

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

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 16

3 February 1949

1. The fol named off having been asgd 7887 Hq Gp AGRC APO 58 Paris France per par 1 SO 14 7855 AGRC Zone #1 Hq APO 58 Liege Belgium are placed on dy w/Registration Division.

CAPT	STANLEY C.	TYRRELL	01304296	Inf
1ST LT	EDWARD E.	STOUT	01594512	CE
1ST LT	ERNEST J.	OGLESBY	0449004	Cav

2. The Board of Review for the Identification of Unknown Dead aptd per par 9 SO 6 this hq 14 Jan 48 is dissolved.

3. The Board of Review for cases of non-recoverability of remains (European Area) aptd per par 4 SO 33 this hq 22 Mar 48 as amended by par 1 SO 154 this hq 3 Nov 48 and par 2 SO 165 this hq 7 Dec 48 is dissolved.

4. The Board of Review for Major Discrepancy Cases aptd per par 6 SO 146 this hq 22 Oct 48 is dissolved.

5. PAC ltr WD AGAO-S 293.9 9 Apr 47 Subj: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, the fol off this hq are aptd a Board of Review for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the identification of deceased and determination of non-recoverability of remains (European Area):

CAPT	JACK C.	HAYES	01577297	QMC
CAPT	STANLEY C.	TYRRELL	01304296	Inf
CAPT	EDWARD F.	PRICE, Jr.	01588236	QMC
1ST LT	EDWARD E.	STOUT	01594512	CE
1ST LT	ERNEST J.	OGLESBY	0449004	Cav

6. The fol off this hq are aptd a Board of Review for Major Discrepancy Cases to function pursuant to par 3 Operations Instructions 84 this hq 29 July 47:

CAPT	JACK C.	HAYES	01577297	QMC
CAPT	STANLEY C.	TYRRELL	01304296	Inf
CAPT	EDWARD F.	PRICE, Jr.	01588236	QMC
1ST LT	EDWARD E.	STOUT	01594512	CE
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EXHIBIT "A"

7. Par 5 SO 10 this hq 24 Jan 49 pertaining to an audit of the AGRC Officers Club (Paris Area) is amended to add "PAC Weekly Dir No. 34 Hq EUCOM 1948 as amended by Sec 14 Weekly Dir 46 Hq EUCOM 1948 this audit will also effect the change of custodian of the club."

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

OFFICIAL:

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SPECIAL ORDERS
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18 March 1949
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1. Published in extract form.
2. ✓ MAJ ROGER BERGER 0251736 Ord is aptd a member of the Boards of Review established per par 5 and par 6 SO 16 this hq 3 Feb 49 vice CAPT STANLEY C. TYRRELL 01304296 Inf reld.

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

HS/pmc

17 January 1949

(Date)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS ON BOARD OF OFFICERS

Proceedings of a board of officers which convened at Nancy, France

_____, for the purpose to determine identification of remains where a

Major Discrepancy exist in the case of KIKER, Charles M.

12 031 996 disinterred from plot C

Row 9 Grave 170 U S M C Solers on

13 July 1948, pursuant to Par 1 SO 4

Hq 3rd Zone AGRC, EA APO 58 US Army 14 January 1949

a copy of which is attached as exhibit "A".

The board met pursuant to the foregoing order at Hotel Excelsior

Nancy at 1600 hours on 20 January 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Capt	ROBERT V HUBBARD	01286839	Inf	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
Capt	DANIEL S HARROP Jr	01705752	MC	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
1/Lt	FREDERICK S DAVID	01826041	Cav	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
CWO	LEODORE GOUDREAU	W2113434	USA	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Major	JOSEPH H GARDNER	0229086	Inf	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
1/Lt	ALLYN P KING	0223333	Cav	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq

Evidence and / or exhibits presented for consideration:

QMC Form 1194 Disinterment Directive (Tentative)
for KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996,
and Case History Ex B

QMC Form 1194A Disinterment Discrepancy Report
KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996 Ex C

GR Form 1 Report of Interment for KIKER,
Charles M 12 031 996 Ex D

~~Facts and circumstances~~
GR Form 1 Report of Interment for Van Meter,
George C O-759 532 Ex E

Letter dated 19 July 1948, Hq 7856, AGRC Zone 2, refer-
ence GRVO 293, Subject: Totally Decomposed Remains Ex F

Air Corps Historical Records, 669 Bomb Sq, 416 Bomb Gp Ex G

Letter dated 15 Nov 1948. Hq AGRC reference RRE 314.6
Subject: Burial Information Ex H

EXHIBIT "B"

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KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996
Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170
USMC Solers

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Evidence and/or exhibits presented for consideration:

QMC Form 1194 Disinterment Directive 3568 01656 for George C. Van Meter Jr 0-759532	Ex I
Statement on processing of remains of KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996	Ex J
Synopsis from Records and Allied Papers of M/D case of Charles M. KIKER 12 031 996	Ex K

Facts and Circumstances:

1. QMC Form 1194, Disinterment Directive, Ex B, indicates that Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers was disinterred on 13 July 1948, grave marker reading KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996. One GRS tag was attached to back of marker. Section C unsigned, Section D not completed and unsigned.
2. QMC Form 1194A, Disinterment Discrepancy Report, Ex C, dated 13 July 1948, indicates that upon disinterment Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers on 13 July 1948, a french type coffin was uncovered containing only an OD uniform with Sgt. chevrons and an air-craft escape door. Careful examination of clothing and grave failed to reveal any bones, fragments or flesh. Disinterment Discrepancy (1194-A) signed by Charles J. Missigman, Morgue Supervisor.
3. GR Form 1, Report of Interment for Charles M. KIKER, Ex D, dated 15 January 1945, indicates that Sgt. Charles M. KIKER, 12 031 996 was interred in USMC Solers at 1430 hours, 15 January 1945 in Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170; Cause of death, Plane Crash. Identification was made by elimination; the only other member of a two man crew was identified and interred in the next grave 169. Name of person furnishing data of identification Garland D. Murphy Jr, Captain, Medical Corps, 669 Bomb Sq (L) 416 Bomb Gp (L). One GRS tag buried with remains and another attached to grave marker. GR Form 1 signed by S/Sgt Julius K Gorombol and verified by Robert L. Steiner 2/Lt QMC 3049 QM Graves Reg Co.
4. GR Form 1, Report of Interment for George C. Van Meter, Ex E, dated 14 January 1945, indicates that 2/Lt George C. Van Meter 0-759 592 of 669 Bomb Sq (L) 416 Bomb Gp (L) of 9th Air Force was killed in air craft accident on 14 Jan 1945 and interred in USMC Solers in Plot C, Row 9, Grave 169 on 15 January 45 at 1430 hours. Two identification tags were present, one of which was buried with the remains and one attached to grave marker. GRS Forms which accompanied the body had "George C Van Meter Jr" written at top of form. Identification tags were minus the "Jr". Identification particulars furnished by Garland D. Murphy, Captain, MC 669 Bomb Sq (L). GR Form 1, signed by Sgt Julius K. Gorombol and verified by Robert L. Steiner, 2/Lt QMC 3049 QM Graves Reg. Co.

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

KIKER, CHARLES M

RANK

SCT

SERIAL NUMBER

12031996

ARM OF SERVICE

AAF

DATE OF DEATH

14 JAN 45

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

JAN 26 1951

CYRUS

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

KATZ

29 JAN 51

REMARKS

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

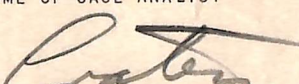
AREA OF DEATH France		CASE NUMBER 12031996
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Kiker, Charles M.	RANK Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 12031996

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- ☒ THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- ☐ THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST 	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION  MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt., QMG	FEB 13 1951

QMCMF 293
Kiker, Charles M.
SN 12 031 996

22 July 1949

Mr. John Kiker
3556 North Randolph Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kiker:

It is with the deepest reluctance that I am writing you about your son, the late Sergeant Charles M. Kiker, since the information I must furnish you may bring you added sorrow.

An official report of burial received in this office indicates that the remains of your son had been interred in Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170, in the United States Military Cemetery Solers, France. Upon receipt of this information, you were informed and, subsequently, invited to state your desires relative to the final disposition of his remains.

In order that you may fully understand the circumstances surrounding this case, I should like to state at this point that it is the policy of the Army to have our field forces overseas conduct a detailed examination of the remains of our World War II Dead at the time of disinterment preparatory to final casketing. This is accomplished for the purpose of verifying the identification made at the time of burial, which, in many cases, was established during the stress of battle.

Upon exhumation of Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, in the United States Military Cemetery Solers, a temporary military cemetery, no evidence of human remains was found. An investigation of this case was then initiated, and the information thus obtained discloses that your son met his death when the A-26 Aircraft Number 41-039333, piloted by Second Lieutenant George C. Van Meter, crashed five miles north of Villaroche, France, on 14 January 1945. Your son and Lieutenant Van Meter were the only men aboard this plane and before they could get out of the burning wreckage, the bombs exploded, and both were killed instantly. Although Lieutenant Van Meter's body was thrown clear of the plane, I regret to inform you that your son's body was almost completely disintegrated and only fragmentary bits of flesh could be recovered. The recoverable remains of your son were placed in a French-type casket and taken to the United States Military Cemetery Solers where they were interred; however, since no evidence of any remains could be found upon exhumation, it can only be concluded that,

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due to the process of natural decomposition, these fragments have been completely consumed. I am sure you will realize that, in view of these unfortunate circumstances, the Department of the Army must regrettably determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable.

Fully understanding the grief and anxiety you will experience upon receipt of this information, it is not easy to express condolence. It is my sincere hope, however, that the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country may be a source of sustaining comfort to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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

IN REPLY REFER TO

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Memorial Division

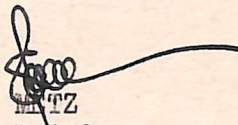
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Repat Br Mem Div	Corres Sec Repat Br	19 Jul 49	293 Kiker, Charles M., 12 031 996 It is requested that a non-recoverable letter be written to the next of kin at the last known address. This case is a major discrepancy entailing complete decomposition of the remains.  BROWN 73370 Incls: 293 file Approved Bd Findings Effort was made by Telephone to contact N.O.K. without success. NOK has moved and left no forwarding address. It was recommended to Col. Freeman by the undersigned that a letter be written setting forth the circumstances, and addressed to the last known address. If the letter is returned undelivered the file will be closed. Col. Freeman concurred in this. 

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Fin. Det. Section Ident. Br. Mem. Div.	Repat. Br. Mem. Div. <u>ATTN:</u> Col. Brown	14 June 49	SUBJECT: KIKER, Charles M., Sgt., ASN 12 031 996 1. Attached hereto, for further action by your office are approved Board Findings of Non-Recoverability for subject decedent, major discrepancy case. 2. All action necessary to be taken by the Identification Branch has been completed. 1 Incl: Approved Bd Findings w/293 for Kiker  J. T. Z. 74059  Dewees 73472

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

C NUMBER

7962 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

Europe

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Kiker, Charles M.

