

Gaudet

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INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

MY COPY

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

2/Lt. Merlin P. Gaudet, 02 039 148
 Plot 2, Row 11, Grave 272,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Margraten, Holland

1 December 1947

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

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

PART I

I, Lucille Gaudet
 (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. Margraten, Holland
☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

• (NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

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

PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
 (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

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

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

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

4/27/48
Skinner

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PART I (Continued)

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

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)		

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
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

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

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

Lucille Gaudet (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) 626 Main St (STREET AND NUMBER)
Mt Pleasant (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 17th day of Sept, 1948, at city (or town) of Dunellen, county of Middlesex, and State (or Territory or District) of New Jersey

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

James H. Handblum (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATH)
AN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW OF NEW JERSEY
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

(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.)

1944
Date

(Organization and APO Number)

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 332.3 PubGA, subject: "Disposition of Personal Effects in UK", is an inventory of Effects concerning the subject named below:

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN) (Control No)
(For use of Effects QM, UK)

Organization (UNIT - - - - Not Branch of Service)

Status: ~~Deceased~~, Missing in Action, ~~Prisoner of War~~* on the 24th day of March 1945

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

USMO No. None Amt \$ None USMO No. None Amt \$ None

No. None Amt \$ None USMO No. None Amt \$ None

US Official Check No. None Amt None Bank None
(Name and Branch)

Bank Accounts None

Debtors None

CREDITORS None

Inclosed is None
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travellers Checks, Describe fully)

*Strike out words not applicable.

Negative report, where appropriate.

(OVER)

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

CLASS I

- 1. ~~Ballpoint~~ ✓
- 1. ~~Pen~~ ✓
- 1. ~~Pen~~ ✓
- 1. ~~Pen~~ ✓
- 1. ~~Pen~~ ✓

CLASS II

REMARKS (If any)

- 1. ~~Shirts~~ ✓
- 1. ~~Shirts~~ ✓
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- 1. ~~Shirts~~ ✓
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- 1. ~~Shirts~~ ✓

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that the effects were shipped to the Effects OM, UK, APO 507, US Army by delivering to Station (unintelligible), AF 125 on 14 April 1944

William B. Lipton
Signature (In ink)

Name 1st Lt. W.B. Lipton (Block Letters)
Rank and Organization 74th Med Sq. (M)

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

In Reply Refer To: 469314

RTB: VM:gs
January 31, 1946

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet
628 Main Street
Metuchen, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Gaudet:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your husband, Second Lieutenant Merlin P. Gaudet.

One footlocker and contents

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending final determination of the owner's status.

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

I am inclosing a Power of Attorney and copy of Will which were found among his effects.

Yours very truly,

Incl---
Envelope
Will
Power of Attorney
Receipt acknowledged:

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

Mrs. Marion Gaudet
(Signature of Bailee)

3/8/46
(Date)

Case No. 469314

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243 Gaudet, Merlin P. 9-2059148

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

X-174 GAUDET, Merlin P., 2nd Lt., O-2059148, Air Corps
Plot 2, Row 11, Grave 272
POB - 25 March 1946
Emergency Addressee: Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet, (Wife)
1214 11th Avenue, Neptune, N. J.
Religious Preferences: Not indicated

X-175 CHEEK, Earle G., 1st Lt., O-692295, Air Corps
Plot 2, Row 11, Grave 274
POB - 25 March 1946
Emergency Address: Mrs. Emma P. Cheek (Mother)
Route #2, Eikland, Missouri
Religious Preference: Protestant

2. It is requested that the records of your headquarters and the marking of the graves be changed accordingly and this office advised upon completion thereof.

The Reports of Banks referred to this office have been

C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

COPIES FOR: Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City QM Depot
601-Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Mo.

COPY FOR: Status Review & Determination, Sub-Section, Casualty Branch
 Personnel Activities Branch, AGO 5E 777, The Pentagon

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Identification Section
Repatriation Records Branch
Memorial Division

Case History of Unknown

Lenora B. Rowinski
Investigation Clerk

13 May 1947
Date

Unknown X-174
Unknown X-175

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Identified as GAUDET, Merlin P.
Identified as CHEEK, Earle C.
Names

2/Lt., 0-2059148
1/Lt., 0-692295
Ranks - ASN's

Margraten, Holland
Cemetery

Z
Plot

11
Row

272 & 274
Graves

1 April 1945
Date of Burial

24 March 1945
Date M. I. A.

BASIS FOR IDENTIFICATION

1. X-174 and X-175, members of the Air Corps, were killed in action estimated 24 March 1945 at Wesel, Germany. These bodies were recovered from a B-26 with the identified body of Lofgren, Lawrence K., 0-720290.

2. MACR #14181 indicates that 1st Lt. Laurence R. Lofgren, 0-720290 was the pilot of A/C, B-24 J # 42-50735 which crashed near the target area 24 March 1945 at 1326 hours. Eight of the nine crew members were killed - Reports of Burial have not been received for the following crew members: 1st Lt. Earle C. Cheek, 0-692295, 2nd Lt. Merlin P. Gaudet, 0-2059148, and S/Sgt. Frederick Jacobs, 14202685. MACR on Exhibit 1.

3. X-175 - 1st Lt. Earle C. Cheek, 0-692295.
Deceased wore officer's shirt and trousers. The name "CHEEK" was found in cotton drawers. X-175 was (est.) 5'11" in height - CHEEK was 5'10" tall. Tooth chart for X-175 compares very favorably with Cheek's. Tooth chart for X-175 does not compare favorably with those of the unaccounted-for-crew-members. Exhibit 2.

4. X-174 - 2nd Lt. Merlin P. Gaudet, 0-2059148.
Deceased wore officer's pink trousers - GAUDET is the only unaccounted-for-officer. A 9 1/2 C shoe was found with the remains - Gaudet wore size 9 1/2 shoes. Tooth chart for X-174 compares more favorably with GAUDET's than with JACOBS' (the unaccounted-for-crew-member). X-174 was approximately 6' tall - Gaudet was 5'11" tall.

5. AGO Findings of Death indicate that 1st Lt. Cheek and 2nd Lt. Gaudet were officially reported as missing in action 24 March 1945. Circumstances of Disappearance: The aircraft in which these men were crew members was damaged, crashed and burst into flames, near Wesel, Germany.

6. The shoe found with the remains of Unknown X-174 had the following markings: "L-5367" and "Y-689". The marking "L-5367" was not found in the Laundry Mark Listings. The marking "Y-689" is incomplete and therefore cannot be checked.

[Signature]

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL:

Earl T. McCullough
EARL T. McCULLOUGH
Colonel, QMC
5/14/47

P.P. LIWSKI
P.P. LIWSKI
LT. COL. QMC

John G. Cook
JOHN G. COOK
MAJOR, QMC

James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Recorder

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APPROVED:

GEO. A. HORKAN
GEO. A. HORKAN
Brigadier General, QMC
Chief of Division

RECORDS CORRECTED	COPIES BR TO RECORD SECTION	293 FILES	FIELD ADVISED	EFFECTS BUREAU	AGO (BR)
5/20/47	5/20/47	6/2/47	13 June 47	13 June 47	6/2/47

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MACR 14181

8th AF, 446th Bb. Group, 704th Bb. Sq.
24 March 1945 1326 hours
Location: Target Area
B-24 J 42-50735

P	LOFGREN, Laurence R.	1st Lt.	O-720290	KIA	Iden. by Tags.
CP	GAUDET, Merlin P.	2nd Lt.	O-2059148	DED	X-174
IW	CHEEK, Earle C.	1st Lt.	O-692295	DED	X-175
N	JACOBS, Frederick	S/Sgt.	14202685	DED	
ETT	CLIFTON, William J.	T/Sgt.	16171859	KIA	Iden. by Tags.
RO	SOLOMAN, Melvin J.	T/Sgt.	38540343	KIA	Iden. by Fgr. Prints
RW	STALDER, Kenneth J.	S/Sgt.	15335659	KIA	Iden. by Tags.
TT	KENNEN, Alan W.	S/Sgt.	13200624	EUS	
NT	MARTINEC, Robert J.	S/Sgt.	36678809	KIA	Iden. by clothing marks.

