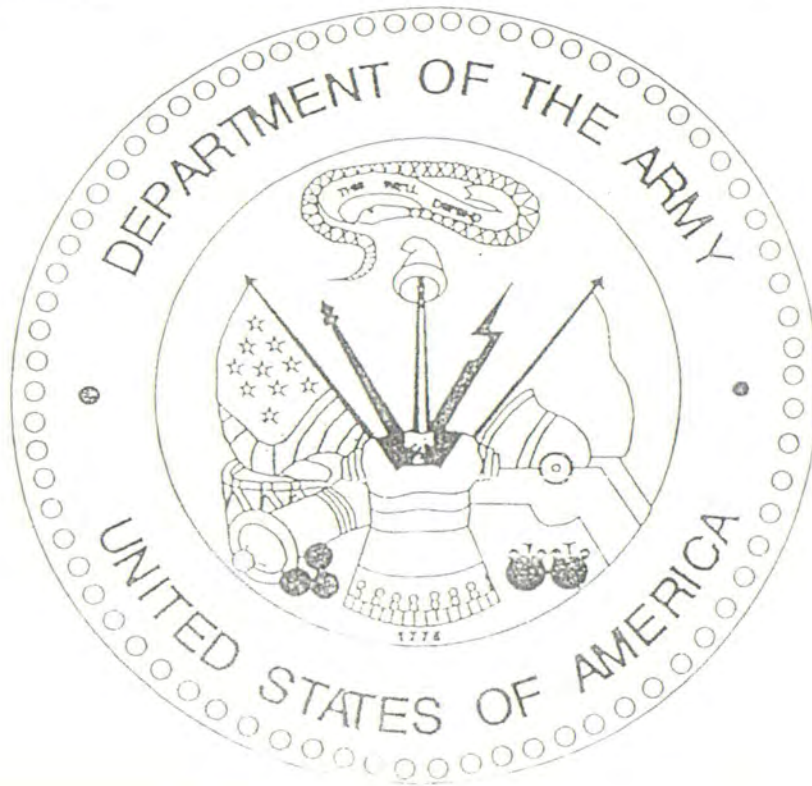


Cowart, Milton E. 18190494



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED
PERSONNEL FILE

FILE COPY

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

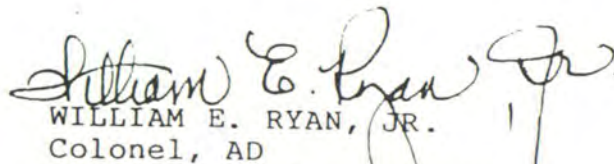
Dear Major Adair:

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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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

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

LOWER TEETH

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

CLASS II

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

Date 27 11, 1944

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*Restorable carious teeth by O
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by 2
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
 (horizontal line)

X	X	X

Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
 (oval to include abutments)

	X	

6-28

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
Hunter Field, Georgia

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Coward,		Milton E. 18190494	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Sgt.	Combat	Crew	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
19	W	Tex.	7/12
		(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	
		Car L-4-do Car R-12-do C	
		(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	
		Adm R OA (AgNO3) CR Prlx 6/27 1944	
		(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS	
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		Cl-2-4 Wchlaray	

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ROBERT B. LOOS, Lt. Col. Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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

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8 April 1949

S/Sgt Milton E. Cowart, ASN 18 190 494
Plot C, Row 28, Grave 27
Headstone: Cross
St. Avold (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mr. E. W. Cowart
4045 Reed
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Cowart:

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

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Cowart Milton E.			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 18 190 494		GRADE Staff Sergeant
HEIGHT 71"	WEIGHT 155	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 9D	DATE OF DEATH 23 December 44

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

575th Bombardment Squadron, 391st Bombardment Group, APO 140

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Missing in action on a bombardment mission to Ahrweiler, Germany

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

STATION	DATES
Fort Sam Houston, Texas	1 November 1942 to 5 November 1942
Ellington Field, Texas	5 November 1942 to 11 January 1943
Buckley Field, Colorado	13 January 1943 to 28 March 1943
Fort Myers, Florida	1 April 1943 to 22 May 1943
Barksdale Field, Louisiana	25 May 1943 to 23 June 1944
Hunter Field, Georgia	27 June 1944 to 30 June 1944
Departed for Overseas	2 July 1944

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Capt. R. G.
S. B. K.

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

As appears on enlistment paper

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 X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9
 LOWER RIGHT

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 UPPER LEFT
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 LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED

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/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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		Plot C, Row 28, Grave 27		DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE	
		Date reburied: 25 Jan 49			
SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		M. R. SWART CAPT. QMC		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3574 02449	
				DATE 15 05 48 DAY MONTH YEAR	
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		RANK	
COWART, MILTON E		18190494		S SG 1	
CEMETERY				ARM	
ST AVOLD - METZ				1	
				DATE OF DEATH	
				DAY MONTH YEAR	
				DISPOSITION OF REMAINS	
				3503 80 CODE DIST. PT.	
PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	COUNTRY		CAUSE OF DEATH
YYY	5	50	FRANCE		1
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN		
ST. AVOLD, FRANCE			E. W. COWART (FATHER) JAN 28 1947 4045 REED BEAUMONT, TEXAS (Flag sent)		
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION					
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		RANK	
				DATE OF DEATH	
				DATE DISTINTERRED	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON		ORGANIZATION		RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER		USAAF			
				IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY	
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT					
NATURE OF BURIAL			CONDITION OF REMAINS		
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION					
SEE ATCHD WORK SHIT					
MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1					
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET					
DATE		BY			
CASKET SEALED BY				EMBALMER (Signature)	
Millard H Mc Whorter, Embalmer				Millard H Mc Whorter <i>Millard H Mc Whorter</i>	
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED				SHIP BOXED & MARKED All markings, tags & plates verified by 15 Sept 48 Millard H Mc Whorter, Franklin J St Clair, 1st Lt Inf	
DATE		BY			
		Embalmer			
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.					
<i>Franklin J St Clair</i> Franklin J St Clair, 1st Lt Inf, 7857 AGSC Zone 3 Lg					
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR					
1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.					
FILE RECORDS ANNOTATED DATE 22 Jan 49 NAME V. C. [Signature]					

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FROM

TO

NAME OF CONVOYER

DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE _____

FROM

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NAME OF CONVOYER

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SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE _____

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

S/Sgt. Milton E. Cowart, 18 190 494
 Plot YYY, Row 5, Grave 50,
 United States Military Cemetery
 St. Avoird, France

16 February 1948

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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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, ETHER WAYNE COWART

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

- ☐ 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. St. Avoird, France
- ☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

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

(FOREIGN COUNTRY)

PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____

(LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

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

(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

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

☐ YES ☐ NO

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

NONE

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PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.
I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

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

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

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

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
COWART	JESSIE	OPAL	STEP* MOTHER
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
4045 REED	BEAUMONT	JEFFERSON	TEXAS

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.

