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FOIA EXPEDITE

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT INQUIRY

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Suspense: 12/22/00

Date: 11/27/00

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MEMORANDUM FOR TAPC-PED-F

SUBJECT: FOIA Request/

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Log #

11-168

1. Attached is a FOIA request for the IDPF information as indicated in enclosure 1.
2. Please complete attached DD Form 2086, Record of Freedom of Information (FOI) Processing Cost Sheet (encl 2), according to instructions on reverse of form, and return with your reply.
3. Request you provide documents/information upon which to base a reply to this office by suspense date indicated above.

2 Encls
as

Thomas M. Jones

THOMAS M. JONES
Freedom of Information
and Privacy Act Officer

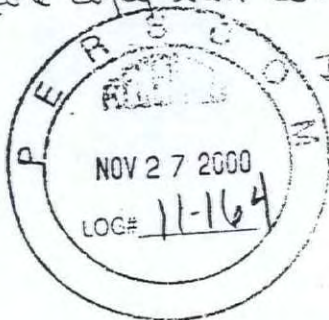
WII
Rank S/SGT
Ahrens

Sir

11/18/00

Am again writing, concerning some information which might now be available concerning S/Sgt Henry S Ahrens 32910250 member of 671 Bomb Sq - 416 Bomb Gp (F) at time of M.S.A. status June 6, 1944

Note copy last correspondence received from your office.



Thanking you
R. M. Griswold
3201 McKinnon Dr
Wilmington NC
28409



RECORD OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) PROCESSING COST

Please read instructions on back before completing form.

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d. OTHER ACTIVITY					
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293 Ahrens, Henry S.
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

REQUEST FOR SERVICE

TO
FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER

TYPE OF SERVICE REQUESTED (Check one)

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RESEARCH

MILITARY RECORDS SECTION
ARMY-AIR FORCE DEFENSE-UNIT

GSA R3 FRC

219 North 1st St.

AGENCY

ADDRESS

INDIVIDUAL

ROOM NUMBER

EXTENSION

RECORD GROUP NUMBER

DATE

SEARCHER'S
INITIALS

NO RECORD

MISSING FROM

TO

CHARGED TO

BUILDING AND ROOM NUMBER

DATE

DESCRIPTION

REQUEST RECEIVED BY

DATE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER

REGION 3



MILITARY RECORDS SECTION
ARMY-AIR FORCE DEFENSE-UNIT
GSA R3 FRC
219 North Lee St.
Alexandria, Va.

MILITARY RECORDS BRANCH

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

7 August 1956

QMGME-C 293
Ahrens, Henry S.
SN 32910250

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Gravesite Reservation.

TO: Superintendent
Beverly National Cemetery
Beverly, New Jersey

The following gravesite reservation has been canceled and notation thereof should be made in your records:

<u>NAME (RESERVEE)</u>	<u>GRAVE OR LOT NO. & SECTION</u>	<u>NAME (VETERAN)</u>
Ahrens, Claire (NMI) (Widow remarried)	1818 F	Ahrens, Henry S. S/Sgt.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JESSE D. MYERS

~~Cemetery Operations Officer~~
Memorial Division

Basham
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REPORT OF GRAVE SITE RESERVATIONS

ORIGINAL

TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON 25, D. C.		NATIONAL CEMETERY Beverly National Cemetery Beverly, New Jersey		JUN 8 1948
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) OF PERSON FOR WHOM RESERVED AHRENS, Claire (NMI)		RESERVED FOR (Check one) ☐ VETERAN ☒ WIFE		NUMBER GRAVE SITE RESERVED 1818
SECTION F	NUMBER OF ADJOINING GRAVE SITE Sec. F Gr. 1819	OCCUPIED BY (Check one) ☒ VETERAN ☐ WIFE		DATE OF RESERVATION 6 May 1948
SERVICE DATA				
VETERAN'S NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) AHRENS, Henry S.		RANK S/Sgt.	SERIAL NUMBER 32910250	DATE OF LAST SERVICE
SERVICE U.S. Army		ORGANIZATION AAF		

REMARKS
World War II Repatriation Program

Prepare in triplicate and forward original and duplicate to
The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-54390-1

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT
Frank A. Lockwood
FRANK A. LOCKWOOD, Superintendent

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

NATIONAL CEMETERY, BEVERLY N J
BESIDE HENRY S AHRENS

AHRENS, CLAIRES MRS
17 W RUBY AVE
PALESADES PARK N

DO NOT FOLD, SPINDLE, OR MUTILATE THIS CARD.

1818 F
(GRAVE) (SECTION)
S-SGT

NAN-FILE
T. C. BASHAM
CEM. BRANCH
MEM. DIV 7 Aug 56
Sen

PLEASE COMPLETE THE OTHER SIDE OF
THIS CARD AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY

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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL IS MAINTAINING A GRAVESITE RESERVATION IN YOUR NAME IN THE NATIONAL CEMETERY AS INDICATED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD.

IN ORDER THAT THIS OFFICE MAY DETERMINE WHETHER YOU DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE RESERVATION, AND WHETHER YOUR ELIGIBILITY THEREFOR HAS BEEN AFFECTED, PLEASE SUPPLY THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW, AND RETURN THIS CARD IMMEDIATELY TO THIS OFFICE IN THE INCLOSED SELF-ADDRESSED POSTAGE-FREE ENVELOPE.

THE NEXT SURVEY OF YOUR GRAVESITE RESERVATION WILL BE MADE IN APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS

(CHECK APPLICABLE STATEMENTS)

☐ I DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE GRAVESITE RESERVATION

☒ I HAVE REMARRIED

☐ I DO NOT DESIRE TO CONTINUE THE GRAVESITE RESERVATION

☐ I HAVE NOT REMARRIED

Claire Ahrens Staats
(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

177W Ruby ave
(STREET ADDRESS)

Palisades Park N.J.
(CITY) (ZONE)

(STATE)

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

IN REPLY REFER TO
QM/GMC 293

Ahrens, Henry S.
ASN 32 910 250

20 March 1950

Mrs. Claire Ahrens
17 West Ruby Avenue
Palesades Park, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

The National Cemetery Regulations require that gravesite reservations in national cemeteries be renewed periodically. It is now necessary that you complete the renewal request form below and return it, using the enclosed self-addressed postage-free envelope, in order that this Office will be informed of your wishes. It is important that you reply promptly, as failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your reservation. It is also important that you notify this Office of any change in your permanent address.

The remarriage of a non-service widow or widower of a deceased serviceman or woman automatically terminates the privilege of interment in a national cemetery. Cancellation of a reservation, except when due to remarriage, does not preclude the privilege of burial in the same grave with the deceased.

Sincerely yours,

R. G. AMLONG
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

1 Incl
Return Envelope

-----DO NOT DETACH-----

I have remarried ☐ Yes ☒ No

I desire to renew the following gravesite reservation ☒ Yes ☐ No

Cemetery Beverly, Section F, Lot ,

Grave 1818, beside the late S/Sgt. Henry S. Ahrens.

Signature Claire Ahrens

Date 3/25/50

Address 17 W Ruby Ave.

City and State Palesades Park N.J.

