

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH **France** CASE NUMBER

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **Bucior, Bernard G.** RANK **1st Lt.** SERIAL NUMBER **0-1 294 972**

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

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
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	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>DMD</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>DMD</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	<i>Hayden</i>

REMARKS

*Possible association*

Identification data for the above decedent has been compared with QMC Forms 1944 for all Unresolved World War II Unknowns recovered from Fourcaville, Mance, France, area with negative results.

D.M. DEGEN

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>DMD</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>G E Newbaker</i>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Robert G. Lay</i> <b>ROBERT G. LAY</b>	<b>NOV 20 1950</b>

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

BUCIOR, BERNARD G.

RANK

1 LT

SERIAL NUMBER

01294972

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

7 JUNE 45

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

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DATE

24 OCT 50

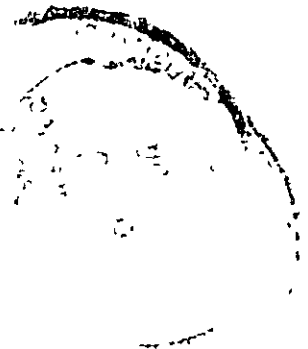
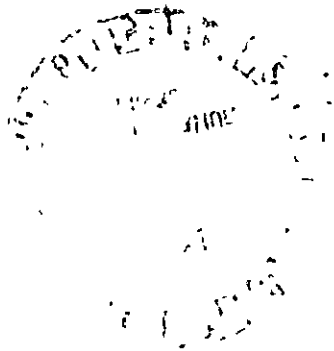
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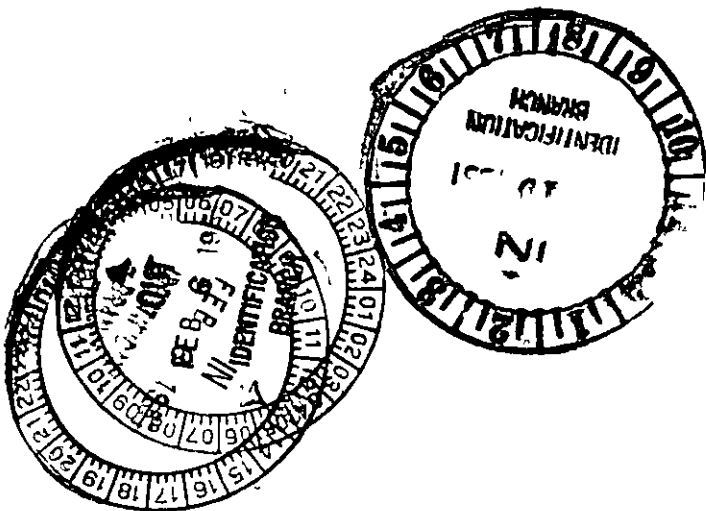
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REMARKS





## CONTROLLED CASE

NAME <del>1A</del> BUCIOR, Bernard G.	GRADE 1st Lt	SERIAL NO. O-1 294 972
<b>DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:</b>		
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### IMPORTANT

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**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE  
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER  
**14284 (1)**

AREA OR ZONE(S)

**European**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

**Bucior, Bernard G.**

RANK

**1st Lt**

SERIAL NUMBER

**01 294 972**

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

**Individual case**

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

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

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

None

File

SEP 7 1950

Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

**E. B. Mulford/dws**

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

**T. W. GUINER**

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

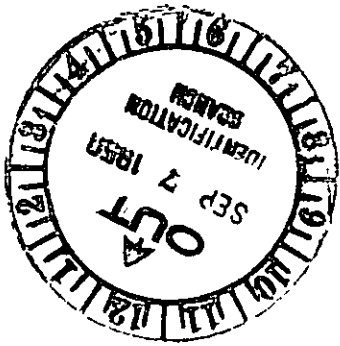
**ROBERT G. LAY, Capt QMC**

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

**THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC**

DATE

**7 Sept 50**



14 Aug 50  
14284

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

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with  
letter G.O-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47), D-1, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO # 66, Headquarters,  
American Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 14 June  
1950, at Liege, Belgium on 2 - AUG 1950  
The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status  
of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

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

CASE No.	NAME	GRADE	ASH
2.	BUCIOR, Bernard G.	1st Lt.	O-1 294 972

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before  
it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

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

*Edward D. Mulvaney*  
EDWARD D. MULVANEY, Lt Col, QIC

*James C. MacFarland*  
JAMES C. MACFARLAND, Major, QIC

*George Gunderman, Jr.*  
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*Gaylord E. Lutz*  
GAYLORD E. LUTZ, 1st Lt, QIC

*Raymond T. Rodriguez*  
RAYMOND T. RODRIGUEZ, CWO, USA

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

14 April 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to OQMG-Form 371 for First Lieutenant Bernard G. Bucior, OI 294 972.