RANK

Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

12 031 996

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

Individual case

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

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

6a. Geographical clue index file of unknowns from pertinent area

6b. Air Corps Historical Record

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

See attached statement

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

VINCENT A. THOMAS/cmh

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

B. HALE

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

G. W. ROGERS, Capt QMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

T. H. METZ, Lt Col QMC

8 Jan 49

BRIEF HISTORY

Kiker, Charles M.

1. This case involves the complete decomposition of the remains of an aircraft gunner who was killed in the crash of an A-26 type aircraft on 14 January 1945. Such remains as were recovered were interred originally in the USMC Solers, Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170 on 15 January 1945. Under date of 13 July 1948, upon exhumation of Grave 170, Plot C, Row 9, USMC Solers, no evidence of human remains was found, but only an OD uniform with Sgt. chevrons and an aircraft escape door in a French type coffin.

2. According to information submitted by Dr. G. D. Murphy, Jr., former Medical Officer of the 669th Bomb Sq. (L) 416th Bomb Gp. (L), subject decedent was riding as gunner in an A-26 type aircraft piloted by Lt. George C. Van Meter. Shortly after the take off, the aircraft crashed with full bomb load and exploded. Both crew members were instantly killed. Lt. Van Meter's body was thrown clear of the plane, while Sgt. Kiker's body was completely disintegrated. Several small pieces of flesh and clothing were found within a half mile radius of the plane. These were placed in a card board box along with the body of Lt. Van Meter, and were taken to the American Cemetery. An EM tag was attached to the box containing the remains.

3. The remains of Lt. George C. Van Meter were interred in USMC Solers, Plot C, Row 9, Grave 169 on 15 January 1945. An identification tag was interred with the remains. Under date of 13 July 1948, the remains of Lt. Van Meter were disinterred for possible evidence of a mass burial, but only one body was found.

4. According to the information of Dr. G. D. Murphy, Jr., that only fragmentary bits of flesh were recovered and interred in January 1945, and exhumation in July 1948 produced no evidence of human remains, and that due to the process of natural decomposition, it is concluded that these fragmentary bits of flesh were completely consumed by decay.

Vincent A. Thomas
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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47), D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The board convened pursuant to par 4, SO No.33, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U S Army, 22 March 1948, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on 13 MAY 1949. The purpose of the board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under the jurisdiction of this command.

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

CASE NO.	NAME	ASN	GRADE
10	IKER, Charles M.	Sgt	12 031 996

* as amended by para 1 SO 43, Hq AGRC, dated 19 April 1949
FINDINGS: The board having carefully considered the evidence before it, find the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

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

H. P. HENRY, Col, QMC

JACK C. HAYES, Capt, QMC

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr., Capt, QMC

E. D. Mulvanity
E. D. MULVANITY, Lt Col, QMC
Roger Berger
ROGER BERGER, Maj, Ord

Edward E. Stout
EDWARD E. STOUT, 1st Lt, CE

ERNEST J. OGLESBY, 1st Lt QMC

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
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RAG 300.4

22 Mar 48

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 33

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

CARL W. RAGUSE
Colonel, QMC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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

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WILLIAM R. DEWEESE
1st Lt. QMC

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board AGRC

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

NAME: KIKER, Charles M., Sgt., 12 031 996

ORGANIZATION: 669th Bomb Sq., 416th Bomb Gp.

PLACE OF DEATH: 5 miles North of Villaroche, Seine & Marne

DATE OF DEATH: 14 January 1945

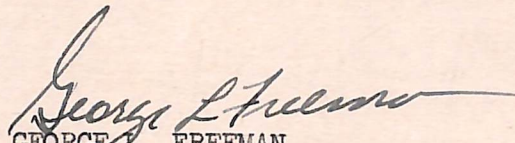
SYNOPSIS OF CASE: Air Corps Historical records reveal that on 14 January 1945 as the aircraft A-26 #41-039333 flown by Second Lieutenant George C. Van Meter, Jr., O-759532, with Sergeant Kiker as gunner, began to get airborne, it suddenly settled to the ground and crashed. Before the crew was able to get out of the burning wreckage, the bombs exploded. The crew was killed. The above were the only occupants of the plane. Lieutenant Van Meter's body was thrown clear of the plane. Sergeant Kiker's body was completely disintegrated. Several small pieces of flesh and clothing were found within a half mile radius. These were placed in a card board box along with the body of Lieutenant Van Meter and transported to the United States Military Cemetery Solers. The remains were interred in Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170. Upon disinterment for return program no human remains were found in this grave. The grave of Lieutenant Van Meter was also disinterred for possible evidence of a mass burial, but only one body was found. Non-recoverable action has been directed by Cable OQMG WCL 31253.

Reference is made to OQMG Form 371; WCL 31253; Board Findings; Board Findings; Ltr, Hq 7856, Zone 2, 19 Jul 48; Processing of Remains; Synopsis.

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

3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.

4. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.


GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt QMC

Feb 8 - 45

7.9. 714 #2

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Dear Sir -

I would like my son's
personal effects returned to me
whenever possible, Sgt. Charles
M. Kiker - A.S.A. 1263 1996 who
was killed in France on Jan 14.

Thanking you

Mrs. Caroline Kiker
3556 N. Randolph St.
Phila. 40 - Pa.

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2/14

file
ad.

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

KIKER Charles M.

GRADE

Sgt

PRESENT SERIAL
NUMBER

12031996

ORGANIZATION

669th Bomb Sq 416th Bomb Gp

RACE

white

CREED

protestant

FORMER SERIAL
NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

14 Jan 45

CAUSE OF DEATH

KIA

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Villaroche, France

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

5'7 3/4

WEIGHT

143

COLOR EYES

blue

COLOR HAIR

brown

SHOE SIZE

9 1/2 C

DENTAL CHART

21 Jul 41

UPPER RIGHT

I 7 X 5 4X 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LOWER RIGHT

X 16 X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 X 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

Right Arm 1933

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Born 8 Jun 1920

HEADQUARTERS
7856 AGRC ZONE #2 HQ
CAMP JOHN B. FRANKS
APO 58 US ARMY

WHH/h

GRVO 293

19 July 1948

SUBJECT: Totally Decomposed Remains

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, US Army

1. Disinterment of Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170, USMC Solers, France, supposed to contain the remains of Sergeant Charles M. Kiker 12031996, revealed no remains present in this grave. Upon disinterment FOS team found a Franc-type casket which contained an OD uniform placed over an aircraft escape door. Careful examination of the clothing as well as the grave failed to reveal any skeletal system or fragments of bone.

2. Plot C, Row 9, Grave 169, containing the remains of Second Lieutenant George C. Van Meter Jr., only other person killed in the plane crash with Sergeant Kiker, was also disinterred for possible evidence of a mass burial, but only one body was found in this grave.

3. In accordance with paragraph 25, TM 10-281, April 1948, this case is being submitted to your headquarters for necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.
Disinterment Discrepancy
Report, 1194A

t/ WILLIAM J. WOOD
Captain FA
Adjutant

Telephone: BALzac 5400
Carentan Ext 83

Certified true copy:

/s/ Leodore Goudreau
/t/ LEODORE GOUDREAU
CWO USA

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

28 March 1949

SUBJECT : Report of Board of Officers

TO : Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, U S Army

Proceedings of a Board of Officers convened at Paris, France, pursuant to Paragraph 6, Special Orders #16, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Command, 3 February 1949, and paragraph 2, Special Orders #33, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Command, 18 March 1949, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Board met at the call of the President pursuant to the foregoing orders, at Headquarters, American Graves Registration Command, Paris, France, at 1000 hours, 28 March 1949.

Members present :

Maj. ROGER BERGER., O-251736., Ord
1/Lt. EDWARD E. STOUT., O-1594512, CE
1/Lt. ERNEST J. OGLESBY, O-449004, Cav.

Members absent :

Capt. JACK C. HAYES., O-1577297., QMC
Capt. EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr, O-1588236, QMC

PURPOSE :

To review all evidence incidental to the Report of Disinternment Discrepancy concerned with the remains previously interred in Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170, USMC Solers, and to make appropriate recommendation as to final determination of case.

The following documents were submitted and reviewed by the Board :

Exhibit "B" - Proceedings of a Board of Officers which convened

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at Nancy, France, pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Special Orders #4, HQ 3rd Zone AGRC, EA, APO 58, US Army, dated 14 January 1949.

Exhibit "C" - True copy of Ltr, G.D. MURPHY Jr., M.D. dated 16 Feb. 1949.

FINDINGS :

The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it :

1. Concurs with the Board appointed by Commanding Officer, Third Zone, in that no human remains were found upon disinterment and examination of Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers.

2. Concurs that the remains of George C. VAN METER Jr., O-759532, Grave 169, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers, were conclusively identified and that upon disinterment and examination no extra remains were found.

3. That at the time of the original interment of Sgt Charles M. KIKER, only small pieces of flesh and clothing were found within a half-mile radius of the plane crash (See Exhibit "C").

RECOMMENDATIONS :

In view of the above findings, the Board recommends :

1. That the items (i.e. OD Uniform, Sgt chevrons and an air-craft escape door) recovered from grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers be placed in storage and the office of the Quartermaster General queried as to the disposition thereof.

2. That total disintegration be accepted as the basis for no remains being present in Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers.

There being no further matters before the Board, the Board adjourned at 1030 hours on 28 March 1949.

Edward E. Stout
EDWARD E. STOUT
1/Lt CE
Member

Roger Berger
ROGER BERGER
Major Ord
President

Ernest J. Oglesby
ERNEST J. OGLESBY
1/Lt Cav.
Recorder

Incls :
Exhibits "A" thru "F"

Reviewed and approval recommended

H.P. Henry
H.P. HENRY
Colonel QMC
Chief Registration Division

Approved

Hq, AGRC, APO 58
US ARMY

H.L. Peckham
H.L. PECKHAM
Brigadier General USA
Commanding

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incl #1

KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996
Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170
USMC Solers

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Facts and Circumstances:

5. Letter dated 19 July 1948, Hq 7856, AGRC Zone 2, reference GRVO 293 Subject: Totally decomposed remains, Ex F, confirms major discrepancy as indicated in Exhibit C, that no remains were found in Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170, USMC Solers and that the remains in the adjoining grave 169 of 2/Lt George C. Van Meter showed no evidence of being a mass burial.
6. Air Corps Historical Records, Ex C, indicated that on the 14 January 1945 that an A-26, A/C.S.N #-41-039333 with Lt G. C. Van Meter as pilot and Sgt C. M. KIKER as gunner, began to get airborne it settled to the ground, crashed, burned and the bomb exploded and the crew killed. The above mentioned pilot and gunner only occupants of plane.
7. Letter dated 15 Nov 1948 Hq AGRC reference RRE 314.6 Subject: Burial Information, Ex I, indicates that the remains of 2/Lt George C. Van Meter Jr were shipped by S.S. Carroll Victory, from Antwerp on 25 Sept 1948.
8. QMC Form 1194, Disinterment Directive #3568 01656 for George C. Van Meter Jr, Ex J, indicates that on the 13 July 1948, the remains of George C. Van Meter O-759 532 were disinterred from USMC Solers Plot C, Row 9, Grave 169. Remains were identified by one identification tag on remains, one on marker also an embossed plate. Nature of Burial - "O.D's", condition of remains: "Adv. Decomp. Frac. R. Humerus L & R Tibia and Fibulia, Scapula and L. Pubis Frac to skull. No mention of this remains being a mass burial or having extra bones. Minor Discrepancy "ID tags abbreviate first name and omit Jr".
9. Statement on Processing of Remains of Charles M. KIKER 12 031 996, Ex K, confirm that no bones or human flesh were found.
10. Synopsis from Records and Allied Papers of M/D Case of Charles M. KIKER 12 031 996, Ex L, is a recapitulation of any facts that have a bearing on the two deceased Charles M. KIKER and George C. Van Meter Jr., written after an examination of all the records and papers that were made available to Hq., 3rd Zone, AGRC.