JACOBS: Crashed with plane, he did not bail out - not enough time.

CHEEK: Did not bail out - crashed with plane.

GAUDET: Did not have time to bail out he was in the plane when it crashed.

Mission was to drop supplies to British paratroopers near Wesel, Germany. Plane was hit by 20 mm flak and small arms fire. Keenan and Stalder parachuted but Stalder was killed from the impact as the chute failed to open.

The plane caught fire and exploded when it hit the ground. It is my belief that everyone aboard was killed as result of the explosion.

By S/Sgt. Kennen

WAR DEPARTMENT
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MOMU 293
Unks. X-174 & X-175
(Margraten), Holland

13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

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

1. The following identifications have been established from information available to this office of the remains interred in U. S. Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland.

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X-174 GAUDET, William P., 2nd Lt., O-2059148, Air Corps
Plot Z, Row 11, Grave 272
PDD - 25 March 1946
Emergency Addressee: Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet, (Wife)
1214 11th Avenue, Neptune, N. J.
Religious Preference: Not indicated

X-175 CHEEK, Earle C., 1st Lt., O-692295, Air Corps
Plot Z, Row 11, Grave 274
PDD - 25 March 1946
Emergency Addressee: Mrs. Emma P. Cheek (Mother)
Route #2, Elkland, Missouri
Religious Preference: Protestant

2. It is requested that the records of your headquarters and the marking of the graves be changed accordingly and this office advised upon completion thereof.

3. The Reports of Burial submitted to this office have been amended.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

COPY FOR: Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City QM Depot
601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Mo.

Excess
reference
made
JUL 7 1947

File
1169 314

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

In Reply Refer To: 469314

EFB:VM:cc
February 1, 1946

Mrs. Marion M. Gaudet
626 Main Street
Metuchen, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Gaudet:

The Army Effects Bureau has received and is forwarding to you the following additional property of your husband, Second Lieutenant Merlin P. Gaudet.

Two cartons and contents

As previously indicated, my action in forwarding such effects does not, of itself, vest title in you. The property is transmitted in order that you may safely keep it on behalf of the owner, pending change in his status.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau.

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

Yours very truly,

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

Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Marion M. Gaudet 3/8/46
(Signature of Bailee) (Date)
Case No. 469314

Eff. QM Form 200 (11 Apr 45)

MERLIN P.		T. 9148			
PALLET	BOX	TALLY		TYPE PKG.	
20		5310		F.L.	

, MERLIN P.		T. 9148	
PALLET	BOX	TALLY	TYPE PKG
20		6310	F.L.

MERLIN P.		T. 9148	
PALLET	BOX	TALLY	TYPE PKG
20		3310	F.L.

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TALLY NO. 6310	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE 14 Jan - YK	BOX NO.	SHEET OF 55
NAME MERLIN		PHILIP GAUDET		A. N. 205-9 RANK 21st CAS 148 E NO.
ORGANIZATION		WAREHOUSE SPACE 7-1435		SUPERVISOR'S OK 480- LAUNDRY REMOVED FROM FOOTLOCKER SHIPPED
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		CHECKED BY		

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TALLY IN FORM 43				ABANDONED	
				UNKNOWN	
BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	BELT	OVERCOATS			
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, ADDRESS	PAPERS, PERSONAL			
BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, PILOT LOG	PENCIL, MECHANICAL			
BOOKS	BRUSHES	PEN, FOUNTAIN			
BRACELET, IDENT.	CASE	PHOTOS			
CAMERAS	CLOTH, WASH	PIPES			
CLOTHING	COATS	RINGS			
MISC. ARTICLES	FOOTLOCKER	SCARFS			
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	FOOTWEAR, PR.	SHIRTS			
RIBBONS, DECORATION	GLASSES	SOCKS, PR.			
SHORT SNORTER	GLOVES, PR.	STATIONERY			
SOUVENIR MONEY	HANDKERCHIEFS	TIES			
SOUVENIRS	HEADWEAR	TOBACCO			
TESTAMENTS	JACKETS	TOILET ARTICLES			
TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	KITS	TOWELS			
U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	KNIVES	TROUSERS, PR.			
WATCH	LETTERS	TRUNKS, PR.			
WINGS	LIGHTERS	UNDERWEAR			

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
none	Mrs. M. P. Gaudet 1214 - 11th Ave. Neptune N. J.

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS		CROSS REFERENCE
#43 has Merlin I Gaudet name & A3N on inventory parts illegible		

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER			TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		SYMBOL	ORIG. RES. M.A.
TRAV. CHECK		AMOUNT	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY

DATE	

BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	

REMITTER OR DRAWER	

TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET
6310		11 Jan 46		OF _____ SHEETS

NAME	A. S. N.
MERLIN P GAUDET	0-205914

ORGANIZATION	RANK
	1st Lt.

WAREHOUSE SPACE	EXAMINED BY
371X	Downing

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT
#12 tin	3 2

PACKED BY	INSPECTED BY

STORER BY	DATE

DIARY REMOVED	PHOTO FILM REMOVED

MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	SHIPPED

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LAUNDRY INVENTORY
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

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DRY CLEANING		Do not use		LAUNDRY		Do not use	
TROUSERS, WOOL				SHIRTS, WOOL			
COAT, SERVICE, WOOL				TROUSERS, COTTON			
OVERCOAT, LONG				TIE, COTTON			
OVERCOAT, SHORT, WOOL				UNDERSHIRTS, COTTON	28	7	
CAP, COTTON				SHIRTS, DRESS, COTTON	24		
CAP, SERVICE				DRAWERS, COTTON			
TIES, WOOL				SWEATSHIRTS, COTTON OR WOOL	12	1	
GLOVES, LEATHER OR WOOL				DRAWERS, WOOL			
SCARFS, SILK, RAYON, OR WOOL				SOCKS, COTTON, PR.	80		
SWEATERS	30			SOCKS, WOOL, PR.	12		
TRUNKS, SWIM	1			PAJAMA TOPS			
LEGGINGS				PAJAMA BOTTOMS			
BATHROBES				FATIGUES, 1 PC., COTTON			
BED ROLL				FATIGUES, TOPS, COTTON			
COMFORTER				FATIGUES, TROUSERS, COTTON			
1 Athletic trunks				FATIGUES, CAP			
				BELT, COTTON			
				TOWEL, HAND	9	2	
				TOWEL, BATH	24	6	
				CLOTH, WASH	4	2	
				GLOVES, COTTON			
				JACKET, FIELD			
				SUPPORTERS, ATHLETIC	6	1	
				HANDKERCHIEFS	12	6	
				SCARFS, COTTON			
				CASE, PILLOW			
				TRUNKS, GYM			
				SHEETS, COTTON			
				BAGS, BARRACKS			
				1 T-shirt	12	1	

TALLY NO. 6310	ORIG. NO. OF PGS.	EXAMINING DATE 10 Jan 46	BOX NO.	SHEET OF SHEETS
NAME MERLIN R. GAUDET			A. S. N. 0-2059148	
ORGANIZATION			RANK Lt.	CASE NO.
WAREHOUSE SPACE 1753-94	EXAMINED BY D. J. Downing	SUPERVISOR'S OK (Signature)		LAUNDRY REMOVED FROM FOOTLOCKER
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	LISTED BY M. Howell		
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Date 1944

(Organization and APO Number)

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(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN) (Control No)
(For use of Effects CM, UK)

Organization 704th Signal Squadron
(UNIT - - - - Not Branch of Service)

Status: (~~Deceased~~, Missing in Action, Prisoner of War)* on the 4th day of March 1944

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

USMO No. None Amt \$ None USMO No. None Amt \$ None

USMO No. None Amt \$ None USMO No. None Amt \$ None

US Official Check No None Amt None Bank None known
(Name and Branch)

Bank Accounts None known

Debtors None

CREDITORS None

Inclosed is None
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travellers Checks, Describe fully)

*Strike out words not applicable.