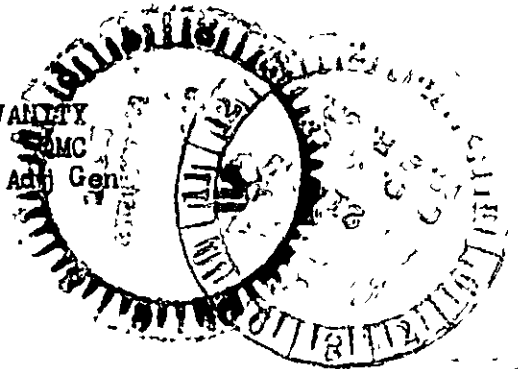
2. Records, this headquarters, indicate that the above participated in the initial airborne phase of the invasion at Normandy, France. He was injured and evacuated through the 1st Battalion, 502nd Para Infantry Aid Station to Contentin Peninsula, France. It is further stated that Lieutenant Bucior and Second Lieutenant Lloyd M. Evers, OI 293 739, were evacuated to an unknown hospital in the United Kingdom, aboard LST #283 on 7 June 1944. The body of Lieutenant Evers has been reburied in US Military Cemetery Brookwood (Plot T, Row 3, Grave #2). A US Navy report indicates that a check of battle conditions of LST #283 failed to reveal the names of either one of these officers. A Theater canvass showed no record of hospitalization.

3. No association with an unknown can be made with the information now on hand.

4. It is requested that a check of your files be made and any additional data, including latest dental chart, be forwarded this headquarters as an aid in resolving this casualty.

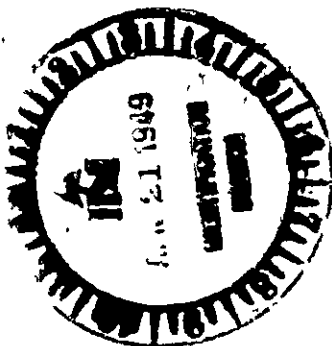
FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. MULVANEY  
Lt Col  
Actg Asst Adj Gen



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HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDER )  
NUMBER 31 )

28 March 1950

E X T R A C T

3. PAC Ltr WD AGO-S 293.9, 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 820-110-5 DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as following is apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANY,	QMC.,	O 359 598,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND,	QMC.,	O 1 576 321	
CAPT EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,	QMC.,	O 1 588 236	
1ST LT GAYLORD E. LUTZ,	QMC.,	O 1 595 665	
C/O LEODORE GOUDREAU,	USA.,	W 2 113 434	

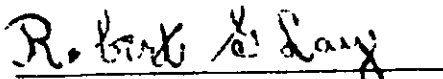
BY ORDER OF COLONEL BALLARD:

s/t/WILLIAM J. WOOD  
CAPT., FA,  
ADJUTANT

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ WILLIAM J. WOOD  
CAPT., FA  
Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:

  
ROBERT G. LAY  
Capt QMC

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

GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAME: Bucior, Bernard G. 1st Lt 0-1294972

ORGANIZATION: 502nd Parachute Infantry 101st  
Air-Borne Division

DATE OF DEATH: 6 June 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Fourcaville, Manch,  
France

SYNOPSIS: The above mentioned casualty became missing in action on 6 June 1944 in the vicinity of Fourcaville, Manch. while participating in the initial airborne phase of the invasion of France. After Action Report of decedents' organization indicated that Lt Bucior was leading a patrol, after parachuting safely, was hit by enemy small arms fire, and again by fragment of a mortar shell which inflicted five or six additional wounds. He was last seen making his way to his company, which at that time, was virtually disengaged. After this action, there is no additional information concerning the casualty, except that which is contained in the Plane loading list, and indicated he was evacuated through the 1st Bn., 502 Prcht Inf., aid station to Contentin Peninsula, France, where he boarded (reportedly) a U.S. LST Number 283. However, U.S. Navy reported a check of battle casualties of LST 283 failed to reveal the name of Lt Bucior as having been aboard the vessel. No search for Lt Bucior was made by his organization since he was reported evacuated. All unknown deceased recovered from this area have been checked with negative results, and also an attempt to locate

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decedents' remains in the United Kingdom proved negative. It is logical to conclude that Lt Bucior died either from wounds received in action or was killed by the enemy, and his remains were disposed of in a manner and unknown location which precludes recovery. The fact that field investigations were negative, and attempts to associate the remains of unknown American deceased recovered from this area with subject decedent also proved negative, would tend to substantiate this conclusion. It is, therefore, recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; After Action Report, 522 Prcht Inf; On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Plane Loading List # 35, attached hereto.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file headquarters American Graves Registration Detachment.

