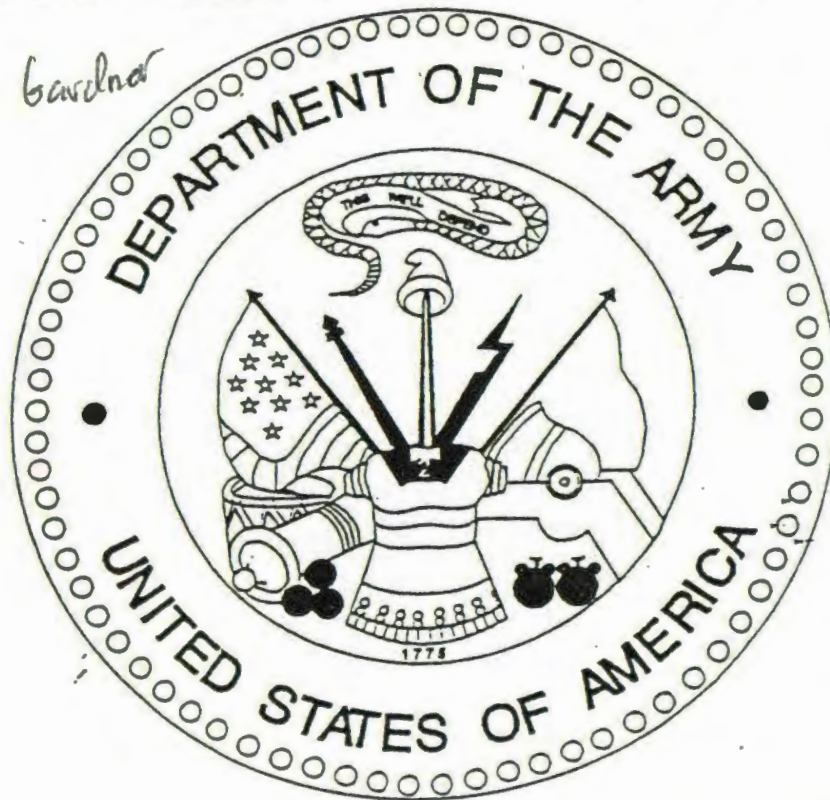


S/SGT Harold Gardner



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

RRE Form #43

20 Sep 48

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

GARDNER

HAROLD

G

S SG

39552662

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(Initial)

(Rank)

(ASN)

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

Incl #

Subject:- Burials.

To:-D.A.D.G.R.E.
Hq, Second Army.

Ref. AY/5/CF

1. I send you the following information about burials: I am unable to complete APW 3314 as the burials were irregularly performed without the supervision of a Burial Officer

UNIT: U.S. Air Force.

NO. OF BURIALS: 7

IDENTITY: Only 5 identified by identity discs:-

Burials

✓ 1-261 CARR, Delbert B.	191B2823	T - 43 - 44	0	P
MARTIN J GUFF	20724554	T - 41 - 3	B	C
✓ PATTERSON, Edward L	T - 4454	T - 43 - 44	0	P ff-2-47
✓ CHARLES B SUTCLIFFE	13098893	T - 43 - 4	0	P
✓ CHARLES O MCKINNEY	GREENVILLE, S.C.			

(The last identification is through a South Carolina Drivers Licence)

2. The other two bodies were not identified, but all were members of the same aircraft crew.

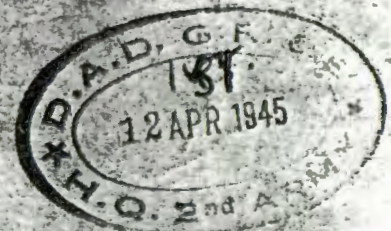
3. Date of Burial: 27 Mar 45
Date of death: Presumed 24 Mar 45.
Map reference: East of WESSEL, Sheet 1/25,000 266455.

4. The graves are among the wreckage of the crashed aircraft and are marked by a row of seven steel helmets.

BLA
1 Apr 45
EED.

E. S. Pickens C.F.
R.A. 11 Armd Div.

Copy to:- GHQ 2nd Echelon, 21 Army Gp (3)
SCF
File.



*f-157
x-261
x-262*

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

APO 339

8 JUN. 1945.

293 GNMOM (X-259,260,261-Margraten)

SUBJECT: Unidentified Deceased U. S. Personnel.

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

1. Attention is invited to inclosed copies of Reports of Burial for deceased American fliers whose remains were disinterred from isolated graves in the vicinity of Brunen, Germany (Coords: A-265455) and reburied in Margraten U. S. Military Cemetery #1 as Unknowns X-259,260,261 (Margraten).

2. Identification tags or other means of determining positive identity were not available, but indication is that these unknowns were originally removed from a B-24 Bomber, Number 44-42086 which crashed in the area, on or about 24 March 1945.

3. Also disinterred from the same isolated graves were the remains of the following deceased personnel:

Patterson, Edward L., T-4454 - 852 59-491 B MGP-8d AF
Sutcliffe, Charles B., 13098893- " " " " " "
McKinney, Charles O., 18105221 - 8d AF
Goodacre, Charles F., O-2063237.

4. A clue to possible identity may be found in laundry marks as indicated on Reports of Burial.

5. It is requested that information above and on the attached Reports of Burial be fully investigated or that it be disseminated to the proper command or installation with a view to establishing identification of these unknowns and that this headquarters be furnished all information available and obtainable, to include Missing Air Crew Reports with status of each crew member and any additional information which might serve to establish identification of Unknowns X-259,260,261 (Margraten).

WAR DEPT., A. G. G. THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

CASUALTY STATUS VERIFIED: (4)

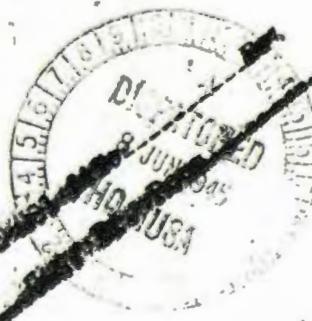
Killed in action

Verified by: *Blp/145*

3 Reports of Burial Date



BARTOSIK
Col. AGD.
Asst. Adj. C.



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Incl 1

AG 293

1st Ind

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

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

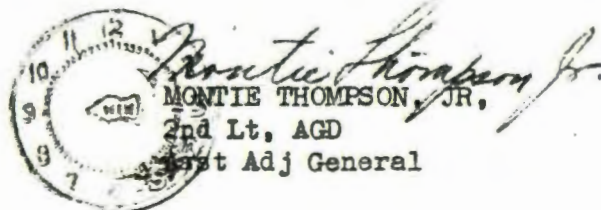
JUN 1 1945

1. Forwarded for possible identification of Unknowns X-259,260 and 261 (Margraten).

2. Records this headquarters indicate that subject personnel mention in paragraph 3, basic communication were members of the 491st Bomb Group.

By command of General SPAATZ:

1 Incl: n/c



RECEIVED
8th AIR FORCE

293.

2nd Ind. (S-10 July 1945)

G-G-8

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634, US Army.

TO: Commanding General, 96th Combat Bomb Wing, APO 558, US Army.

