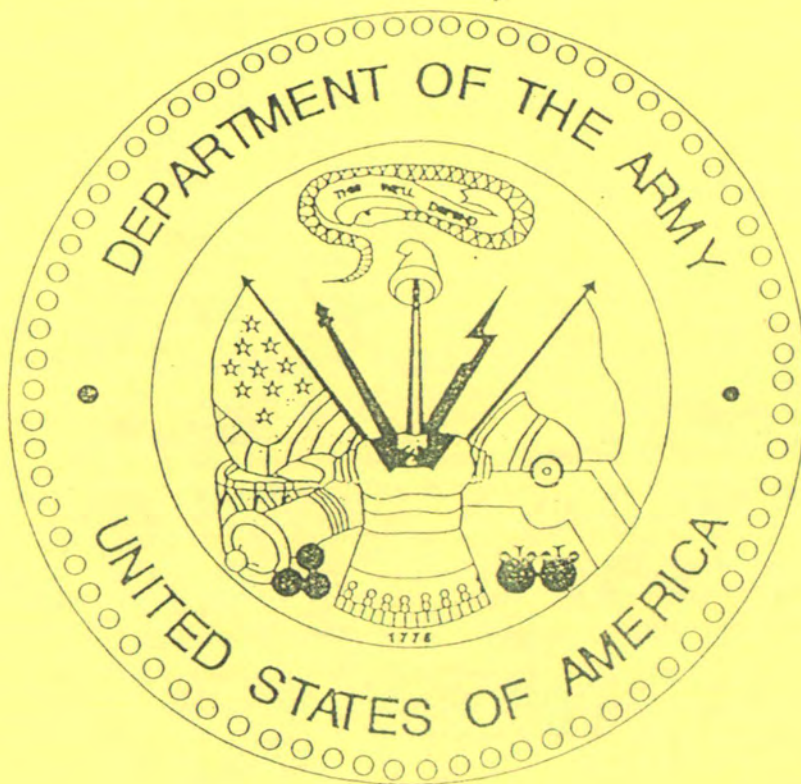


Getlin, James F

O-685331



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED

PERSONNEL FILE

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THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

April 2, 1985

SSGT Milton E. Cowart
18190494
Plot C, Row 28, Grave 27

SSGT William L. Weissker
14070304
Plot C, Row 14, Grave 27

Lorraine American Cemetery
St. Avold, (Moselle) France

1LT James F. Gatlin, Jr.
0685331
World War II Tablets of the
Missing

2LT Stephan V. Biezis
0824081
World War II Tablets of the
Missing

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery
and Memorial
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

SSGT Joe R. Sanchez
39290993
World War II Tablets of the
Missing
Luxembourg American Cemetery and
Memorial
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

Major John J. Adair, USAF (Ret)
1510 Mills Place
Escondido, CA 92072

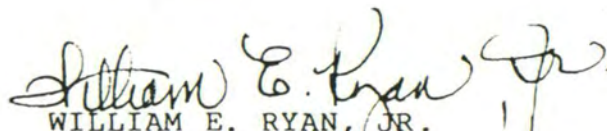
Dear Major Adair:

Reference is made to our letter of January 8, 1985.

A copy of the Missing Air Crew Report and a memorandum
reviewing the circumstances surrounding your crews

disappearance were found in LT Gatlin's burial/MIA file. You were the only one fortunate enough to survive. I hope these two documents provide the information you are seeking.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, AD
Director of Operations
and Finance

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

11661
MACR NO.WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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

ORGANIZATION: LOCATION: 9 AF COMMAND OR AIR FORCE: IXBD
GROUP: 391st SQUADRON: 575th DETACHMENT: None
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE: Sta A-73, France COURSE: See Atch Map
INTENDED DESTINATION: Ahrweiler, Germany TYPE OF MISSION:
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Low medium clouds, 2-3 miles visibility
4. GIVE: (A) DATE: 23 Dec 44 TIME: 1201 AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT: 3 miles east of Ahrweiler, Germany
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER (X) LAST SIGHTED: () LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO:
() FORCED DOWN: () SEEN TO CRASH: OR () INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY ONE): (X) ENEMY AIRCRAFT: () ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT: () OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS: (NICKNAME): SILVER DOLLAR
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: B26C45 AAF SERIAL NO.: 42-107671
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: P&WR2800-43 AAF SERIAL NO. (A):
(B): (C): (D):
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)
(A) 703246 (B) 1236612 (C) Package Guns (D) 1238201
(E) 745159 (F) 1235268 (G) 12336721 (H) (SEE REVERSE SIDE)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY: X
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY:
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 6 : PASSENGERS 0 : TOTAL 6
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)
NAME IN FULL
CREW POSITION (LAST NAME FIRST) RANK SERIAL NUMBER STATUS
(1) PILOT Gatlin, James F. Jr. 1/Lt 0685331 MIA
(2) CO-PILOT Biezis, Stephen V. 2/Lt 0824081 "
(3) BN Adair, John J. 1/Lt 0746676 " RTD
(4) RG Sanchez, Joe R. S/Sgt 39290993 "
(5) EG Weissker, William L. S/Sgt 14070304 " IDENT
(6) AG Cowart, Milton E. S/Sgt 18190494 " IDENT
(7)
(8)
(9)
(10)
(11)
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST) RANK SERIAL NUMBER CONTACTED BY RADIO LAST SIGHTED SAW CRASH SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Harkins, Herschel S. Major 0668035 X
(2) Garside, John A. 1st Lt 0671339 X
(3)
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED: (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH: OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY):
13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

23 December 1944

(Date of Report)

s/ G. V. Parmentel, Jr.

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

t/ G.V. PARMENTEL, JR
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)

8. (INSTALLED WEAPONS, cont'd)

(i) 1235238 : (j) E079555 : (k) 1235278

(m) 1235685 (n) _____ (o) 1234331

30 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead.

1. The following-named Air Corps personnel were reported missing in action over Germany on 23 December 1944, while in flying pay status, by ETO Shipment No. 003:

1st Lt	Gatlin, James F., Jr.	0685331
2d Lt	Biezis, Stephen V.	0824081
S Sgt	Sanchez, Joe R.	39290993

2. Findings of Death were made in the cases of the above-named persons, under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, by S.R. & D. No. 4974, showing the presumed date of death as 24 December 1945.

3. Missing Air Crew Report No. 11661, submitted by the 575th Bombardment Squadron, 391st Bombardment Group on 28 December 1944, identifies subject persons as members of the six-man crew of B-26 aircraft No. 42-107671 which was lost on a mission to Ahrweiler, Germany on 23 December 1944. The plane was last sighted three miles east of the target by Major Herschel S. Harkins, 0668065, and 1st Lt John A. Garside. A statement furnished by the latter is attached to the Report and is quoted:

"I was flying, lead aircraft, lead box, on the mission to bomb Ahrweiler, (R/R Viaduct) Germany, 23 December 1944. After turning off the bomb run and after having dropped our bombs on the primary target, we had our first fierce attack by enemy fighters numbering approximately fifty to seventy-five. The fighters attacked from the rear and in waves of fifteen to twenty at a time. I saw three aircraft on fire, two of which were diving in flames toward the ground and the third losing altitude rapidly. To the right and below my flight I saw an aircraft flying straight and level, later determined to be aircraft No. 42-107671, with the left engine on fire and the right engine feathered. I did not see any chutes leave the aircraft, but his position denoted that he was bailing out his crew. This activity occurred about three miles east of Kirchweiler, Germany.