Findings:

1. Upon disinterment and examination of Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers the visible contents consisted of an OD uniform with Sgt chevrons and an aircraft escape door, in a French-type coffin.

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KIMER, Charles M 12 031 996
Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170
USMC Solers

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Findings:

2. Upon disinterment and examination of Grave 169, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers, one remains, with no extra bones, was found and identified as George C. Van Meter Jr O-759 532, by one identification tag found on remains and one identification tag nailed on grave marker.

Recommendations:

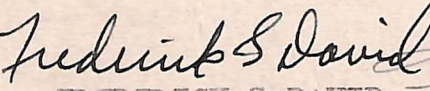
That in view of the Findings based on Facts and Circumstances that this case be forwarded to Hq AGRC to obtain, if possible, statements from:

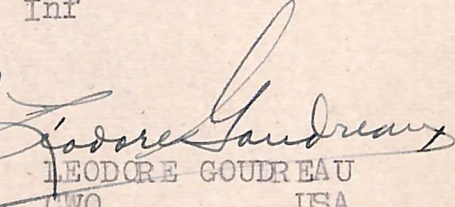
- a. Garland D. Murphy, Capt. M.C. (late of 669 Bomb Sq 416 Bomb Gp)
- b. S/Sgt Julius K Gorombol (late of 3049 QM Gr Reg Co)
- c. Robert L Steiner, 2/Lt QMC (late of 3049 QM Gr Reg Co)

who may be able to give further information that may account for the absence of a remains in Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers.


ROBERT V HUBBARD
Capt Inf
President

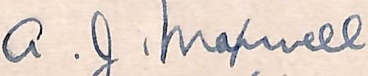

DANIEL S HARROFF
Capt MC
Member


FREDERICK S DAVID
1/Lt Cav
Member


THEODORE GOUDREAU
CWO USA
Recorder

20 January 1949
Approved:

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER


A J MAXWELL
Lt Col AGD
Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
THIRD ZONE
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA

APO 58

US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS)

1914 January 1949

NUMBER.....4)

1. In compliance w/par 1e Sec I Opns Instructions 113
Hq AGRC 5 Sep 47 the fol named Os are designated the Third
Zone Bd of Review to act in all cases wherein major discrepancies
are found during the repatriation operations in this zone.

Major	JOSEPH F GARDNER	0229086	Inf	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
- Capt	DANIEL S HARROP Jr	01705752	MC	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
1/Lt	ALLYN P KING	0223333	Cav	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
- 1/Lt	FREDERICK S DAVID	01326041	Cav	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
- Capt	ROBERT V HUBBARD	01286839	Inf	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq
- CWO	LEODORE GOUDREAU	W2113434	USA	7857 AGRC Zone 3 Hq

All unfinished cases in the h nds of the Recorder of the Bd aptd
per par 11 SO 97 this hq 26 Oct 48 will be brought before the
Bd hereby aptd.

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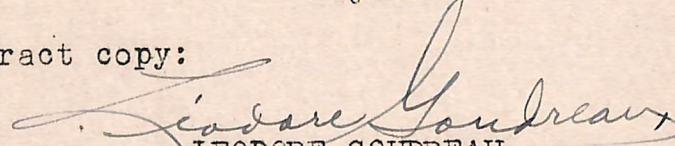
Tvl directed herein has been cleared in compliance with
Cir 28, Hq EUCOM, 9 May 47 as amended and is in connection with
and incident to the evacuation and return of remains program.

AUTH: Cir 28, Hq EUCOM, 9 May 47 as amended; Cir 9, Hq AGRC
24 May 48.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL MARCHIAN:

LEONARD R LITIAN
Major AGD
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:
Certified true extract copy:


LEODORE GOUDREAU
CWO USA
Adm. Officer

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(PRINT DO NOT WRITE)

DISPOSITION: C

U.S.M.C. Solers

PLOT C ROW 9 GRAVE 170

CASE HISTORY FOR:

NAME KIKER, Charles M. RANK Sgt ASN 12031996
ORGANIZATION 669th Bomb Sq (L) 416th Bomb Gp (L) RELIGION Lutheran PROT
DATE OF DEATH 14 Jan 45 CAUSE OF DEATH Airplane crash
PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED AS _____

(Check those applicable)

Buried with remains: ID Tag (X) GRS Tag (X) GRS Form #1 ()

Burial Identity:

On Grave Marker: ID Tag () GRS Tag (X) GRS Form #1 ()

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

- X (A) ID Tags
____ (B) Favorable comparison with Tooth chart
____ (C) Favorable comparison with fingerprints
____ (D) Missing Air Cr. Report No. _____
____ (E) Markings on clothing
____ (F) Personal Effects and/or Papers
____ (G) Statement of _____ dated _____
____ (H) German Records
____ (I) Cemeterial Records at _____ Cemetery
____ (J) Paybook
____ (K) Emergency Medical Tag
X (L) Other Means

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Exhibit

"B" M/D CHARLES M KIKER



SECTION A--

NAME AND BIRTHAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

Day Month Year

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ARMY OF YEAR

KIKER, CHARLES M.

12031996

SGT

AF

Day Month Year

PROPERTY

SOLERS

DISPOSITION OF REMAIN

Code Dist. Pt.

PLOT FOW GRAVE COUNTRY

CAUSE OF DEATH

C

9

170

FRANCE

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

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISINTERMENTED

KIKER, CHARLES M.

12031996

UTD

14 JANUARY 1945

13 JULY 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

☐ Remains☐ Marker GRS

P

Name and Title

SECTION D -- PREPARATION OF REMAINS & SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

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 GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194 for major discrepancies.

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EXHIBIT 'B' MID CHARLES M KIKER

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

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

2. SHIPPED

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

3. SHIPPED

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

4. SHIPPED

FROM	TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	NAME OF CONVOYER	
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5. SHIPPED

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

6. SHIPPED

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

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A --				DIRECTIVE NUMBER		DATE		
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED								
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		RANK		ARMY DATE OF DEATH		
KIKER, CHARLES M.		12031996		SGT		AF		
SOLERS						DISPOSITION OF REMAINS		
PLOT		POW		GRAVE		COUNTRY		
C		9		170		FRANCE		
						CAUSE OF DEATH		

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	RANK	DATE OF DEATH
IDENTIFICATION TAG OF	ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION EXEMPTED BY
☐ Remains			
☐ Marker			Name and Title

SECTION D -- PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT	
NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1	

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET	
Date	By
CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER SIGNATURE
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
Date	By

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FROM	TO		
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	NAME OF CONVOYER		
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6. SHIPPED

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

DISINTERMENT DISCREPANCY REPORT
(THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IN CASE WHERE
DISCREPANCY IS SUCH THAT IDENTITY MAY BE IN ERROR)

REPORT NO. USMC SOLERS No. 1	DIRECTIVE NO.
DISINTERMENT DATE 13 July 1948	

A. INFORMATION SHOWN ON DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE (QMC FORM 1194)

NAME KIKER, CHARLES M.	RANK SGT	SERIAL NUMBER 12031996	ARM OR SERVICE AAF	DATE OF DEATH 14 Jan '45
COUNTRY FRANCE	CEMETERY USMC SOLERS	PLOT "C"	ROW 9	GRAVE 170

B. INSCRIPTION ON MARKER

NAME CHARLES M. KIKER	RANK SGT	SERIAL NUMBER 12031996	ORGANIZATION 416 Bomb Gp
DATE OF DEATH 14 January 1945	FAITH "P"	PLOT C	GRAVE 170

C. INFORMATION ON REMAINS DISINTERRED FROM THIS GRAVE (IF MORE THAN ONE, LIST HERE)

NAME CHARLES M. KIKER	RANK SGT	SERIAL NUMBER 12031996	ORGANIZATION 416 Bomb Group 669 Bomb Squadron
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IF NO IDENTIFICATION TAG WAS FOUND ON REMAINS, GIVE DETAILS THAT INDICATED DISCREPANCY Upon disinterment the FOS team found a French type coffin, the contents of which revealed an OD uniform with Sgt chevrons and which was placed on an aircraft escape door. Careful examination of the clothing as well as the grave failed to reveal any skeletal system or fragments thereof. Interment on the right being a member of the same organization showed no sign of

REMAINS BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT: NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	GRAVE NUMBER
VANMETER, GEORGE C. Jr.	2d Dt	O-759532	169
REMAINS BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT: NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE, INITIAL)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	GRAVE NUMBER
FLYNN, JAMES E.	S/SGT	31206780	171

D. ACTION TAKEN TO CORRECT DISCREPANCY

Referred to Review Board, Hq., Second Zone

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DATE 13 July 1948	AGRS INSPECTOR (SIGNATURE) <i>Charles J. Missigman</i> CHARLES J. MISSIGMAN, MORGUE SUPERVISOR
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AMERICAN

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

January 1945

Date

Kiker

Charles

M

Sgt

12031996

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

416th Bombardment Group (L)

Unit

Organization

5 mi North of Villaroche S & M France 14 Jan. 1945

Air Plane Crash

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1400 Hrs 15 Jan. 1945

Solers Cemetery nol

NDG VS-3018

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

170

9

C

Cross

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

Process of elimination. Two men, Sgt Charles M Kiker and 2nd Lt George C Van Meter Jr, took off in airplane. After the crash the body of 2nd Lt George C Van Meter Jr. was definitely identified from his identification tags.

What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS Emergency Tag

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:

FLYNN James E 31206780

S/Sgt 434 Troop Carrier Gp 171

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

VAN METER George C 0-759532

2nd/Lt 416 Bmb Gp 169

Deceased's Left:

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

s/ Garland D Murphy Jr.