JUN 2 1945

1. For compliance with paragraph 5 basic communication and return through this headquarters.

2. Request appropriate change of status reports be submitted in any applicable cases.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KEPNER:

H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major. A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl: n/c.



Sub Section

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH BOMB WING (H), APO 558, 23 June 1945.

3rd Ind

(94 JUL 45)

G-C-3

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 143, APO 558.

For compliance with preceding indorsement and return through this headquarters by 4 July 1945.

By command of Brigadier General PECK:

Ruth R. Johnson

RUTH R. JOHNSON

1st Lt AC

Ass't. Adjutant

1 Incl: n/c.

4th Ind.

G-A-j

HEADQUARTERS, 491ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF 143, APO 558, 26 June 1945.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 852nd Bomb Sq (H), AAF 143, APO 558.

For Necessary action and return through this Hq not later than 1 July 1945.

By order of Colonel REED:

Joseph B Ramsey, Jr.
JOSEPH B RAMSEY, JR.
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c.

5th Ind

HEADQUARTERS 852D BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 491st Bombardment Group (H), McChord Field, Washington, 7 Sep 1945.

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

This headquarters as no way of identifying unknowns X-259 and X-260 as stated on back of Report of Burial form attached herewith. Our records are now in the process of being forwarded to the Adjutant General Inactive Records Branch, Savannah, Georgia, as this organization is being deactivated.

Kenneth R. Strauss

KENNETH R. STRAUSS

Lt. Col., Air Corps,

Commanding

1 Incl: n/c

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AGRC (Margraten FF-4-78)

7th Ind

AJC/TJM/jh
(S: 14 Dec 1945)

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, THEATER SERVICE FORCES,
EUROPEAN THEATER (Rear) APO 887, U.S. ARMY. 14 Nov 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 531st QM Group, APO 562, U.S. Army.

1. Request remains of Unknown X-259 and X-260 (Margraten) be disinterred and reprocessed for any additional information that may assist in establishing identification.

2. Tooth charts (if obtainable) and check lists are to be forwarded in quadruplicate.

3. Reply by indorsement hereon.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LITTLEJOHN:

1 Incl n/c



I. Kronfeld

I. KRONFELD,
WOJG USA,
Acting Adjutant.

GR-R 293 (Margraten FF-4-78) APO 887 Ind. WGS/m
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND HEADQUARTERS 531ST QM GROUP, APO
562, U. S. ARMY. 24 November 1945 (Courier Stop 6000)

TO: Commanding Officer, 533rd QM Battalion, APO 562, U. S. Army.

THRU: Commanding Officer, 577th QM Battalion, APO 562, U. S. Army.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl: n/c
Telephone:
Chanor, Ext 85 or 277



Wayne G. Starnes

WAYNE G. STARNES
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Burial Records Division

TO: Commanding Officer, 603rd. QM. Graves Registration Service Co.

1. For Compliance

BY ORDER OF LT. COL. WALLACE:

Inc: n/c

Telephone Liege 18025

Hendrick M. Alphin
 HENDRICK M. ALPHIN
 Captain
 Executive Officer

I INC: n/c

BY COMMAND OF LT. COL. WALLACE:

3. Rebury the remains of the

identified.

5. Both graves (II, 007487) and 007488 are to be located.

Identification.

and reburied for any additional information and any other information.

1. Rebury the remains of the 007487 and 007488 (007487) to the

TO: Commanding Officer, 603rd. QM. Graves Registration Service Co.

REURM (007487) 007488, 007489, 007490, 007491, 007492.

REURM (007487) 007488, 007489, 007490, 007491, 007492.

VH (007487) 007488

AFM (007487)

PHOTO LAB REPORT

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
349 QM BN APO 154
US ARMY

March 3, 1947

Photo Lab Case # 89

Chem Lab Case # 968.

Other designations:

Unknown # X-260 Margraten, Holland.

Inventory of Effects Studied: Plot: FF Row: 2 Grave: 38

Remnants of B-10 Jacket.

Photo Lab Findings:

Photos record Donald Duck figure with
lettering at top which is undecipherable.

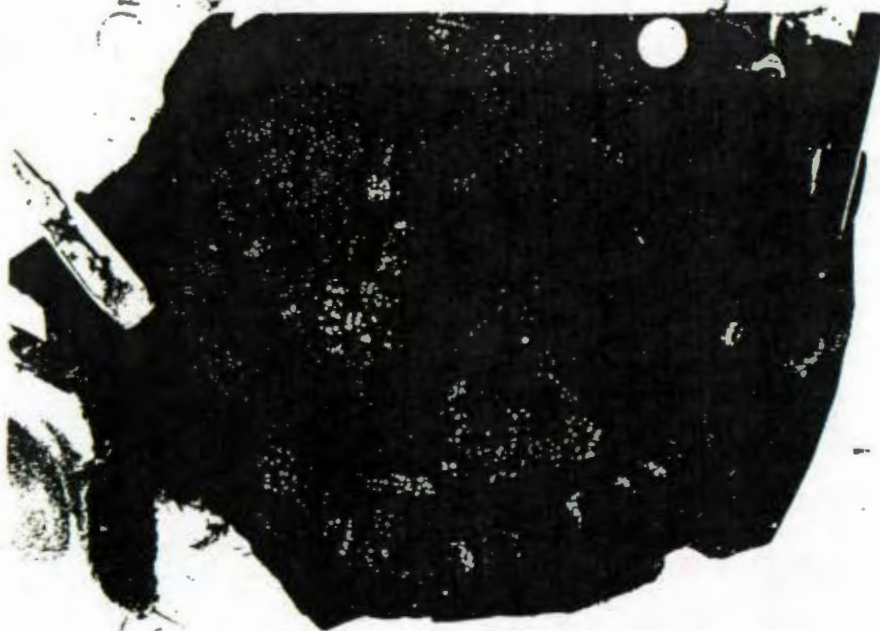
Suggestions:

Refer photo to Air Corps for identification
of unit.

Ultra-violet might clarify lettering above
cartoon.

Return to photo lab when ultra-violet is
available.

J. W. Shitley
JAMES W. SHITLEY
Technician, Photo



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PROTO LAB CASE # 89

CHEM LAB CASE # 962

OTHER DESIGNATIONS: UWA X-260
(MARGRATEN)

SUBJECT: REMAINT OF B-10 JACKET

DATE: 6 Mar. 47

11 April 1949

S/Sgt Harold G. Gardner, ASN 39 552 662
Plot L, Row 2, Grave 21
Headstone: Cross
Margraten (Holland) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mr. Bert Gardner
Route 1, Box 518
Orosi, California

Dear Mr. Gardner:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

10-1-1951
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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

BUDGET

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

DATE:

S/Sgt. Harold G. Gardner, 39 552 662
Plot FF, Row 2, Grave 38,
United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

13 May 1948

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

A		C	
B		D	

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

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

PART I

I, BERT GARDNER
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
☒ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD

☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☒ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS. Margraten, Holland
☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

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

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

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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.

8. 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

1. 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.

Bert Gardner (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) Rt. 1 Box 518 (STREET AND NUMBER)
BERT GARDNER (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) OROSI, CALIF. (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 19th day of JUNE, 1948, at city (or town) of Orange Cove, county of Fresno, and State (or Territory or District) of California.