Negative report, where appropriate.

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INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

CLASS II

- 1. Undergarments ✓
- 2. Socks ✓
- 3. Socks ✓
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- 100. Socks ✓

REMARKS (If any)

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that the effects were shipped to the Effects OM, UK, APO 507, US Army by delivering to Station Quartermaster, APO 507 on 14 April 1945

William B. Hoffman
Signature (In ink)

Name

1st Lt. A. J. ...

First Lt. A. J. ...

Rank and Organization

(Block Letters)

ACCOUNT NUMBER		NAME	SHIP VALUABLES	CASUALTY REPORT
		SERIAL NUMBER	VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)	INVENTORY
		RANK		FORM 20
				LETTER
		Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet		NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
		626 Main Street		ENVELOPE
		2nd Lt. Merlin P. Gaudet Metuchen, New Jersey		CARTONS
		0-2059148		PACKAGE
		469314		FOOT LOCKER
				SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
				REMOVE GI
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RTB:VM:gs		SUMMARY COURT DATA		DATE ACTION TAKEN
DATE OF FINDING	APPLICANT			1/20
REMARKS				MAIL REVIEWER (initials)
				SHIPPED
				FRANKED
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				FREIGHT
				DATE SHIPPED
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				SHIPPING CLERK
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				ACCOUNTING BRANCH
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10 OCT 1945

AUDET, MERLIN F.		9148	TYPE PKG. BOX
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 23 JUNE 1947 elen

FULL NAME GAUDET, MERLIN P.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 02059148		GRADE 2nd Lt	
HOME ADDRESS Metuchen, New Jersey		ARM OR SERVICE AG		DATE OF BIRTH 12 Nov 1920	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 24 Mar 1945	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 23 May 1944		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
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INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO		IN LINE OF DUTY YES NO		OWN MISCONDUCT YES NO	
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS YES NO		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE YES NO		IN FLYING PAY STATUS YES ☒ NO	
OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below) YES NO					
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT ☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE					

Finding of death has been issued previously under Sec 5 Public Law 490, 7 Mar 42, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 25 March 1946. This report of death, based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Sec 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Sec 9.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2 and 7 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (56 Stat. 145) as amended the records show that this officer completed 10 months and 2 days of active service at the time of his death.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

[Signature]

ADJUTANT GENERAL

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

1947 JUN 10

NAME GUADET MERLIN P ASN 02 059 148	GRADE 2/LT HUS	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 10
NAME AND ADDRESS MRS MARION E GUADET 1214 11TH AVENUE NEPTUNE NEW JERSEY		DATE REPORT SENT 19 June 47

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

THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR HUSBAND

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
2ND LT	GAUDET, MERLIN P.	02059148	AC			14025-11-1X
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN GERMANY	DAY 24	MONTH MAR	YEAR 45	

REMARKS: AG 201 /12 JUN 47/

☐ CORRECTED COPY

REPORT OF DEATH ISSUED 23 JUNE 1947 elc

MEMO -- SR AND D SUB-SEC. APPROVED -- OIC CAS SEC, PA BR. SOURCE -- RPT OF BURIAL - BURIED IN U.S. MIL CEMETERY, MARGRATEN, HOLLAND IN GRAVE NO. 272, ROW NO. 11, PLOT NO. Z. PL -- NR WESEL. FINDING OF DEATH ISSUED PREVIOUSLY UNDER SEC 5, MISSING PERSONS ACT, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE DEATH 25 MAR 46. THIS "RPT DEATH", BASED ON INFO RECD SINCE THAT DATE IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC 9 OF SAID ACT AND ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PRESCRIBED IN SEC 9.

PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPER BUL 35, 1945.

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION		REPORT VERIFIED	FORM 43	AG 201 REQ
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED		OR CHARGED TO	DATE	
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED		NO	YES	(AS INDICATED BELOW):
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	S. A. NOTIFIED
	2353	Wid	25 MAY 46	25 MAY 46
FORWARDED TO	SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

5622

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by the Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Second Lieutenant Merlin P. Gaudet, Army Serial Number 02059148, Air Corps, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 24th day of March 1945. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 25th day of March, 1946.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George M. Weir
ADJUTANT GENERAL
Acting CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA		FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN HIS- CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS							
None							
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
12 Nov 1920	Metuchen, New Jersey	23 May 1944		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet	Wife	1214 11th Avenue Neptune, New Jersey

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Marion Elsie Gaudet	Wife	1214 11th Avenue Neptune, New Jersey
Lucile M. Gaudet	Mother	626 Main Street
Gabriel F. Gaudet	Father	Metuchen, New Jersey

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Circumstances of disappearance: The aircraft in which this man was a crew-member was damaged, crashed and burst into flames, near Wesel, Germany.

ASN as EM: 32,450,241

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-2059148) TO: Gaudet, Merlin P.

RE: [REDACTED]

SUMMARY:

Date: 21 Aug. 1945

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE **23 JUNE 1947 aka**

FULL NAME GAUDET, MERLIN P.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 02059148		GRADE 2nd LT	
HOME ADDRESS Metuchen, New Jersey		ARM OR SERVICE AC		DATE OF BIRTH 14 Nov 1920	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 24 May 1945	
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OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below) YES NO					
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR <i>[Signature]</i> JUL 26 1947 FLS ADJUTANT GENERAL					

469,314

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE **23 JUNE 1947** skm

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[Signature]

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

5622

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON 467314

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George M. Weir

ADJUTANT GENERAL
Acting CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIL. CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PREVIOUS DATE OF ENTRY)		
12 Nov 1920	Metuchen, New Jersey		23 May 1944	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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REMARKS

Distribution 56

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ASN as EM: 32,450,241

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

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AS 201	NAME GAUDET MERLIN P ASN 02059148	GRADE 2/LT HUS	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 462314
NAME AND AD. DRESS OF E. A.	MRS MARION E GAUDET 626 MAIN STREET METUCHEN NEW JERSEY		DATE TELEGRAM SENT 10 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		HUSBAND				
GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	FOR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
2 LT	GAUDET MERLIN P	02059148	AC	ETO	A	094
HAS BEEN TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
MISSING IN ACTION		OVER GERMANY SINCE		24	MAR 45	9

IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

REMARKS:

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ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED ☒ FORM 43 ☒ AG 201 REQ.							
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED ☒ OR CHARGED TO ☐ DATE							
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO ☒ YES ☐ (AS INDICATED BELOW):							
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED			
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REPORT NOT VERIFIED ☐ NO FORM 43 ☐ NO CAS. BR. FILE ☒ CHECKED BY <i>Johnson</i> REVIEWED BY <i>M. B.</i>							

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1 JANUARY 1945

AGRRE (MARGRATEN, Z-11-272)

1st Ind.

PLM/TJM/vs

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA,
APO 887, U.S. ARMY. 2 May 1946.

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

1. Your attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Records this headquarters have been searched and no other bodies that were recovered in the area of Wesel, Germany, could be associated with the casualties mentioned. However, if at any future date such information is available your office will be notified.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

VER.DIS. 4550 Ext. 97

PAUL L. McCRILLIS
Major Infantry
Assistant Adjutant



AIR CORPS TECHNICAL SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
CHANUTE FIELD, ILLINOIS

293 2nd Ind. 3/22/0
Headquarters, Chanute Field, Chanute Field, Illinois.