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

GARLAND D. MURPHY JR, Captain Medical Corps, 669th Bomb Sq (L), 416th Bomb Gp (L)

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

Kiker Charles M
12031996

GRS

P

Emergency Addressee

Mr John Kiker (Father)

Name

3556 North Randolph Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Address

Religion

LUTHERAN

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

NONE

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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THEODORE GOUDREAU

CWO

USA

Ass't Opns OFF

/s/ S/Sgt Julius K GOROMBOL

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

/s/ ROBERT L STEINER 2nd Lt MC 3049 OM Graves Reg

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

CO.

EXHIBIT "D" M/D CHARLES M KIKER

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:	Laundry Marks:
Weight:	Number of Rifle:
Color of Eyes:	Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair:	Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:	

(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

Thumb

Thumb

TOOTH CHART

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.

Decayed's Right				Decayed's Left											
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ∩ linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data:

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

14 January 1945

Date

VAN METER		George	C.	2nd/Lt	0-759532
Last Name	First	Initial	Rank	Serial No.	
669th Bombardment Sq (L)		416th Bombardment Gp (L)			
Unit		Organization			
5 mi North Villaroche, France		14 January 1945		Aircraft Accident	
Place of Death		Date of Death		Cause of Death	
1430 Hrs 15 January 1945		Solers Cemetery No 1		NDG VS 9018	
Time and Date of Burial		Name of Cemetery		Name or Coordinates of Location	
169 9		C		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?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

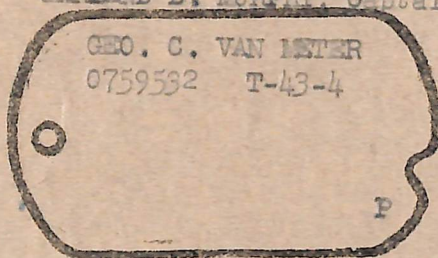
Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	KIKER Charles M	12031996	Sgt	416th Bomb Gp (L)	170
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	SWEENEY Jewell W	37636982	Pvt	101 Inf Regt	168
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

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

CARLAND D. MURPHY, Captain MC 669th Bomb Sq (L)

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



Emergency Addressee ELIZABETH VAN METER
Name

114 State St. LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY
Address

Religion PRESBYTERIAN (PROTESTANT)

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

None

REMARKS

GHS Forms accompanied the body with name "George C Van Meter Jr" written at top of form. Identification tags had only the name "George C Van Meter"

Certified True Copy:

LEODORE GOUDREAU
CWO USA

s/s/Sgt JULIUS K GORONDEL

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

s/ ROBERT L STEINER 2nd Lt CMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

3049 QM GRAVES REG CO

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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: Laundry Marks:
Weight: Number of Rifle:
Color of Eyes: Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair: Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:

(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

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Thumb

Right Hand

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Thumb

TOOTH CHART

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.

Decased's Left

Decased's Right

Upper	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ∩; linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data:

HEADQUARTERS
7856 AGRC ZONE # 2 HQ
CAMP JOHN B. FRANKS
APO 58 US ARMY

WHH/h

GRVO 293

19 July 1948

SUBJECT: Totally Decomposed Remains

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58 US Army

1. Disinterment of Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170, USMC Solers France, supposed to contain the remains of Sergeant Charles M. Kiker 12031996, revealed no remains present in this grave. Upon disinterment FOS team found a French-type casket which contained an OD uniform placed over an aircraft escape door. Careful examination of the clothing as well as the grave failed to reveal any skeletal system or fragments of bone.

2. Plot C, Row 9, Grave 169, containing the remains of Second Lieutenant George C. Van Meter Jr., only other person killed in the plane crash with Sergeant Kiker, was also disinterred for possible evidence of a mass burial, but only one body was found in this grave.

3. In accordance with paragraph 25, TM 10-281, April 1948, this case is being submitted to your headquarters for necessary action.

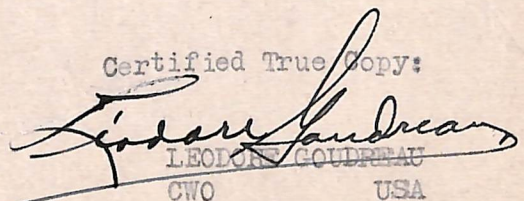
FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.
Disinterment Discrepancy
Report, 1194A

t/ WILLIAM J. WOOD
Captain FA
Adjutant

Telephone: BALzac 5400
Carentan Ext 83

Certified True Copy:


LEONARD GOUDREAU
CWO USA

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EXHIBIT "F" M/D CHARLES M KIKER

669th Bm. Sq.
416th Bm. Gp.

Air Corps Historical Records

Kiker, Charles M. 12031995 Sgt.

Two unfortunate accidents cost us the lives of two of our crews. Lieutenants G. O. Van Meter and Sergeant C. M. Kiker, were comparatively new to the squadron, and had flown only a few missions. Their deaths were the results of takeoff accidents in which their plane burned and exploded, on 14 January 1945.

On the 14th, Captain Hulse, Lt. Conte, B-N, led another formation in an attack on the defended village of Schleiden. As the plane flown by Lieutenant Van Meter, Sergeant Kiker gunner, began to get airborne, it suddenly settled to the ground and crashed. Before the crew was able to get out of the burning wreckage, the bomb exploded. The crew was killed.

AGO Casualty files reveal the following info:

VAN METER, GEORGE C., JR., 2nd Lt., O-759532
KIKER, CHARLES M., Sgt., 12031996

KIA - 14 January 1945
KIA - 14 January 1945

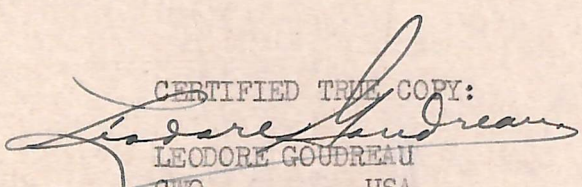
Both killed in an AP crash in France.

Type Plane - A-26

A/C Serial No. - 41-039333

Van Meter and Kiker only occupants of plane

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


LEODORE GOUDREAU

CWO USA
Adm. Officer

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EXHIBIT "2" M/D CHARLES M KIKER.

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

RRE 314.6

15 November 1948

SUBJECT: Burial Information

TO : Commanding Officer
Third Zone, AGRC EA
APO 58 U.S. ARMY

Reference telephone conversation (Mr. ALBERT this headquarters - Major GARDNER your headquarters) this date, forwarded herewith are true copy of Report of Burial for Sgt. Charles M. KIKER, 12031996, interred in USMC Solers, France and true copy of Disinterment Directive copy # 3 for 2/Lt. George G. VAN METER JR., whose remains were shipped by S.S. CAROLL-VICTORY, from ANTWERP, 25th September 1948.

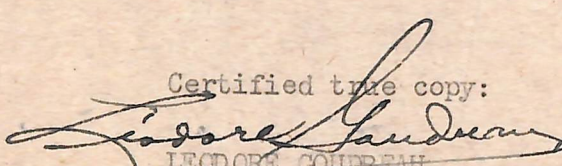
FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls

1. Report of Burial for Sgt
Charles M. KIKER
2. Disinterment Directive for
2/Lt. George C. VAN METER Jr.

/s/ George L. Freeman
/t/ GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt., OMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Certified true copy:


LEODORE COUDREAU
CWO USA
Adm. Officer

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EXHIBIT "H" MID CHARLES M KIKER.

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

t/GEORGE L. FREEMAN

1st Lt

QMC

SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

3568 01656.

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DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

ARM

RACE

RELIGION

VAN METER GEORGE C JR

0-759532

2 Lt

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CEMETERY

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

SOLERS

MELUN

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169

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CODE

DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

JOHN MASS FUNERAL DIRECTOR
300 EAST BROADWAY
LOUISVILLE KENTUCKYGEORGE C. VAN METER (FATHER)
114 STATE
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISTINTERRED

VAN METER, George G Jr.

0-759532

UTD

14 January 1945

13 July 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

☐ REMAINS

USAAF

1

Seth COPELAND Emb.

☒ MARKER Emb Pl.

NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS

OD'S

Disturbing text redacted

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

ID TAG W/ Remains

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

ID TAGS ABBREVIATE FIRST NAME & OMIT "SR"

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET TRF Case

DATE 13 July 1948

BY

SETH COPELAND

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

H. F. BERGANDE

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE

8 Aug 1948

BY

BENJAMIN

EVERETT N CIAMPO 1st Lt. FA.

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

Certified True Copy:

LEODORE GOUDREAU
CWO

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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM SOLERS MELUN		TO CASKETING POINT "A" CHERBOURG	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER DALANEY	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER E.C. BENSON	DATE 3/8/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER EVERETT N. CIAMPO 1st Lt. FA	DATE 5/8/48

2. SHIPPED

FROM CASKETING POINT "A" CHERBOURG		TO PORT UNIT CHERBOURG	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER SFC J. C. MULLER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER EVERETT N. CIAMPO 1st Lt. Fa	DATE 5/8/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER JOHN E. HENDRY JR. MAJ CAC	DATE 5/8/48

3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JOHN E. HENDRY, Jr. MAJ. CAC	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE OD12		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

5. SHIPPED

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

6. SHIPPED

FROM JOHN HANS HUBERT DUNSMON		TO GEORGE C. ARI HANES (SUNSHINE)	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

7. SHIPPED

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

PROCESSING OF REMAINS OF: KIKER, CHARLES M 12031996 SGT

1. Upon processing the remains of KIKER, Charles M the following was found:

a. A uniform neatly folded upon a portion of an airplane (Bomb bay door). This had in no way been disturbed (blouse, pants and one sock).

b. The clothing showed normal deterioration from being interred but carried no odor which would have been present if it had been in contact with flesh.

c. A Sergeant stripe, air corps insignia and one stocking showed no sign of odor from decayed flesh.

d. A search of the debris showed no evidence of Bones or human flesh.

e. The paint on the Bomb Bay Door was as perfect as the day it had been painted. However, if the natural acids of Human Flesh had been present, it would have been so indicated on the door.

J. B. Sprinkle
J. B. SPRINKLE
EMBALMER, UNGRADED

R. N. Goderum
R. N. GODERUM SP-7
IDENTIFICATION TECHNICIAN

RESTRICTED

EXHIBIT "J" M/D CHARLES M KIKER.

SYNOPSIS From RECORDS and ALLIED PAPERS

of MAJOR DISCREPANCY CASE

KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996

USMC SOLERS PLOT C ROW 9 GRAVE 170.