<u>E. W. Cowart</u> (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	<u>4045 REED</u> (STREET AND NUMBER)
<u>E. W. COWART</u> (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	<u>BEAUMONT, TEXAS</u> (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 20 day of MARCH, 1948 at city (or town) of BEAUMONT, county of JEFFERSON, and State (or Territory or District) of TEXAS

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

I. H. CAREY, Notary Public, Jefferson County, Texas
(Signature) My Commission Expires June 1, 1950
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
VETERANS COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER
 (OFFICIAL TITLE)

PART II — RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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

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

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

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

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

PART III

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

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

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

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

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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1 NO.	2 FROM	3 TO	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE	
1.	LOI Section: R/R Br.:	Record : Section: R/R Br.:	April 1948	<p>1. As 333 card in this case could not be immediately located action has been taken with a view to resolving the case without the 333 card.</p> <p>2. File is forwarded to your Section for such correction in 333 card as may be indicated.</p> <p>3. When your action has been completed, please forward file to Mail and Records.</p>	

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THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
MEMORIAL DIVISION

SUBJECT: NEW LOI
TO: MACHINE SECTION, R & R BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION
ROOM 2701, TEMPORARY B BLDG

Date 10 Feb 1948

S/Sgt. Milton E. Cowart 18 190 494
Rank Name Serial No.

LOI to be sent to: Father Grave Location:

Mr.
Mrs.
Miss Ether Cowart
Name

USMC
St Aulds, France
Cemetery

cc 4045 Reed St **FILE** YYY-5-50
Street Plot Row Grave
Beaumont, Texas **19 FEB 1948**
City State

Wm **L.O.I. SENT FEB 16 1948** to father
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Capt. Mulligan
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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

S/Sgt. Milton E. Court, 18 190 494
 Plot VII, Row 5, Grave 50,
 United States Military Cemetery
 St. Avold, France

18 October 1947

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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I, _____ (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN) (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

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

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

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO _____ (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.)



19 FEB 1948

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 14 NOV 1946

L.O. I SENT FEB 16 1948

PART I (Continued)

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

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

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

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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.

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

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this _____ day of _____, 19____, at city (or town) of _____, county of _____, and State (or Territory or District) of _____

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(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

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PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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

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

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

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

PART III

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

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
COWART	ETHER	W
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
FATHER		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY
4045 Reed	BEAUMONT	TEXAS

11-29-47
(DATE)
Mrs. Carolyn Cowart Williams P.O. Box 204
(SIGNATURE) (STREET AND NUMBER)
MRS CARLYN COWART WILLIAMS BEAUMONT TEXAS
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (CITY AND STATE)

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S/Sgt. Milton E. Cowart, 18 190 494
Plot III, Row 5, Grave 50,
United States Military Cemetery
St. Avold, France

16 February 1948

Mr. Ether Cowart
4045 Reed Street
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Cowart:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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Cawart, Milton E.
18-190-494 at

11-26-47

Dear Sirs:

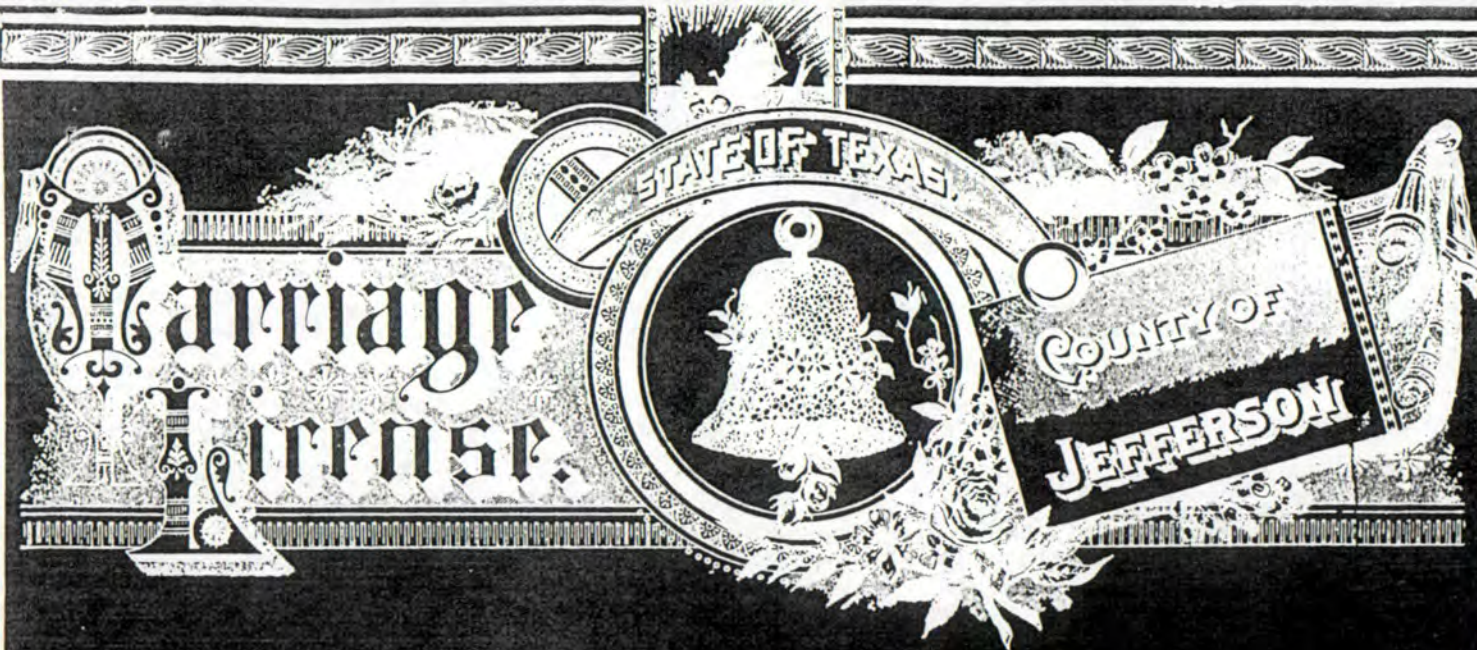
Please forgive the delay but as you know the decision isn't an easy one and it took so much thought and heart ache to make the decision, but we have to be sure. The final decision is left for my father in law but there won't be any delay when he receives his papers as he has read these I received and has made his decision so if nothing happens there won't be any delay.