4. The names and status of remaining crew members follow:

1st Lt	Adair, John J.	0746676	POW-EUS
S Sgt	Cowart, Milton E.	18190494	KIA
S Sgt	Weissker, William L.	14070304	KIA

Staff Sergeants Cowart and Weissker were reported missing in action on the same date and by the same Shipment number as subject persons and were presumed dead as of the same date and under the same provisions. Subsequently, they were reported killed in action on the date they were initially reported missing in action by ETO Shipment Numbers 074 and 075. Burial Reports included in each of 201

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file show cause and place of death for S Sgt Cowart as bullet wound left chest, Manderscheid; and for S Sgt Weissker, jump from plane, Bettenfeld. Each was identified by identification tags.

5. Captured German Records from Interrogation Center, Dulag Luft, No. KU 1180A report the crash of this aircraft at Mainz and the capture of the survivor. The names of the entire crew are listed under the reference which contains no clue as to their fate.

6. Manderscheid and Bettenfeld are adjacent towns located approximately 35 miles south and slightly west of Ahrweiler. Mainz lies 60 - 65 miles east of Manderscheid.

7. On Individual Casualty Questionnaires attached to the Missing Air Crew Report, Lt Adair states that the entire crew parachuted from the plane. He added the following statement:

"When I left the plane the co-pilot was ready to follow me, the pilot was flying the plane. I assume the rest of the crew was jumping. Pilot & Co-Pilot to my knowledge were uninjured. The other three members were in the rear of the plane, these I did not see.

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"....1/Lt Schiro told me that he had counted six of us bailing out of our aircraft."

Lt Adair further states that an explosion blew the bomb-bay door open which knocked him over. After picking himself up, he found the bomb-bay to be completely on fire.

8. S. R. & D. No. 4974 quotes a reply from Lt Adair, dated 24 October 1945, to a letter of inquiry addressed to him. The letter reads in part as follows:

"On the morning of 23 Dec. 44 at approximately 1030, we took off with our Group to bomb a target in Western Germany. We proceeded to our target which was a railroad viaduct at Ahrweiler, Germany....After bombs away I moved aft to the navigators compartment to operate the navigation equipment....I had just set my equipment on the navigators table when we were hit in the bomb bay by fighters. The explosion blew open the bomb-bay door which hit me and knocked me over on the navigators table. After I picked myself up I opened the bomb-bay door to check the damage and I found the bomb-bay to be completely on fire. I then removed my flak suit and put on my shute, and went forward to tell Lt. Gatlin, the pilot, that we were on fire....I hesitated for a moment to see if they were ready to jump. Lt. Biezis was out of his seat and waiting for me to go; Lt. Gatlin was flying the plane with his left hand and ringing the alarm bell with his right hand, still in the pilots seat. (At this time neither Lt. Gatlin or Lt. Biezis

were wounded as to S/Sgt's Sanchez, Weissaker and Cowart I don't know. I hadn't been in touch with them since I left the nose for in the navigators compartment I hadn't time to hook up my headset.) I then looked back and the fire was right behind my head next I jumped out of the plane which was at about 10,000 ft.

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"While I was at Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar, Germany I met a 2nd Lt. Charles F. Abel,....who was shot down the same day that we were.... He described to me a person who very closely resembled my co-pilot, Lt. Biezis, but he didn't know this fellow's name. He met this fellow in an infantry prisoner stockade to which the Germans had taken them... Their next stop was a civilian jail at Vitburg Bitburg, Germany. This jail was bombed 25 Dec. 44, whether any of the crew could have been killed in this bombing I have been unable to find out.

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"Here I found a Lt. Schiro....who was flying on our wing the day that we were shot down. He told me that he had counted six of us come out of the plane and six open shutes. The plane had been flying straight and level and then went into a shallow glide into the ground about 40 kilometers south of Ahrweiler, Germany.

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"But now I am inclined to believe that the Germans shot them when they hit the ground or very soon thereafter....I have seen what the Germans have done to people and I wouldn't be surprised if this wasn't true. It is very unlikely that some accident could have happened to them all. Out of 24 men lost in our Squadron that day only two of us survived, and to me this doesn't seem accidental..."

9. Missing Air Crew Report No. 11551 contains a statement by Major Herschell S. Harkins covering the movements of the entire flight. Regarding the plane of which subject persons were crew members he states, "Aircraft #42-107671 which had been flying the slot position in my flight was seen off to my left with his wheels down, one engine feathered and the other apparently burning, with chutes coming out, that is, I definitely saw one chute. The area above me and to my left where my flight would normally have been, was a maelstrom of burning fighters and bombers...."

10. There are no Burial Reports for the subject men in the office of The Quartermaster General at this time.

11. The aircraft of which subject persons were crew members was attacked by a force of enemy fighter planes setting the left engine on fire after participation in a mission to Ahrweiler, Germany. An observer saw no parachutes emerge but the position of the aircraft denoted that the pilot was bailing out his crew. Two members of the crew are currently carried as killed in action and one was returned to military control at the cessation of hostilities. The remains of the two crew members, identified by identification tags, were recovered from adjacent towns approximately 35 miles south and slightly west of the target. The survivor states that he was informed that all six members of the crew bailed out and expressed the opinion that subject persons and those currently carried as killed

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in action were killed after reaching the ground. Although there is no confirmation of this, it is significant that while Staff Sergeants Cowart and Weissker were in possession of their identification tags at the time they were buried by the Germans, their death was unreported. Although the German documents report the crash of the aircraft in question at Mainz, approximately 65 miles east of the point at which the remains of the two deceased crew members were found, it is only reasonable to believe that this was the reporting office and does not represent the actual place of crash. While it is entirely possible that the subject men did not evacuate their plane, the unconfirmed reports indicating that they parachuted and were killed later, casts a question of doubt as to whether they met death as the result of the crash of their plane. It is considered, therefore, that insufficient information exists at the present time to warrant the issuance of official reports of death, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

Elizabeth A. Ridgway
Elizabeth A. Ridgway
Investigator

CONCUR:

for N. B. STARR
Captain, AGD
Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit
Casualty Section
PA Branch, AGO

May AGD

COPY FOR:

OQMG, Mem. Div. (one copy for each individual named in par. 1)
AG 201 file of each individual named in par. 1.

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of 1st Lt James F. Gatlin, Jr., 0685331, unless otherwise indicated.

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

991

GATLIN, JAMES F. JR.

RANK

1 LT

SERIAL NUMBER

0 685331

ARM OF SERVICE

AAF

DATE OF DEATH

24 DEC 145

AREA OF DEATH

GERMANY

NAME OF AUDITOR

NAPLES

DATE

9 NOV 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

C. M. FRAZIER

DATE

9 NOV 51

REMARKS

file
9 Nov 51
m. g. l. l.

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CP NUMBER 17204 (3)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

JF Gatlin, James F. Jr.

RANK

1/Lt

SERIAL NUMBER

0 685 331

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.)

The above decedent and two (2) others

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	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	<i>JCP</i>	a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>JCP</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS		GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE 4. INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>JCP</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN		6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
Missing Air Crew Report			

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:

MIA 23 December 1944, vicinity of Manderscheid, Germany

File
26 OCT 1951

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

J. C. Peterson
J. C. Peterson/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE Branch

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

C. E. Newbaker
C. E. NEWBAKER

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

Mary Alice Clements
for
MARY A. EDWARDS, Capt QMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

Benjamin B. King
BENJAMIN B. KING, Lt Col QMC

23/10/51

17204

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS BRANCH
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

Proceedings of Board of Review appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 1947) D-M, War Dept., TAGO, 9 April 1947.