1. Disinterment Discrepancy Report (1194A) dated 13 July 1948 indicates that upon disinterment of Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170, USMC Solers, the contents of a French type coffin contained only an OD uniform with Sgt Chevrons lying on top of an aircraft escape door.
2. Report of burial dated 15 January 1945 indicates that Charles M KIKER, 12 031 996 was interred on 15 January 1945 in Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170 USMC Solers and was identified by process of elimination being the remaining member of a two man crew of an A26 bomber, the other deceased was identified by two identification tags found on remains. A GRS tag is indicated as buried with the remains of KIKER, Charles M and another nailed to grave marker. Identification data was furnished ^{for} GR Form #1, by the Medical Officer of deceased's Bomb Squadron, GARLAND D MURPHY, Jr Captain Medical Corps 669 Bomb Sq (L) 416 Bomb Gp (1) 9th Air Force.
3. The temporary Disinterment Directives indicates that subject deceased was disinterred on 13 July 1948 and that one GRS tag was found on grave marker. Section D not completed. All sections of DD unsigned.
4. Letter Hq AGRC dated 27 September 1948 Subject: Totally Decomposed Remains, Paragraph 2 commands that "all necessary action will be accomplished to insure that remains at present interred as 2/Lt George C Van Meter Jr., O-759 532, in Plot C Row 9, Grave 169, are the remains of 2/Lt Van Meter and not those of subject deceased".
5. The Report of Burial dated 14 January 1945 on George C Van Meter Jr O-759 532 indicates that deceased was interred in USMC Solers in Plot C, Row 9, Grave 169 on 15 January 1945, identified by two identification tags, one of which was buried with remains and the other mailed to grave marker.
6. Disinterment Directive, 1195 (certified true copy) of George C Van Meter Jr O-759 532 indicates that remains were disinterred from Plot C, Row 9, Grave 169, USMC Solers on 13 July 1948 identified by one identification tag on remains and one, together with embossed plate, on grave marker. Nature of Burial: "OD's". Condition of Remains:
Disturbing text redacted Minor discrepancy being "ID Tags abbreviate first name and omit "Jr". Signed by "Seth Copeland, Embalmer and Everett N Ciampo 1/Lt FA and K Ito 1/Lt Inf." Back of DD indicates that remains were shipped to Port Unit Cherbourg on 5 August 1948.

EXHIBIT "K" M/D CHARLES M KIKER.

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Synopsis from Records and Allied Papers
of Major Discrepancy Case

KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996

USMC Solers Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170

7. Letter Hq AGRC dated 15 November 1948, Subject: "Burial Information" states that the remains of "2/Lt George C Van Meter Jr were shipped by SS Carroll Victory from Antwerp, 25 September 1948".

8. A memorandum to CWO Goudreau and the writer, Major Discrepancy Section, received 12 October from CWO Gaddy, Hq 3rd Zone, stated that he was holding a classified paper on a Major Discrepancy of Sgt Charles M Kiker 12 031 966 and 2/Lt George C. Van Meter, Jr. 0-759 523 and was requesting Form 371 etc from Hq AGRC, APO 58.

9. The writer received the papers of this case on 17 November 1948 and finds it impossible by physical processing to comply with the command of Hq AGRC outlined in paragraph 4 of this synopsis as the remains of George C. Van Meter Jr 075 9532 were shipped to the US two days before i.e. 25 September 1948, letter was written in Hq AGRC (27 September 1948) but considering that as the remains were identified on interment by two identification tags present at death and found upon disinterment, it is certain that the remains shipped to the US as George C Van Meter Jr 0759532 are positively identified, providing original identification was correct.

10. As to the contents of Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solers, where no human remains were found, it is impossible to make an identification but believe this grave was intended to be that for Charles M KIKER 12 031 996 a Sgt in the USAAF. This is substantiated by the Sgt chevrons on the uniform found in casket and grave marker with GRS tag with name and serial number.

11. A copy of Air Corps Historial Records: 669 Bomb Sq 416 Bomb Gp indicates that the A26 with only the two deceased as crew crashed before becoming fully airborne, burned and the bomb exploded, it is impossible that in the collection of the remains of the two deceased, parts of Sgt Kiker were placed with the remains of 2/Lt Van Meter, altho' no extra remains are recorded to have been found when Lt Van Meter was processed for repatriation.

12. The contents of grave 170, Row 9, Plot C, USMC Solders were reprocessed by J. R. Sprinkle, Embalmer, and R. N. Goderam, SP 7, Identification Technician at USMC Epinal, and their signed report confirms previous statements that no bones or human flesh were found, and further the lack of odor (decayed flesh) and of staining by acids and alkalies of human flesh both off and on the clothing and bomb bay door, indicates that no human remains were ever within the casket disinterred from Grave 170, Row 9, Plot C. The writer, after an examination

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Synopsis from Records and Allied Papers
of Major Discrepancy Case

KIKER, Charles M 12 031 996

USMC Solers Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170.

of the contents of this grave agrees with the signed statements of
Mr Missigman, Capt William J Wood, FA, Mr Sprinkle and Mr Goderum.

Dated at Nancy 22 November 1948.

Herbert F. Shaw

HERBERT F. SHAW B 211 446
SP 8 Identification Technician.

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Dr. G.D. Murphy
Pediatrics
Res. Phone 3-7233

Dr. G.D. Murphy Jr.
Physician & surgeon
Res Phone 3-5208

MURPHY CLINIC

Phone 3-7128 304 East Peach St.

EL DORADO, ARKANSAS

February 16, 1949

T. H. Metz
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Metz :

I remember well the circumstances surrounding the crash and death of Sgt Kiker. On the morning of January 14, 1945, Sgt Kiker was riding as gunner in an A 26 piloted by Lt. Van Meter. Shortly after the take off, the plane crashed with full bomb load and exploded. Both Lt. Van Meter and Sgt Kiker were instantly killed. Lt. Van Meter's body was thrown forward clear of the plane. Sgt Kiker's body was completely disintegrated. Several small pieces of flesh and clothing were found within a half mile radius of plane. These were placed in a cardboard box along with the body of Lt. Van Meter and transported to the American Cemetery eight or nine miles away. An EM tag was attached to the box containing the remains. It was my impression that the remains of Sgt Kiker were to be interred with the body of Lt. Van Meter.

If I can be of further assistance to this matter, you are free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

s/ G.D. Murphy Jr, M.D.

G.D. MURPHY, Jr., M.D.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt. QMC

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Exhibit

"C"

QNGMU 293

Kiker, Charles M.
ASN 12 031 996

14 June 1949

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverability of Remains

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

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Board of Officers that convened at your Headquarters and determined that the remains of the decedent, Kiker, Charles M., Sgt., ASN 12 031 996, are non-recoverable.

2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on the decedent whose name appears in par 1, above.

3. It is requested that all records of your office pertaining to the decedent be amended to read REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

bjs

cc: Rec. Sec., RR Br.

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O. G. M. G.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



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993 Kiker, Charles M. 12 031 996

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FROM OSMU

RE FLD TO PRICINGS 28 MAR 49 MAJOR DISCREPANCY CASE NOT CHARLES MIKE KIKER
ASN 12031996 REQUEST TO SUBMIT ANNUAL RECOMMENDATION INTERVIEWABILITY IF WARRANTED

ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH
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MEMORIAL DIVISION

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TEL & CAB SECTION

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APR 12

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

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GRAVES

MGMU

Lt. BENSEN 2-73472

APR 49

J.G. HOLLOWAY

LT. COLONEL, IAC, MEM DIV

93 KIKER, CHARLES M.
Sgt., 12031996

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

BUDGET BUREAU INC. 49-R277.

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

DATE: *9 September 1947*

OMMG 293
Kiker, Charles M.
A.S.N. 12 031 996

9 September 1947

Solers, France
C-9-170

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

A		C	
B		D	

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, *JOHN KIKER*
(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 _____, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(FOREIGN COUNTRY) (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.)

None
Remains not recovered

OMMG FORM 14 NOV 1946 345 MILITARY

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12 MAY 1948

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Action 6-15-49
Acceptance Section
Franklin Branch
H. Burns

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PART I (Continued)

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

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

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

OR

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

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
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 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.

John M. Kiker 3630 N. 7th St
 (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) (STREET AND NUMBER)
JOHN M. KIKER PHILA 40 PA
 (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 21 day of April, 1948, at city (or town) of Phila, county of Phila, and State (or Territory or District) of Penna

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

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

My Commission Expires January 3, 1951

PART II - RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE _____, (PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP) _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(DATE)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

(SIGNATURE)	(DATE)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

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



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



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no address*



RETURN
TO WRITER
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NICETOWN STATION

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DEPT ARMY COMCENTER
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MC IN NO.

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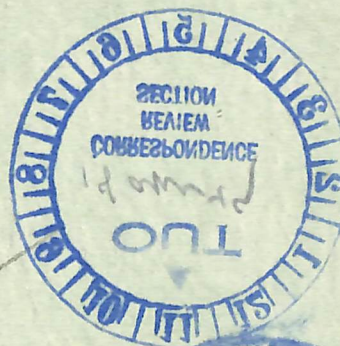
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T.H. Metz
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

Dear Colonel Metz:

I am in receipt of Sgt Kiker's GR Form #1 and regret that I am unable to furnish any additional information concerning his death interment.

I believe that section 1 of the original report was prepared by someone in Skt. Kiker's organization and that we completed section 2. It may be possible that Capt Garland D. Murphy, Jr. MC, who signed as person preparing report may be able to furnish the information desired.

I am sorry I am unable to assist in this case as I would have liked very much to do so.

Sincerely yours,

R.L. Steiner
R.L. Steiner, Mgr.

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CHARLES H. KIKER
SN. 12031996
To file 29-349
K. L. Asplund
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AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293
Kiker, Charles H.
SN- 12 031 996

2 March 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to your radio AGRRE-655 dated 28 January 1949.
2. Forwarded herewith is a statement from Dr. G.D. Murphy, Jr. formerly Captain, Medical Corps, 669th Bomb Squadron, 416th Bomb Group. His name appears on Report of Burial for Sgt. Charles H. Kiker, SN-12-031 996, as person furnishing data pertaining to accident.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Photo cy ltr from Dr G.D.
Murphy, Jr. dtd Feb 16-49

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293
Kiker, Charles M.
SN 12 031 996

25 February 1949

Mr. R. L. Steiner, Mgr.
S & Q Clothiers
Main at Broadway
Ada, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Steiner:

Reference is made to your letter dated 14 February 1949.

In compliance with your request, please find attached QMC Form 1042, which is a true copy of the Report of Burial Form No. 1 for Sgt. Charles M. Kiker, 12031996. No papers pertaining to this case are on record this Office.

Self-addressed franked envelope is inclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

2 Incls
1. QMC Form 1042
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T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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DR. G. D. MURPHY
PEDIATRICS
RES. PHONE 3-7233

DR. G. D. MURPHY, JR.
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EL DORADO, ARKANSAS

February 16, 1949

293 Kiker, Charles H. 12 031 996

~~T. H. Metz~~
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Metz:

I remember well the circumstances surrounding the crash and death of Sgt. Kiker. On the morning of January 14, 1945, Sgt. Kiker was riding as gunner in an A 26 piloted by Lt. Van Meter. Shortly after the take off, the plane crashed with full bomb load and exploded. Both Lt. Van Meter and Sgt. Kiker were instantly killed. Lt. Van Meter's body was thrown forward clear of the plane. Sgt. Kiker's body was completely disintegrated. Several small pieces of flesh and clothing were found within a half mile radius of plane. These were placed in a cardboard box along with the body of Lt. Van Meter and transported to the American Cemetery eight or nine miles away. An ID tag was attached to the box containing the remains. It was my impression that the remains of Sgt. Kiker were to be interred with the body of Lt. Van Meter.