Thanking you for your kind news.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs Carolyn Cawart
WilliamsP.O. Box 204
Beaumont, Texasmaw
1-13-48

Cawart Milton E

18190494 Jlg



To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel Jewish Rabbi Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace in and for the State of Texas.

GREETING

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE

rites of MATRIMONY

Between Mr. Herbert Spencer Williams

and M^{rs.} Carlyn Cowart

and make due return to the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Texas within Sixty days thereafter certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office at office in

Beaumont, this 17 day of June

By Fletcher Sparks
Deputy.

Fred G. Hill
County Clerk, Jefferson County, Texas

I Rev O. L. Beaman hereby certify that
on the Twenty-Second day of June A. D., 1947
I united in Marriage Mr. Herbert Spencer Williams and
M^{rs.} Carlyn Cowart

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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BURIAL OF

**S/Egt. Milton E. Court, 18 190 494
Plot XXX, Row 5, Grave 50,
United States Military Cemetery
St. Avold, France**

18 October 1947

**Mrs. Carolyn W. Court
Box 204
Beaumont, Texas**

Dear Mrs. Court:

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

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

Sincerely,

**THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General**

Incls.

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Oct 23 2 35 PM '47

O. G. H. C.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

QMGMF 293 Cowart, Milton E.
SN 18 190 494

1st Ind.

WD, OQMG, Washington, D. C., 30 June 1947

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

Forwarded for reply to so much thereof as pertains to your office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl.
Cm ltr dtd 30 June 1947

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMGMF 293
Cowart, Milton E.
SN 18 190 494

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

30 June 1947

Mr. Joseph J. Bonura
Rural Free Delivery #1
Box 461
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Bonura:

Your letter to the American Graves Registration Command concerning the late Staff Sergeant Milton E. Cowart, has been referred to us for reply.

The official Report of Burial shows that the remains of Staff Sergeant Cowart were originally interred in Manderscheid, Germany, but were later disinterred and moved to a more suitable site where constant care of the grave can be assured by our Forces in the field.

The Report of Burial further discloses that the remains of Staff Sergeant Cowart are now interred in Plot YYY, Row 5, Grave 50, in the United States Military Cemetery St. Avold, France, located twenty-three miles east of Metz, France.

I regret to advise you that the Report of Burial on file in this office does not indicate the condition of the decedent's body at the time of reburial.

Please be advised that the remains of Staff Sergeant Cowart were recovered by members of the 608th Quartermaster Grave Registration Company.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., for direct reply relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of Staff Sergeant Cowart as that office has jurisdiction over matters of this nature.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of Staff Sergeant Cowart.

Sincerely yours,

ckb

cc to AGO

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

RBC

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr.
 Miss.
 Addressee: Mrs. Joseph J. Bonura
 State RFD #1, Box 461 Relationship
 City, State Bedmont, Texas '47
 Cemetery
 Temporary: Monderscheid, Germany
 Permanent: YY 5 50 USMC St Avoird France
 Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

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I regret to advise you that the Report of burial on file in this office does not indicate the condition of the decedent's body at the time of reburial.

Please be advised that the remains of _____ were re-covered by members of the 608th Quartermaster Grave Registration Company.

Ind. to AGO

circumstances surrounding death.

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Decedent: COWART
 Last M. I. Ton
 First E
 Initial S/SGT
 Rank 18 190 494
 ASN

File 6/20/47

Gary
Analyst Typist Reviewer

Modifications

6-11-47

OKed 2002

P. J. Bonner
Box 461
Government, Texas

April 2 - 47



Mr. Don. B. Mohler
Major, O.H.C.
Registration Division.

My Dear Sir:- is there any information on Recor.
that you can give me of how Sgt. Cowart.

(S/Sgt. MILTON E. COWART, 18190494.

killed on Dec. 23. 1944. now interred in U.S. Military
Cemetery St. Avold France, in plot YXX, Row 5.
Grave 60. any details of where his body
was found, and in what condition, and
what the result of his death was from, and
the names and address of the scout party
that found him.

any information will be
heartily welcome for the benefit of his loved one

Thank
Sincerely
Joseph Jacob Bonner

R.F.D. 1 BOX 461

QMGMF 293 Cowart, Milton E.
SN 18 190 494

1st Ind.

WD, OQMG, Washington, D. C., 29 May 1947

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

Forwarded for reply to so much thereof as pertains to your office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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1 Incl.

Cy ltr dtd 29 May 47

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

RBC

JUN 2 10 31 AM '47

COOMBS

MAIL ROOM



May 12, 1947
Beaumont, Texas.

War Department
Army Service Forces
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

RE: Cowart, Milton E.
SN 18, 190, 494.

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing you this letter in regards to my son, Staff Sgt., Milton E. Cowart, 18, 190, 494, 575th Bomb Sqd., 391st Bomb Group, Ninth Air Force.

I am still trying to get all the information possible concerning my son's death. His wife Mrs. Carolyn E. Cowart had been notified that his body has been recovered in Germany and his remains are now interred in Plot YYY, Row 5, Grave 50, in the United States Cemetery, St. Avold, France., located about twenty-three miles from Metz, France.