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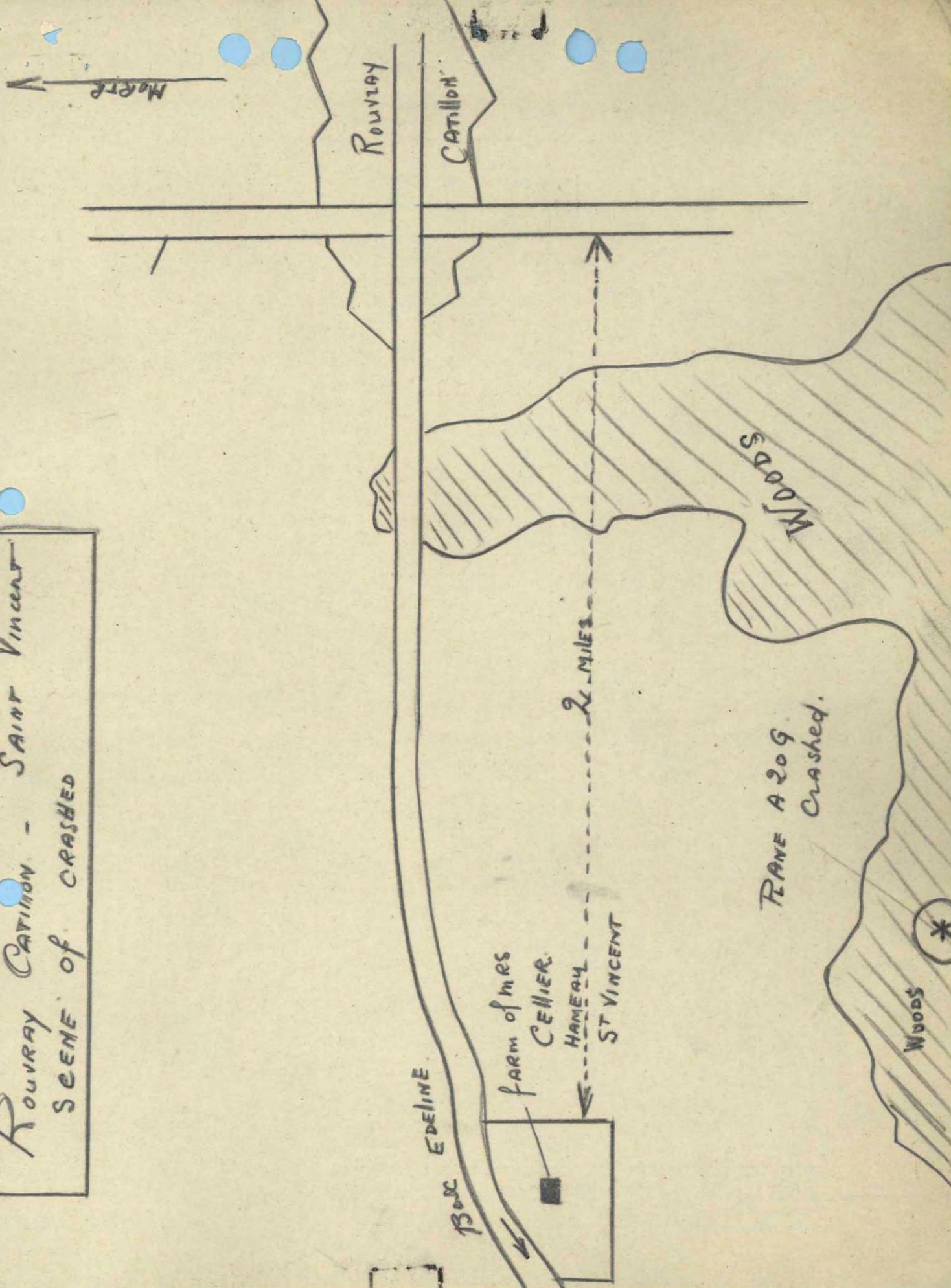
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(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

Repatriated to the United States: 18 March 1948

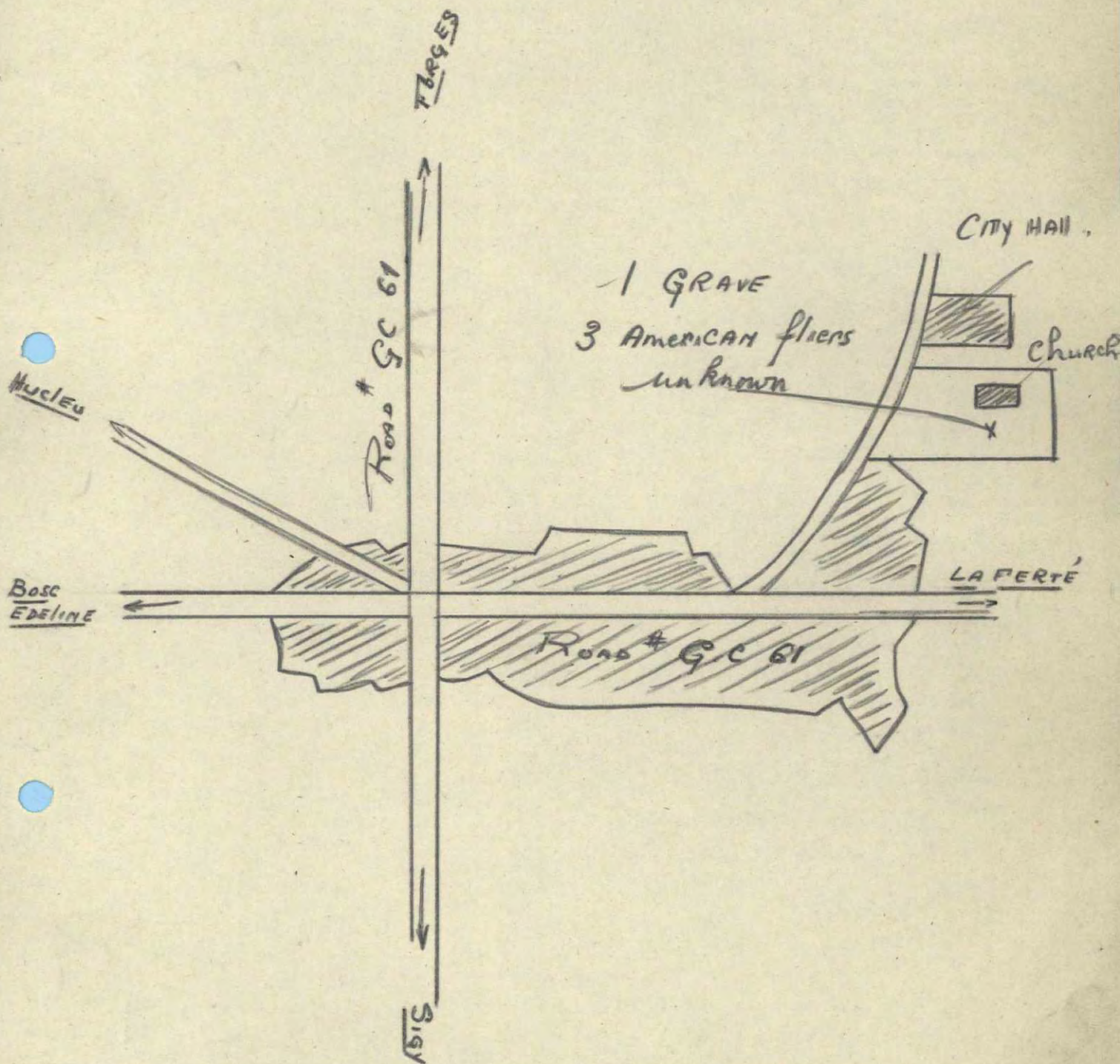
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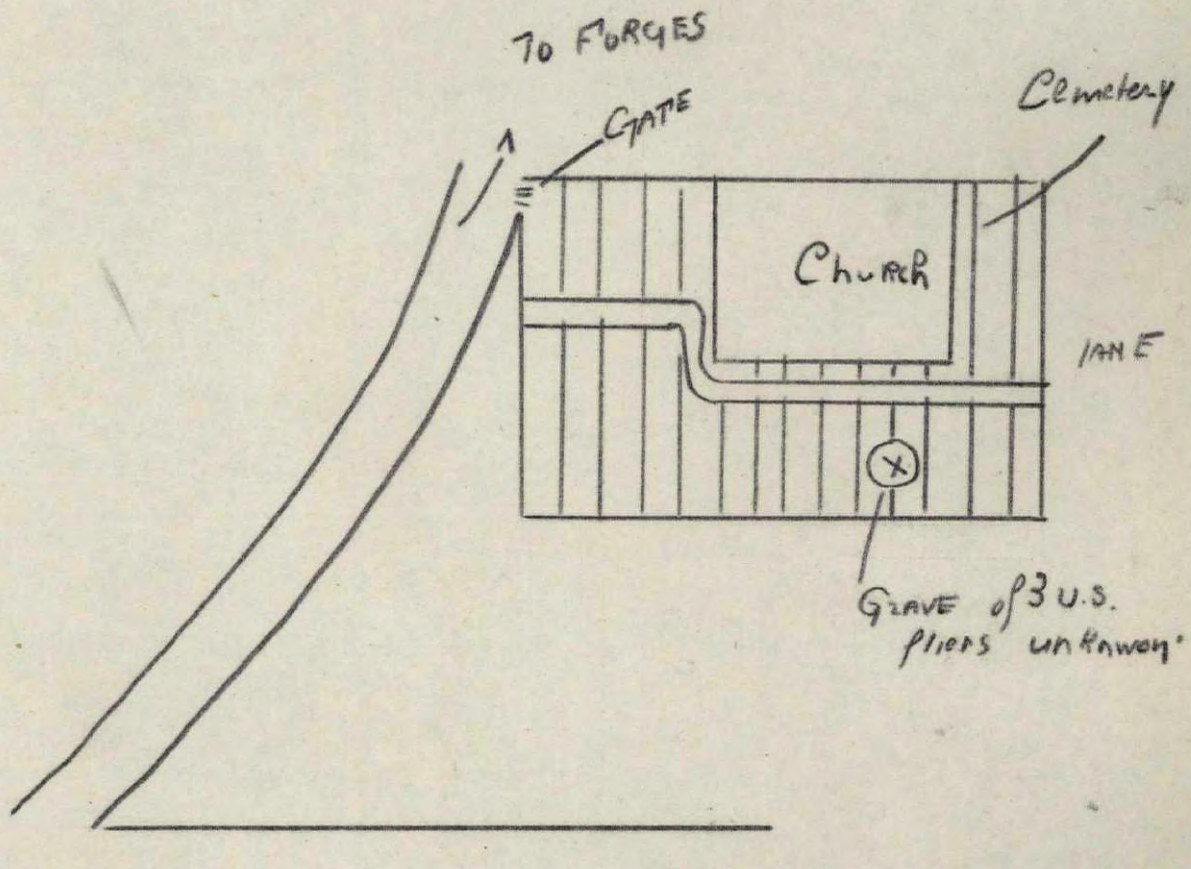
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OVERLAY of The Cemetery of ROUVRAY CATILLON



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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form # 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946.