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

Gustaf Kallander (SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public Orange Cove, Calif. (OFFICIAL TITLE)

QOMG FORM 381
11 MAR 47

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

NAME OF DECEASED

Wgt Harold S Gardner

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

39552662

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN

BERT GARDNER

RELATIONSHIP

FATHER

OLD ADDRESS

RT 1 BX 49

ORANGE COVE, CALIF

NEW ADDRESS

RT 1 BX 518

OROSI, CALIF.

REMARKS

S/Sgt. Harold S. Gardner, 39 332 662
Plot IV, Row 2, Grave 38,
United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

13 May 1948

Mr. Bert Gardner
Route #1, Box #49
Orange Cove, California

Dear Mr. Gardner:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS S. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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O. Q. M. G.
RECORDS BRANCH

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OFFICE C. THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

293 Gardner Harold G.					DUE, HOUR AND DATE
1 NO.	2 FROM	3 TO	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE	
3	Capt Snedigar	Major Coombs	4 May 48	Request dispatch of Grave Location Letter to NOK of GARDNER, HAROLD G. Return file to Capt. Snedigar. SNEDIGAR THOMAS 5198	
4	Major Coombs	Capt Snedigar	7 May 48	Forwarded for Necessary Action. Grave Location Ltr written to NOK. Copy attached. Note - There is a father. Send LOI to him COOMBS 70LZ	
5	Capt Snedigar	Mr Snowden	10 May 48	1. Request dispatch of LOI to NOK. 2. Hand carry this file to Capt. Snedigar. SNEDIGAR THOMAS 5198	
6	LOI Section, R/R Br.	Capt. Snedigar	13 May 1948	LOI has been sent. Copy is attached. 1 Incl. 293 File CUNNINGHAM 71507 Snowden 6535	
7	Chief Rec Sec R/R Br Mem Div	Exec Office R/R Br	18 May 48	Records corrected in Records Section. Grave Location Letter and LOI have been dispatched. Copies are attached. SNEDIGAR Thomas 5198 LOI Sent 13 MAY 1948 to father THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE 10-40650-4 GPO	

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRA OFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1 NO.	2 FROM-	3 TO-	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Iden Br Mem Div	Chief RR Br ATTN: Col Hickey	15 APR 1948	Attached Case file forwarded for necessary correction of records.
		IN TURN		
		Chief Fam Cor ATTN: Maj Coombs		1. For necessary Grave Location Letter to Next of Kin. 2. Return of photo attached to letter from NOK, dtd 7 Nov 47. 1 Incl: 293 File for Gardner, H. G. 39552662
				METZ <i>Sloan</i> 74059 SLOANE 2462
2	Exec. Office R/R Br Mem Div	Chief, Rec Sec	20 Apr 1948	1. Forwarded for necessary correction of records. 2. Hand carry to F/C Branch for Grave Location Letter. 1 Incl: n/c
				GILL 72963
				NOTE: This 293 file contains no AG/Report of Death. Following action has been taken - Burial Report pulled and sent for photostat: 26 April 1948. Photostat sent to AGO: 27 Apr 48. Case released by AGO: 4 May 48. <i>SNEDIGAR</i> SNEDIGAR LOI Sent 13 MAY 1948 to <i>Father</i>

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

AG 201 Gardner, Harold G.
PO-CO 120015

3 May 1948

Mrs. Etta Stromider
731 South Marengo Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Stromider:

I am writing you relative to the previous letter from this office in which you were regretfully informed that a Finding of Death had been made in the case of your son, Staff Sergeant Harold G. Gardner, 39,552,662, Air Corps, and that the presumptive date of his death had been established as 25 March 1946.

The records of the Department of the Army are being amended to show that Sergeant Gardner was killed in action on 24 March 1945 in the vicinity of Brunen, Germany. This change in status from presumed dead to killed in action was based on burial information received from the Commanding General, European Theater. You will receive a letter from The Quartermaster General concerning the burial information of your son.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, 7 March 1942, as amended, official reports will now be issued by the Department of the Army which will indicate the actual date of his death as that shown above. The issuance of this official Report of Death will not affect any payment or settlement of accounts which has been made on the basis of the Finding of Death.

My continued sympathy is with you in the great loss you have sustained.

Sincerely yours,

H. B. LEWIS
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

*Copy for
Mrs. Stromider
12-11-48
H. B. Lewis*

AG 201 Gardner, Harold G.
PO-CO 120015

3 May 1948

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Route #1, Box 49
Orange Cove, California

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Unk. X-260, USMC, Margraten, FF-2³/₈, identified as: GARDNER, Harold G S/Sgt 39552662

CHECK LIST

1. Identification Approved 14 April 48 2 PM
2. Records corrected Identification Branch 19 Apr. 48
3. Ltr. to Field re acceptance of identification 25 APR 1948
4. Notification to Effects Bureau 25 APR 1948
5. Case (hand carried) to R/R Branch 19 Apr. 48
6. Notification to AGO _____
7. Case (hand carried) by R/R Branch to
Family correspondence Br. to NOK Ltr 4 May 48
8. Date of Family Correspondence Letter to NOK 7 May

LOI Sent 13 MAY 1948

to father
JS

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Gardner, Harold G
ASN 395 52662

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PO Box 886 Pasadena, Calif
11-7-47

The Office of
Quartermaster General
Major James C. McFarland
Memorial Div

Sir, your letter of 7-11-47 re possible
identification of our Father Son Harold.

I have been in correspondence with
members of his crew & friends trying to
find some one who might remember
about the Tattoo. But so far no one can
remember except that he did have one
on the arm between wrist & elbow. It
was put on after induction & he was
home only a few days. I've thought so intently
about it that and it seems the design
was a rose ^(red & green) but I am not definite. I'm
enclosing the only picture of his bare
arms I could find. I think that you might
have equipment for clearing it.

Harold was sorry for having had it
on & never let it be seen. I am so
very sorry to be unable to help you
your work of identifying him.

Yours Truly

Eva Stroeder 886

att
QM/MF 293
Gardner, Harold G.
SN 39 552 662

7 May 1948

Mr. Bert Gardner
Route 1, Box 49
Orange Cove, California

Dear Mr. Gardner:

We are desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Staff Sergeant Harold G. Gardner.

The official report of burial discloses that his remains were originally buried in an isolated grave in the vicinity of Brunen, Germany, but were later disinterred by American Graves Registration Personnel and moved to a more suitable location. I am therefore gratified to inform you that the remains of your son are now resting in Plot FF, Row 2, Grave 38, in the United States Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland.

This cemetery is located ten miles west of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of our government, and you may be interested to know, has been designated as a permanent American Military Cemetery, dedicated in grateful remembrance of our World War II Dead.

Our records reveal that the identification of the remains of your son was established by identical comparison of the tooth charts made for the deceased with those maintained in Army dental records for your son, and by comparison of physical characteristics. His identification is further substantiated by the fact that the estimated date of death, and the place of death, as given on the official report of burial, are in agreement with the Missing Air Crew Report for the plane of which your son was a crew member, as to the date and place of the casualty. Furthermore, the individually identified remains of the other deceased crew members were also disinterred from the same area.