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

1. In compliance with paragraph 2, basic communication, S/Sgt. Alan W. Keenen, 13200624, sole survivor of the crew, Airplane #42-50735, was interviewed this date and stated that the flying jacket with the name "Bangin' Lulu" was worn by S/Sgt Robert J. Martinez, 36678809, whose parents live at 1506 S. 61st Court, Cicero, Illinois.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



K. C. POSTICK
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

AIR CORPS TECHNICAL SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
CHANUTE FIELD, ILLINOIS

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

K. C. BOSTICK
1st Lt, Air Corps
Ass't Adjutant

MACR 114181

8th AF, 446th Bb. Group, 704th Bb. Sq.
24 March 1945 1326 hours
Location: Target Area
B-24 J 42-50735

(Target area or section not shown)

<i>no BR</i>	P	LOFGREN, Laurence R. ②	1st Lt.	0-720290	Iden. by tags
	CP	GAUDET, Merlin P. ③	2nd Lt.	0-2059148	MIA
	DW	CHEEK, Earle C. ①	1st Lt.	0-693395	MIA <i>chgd = 5</i>
	N	JACOBS, Frederick 4	S/Sgt.	14202685	MIA
	ETT	CLIFTON, William J. ②	T/Sgt.	16171859	KIA Iden. by tags
	RO	SOLOMAN, Melvin J. ②	T/Sgt.	38540343	Iden by fgr prnts
	RV	STALDER, Kenneth J. ②	S/Sgt.	15335659	Iden ty tags
	TT	KENNEN, Alan W. ②	S/Sgt.	13200624	EUS
	NT	MARTINEC, Robert J. ②	S/Sgt.	36678809	Iden by clothing mark (X-144)

Jacobs - crashed with plane - did not bail out - not enough time
Cheek - did not bail out crashed with plane
Gaudet, did not have time to bail out he was in the plane when it crashed.

The above was taken from individual Casualty Questionnaire - Kennen

Mission was to drop supplies to British paratroopers near Wesel, Germany. Plane hit by 20 mm flak and small arms fire. Kennan and Stalder parachuted but Stalder was killed from the impact as the chute failed to open. The plane caught fire and exploded when it hit the ground. It is my belief that everyone aboard was killed as result of the explosion. Kennan

File 5-24 144

CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

(to be completely filled out and attached to each
copy of Report of Interment WD OMC Form 1042)

Unknown X - 174
Cemetery Margraten, Holland
Plot Z Row 11 Grave 272

1. ~~Arrived at cemetery~~ **Data reprocessed 11 February 1947**
(Hour) (date)

2. Place of death _____
(Name of closest town) (coordinates and letter Prefex, maps)

Sheet, scale and serials used.

3. Remains ~~recovered~~ or disinterred by Subordinate Identification Point, Margraten, Holland
(Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by _____
(Name and organization)

5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from body measurements).

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings Color wear, tear, repairs, etc.
*Headgear _____ (type)			
Raincoat _____			
Overcoat _____			
Jacket, Field _____			
Jacket, Combat _____			
Mackinaw _____			
Sweater _____			
Jacket, HBT _____			
*Shirt, Wool, OD _____			
Undershirt, Wool _____			
Undershirt, Cotton _____			
Trousers HBT _____			
*Trousers. Wool OD Officer Type Pink, remnants of one pair			

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Sweater _____				
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*Shirt, Wool, OD _____				
Undershirt, Wool _____				
Undershirt, Cotton _____				
Trousers HBT _____				

*Trousers, ~~Wool OD~~ Officer Type Pink, remnants of one pair

REPORT OF BURIAL

1 April 1945

GAUDET,

Merlin P.

2/Lt.

0-2059148

UNKNOWN (X-174)

(MARGRATH)

UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

UNKNOWN - AC

Weasel, Germany

Unit

XXI

PDD March 1946

Organization

KIA

1330

1 April 1945

U.S. Mil. Cem., Margrath, Holland

VK 645482

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

272

11

2

wooden cross

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

Ident. approved by OCMG. Bd. of Rev. May 19, 1945

What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS FORM #1 and GRS EMBOSSED PLATE
TOOTH CHART

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

Who is buried on:

Stephany, Alexander

6579908

s/Sgt.

Co. H 290th Inf.

271

Deceased's Right:

Greer, Jesse W. Jr.

24972513

Pvt.

291st. Inf.

Grave No.

273

Deceased's Left:

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

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

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

Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet, wife,

Emergency Addressee Unknown -

Name

1214 11th Avenue, Neptune, N. J.

Religion Unknown

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

NONE.

RESTRICTED

EDWIN J. DONOVAN

1st. Lt., OCMG GRS Officer

611 OCMG Reg. Co.

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

W R - 135 - 21

Information by phone from Ruth Redmond, Status Review and Determination Section

Cheek, Earle C., O-692295 - Protestant - Shoe size 8 1/2 EE (Avn Cadet)

Jacobs, Frederick, W. 14206805 - Hebrew Shoe size not shown

Gaudet, Merlin P., O-2059148 (enl. 32450241) 9 1/2 Rel. Preference not available

FOR THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL

File 5-20-41
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AMOUNT OF CHECK	DISCREPANCY IN		INCLOSE VALU	RECIPIENT FROM
ACCOUNT NUMBER	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	SHIP VALUABLES	CASUALTY REPORT
	RANK		VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)	INVENTORY
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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Chief, Martin B. O-822148 (ent. 33420541)

Inspector, Frederick A. 14302802 - Herlem shoe size not shown

Chief, Earl C. O-823322 - Blotterman - shoe size 8 1/2 (van order)

Information re phone from Hush Hushing, status, location and determination section

25-47433-154

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

RRE 200.2 (Margraten Z-11-272)

11 August 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

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

1. Reference is made to inclosed letter, your office.
Ref: QMG MU 293, Subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased,
dated 13 June 1947.

2. All records this command have been amended in com-
pliance with letter referred to in paragraph 1, above.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
Cy of ltr dtd
13 June 1947

JOSEPH E. McCLUSKEY
1st Lt, Inf
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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Handwritten notes and signatures at bottom right of page.

QMG MU 293
Unks. X-174 & X-175
(Margraten), Holland

13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

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

1. The following identifications have been established from information available to this office of the remains interred in U.S. Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland:

X-174 GAUDET, Merlin R., 2nd Lt., O-2059148, Air Corps
Plot Z, Row 11, Grave 272
PDD - 25 March 1946
Emergency Addressee: Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet, (Wife)
1214 11th Avenue, Neptune, N. J.
Religious Preference: Not indicated

X-175 CHEEK, Earle C., 1st Lt., O-692295, Air Corps
Plot Z, Row 11, Grave 274
PDD - 25 March 1946
Emergency Addressee: Mrs. Emma R. Cheek (Mother)
Route #2, Elkland, Missouri
Religious Preference: Protestant

2. It is requested that the records of your headquarters and the marking of the graves be changed accordingly and this office advised upon completion thereof.

3. The Reports of Burial submitted to this office have been amended.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

/t/ JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

August 6, 1947
626 Main Street
Metuchen, N. J.

Quartermaster General,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate you sending me all
the information you have concerning the recent
finding of my brother's grave .

His name, ²⁹³Merlin P. Gaudet, 2d Lt. AAF,
Army serial number O-2059148. Lost over Germany
on March 24, 1945.

Very truly yours,

Juanita G. Norris

Juanita Gaudet Norris

Mrs. Robert C. Norris
626 Main Street
Metuchen, New Jersey

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2/Lt. Merlin F. Gaudet, 02 039 148
Plot 3, Row 11, Grave 272,
United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

1 December 1947

✓
Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet
1214 - 11th Avenue
Neptune, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Gaudet:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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QMGMF 293 Gaudet, Merlin P.
02 059 148

1st Ind.

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 10 November 1947.

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

1. Forwarded for reply to so much thereof as pertains to your office.
2. Correspondent has been informed of this reference.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl.
Cy ltr dtd 10 Nov 47.

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMGMF 293
Gaudet, Merlin P.
S.N. 02 059 148

10 November 1947

Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet
427 Front Street
Dunellen, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Gaudet:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your husband, the late Second Lieutenant Merlin P. Gaudet, has come to my attention.