Now I would like to know just where his body was found and on what date. Was it buried or found out in the open and in what condition when found. Do you have any information as to who found his body or the cause of his death and was he given any kind of medical treatment before death.

I have been through months of anxiety since this terrible tragedy has happened and I feel like if I could find out just this little bit of information direct from you maybe my mind would be relieved about my son and of his giving his life in the fight for freedom of our great Country.

Thanking you in advance for any information you will send me,

I remain,

E. W. Cowart

E. W. Cowart,
4045 Reed Street
Beaumont, Texas.

QMGMP 293
Cowart, Milton E.
SN 18 190 194

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Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

29 May 1947

Mr. E. W. Cowart
1045 Reed Street
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Cowart:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Staff Sergeant Milton E. Cowart, has been received.

The official Report of Burial shows that the remains of your son were recovered from an isolated grave located at Manderscheid, Germany, by the American Graves Registration Command and reinterred, on 2 February 1946, in Plot YYY, Row 5, Grave 50, in the US Military Cemetery St. Avold, twenty-three miles east of Metz, France. The report of burial does not indicate the condition of your son's body at the time of recovery.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Adjutant General, for direct reply relative to the circumstances surrounding your son's death, inasmuch as that office has jurisdiction over matters of this nature.

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

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION WORK SHEET

Send Letter to Mr. E. W. Cowart Relationship father

ADDRESS 4045 Reed St., Beaumont, Texas

Army Serial Number 18 190 494 Rank 5/sgt.

OPENING PARAGRAPH: (62-1) 62-2 62-3 62-4

BURIAL INFORMATION: 6 6A 7 8 9 10 10A 11 12 12A 13 13A
14 14A 14B 15 16 17 20 21 22 22B

Temp. Cem.

Perm. Cem.

Plot Row Grave Name of Cem. City and Country

RETURN OF REMAINS: 78 79 81 82

OTHER PARAGRAPHS 23 24 26 27 28 29 30 35 36 40 41 42
43 51 53 54 55 56 57 58 58A 60 61 63A
63B 65 65A 65B 65C 65D 66 67 68 68A 69 70
73 74 76 84 85

INDORSEMENTS: To AG (47 71) To Ch of Chap (48 71)
To Other Agencies: (71)

PERSONAL EFFECTS: 50 64

SUSPEND _____ days

Copy of letter to AGO and Identification Section*

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS *

* PERMANENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS
BUCK SLIP TO RECORDS SECTION
COPY TO ADJUTANT GENERAL

Dates of Letters for which Copies are Necessary to AAF:

OTHER:

CLOSING PARAGRAPH: 62-5 Regret Delay *

Letter to be Dated 1/1/47 Analyst Typist Reviewer

* Note: Circle paragraph numbers and or starred. Uses that are applicable.

NAME OF DECEASED
LAST NAME
FIRST NAME
MIDDLE
INITIAL

7601

The official Report of Burial shows that the remains of your son were recovered from an isolated grave located at Manderscheid Germany, by the A H R E and reinterred, on 2 February 1946, in Plot V V V, Row 5, Grave 50 in the USMC St Anals Location. The report of Burial does not indicate the condition of your son's body at the time of recovery.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the A H J and will reply relative to the circumstances surrounding your son's death and that office has jurisdiction over matter of this nature.

62-5

Ind to AGO.

293 - Cowart, Milton 18190494

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20 Jan 47

FROM: OQMG
TO: DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL RECORDS BR., ST. LOUIS, MO

REQUEST GRAC FORM 1-380 BE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOL CLN

REQUEST SHOE SIZE FOR CLNEND OQMR 402 COLSON

SENT FROM OFFICE NO

293 - St. Louis, Mo.

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

In Reply Refer To
QMGM 293
Graves Registration
(European)

US zone

25 November 1946

SUBJECT: Burial Records *con*

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

1. Request the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents be changed to read as underscored:

Cemetery: **United States Military Cemetery St. Avel, France**

NAME	RANK/ GRADE	SERIAL NO.	ORGAN.	DATE OF DEATH	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
Cantwell, Benjamin R.	<u>1st/</u> <u>Lt</u>	0 703 940	-	-	V	8	8200
<i>293</i> Covart, Milton R.	<u>2nd Lt</u>	18 190 494	<u>575</u> <u>575</u> <u>575</u>	-	YIT	5	50

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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REF. TOLL. TION RECORDS B RANCH

13 Nov. 1946
DATE

NAME COWART MILTON E.

SERIAL NO 18190484

CE ETARY ST. AVOLD FRANCE

PLOT YYY

ROW 5

GR. VE 50

LETTER FIELD
Correct Records to Read

RANK

ORG

M. KALANIK
SPECIAL CHECKER

*Full
Daughter
25 Nov. 1946
not*

File Under 293 Cowart, Milton

ASN 18190494

29 JUL 1946

INDEX AND SYNOPSIS

Transmittal letter listing Forms 8-NA forwarded for
information requested.