17 June 1946

Date

NAME HENRY S. AHRENS RANK S/Sgt. ASN 32910250ORGANIZATION 416 Bomb GroupMEANS OF IDENTIFICATION One (1) Identification tags found on body

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

SECTION A - GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)1. Was positive identify acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? No If so, state the following information:a. NAME Does not apply RANK Does not apply Does not applyb. ORGANIZATION Does not apply2. Was partial identification established? No If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:a. NAME Does not apply RANK Does not apply Does not applyb. ORGANIZATION Does not apply3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY Louis C. Mazza 122041999

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

a. Date of above burials 16 June 1944 Common graves? Yes

5. Name and Type of Cemetery Civilian
(Military or civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery 485-270

a. Town Rouvray-Catillon Country France

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section _____ Row 10 Grave 7

b. Is Sketch attached? Yes

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

a. Town Does not apply Coordinates Does not apply

b. Is sketch attached? Does not apply

c. Is area mined? Does not apply

9. How is the grave marked? Cross and Marble Plate

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact marking thereon

On plate in French "To our dear allied friends who died gloriously for us."

a. From what source was this information obtained? Unknown

(Identification tags, personal effects)

b. By whom Does not apply

11. Where are the cemetery records? Maire's Office
(Town Hall, cemetery, burgomaster's office)

a. What information was contained thereon? 3 American Fliers

were buried at 1100 hours, 16 June 1944

b. Where was the information obtained? By Maire

c. By whom? Maire

12. What is the date of death? 6 June 1944 at 20:30 hours

a. Give basis Eye witnesses to the crash

13. What is the cause of death? Crash and Fire

a. Give basis Witnesses to Crash

14. What is the date of burial? 16 June 1944

a. Give basis Cemetery Records

15. What was the place of death? In Woods (St. Vincent) Coords 456-263

Give basis Witnesses

16. Where were the remains found? Around wreckage Coords 456-263

a. By whom? The Maire and Policemen

b. Is sketch attached? Yes

17. Was casket used? Yes Who furnished the casket? Towns People

Type of casket _____ How marked _____

18. Who made the burial Civilians, Mr. DuBosc, Mr. Oyer
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)

a. What are the names and addresses? Mr. DuBosc, Mr. Oyer Rouvray-Catillon ,
France

b. Are certificates and statements attached? Yes

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

19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? No

a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed _____

Does not apply

(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front side of plane)

b. Near wreckage? Yes

20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (_____, state when and by whom)

a. Type of plane A 20 G Attack Bomber

b. Markings and/or name of plane White Star Insigna

c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: 2 Motors, Machine gun No. U.S. 610032 GVT. 995166, 994131, 995192

21. How did crash occur? Shot Down Anti-aircraft? Yes

Enemy planes? No Collision? No

22. Did plane explode in the air? No On ground? Yes
23. Did plane burn in the air? No On ground? Yes
24. What was the direction of the flight? Southwest
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? _____

Returning to Base

26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? Yes
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with the date of death of above named deceased? Yes
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash? Unknown, Small formation
29. State precise time and date of plane crash Day Between 20:30 and 2100
Light? Day?
30. Were parachutists seen? Yes How many? 1 Escaped? No
Prisoners? Captured by Germans

SECTION C - ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Forces).
DOES NOT APPLY

31. Were remains found in Wreckage of a tank? _____
a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed.

(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or, front, side or back)
b. Near wreckage? _____
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
a. Type of tank _____
b. Markings and/or name of tank _____
c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc _____
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? _____
34. Did tank explode? _____ Burn? _____

35. Numbers of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement _____

36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death
of above named deceased? _____

37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank _____
(Night?) (Day?)

38. Did any of the crew members escape? _____ Prisoners? _____

SECTION D - OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not-applicable)

39. Did death occur from any other means? (I.E., truck, jeep, mines, drowning
or small arms fire) _____

40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the
name and facts regarding the above listed deceased _____

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

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? No

If not, state reason None Available

a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Unknown

Where? Does not apply By whom? Does not apply

Present disposition Does not apply

If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded
to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification
is made, or investigation is abandoned.

b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? Yes

Where? Near Wreckage By whom? Mr. Dubord

Present disposition? Unknown

- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? No
- d. Did Cemetery register or cross indicate the immunciation shot? No
42. Was deceased given first aid? No If so, where? Does not apply
By whom? Does not apply Are statements from the medical people attached?

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No
Where? Does not apply Names of people concerned Does not apply

44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? No
(burnt, decapitated, etc)
45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? [Disturbing text redacted]
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No
a. If so, give basis for positive assumption Does not apply

- b. If so, has higher Headquarters been notified? Does not apply
47. Was case previously investigated? No By whom? Does not apply
When? Does not apply
48. Give names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed. Mr. Hardier, Mayor of Rouvray, statement no. 1
Mr. Girault, Sigy, France, statement no. 2, Henri Dubord, Rouvray, France
statement no. 3 George DuBosc Rouvray, France statement no. 4, Roger Binet, Sigy, France, statement no 5.
49. Give all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? Yes

50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? No

51. Was investigation proceeded by advanced publicity? Yes

52. Give brief narrative See attached Sheet Narrative Report

(Use attached sheets, if necessary)

Every effort was made to trace the billfold found at the scene of crash, but it could not be found.

Signature of Interpreter

Rank

ASN

Organization

Joseph P. Bergmoser

JOSEPH P. BERGMOSER

Signature of Investigator

2nd Lt.

O-1337002

Rank

ASN

531 QM Group.

Organization

Je soussigne, Henri DUBORD, declare que le 13 Juin je suis alle sur les lieux de la chute de l'avion en compagnie de ma femme et de 3 autres personnes.

J'ai remarque des debris de cheveux et d'habits kaki, c'est alors a environ 15 metres de la chute j'ai vu une pochette qui contenait Frs 2000 - et 3 cartes allies que j'ai conserve jusqu'a la liberation. J'ai restitue le tout a la Resistance dont le chef est Mr. Girault.

Fait a Rouvray Catillon, le 24/5/46

Henri DUBORD

T R A N S L A T I O N

I, undersigned, Henri DUBORD, states that on the 13th June I went where the American plane has been crashed with my wife and 3 friends of mine's I saw human remains and pieces of kaki clothes about 15 yards from the motors of the plane. I found a pocket with 2000 francs and 3 maps I keep them until the Liberation. I turned them after to Mr. GIRAULT Chief of the French underground forces.

Rouvray Catillon, 24th May 1946

Henri DUBORD

Rouvray Catillon, le 24 Mai 1946.

Je soussigne, Georges DUBOSCH, domicilié a Rouvray Catillon declare ce qui suit:

Le 6 Juin 1944 a 20 h.30 avoir vue un avion bi moteurs passe au-dessus de ma maison en flammes qu'il venait de bombarder la gare de Serqueux et prenant la direction du bois de Rouvray (Lieu dit St.Vincent) quelques instants plus tard il s'ecrasait au dit lieu. 10 jours apres j'aiete demande par Mr. Oyer pour la mise en biere des 3 corps qui etaient en putrefaction. Nous avons mis 3 jambes avec chaussures, un corps et 2 bras avec mains dont un doigt etait coupe dont l'alliance etait enleve, Cet avion a ete abattu par un tank allemand et un parachute est tombe dans les plaines de Sigy.

Fait a Rouvray le 24 Mai 1946.

G. DUBOSCH
Ancien conseiller municipal.

TRANSLATION

I, the undersigned, Georges DUBOSC. living in Rouvray Catillon states:

On the 6th. June 1944 at 20.30 hrs, I saw a plane (2 motors) flying over my house while burning. It had just bombed the railroad station of Serqueux. It smashed up in the woods of Rouvray (hamlet of St Vincent) 10 days after Mr.Oyer and I, went to bury the remains of the fliers who had been killed. We found [Disturbing text redacted]

This plane have been shot down by a german gun and 1 flier jumped down in the fields of Sigy.