The official report of burial indicates that the remains of your husband were interred, in a dignified and solemn manner, in Plot Z, Row 11, Grave 272, in the United States Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland, located ten miles west of Aachen, Germany.

At a later date you will receive full information relative to your desires for the final disposition of the remains of your husband. Meanwhile, please rest assured that they will be under the constant care and protection of our Army, and their identity meticulously preserved.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., for direct reply inasmuch as that office has jurisdiction over and knowledge of all matters relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of your husband.

I hope that you may obtain some consolation from this information.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, MC
Memorial Division

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

MAYX
XMINs.
Addressee: Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet Widow
State 427 Front Street. Relationship
City, State Dunellen . N.J. 147
Date letter
Cemetery
Temporary: _____
Permanent: Z 11 272 Margraten Holland
Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
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-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

165-A -----husband-----
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Decedent: Gaudet
Last
First Merlin
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Rank 2nd Lt
ASN 0-2059148

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QMGMP 293
Gaudet, Merlin P.
SN 02 059 148

16 September 1947

Mrs. Robert C. Norris
626 Main Street
Metuchen, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Norris:

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May I extend my sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMG
Memorial Division

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr.
Miss.
Addressee: Mrs. Robert C. Noire Sister
State 656 Main Street Relationship
City, State Metuchen, New Jersey Date letter '47
Cemetery
Temporary: _____
Permanent: 2 11 272 USMC Margaret, Holland
Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

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Decedent:

Robert C. Noire
Last First Initial Rank
02-059-148

7/16/47
J.H.

October 7, 1947

The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in accordance with letters received from The Adjutant General's Office informing me of the change in status from presumed dead to killed in action on my husband, Second Lieutenant Merlin P. Gudet, 02059148, Air Corps.

In previous requests that I have made for information, all replies have been, "no trace" or "no further information" about him. What is the information that you have now? The last letter stated he was killed in action on 24 March 1945 near Wesel, Germany. Why was there no trace of his death until now.

I would appreciate all the information that you have regarding my husband's death and what the

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My previous request of about two weeks ago has not been answered perhaps this letter has been overlooked.

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Thank you in advance for the information you might give me.

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Yours truly,

Marion C. Gaudet
427 Front Street
Dunellen, N.J.

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr.
Miss.
Addressee: Mrs. S. J. Smith
State Massachusetts Relationship Wife
City, State Dorchester, Mass. '47
Cemetery Greenwood Date letter
Temporary: _____
Permanent: _____

Plot	Row	Gr	Cem. Name or No.	City	Country
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PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

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I fully appreciate your understandable desire to be informed regarding the recovery and identification of your husband's remains. I will gladly give you the facts ~~which were uncovered~~ uncovered in the investigation which resulted in the identification of his remains.

Your husband's remains were recovered from the area in which he met his death and buried in Plot Z, Row 11, Grave 272, in the USMC, Margraten, Holland. All officers in the plane had been identified except ~~one~~ accounted for except your husband. ~~His remains were the only remains of the crew, his wife the only remains wearing officers' trousers.~~ Physical characteristics and clothing sizes were found to agree with those of your husband. ~~A chart of the teeth of these/ the remains agreed/~~ compared favorably with the dental record of your husband ~~alone~~, only, among the unidentified members of the crew. On the basis of these facts, ~~we believe that the remains in the grave location given above could be none other than those of your husband.~~ I hope ~~that~~ that this information will allay any doubts which you may have concerning the identification of his remains.

It sometimes takes a seemingly long time to conduct these ~~investigations~~ investigations, and the apparent delay in forwarding the verified information to the next of kin often seems prolonged. However, we endeavor to be absolutely accurate in our information, and every effort is made to determine and preserve the identity of our deceased military personnel meticulously.

Please accept my apology for the fact that you received the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form before you ~~received information~~ were informed of the grave location of your husband. It is an established procedure in this office to inform the next of kin of the temporary resting place of their loved ones, prior to soliciting their desires regarding the final burial. I deeply regret that, inadvertently, this procedure was not followed in your case. Thank you for bringing this error to our attention.

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Analyst Typist Reviewer

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Decedent: S. J. Smith
Last 11/11/47
First 11/11/47
Initial 11/11/47
Rank 11/11/47
ASN 11/11/47

December 15, 1947

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The Adjutant General
Casualty Branch
Munitions Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have written before asking for the full particulars of my husband's death. ⁴⁷ ~~Herlin P. Gaudet, 2nd Lt., U. S. Air Corps (02059148)~~. I just received a letter giving me the cemetery that he was buried in. Until then there was no information as to where he had been buried.

I have received the forms to fill out about having him brought home. I would like to know all the particulars before I fill these forms out. How was he identified, who buried him, where they found him and all the rest. It's hard to feel that it is really he that is buried there, when for more than two years there was no information about him. This is the reason I would like to know how they identified

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him and how after all this time,
are they sure of his identity.

I would appreciate these particulars
as soon as possible as I have only
thirty days to fill out the papers
on his burial.

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Yours truly,
Marion C. Gaudet
427 Front Street
Dunellen, N.J.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

1	NAME OR TITLE Director, Memorial Division, Office of The Quartermaster General,	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Rm. 2035 Tempo "B" Washington 25, D. C.	DATE	CONCURRENCE
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

REMARKS

1. Forwarded for necessary action.
2. A letter dated 16 December 1947, from this office, addressed to Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet contained all available information regarding the death of her husband.
3. The writer has been informed of this reference.

1 Inclosure:
Ltr dtd 15 Dec 47

FROM NAME OR TITLE Personnel Actions Br., A.G.O. Casualty Sect., I & C Unit	DATE 29 Dec 47
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Rm. 5E-785 The Pentagon SCF/keb	TELEPHONE 4653

SPQXG 293

Unknowns X-174, 175 &
184 (Margraten) Holland

31 August 1945

293 Unk. (Misc) Holland (Margraten)
SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : S/Sgt. Alan W. Keenen, 13,200,624,
1020 AAF Base Unit, Miami Beach, Florida

THRU: Commanding Officer, 1020 AAF Base Unit,
Miami Beach, Florida

1. Reports of Burial of three Unidentified Deceased Soldiers have been received in this office in connection with a plane crash, B-24, # 42-50735, 24 March 1945, one mile north of Wesel, Germany. Crew members were as follows:

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Gaudet, Merlin P.,	2nd Lt.,	O-2059148
Cheek, Earle Clifford,	1st Lt.,	O-692295
Jacobs, Frederick W.,	S/Sgt.,	14,206,805
Clifton, Wm. Jr.,	T/Sgt.,	16,171,859
Solomon, Melvin J.,	T/Sgt.,	38,540,343
Stalder, Kenneth J.,	S/Sgt.,	15,335,659
Keenen, Alan W.,	S/Sgt.,	13,200,624
Martinez, Robert J.,	S/Sgt.,	36,678,809

2. On the remains of one of the Unidentified Deceased a flying jacket was found with the name "Bingin' Lulu." It is requested that any information which you may be able to furnish relative to the deceased who was wearing this jacket at the time of the crash, be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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4293 Unk. X-174 Holland (Margraten)

C. C. PIERCE
Captain, QMC
Assistant

293 Unk. X-175
X-184

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QMC 293
Gaudet, Merlin P.
SN O-259 148

14 January 1948

Mrs. Marjorie E. Gaudet
427 Trout Street
Dunellen, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Gaudet:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your husband, the late Second Lieutenant Merlin P. Gaudet, has been referred to this office.

I fully appreciate your understandable desire to be informed regarding the recovery and identification of your husband's remains. I will gladly give you the facts uncovered in the investigation which resulted in the identification of his remains.