FROM: OJMG Identification Section

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

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER

293 Vols. *Misc.*

St. Arnold. Graine

X-1082, 83, 84, 86, 92

RRE Form #43
20 Sep 48

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

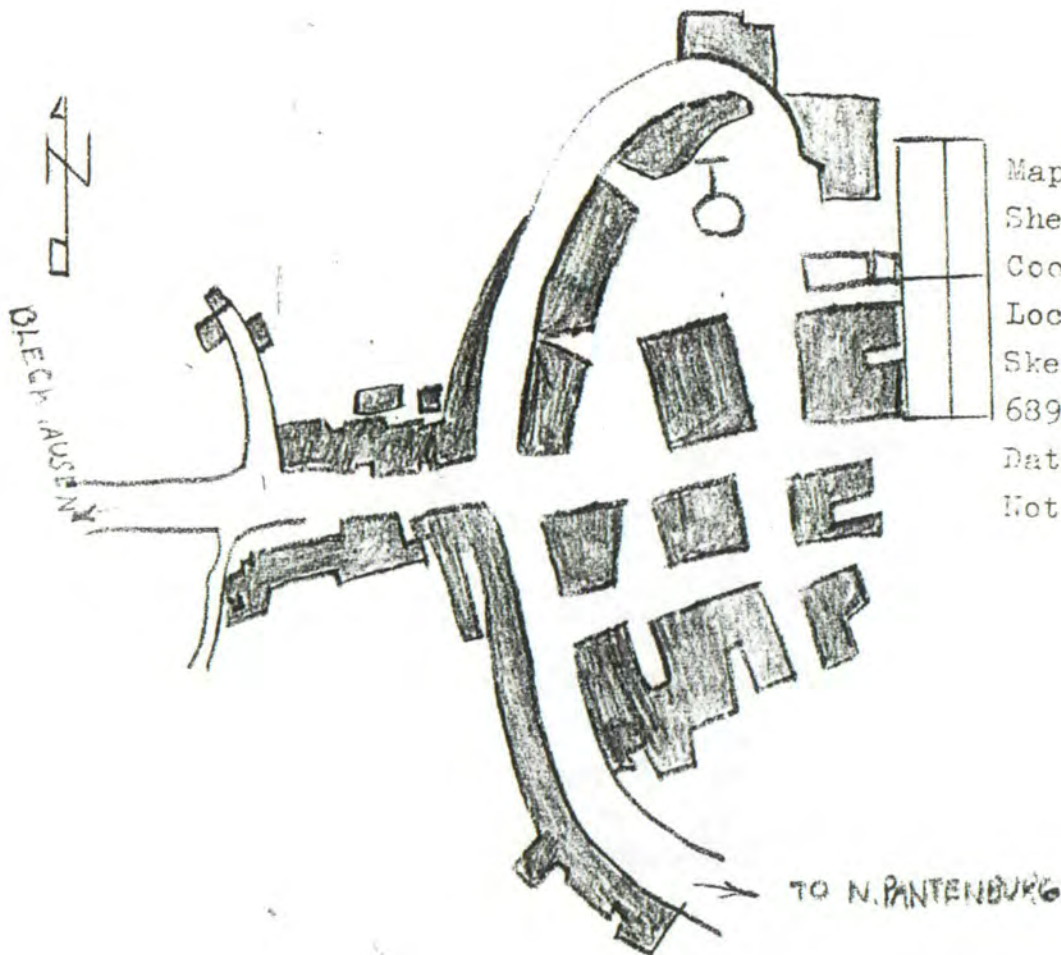
COWART	MILTON	E	S SG	18190494
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

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

Incl #

Sketch showing Grave of Milton E. Cowart

~~W3351, W3352, W3353~~



Map: Germany 1/250,000

Sheet: Köln- K 51

Coord: WL 338665

Location- Manderscheid

Sketch by: PFC Armento

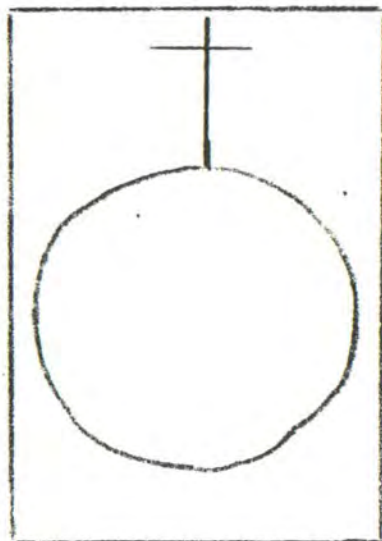
6890 Q.M.Co.

Date: 24 Jan. 1946

Not-to-scale

MILTON E. COWART

CHURCH YARD



27-8-45

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - AREA SEARCHING

To be completely filled out and attached to each copy of GR Form I,
„Report of Burial” when disinterment is accomplished.

1. Was investigation preceded by Advance Publicity: Yes
(if Special Investigation, so indicate)
2. COWART, MILTON E. Unknown 18190494 A.A.F.
(Full name of deceased) (Rank) (ASN) . . . Organization)
3. State: Means of identification, i. e. identification, tags attached to marker, inscription on grave marker, cemetery records, townhall records, etc. and Source of Information, i. e., identification tags, identification cards, identification bracelet, leather name plate on flying jacket, clothing marks etc.
2 I.D. Tags on Body
(Town Hall Records of Manderscheid)
4. Give exact location of isolated grave, furnishing coordinates and letter prefix, map sheet, scale and series used; also name of nearest town: Manderscheid, Germany (WL-3366)
Map Ref. Ger. 1/250,000 Koln K-51
NOTE: ATTACH OVERLAY SHOWING EXACT LOCATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE TYING LOCATION IN WITH PERMANENT LANDMARKS.
5. Full name of cemetery (include plot, row and grave if organized cemetery):
Manderscheid Church Cemetery
6. Approximate or established date of death, (state which and give basis for date selected):
23-Dec-1944 Town Hall Records
7. Approximate or established date of burial (give basis for date established):
23-Dec-1944 Town Hall Records
8. Manner in which grave was marked, show information contained on the marker:
Plain wooden Cross - "Here lies one unknown American Flyer"
"Died 23-Dec-1944"
9. List personal effects found in possession of civilian and custodial personnel now retaining, furnishing name and address of individuals concerned:

(None)

15. If unidentified, supply any of the following information determinable:

a. Crew position in plane or vehicle: Unknown

b. Plane or vehicle serial number: Unknown Type: B-26

c. Installed weapons:

Serial Number

Calibre & Mfr.

Serial Number

Calibre & Mfr.


1029754

50 cal.

1029825

50 cal.

d. Engine serial number: 37743-130 Type: Radial



Signature of Investigating Officer

William H. Barnett

2nd.Lt.Inf. o-2018275

G.R.Officer

Rank

ASN

Disinterment approved by, (HQ Authorizing Exhumation): C.O. 6890 G.R.Co. (Prov.)

Disinterment and *reburial/burial made by:

Date of *burial/reburial: 2 February 1946

Place of *burial/reburial U. S. Military Cemetery: Lt. Field, France

Plot XX

Row 5

Grave 50

NOTE: Additional particulars regarding investigation:
will be placed on additional sheet.