If I can be of further assistance to this matter, you are free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

G. D. Murphy, Jr. M. D.

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T.H. Metz
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

Dear Colonel Metz:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 8,
1949 regarding Sgt. Charles H. Kiker.

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The first paragraph of that letter states that
Sgt. Kiker was in my squadron and was killed in
action over France 14, January 1945. I am sure
someone has been misinformed, as Sgt. Kiker was
not a member of my company, nor were we attached
to any Air Corps unit while I was in Europe.

The graves registration platoon which I command-
ed while in Europe interred 2,000 Americans and
a great many Germans. I am sure you understand
it is impossible for me to remember each individ-
ual case; however, believe it or not I do remember
the name of Sgt. Charles H. Kiker but cannot fur-
nish any of the information requested in paragraph
two at the present time.

I understand the importance of proper identifica-
tion to all parents who lost their sons and daugh-
ters during the last war. If you will send me a
true copy of the GR Form #1 and all pertinent
papers relative to this case perhaps I can recall
more about the condition of remains and circum-
stances surrounding death.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Steiner
R.L. Steiner, Mgr.

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669th Bm. Sq.
416th Bm. Gp.

Air Corps Historical Records

Kiker, Charles M. 12031995 Sgt. *293*

Two unfortunate accidents cost us the lives of two of our crews. Lieutenant G. O. Van Meter and Sergeant C.M. Kiker, were comparatively new to the squadron, and had flown only a few missions. Their deaths were the results of take-off accidents in which their plane burned and exploded, ~~Lieutenant Van Meter and his gunner on the~~ 14 January 1945.

~~Three days later,~~ On the 14th, Captain Hulse, Lt. Conte, B-N, led another formation in an attack on the defended village of Schleiden. As the plane flown by Lieutenant Van Meter, Sergeant Kiker gunner, began to get airborne, it suddenly settled to the ground and crashed. Before the crew was able to get out of the burning wreckage, the bomb exploded. The crew was killed. T

AGO Casualty files reveal the following info:

VAN METER, GEORGE C., JR., 2nd Lt., O-759532
KIKER, CHARLES M., Sgt., 12031996

KIA--14 January 1945
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Both killed in an AP crash in France.

Type Plane - A-26

A. Craft Serial No. - 41 039333

Van Meter and Kiker only occupants of plane.

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Capt., QMC
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QMGMS 293
Kiker, Charles H.
SN 12 031 996

8 February 1949

Mr. Robert L. Steiner
100 East 15th Street
Ada, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Steiner:

This office is trying to obtain all possible information relative to the fate of Sgt. Charles H. Kiker, 12031996, who was attached to your Squadron and who was killed in action over France, 14 January 1945.

Records this office indicate that you identified Sgt. Kiker, and it would be of the utmost value if you could furnish information relative to the circumstances surrounding the crash, condition of remains involved and remains interred as Sgt. Kiker.

Any information you may be able to furnish this office will be greatly appreciated.

In reply, please use the inclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage, in order to expedite delivery.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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Kiker, Charles H.
SN 12 031 996

8 February 1949

Mr. Garland D. Murphy, Jr.
112 West Peach Street
El Dorado, Arkansas

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Sincerely yours,

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
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From: AGRC Paris France

To: QMC Wash DC attn Memorial Division

Nr: AGRRE-655

28 January 1949

Reurad WCL 31942 and ourad AGRC 8271 pertaining to Sergeant Charles H Kiker, 12031996 statement from Captain Garland D Murphy Jr, Medical Corps of late 600th and 69th Bomb Squadron (light), 400th and 16th Bomb Squadron Group (light), Staff Sergeant Julius K Gorombol and Second Lieutenant Robert L Steiner, both previously assigned 3049th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, this area, considered necessary for final resolution of subject case. Request above persons be contacted for statements giving all known information pertaining to airplane crash, condition of remains involved and remains supposedly interred as Sergeant Kiker. Request statements, if obtainable, be forwarded soonest.

Note: 8271 is CM IN 71466 (29 Dec) QMC.

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2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: TT 3. DATE: 30 DEC 48

4. FROM: HQ AGRC PARIS FRANCE

5. TO: OQMG

6. SUBJECT: REURAD WCL 31942, CASE FOR SGT CHARLES M KIKER, 12031996,
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QMMS 293
Kiker, Charles M.
SN- 12 031 996

29 October 1948

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to your radio AGRC-6059 dated 4 October 1948.
2. Attached hereto are QMG Forms 371 in duplicate, covering all available information pertaining to the following decedents:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Kiker, Charles M.	Sgt.	12 031 996
Van Meter, George C. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0- 759 532

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

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Incl. (In Dup)
1-QMG Form 371
2-QMG Form 371
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4293 Van Meter, George C. Jr. 0 759 532
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION
ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

FROM: SEARCH + INFO.
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OCT 28 1948
U.S. DEPT. OF DEFENSE
PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)

297 KIKER, CHARLES M.

☐ GRADE OR RANK

SGT.

SERIAL NUMBER

☐ EM 12031996

☐ OFF

☒ ORGANIZATION

669 Bomb Sq Bmt Gp.

☒ STATUS (Date)

14 Jan 44

☐ AG REPORT OF DEATH

☒ RACE

White

☒ CREED

Lutheran

☒ HEIGHT

5 ft 7 1/4 in

☒ WEIGHT

143

☒ SHOE SIZE

9 1/2

☒ COLOR OF HAIR

Brown

☒ DENTAL

☒ FRACTURES / BREAKS

right arm

☐ SPECIFIC PLACE OF DEATH

☐ S - R & D REPORT

REVIEWER'S NAME

Robertson

DATE REQUESTED

7-Oct-48

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Request 7PDIF FORM

Special Agent

8 OCT 1948

ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

IDENTIFICATION SECTION MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Kiker Chas M.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>12031996</i>		GRADE <i>Sgt</i>
HEIGHT <i>5ft 7 1/4 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>143</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>14 Jan 45</i>
LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation) <i>669 Bomb Sq. 416th BGA</i>					
PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA					

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DATE BY TRANSMITTAL LETTER NR THREE ONE FIVE FOUR PD CASE FOR SGT

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KIKER 12031996

CMA WILL BE FURTHER INVESTIGATED UPON RECEIPT OF FORM THREE SEVEN ONE

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Search Info Ident Branch	QM Pentagon Liaison Major Sekowski	3 Sept 1948	243 1. Reference is made to request by IRS dated 10 Aug. 1948 pertaining to <u>Charles M. Kiker, 12031996.</u> 2. Since data was requested, case has developed into a Major Discrepancy and it is necessary that requested data be furnished this office soonest. 1 Incl: Cpy IRS <i>[Signature]</i> METZ 74059 <i>[Signature]</i> SULLIVAN 72000
2	Pentagon Liaison	Chief, Search Info Sec Iden Br	9 Sept. 1948	TWX attached. <i>[Signature]</i> SEKOWSKI 6679 <i>[Signature]</i> DYER 73090

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1	Search & Information Identific. Branch Robertson	QM. Pent. Liaison Maj. Sekowski	10 Aug. 48	1. Request all MACR Information pertaining to Charles M. Kiker., 12031996. <i>MB</i> 2. Request current status covering all crew members. SULLIVAN 72000
2	Pentagon Liaison Office	Search & Inf Sec Id Br Mem Div Robertson	13 Sep 48	Inclosed herewith all information found on the above case in both the AC Historical and the AGO Casualty files. <i>Sekowski</i> SEKOWSKI X-6679 <i>DYER</i> DYER X-73090

FILE

SEP 23 1948

E. J. [illegible] W. H. [illegible]
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENT AT

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME		(3) RANK		(4) COMPANY		(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Kiker		Charles		Pvt.		12th.		Bomb. Sqdn.	
(6) AGE, YEARS		(7) RACE		(8) NATIVITY		(9) SERVICE, YEARS			
21		W		PA Philadelph		9/12			
(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.				(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS				(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS	
T. Malp. R-13Ca				March. 1942.					
Calc.				TE Anes. Cu 10				CL.-1-11	
Ca-L-5-DO				Calc. Removed. 19					
Ca-L-15-MO				OA 4-3-42					
Ca-L-1-M				OA 20					
Ca-L-1-M				S					
Ca-R-1-M				S 20					
Gingivitis				G.T. 5/13/42.					
Ca-R-7-M				A 15					
Ca-R-7-D				A					
Ca-R-5-M				A					
Ca-R-15-O				A					

W. J. Janin / *at ft*
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

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

LOWER TEETH

Right									Left						
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS _____

Occlusion _____: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia _____

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions _____

Date _____, 19____

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)

	X	
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STA. HOSP. FAAF. FLORENCE. S. I.

(2) CHRISTIAN NAME

12031996

IMENT OR STAFF CORPS
RTU (LB) 8A

(6) AGE, YEARS

(7) RACE

(8) NATIVITY Pa.

(9) SERVICE YEARS 28/12

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

Car	L8o
Car	R7o
Car	L14o

(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS
AND OPERATIONS

AdmR
Exam

1944

7/29

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7 / 29

(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS

Survey cl-2

C. L. Ritchey

P. P. Liscio

PPL

C1-2-4 PPL

SEP 24 1948

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Charles L. R. Key
man

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right										Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
O	X	X	X									X	X		O		

LOWER TEETH

Right										Left					
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
X	X	X	X										O	X	X

CLASS II

Occlusion m: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
 Periodontoclasia _____
 Dental foci suspected: Yes _____ No ✓
 Other conditions none

Date 29 July, 1944

Charles L. Ritchey
Major

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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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENT AT

Casual

12031996

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME

Kiker, Charles M.

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

Pvt.

2nd

AC-PR

(6) AGE, YEARS

21

(7) RACE

W

(8) NATIVITY

Pa,

(9) SERVICE, YEARS

7/365

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

pulp. (9) L-6

Pulp. (9) L-15

Post Op. Hem.

Osteitis L-15

Abs.Per. (9) R-4

(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS

1941
T.E. Anes In. 7/28

T.E. Anes Cn 8/1

Hem. Arrested 8/1

POT 8/4

T.E. Anes In 8/8

(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS

Class I

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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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(Revised April 13, 1938)

Date..... 19__

Report of Dental Survey

UPPER TEETH

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

LOWER TEETH

Right								Left							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS

O Tooth crowned / Missing tooth
O / O Fixed bridge / / / Partial denture

Occlusion Periodontoclasia

*Caries

Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy.