The Department of the Army has been authorized to comply with 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, our office will provide you with full information and solicit your detailed desires.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



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QMGMF 293
Gardner, Harold G.
SN 39 552 662

7 May 1948

Mrs. Etta Strosnider
731 South Marengo Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Strosnider:

I am writing to you with reference to the burial of the remains of your foster son, the late Staff Sergeant Harold G. Gardner, and at this time I may inform you that the investigation which was currently being conducted is now complete.

The official report of burial discloses that his remains were originally buried in an isolated grave in the vicinity of Brunen, Germany, but were later disinterred by American Graves Registration Personnel and moved to a more suitable location. I am therefore gratified to inform you that the remains of your foster son are now resting in Plot PF, Row 2, Grave 38, in the United States Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland.

This cemetery is located ten miles west of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of our government, and you may be interested to know, has been designated as a permanent American Military Cemetery, dedicated in grateful remembrance of our World War II Dead.

Our records reveal that the identification of the remains of your foster son was established by identical comparison of the tooth charts made for the deceased with those maintained in Army dental records for your foster son, and by comparison of physical characteristics. His identification is further substantiated by the fact that the estimated date of death, and the place of death, as given on the official report of burial, are in agreement with the Missing Air Crew Report for the plane of which your foster son was a crew member, as to the date and place of the casualty. Furthermore, the individually identified remains of the other deceased crew members were all recovered from the same area.

We are returning the picture which you forwarded with your letter of 7 November 1947, and wish to thank you most kindly for your cooperation.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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Attached Picture



Miss
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QMGMF 293
Gardner, Lewis S.
SN O 735 190

7 May 1948

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Jean B. Gardner
16 Sam Davis Avenue
Pulaski, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

RICHARD B. COMBS
Major, USA

We are desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your husband, the late Second Lieutenant Lewis S. Gardner.

The official report of burial discloses that his remains were originally buried in the Civilian Cemetery at Burgsteinfurt, Germany, but were later disinterred by American Graves Registration Personnel and moved to a more suitable location. I am therefore gratified to inform you that the report discloses further that the remains of your husband were reburied in Plot H, Row 5, Grave 112, in the United States Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.

This cemetery is located nine miles southwest of Liege, Belgium, and is under the constant care and supervision of our government, and you may be interested to know, has been designated as a permanent American Military Cemetery, dedicated in grateful remembrance of our World War II Dead.

Our records reveal that the identification of the remains of your husband was established by the favorable comparison of tooth charts made for the deceased with those maintained in Army dental records for your husband, and by information given in German records. These records state that your husband was buried in the Cemetery at Burgsteinfurt, from which the deceased was disinterred.

His identification is further substantiated by the fact that the estimated date of death, and the place of death, as given on the official report of burial, are in agreement with the Missing Air Crew Report for the plane of which your husband was a crew member, as to the date and place of the casualty. Furthermore, the individually identified remains of other deceased crew members were also disinterred from the same cemetery.

The Department of the Army has been authorized to comply, at government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment,



QMCMF 293 Gardner, Lewis S., SN 0 735 190

7 May 1948 (Cont'd)

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RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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

QNGMT 293

Gardner, Harold G.
39552662

15 APR 1948

DATE

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Dead

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

1. The identification of S/Sgt Harold G. Gardner, 39552662
(formerly X 260, Plot FF, Row 2 and
Grave 38, USMC Nagraton, Holland) as
established by your Headquarters has been approved by this office.

2. Request all records be amended accordingly.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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

APR 16 11 40 AM '48
O. Q. M. C.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

QMMH 293

15 APR 1946

Gardner, Harold G.
39552662

SUBJECT: Identification of Former Unknown Deceased

TO: Effects Quartermaster
Army Effects Bureau
X Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Holland

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38

260

Margraten,

39552662

S/Sgt Harold G. Gardner,

Mrs. Etta Strosnider (foster-mother) Box 886, Pasadena, Calif.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

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

HJS

JCM

APR 16 11 40 AM '46

O.C.M.G.

MAIL RECORDS BRANCH



QMCHEU 293
GARDNER, Harold G.
ASN 3952662

17 July 1947

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Mrs. Etta Strosnider
731 South Maringo Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Strosnider:

It is with reluctance that I write to you about your Foster-son, S/Sgt. Harold G. Gardner, 3952662, Air Corps, who lost his life during the European Conflict.

There has been forwarded to this office a Burial Form for a deceased Serviceman, with certain identifying information which leads us to believe the remains might possibly be those of your loved one. A description of a tattoo found on the remains was included, but available records fail to indicate whether or not your Foster-son had this tattoo.

Since this office desires to check every detail submitted, it will be of the utmost value to this office if you can ascertain whether he was tattooed and the description and location of the various designs.

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

Sincerely yours,

Incl:
Envelope

JUL 17 12 28 PM '47
O. D. H. G.
MAIL & RECORDS DIVISION



JAMES C. McFARIAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



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IDENTIFICATION SECTION MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Gardner, Harold G.			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 39 552 662		GRADE Staff Sergeant
HEIGHT 69"	WEIGHT 140	COLOR EYES Hazel	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 9 1/2-D	DATE OF DEATH (Presumed) 25 Mar 1946

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

852d Bomb Sq, 491st Bomb Gp, APO 558, c/o PM New York, N.Y.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Near Wesel, Germany

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

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

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

None

DENTAL CHART

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT							
X - EXTRACTED								O - CARIOUS							
								/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE							

*File
14 April
1946
N.Y.*

FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION
OFFICE OF THE DENTAL SURGEON

MIA 3/24/45

AAF 143

APD 558

Gardner, Harold G.

Station
S/Sgt

39552662

Name

Rank

ASN

491 B.Gp. 852 B. Sqd. 21

1-6/12

1 November 1945

Organisation

Age

Service

Date

Gunner

Aeronautical Rating

RIGHT LEFT

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

Class II

occlusion Good Calculus No Periodontoclasia No Foci Suspected No

ANOMALIES, OTHER CONDITIONS, REMARKS:

Upper cuspid just forward R-9 abraded incisally, slanting facially L-4 rotated slight

OUTLINE CARRIES ON DIAGRAM OF TEETH
CHART FILLINGS ON TEETH, INITIAL THE TYPE IN SPACE ABOVE AND BELOW
AS G-gold, A-amalgam, S-synthetic, O-oxyposphate
CHART ALL SUBSEQUENT FILLINGS
NONRESTORABLE CARIOUS TEETH BY /
MISSING NATURAL TEETH BY X

TEETH REPLACED BY DTR.

XXXX

TEETH REPLACED BY FX. BDG.

XXXX

APPROVED

Station Dental Surgeon

Examining Dental Officer

M-15

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AGRS-DC

Dental Identification

The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTENTION: Larkin

RAC, AGO
St. Louis 20, Mo.

3 Jul 47

Steinkamp-G

1. In compliance with your teletype request of 1 July 1947, QMW 541, MacFarland there is inclosed AGRAC Form 1-380 for three of the men referred to.