Rouvray 24th May 1946
Georges DUBOSC

Je soussigne, BINET Roger, maire de la commune de Sigy en Bary declare que le 6 Juin 1944 vers 20.30 h. apres le bombardement de Serqueux, un avion en feu passe sur mon exploitation pour aller tomber a Rouvray Catillon, en meme temps un second avion atterissait a 500 metres chez moi. Trois aviateurs sont descendus de l'appareillet ont essaye vainement d'y mettre le feu. Les motorises allemands qui stationnaient dans la commune les ont fait prisonniers. Les allemands qui sont venus demontes l'appareil ont dit que le pilote avait ete tue, mais personnellement je n'ai pas pu le constater mais la glace de cote portait bien un trou d'eclat. L'avion portait des etoiles blanches et des barres sous les ailes, ce qui permettait de l'identifier comme americain.

Fait a Sigy, le 24 Mai 1946.

Le Maire, BINET Roger.

T R A N S L A T I O N

I, the undersigned, BINET Roger, Mayor of Sigy state of the 6th June 1944 around 20.30 hrs after the bombardement of Serqueux a burning plane flew over my house and crashes at about 500 yards from my house. 3 fliers destroy their plane with fire grenades. They were captures by Germans, according to the German the U.S. Pilot had been killed.

The plane had white stars and stripes and black and white under the wings.

Sigy the 24 th May 1946

The Mayor, BINET Roger

Rouvray Catillon, le 27 Mai 1946.

Je soussigne, HARDIER, Maire de la Commune de Rouvray Catillon certifie que le 6 Juin 1944 vers 20.30 est tombe en flammes un avion. Neuf jours apres j'ai ete avise je me suis rendu sur les lieux accompagne du garde champetre et de Madame CELLIER. J'ai constate que les aviateurs avaient ete brules et dechiquetes en arrivant au sol.

J'ai du demander autorisation a la Kommandatur de Forges les Eaux pour obtenir le droit de pouvoir inhumer les restes de ses aviateurs dans notre cimetiere.

Le 16 Juin 1944, je me suis rendu sur les lieux accompagne de Mr. DUBOSC et OYER et du Garde champetre, nous avons commence une operation tres difficile.

1 - annulaire coupe de la main gauche dont il doit avoir une alliance ou chevaliere. bras gauche, un soulier, une partie de cuir chevelu, une main droite avec avant bras, un tronc, une jambe gauche avec bottes.

2 - pied droit avec soulier, pied gauche avec bottes basses, tronc avec jambes.

3 - il doit manquer un tronc et les autres membres du 3 eme aviateur.

INHUMATION le 16 Juin 1944 a 11 heures.

Le Maire, HARDIER.

TRANSLATION

I, undersigned, HARDIER, Mayor of Rouvray states: on the 6th June 1944 around 20.30 hrs a plane have been crashed down while burning. 9 days later I was notified that the plane fell on the territory under my jurisdiction. I went with the policeman and Mrs. CELLIER to the scene of the crash. I saw that the

[Disturbing text redacted] I asked the permission of the German HQ. in Forges les Eaux to bury the remains of the fliers in our cemetery.

On the 16 June 1944 I went with Mr. DUBOSC and Mr. OYER to pick up the remains of the 3 fliers, we found:

[Disturbing text redacted]

The 3 bodies were buried the 16 June at 11 hours.

The Mayor, HARDIER

Je soussigne, GIRAULT Michel, domicilié a Sigy en Bray (Seine Inf) declare que :

Le 6 Juin 1944 entre 20.30 hrs et 21 hrs une formation de Douglas dont la mission semblait etre de bombarder la gare de Serqueux a ete pris en partie par la flake, 2 appareils ont ete touches et abattus.

Le premier a pris feu vraisemblablement au dessus de Serqueux et est venu s'abattre a la lisiere du bois pres de la ferme St.Vincent. Un seul aviateur a saute en parachute et a atterri entre la route Rouvray - Sigy et la ferme et a ete fait prisonnier par des troupes cantonnees a Sigy.

Le second dont le pilote a ete tue d'une balle dans la tete a atterri dans la plaine pres de Sigy. Les deux survivants ont essaye de bruler l'appareil sans resultat et ont ete fait prisonniers.

En ce qui concerne le 1er appareil Mr. Hardier maire de la Commune de Rouvray assiste de Mr.Dekedain (president des souvenirs francais) du canton de Forges les Eaux) a recueilli les restes de l'equipage, vraisemblablement les aviateurs et les a enterres dans le cimetiere de Rouvray.

Cartes et argent qui m'ont ete remis par Mr.Dubord ont ete remis par mes soins a Mr. Le Commandant d'Arcier.

Fait a Rouvray le 24 Mai 1946.
Michel GIRAULT.

T R A N S L A T I O N

I, the undersigned, Michel GIRAULT, living in Sigy states that:

On the 6th June 1944 between 20.30 and 21 hrs, a squadron of Douglas A.20 G. coming back from Serqueux has been shot by German flack, 2 planes fell down.

One has been crashed in the woods of Rouvray, only one flier escaped but has been captured by Germans.

The second plane whose pilot had been killed landed in the fields of Sigy, the 4 others fliers had been captured.

Mr. HARDIER with Mr.Dekedain picked up the remains of the American fliers and buried them in the cemetery of Rouvray (supposed to be remains of 4 fliers)

Maps and money 2000 francs given to me by Mr. DUBORD have been turned to the Mayor DARCIER, chief of the underground forces.

Rouvray 24 May 1946
Michel GIRAULT

R E P O R T

SUBJECT : Investigation in ROUVRAY-CATILLON, Seine Inferieure about 3 U.S. unknown fliers buried in the Chuchyard.

STATEMENTS joined to this report :

- 1 - Mr. HARDIER Mayor who buried the bodies.
- 2 - Mr. GIRAULT Captain of the French underground forces who saw one flyer jump down and the plane crash.
- 3 - Mr. DUBOSC who buried with the Mayor the bodies.
- 4 - Mr. DUBORD who found Fr.2000 - and the maps of the plane.
- 5- Mr. BINET Mayor of Sigy who certified that the plane crashed was American with 4 American fliers - Douglas A.20 G.
(a plane of the same squadron landed in Sigy the 6 June 1944 at 20.30 hours - The US pilot was killed and the 3 others fliers captured.)

On the 6th June 1944 at 20.30 hours an American plane Douglas A.20 G. (2 motors) crashed down in ROUVRAY CATILLON (Hamlet of Saint Vincent) That plane had bombed the railroad station of SERQUEUX and shot down by german anti-aircraft guns. Only one flyer jumped down but had been captured by German soldiers. On the 15th of June the Mayor of Rouvray received the permit from Germans to bury the remains of the 3 U.S. fliers who had been carbonized. These remains have been buried in the Churchyard of Rouvray Catillon in the same coffin.

Only numbers of few parts known (plates with numbers joined to this report)

Number of the plane unknown

Number of a machine gun manufactured by the high Standard M.F.G. Co. New Haven. U.S. 610032 G.V.T. Other guns (995166 - 994131 - 995192)

The plane had a white star insign on the side.

Limesy, 27th May 1946.

RONALD D. DURBIN T/5

GROUT BERNARD, Interpreter

Date 6 May 1948

TO: Mrs. Claire Ahrens
17 West Ruby Ave
Palisades Park, New Jersey

The authorized inscription for a Government headstone of the general type (furnished for all decedents except those who served only during the Civil and Spanish-American Wars) includes: (1) The State from which the veteran came; (2) religious emblem in a small circle above the inscription on the face of the headstone; and (3) the dates of birth and death.

In order that the appropriate information, as desired by the next of kin, may be shown on the headstone for the decedent whose name is listed below, it is requested that you fill in the proper spaces indicated below the data called for, and RETURN THIS FORM PROMPTLY TO THE

U. S. NATIONAL CEMETERY
BEVERLY, N. J.

Superintendent of Cemetery or Commanding Officer of Post

If this form is not returned to the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days from date of mailing, the headstone will be ordered with the data as to religious emblem, State and date of birth inscribed thereon as shown in the official records, and NO CHANGE WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

To be filled in by Superintendent or Commanding Officer

Name of Veteran 293 Henry S. Ahrens
Rank, etc. S/Sgt. A.A.F.
Grave or lot No. 1819 Section F
Date of death _____ (World War II Repatriation Program)
Date buried 6 May 1948

To be filled in by Next of Kin

State desired N. J.
Religious emblem desired Latin Cross
(Latin Cross for Christian Faith, Star of David for Hebrew Faith)
Date of birth Nov. 16, 1913
Address of kin Claire Ahrens - 17 W Ruby Ave Palisades Park N.J.
Signature Claire Ahrens Date 5/7/48

RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

AGR DISTRIBUTION CENTER, PHILA. QM DEPOT

SUPERINTENDENT
BEVERLY NATIONAL CEMETERY
BEVERLY, N. J.