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

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Dental Officer.

*Indicate by tooth number.

TELEPHONE CALL FROM VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

VA BRANCH NUMBER

CLERK CALLING

DATE OF CALL

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

NAME	GRADE	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER
ORGANIZATION	VA CLAIM NUMBER	

THE VA WANTS INFORMATION OR VERIFICATION ON THE ITEMS CHECKED OR ADDED BELOW

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	VA CLAIM NUMBER
ORGANIZATION	
INSURANCE	
DATE OF ENLISTMENT OR INDUCTION	
DISCHARGE (Give date, reason, and character of)	
NATURE OF DISABILITY	
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH
HAS FORM 3101 BEEN FURNISHED ?	DATE

OTHER ITEMS:

REMARKS:

SURNAME OF CLERK HANDLING CASE IN THIS OFFICE:

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILED WITH THE PAPERS OF VETERAN IF IT FORMS THE BASIS OF A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION PREPARED IN THIS OFFICE.

(Used by Hq. Personnel Records Section and Special Service Unit. See also Arc. Div. Min. Nos. 42, 154, and 181.)

293 FILE <i>3</i>		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED <i>71445</i>		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>23 KIKER, CHARLES M.</i>		GRADE <i>SGT.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>12031986</i>	
ORGANIZATION <i>669TH BOMB SQ 414TH BOMB GP</i>		RACE <i>WHITE</i>	CREED <i>PROTEST.</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>14-JAN-48</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>KIA</i>		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>VILLAROCHE, FR.</i>	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT <i>5'7 3/4"</i>	WEIGHT <i>143 lbs.</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BLUE</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>BROWN</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2 - C</i>
DENTAL CHART <i>21-JULY-41 20-12-47 29-7-44</i>				
UPPER RIGHT <i>dm m ms</i> <i>X 7 6 X 5 4 X 3 2 1</i>		UPPER LEFT <i>m d m mo do</i> <i>ms s s d A A</i> <i>1 2 3 4 5 X 7 8</i>		
LOWER RIGHT <i>no AA</i> <i>16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9</i>		LOWER LEFT <i>o A</i> <i>9 10 11 12 13 14 X X</i>		
<i>X = Extracted O = Cavious 1 = Cavious Non-Restorable</i>				
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>Rt. Arm, 1733.</i>		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <i>_____</i>		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>BORN - 8-JUNE-20</i>				

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FROM QMGMS

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 AS MAJOR DISCREPANCY CASES BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS REQUEST RADIO REPLY OF PRESENT
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 TECHNICAL SERGEANT HAROLD BROWN ONE THREE ONE TWO FOUR THREE SIX NINE CMA PRIVATE
 RONALD EASY BROWN THREE FIVE SIX THREE SIX NINE ONE SIX CMA FIRST LIEUTENANT
 ROBERT LOVE BRUGHMAN ZERO SEVEN FOUR FOUR ONE SEVEN EIGHT CMA PRIVATE GLENN JIG
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FROM QJMS

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ALL ACTION SUSPENDED IN THIS OFFICE ON FOLLOWING PERSONNEL REPORTED AS MAJOR
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CHARLES MIKE KIKER VMA/12 031 996 CMA STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION PD

YOUR OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS SOON AS MORE DEFINITIVE

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REQUEST FORMS THREE SEVEN ONE AND FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION

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NINE NINE SIX AND SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE CHARLIE VAN METER CMA ZERO

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CHARGE GRAVES WW II

FROM QMMS

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AS MAJOR DISCREPANCY CASE BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS REQUEST RADIO REPLY ON PRESENT
STATUS C/LT SERGEANT CHARLES MIKE KIKER ONE TWO ZERO THREE ONE NINE NINE SIX



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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENT

D.C.#1-A

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Kiker, Charles M.		12031996	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Sgt.	32nd.	Photo Rcn.Gp.	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
23	W.	Pa.	2-6/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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Crs. R-5 m	Dec.20-Exam.	Class II DKP
" R-12 f	Dec.20-A	" ABT
" L-2 d	Dec.20-A	" "
" L-3 m	Dec.21-S	" "
" L-4 mod	Dec.21-S	" "
" R-14 mod	Dec.21-0A	" "
" R-12 d	Dec.21-A	" "
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	Dec.22-C.R. & Prlx	" II to IV STC

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SEP 24 1948

E. J. Williams, 1st Lt. U.S. Army
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

Wounded R. Phillips
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

Form 79—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		X	o	X					o	o	o		X		

LOWER TEETH

Right								Left							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
X	X	o	X	o										X	X

CLASS II

Occlusion Not: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia None

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions _____

Date 12-20, 1943

D. K. Phillips - Capt.
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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MEMO ROUTING SLIP

1	NAME OR TITLE QM Liaison	INITIALS		CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION c/o AGO Pers Info Br	DATE		CONCURRENCE
2	Rm 1E 624 Pentagon			FILE
	Washington 25, D.C.			INFORMATION
3	Attn: Maj. B.J.Sekowski			NECESSARY ACTION
				NOTE AND RETURN
4				SEE ME
				SIGNATURE

REMARKS

In compliance with your TWX request, nr30, 7 September 1948, there are attached 5 Forms 79 for Charles M. Kiker, 12031996.

[Handwritten signature: St. Sullivan]

FILE

SEP 24 1948

E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., GPO
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

FROM NAME OR TITLE Bay-Sp Sv WWII Pers Rec Sec DPRB	DATE 8 Sept 48
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION RAC, AGO, St. Louis 20, Mo. <i>mp</i>	TELEPHONE 753

DA AGO FORM 1 OCT 47 **895**

Replaces WD AGO Form 895, 1 Jun 46, which may be used.

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1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Kiker, Charles M. (Sgt) 12031996

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: OUT MESSAGE 3. DATE: 3 Aug 1948
4. FROM: OQMG
5. TO: CG AGRC PARIS FRANCE
6. SUBJECT: 86947 032239Z

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FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH
FCA SECTION, ACCEPTANCE UNIT

TO BE USED ON IRFS

12031996
KIKER CHARLES M SGT
Name Rank / SN 345 Signed by #1 Option Selected
Andrew C 9 120
Cemetery Plot Row Grave Consignee

Write NOK Mr. Mrs. Miss John Kiker Address Father
Name Relationship
3556 Randolph St (Address)
Philadelphia Pa (City and State)

A. Action to Family Letters Section

1. () Indicate RELATIONSHIP
2. () Indicate OPTION desired
3. () Indicate CEMETERY in which interment desired
4. () Indicate Country (HOMELAND) of deceased or NOK
5. () Indicate CONSIGNEE - Name and/or Address
6. (☒) Obtain SIGNATURE of NOK
7. () Obtain NOTARIZATION
8. () Advise NOK that NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED IS CLOSED and request that another choice be made

B. Action to Case Resolution Unit, FCA

9. () Secure DOCUMENTS (Remarriage), (Birth), (Death), (Other _____)
10. () Reply to REMARKS on IRF
11. () SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

12. () Inform Party Listed Below of Action Taken by This Office

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____

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4-6-48

AIR MAIL
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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QMOMS 293
Kiker, Charles W.
SN-12031996

16 September 1948

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to your radios numbered, AGRC 4722, dated 6 August 1948 and AGRC 5236, dated 30 August 1948.

2. Forwarded herewith is all information found on case in both, Air Corps Historical and AGO Casualty files.

3. All action on case of designated individual has been suspended until information is received in this office from your Headquarters to the effect that identity has been reestablished. Provisions of letter from this office, file QMOMP 293, subject: Disinterment Discrepancies, dated 2 April 1948, will apply.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl: (in dup)
Report

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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CHARGE GRAVES WW II

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AUGUST FOUR EIGHT AND ABLE GEORGE ROGER CHARLIE FIVE TWO THREE SIX DATED THREE
ZERO AUGUST FOUR EIGHT

REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL BE AIRMAILED YOUR HEADQUARTERS SOONEST

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ONE NINE FOUR EIGHT CMA REUEST PRESENT STATUS OF ALL CREW MEMBERS OF
AIRCRAFT TO WHICH SGT CHARLES MIKE KIKER MA ONE TWO ZERO THREE ONE
NINE NINE SIX WAS ASSIGNED PD END GRRE

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TO QM GENERAL WASHINGTON DC
WD GRNC

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PASS TO MEMORIAL DIVISION PD

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CFN SGT CHARLES MIKE KIKER

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QMST 293

Kiker, Charles M.

A.S.N. 12 031 996

9 September 1947

Mr. John Kiker
3556 North Randolph Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kiker:

Reference is made to the inclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains" signed by someone other than yourself.

This form was originally sent to you because according to the records of the War Department you are the legal next of kin of the above named deceased and are therefore the only person authorized to direct the final disposition of his remains by signing this form.

There is inclosed for your convenience another copy of the form "Request for Disposition of Remains". Will you therefore, please complete this form in accordance with your desires concerning the disposition of the above-named deceased, sign it yourself, and mail it in the inclosed self addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Its prompt return will avoid further delay.

Sincerely,

3 Incls.

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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

IN REPLY REFER TO BURIAL OF

M/Sgt. Charles M. Kiker, 12 031 996

Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170

USMC, Solers, France

15 April 1948

293 Kiker, Charles M. 12031996

Mr. John Kiker
3556 Randolph Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kiker:

The inclosed Request for Disposition of Remains form, which you accomplished, is returned for completion or correction as checked below. Please make changes or additions on the form and return both the form and this letter in the self-addressed envelope inclosed. No postage is required.

1. () Indicate your relationship to the deceased. (Part 1, page 1, in blocks)
2. () Indicate option desired. (Part 1, page 1, items 1, 2, 3, or 4)
3. () Indicate National or Private Cemetery in which interment is desired. (Part 1, page 1, item 2 or 4)
4. () Indicate country (Homeland) of deceased. (Part 1, page 1, item 3)
5. () Advise name and address of consignee. (Part 1, page 2)
6. ☒ () If you are Next of Kin, affix your signature in the presence of a Notary Public. (Part 1, page 2)
7. () Have form notarized. (Bottom of page 2)
8. () The National Cemetery you selected is closed. Please select another from attached list. (Change form Part 1, page 1, item 4)
9. () Furnish certified copy of Remarriage Certificate of Widow, or statement from widow that she has in fact remarried.
10. () Furnish copy of Death Certificate of _____.
11. () Special instructions, not covered by the above: _____.

Upon receipt of the corrected Reply Form, and this letter, action will be taken to process this case.

