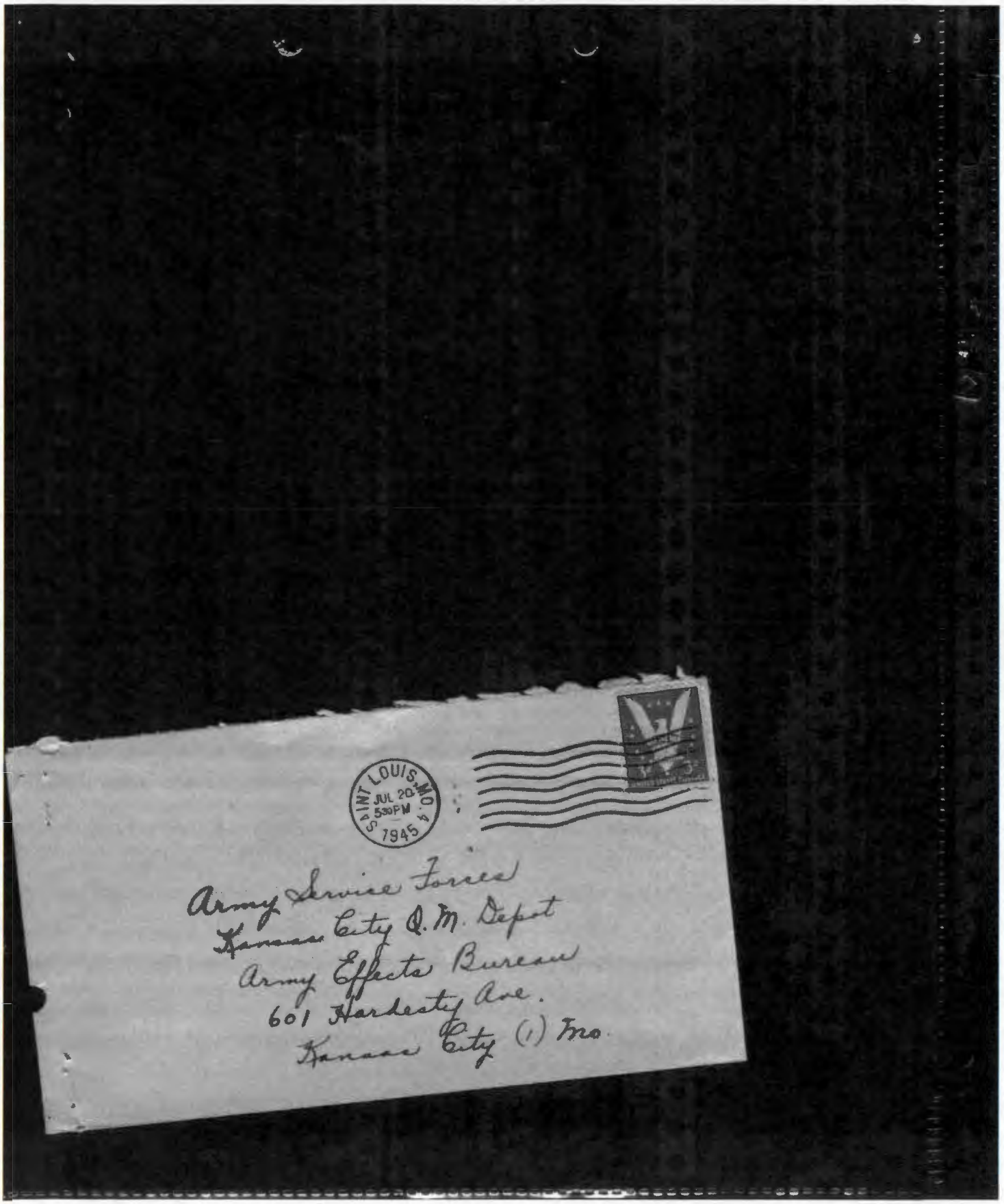
Army Service Forces
Kansas City Q.M. Depot
Army Effects Bureau
601 Hardesty Ave
Kansas City (1) Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to request the belongings of Lt. Jos. D. Spiess O-744423, reported missing in action over Germany since March 19, 1945. He was with the Eighth Air Force.

Trusting that I may receive his property at an early date.

Mrs. B. Spiess (Mother)
4379 Gibson Ave.
St. Louis (10) Mo.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