DAY LETTER O.I. 2974

~~ROUTINE~~

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

293
REMAINS OF LATE S/SGT. HENRY S. AHRENS, 32910250 WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU
BY THIS DEPOT VIA GOVERNMENT HEARSE AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM MAY SIXTH
ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT
REMAINS UPON DELIVERY AND NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN.

FRANK M. GREEN, JR.
MAJOR, QMC

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED

THIS 6th DAY OF May, 19 48
DAY MONTH

Anthony E. Galla / Sgt
WITNESS (Escort)

Frank M. Green, Jr.
CONSIGNEE

File
NAT
Records annotated
21 May 48
m. [unclear]
[unclear]

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

3508 00033

DATE

15 11 47

DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

AHRENS HENRY S

SERIAL NUMBER

32910250

RANK

S SG 1

ARM

DATE OF DEATH

DAY MONTH YEAR

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

1 2221 03

CODE DIST. PT.

CAUSE OF DEATH

1

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

BEVERLY NATIONAL CEMETERY
BEVERLY, NEW JERSEY

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

CLAIRE AHRENS (WIFE)
17 WEST RUBY AVENUE
PALISADES PARK, NEW JERSEY

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

Ahrens, Henry S

SERIAL NUMBER

32910250

RANK

S/Sgt

DATE OF DEATH

6 June, 1944

DATE DISINTERRED

3 Dec, 1947

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

☐ REMAINS
☐ MARKER

ORGANIZATION

USAAF

RELIGION

Protestant

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

R. W. GANSEL
1st Lt, Inf

NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

Mattress Cover

CONDITION OF REMAINS

Advanced Decomposition

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

None

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 24 December, 1947

BY

Theodor R. Harrison Jr

CASKET SEALED BY

Theodor R. Harrison Jr

EMBALMER (Signature)

Theodor R. Harrison Jr.

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE 24Dec47 BY R. Anderson

JOHN PALYOK, 1st Lieut, FA

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

JOHN PALYOK, 1st Lieut, FA

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM US MC Blosville	TO Casketing Point "A"-Cherbourg
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck	NAME OF CONVOYER Cpl Joseph L. Gainey
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>Philip S. Brown</i> W. T. DAILEY, Capt, QMC	DATE 19 Dec 47
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>John Paylok</i> JOHN PAYLOK, 1st Lieut, FA	DATE 19 Dec 47

2. SHIPPED

FROM Casketing Point "A"-Cherbourg	TO Port Unit - Cherbourg
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck	NAME OF CONVOYER <i>A. E. Cain</i>
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>John Paylok</i> JOHN PAYLOK, 1st Lieut, FA	DATE 1948
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>John E. Hendry Jr.</i> JOHN E. HENDRY JR., Major, FA	DATE 1948

3. SHIPPED

FROM PORT UNIT CHERBOURG	TO NYPOE
KIND OF CONVEYANCE USAT MC CARLEY	NAME OF CONVOYER ROBERT V. SCHNEIDER 1st Lt. TC.
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>John E. Hendry Jr.</i> JOHN E. HENDRY JR., Major CAC.	DATE 10 March 1948
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Robert V. Schneider</i>	DATE 10 March 1948

4. SHIPPED

FROM	TO <i>NY PO</i>
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	NAME OF CONVOYER
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>John E. Hendry Jr.</i>	DATE 1948
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>James E. McKinnon</i> JAMES E. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C.	DATE APR 5 1948

5. SHIPPED

FROM <i>NY PO</i>	TO <i>DC 3</i>
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <i>Drain</i>	NAME OF CONVOYER <i>James E. McKinnon</i>
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>James E. McKinnon</i> JAMES E. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C.	DATE APR 9 - 1948
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>James E. McKinnon</i> JAMES E. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C.	DATE APR 10 1948

6. SHIPPED

FROM	TO
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

INSPECTION CHECK LIST					
(For Use at Distribution Point)					
Name AHRENS, Henry S.		Rank S/SGT ✓		Serial Number 32910250 4	
Source Claire Ahrens (Wife) 17 West Ruby Avenue Palisades Park, N.J.		Consignee Beverly National Cemetery Beverly, N.J. ✓			
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		Condition of Shipping Case (Check One) ☐ Satisfactory ☒ Unsatisfactory			
✓ FINISH (Exterior)		Remarks 4/12/48 [Signature]			
FINISH (Interior)					
HANDLES					
HANDLE BOLTS					
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE					
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER					
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER					
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		Condition of Casket (Check One) ☐ Satisfactory ☒ Unsatisfactory			
✓ FINISH (Exterior)		Remarks 			
HANDLES AND FASTENINGS					
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE					
CAM LOCKS (Sealing)					
ODOR OR MOISTURE					
ROUTED THROUGH					
☐ MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM		☐ REPAIR SHOP			
Condition of Remains ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory		Casket Repaired ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Necessary Disinfection (Explain)		Casket Exchanged ☐ Yes ☐ No			
		Shipping Case Repaired ☐ Yes ☐ No			
		Shipping Case Exchanged ☐ Yes ☐ No			
		Remarks			
Time		Date	Signature or Mortician		
Time		Date	Signature of Inspector		
Remarks Sat. for ship Thurs 5/6/48 325					

MESSAGEFORM

MESSAGE CENTER No.

TRANSMITTING MEANS

CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT

CALLS

STA. SER. No.

PRECEDENCE

TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ORIGINATOR

DATE-TIME GROUP

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ACTION

INFORMATION

EXEMPT

OPERATING SIGNALS

GROUP COUNT

GR

SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

ACTION TO:

CLAIRE AHRENS

17 WEST RUBY AVENUE

GOVT PAID

PALISADES PARK, N.J.

INFORMATION TO:

DLR AND CHECK ANY CHARGES

PRECEDENCE FOR

ACTION

INFORMATION

DAY LETTER

O.I. 2974

☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

X

REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE
IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION

WAR DEPARTMENT WILL DELIVER REMAINS OF LATE ~~STAFF SERGEANT~~
HENRY S. AHRENS IN NEAR FUTURE. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE
INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS INTERRED AT ~~BEVERLY~~ NATIONAL CEMETERY
BEVERLY, NEW JERSEY. REQUEST IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION BY
TELEGRAM COLLECT TO PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT ATTENTION AMERICAN
GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA. NATIONAL CEMETERY
SUPERINTENDENT WILL NOTIFY YOU DATE AND HOUR FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD
IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT YOUR ATTENDANCE AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE. CUSTOMARY
MILITARY HONORS AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AT CEMETERY BY
~~VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS OR MILITARY OR NAVAL PERSONNEL~~. ARRANGEMENTS FOR
ADDITIONAL PRIVATE SERVICES AND CEREMONIES OF YOUR CHOICE TO BE HELD AT
CONCLUSION OF REGULAR SERVICES MAY BE MADE BY YOU. IF YOU WISH SUCH ADDI-
TIONAL SERVICES OR CEREMONIES NOTIFY NATIONAL CEMETERY OF YOUR DESIRES.
NECESSARY YOU INCLUDE NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM. **THE \$75.00 MAXIMUM**
INTERMENT EXPENSES ALLOWANCE IS NOT AUTHORIZED WHEN FINAL BURIAL IS IN A
NATIONAL CEMETERY.

D. G. POLLARD
LT. COL., QMC

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SIGNATURE

AUTHORIZATION

ORIGINATING AGENCY

SYMBOL

DATE-TIME GROUP

OFFICIAL TITLE

PAGE OF

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF DECEASED

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

DATE:

S/Sgt. Henry S. Ahrens, 32 910 250
 Plot 1E, Row 8, Grave 146,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Bloisville, France

16 September 1947

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

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

PART I

I, CLAIRE AHRENS

(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
 (FOREIGN COUNTRY)

PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____

(LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

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

*Not processed
 14 Nov 47
 none
 RAB*

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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

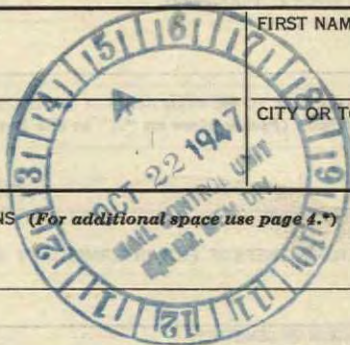
I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

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.