* Cross out word not applicable.

QMOYG 293
Cowart, Milton E.
SN 18 190 494

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

25 June 1946

Mr. Joseph J. Bonura
R.F.D. #1, Box 461
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Bonura:

Your letter concerning the late Staff Sergeant Milton E. Cowart, has been received in this office.

The official Report of Burial discloses that the remains of the late Staff Sergeant Milton E. Cowart were interred in Plot YYY, Row 5, Grave 50, in the United States Military Cemetery, St. Avold, France, located twenty-three miles east of Metz, France.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

cc: AAF

WILLIAM E. REID
1st Lieut., QMC
Assistant

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MAIL & RECORDS DIVISION

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RECORDS BRANCH

J. J. Bommar
R.F.D. 1, BOX 451
Bismarck, Texas

14782
Dear Sir

June 1-46

The Quartermaster General.
U.S. Army.

Washington 25-D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Please and kindly, if possible
Can you give me the town and name
of the U.S. Grave in France that
has the body of. STAFF. SERGEANT

443
MILTON E. COWART. 18.190.494

OF. 575 BOMB Sqd.

391st BOMB GROUP.

9th ARMY AIR FORCE

TAIL GUNNER ON B-26. (SILVER DOLLAR)

MISSING. Dec. 23-1944.

His body has been found and now
rests some where in France, would
be mighty happy to know in what U.S.
Cemetery. it is at rest.

Truly yr. Sincerely

Joseph J. Bommar

SPQYG 293 Cowart, Milton E. SN 18 190 494

3 June 1946

The necessity for complete coordination of movement in many parts of the world makes it impossible, at this time, to estimate when these forms will be forwarded to you. Please be assured, however, that your feelings in this matter are fully appreciated, and that your response, when received, will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

You need have no anxiety that the remains returned to you will not be those of your husband, inasmuch as every precaution is taken to preserve the identity of our deceased military personnel.

The body was properly identified before interment, and, at the time of interment, his identification tag was buried with his body for future identification.

The Report of Burial received in this office does not indicate the condition of your husband's body at the time of burial.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Adjutant General for direct reply relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of your husband as that office has jurisdiction over matters of this nature.

In view of the fact that the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri has been designated to receive and ship personal effects of military personnel who died overseas, a copy of your letter has also been forwarded to that office for direct reply to eliminate duplication of effort.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM E. REID
1st Lieut. *WMO*
Assistant

cc, AAF

mcj

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SPQYG 293
Cowart, Milton E.
SN 18 190 494

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

3 June 1946

Mrs. Carlyn E. Cowart
P. O. Box 204
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mrs. Cowart:

Your letter concerning your husband, the late Staff Sergeant Milton E. Cowart, has been received in this office.

The official Report of Burial discloses that the remains of your husband were interred in Plot YYY, Row 5, Grave 50, in the United States Military Cemetery, St. Avold, France, located approximately twenty-five miles east of Metz, France.

There are no provisions at the present time whereby the War Department may furnish photographs of individual graves located overseas. However, it is anticipated that, within the current calendar year, the War Department through the Headquarters, Army Air Forces, will be able to provide, upon request of the next of kin, a photograph of the military cemetery in which rest the remains of their loved one.

The War Department has now been authorized to remove the remains of your husband, at Government expense, to the final resting place which you designate.

When the necessary preliminaries have been completed, a letter with an information pamphlet and a "Request for Disposition" form attached will be mailed to you. The "Request for Disposition" form, when properly filled out, will constitute the formal expression of your detailed desires. Until you receive these forms, therefore, it will not be necessary for you to communicate with this office regarding this subject.

SPQYG 293

Cowart, Milton E.

1st Ind.

~~18 190 494~~

ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.; 3 June 46

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

Forwarded for reply to so much thereof as pertains to your office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl:

Cy ltr dtd 3 June 46

mcj

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ WILLIAM E. REID
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1st Lieut., QMG
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Assistant

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HEADQUARTERS
DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO R TING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
				DATE
1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU	KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI	
2				
3				

SPQYG 293

Coward, Milton E. S/Sgt.

SN 18 190 494

For necessary action.

PIERCE
XXXXXX REID

2 Incl. 46

Cy ltr dtd 23 Apr 46

Cy ltr dtd 3 June 46

FROM:

NAME

ORGANIZATION

BUILDING AND ROOM

DATE

3 June 46

mcj

TELEPHONE

MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION
BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25, D. C.W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115
1 October 1944This Form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115, 23 March 1944,
which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

25-37607-6250

PHOTOGRAPH

Cowart, Milton E. SN 18 190 494 S/Sgt.

USMC CEMETERY, ST. AVOLD, FRANCE
PLOT YYY, ROW 5, GRAVE 50

(Widow)

3 June 1946

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Mrs. M. E. Cowart

P. O. BOX 204

Beaumont, Texas

23 April 1946

Refer To:
AG 201 Cowart, Milton E.
PC- ETO 074

The Quartermaster General,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In a recent letter to me from Major Edward F. Witsell, telling me of the report now available in the War Department received from the American Graves Registration Service Command states that my husband's body has been recovered and buried in a United States Military Cemetery in France.

Major Witsell, referred me to you for further inquiry regarding the location of my husband's grave.

I would be grateful to know in what cemetery in France is my husband, and what is his grave number.

Could it be possible for me to receive some pictures of his grave.

Is there any way that I can find proof that it was my husband's body that was found? Shouldn't I receive one of his dog tags or some little proof? My husband wore a wedding ring with both our initials in it. I wonder if it was found?

I want to know will it be possible to have my husband sent home, it is my wish and the wish of his family.

I'd like all the information I can get about this and about his grave.

My husband was a brave young American boy and I'm so proud of him. I don't really know the cause of his death but I'm sure he bailed out of his plane.

I only pray that he didn't suffer and that his body wasn't mistreated. Can you in some way tell me if you know was his body in good condition and can I have him sent home in the near future?