2. Form 79 MD USA are inclosed for Dave O. Free, 16 122 712 and William C. Popularum, 15 345 117.

3. No records found in this branch for William C. Danielson Jr., 36 753 682.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

5 Incls

Adjutant General

1-3. AGRAC Form 1-380

4-5. Form 79 MD USA

RECEIVED
JUL 10 1947
ST. LOUIS 20, MO.

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

12 April 1948

DATE

CHECK LIST OF MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

FOR: X-260, USMC, Margraten, FF-2-38 GARDNER, Harold G S/Sgt 39 552 662
Unknown X-Number or Cemetery Identified as
other designation

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unknown
Date and place in agreement	 X *		
Dental Chart	 X ** (identical)		
Color Hair			
Estimated Height	 X		
Estimated Weight			
Laundry Marks	 X ***		
Shoe Size	 X		
Type Clothing	 X		
Identification Tag			
Personal Effects			
Statement of Civilians			
Enemy Records			
Scars			
EMT (Emergency Medical Tag)			
Pay Book (EM. Off.)			
Signed Statement of Identity			

REMARKS: * A/C last sighted on return trip from Wesel, Germany:
Wesel - 51o 39' 30" N - 6o 37' E
Brunen, Germany - place of death for X-260 and Gardner):
51o 43' 50" N - 6o 41' 5" E
(Wesel is 5 miles SW of Brunen)

Total crew 9, 6 previously identified, leaving 3 to be accounted for.
X-259 being identified as T/Sgt Guff; X-260 as S/Sgt Gardner and X-261 as S/Sgt Carr.
Other Unknowns and identified crew members were disinterred from same place.
There are no burial reports in this office for any other/unaccounted for/unknowns recovered in the vicinity of Brunen, Germany.

**The dental chart for X-260 compares most favorably with the dental record of S/Sgt Gardner. Comparison is identical.

*** Laundry marks "K 0161" Casualty listings show David E. Kells, 2/Lt O-890161, killed 6 Nov. 1943 and Maj. Clyde O. Knisley Jr O-660161, killed in US - 20 Jan 1946. Both deceased eliminated due to dates of death, as X-260 date of death is 24 Mar 1945.

Tatoos on left forearm could not be identified as to exact location. However, a letter from S/Sgt Gardner's mother confirms the fact that he did have a tatoo.

Cuff, Martin J
T/Sgt 20 724 554

DENTAL

Unknown X-

R-8	X
R-7	oA
R-6	
R-5	
R-4	
R-3	
R-2	
R-1	

L-1	
L-2	
L-3	
L-4	
L-5	
L-6	carious
L-7	
L-8	X

R-16	X
R-15	dfa
R-14	carious
R-13	carious
R-12	
R-11	
R-10	
R-9	

L-9	
L-10	
L-11	
L-12	
L-13	carious
L-14	carious
L-15	carious
L-16	X

* 5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 178 lbs. Hair: Brown
shoe size: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ D

DENL CHART

Unknown X- 260

R-8 **X**
R-7 **oA**
R-6
R-5
R-4
R-3
R-2
R-1

L-1
L-2
L-3
L-4
L-5
L-6
L-7 **oA**
L-8 **X**

R-16 **X**
R-15 **oA FA**
R-14 **FA**
R-13
R-12
R-11
R-10
R-9

L-9
L-10
L-11
L-12
L-13
L-14 **oA FA**
L-15 **oA FA**
L-16 *

* L 16 not fully erupted.

Est 5' 10". Shoe size: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ C

Remn. of AAF Glo.

Remn. of undershirt revealed: "X 0161"

Suntan trousers with "G 3436"

Tatoos on left forearm.

Name Gardner, Harold G,
S/Sgt 39 552 662

R-8 **X**
R-7 **oA**
R-6
R-5
R-4
R-3
R-2
R-1

L-1
L-2
L-3
L-4
L-5
L-6
L-7 **oA**
L-8 **X**

R-16 **X**
R-15 **oA FA**
R-14 **FA**
R-13
R-12
R-11
R-10
R-9

L-9
L-10
L-11
L-12
L-13
L-14 **oA FA**
L-15 **oA FA**
L-16 **Erupting**

5' 9" 140 lbs. Hair: Brown
Shoe size: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ D

MACR 13552

Location: N. Pickenham - 8th AAF. Group: 491st - Sqdn: 852nd

Departure: N. Pickenham. Target: Wesel, Germany - Combat Mission

Last reported: 24 Mar 1945. Time: 1318. Location: Vicinity of Wesel, Germany

B-24 J 44-40286 (*Green Hornet)

Crew:

Pilot	Wilson, Andy T	1/Lt	0-662 013	KIA Neuville	J-6-131
Co "	Patterson, Edward L	F/O	T-04454	KIA Margraten	FF-2-47
Bombr	Goodacre, Charles F	2/Lt	0-2863237	"	FF-4-87
Engr	Sutcliffe, Charles B	T/Sgt	13098893	"	FF-4-84
NO	Guff, Martin J	T/Sgt	20724554	"	(X-259)
RW Gnr	Carr, Delbert B	S/Sgt	19182823	"	(X-261)
LW Gnr	McKinney, Charles O	S/Sgt	14105221	"	Margraten- FF-4-85
BT Gnr	Mann, Kenneth H	S/Sgt	39342592	"	DD-11-258
Tail Gnr	Gardner, Harold G	S/Sgt	39552662	"	(X-260)

Crew of 9, all KIA - 6 previously identified, leaving 3 to be accounted for - - X-259, being identified as T/Sgt Martin J Guff; X-260, as S/Sgt Gardner and X-261 as S/Sgt Delbert B Carr.

Entire crew accounted for.

A/C 286 H, reported over BHF that he was going to crash-land approximately 10 miles west of the Rhine River (5140 N - 0626 E) on return route due to severe battle damage.

Chaplain Russell B. Richardson, 374 South St., Pittsfield, Mass., conducted Burial Service for Flt Officer Edward L Patterson, who is buried in USMC Margraten, Holland.

,German records searched- Negative results

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X - 260

Cemetery Margraten, Holland

Plot FF Row 2 Grave 38

Date reprocessed:

1. ~~Process in cemetery~~ 24 February 1947
(Hour) (Date)

2. Place of death _____
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

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

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

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

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings color, wear, tear, repairs, etc.
* Headgear	<u>None</u> (Type)		
Raincoat	<u>None</u>		
Overcoat	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Field	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Combat B 10, remnants of, photos record Donald Duck figure with lettering at top which is undecipherable.			
Mackinaw	<u>None</u>		
* Sweater	<u>One (1), wool knit.</u>		
Jacket Combat Flying-one (1), type B-10, size 38.			
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>One (1), remnants of, marked K.0161</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>One (1) - T-shirt</u>		
Trousers, Wool Suntan-One (1) pair, size 30X32, marking "G-3436".			
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		

DOI Sent

13 MAY 1948

*to father
GJ*

T. H. B. Co., Ltd. Col., QMC
CHAS. BENTON, CHAS
14a

14 Apr. 48

39552662

(ASN) -

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Maj. George E. Springer, O-284512 FA Maj. George E. Woods, O-252521 CE