Claire Ahrens (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) 174 Ruby Ave (STREET AND NUMBER)
CLAIRE AHRENS (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) Palisades Park N.J. (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 16th day of Oct.,
1947 at city (or town) of Palisades Park, county of Bergen, and State (or Territory or
 District) of New Jersey

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

Richard L. Kierulff
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public of N.J.
 (OFFICIAL TITLE)

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

NAME OF DECEASED

S/SGT HENRY S. AHRENS

RANK

S/SGT

SERIAL NUMBER

32910250

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN

CLAIRE AHRENS

RELATIONSHIP

Widow

OLD ADDRESS

802 PROSPECT AVE.

~~PA~~ RIDGEFIELD N.J.

NEW ADDRESS

17 W. RUBY AVE.

PALISADES PARK N.J.

REMARKS

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
(GPO)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
MEMORIAL DIVISION, R. R. BRANCH
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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 _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)
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.

_____	_____ (DATE)
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(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)

(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.

JP
/Sgt. Henry S. Ahrens, 32 910 250
Plot EE, Row 8, Grave 146,
United States Military Cemetery
Bosville, France

16 September 1947

Mrs. Claire Ahrens
802 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Ahrens:

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.

Incls.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

Jpa

QMGYG 293
Ahrens, Henry S.
SN 32 910 250

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

1 November 1946

Mrs. Claire L. Ahrens
802 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Ahrens:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your husband, the late Staff Sergeant Henry S. Ahrens, has been referred to this office.

The official report of burial shows that the remains of your husband were originally interred in the Cemetery at Rouvray-Catillon, France, but were later disinterred by the American Graves Registration Service and moved to a more suitable site where constant care of the grave can be assured by our Forces in the field.

The report of burial further discloses that the remains of your husband are now interred in Plot EE, Row 8, Grave 146, in the United States Military Cemetery Bloisville, located twenty-five miles south-east of Cherbourg, France.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

Nov 21 2 54 PM '46
O.C.M.C. BRANCH
MAIL & RECORDS

MEMORIAL DIVISION

Nov 4 1 30 PM '46

WAR DEPARTMENT MEMO ROUTING SLIP

1 NAME OR TITLE Dir., Memorial Division, OQMG	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Room 2401, Tempo B Building	DATE	CONCURRENCE
2 Washington, D. C.		FILE
		INFORMATION
3		NECESSARY ACTION
		NOTE AND RETURN
4		SEE ME
		SIGNATURE

REMARKS

1. For necessary action.. 293
2. Staff Sergeant Henry S. Ahrens,
32 910 250 was killed in action on 6
June 1944 in the European Area.



2 Incls.

FROM NAME OR TITLE Casualty Branch, Inves & Corres	DATE 21 Oct 46
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Room 1E515, The Pentagon	TELEPHONE 72450

REGISTRATION AND
RECORDS BRANCH

OCT 23 3 48 PM '46

DIVISION



AGPC-G 201 Ahrens, Henry S.
(7 Oct 46) 32 910 250

21 October 1946

Mrs. Claire Ahrens
802 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Ahrens:

This is in reply to your letter in which you request information relative to your husband, Staff Sergeant Henry S. Ahrens.

I can readily appreciate your feelings which prompted you to request the circumstances of your husband's death. The official message received concerning the report of death of your husband was based upon information received from the American Graves Registration Service concerning the interment of his remains. I regret that there are no further details regarding the circumstances surrounding his death to convey to you other than those already furnished you in previous communications from this office.

You are advised that the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., has been charged with the responsibility of conducting the activities of the American Graves Registration Service in all the areas of the world, where it is believed that remains of American military personnel might be located. In view of this, I am forwarding a copy of your letter to that official for any information which may be available in that office concerning the place of recovery of your husband's remains.

Permit me to extend my continued sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army

October 7, 1946

War Department
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington, 25, D. C.

Re: AG 201 Ahrens,
Henry S.
PC-O 218048

I have received a letter from your Department stating that my husband's body has been recovered and buried in a United States Military Cemetery in France.

I am writing this letter hoping to receive more details. I would like to know where and how my husband was found. Up until this time he has been listed as "missing" and the case was closed. In view of the fact that his body has been recovered you must by now have the complete story. I have been waiting for two years hoping for some news as you see your letter seems inadequate.

Would you please give me all the information you have.

Sincerely,

S/ Claire L. Ahrens

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(COPY)

EJ/cgp

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

AG 201 Ahrens, Henry S.
PC-O 218048

1 October 1946

Mrs. Claire Ahrens
802 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Ahrens:

I am referring to the letter of 9 August 1946 which confirmed the death of your husband, Staff Sergeant Henry S. Ahrens, 32,910,250, Air Corps.

A report now available in the War Department received from the military authorities states that your husband's body has been recovered and buried in a United States Military Cemetery in France and that he was identified by one identification tag.

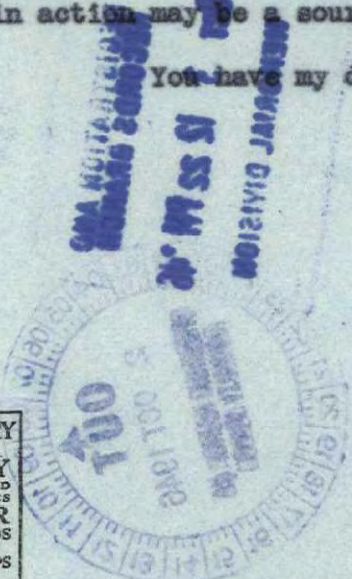
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Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army



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 WAR DEPARTMENT
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON

AS 301 Avenue, Henry S.
 10-0 2100-8

1 October 1946

Mrs. Claire Abrams
 802 Prospect Avenue
 Ridgewood, New Jersey

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 RECORDS BRANCH
 OCT 3 12 22 PM '46
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24 September 1946

Mrs. Claire Ahrens
802 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Ahrens:

243 The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your husband, the late Staff Sergeant Henry S. Ahrens, A.S.N. 32 910 250.

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This cemetery is located twenty-five miles southeast of Cherbourg, France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

20 September 1946

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Major General
The Quartermaster General

2 August 1946

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER (REAR) APO 887

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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1. The status of S/Sgt Henry S. AHRENS, 32910250, is changed from PDD 7 June 1945 to KIA 6 June 1944, included in "U" Project of Casualty Shipment this date, based upon Report of Burial. American Graves Registration Service, European Theater Area, states soldier has been reburied in Grave 146, Plot EE, Row 8, U.S. Military Cemetery BLOSVILLE, France.

2. No further information available in this Headquarters regarding circumstances of death.

MC NARNEY

OFFICIAL:

E.H. KOREMAN
Lt COL AGD
Asst. Adj. General

1 Incl: Report of Burial for:
S/Sgt Henry S. AHRENS
32910250

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

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

1946 AUG 06 15

DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED

DATE SENT

9 Aug 46

AS 201	NAME AHRENS HENRY S ASN 32 910 250	GRADE S SGT HUS
NAME AND AD- DRESS OF E. A.	MRS CLAIRE AHRENS 802 PROSPECT AVENUE RIDGEFIELD NEW JERSEY	

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

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

HUSBAND

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT STATUS
S/SGT	AHRENS, HENRY S.	32910250	AC	ETO		210046- 2X-U-2
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
				6	JUN	44

*see serial
Lito*

REMARKS:

AG 704 /2 AUG 46/

☐ CORRECTED COPY

HQS. USFET. CAS. LISTING NBR. 26. CHANGE OF STATUS IN U PROJ. PDD TO KIA.
PL-ETO.

Finding of death has been issued previously under Sec 5 Public Law 490, 7 Mar 42, as
amended showing presumed date of death as 7 June 45. This report of death, based on
information received since that date is issued in accordance with Sec 9 of said act and
its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Sec 9.

Reports of death issued 13 Aug 46 re

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION:		REPORT VERIFIED	FORM 43	AG 201 REQ.
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED		OR CHARGED TO	DATE	
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	NO	YES	(AS INDICATED BELOW):	
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED
0353 (3124)		DE	7 Jun 45 75	7 Jun 45
FORWARDED TO	SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER
			CERTIF.	F. REL.
			CORRES.	REPAT.
			S. & D.	NON-DEL.
REPORT NOT VERIFIED		NO FORM 43	NO CAS. BR. FILE	CHECKED BY
				REVIEWED BY

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EDITION OF 1 JAN. 1949 MAY BE USED.