Your husband's remains were recovered from the area in which he met his death and buried in Plot Z, Row 11, Grave 272, in the United States Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland. All officers in the plane had been accounted for except your husband. Of the remaining members of the crew, his were the only remains wearing officers' clothing. Physical characteristics and clothing sizes were found to agree with those of your husband. The tooth chart compared favorably with the dental record of your husband. On the basis of these facts, it was concluded that the remains in the grave location given above could be none other than those of your husband. I hope that this information will allay any doubts which you may have concerning the identification of his remains.

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I extend my sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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

In Reply Refer To RR Br: QMGR 293 Gaudet, Marlin P., 2/Lt., 02 058 148

Plot 2, Row 11, Grave 272
United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

IMPORTANT

Address reply and envelope to:
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Do NOT include the name of the
official who signed the com-
munication.

PRIORITY

23 JUL 1948

Miss Mildred Jenkins, Home Service Director
North Atlantic Area, American Red Cross
300 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Jenkins:

The Next of Kin of the above captioned deceased wife
(relationship)

Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet 427 Trout Street Dunellen, New Jersey
(name) (address)

has failed to return a Form 345 indicating disposition instructions for the
remains. The form was dispatched 1 December 1947.

It is respectfully requested that the attached QMGR Form 345 be properly
accomplished by the Next of Kin and legal documents obtained through assistance
of your representative if appropriate, be furnished this office. In the event
you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is
further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative
be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of
the decedent.

It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above,
they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate
form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this
request.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN O. HYATT
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

Remarks: Former address,
1214 - 11th Avenue
Neptune, New Jersey

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MAIL & RECORD

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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR FLYING

(See AR 40-100, 40-105, 40-110)

1. **GAUDET** **Herlin** **P.** **2d. Lt.** **AC** **0-2059148** **23** **2**
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Grade and army or service) (Serial No.) (Age) (Years service)

2. **215TH CCTS. AAB. PUEBLO, COLO.** **COMBAT CREW TRNG.** **March, 1944** **Overflying**
(Address) (Purpose of examination) (Date and result last examination)

Pilot Flying time as Pilot **208**; observer **---**; pilot **110**; observer **---**
(Aeronautical ratings) (Total) (Total) (Last 6 mos.) (Last 6 mos.)

3. Temperature **98.6** Vaccinations: Typhoid series, No. **3** Last **7-12-44** smallpox **7-12-44** reaction **Leanne**
Tetanus, Yellow Fever, Typhus, June, 1944, Cholera, July, 1944.

4. Medical history.

(In the case of applicant include family. Has he ever had epilepsy, enuresis, headaches, dizziness, vertigo, fainting, stammering, tic, somnambulism, pavor nocturnus, migraine, insomnia, phobias, anxiety trends, irritability, apathy, elation, depression, sensory disturbances, amnesia, spasms, unconsciousness, repeated episodes of alcoholism, encephalitis, pneumonia, syphilis, renal calculi, tuberculosis, asthma, hay fever, repeated colds, mastoiditis, sinusitis, tonsillitis, arthritis in any form, malaria, severe injuries, major operations, or other pertinent history? Explain fully.)

Scarlet Fever, childhood, no sequelae.

Pneumonia, 1927 no sequelae.

T. & A., 1928, no complications.

Denies all else.

5. Eye: Inspection **NORMAL** Nystagmus **NONE**
6. Associated parallel movements **NORMAL** Pupils: Equality **EQUAL** Reaction **NORMAL**

7. Visual acuity: R. E., 20/ **20**, correctible to 20/ **---** L. E., 20/ **20**, correctible to 20/ **---**

8. Depth perception (uncorrected) **8** mm. With correction **---** mm.

9. Heterophoria at 6 meters: Eso **1** Exo **0** R. H. **0** L. H. **0** Prism divergence **5**

10. Red lens test **NORMAL** Angle convergence: Pcb **64** mm. Pd **68** mm. °

11. Accommodation: R. **12.5** D. L. **12** D. Addition required for 50 cm. R. **---** L. **---**

(Jaeger type): Right J. **1-13**, correctible to J. **---**: Left J. **1-13**, correctible to J. **---**

12. Color vision **NORMAL TO AOC**

13. Field of vision (form): R. **NORMAL** L. **NORMAL** Ophthalmoscopic: R. **NORMAL** L. **NORMAL**

14. Refraction: R. reads 20/20 with **---** S. **---** CAx **---** ° L. reads 20/20 with **---** S. **---** CAx **---** °

15. Ear: History of ear trouble **DENIES**

16. External ear: R. **NORMAL** L. **NORMAL** Membrana tympani: R. **NORMAL** L. **NORMAL**

17. Hearing (whisper): R. **20**/20. L. **20**/20. Audiometer (percent loss): R. **---** L. **---**

18. Nares **NORMAL** Tonsils **enucleated**

19. Teeth:

(a) Right (Examinee's) Left
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
Indicate: Restorable carious teeth by O; nonrestorable carious teeth by /; missing natural teeth by X.

(b) Remarks, including other defects **None**

(c) Prosthetic appliances **None** (d) Classification **II**

20. History of swing, train, air, or sea sickness **DENIES**

21. Barany chair (when indicated with results) **---**

22. Posture **Good** Figure **Medium** (Slender, medium, stocky, obese) (Light, medium, heavy)

23. Height, **70 1/2** inches. Weight, **186** pounds. Chest: Inspiration **41** Expiration **38** Rest **39** Abdomen **35**

24. Skin and lymphatics **Normal** Endocrine system **NORMAL**

25. Bones, joints, muscles **NORMAL** Feet **Normal**

26. Heart **NORMAL**

27. Pulse rate, **80-80** B. P.: S. **120-126** D. **84-86** Schneider **---** Pulse immediately after exercise **---**

Two minutes after exercise **84** Character **WILL AND REGULAR** Identification **---**

28. Arteries **NORMAL** Varicose veins **NONE**

1 Semiannual, appointment as cadet, commission in the Air Corps, commission in Air Corps Reserve, transfer to the Air Corps, or any other special purpose.

2 I, II, III, or IV; see par. 3, AR 40-510.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQYG 293

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Unknowns X-174, 175 & WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
184 (Margraten) Holland

31 August 1945

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : S/Sgt. Alan W. Keenen, 13,200,624,
1020 AAF Base Unit, Miami Beach, FloridaTHRU: Commanding Officer, 1020 AAF Base Unit,
Miami Beach, Florida

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

C. C. PIERCE
Captain, QMC
Assistant

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293 - Gaudet, Melvin P - 0-2050
Basic: Ltr. fr QG, ASF, Wash DC to S/Sgt Alan W. Keenen, 13200624, AAFBU, Miami Beach, Fla., Thru: CO, 1020th AAFBU, Miami Beach, dtd 31 Aug 45, subj: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

SPQYG 293
Unknowns X-174, 175 &
184 (Margraten) Holland

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Hq AAF Redistribution Station No. 2, Miami District AAFDC, Intelligence and Security Division, Miami Beach, Florida. 3 September 1945.

To: Commanding Officer, 3502 AAF Base Unit, AAFETTC, Chanute Fld., Illinois

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command. Subject EM transferred your headquarters per paragraph 143 Special Order 236, this headquarters dated 24 August 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Ernest L. Withers, Jr.
ERNEST L. WITHERS, JR.
Major, Air Corps
Asst Chief, Intelligence & Security Division

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Headquarters, Chanute Field, Chanute Field, Illinois.