LOI Sent 13 MAY 1948 5 Father as 12-8

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

MO 1B 719

DATE 5 May 1948

FULL NAME Gardner, Harold G.				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 39 552 662				GRADE S/Sgt						
HOME ADDRESS Pasadena, California				ARM OR SERVICE AC				DATE OF BIRTH 14 Mar 1923						
PLACE OF DEATH Germany				CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action				DATE OF DEATH 24 Mar 1945						
STATION OF DECEASED European Area				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 9 Jan 1943				LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS						
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mr. Bert Gardner, father, Route One, Box 49, Orange Cove, California														
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Etta Strosnider, foster-mother, 731 South Marengo Ave., Pasadena, Calif. Howard Lee Gardner, brother, same as above														
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)		
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	X	NO	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT												☒ BATTLE	☐ NON-BATTLE	
Finding of death has been issued previously under Sec 5, Public Law 490, 7 Mar 42, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 25 Mar 46. 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.														
File N A N 21 Mar 48 E. L. Daniel R. L. Daniel														
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY [Signature] ADJUTANT GENERAL														

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE BY EYES ONLY

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

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

1948 APR 30

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AG 201	NAME GARDNER HAROLD G. ASN 39552662	GRADE S/SGT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 10
NAME AND AD. DRESS OF E. A.	MR BERT GARDNER ROUTE ONE BOX 49 ORANGE COVE CALIFORNIA		DATE TELEGRAM SENT 57 2 Lhs 3 May 48

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY 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 **SON**

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	P OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
S/SGT	GARDNER, HAROLD G.	39552662	AC		K	112008 U-1X
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN GERMANY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
				24	MAR	45

REMARKS: AG 201 /28 APR 48/ ☐ CORRECTED COPY

MEMO -- DETER UNIT. APPROVED -- OIC CAS SEC PAB. PL -- VIC OF BRUNEN. SOURCE OF INFO -- WD GRFM 1 - CORRECTED COPY RPT BURIAL DTD 16 DEC 47. SEE MSG FOR DETAILS. FOD ISSUED PREV UNDER SEC 5, MPA, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE DEATH 25 MAR 46. RPT DEATH BASED ON INFO RECD SINCE THAT DATE IS ISSUED IN ACCORD WITH SEC 9, SAID ACT, ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PRESCRIBED IN SEC 9.

REPORTS OF DEATH ISSUED 5 May 48 mo

HOME ADDRESS: PASADENA LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA

PROCESS IN ACCORD WITH OPER BUL 35, 1945. ROUTE TO NOTIF SUB-UNIT FOR NOTI COPY OF NOTIF LTR TO BE FWDED DET UNIT /FOR QMG/.

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					
AG201	0353	Dead	25 Mar 46 FTO	25 Mar					
FORWARDED TO	SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER	CERTIF.	E-REL.	CORRES.	REPAT.	S. R. & D. NON-
☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE _____ CHECKED BY <u>WBE</u> _____ REVIEWED BY <u>ROS</u> _____									

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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 Staff Sergeant Harold G. Gardner, Army Serial Number 39,552,662, Air Corps, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 24th day of March 1945. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 25th day of March, 1946.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George M. Weir

ADJUTANT GENERAL
Acting CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA		FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS							
None							
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
14 Mar 1923	Pasadena, California	9 Jan 1943		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	
				Over	Three	Years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Etta Strosnider	Foster-Mother	731 South Marengo Avenue Pasadena, California

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Etta Strosnider	Foster-Mother	731 South Marengo Avenue Pasadena, California
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Howard Lee Gardner	Brother	731 South Marengo Avenue Pasadena, California

REMARKS

Distribution _ 56

Circumstances of disappearance: This man was a crew-member of a bomber which reported by radio that it was about to crash land near Wesel, in Germany.

WAR DEPARTMENT

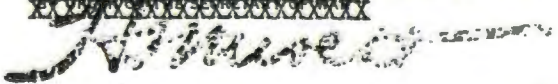
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

mo 1B 719

DATE 5 May 1948

FULL NAME Gardner, Harold G.				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 39 552 662				GRADE S/Sgt						
HOME ADDRESS Pasadena, California				ARM OR SERVICE AC				DATE OF BIRTH 14 Mar 1923						
PLACE OF DEATH Germany				CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action				DATE OF DEATH 24 Mar 1945						
STATION OF DECEASED European Area				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 9 Jan 1943				LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS						
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mr. Bert Gardner, father, Route One, Box 49, Orange Cove, California														
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Etta Strosnider, foster-mother, 731 South Marengo Ave., Pasadena, Calif. Howard Lee Gardner, brother, same as above														
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)		
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	X	NO	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT												☒ BATTLE	☐ NON-BATTLE	
Finding of death has been issued previously under Sec 5, Public Law 490, 7 Mar 42, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 25 Mar 46. 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.														
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  ADJUTANT GENERAL														

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

5622

469308

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 Harold G. Gardner, Army Serial Number 39,552,662, Air Corps, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 24th day of March 1945. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 25th day of March, 1946.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George M. Weir

ADJUTANT GENERAL
Acting CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA		FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN HIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS							
None							
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25-D. C.

464308

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

20 201	NAME GARDNER HAROLD MG ASN 39 552 662	GRADE S/SGT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	BERT GARDNER ROUTE 1 BOX 49 ORANGE COVE CALIFORNIA		DATE TELEGRAM SENT 10 APRIL 1945

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

RELATIONSHIP SON

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
S SG	GARDNER HAROLD G	39 552 662	AC	ETO	K	094

TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
SSING IN ACTION	GERMANY SINCE	24	MAR	45	9

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

REMARKS:

☐ CORRECTED COPY

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED ☒ FORM 43 ☒ AS 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			
FORWARDED TO ☐ SPEC. IDEN. ☐ TELEGRAM ☐ WOUNDED ☐ LETTER ☐ CORRES. ☐ S. R. & D. ☐ CERTIF. ☐ M. & H. ☐ NON-DEL. ☐							
REPORT NOT VERIFIED ☐ NO FORM 42 ☐ NO CAS. BR. FILE ☐ CHECKED BY ☐ REVIEWED BY ☐							

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W.D. A.G.O. Form 0365 (This form supersedes W.D. A.G.O. Form 0365, 16 June 1944, and W.D. A.G.O. Forms 802-1, 802-3, 802-4, of 1 February 1944, and 802-5, 802-6, 1 August 1944, which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.)
1 JANUARY 1945

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

T
QMGM/ 293
Gardner, Harold G.
39552662

15 APR 1948

DATE

SUBJECT: Identification of Former Unknown Deceased

TO Effects Quartermaster
Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

1. The remains previously interred as Unknown X- 260
Plot FF, Row 2, Grave 38, USMC Margraten,
Holland, have been identified by the Graves
Registration Service in the Field as those of S/Sgt Harold G. Gardner,
39552662 whose emergency addressee
is: Mrs. Etta Strosnider (foster-mother) Box 886, Pasadena, Calif.

2. The identification as established has been approved by the
Identification Board of Review, this office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

T. H. Metz
T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, MC
Memorial Division

file

469308
Case 881642

ELR/bj
29 March 1948

MEMO FOR FILE:

X-260, Margraten, Holland

Included on Report No. 8 processed by Identification Section,

Office of the Quartermaster General on 5 December 1947.