1. The Board convened pursuant to par. 4, SO 32, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 10 April 1951, at Liege, Belgium, on 30 July 1951.

2. Members present:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Lt Colonel, QMC
C. W. STEINSIEK, Major, QMC
ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1st Lt, QMC

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of the remains of World War II dead lost in the geographical area described below:

a. Vicinity of Manderscheid, (k-51/L-36) Germany. Case # 81142.

b. Facts:

(1) The casualties listed below were three of the crew of six (6) of aircraft B-26-C-54 # 42-107671, which failed to return from a bombing mission on a railroad viaduct at Ahrweiler, Germany, on 23 December 1944.

GATLIN, James F. Jr.	1/Lt	0 685 331
BIEZIS, Stephen V.	2/Lt	0 824 081
SANCHEZ, Joe R.	S/3gt	39 290 993

4. FINDINGS:

a. German Dulag KU 1180 A gives the place of crash as at Mainz, and lists one of the crew by name as captured, and the remainder of the crew by name, but no indication as to their fate. Dulag reference to place of crash as Mainz is obviously in error, as it is believed that mentioned Dulag originated at Mainz. Crash site has been established as in the vicinity of Manderscheid, as the remains of two crew members were recovered from that location.

b. One crew member, Lt Adair, who was returned to military control, states that all crew members parachuted from the aircraft and

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all parachutes opened. He is of the opinion that the three deceased were captured and murdered by the enemy.

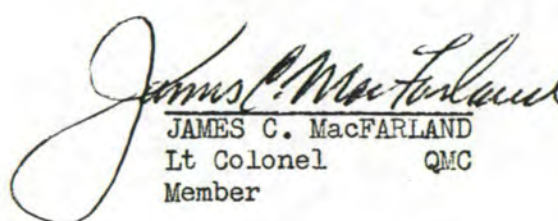
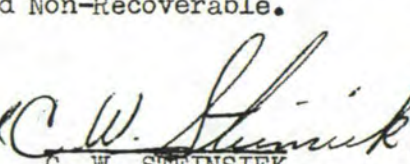
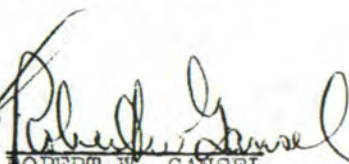
c. Records indicate that there are no unresolved unknowns from Manderscheid, while one, Unknown X-3357 St Avold, recovered from Bettenfeld, location where the remains of one crew member were recovered, cannot be associated with either of the three casualties.

d. Field Investigation, dated 9 March 1951, reveals that the remains of three deceased were recovered from Manderscheid by an unknown American Unit which left no notice of disinterment. Attempts to trace to where these remains were evacuated, have all been negative.

e. Reference is made to OQMG Forms 371, MACR 3 11661, Status Review and Determination Report # 4974, Memorandum For Record, dated 30 March 1950, on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

f. Reference is also made to Narrative of Field Investigation, dated 9 March 1951, attached.

5. RECOMMENDATION: That the remains of the deceased herein considered, be determined Non-Recoverable.

		
JAMES C. MacFARLAND	C. W. STEINSIEK	ROBERT W. GANSEL
Lt Colonel	Major	1st Lt
QMC	QMC	QMC
Member	Member	Member

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION
AT MAINZ (K-51/M-35), GER.
MANDERSCHEID (K-51/L-36), GER.
BETTENFELD (K-51/L-36), GER.

9 March 1951

I. MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

Pursuant to instructions set forth in basic document, ID # 624, Case # Germany K-51/8142, dated 25 January 1951, an investigation was conducted at MAINZ (K-51/M-35), Germany, MANDERSCHEID (K-51/L-36), Germany, and BETTENFELD (K-51/L-36), Germany, in an effort to recover the remains of 1/Lt GATLIN, James F., Jr., O-685331, 2/Lt BIEZIS, Stephen V., O-824081 and S/Sgt SANCHEZ, Joe R., 39290993, still unresolved crew members of A/C # 42-107671, lost on 23 December 1944 after participating in a bombing mission of the R/R Viaduct at AHRWEILER (K-51/F-51), Germany.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Place of crash of subject aircraft unknown thus far, was assumed to be MAINZ on the basis of a report (DULAG KU-1180A), listing one (1) survivor as captured and the rest of the crew by name but no references as to their fate. However, this information proved erroneous, since subsequent investigation at MAINZ revealed that no US plane crashed there on 23 December 1944 according to the personal recollection of Chief Burgermeister STEIN and Burgermeister HUFSCMIDT, both present at MAINZ at the time concerned. (See Exhibit "A"). This team, at present in no position to peruse the original Dulag report in German, thus assumes that MAINZ is referred to as the place of issuance of the report and not as the place of crash, which assumption was substantiated by later findings at MANDERSCHEID.

III. FINDINGS:

Due to the previous recovery of one (1) identified crew member S/Sgt COWART from MANDERSCHEID, and a second identified crew member S/Sgt WEISSKER from BETTENFELD, located in the immediate vicinity of and under the administration of MANDERSCHEID, this team immediately transferred its operations to the area of MANDERSCHEID in the belief that this area is the most likely terrain where the crash may have occurred.

Initially contacting the Burgermeister of MANDERSCHEID and the Police authorities with Mr Friedrich KOESTERS in charge, this team searched the files of the administration for any evidence pertaining to the case concerned. After an exhaustive search of various files and consultation with a former employee, Mr Franz PLEIN and the cemetery caretaker and grave digger Peter BOLLES, this team found conclusive evidence of a US two-motored bomber which, at around 1100 hours on 23 December 1944, crashed on the northern edge of MANDERSCHEID in the vicinity of the local school and entered in the Daily Journal, on file at the local police headquarters, reading as follows:

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

7 September 1948

SUBJECT: Burial Information

TO: *293 Gatlin, James F 068533*
The Quartermaster General
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 for First Lieutenant James F. Gatlin, O 685 331.
2. The above and crew members may be associated with the following unknowns interred in US Military Cemetery St Avold: X-1082, X-1083 and X-1084.
3. Reprocessing of the unknowns will be accomplished. Results will be promptly forwarded to your office upon completion.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. E. Deffe
R. E. DEFFE
Major QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

*Above mentioned unknowns have been processed by Lt
Jef 10/19/51*

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECO

AND OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Gatlin, James F. Jr.

GRADE

1st Lt.

PRESENT SERIAL
NUMBER

0-685331

ORGANIZATION

575 Bomb Sq.

RACE

CREED

FORMER SERIAL
NUMBER (If applicable)

AC

391st Bomb Gp.

Baptist

14058257

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR

SHOE SIZE

5ft 10in 170

Blue

Brown 11C.