Sincerely yours,

2 Incls.

1. Request for Disposition form
2. Return Envelope

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

REC

Sgt. Charles M. Kiker, 12 031 996
Plot C, Row 9, Grave 170,
United States Military Cemetery
Solers, France

23 June 1947

Mr. John Kiker
3556 North Randolph Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kiker:

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

7 Incls.

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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QMCMR 293
Kiker, Charles M.
A.S.N. 12 031 996

9 April 1947

Mr. John Kiker
3556 North Randolph Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kiker:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Solers, France, in which your son, the late Sergeant Charles M. Kiker, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Photograph

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G. A. HORKAN
Brigadier General, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

M. W.

SPQYG 293
Kiker, John W.
SN 33 596 673

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

28 May 1946

Mrs. C. Kiker
3556 North Randolph Street
Philadelphia 40, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Kiker:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Private John W. Kiker, has been received in this office.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in searching operations in an endeavor to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that your son's remains have been discovered.

Information being utilized by these searching units includes data gathered from captured enemy records, from reports submitted by various commanders as well as fellow soldiers, and from reports rendered after the interrogation of returned prisoners of war.

I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and identification of your son's remains. Please be assured that when further information is received, you will be informed with a minimum of delay.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM E. REID
1st Lieut., QMC
Assistant

X 293 Kiker, Charles M. 12,031,995

SPQYG 293
Kiker, Charles M.

5 March 1946

Mr. John Kiker
3556 North Randolph Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kiker:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your son, the late Sergeant Charles M. Kiker, A.S.N. 12 031 996.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Solers, France, plot C, row 9, grave 170.

This cemetery is located approximately sixteen miles southeast of Paris and ten miles north and slightly east of Melun, both in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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MEMORANDUM

AMERICAN

RESTRICTED

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

80244

15 January 1945

Date

Kiker

Charles

M

Sgt

152031996

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

416th Bombardment Group (L)

5 mi North of

Unit

Organization

Villaroche, S&M, France

14 January 1945

Airplane Crash

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1430 hrs 15 January 1945

Solers Cemetery No 1

NDG VS-3018

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

170

9

C

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 GRS Emergency Tag GRS Emergency Tag

How were remains identified?

Process of elimination. Two men, Sgt Charles M Kiker and 2nd Lt George C Van Meter Jr. took off in airplane. After the crash the body of 2nd Lt George C Van Meter Jr. was definitely identified from his identification tags.

What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS Emergency Tag

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

Who is buried on: James E

Deceased's Right: Flynn 31206780 S/Sgt 434 Troop Carrier Gp 171

George C

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Deceased's Left: Van Meter Jr. 0-759532 2nd Lt 416 Bmb Gp 169

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

s/Garland D Murphy Jr

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

GARLAND D. MURPHY JR, Captain, Medical Corps, 669th Bomb Sq (L), 416th Bomb Gp (L)

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

Kiker, Charles M
12031996

GRS

P

Emergency Addressee Mr John Kiker (Father)

Name

3556 North Randolph Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Address

Religion Lutheran

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

None

FILE

MAY 7 1945

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

RESTRICTED

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

Height:	Laundry Marks:
Weight:	Number of Rifle:
Color of Eyes:	Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair:	Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:	

(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

2

1

Thumb

4

3

2

1

Thumb

Right Hand

TOOTH CHART

Deceased's Right								Deceased's Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper								Lower							

Indicate: missing natural teeth by × ; crowns by ○ ; fillings by □ ; Bridges by ◊ linking anchor teeth ; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics: _____

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.

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405102

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 29 January 1945

FULL NAME Kiker, Charles M.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 12,031,996	GRADE Sergeant
HOME ADDRESS Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		ARM OR SERVICE Air Corps	DATE OF BIRTH 8 June 1920
PLACE OF BIRTH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 14 Jan 1945
STATION OF ASSIGNMENT European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 21 July 1941	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES Over 3 years

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)

Mr. John Kiker, father, 3556 North Randolph Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OTHER RELATIVES (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)

**John Kiker, father, same as above.
Caroline Kiker, mother, same as above.**

INVESTIGATION MADE		ON LINE OF DUTY		OWN DISCRETION		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	NO	YES	NO
										X			

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

Evidence of death rec'd in WD 25 Jan 45.

COPIES FURNISHED:

G. C. O.	G. C. I.	F. C. M. S. A.
G. C. O. S. O.	G. C. O.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	U.S. ARMY	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 301 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

John L. ...
ADJUTANT GENERAL



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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SURVIVOR ADDRESS (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. John Kiker, father, 3556 North Randolph Street, Philadelphia, Pa.							
SURVIVOR NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS John Kiker, father, same as above. Caroline Kiker, mother, same as above.							
INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO		ON LINE OF DUTY YES NO		OWN DISCHARGE 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 COMMENTS

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

John L. ...
ADJUTANT GENERAL

5 FEB 1945
[Signature]

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1996

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

#1 ch

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

405, 102

S.P.

DECEASED

MISSING

P.O.W.

ABANDONED

TALLY NO. 8790

INV. DATE 31-july-45

ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1

BOX NO.

SHEET OF 1 SHEETS

ORGANIZATION

669th Bomb

39th Lt

1106th Bomb

NAME Charles M. Aker

A.S.N. 2 031 996

RANK Sgt

Belt		TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS		WINGS
BELT. MONEY (NO MONEY)	X	CLOTHING		BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, Wash		BRACELET IDENT.		BILLFOLD. (NO MONEY)
Coats		Brushes		Case
Footwear, Pr.		CAMERAS		Foot locker
Gloves, Pr.		Glasses		KIT, SEN. M.T. OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs		Knives	X	BOOKS
Headwear		Lighters		Books, Address
Jackets		MISC.		Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats		Pen, Fountain		DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
Scarfs		Pencil, Mechanical		FILMS
Shirts		Pipes		Letters
Socks, Pr.		RELIGIOUS ARTICLES		Papers, Personal
Ties		RIBBONS, DECORATION		Photos
Towels		Rings		Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.		Tobacco		SHORT SKORTER
Trunks, Pr.		Toilet Articles		SOUVENIRS
Underwear		WATCH		SOUVERIR MONEY
				Stationery
				TESTAMENTS
				U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT) 14

REMARKS no information re-checked

ATTACHMENTS X

FORM #54

FORM #103

LAUNDRY

WAREHOUSE SPACE 3058

INVENTORIED BY Wylie

PACKED BY Harwood

STORED BY

CHECKED BY

WEIGHT

DATE SHIPPED AUG 27 1945

#3 OR ADDITIONAL

G.I. REMOVED

SHORTAGE ON REVERSE

IDENT. TAGS REMOVED

DIARY REMOVED

LOCKED STORAGE

LAUNDRY REMOVED

FILM REMOVED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were
not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mr. John Kiker

3556 North Randolph Street

Philadelphia 40, Pennsylvania

Effects of:

Name

ASN Sgt. Charles M. Kiker

Case No. 12031996

Wt. 405102-D

DATE 21 August 1945

RTB:WA:se

W. A. Lusk
Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check

Acct. No. _____

Amount _____

Inclose "Valuables" item

Ship "Valuables" item (s)

Remove G.I.

Note discrepancy in _____

Films removed _____

Diary removed _____

Laundry removed _____

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch

1 Warehouse Division

2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

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FRANKED

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Frt. Chgs.

No. of packages

AUG 27 1945

2

BB
Shipping Clerk

NAME

KIKER, CHARLES M. SGT 1995

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
3	62		8790

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
BOX		

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 800-543)

Kiker, Charles M. 12 031 996
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a **Sgt 669th Bomb Sq (L)**
 (Grade) (Station or position) (Service)

who died on the **14th** day of **Jan.**, 19 **45**

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

NUMBER	ARTICLES	PACKAGE NUMBER
1	Book, "The Avenger" by Edgar Wallace	

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

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	Towel, Bath ✓
1	Pr Trousers, Khaki ✓
1	Pr Shoes, Low Quarters ✓
1	Pr Shoes, Low Quarters (Unmatched)
1	Cap, Khaki ✓
1	Kit, Shoeshine ✓
2	Buckels, web waist ✓

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that *the effects were delivered to Effects OM, ETOUSA, Communication
(Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative
Zone. BOOK 1, LING VACHOL, PA 10001
or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

2024年12月25日
 2024年12月25日

John G. Napier
JOHN G. NAPIER,
Lt. Col., A. C.
Commanding.
APO 140, U. S. Army.
(Station)

17 January, 1945
(Date)

*Strike out words not applicable.

405102

RTB:MH:kah
August 23, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. John Kiker
3556 North Randolph Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kiker:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Sergeant Charles M. Kiker.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton and one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

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

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt., QMC
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

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

JRM:WA:80

Case No. 405102
Date 21 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Charles M. Kiker 12031996 late a
(Name of decedent) (Army Serial Number)
Sgt. Air Corps who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 14 day of Jan, 1945, at European Area

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

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

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

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

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

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (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 19 August 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Caroline Kiker 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, John Kiker of
(Name of person found entitled)

3556 North Randolph Street Philadelphia 40 State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
Pennsylvania is the Father of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, QMC

(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

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

IMMEDIATE ACTION

INFORMATION CIRCULAR CONCERNING THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF
DECEASED MILITARY PERSONNEL

1. The Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, has been established by the War Department to receive and dispose of the personal effects of military personnel who die outside the continental limits of the United States.

2. Due to hazards of the sea and the many difficulties in transportation of property from overseas, it is impossible to determine accurately when effects will arrive here. However, this circular has been prepared to furnish approximate information regarding the time which may elapse. The following will serve as a guide as to the time that normally is required for effects to reach this Bureau from the various theaters of operations:

EUROPEAN THEATER

Six months.

NORTH AFRICAN THEATER (INCLUDING ITALY)

Six months.

ASIATIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC THEATERS

From ten to twelve months.

3. It is necessary that this Bureau have the following information to enable disposition of the soldier's personal effects, according to existing regulations:

- (a) The name and address of his widow, if he was married. *single*
- (b) The names and addresses of his parents. ✓
- (c) In the event an executor or administrator of the soldier's estate has been appointed by the probate court, the original or a certified copy of the Letters Testamentary or Letters of Administration should be forwarded to the Army Effects Bureau, for inspection. If original papers are submitted, they will be returned promptly.

4. It is advisable that the next-of-kin inform this Bureau of any change in address.

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Mr + Mrs John Kiker
3556 N. Randolph St
Phila - 40 Pa.

*File
3-13*



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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 405,102

JRM:KD:ao
February 28, 1945

Mrs. Caroline Kiker
3556 North Randolph Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Kiker:

This refers to your recent letter inquiring about the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Charles M. Kiker.

I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of your son's property. There is inclosed an information circular which will give you some idea of the time which may elapse before personal effects arrive here from overseas.

You will note from Paragraph 3 of the circular that this Bureau needs certain information in order to make disposition of property. You may furnish the necessary information at this time, if you wish, so that your son's effects may be forwarded promptly upon receipt here.

For your convenience, there is inclosed a self-addressed return envelope which requires no postage.

I wish to express my sincere regret of the circumstances prompting this correspondence.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Chief, Correspondence Branch

2 Incls--
Form 76
Envelope