Paragraph checked as follows indicates data received from OQMG:

() It was reported by the Office of the Quartermaster General
that X _____
was identified as _____

(x) It was reported by the Office of the Quartermaster General
that X -260, Margraten, Holland
was ~~UNKNOWN INVESTIGATION~~ NOT IDENTIFIED.

ACTION TAKEN BY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU CHECKED BELOW:

() Case _____ cancelled and combined with case _____.

(x) No effects in Warehouse storage--case completed.

() Effects in Warehouse storage will be held pending report of
identification from OQMG. Case suspended six months.

E. *elb*

☒	INBOUND INVENTORY
☒	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL
☒	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.
☒	TALLY IN FORM 43

EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

DECEASED	
MISSING	
P. O. W.	
ABANDONED	
UNKNOWN	

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

<i>none</i>	CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	<i>none</i>	INFORMATION
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS		CROSS REFERENCE	
43 shows Unid # 82		1-Price of cloth shows K-0161	

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER			TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		SYMBOL	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		AMOUNT	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY
DATE			
BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE			
PAYEE			
REMITTER OR DRAWER			
<i>FLY</i> <i>10/31/47</i> <i>air</i>			
TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.
7967		24 Oct 47	
NAME			A. S. N.
UNKNOWN # 1773			
ORGANIZATION			RANK
			CASE NO. 881642
WAREHOUSE SPACE	EXAMINED BY	DIARY REMOVED 469308	
	PACKED BY	PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	INSPECTED BY	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
WEIGHT	STORED BY	SHIPPED	
		DATE	BY WHOM

REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

Remnants of B-10 jacket
& section of undershirt
held in storage.

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

Serial No. _____ Name _____
Grade _____ Rank _____
Organization _____
Address _____ X-260
Nearest Relative _____
Address _____
Killed in Action _____ Died of Disease _____
Date _____ Hospital _____
Battle Area _____ Information _____
Place of Burial _____ Margraten
Point of Coordination _____
Description of Body _____
Members Missing _____

CIRCULAR PATCH NEW UNIT TICKET

Signed _____

TATCO MARKS (RIGHT HAND)

Central Identification Laboratory
American Graves Registration Command 349 JM Bn.
APO 154 US ARMY

6 March 1947

Chemical Lab. Case # 968.

Other designations:

Unknown # X - 260 Margraten

Evacuation #

Inventory of Effects:

- (A) Remnants of B-10 jacket (illegible marking) ✓
- (B) Right sleeve of wool undershirt (faded writing) ✓

Laboratory Findings:

- (A) Sent to photo laboratory.
- (B) Faded writing restored with ammonium sulphide.

K 0161

Livio L. Vagnina
LIVIO L. VAGNINA
Identification Tech.

CHECKED *JL*



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

HN:FR:11
February 15, 1946

IN REPLY REFER TO 463308

Mrs. Etta Strosnider
731 South Marengo Avenue
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Strosnider:

This acknowledges your letter of February 8 regarding the personal property belonging to Staff Sergeant Harold G. Gardner.

I am inclosing a list of personal property which was forwarded to his father, Mr. Bert Gardner, on January 21, 1946.

For information concerning the payment of the six months' gratuity, it is suggested that you direct an inquiry to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington 25, D. C.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Administrative Division

1 Incl--
List of Personal Effects

etc



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

IN REPLY REFER TO 463308

LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF HAROLD G. GARDNER, 39552662, STAFF
SERGEANT, AIR CORPS, RECEIVED AT THE ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

- 2 Flight caps, khaki
- 1 Flight cap, green
- 1 Pr. Trunks
- 1 Supporter
- 5 Pr. Drawers, cotton
- 3 T-Shirts
- 1 Undershirt, wool
- 1 Tie, khaki
- 1 Pr. socks, wool
- 1 Scarf
- 1 Box stationery
- 1 Shoeshine kit
- 1 Cigarette case
- 1 Testament
- 2 Wallets (empty)
- 1 Sewing kit
- 1 Cigar box w/3 razors,
soap case, comb,
razor blades
- 1 Shaving kit
- 1 Portfolio w/photos
stationery, & letters
- 1 Box containing:
souvenir bills, coins & misc. insignias,
photos, 3 booklets, 1 picture frame,
2 fountain pens, 2 pen knives,
1 ring box (empty), 1 mechanical pencil,
1 cigarette lighter, 1 pr. wings.
- 1 201 File
- 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

The. Hon. Call
2-9-47

W. S. Quarter Master Capt
Army Effects Bureau
601 Hardesty NE
Washington D.C.

Re. F. S. H. Harold
File # 467

Harry Hume

Dear Sir, your letter of 1/3/47

full stating personnel list of Harold Hume
Sent to Sgt Gardner for info. re
pending final determination of status.
read your letter to Gardner & to
best of my memory it did not say so
keep pending until status is settled
and knowing Sgt Gardner - I am sure

It is a fact that has been a matter

Burden to Harold - I believe my last

thru Harold's papers was able to

determine that I know where to find

Now may I make inquiry &
what you consider Harold's record
work? when status is decided
over

2-13

If he is declared dead what about
the Balance & his salary since 3-24 -
also the 6 Mo salary rec'd in St. Louis
of the Day on Harold's claim? - Is
not Harold's blood mother or natural mother

However for a time many years -
acted as his Foster Mother he lived in her
home under my supervision the same
as her his mother Dr. T. C. C. C.
me the above monies constitute
P. Property? do I need to see an attorney or
the Immigration to clear this Land, or
may I have word from now in it?

Thank you very kindly.

Ever sincerely

731 So Main Ave

Paradise, Ca

I now cannot answer my inquiry

where may I write to find out?

Thanks

Ever sincerely



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE FISCAL DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF SPECIAL SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTS
27 PINE STREET
NEW YORK 5, NEW YORK

SPFKB-I/53 - 201-Gardner, Harold G.
39 552 662

31 January 1946

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Correspondence

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

1. Attached correspondence is forwarded herewith as a matter pertaining to your office.

2. Writer has been advised of this reference.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

T. W. Weiss

T. W. WEISS
Major, Finance Department
Chief, Master Pay & Almt Accts Br.

1 Incl
ltr dtd 25 January 1946

*file dlf
2-6-46*

RECEIVED CLERK 1972E

0180
Optkt I-201 - : Pasadena Cal.
1-23-40
Office & Lee Benefits

Ins. Rev.

Z

Wash 25 D.C.

Sirs: I have on file a will & cover
of attorney signed by S. Sgt Harvia

Gardner 39552662. at Cam. Hahn

Calif in an 1944 Showing em

Heir of all Personal property with

power to act as attorney. Letter

has been written to Sgt Gardner &

Orange Cone Calif. from. Kas City, Mo.

Sept. '601 Hardesty Ave. Kas City, Mo.

File 469308 stating the P.P. & will

concerning Tony has been sent to you.

I request that you look into this

matter & advise me.