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Form prescribed by
Comptroller General, U.S.
7 October 1944

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

3124

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Staff Sergeant Henry S. Ahrens, Army Serial Number 32,910,250, Air Corps, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 6th day of June 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 7th day of June, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Henden
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European	FLYING STATUS Yes	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None						
DATE OF BIRTH 16 Nov 1912	HOME ADDRESS Palisades Park, New Jersey		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 1 April 1943	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH) YEARS MONTH DAYS 2 2 7		

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. Claire Ahrens	RELATIONSHIP Wife	ADDRESS 802 Prospect Avenue Ridgefield, New Jersey
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BENEFICIARIES

NAME Mrs. Claire Ahrens	RELATIONSHIP Wife	ADDRESS 802 Prospect Avenue Ridgefield, New Jersey
NAME Mrs. Amelia Ahrens Mr. Henry Ahrens	RELATIONSHIP Mother Father	ADDRESS 37 Hartwick Street Little Ferry, New Jersey

REMARKS

Circumstances of disappearance: Soldier became missing in action when the airplane in which he was a crew member was hit by flak while on a combat mission over northern France and crashed and exploded in the vicinity of Buchy, France.

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WD QMC FORM 1042
(Rev. 1 Apr. 1945)
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

REPORT OF INTERMENT
(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

DATE OF REPORT

17 June 1946

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.
DO NOT TYPE

Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

AHRENS, HENRY S.

SERIAL No.

32910250

GRADE

S/Sgt.

ORGANIZATION

416 Bomb Group

BRANCH OF SERVICE

A.A.F.

RACE

White

RELIGION

Protestant

IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE
NAME OF COUNTRY

Does not apply

PLACE OF DEATH
Rouvray-Catillon (Hamlet
St. Vincent) France
(456-263)

CAUSE OF DEATH

Plane Crash

DATE OF DEATH

6 June 1944

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Unknown

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY
(1, 2, or none)

One (1)

IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse)

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED?(Yes or no)

Yes, One (1)

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

None

Section 2.—BURIAL. If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY

US MILITARY CEMETERY, BLOSVILLE, FRANCE, T-346960

DATE OF BURIAL	HOUR	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER	PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
21 June 1946	1430	Coffin	Cross	EE	8	146

WAS THIS A REBURIAL?
(Yes or no)

Yes

IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE

Civilian cemetery
485-270

PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
	10	7

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES

IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY

IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH
BODY (Yes or no)

Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO
MARKER (Yes or no) Yes,

Tag made at cemetery

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

MAZZA, Louis C.

RANK

Sgt.

SERIAL No.

12204199

ORGANIZATION

416 Bomb Gp.

GRAVE No.

145

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

UNKNOWN X-244

RANK

Unknown

SERIAL No.

Unknown

ORGANIZATION

Unknown

GRAVE No.

147

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT

JOSEPH P. BERGMOSER
2nd Lt., Inf.
531 QM Group.

SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT

MILLARD R. JONES
1st Lt. QMC (FA)

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U. S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

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Section 3.—UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.

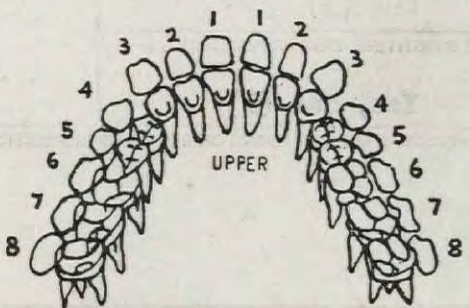
INSTRUCTIONS:

(a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other," such as shoe size, social security number; position of body found in airplanes, vehicles, and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles, and tanks.

(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS
WEAPON AND SERIAL No.		LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND	

OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

FILLINGS	 SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING	 DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN
CAVITIES	 CAVITY DECAYED	
MISSING TEETH	 TOOTH MISSING	
CROWNED TEETH	 PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN	
BRIDGE WORK	 GOLD BRIDGE	

FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY

REMARKS:

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 13 Aug 1946 rc

FULL NAME Ahrens, Henry S.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 32 910 250		GRADE S/Sgt	
HOME ADDRESS Palisades Park, N.J.		ARM OR SERVICE AC		DATE OF BIRTH 16 Nov 12	
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STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 1 Apr 43		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
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BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Claire Ahrens (wife) same as above Mrs. Amelia Ahrens (mother) 37 Hartwick St. Little Ferry, N.J. Henry Ahrens (father) same as above					
INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO		IN LINE OF DUTY YES NO		OWN MISCONDUCT YES NO	
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS YES NO		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE YES NO		IN FLYING PAY STATUS YES X NO	
OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below) YES NO		ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT ☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE			

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

STATEMENT OF WORK

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE: 11/11/1964

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: [illegible]

RE: [illegible]

DATE OF REPORT: 11/11/64

DATE OF REVIEW: 11/11/64

DATE OF APPROVAL: 11/11/64

DATE OF DISSEMINATION: 11/11/64

DATE OF DELETION: 11/11/64

DATE OF ARCHIVAL: 11/11/64

DATE OF RETIREMENT: 11/11/64

DATE OF DESTRUCTION: 11/11/64

DATE OF RECOVERY: 11/11/64

DATE OF REPAIR: 11/11/64

DATE OF REPLACEMENT: 11/11/64

DATE OF REUSE: 11/11/64

DATE OF RECYCLING: 11/11/64

DATE OF REDEMPTION: 11/11/64

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AHRENS, Henry S. S/Sgt. 32910250.

MISSING IN ACTION.

1 Ctn. 27830. *Boxed in case No. 584.*~~1 S.W.B. 27832.~~

Rec'd July 3rd, 1944.

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Inventory of effects received.

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S/Sgt.

32910250.

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1 S.W.B. 27832.

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YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)		YES		NO	
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT		☒ BATTLE		☐ NON-BATTLE	

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File 90

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY	DECEASED ☐
#1 <i>OKg</i>	155 3508	MISSING ☒
		P.O.W. ☐
		ABANDONED ☐
		TALLY NO. 7265
		INV. DATE 24 Mar 45
		ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1
		BOX NO.
		SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS
		ORGANIZATION 671st Bomb. Grp

NAME *HENRY S. AHRENS*

A.S.N. *32910250* RANK *S/SGT*

BELT	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	CLOTHING	TAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	W/CELET, IDENT.	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY) <i>w/c</i>
COATS	BRUSHES	CASE
FOOTWEAR, PR	<i>1</i> CAMERAS <i>✓</i>	FOOTLOCKER <i>✓</i>
GLOVES, PR	GLASSES	<i>✓</i> KIT, DEV, TLT, OR WRITING
HANDKERCHIEFS	KNIVES	BOOKS
HEADWEAR	LIGHTERS	BOOKS, ADDRESS
JACKETS	MISC. INSIGNIA	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
OVERCOATS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
SCARFS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	FILMS
SHIRTS	PIPES	<i>X</i> LETTERS
SOCKS, PR	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<i>X</i> PAPERS, PERSONAL
TIES	RIBBONS, DECORATION	PHOTOS
TOWELS	RINGS	SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
TROUSERS, PR	TOBACCO	SHORT SNORTER
TRUNKS, PR	TOILET ARTICLES	SOUVENIRS
UNDERWEAR	WATCH	SOUVENIR MONEY
		<i>X</i> STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS *Name Address*

29 West Ruby Ave.

Palisades Park, N.J.

ATTACHMENTS *none*

FORM #54

FORM #100

C.A.T. *none*

WAREHOUSE SPACE *936*

STORED BY *M.S.*

DATE SHIPPED *15 1945*

INVENTORIED BY *Blum*

PACKED BY *Blum*

CHECKED BY *Blum*

WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
	LOCKED STORAGE
	FLM REMOVED

CM Form 11 (25 45)

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

JUN 7 - 1945

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

DECEASED	☐
MISSING	☒
P.O.W.	☐
ABANDONED	☐
TALLY NO.	7434
INV. DATE	7 apr 45
ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	1
BOX NO.	
SHEET OF	1 SHEETS
ORGANIZATION	671 Bomb Sq 416 Bomb Sq (R)

155,350

NAME HENRY S. AHRENS.

A.S.N. 32910250

RANK S. Sgt

BELT	☒	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS		WINGS	
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	☒	CLOTHING		BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	
CLOTH, WASH		BRACELET IDENT.		BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)	
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HEADWEAR		LIGHTERS		BOOKS, ADDRESS	
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SCARFS		PENCIL, MECHANICAL		FILMS	
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TROUSERS, PR.		TOBACCO		SHORT SNORTER	
TRUNKS, PR.		TOILET ARTICLES		SOUVENIRS	
UNDERWEAR		WATCH		SOUVENIR MONEY	
				STATIONERY	
				TESTAMENTS	
				U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	

1 bath towel
5 socks
3 handkerf.
1 face towel
* 2 shorts
1 undershirt cotton
1 undershirt wool

REMARKS Mrs. Claire Ahrens (wife)
37 Hartwick Street
Little Ferry, New Jersey.

ATTACHMENTS FORM #54 FORM #100
1 Inventory

* Removed for laundry R.N.