I believe it will take all doubt away if I can learn all these things. I'm so thankful that he was found as it's like a load has been lifted but now it's the doubt that it may not be him. I'm glad though to know that if it is my husband that he is not in Germany and that he is buried among his friends and comrades.

Please give me all the information you can or refer me to some who can. I'll be so grateful to you for any information you have and for getting me some pictures of the grave.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Carolyn E. Cowart

Cowart, Milton E.
Serial Number
18190494

C O P Y

Mrs. M. E. COWART
P. O. Box 304
Beaumont, Texas

Refer To:
AG 201 Cowart, Milton E.
PC - ETO 074

23 April 1946

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I only pray that he didn't suffer and that his body wasn't mistreated. Can you in some way tell me if you know was his body in good condition and can I have him sent home in the near future?

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Please give me all the information you can or refer me to someone who can. I'll be so grateful to you for any information you have and for getting me some pictures of the grave.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Mrs. Carolyn E. Cowart

Cowart, Milton E.
SN 18 190 494

REBURIAL

RestrictedGraves Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

Jan. 23, 1946
Date

COWART

MILTON

E.

Unknown

18190494

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

Unknown

391 Bomb gp M

A.A.F.

575TH Bomb Sq

Unit

Organization

Manderscheid, Ger. (WL-3366)

Dec. 23, 1944

B.W. of left Chest

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1400 2 February 1946

U.S. Mil Cem. St. Avoird, France

Q-260584

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

50

5

YYY

Temp. Cross

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

1 I.D. Tag

REBURIALPreviously buried in isolated grave
located at Manderscheid, Ger. (WL-3366)
Map. Ref. Ger. 1/250,000 Koln K-51

1 I.D. Tag

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:

LINDSAY

13179858

Rank

Organization

51

Grave No.

Deceased's Left:

WATSON

34046985

Rank

Organization

49

Grave No.

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

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

MILTON E COWART
18190494 T43 44 B

Emergency Addressee: Unknown

Name

Unknown

Address

Religion: Protestant

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

2 Keys (White colored Metal)

A TRUE COPY:

/t/ WILLIAM H. BARNETT
2nd Lt. O-2018275
G.R. OfficerDON B. MOHLER
MAJOR, QMC

Disinterring Officer /s/ William H. Barnett

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Reinterring Officer /s/ Claude J. Davis

/t/ CLAUDE J. DAVIS, 2nd Lt. Inf., 608th QM GR
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

Co

IDENTIFICATION

IF A DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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

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

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Not Necessary Deceased Identified

Not Necessary Deceased Identified

Left Hand

Right Hand

Thumb

Thumb

TOOTH CHART

Deceased's Left								Deceased's Right							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Not Necessary Deceased Identified								Not Necessary Deceased Identified							
Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by —; missing anchor teeth by —; replacements by artificial teeth by —								Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by —; missing anchor teeth by —; replacements by artificial teeth by —							
Upper								Lower							

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

See attached Sketch

WILLIAM E. GOWART
1910-1941

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

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AG 201	NAME <u>COWART, MILTON E.</u> <u>18 190 494</u>	GRADE S/SGT HUS	DATE CAS. REPORT REC <i>APR 1946</i>
NAME AND AD- DRESS OF E. A.	CARLYN W. COWART BOX 204 BEAUMONT, TEXAS		DATE TELEGRAM SENT <i>1 letter recd April 4th 1946</i>

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

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

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
S/SGT	COWART, MILTON E.	18190494	AC	ETO	1	074
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN GERMANY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
				23	DEC	44
						1

no telegram sent since letter

REMARKS:

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XU PROJECT

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942 as amended, showing presumed date of death as 24 Dec 1945. This "Report of Death" based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.

REPORTS OF DEATH ISSUED 8 APRIL 1946. PLM

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
	0353	OTO	24 Dec 45 ETO
FORWARDED TO		E. A. NOTIFIED	
SPEC. IDEN.		29 Dec 45	
C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER	CERTIF.
F. REL.	CORRES.	REPAT	B. R. & D.
REPORT NOT VERIFIED	NO FORM 43	NO CAS. BR. FILE	CHECKED BY
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247 Cowart Milt. E.
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, 25. D. C.
18,190,494

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2. Further information, regarding circumstances of death, is not available at this Headquarters.

MCMARNEY

[Handwritten notes and stamps are visible over the typed text.]

E. H. KOREMAN,
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant Gen.

Report of Burial for :
S/Sgt. Milton E. COWART,
18190494.

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

REPORT OF DEATH

plm-3622

DATE

8 Apr 1946

FULL NAME <u>COWART, MILTON E.</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>18 190 494</u>		GRADE <u>S/SGT</u>	
HOME ADDRESS <u>Beaumont, Texas</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>AC</u>		DATE OF BIRTH <u>8 Feb 1924</u>	
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>		CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>23 Dec 1944</u>	
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>31 Oct 1942</u>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) <u>Carlyn W. Cowart, wife, Box 204, Beaumont, Texas</u>					
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) <u>Carlyn W. Cowart, wife, as above</u> <u>Ether Wayne Cowart, father, 4045 Reed St., Beaumont, Texas *</u>					
INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO	IN LINE OF DUTY YES NO	OWN MISCONDUCT YES NO	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS YES NO	AUTHORIZED ABSENCE YES NO	IN FLYING PAY STATUS YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT					OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below) YES NO
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE

* Lurline Brown, sister, 2380 Poplar St., Beaumont, Texas

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942 as amended, showing presumed date of death as 23 Dec 1944. This "Report of Death" based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Marie Ortilton

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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 Milton E. Cowart,

Army Serial Number 18,190,494, 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 oc-
curred on the 24th day of December, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Hebert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
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)			
8 Feb 1924	Beaumont, Texas	31 Oct 1942	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Carlyn W. Cowart	Wife	Box 204 Beaumont, Texas

* BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Carlyn Cowart	Wife	Box 204 Beaumont, Texas
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mr. Ether Wayne Cowart	Father	4045 Reed Street Beaumont, Texas

REMARKS

Distribution 56

* Alternate Beneficiary: Lurline Brown (Sister)
2380 Poplar Street
Beaumont, Texas