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SEP 9 1945

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

1. In compliance with paragraph 2, basic communication, S/Sgt. Alan W. Keenen, 13200624, sole survivor of the crew, Airplane #42-50735, was interviewed this date and stated that the flying jacket with the name "Bangin' Lulu" was worn by S/Sgt Robert J. Martinec, 36678809, whose parents live at 1506 S. 61st Court, Cicero, Illinois.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

K. C. Bostick

K. C. BOSTICK
1st Lt, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant



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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

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(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
GAUDET, MERLIN P.		0-2059148	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
2nd Lt			
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

Form 73—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

16-20623

9 REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
SAN ANTONIO AVIATION CADET CENTER

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Gaudet, Merlin Phillip		32450241	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Av/C	Sqd 110	AAF 44 E	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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LOWER TEETH

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CLASS II

Occlusion 2: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
 Periodontoclasia _____
 Dental foci suspected: Yes No
 Other conditions _____

Date July 14, 1944

E. J. Gurney
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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

Teeth replaced by denture
 (horizontal line)

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

O	X	O
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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

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CLASS II - 4-4-44

Occlusion N: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
 Periodontoclasia _____
 Dental foci suspected: Yes No
 Other conditions Def. 11-15 - R-7-8

Date 8-9, 1943

E. J. Gurney
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
 (horizontal line)

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

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16-20622

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

acc. 11-18-48 (M-1)

Att. to gr. 26
7/23/48

In Reply Refer To RR Br: QMGM 293 Gaudet, Merlin P., 2/It., 02 059 148

Plot Z, Row 11, Grave 272
United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

IMPORTANT

Address reply and envelope to:
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Do NOT include the name of the
official who signed the com-
munication.

23 JUL 1948

P R I O R I T Y

Miss Mildred Jenkins, Home Service Director
North Atlantic Area, American Red Cross
300 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Jenkins:

The Next of Kin of the above captioned deceased wife

(relationship)

Mrs. Marion E. Gaudet 427 Trout Street Dunellen, New Jersey
(name) (address)

has failed to return a Form 345 indicating disposition instructions for the
remains. The form was dispatched 1 December 1947.

It is respectfully requested that the attached OQMG Form 345 be properly
accomplished by the Next of Kin and legal documents obtained through assistance
of your representative if appropriate, be furnished this office. In the event
you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is
further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative
be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of
the decedent.

It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above,
they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate
form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this
request.

Sincerely yours,

John O. Hyatt

JOHN O. HYATT
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

Incls.

Remarks: Former address,
1214 - 11th Avenue
Neptune, New Jersey

FINAL REPORT IS ON REVERSE:

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REPORT

November 29, 1948

In connection with this request, our Plainfield & North Plainfield Chapter in New Jersey determined that the decedent's widow had remarried. She is now:

Mrs. Joseph Barna
427 Front Street
Dunellen, New Jersey

We understand that the remarried widow has sent you the necessary statement which will enable you to recognize another survivor as next of kin. Full interpretation was given to the remarried widow relative to the regulations governing the designation of next of kin. Despite our explanation to Mrs. Barna that the father would now be recognized as next of kin, she chose to turn the Form 345 with her accompanying statement of remarriage over to the decedent's mother who is Mrs. G. T. Gaudet of 626 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey.

Mrs. Barna, the decedent's mother and other members of the family felt that it would be less upsetting for the mother to complete the form than the father. Therefore, they chose not to consult the father or bring him into the discussion.

Our chapter encountered difficulty by having to work through Mrs. Barna, inasmuch as the mother has a definite feeling of antagonism toward the American Red Cross, who, she believes had been remiss in not giving her information she requested when her son was missing in action.

It is possible that the mother forwarded to you a statement from the family physician stating that the father's condition was such that any discussion of Form 345 would be hazardous to his condition. If not, and you believe that evidence to justify your acceptance of Mrs. Gaudet as next of kin is needed, please let us know what you would require in this instance. We will be glad to give whatever further service is possible.



(Miss) Mildred Jenkins
Director
Home Service

Gertrude T. McLean
By: (Mrs.) Gertrude T. McLean
Home Service Correspondent

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No. A8 342500
DATE OF REQUEST 3-2-55

RECORDS DESIRED	201 FILE	ENL REC	EFF REP	MED REC	LETTER	IND	MEMO	RADIO	OTHER (Specify)	LAST DATE
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CLAIMS SECTION

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Margaret 293 Gaudet, Merlin P.
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FM UEPHV 5N/ HUSSEY, CLAIMS SVC, VABO3, PHILA. PA. 16/13297

TO MEMORIAL DIV, OFC OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASH. D.C.

VETS GRNC

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RETEL UEPOG 61A/VOGL 121938Z, MERLIN P. GAUDET, XC 6-128-123,

ASN 0-2-059-148, MARION E. GAUDET REMARRIED AND NOW MARION E. BARNA,

427 FRONT STREET, DUMFRIES, NEW JERSEY. PARENTS GABRIEL T. GAUDET AND

LUCILLE M. GAUDET 626 1ST STREET, METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY /PH3BA/

16/13307

10-27-48
Let loose papers JC



345 from mother
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Barker for
Slaughter
Jan 1948

293 Gaudet, Merlin P.
O-2059148

QMGMW DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC MULLIGAN X-71672

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BRANCH OFFICE #3
5000 WISSAHICKON AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA

PRIORITY

CHARGE GRAVES WW II

XC 6128123 REQUEST YOU ADVISE THIS OFFICE CURRENT ADDRESS AND MARITAL STATUS
OF MARION E GAUDET COMMA WIDOW OF 2ND/LT MERLIN P GAUDET COMMA O-2059148 COMMA
ALSO CURRENT ADDRESSES OF PARENTS OF DECEDENT. REPLY BY TELEGRAM END VOGL

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J. F. VOGL
Captain, QMC, Memorial Division

1	Plot A, Row 20, Grave 11 as the original signatures on the No. 4 copy of F-1194 concern: 304 Date of Burial: 7-Feb 49 Verified by GRS officer Willard B Owen, Capt. Inf.									
	<i>Raymond E. Johnson, 1st Lt. Inf.</i>									
SECTION A— NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED					DIRECTIVE NUMBER 4650 05931			DATE 15 11 48 DAY MONTH YEAR		
NAME GAUDET MERLIN P					SERIAL NUMBER 0-2059148		GRADE 2 LT	ARM A1	RACE 1	RELIGION 6
CEMETERY MARGRATEN, HOLLAND					PLOT Z	ROW 11	GRAVE 272	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 4601 80 CODE DIST. CTR.		
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN Flag sent: 17 Feb 49										
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE MARGRATEN, HOLLAND					NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN LUCILLE GAUDET METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY					
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION										
NAME			SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	DATE OF DEATH		DATE DISTINTERRED		
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ☐ REMAINS ☐ MARKER		ORGANIZATION USAAF			RELIGION		IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE			
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT										
NATURE OF BURIAL					CONDITION OF REMAINS 1					
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION										
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)										
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET										
DATE CASKET SEALED BY					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										

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 FILE
 RECORDS ANNOTATED
 DATE 1-27-50
 NAME [Signature]
 S & R [Signature]

20 April 1949

(2nd Lt. Merlin P. Gaudet, ASN O-2 059 148
Plot 1, Row 20, Grave 11
Headstone: Cross
Margraten (Holland) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mrs. Lucille Gaudet

Metuchen, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Gaudet:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

H. FELMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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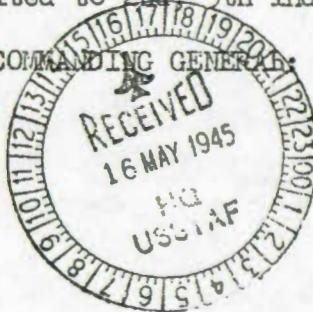
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. MAY 14 1945

TO: Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, APO 633, US Army.

Attention invited to 2nd, 5th indorsements and Inclosure #5.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL



H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, AGD
Asst Adj General.

5 Incls - n/c
Incl #6 - w/d

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9th Ind

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HEADQUARTERS, US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE (MAIN), APO 633, US ARMY.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, US Army. 19 MAY 1945

293 GNM (X-174-175-184-209-Margraten) 10th Ind
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 339, U. S. Army

TO: Commanding General, Communications Zone, ETOUSA, APO 887, U. S. Army
(Attn: OCQM -GR & E Div)

1. Attention is invited to previous correspondence.

2. It is requested that decision be rendered from your headquarters as to whether sufficient evidence exists to accept as conclusive the identification of Unknowns X-174, X-175, X-184, and X-209 (Margraten).