C.A.T. none

WAREHOUSE SPACE

5/5

STORED BY

INVENTORIED BY Tuttle

PACKED BY

Bill + Carter

CHE

CKE

WHS

ADDITIONAL

WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	☒ SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
DATE SHIPPED	LOCKED STORAGE
JUN 16 1945	☒ LAUNDRY REMOVED
	FILM REMOVED

NAME

AHERENS, HENRY S PT 0250

BAY

PALLET

BOX

TALLY

71

77

579

7265

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

CTN

15 June 1944
Date

HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L), APO 140, U S Army.
(Organization and A.P.O. Number)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Depot G-14, A.P.O. 507,
U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with Adm. Cir. #80, dated
25 Oct. 1943, Hq, SOS, ETOUSA, is Inventory of effects concerning subject
named below.

<u>Ahrens,</u>	<u>Henry</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>S Sgt</u>	<u>32910250</u>	(Control No) (For use of Effects QM ETOUSA)
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)	

Organization 671st Bomb Squadron (L), 416th Bomb Group (L).
(Unit - - - - Not Branch or Service)

*Status. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Deceased, Missing in Action, ~~Prisoner of War~~ on the 6
day of June 19 44.

Designated Beneficiary (With address): Mrs. Claire Ahrens (Wife),
37 Hartwick Street,
Little Ferry, New Jersey.

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

U.S.M.O. #	<u>None</u>	Amt \$		U.S.M.O. #	<u>None</u>	Amt \$	
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U.S. Official Check # None Amt. Bank
(Name and Branch)

#Bank Accounts None

#Debtors None

#Creditors None

#Inclosed is None

(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks.

Describe fully)

*Strike out words not applicable.

#Negative report where applicable.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Class I

- 1 Box w/letters & Photographs (C)
- 1 Harmonica (C)
- 1 Tobacco Pouch (C)
- 1 Fountain Pen (C)
- 1 Camera (C)
- 1 Sewing Kit (C)

Class II

- 6 Bath Towels (1)
- 1 Face Towel (✓)
- 1 Wash Cloth (✓)
- 1 Sweat Shirt (✓)
- 10 Pr Socks, Cotton (3)
- 3 Pr Socks, Wool Light (✓)
- 1 Pr Socks, Wool Heavy (✓)
- 5 Undershirts, Cotton (✓)
- 7 Pr Shorts, Cotton (1)
- 18 Handkerchiefs (✓)
- 1 Hood, Wool (✓)
- 1 Muffler, Wool (✓)
- 1 Pr Swimming Trunks (✓)
- 1 Bag Laundry (✓)

I Certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that effects were shipped to Effects CM, ETOUSA, APO 507, C-14, U. S. Army by delivering _____ on _____ 1944.

Joseph A. Haubrich
JOSEPH A. HAUBRICH,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

NAME AHRENS, HENRY S. SGT 0250

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
35	6		7434
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
BOX			

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
DRY CLEANING LIST

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
LAUNDRY LIST

TALLY
NO.

7434

#1 pkg.

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NO.

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S/Sgt.

HENRY S. AHERNS

32910250

S/Sgt

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DRY CLEANING

do
not
use

SHIRTS, WOOL
TROUSERS, WOOL
COAT, SERVICE, WOOL
JACKET, FIELD
OVERCOAT, LONG
OVERCOAT, SHORT, WOOL
CAP, GARRISON, WOOL
CAP, GARRISON, W/LEATHER COTTON
CAP, SERVICE, WOOL
CAP, SERVICE, W/LEATHER COTTON
TIES, WOOL
GLOVES, LEATHER OR WOOL
SCARFS
SWEATERS
TRUNKS, SWIM

LAUNDRY

do
not
use

SHIRTS, DRESS, COTTON
3 HANDKERCHIEFS ✓
TROUSERS, COTTON
TIE, COTTON
1 UNDERSHIRTS, COTTON ✓
2 DRAWERS, COTTON ✓
SWEATSHIRTS, COTTON OR WOOL
DRAWERS, WOOL
2 SOCKS, COTTON, PR. ✓
SOCKS, WOOL, PR.
PAJAMA TOPS
PAJAMA BOTTOMS
FATIGUES, 1 PC. COTTON
FATIGUES, TOPS, COTTON
FATIGUES, TROUSERS, COTTON
CAP, FATIGUE, COTTON
BELT, COTTON
1 TOWEL Bath ✓
CLOTH, WASH
CAP, GARRISON, "NO LEATHER" COTTON
CAP, SERVICE, "NO LEATHER", COTTON
GLOVES, COTTON
LEGGINGS
SUPPORTERS, ATHLETIC
SCARFS
TRUNKS, GYM
BAGS, BARRACKS
1 TOWEL FACE ✓
1 UNDER SHIRT Wool ✓

Lot 1 Pkg 114

WEIGHT

WAREHOUSE SPACE

STORED BY

DATE SHIPPED

INVENTORIED BY

6 1945

PACKED BY

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155350
(3 copies to Effects M. ETOUSA, 1 copy in box with effects, 1 copy retained)

15 June 1944
Date

HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L), APO 140, U S Army.
(Organization and A.P.O. Number)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Depot G-14, A.P.O. 507,
U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with Adm. Cir. #80, dated 25 Oct. 1943, Hq, SOS, ETOUSA, is Inventory of effects concerning subject named below.

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

Organization 671st Bomb Squadron (L), 416th Bomb Group (L)
(Unit - - - - Not Branch or Service)

*Status. ~~(Deceased)~~ Missing in Action, ~~(Prisoner of War)~~ on the 6
day of June 1944.

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Joseph A. Haubrich
JOSEPH A. HAUBRICH,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

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

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME AHRENS HENRY S				SERIAL NUMBER 32910250		GRADE S SG		ARM OR SERVICE AC		REPORTING THEATRE ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY FRANCE				DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR 06 JUN 44		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT I		TYPE OF CASUALTY MIA		SHIPMENT NUMBER 098	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

MR-MRS-MISS	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP
MRS	CLAIRE		AHRENS	WIFE
NO. AND NAME OF STREET		CITY	COUNTY	STATE
802 PROSPECT AVENUE		RIDGEFIELD		NEW JERSEY

REMARKS:

☐ CORRECTED COPY

21 JUNE 1944 mod

*Same as above. Verified to be correct per
Encl. Records attached.*



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED ☒ FORM 43 AG 201 REQ ☐

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED ☐ OR CHARGED TO ☐ DATE ☐

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO ☒ YES ☐ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED

REPORT NOT VERIFIED ☐ NO FORM 43 ☐ NO CAS. BR. FILE ☐ CHECKED BY *[Signature]* REVIEWED BY *[Signature]*

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA		CASUALTY STATUS		ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.			LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA		CREW POS.	RESIDENCE					COMP	RACE			
				DAY	MO.	YR.				DAY	MO.	YR.				STATE	COUNTY								
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

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ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

S/Sgt. Henry S. Ahrens

32910250

155,350 M

Mrs. Claire Ahrens

802 Prospect Avenue

Ridgefield, New Jersey

Effects of:

Name

ASN

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 13 June 1945

GHG:JFH:bjm

A. B. ...
POB: Effects Quartermaster

RE MARKS:

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.

1 pkg } inv 4-7-45
1 ctu }

RE MARKS:

Franked

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Int. Chgs.

No. 21 packages

MC
Shipping Clerk

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

(S-8-12-45)
GHG:JFH:bjm
June 12, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 155,350

Mrs. Claire Ahrens
802 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, New Jersey

File

Dear Mrs. Ahrens:

The Army Effects Bureau has received and is forwarding to you the following additional property of your husband, Staff Sergeant Henry S. Ahrens:

1 carton
1 package

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

1 Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Claire Ahrens
(Signature of Bailee)

6/24/45
(Date)



KANSAS CITY, MO.

JUN 27 1945

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

js
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802 Prospect Avenue

Ridgefield, New Jersey

Effects of:
Name

S/Sgt. Henry S. Ahrens

32910250

ASN

155350 M

Case No.

Wt.

JRM:DW:crw

DATE 11 April 1945

Kathryn Bell

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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1 Pkg
REMARKS:

Franked FRANKED

Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages 1

APR 16 1945

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ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

(S-6-10-45)

JRM:DW:crw

April 10, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 155350

Mrs. Claire Ahrens
802 Prospect Avenue
Ridgefield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Ahrens:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal effects belonging to your husband, Staff Sergeant Henry S. Ahrens.

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

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending the return of the owner, who has been reported missing in action. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

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

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your husband.

Yours very truly,

Incl--
Envelope

P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

Receipt acknowledged:

Claire Ahrens
(Signature of Bailee)

4/24/45
(Date)