Circumstances of Disappearance: The subject person became missing in action when
JAN 4 1946
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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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

plm-3622

DATE 8 Apr 1946

FULL NAME COWART, MILTON E.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 18 190 494	GRADE S/SGT
HOME ADDRESS Beaumont, Texas		ARM OR SERVICE AC	DATE OF BIRTH 8 Feb 1924
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 23 Dec 1944
STATION OF DECEASED European Area	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 31 Oct 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)			

BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)
Carllyn W. Cowart, wife, Box 204, Beaumont, Texas

Carllyn W. Cowart, wife, as above

Ether Wayne Cowart, father, 4045 Reed St., Beaumont, Texas *

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT												<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE

* Lurline Brown, sister, 2380 Poplar St., Beaumont, Texas

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Marie Orsillon

ADJUTANT GENERAL

WAR DEPARTMENT
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Heahent
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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None						
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			Over	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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Mrs. Carlyn W. Cowart	Wife	Box 204 Beaumont, Texas

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BENEFICIARIES

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

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AG 201	NAME COWART, MILTON E. 18 190 494	GRADE S/SGT HUS	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVE
NAME AND AD- DRESS OF E. A.	CARLYN W. COWART BOX 204 BEAUMONT, TEXAS	1 letter rec'd April 4 th 1946	

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

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

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
S/SGT	COWART, MILTON E.	18190494	AC	ETO	1	074
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN GERMANY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
				23	DEC	44

no telegram and spec letter

REMARKS.

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XU PROJECT

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942 as amended, showing presumed date of death as 26 Dec 1945. This "Report of Death" based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.

REPORTS OF DEATH ISSUED 8 APRIL 1946. PLM

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):	
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	0353	01:0	24 Dec 45 ETO	29 Dec 45
FORWARDED TO	SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER
REPORT NOT VERIFIED	NO FORM 43	NO CAS. BR. FILE	CHECKED BY	REVIEWED BY
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME COWART MILTON E	SERIAL NUMBER 18190494	GRADE S SG	ARM OR SERVICE AC	REPORTING THEATRE ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY GERMANY9	DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR 23 DEC 44		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT I	TYPE OF CASUALTY MIA
		SHIPMENT NUMBER 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 MRS CARLYN COWART	RELATIONSHIP WIFE	DATE NOTIFIED 10 JAN 45 mld
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE BOX 204 I BEAUMONT TEXAS		

REMARKS:

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

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED ☒ OR CHARGED TO ☒ DATE ☒

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

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

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

REPORT NOT VERIFIED ☐ NO FORM 43 ☐ NO CAS. BR. FILE ☐ CHECKED BY *Haywood Stamps* REVIEWED BY *Kellaga*

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

FORM SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.																											
ACCT. AREA		CASUALTY STATUS			ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.			LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA		SSA POS.		RESIDENCE		COMP	RACE						
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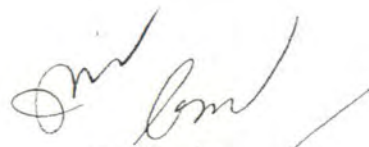
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PUM/BM/ah
16 May 1947

Mrs. Carlyn E. Cowart
P. O. Box 204
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mrs. Cowart:

Thank you for the information recently given the Army Effects Bureau in connection with disposal of personal property of your husband, Staff Sergeant Milton E. Cowart.

This property, consisting of two keys, was sent to you under separate cover on 13 May 1947.

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

The action of this Bureau of 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.

These keys were transmitted to this Bureau by a Graves Registration Officer overseas; however, no additional information is on record here.

I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Sincerely yours,

P. U. MAXEY
Lt Col, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

AMOUNT OF CHECK	NOTE DISCREPANCY IN	INCLOSE VAL	LES	RECIPIENT FROM
ACCOUNT NUMBER	NAME	SHIP VALUABLES		CASUALTY REPORT
	SERIAL NUMBER	VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)		INVENTORY
	RANK			FORM 20
<p>Mrs. Carolyn E. Cowart</p> <p>S/Sgt. Milton E. Cowart</p> <p>18190494</p> <p>358485 D</p> <p>P. O. Box 201</p> <p>Beaumont, Texas</p>				LETTER
				NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
				ENVELOPE
				CARTONS
				PACKAGE
				FOOT LOCKER
				SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
				REMOVE GI
				SHIP BLOODSTAINED
				SHIP DAMAGED
REMOVE BLOODSTAINED				
REMOVE DAMAGED				
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DIARY REMOVED				
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DATE OF FINDING	APPLICANT			MAIL REVIEWER (initials)
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				FRANKED
				EXPRESS
				FREIGHT
				DATE SHIPPED
				SHIPPING CLERK
				ROUTING
				ACCOUNTING BRANCH
				WAREHOUSE
				FILE
ORDER FOR ACTION				

EFF QM FORM 14
10 OCT 1945

ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		STATUS	
Y	INBOUND INVENTORY			DECEASED	
X	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL	MISSING			
	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.	P. O. W.			
1	TALLY IN FORM 43.	ABANDONED			
1	<i>Attache</i>	UNKNOWN			
	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	BELT	OVERCOATS	<i>2 Keep</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		
CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO		INFORMATION			
<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>			
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS		CROSS REFERENCE			
<i>Q R 10</i> <i>MILTON MART</i>					
REC'D	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK			
		TRANSMIT ORIGINAL			
		ORIG. REG. MAIL			
		TO G. A. O.			
		MUTILATED			
		TO ISSUING AGENCY			

Approved for

DAMAGED

TALLY IN
INVENTORY RECORD

BIN LOCATION: ready for K. City

INVENTORIED BY: C. Paine

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

UM/BM/mf

Case No. 358485

Date 12 May 1947

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Milton E. Cowart

(Name of deceased)

18190494

(Army Serial Number)

late a

Staff Sergeant

(Grade)

Air Corps

(Organization, Arm or Service) who died

on the 23 day of December, 1944, at European Area.

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 132, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 5 July 1946, 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 9 May 1947, pursuant to S.O. 132, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 5 July 1946, the application or affidavit of Mag. Charles E. Cowart