INDUCTION

DENTAL CHART

DATE

25 June 1943

UPPER RIGHT

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UPPER LEFT

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LOWER RIGHT

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LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X=Extracted

O=Carious

1=Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



MEMORIAL DIVISION
JUN 10 08 AM '43
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
GATLIN, JAMES F. JR.			1 ST LT.		0-685 331
ORGANIZATION			RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
575 th Bomb Sq. 391 st Bomb Grp.			WHITE	PROTESTANT	14 058 257
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
23 DEC 44	F.O.D.		VICINITY OF AHRWEILER, GERMANY.		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
24 DEC 45	5'10"	170	BLUE	BROWN	11C
DENTAL CHART 20 JUNE '44					
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CLASS II					
X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
NONE					
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					

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DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD

File
JUN 28 1948
Lt E J Sullivan
JAB

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

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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 First Lieutenant James F. Gatlin, Junior, Army Serial Number 0685331, Air Corps, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 23rd day of December 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 24th day of December, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Heahunt

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 9 Aug 1919	HOME ADDRESS Jacksonville, Florida	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 26 Jun 1943		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH) YEARS MONTH DATE			

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE		
NAME Mrs. Jessie Goff Faircloth	RELATIONSHIP Aunt	ADDRESS 267 Gregory Place Jacksonville, Florida

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REMARKS

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Circumstances of Disappearance: The subject person became missing in action when the plane, of which he was a crew member, was severely damaged by enemy aircraft and crashed in the vicinity of Ahrweiler, Germany.

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JAN 4 1946

ASN as EM: 14,058,257

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

GATLIN
Last Name

JAMES. F. 0685 331.
First Name

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
BARKSDALE LA,	9-2-43.	9-5-43.	28446
" "	11-9-43	11-18-43	28446-30706
" "	1-19-44	1-27-44.	30706-32848.

Rawagner 9-9-46 D.P.R.B.
Clerk Date Branch

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

7A

UPPER TEETH

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	0	0				1	1	1	1	1	1		0		0
A	A	A				S	S	S	S	S	S		A		A

LOWER TEETH

Right								Left							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
0	0	0													
A	A	A													

CLASS IV

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

Date 9-2, 19 43
W. B. P. Guchman
 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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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

(1) SURNAME	(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE YEARS	(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMMUNICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
Gatlin	J. F.	2nd Lt.		0-685331	24	W	Fla.	5-5/12			
									Crs. R-4-do	Exam.	CL. 4
									Crs. R-5-MO	10-30-43	CL. 4
									Crs. R-6-MO	6-20-44	CL. 2
									Crs. R-14-do		CL. 2
									Crs. L-3-do	6-20-44	CL. 4
											Hos p.

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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CLASS II

Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

Other conditions Adm R
X-Ray L-4 and R-5
X-Ray Head
R.P.P.

Date 20 June, 1944

June 1944
R. C. Spaulding, Capt.
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

* Restorable carious teeth by 0 *

Nonrestorable carious teeth by /

Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
(horizontal line)

X	X	X

Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
(oval to include abutments)

	X	

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
Denmot. 15 June 46.
BA RESDALE FIELD LA. 0-685331

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
Diag. L-4 R-5 Area	Adm. R. Exam. XR(2)	6/20 6/20 6/20
		6/20
		6/20
Diag. Bite Wing L & R	XR(2)	6/21 6/21 6/21
		6/21
		6/21
Car. R-4-do	OA	6/21
Car. R-5-mo	A	6/21
Car. R-6-mo	A	6/21
Car. R-1	OA	6/21
	A	6/21

Form 19—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.
(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

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

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

LOWER TEETH

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

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

CLASS II

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

Date 8/18, 19 52
Capt C. K. K.
 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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16-20622

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME
 Gatlin, James F. 14058257

(3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
 Pvt. E 28th. S.S.

(6) AGE, YEARS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YEARS
 23 W Fla. 7/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
Caries L-1-1	8/20	HHH Class 2
Caries L-1-2	8/22	HHH Cl. 2
Caries L-6-0	8/24	HHH Cl. 2
Caries L-16-0	8/26	HHH Cl. 2
Caries R-2-M	8/31	HHH Cl. 2-4
Caries R-16-DO		
Caries L-8-DOF		
Caries R-8-DOF		

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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

GPO 16-20622

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR FLIGHT

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

2. **GATLIN, JAMES F.** **2nd Lt., Air Corps.** **0-685331** **24** **6**
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Grade and arm or service) (Serial No.) (Age) (Years service)
335th Bomb Group (H), Barksdale Field, La. **Annual.** **September, 1943 - Qual.**
 (Address) (Purpose of examination) (Date and result last examination)
Pilot Flying time as: Pilot **150**; observer **--**; pilot **200**; observer **--**
 (Aeronautical ratings) (Total) (Total) (Last 6 mos.) (Last 6 mos.)
 3. Temperature **98.6** Vaccinations: Typhoid series, No. **5** Last **9-43**; smallpox **9-43**; reaction **Immune**
 (Date)

4. Medical history.

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

Usual childhood diseases.

Fracture, left femur, 1937. No complications.

Denies all other illnesses, injuries or operations.

5. Eye: Inspection **Normal** Nystagmus **None**
 6. Associated parallel movements **Normal** Pupils: Equality **Equal** Reaction **Normal**
 7. Visual acuity: R. E., 20/ **20**, correctible to 20/ **--** L. E., 20/ **20**, correctible to 20/ **--**
 8. Depth perception (uncorrected) **10** mm. With correction **--** mm.
 9. Heterophoria at 6 meters: Eso **0** Exo **0** R. H. **0** L. H. **0** Prism divergence **7**
 10. Red lens test **Normal** Angle convergence: PcB **40** mm. Pd **65** mm. **--**
 11. Accommodation: R. **13** D. L. **14** D. Addition required for 50 cm. R. **--** L. **--**
 (Jaeger type): Right J. **1**, correctible to J. **--**; Left J. **1**, correctible to J. **--**
 12. Color vision **Normal to Ishihara** L. **Normal** Ophthalmoscopic: R. **Normal** L. **Normal**
 13. Field of vision (form): R. **Normal** L. **Normal** S. **--** CAx **--** L. reads 20/20 with **--** S. **--** CAx **--**
 14. Refraction: R. reads 20/20 with **--** S. **--** CAx **--** L. reads 20/20 with **--** S. **--** CAx **--**
 15. Ear: History of ear trouble **Denies** Membrana tympani: R. **Normal** L. **Normal**
 16. External ear: R. **Normal** L. **Normal** Audiometer (percent loss): R. **--** L. **--**
 17. Hearing (whisper): R. **20** /20. L. **20** /20. Tonsils **HQ Normal**
 18. Nares **Normal** TAMPA, FLA. **15 March 44**
 19. Teeth

(a) Right (Examinee's) Left
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

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

(c) Prosthetic appliances **None**

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

21. Barany chair (when indicated with results) **None**

22. Posture **Fair** Figure **Medium**
 (Excellent, good, fair, bad) (Slender, medium, stocky, obese)

23. Height, **69.5** inches. Weight, **168** pounds. Chest: Inspiration **39** Expiration **36** Rest **37** Abdomen **30.5**

24. Skin and lymphatics **Normal**

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

26. Heart **Normal**

27. Pulse rate, **70** B.P.: S. **128** D. **76** Schneider **--** Pulse immediately after exercise **96**
 Two minutes after exercise **70** Character **Full and Regular**

28. Arteries **Normal** Varicose veins **None** G. W. ROGERS

* See final appointment as cadet, commission in the Air Corps, commission in Air Corps Reserve, transfer to the Air Corps, or any other special purpose.
 1, 2, 3, 4, or IV; see par. 3, AR 40-510.