Yours Truly

Ms. W. H. Strover

731 S. W. W. W. W. W. W.

answ 11/30/40
file 11/30/40



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

469308

RTB:FR:lp
January 30, 1946

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Mrs. Etta Strosnider
731 South Marengo Avenue
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Strosnider:

This acknowledges your two letters regarding the personal property of Staff Sergeant Harold Gardner.

I wish to advise that this property was released for shipment on January 7, to Mr. Bert Gardner, for safe-keeping, pending final determination of status.

In the event, additional property is received at this Bureau, proper disposition will be made.

Sincerely,

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

Pasadena Calif

1-25-76

at Feb. 46-76

Pas City, 9th Mo Sept

601. Hardesty Ave,

Pas City, Mo

Lt Harry Niemier

Dear Sir. To day I saw a letter
 from your last signed by ...
 Regarding sending 2 cartons the ...
 Property of Lt. Sgt Harold ...
 to Fort Gadsden. This is to
 advise you that I have ...
 with signed by Harold ...
 at Camp. Hahn Calif also known
 as ... designating me as ...
 his personal property & ...
 his attorney. May I have
 a letter from you regarding the
 disposition of his ...
 reason for the above letter
 over

Wm. W. W. W. W.

Wm. W. W. W. W.

731 So. Main St.

Pasadena

Calif.

RECEIVED
JULY 1938
10 48

Pasadena, Calif

1-25-46

Commanding Officer
4th Mr. Depot
Gas City Mo
Re File 469305

Sir. I Sgt Harold L. Gardner
missing since 3-14-45. Found in our room
our father son not legally married
some time. He signed a will & power of
att at Camp Hahn Calif. which was
me from Camp Hahn by letter
disgrating me as far as his name
power. However Sgt Gardner
put rec'd notice from your office
signed by Harry Niemier Ind at L.M.C.
stating all personal belongings were being
sent to Sgt Gardner of Camp Hahn
Calif. Will you kindly look into this
matter & advise me.

Yours truly,

Edna Strieder

731 So Marengo Ave

Pasadena 5 Calif

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

RTB:FR:mr
January 17, 1946

JAN
MAIL

In Reply Refer To: 409,308

Mr. Bert Gardner
Route #1, Box 49
Orange Cove, California

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your son, Staff Sergeant Harold G. Gardner.

2 cartons and contents

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

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

Sincerely yours,

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

Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Bert Gardner
(Signature of Bailee)

Jan 26
(Date)

Thanks.

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
Mr. Bert Gardner Route #1, Box 49 Orange Cove, California S/Sgt. Harold G. Gardner 39 552 602 409,308 M				☐ LETTER
				NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
				☐ ENVELOPE
				☒ CARTONS
				☐ PACKAGE
				☐ FOOT LOCKER
				SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
				☐ REMOVE GI
				☐ SHIP BLOODSTAINED
				☐ SHIP DAMAGED
☐ REMOVE BL'DSTAINED				
☐ REMOVE DAMAGED				
☐ FILMS REMOVED				
☐ DIARY REMOVED				
RTB:FR:mr		SUMMARY COURT DATA		DATE ACTION TAKEN
DATE OF FINDING	APPLICANT			1-17-45
REMARKS				MAIL REVIEWER (initials)
				☒ SHIPPED
				☐ FRANKED
				☐ EXPRESS
				☐ FREIGHT
				DATE SHIPPED
				SHIPPING CLERK
				ROUTING
				☒ ACCOUNTING BRANCH
				☒ WAREHOUSE
☐ FILE				
ORDER FOR ACTION				

EFF OM FORM 14
10 OCT 1945

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[illegible]

☒ INBOUND INVENTORY
G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL
WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.
TALLY IN FORM 43 ☒

EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

DECEASED
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P. O. W.
ABANDONED
UNKNOWN

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

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO

INFORMATION

LAUNDRY Mrs Etta Strasneider ^(Foster Mother) Benev (Foster Mother)
731 So. Maringo Ave.,
Pasadena, Calif Mrs. Etta Strasneider
731 So. Maringo Ave.,
Pasadena, Calif

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS

CROSS REFERENCE

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

DATE

BANK
OR
PLACE OF ISSUE

PAYEE

REMITTER
OR
DRAWER

TALLY NO. 6250 ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 2 EXAMINING DATE 2-JAN-46 BOX NO. 395-52662 SHEET 5/59 OF 59 SHEETS

NAME HAROLD G GARDNER A. S. N. 395-52662
ORGANIZATION 5/59 CASE NO.

WAREHOUSE SPACE 1776 EXAMINED BY Harmon ☒ DIARY REMOVED
PACKED BY Harmon ☒ PHOTO FILM REMOVED
☒ MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION Harmon WEIGHT Harmon SHIPPED Harmon
INSPECTED BY Harmon DATE Harmon BY WHOM Harmon
STORED BY Harmon

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

21 March 1945
Date

852 Bomb Squadron, 491 Bomb Group, APO 558
(Organization and APO Number)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects

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

Transmitted herewith in accordance with letter, Hq, European Theater of Operations, 15 Nov 1944, file AG 332.3 PubGA, Subject: "Disposition of Personal Effects in UK", is an inventory of Effects concerning the subject named below:

James Harold S Sgt 30559062
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN) (Control No)
(For use of Effects QM, UK)

Organization

852 Bomb Squadron, 491 Bomb Group
(UNIT.....Not Branch of Service)

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

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

USMO No. _____ Amt \$ _____ USMO No. _____ Amt \$ _____

USMO No. _____ Amt \$ _____ USMO No. _____ Amt \$ _____

US Official Check No. _____ Amt _____ Bank _____
(Name and Branch)

(*) Bank Accounts _____

(*) Debtors _____

(*) Creditors _____

(**) Inclosed is _____
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks,
Describe fully)

* Strick out words not applicable

(*) Negative report, where appropriate

Designated Beneficiary:

Mrs. Etta Strasider (Foster-Mother)
781 So. Maringo Avenue
Pasadena, California

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

- 2 Flight caps, Khaki
- 1 Flight cap, green
- 1 Pr. trunks
- 1 Supporter
- 5 Pr. drawers, cotton
- 3 T-Shirts
- 1 Undershirt, wool
- 1 Tie, Khaki
- 1 Pr. socks, wool
- 1 Scarf, (silk)
- 1 Box stationery
- 1 Shoeshine kit
- 1 Cigarette case
- 1 Testament
- 2 Wallets (empty)
- 1 Sewing kit

REMARKS (if any)

- 1 Cigar box w/3 razors,
soap case, comb,
razor blades
- 1 shaving kit
- 1 Portfolio w/photos,
stationery & letters
- 1 Box containing:
souvenir bills, coins & misc. insignias,
photos, 3 booklets, 1 picture frame,
2 fountain pens, 2 pen knives,
1 ring box (empty), 1 mechanical pencil,
1 cigarette lighter, 1 pr. wings
- 1 Rol File
- 1 Oak Leaf Cluster

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects
and that the effects were shipped to the Effects Co, UK, APO 507, US Army
by delivering to 1254th Quartermaster on 10 April 1945.

Robert J. Frederick
Signature (In ink)

ROBERT J. FREDERICK

Name

(Block Letters)

1st. Lt., AC, 952 Bomb Squadron
Rank and Organization