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



M. J. BARTOSIK
Lt. Col. AGD,
Asst. Adj. Gen.



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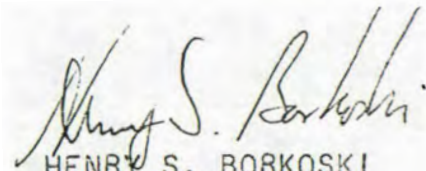
704TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
AAF 125 APO 558

7 MAY 1945

S T A T E M E N T

1. CREW LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF SECOND INDORSEMENT TO BASIC COMMUNICATION WERE FLYING B-24J TYPE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 42-50735 ON MISSION OF 24 MARCH 1945 TO WESSEL, GERMANY (LOW LEVEL SUPPLY MISSION). AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN WITH NUMBER THREE ENGINE ON FIRE, TWO (2) MEN BAILED OUT, ONE (1) PARACHUTE FAILED TO OPEN, AND AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAME ON IMPACT WITH GROUND. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT TIME OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT AND CREW.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


HENRY S. BORKOSKI
MAJOR, AIR CORPS
OPERATIONS OFFICER

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5th Ind.

704TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF 125, APO 558, 6 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF 125, APO 558.

1. S Sgt Thomas R. Davis, 16121274, 704th Bomb Sq (H), APO 558 was a member of 1st Lt Laurence R. Lofgren's crew, but did not go on the mission on which the crew went down. Upon questioning S Sgt Davis the following information was obtained.

a. Only one man on the crew had "Banging Lulu" painted on his flying jacket, S Sgt Robert J. Martinez, 36678809. This information conforms with the letter "M" on the handkerchief found on the body of the deceased.

b. T Sgt Melvin J. Soloman's initials correspond with those found on the ring of K-209. S Sgt Davis stated that T Sgt Soloman, 38540343, wore a school ring from Monroe High School.

c. S Sgt Davis further stated that, to the best of his knowledge, three enlisted men on the crew wore size 9½ shoes. Two of these men have already been identified, T Sgt Soloman and T Sgt Clifton, the latter having been reported as KIA and buried in Margraten Cemetery.

2. Reference paragraph 4, 2nd Indorsement, request that your headquarters take necessary action inasmuch as casualty reports are not prepared in this office.

For the Commanding Officer:

5 Incls:
4 Incls - n/c.
1 Incl Added:

Incl #5 - Statement of 704 Bomb Sq Operations Officer. (quad)

ROBERT A. LIPP,
Captain, Air Corps,
Executive.

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SPQYG 293
Unks. X-174 ~~and~~
(Margraten) Holland

11 April 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to reports of burial for Unknowns X-174 and X-175, Plot 2, Row 11, Graves 272 and 274, U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland. The Unknowns together with the identified body of Lawrence K. Lefgren, O-720290, were recovered from a B-26 Bomber which crashed one mile north of Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945.

2. Information is requested as to whether any other bodies were recovered from that vicinity, who might possibly be associated with the above casualty, as one of the crew members is still unaccounted for.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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N. J. ROBINSON
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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✓ 293 Unk. X-175, Holland (Margraten)

RRE Form #43
20 Sep 48

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

GAUDET	MERLIN	P	2Lt	O-2059148
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

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

Incl #

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

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Classification Cancelled
By Authority The OMC
Signature *[Signature]*
Date 5/13/49
APO 339
26 APR 1945

293 GNMQM (X-174 Margraten)

SUBJECT: Unidentified deceased U. S. personnel

TO: Commanding General
U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe
APO 633, U. S. Army

1. Attention is invited to the attached copy of Report of Burial for an unidentified deceased American flier, designated as "Unknown X-174 (Margraten)" and buried in Margraten Military Cemetery #1 on 1 April 1945.

2. Available information indicates that remains of this deceased flier were removed from a crashed "B-26" bomber in the vicinity of Wesel, Germany (coordinates A 2344), on or about 24 March 1945.

3. The remains of four (4) other deceased fliers were also removed from the same aircraft. One of these was identified as Lawrence K. Lofgren, ASN O-720290, and the remaining three were unidentified and designated as follows:

Unknown X-175 (Margraten)
Unknown X-184 (Margraten)
Unknown X-209 (Margraten)

4. The only clues leading to possible identity were the markings found on a pair of shoes, "L 5367" and "W 689". The shoe size was 9½ C. Also found was a pair of large size flying boots.

5. It is requested that information above and on attached Report of Burial be fully investigated or disseminated to the proper command with a view to providing this headquarters with additional information which might serve to establish identification of this unknown. This should include Missing Air Crew Report, casualty status, statements from possible witnesses or survivors of the crash, and all known facts regarding the aircraft, its crew, its last mission, and any information which might contribute to the identification of unknown X-174 (Margraten).

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
Report of Burial

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[Signature]
M. J. BARTOSIK
Lt Col AGD,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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29 APR 1945
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HEADQUARTERS, US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE (MAIN), APO 633, US ARMY. APR 30 1951

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634, US Army.

1. Forwarded for possible identification of Unknown X-174 (Margraten).
2. Records this headquarters indicated that 1st Lt Lawrence K. Lofgren, O-720290 was a member of the 704th Bomb Sq, 446th Bomb Gp.

By command of General SPAATZ:

1 Incl: n/c

Karl A. Langford
KARL A. LANGFORD
Major, AGD
Asst Adj General

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. [2 MAY 1945

TO: Commanding General, 2nd Air Division, APO 558, US Army.
(Attn: Casualty Section)

1. Forwarded for possible identification of unknown X-174, X-175, X-184 and X-209 Margraten.
2. Status of crew members of aircraft 42-50735 are indicated on records, this Hq, as follows:

— 1st Lt Laurence R. Lofgren, O-720290, MIA KIA Margraten 2-1-1
2nd Lt Merlin P. Gaudet, O-2059148, MIA
S/Sgt Fredrick W. Jacobs, 14202685, MIA
— T/Sgt William J. Clifton, 16171859, KIA KIA Margraten 2-2-34
T/Sgt Melvin J. Soloman, 38540343, MIA KIA Margraten 35-8-187
S/Sgt Alan W. Keenen, 13200624, MIA
S/Sgt Kenneth J. Stalder, 15335659, MIA
1st Lt Earle C. Cheek, O-692295, MIA X-175 Margraten 2-11-274
S/Sgt Robert J. Martinec, 36678809, MIA KIA - Margraten 4-12-277

3. T/Sgt William J. Clifton, 16171859, status changed to KIA based on report of burial, is buried in Plot Z, Row 2, Grave 34, Margraten Cemetery.

4. Request supplemental casualty report be submitted for 1st Lt Laurence R. Lofgren, O-720290, and for any of the forementioned unknowns, if satisfactorily identified.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL DOOLITTLE:

4 Incls:

Incl 1 - n/c

3 Incls Added:

Incl 2 - Unknown X-175

Incl 3 - Unknown X-184

Incl 4 - Unknown X-209



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319.1 3rd Ind. (S: 10 May 45)
HEADQUARTERS 2d AIR DIVISION, APO 558, 4 May 1945.

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TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 125, APO 558.

For compliance with 2nd Indorsement and return through this headquarters by 10 May 1945.

By command of Major General KEPNER:

Clyde W. Rine

CLYDE W. RINE

1st Lt AGD

Asst Adjutant General

4 Incls: n/c

319.1 4th Ind. (S: 8 May 45)

G/ADN/2

HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 125, APO 558, 4 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 704th Bombardment Squadron, AAF 125, APO 558.

For compliance with 2nd Indorsement and return through this headquarters by 8 May 1945.

By order of Lt Col SCHMIDT:

Alfred D. Newhart

ALFRED D. NEWHART,

Major, Air Corps,

Adjutant.

4 Incls: n/c

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

1. Your attention is invited to basic communication.

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