29. Respiratory system **Normal**
30. X-ray of chest **---**
31. Abdominal viscera **Normal**
32. Hernia **None** Hemorrhoids **None**
33. Genito-urinary system **Normal**
34. Nervous system: Reflexes, gait, coordination, musculature, tension, tremor, and other pertinent tests **Normal**

35. Laboratory procedures: Kahn ¹ **---** Wassermann ¹ **---**
Urinalysis: Reaction **Acid** Sp. gr. **1.020** Albumin **---** Sugar **Neg.** Microscopical **Neg.**

36. Estimated adaptability for military aeronautics (if unsatisfactory, state reasons)
Satisfactory

37. Remarks on conditions not sufficiently described

38. Is the examinee physically qualified for flying duty? **Yes** If yes, in what class? **I**
If disqualified, indicate defects by paragraph number **---**
39. Have defects been waived by The Adjutant General? **---** If yes, give date **---**
If no, is waiver recommended? **---** Is request for waiver attached? **---**
40. Is the examinee incapacitated for active service? **No** If yes, indicate defect by paragraph number **---**
41. Corrective measures or other action recommended **None**
42. If applicant for appointment: Does he meet physical requirements? **---** Do you recommend acceptance with minor physical defects? **---** If rejection is recommended, specify cause **---**

Barkdale Field, La. **9 March 1944.**
(Place) (Date)

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

N. S. SALIBA, Major, Medical Corps.
(Senior flight surgeon)

J. D. SHIFF, Captain, Medical Corps.
(Name and grade)

E. J. SHAUGHNESSY, Captain, Medical Corps.
(Name and grade)

J. M. OSMAN, 1st Lt., Medical Corps.
(Name and grade)

1st Ind.²

Headquarters _____, 19____
To the Commanding General,
Remarks and recommendations _____

(Name) (Grade) (Organization and arm or service)
Commanding.

2d Ind.²

_____, 19____ To The Adjutant General.

¹ Required for candidates for commission, Reserve officers reporting for extended active duty, and applicants for flying cadet.
² State action taken on recommendation of the board. If incapacitated for active service, state whether action by retiring board is recommended.

NOTE.—Use typewriter if practicable. Attach additional plain sheets if required.

File Under 293

Gatlin, James F.

ASN

O-685331

INDEX AND SYNOPSIS

29 JUL 1946

Transmittal letter listing Forms 8-7A forwarded for
information requested.

FROM: OJMG Identification Section

TO : World War II Records Administration Center, AGO, St. Louis, Mo.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER

293 *Unk. Misc.*

St Avold France

X-1082, 83, 84, 86, 92

*above mentioned unknowns have
been previously Ident*

Jep

10/1951

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

27 July 1948

SUBJECT: Burial Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to CQMG Form 371 for First Lieutenant James F. Gatlin, O 685 331.

2. The above may be associated with the following unknowns interred in US Military Cemetery St Avoild: X-1082, X-1083 and X-1084.

3. Continued effort will be made to identify one of the unknowns as the subject casualty.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Above mentioned unknowns have been previously identified
10/19/51

have
filed
3 Aug 48
X-1082
ad. Bw.

QMCMR 293
Gault, Paul W.
13043655

5 August 1948

SUBJECT: Disinterment Operation

TO: Commanding Officer
Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot
2800 South 20th Street
Philadelphia 45, Pennsylvania
ATTN: AGR Division

1. Forwarded herewith is Copy #5 of Disinterment Directive
1910 00287 for T/Sgt Paul W. Gault, 13043655.

2. Request acknowledgment of receipt by indorsement hereon.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

1 Encl
Disinterment Directive 1910 00287
Copy #5

POOLE ROGERS
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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SEP 11 1948

30 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead.

1. The following-named Air Corps personnel were reported missing in action over Germany on 23 December 1944, while in flying pay status, by ETO Shipment No. 003:

1st Lt	Gatlin, James F., Jr.	0685331
2d Lt	Biezis, Stephen V.	0824081
S Sgt	Sanchez, Joe R.	39290993

2. Findings of Death were made in the cases of the above-named persons, under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, by S.R. & D. No. 4974, showing the presumed date of death as 24 December 1945.

3. Missing Air Crew Report No. 11661, submitted by the 575th Bombardment Squadron, 391st Bombardment Group on 28 December 1944, identifies subject persons as members of the six-man crew of B-26 aircraft No. 42-107671 which was lost on a mission to Ahrweiler, Germany on 23 December 1944. The plane was last sighted three miles east of the target by Major Herschel S. Harkins, 0668065, and 1st Lt John A. Garside. A statement furnished by the latter is attached to the Report and is quoted:

"I was flying, lead aircraft, lead box, on the mission to bomb Ahrweiler, (R/R Viaduct) Germany, 23 December 1944. After turning off the bomb run and after having dropped our bombs on the primary target, we had our first fierce attack by enemy fighters numbering approximately fifty to seventy-five. The fighters attacked from the rear and in waves of fifteen to twenty at a time. I saw three aircraft on fire, two of which were diving in flames toward the ground and the third losing altitude rapidly. To the right and below my flight I saw an aircraft flying straight and level, later determined to be aircraft No. 42-107671, with the left engine on fire and the right engine feathered. I did not see any chutes leave the aircraft, but his position denoted that he was bailing out his crew. This activity occurred about three miles east of Kirchweiler, Germany.

4. The names and status of remaining crew members follow:

1st Lt	Adair, John J.	0746676	POW-EUS
S Sgt	Cowart, Milton E.	18190494	KIA
S Sgt	Weissker, William L.	14070304	KIA

Staff Sergeants Cowart and Weissker were reported missing in action on the same date and by the same Shipment number as subject persons and were presumed dead as of the same date and under the same provisions. Subsequently, they were reported killed in action on the date they were initially reported missing in action by ETO Shipment Numbers 074 and 075. Burial Reports included in each of 201

Identification Branch

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file show cause and place of death for S Sgt Cowart as bullet wound left chest, Manderscheid; and for S Sgt Weissker, jump from plane, Bettenfeld. Each was identified by identification tags.

5. Captured German Records from Interrogation Center, Dulag Luft, No. KU 1180A report the crash of this aircraft at Mainz and the capture of the survivor. The names of the entire crew are listed under the reference which contains no clue as to their fate.

6. Manderscheid and Bettenfeld are adjacent towns located approximately 35 miles south and slightly west of Ahrweiler. Mainz lies 60 - 65 miles east of Manderscheid.

7. On Individual Casualty Questionnaires attached to the Missing Air Crew Report, Lt Adair states that the entire crew parachuted from the plane. He added the following statement:

"When I left the plane the co-pilot was ready to follow me, the pilot was flying the plane. I assume the rest of the crew was jumping. Pilot & Co-Pilot to my knowledge were uninjured. The other three members were in the rear of the plane, these I did not see.

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"....1/Lt Schiro told me that he had counted six of us bailing out of our aircraft."

Lt Adair further states that an explosion blew the bomb-bay door open which knocked him over. After picking himself up, he found the bomb-bay to be completely on fire.

8. S. R. & D. No. 4974 quotes a reply from Lt Adair, dated 24 October 1945, to a letter of inquiry addressed to him. The letter reads in part as follows:

"On the morning of 23 Dec. 44 at approximately 1030, we took off with our Group to bomb a target in Western Germany.. We proceeded to our target which was a railroad viaduct at Ahrweiler, Germany....After bombs away I moved aft to the navigators compartment to operate the navigation equipment....I had just set my equipment on the navigators table when we were hit in the bomb bay by fighters. The explosion blew open the bomb-bay door which hit me and knocked me over on the navigators table. After I picked myself up I opened the bomb-bay door to check the damage and I found the bomb-bay to be completely on fire. I then removed my flak suit and put on my shute, and went forward to tell Lt. Gatlin, the pilot, that we were on fire....I hesitated for a moment to see if they were ready to jump. Lt. Biezis was out of his seat and waiting for me to go; Lt. Gatlin was flying the plane with his left hand and ringing the alarm bell with his right hand, still in the pilots seat. (At this time neither Lt. Gatlin or Lt. Biezis

were wounded as to S/Sgt's Sanchez, Weissaker and Cowart I don't know. I hadn't been in touch with them since I left the nose for in the navigators compartment I hadn't time to hook up my headset.) I then looked back and the fire was right behind my head next I jumped out of the plane which was at about 10,000 ft.

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"While I was at Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar, Germany I met a 2nd Lt. Charles F. Abel,....who was shot down the same day that we were.... He described to me a person who very closely resembled my co-pilot, Lt. Biezis, but he didn't know this fellows name. He met this fellow in an infantry prisoner stockade to which the Germans had taken them... Their next stop was a civilian jail at Vitburg Bitburg, Germany. This jail was bombed 25 Dec. 44, wether any of the crew could have been killed in this bombing I have been unable to find out.

* * * * *

"Here I found a Lt. Schiro....who was flying on our wing the day that we were shot down. He told me that he had counted six of us come out of the plane and six open shutes. The plane had been flying straight and level and then went into a shallow glide into the ground about 40 kilometers south of Ahrweiler, Germany.

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"But now I am inclined to believe that the Germans shot them when they hit the ground or very soon there after....I have seen what the Germans have done to people and I woun't be surprised if this wasn't true. It is very unlikely that some accident could have happened to them all. Out of 24 men lost in our Squadron that day only two of us survived, and to me this doesn't seem accidental..."

9. Missing Air Crew Report No. 11551 contains a statement by Major Herschell S. Harkins covering the movements of the entire flight. Regarding the plane of which subject persons were crew members he states, "Aircraft #42-107671 which had been flying the slot position in my flight was seen off to my left with his wheels down, one engine feathered and the other apparently burning, with chutes coming out, that is, I definitely saw one chute. The area above me and to my left where my flight would normally have been, was a maelstrom of burning fighters and bombers...."

10. There are no Burial Reports for the subject men in the office of The Quartermaster General at this time.

11. The aircraft of which subject persons were crew members was attacked by a force of enemy fighter planes setting the left engine on fire after participation in a mission to Ahrweiler, Germany. An observer saw no parachutes emerge but the position of the aircraft denoted that the pilot was bailing out his crew. Two members of the crew are currently carried as killed in action and one was returned to military control at the cessation of hostilities. The remains of the two crew members, identified by identification tags, were recovered from adjacent towns approximately 35 miles south and slightly west of the target. The survivor states that he was informed that all six members of the crew bailed out and expressed the opinion that subject persons and those currently carried as killed

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in action were killed after reaching the ground. Although there is no confirmation of this, it is significant that while Staff Sergeants Cowart and Weissker were in possession of their identification tags at the time they were buried by the Germans, their death was unreported. Although the German documents report the crash of the aircraft in question at Mainz, approximately 65 miles east of the point at which the remains of the two deceased crew members were found, it is only reasonable to believe that this was the reporting office and does not represent the actual place of crash. While it is entirely possible that the subject men did not evacuate their plane, the unconfirmed reports indicating that they parachuted and were killed later, casts a question of doubt as to whether they met death as the result of the crash of their plane. It is considered, therefore, that insufficient information exists at the present time to warrant the issuance of official reports of death, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

Elizabeth A. Ridgway
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Investigator

CONCUR:

J. C. Cullen
Ma, AGD

for

N. B. STARR
Captain, AGD
Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit
Casualty Section
PA Branch, AGO

COPY FOR:

OQMG, Mem. Div. (one copy for each individual named in par. 1)
AG 201 file of each individual named in par. 1.

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of 1st Lt James F. Gatlin, Jr., 0685331, unless otherwise indicated.

QMMS 293

GRS European

SUBJECT: Request for Information

1st Ind

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 8 December 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Attached are photostat copies of Memorandum for Record and all available dental charts for 1/Lt James F. Gatlin, Jr., O-685331, 2/Lt Stephen V. Biezis, O-824081 and S/Sgt. Joe R. Sanchez, 39290993 which includes all available information on subject decedents.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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1. Photo cy Memo
for Record
2. Photo cys Forms 79
(Gatlin)
3. Photo cy Form 79
(Biezis)
4. Photo cys Forms 79
(Sanchez)

THOMAS E. COX
Captain OMC
Memorial Division

293 Gatlin, James F., Jr. O-685331

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

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Herbert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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European	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)		
9 Aug 1919	Jacksonville, Florida		26 Jun 1943	YEARS	MONTH	DATE

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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REMARKS

Distribution 5c

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ASN as EM: 14,058,257

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

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME				SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
GATLIN JAMES F JR				0-685331		1 LT	AC	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY				DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
GERMANY9				DAY	MONTH	YEAR	A	MIA
				23	DEC	44		
								003

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	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS JESSIE G FAIRCLOTH		AUNT	10 JAN 45 mld
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE			
267 GREGORY PLACE		JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA	

REMARKS:

☐ CORRECTED COPY



CASUALTY BRANCH, A.G.O.

JAN 9 3 58 PM '45

RECEIVED

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED ☒ FORM 48 ☒ AG 201 REQ. ☒

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED ☒ OR CHARGED TO ☐

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

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

FORWARDED TO ☐ SPEC. IDEN. ☒ TELEGRAM ☐ WOUNDED ☐ LETTER ☒ CORRES. ☐ P. R. & D. ☐ CERTIF. ☐ M. & N. ☐ NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED ☐ NO FORM 48 ☐ NO CAS. BR. FILE ☐ CHECKED BY *Handwritten Signature* REVIEWED BY *Handwritten Signature*

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

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ACCT. AREA		CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE		COMP	RAC												
			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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349262

DSJ:WB:cms
May 10, 1946

57/10

Dear Mrs. Faircloth:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your nephew, First Lieutenant James F. Gatlin, Jr.

These effects are being forwarded to you in two cartons.

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

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 decedent's legal residence.

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

Yours very truly,

D. S. JOHNSTON
2nd Lt., GAO
Chief, Adm. Div.

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AMOUNT OF CHECK	NOTE DISCREPANCY IN	INCLOSE VALUABLES	RECIPIENT FROM
	NAME	SHIP VALUABLES	CASUALTY REPORT
ACCOUNT NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)	INVENTORY
	RANK		FORM 20
<p>Mrs. Jessie Goff Faircloth</p> <p>267 Gregory Place</p> <p>Jacksonville, Florida</p> <p>1st Lt. James F. Gatlin</p> <p>0-685331</p> <p>349262 D</p>			LETTER
			NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
			ENVELOPE
			CARTONS
			PACKAGE
			FOOT LOCKER
			SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
			REMOVE GI
			SHIP BLOODSTAINED
			SHIP DAMAGED
			REMOVE BL'DSTAINED
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			FILMS REMOVED
			DIARY REMOVED
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DATE OF FINDING	APPLICANT		5-10-46
REMARKS			MAIL REVIEWER (initials)
			SHIPPED
			FRANKED
			EXPRESS
			FREIGHT
			DATE SHIPPED
			MAY 14 1946
			SHIPPING CLERK
			ROUTING
			ACCOUNTING BRANCH
WAREHOUSE			
FILE			
ORDER FOR ACTION			

EFF OM FORM 14
10 OCT 1945

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G-5331E

LAUNDRY INVENTORY
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

G-5331E

DRY CLEANING		Do not use		LAUNDRY		Do not use	
1	TROUSERS, WOOL			1	SHIRTS, WOOL		
	COAT, SERVICE, WOOL				TROUSERS, COTTON		
	OVERCOAT, LONG				TIE, COTTON		
	OVERCOAT, SHORT, WOOL			4	UNDERSHIRTS, COTTON		
	CAP, GARRISON				SHIRTS, DRESS, COTTON		
	CAP, SERVICE			1	DRAWERS, COTTON		
	TIES, WOOL				SWEATSHIRTS, COTTON OR WOOL		
	GLOVES, LEATHER OR WOOL				DRAWERS, WOOL		
1	SCARFS, SILK, RAYON, OR WOOL				SOCKS, COTTON, PR.		
	SWEATERS				SOCKS, WOOL, PR.		
	TRUNKS, SWIM				PAJAMA TOPS		
	LEGGINGS				PAJAMA BOTTOMS		
	BATHROBES				FATIGUES, 1 PC., COTTON		
	BED ROLL				FATIGUES, TOPS, COTTON		
	COMFORTER				FATIGUES, TROUSERS, COTTON		
					FATIGUES, CAP		
					BELT, COTTON		
				1	TOWEL, HAND		
				2	TOWEL, BATH		
					CLOTH, WASH		
					GLOVES, COTTON		
					JACKET, FIELD		
				1	SUPPORTERS, ATHLETIC		
				2	HANDKERCHIEFS		
					SCARFS, COTTON		
					CASE, PILLOW		

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

Case No. 349262
JSD/EL/fkw
Date 8 November 1948

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

James F. Gatlin, Junior, O-685331 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
First Lieutenant, Air Corps who died
(Grade) (Organization, Arm or Service)
on the 24th day of December 1945 at Germany.

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. 59, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 Mar 48 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. none)

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

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below).

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 4 November 1948, pursuant to S.O. 59, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 March 1948, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Jessie G. Faircloth for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112,

Mrs. Jessie G. Faircloth of
(Name of person found entitled)

267 Gregory Place, Jacksonville State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Florida is the Aunt of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court-Martial)

JOHN S. DAY, Capt QMC

(Name, Rank, Organization)

70245

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A large, bold, stylized Chinese character '3' (三) written in black ink on a white background. The character is composed of three horizontal strokes, with the top and bottom strokes being thick and slightly curved, and the middle stroke being thinner and more horizontal. The overall style is calligraphic and expressive.

SHI JI YANG

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ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY		STATUS	
INBOUND INVENTORY		ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		DECEASED	
G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL				MISSING	
WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.				P. O. W.	
TALLY IN FORM 43	✓			ABANDONED	
				UNKNOWN	
BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL		BELT		OVERCOATS	
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)		BOOKS, ADDRESS		PAPERS, PERSONAL	
BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)		BOOKS, PILOT LOG		PENCIL, MECHANICAL	
BOOKS		BRUSHES		PEN, FOUNTAIN	
BRACELET, IDENT.		CASE		PHOTOS	
CAMERAS		CLOTH, WASH		PIPES	
CLOTHING		COATS		RINGS	
X MISC. ARTICLES ✓		FOOTLOCKER		SCARFS	
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES		FOOTWEAR, PR.	4	SHIRTS ✓	
RIBBONS, DECORATION		GLASSES	X	SOCKS, PR. ✓	
SHORT SNORTER		GLOVES, PR.		STATIONERY	
SOUVENIR MONEY	X	HANDKERCHIEFS ✓		TIES	
SOUVENIRS	X	HEADWEAR ✓		TOBACCO	
TESTAMENTS		JACKETS		TOILET ARTICLES	
TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	1	KITS ✓	X	TOWELS ✓	
U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)		KNIVES	6	TROUSERS, PR. ✓	
WATCH		LETTERS		TRUNKS, PR.	
WINGS		LIGHTERS	X	UNDERWEAR ✓	
CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO		INFORMATION			
None		None Recheck			
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS		CROSS REFERENCE			
dr 4-9-2					
CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK		
MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	TRANSMIT ORIGINAL		
BOND		AMOUNT	ORIG. REG. MAIL		
TRAV. CHECK		DATE	TO G. A. O.		
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED		
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY		
BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE					
PAYEE					
REMITTER OR DRAWER					
TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET	
8800 ✓		21 March 46		OF SHEETS	
NAME			A. S. N.		
J. F. GATLIN			0-685331		
ORGANIZATION			RANK	CASE NO.	
			LT. ✓		
WAREHOUSE SPACE		EXAMINED BY	DIARY REMOVED		
3062		OW	PHOTO FILM REMOVED		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION		PACKED BY	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED		
#1 et		Beate	SHIPPED		
WEIGHT		INSPECTED BY	DATE		BY WHOM
		OPG			
		STORED BY			

EFF. OM FORM 11 (15 JUNE 45) 360M LARUE, K. C. 8-17-45

EMAY 14 1946

LAUNDRY

GATLIN, J F		LT 5331		TYPE PKG D B
BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY 8800	

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

(S-11-15-45)
RTB:WA:mj
September 11, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 349262

Mrs. Jessie G. Faircloth
267 Gregory Place
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Faircloth:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your nephew, First Lieutenant James F. Catlin, Jr.:

- 1 Carton and contents
- 1 Bureau check for \$22.69 - inclosed

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 nephew.

Yours very truly,

C. B. Quinn

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

Incl--
Envelope
Check

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Jessie G. Faircloth *7/10/1/1945*

(Signature of Bailee) (Date)

Eff. QM Form 205 (11 Apr 45)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Jessie G. Faircloth

267 Gregory Place

Jacksonville, Florida

Effects of:

1st Lt. James F. Gatlin, Jr.

Name

O-685331

ASN

349262-M

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 11 September 1945

RTB:WA:mj

Smith
FOA: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

☒ Inclose Bureau Check

Acct. No. 111089

Amount \$22.69 *500*

Inclose "Valuables" item

Ship "Valuables" item(s)

☒ Remove G.I.

Note discrepancy in *711*

Films removed

Diary removed

Laundry removed

140705 df

ROUTING:

- 1 Accounting Branch *✓*
2 Warehouse Division
3 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

111089

349262

September 12

45

Jessie G. Faircloth

22.69

Twenty-Two and 69/100

REMARKS:

Ship damaged property

Franked

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Frt. Chgs.

No. of packages *1*

EX
Shipping Clerk

Eff. OM Form 14 (26 Dec 44)

SEP 16 1945

DAMAGED

none

Jessie G Faircloth
267 Gregory Place
Jacksonville, Fla.

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS

CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND			ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK			TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY		AMOUNT	MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY
DATE			
BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE			
PAYEE			
REMITTER OR DRAWER			
TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.
9700	2	29 Aug 45	
NAME		A. S. N.	
JAMES F GATHIN JR		0-685331	
ORGANIZATION		RANK	CASE NO.
575 Bond Bldg. Div		1st Lt.	
WAREHOUSE SPACE	EXAMINED BY		DIARY REMOVED
7-533	Bibbs		PHOTO FILM REMOVED
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	PACKED BY	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED
	86	3	SHIPPED
		INSPECTED BY	DATE
		Y.	SEP
		STORED BY	BY WHOM
		B.L.	E.K.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

1 ribbon spotted as if
from rust.

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

1 short snorter note.

1 cigarette case + washrag.

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

—

2 Jan. 45

212-202

\$ 7.56 money

1 form # 38

NAME GATLIN, JAMES F. JP LT 5331

Box on pallet 82

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
45	52		97 0
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
BOX			

Eff. QM Form 48

102 2 P.K.S

TALLY IN

DAILY INVENTORY RECORD

NAME GATLIN, JAMES F. JR. RANK 1ST LT. AND 0-685331

SHOW ON CONSIGNMENT

ORGANIZATION 575TH BOMB. SQ (M)DATE 6 JAN 45 CASE 130X STATUS MTA

ITEMS

DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

Shoes, Combat ✓

Pyjamas & trousers green - shoes cur. ✓

17mm Box w/ 27mm main pins ✓ opened for inventory

Ring, Insignia, Wallet, Socks ✓

Hankies, Towels, Canteen, Wash WAFB FORM 1130 ✓

Rags & underwear cotton - Under missing when

wearing wool short coat - Socks inc. inventory

Socks - Suspenders - Ties -

201 File - Personal Papers ✓

Folder w/ photo - Pictures ✓

Short Socks, Hole Obliteration ✓

Letter - Address Book - Cigarette

Box - Stamps - Expansion envelope

5 Suntan trousers - 5 Suntan

short - 2 Blouses w/ insignias - ✓

French coat - 4 trousers, pants ✓

2 shirts green - Caps, garrison - Cap Field ✓

Shirts & D. - Jacket - Field jacket ✓

INVENTOR

7/5 Bush

WHSE SPACE

T. CONTAINER

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORY

349262

CASE NO.

TYPED BY

Steeby

DATE

6-5-45

STATUS

MIA

NAME

Gatlin, Jr., James F.

A.S.N.

0-685331

RANK

1st Lt.

ORGANIZATION

Unk.

AMOUNT

\$22.69

PAID-CHECK NO. 1464

111089

LE

70374

LIST NO.

F 250

REMARKS

ACCOUNTING INVENTORY

U. S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING
MEMORANDUM

NO. WV-989690

FMB

CAR INITIALS AND NO.

NAME OF INITIAL TRANSPORTATION

TRAFFIC CONTROL NOS.

COMPANY **UNIVERSAL CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.**

TOP THIS CAR AT

FOR

SIZE CAR IN FT. & INS.

ORDERED

FURNISHED

MARKED CAPACITY OF CAR

ORDERED

FURNISHED

DATE CAR

FURNISHED

DATE B/L ISSUED

15 SEP
1945

RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
NAMED ABOVE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
NAMED ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, THE PUBLIC
PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, IN APPAR-
ENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION (CON-
TENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN), TO BE FOR-
WARDED TO DESTINATION BY THE SAID COM-
PANY AND CONNECTING LINES, THERE TO BE
DELIVERED IN LIKE GOOD ORDER AND CONDI-
TION TO SAID CONSIGNEE.

FROM

(SHIPPING POINT) **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

FROM (FULL NAME OF SHIPPER)

**ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY
QM DEPOT**

MARKS

CONSIGNEE

**MS. JESSIE G. FAIRCLOTH
267 GREGORY PLACE**

DESTINATION

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

VIA ROUTE JOURNEY ONLY WHEN SOME SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT IS SUBSERVED THEREBY

UNIVERSAL

CARRIER'S DELIVERY SERVICE REQUESTED

PICK-UP SERVICE AT ORIGIN **WAS NOT** BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS AGENT
(Insert "WAS" or "WAS NOT")

INITIALS OF SHIPPER'S AUTHORIZED AGENT OR EMPLOYEE

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

APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE

609-935 P 470-03 A 215/62409 S 99-9

ISSUING OFFICE

KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT, K.C., MO.

NAME AND TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER

G.E. JOHNSTON, CAPT., T.C.

Transport
Office

† FURNISH THIS INFORMATION IN CASE OF CARLOAD SHIPMENTS ONLY.

*SHOW ALSO CUBIC MEASUREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS VIA OCEAN CARRIER IN CASES WHERE REQUIRED

PACKAGES		DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (USE CARRIERS' CLASSIFICATION OR TARIFF DESCRIPTION IF POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE A CLEAR NONTECHNICAL DESCRIPTION)	NUMBERS ON PACKAGES	ACTUAL WEIGHTS*
NO.	KIND			
1	Ct.	NON- MILITARY PERSONAL EFFECTS RELEASED VALUATION AT LOWEST RATE AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT: A.W. #112 AND W.D. CIRCULAR #85 16 MARCH 1945	349262	86

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER

CONTRACT NO. OR
PURCHASE ORDER NO.
OR OTHER AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT

DATED

F. O. B. POINT
NAMED IN CONTRACT

SIGNATURE OF
ISSUING OFFICER

M.F. CISTON, CWO, USA, A.T.O.

NAME OF TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

**UNIVERSAL CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING
CO., INC.**

DATE OF RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT

SIGNATURE OF AGENT

PER

UNIVERSAL CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC. COPY

No.9.

EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER, UK,
QM BRANCH DEPOT Q-114,
UNITED STATES ARMY,
APO 635.

7th. November 1945.

SUBJECT: Baggage.

TO : Commanding Officer, 391 Bomb Gp. 575. APO 749. U.S.Army.

1. Request this office be furnished shipping instructions for baggage indicated below which has been received at this depot.

<u>Name, rank and ASN of Owner.</u>	<u>Item.</u>	<u>Stock No.</u>
GATLIN, J.F. Lt. -685331	Barrack bag	105064

2. If the owner has returned to the United States, request that this letter be indorsed to that effect and returned to this office so that proper disposition may be made.

3. If the owner has been transferred to another organization, request this letter be forwarded to his present organization for compliance with paragraph 1, above.

For the Effects Quartermaster,

G W Wallace

G.W. WALLACE,
1st Lt. QMC,
Assistant.

4662
MAY 14 1946

DEC

2nd

PR K.
DEAD.

PR K.

20 April 1946

AGPO-R

W/Ind

GHA/jtm/cej/2621

WD, AGO, Washington 25, D.C., 2 March 1946

TO: Effects Quartermaster, UK, QM Branch Depot Q-114, U.S. Army, APO 635,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

The records of this office show that First Lieutenant James E. Gatlin, Jr., AC, 0685331, was presumed dead as of 24 December 1945, under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress. Officer designated his aunt Mrs. Jessie G. Faircloth, 267 Gregory Place, Jacksonville, Florida, as the person to be notified in the case of an emergency as well as the person to receive his lost or mislaid property.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

1 Incl

Ltr dtd 7 Nov 45

[Signature]
Adjutant General

PE-H662
MAY 14 1946



Incl #5

GATLIN, J.F.
O-685331.

Lt.

105064.

B.B. Recd. 27th March, 1945.
Listed 15 April 1945.
391 Bomb Gp. M. APO 559.

Form ltr req shpg instr sent June 2 1945.
Letter returned not known. List a second time.
Listed #3, 28th September 1945. CAS

" "3

"

"

CPD. 391 Bomb Gp.

575, APO 749.

Ltr. req. shpg. inst. sent 7th. Nov. 1945.

58861. PE-466e 2nd #42 May 1945.

Check # 5888 Package List 244

Space requested 30 Nov. 45.