3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials.

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

*C. W. Steinsiek*  
C. W. STEINSIEK  
Captain, OMC

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REFERENCE TO LT BUCIOR

PLANE TAIL NUMBER 728

CHALK NUMBER 35

PLANE CREW:

2nd Lt Busch, Arthur R.	0-679 991	Pilot
2nd Lt Beck, Thomas W.	0-686 802	Co-Pilot
S/Sgt Moxcey, John T.	17 019 558	Crew Chief
Sgt D'Angelo, Frank P.	12 133 412	Radio Operator

PLANE DROP LOAD (Passengers)

PRESENT STATUS

1st Lt Bucior Bernard G.	0-294 972	MIA
Sgt Johnson, Richard F.	10 082 774	SWA
Pvt McEuen, Albert	33 071 437	Trfd to Prcht Sch
Pfc Steinfeld, John	11 045 426	Duty
Pvt Fruediger, Jarmon A	18 076 429	Duty
Pvt Aldridge Wendell P.	31 276 991	Duty
Pvt Collins, Louis T.	13 121 495	Hospital Unknown, B
Sgt Torchetti, Guy A.	32 094 376	KIA
Pvt Slaysman, James J.	13 069 237	Deceased
Pfc Gentile, Michael C.	12 079 532	Trfd to Prcht Sch
Pvt Fulmer, Edward L.	33 556 579	KIA
Tec 5 Bowers LeRoy R.	16 048 013	SWA
Cpl Featherston, Clyde E.	18 135 839	KIA
Pfc Suski, John E.	15 089 775	KIA
Pfc Matthews, Donald M.	14 124 098	Duty
Pvt Hicks, Warren H.	15 119 141	Duty

Known Details:

Lt Bucior jumped with this Unit (502nd Prcht Inf) in Normandy, France. He helped eliminate several enemy positions until wounded. He was evacuated through the 1st Bn, 502nd Prcht Inf., Aid station, to Cotentin Peninsula France where he was boarded as US LST NO 283. 2nd Lt Lloyd M. Evers O1 273 739 was aboard the same LST at the same time. Lt Evers was reported KIA by the US Navy. However the Navy did not relate if he was KIA by being bombed, strafed, or by drowning. This information has led this headquarters to believe that Lt Bucior was in the same category. No search was made for Lt Bucior as it was known that he was evacuated. A thorough attempt to locate him in the UK, failed to produce any results.

INCLOSURE No 1

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AG 704(26 Jul 49)

26 July 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. The following-named personnel of the organizations indicated, were reported missing in action in France, 6 June 1944 and all of them except Private Sokol were reported in Jump pay status by the shipments shown opposite their names. They were presumed dead as of 7 June 1945, under the provisions of the Missing Persons Act:

a. 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>PTC Ship No.</u>
2d Lt	Durham, James L.	01106109	CE 104
Pvt	Ellis, Elmer	20406903	CE 104

b. 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion:

S Sgt	White, Melvin G.	35135831	FA 133
T 5	Legg, Joseph H.	15112780	MD 133
Pfc	Baur, Frank X.	33143678	FA 133
Pvt	Barr, Charles E.	38513883	FA 133
Pvt	O'Bryan, Charles E.	20746704	FA 133

c. 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment:

T 5	Berlin, John C.	18151944	Inf 107
T 4	Eady, Caley J.	14142168	Inf 116

d. 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment:

1st Lt	Bucior, Bernard G.	01294972	Inf 263
Sgt	Sparks, Carl J.	18070327	Inf 130
Cpl	Lapikas, John M.	73113283	Inf 130
Pfc	Lesko, John P.	13048930	Inf 263
Pvt	Auman, Pershing D.	33050772	Inf 130
Pvt	Bacor, Lewis C.	37302484	Inf 027
Pvt	Hill, Joseph D.	16039974	Inf 130
Pvt	Hudak, Joseph B.	33423375	Inf 263
Pvt	Jesper, Robert E.	32804484	Inf 263
Pvt	Rodriguez, Julio T.	20133561	Inf 130

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**JUL 29 1949**

G. W. Rogers  
 Capt., GIC  
 Identification Branch

## e. 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

1st Lt	Howard, Gerald V., Jr.	01011179	Inf	111
Pvt	Weirich, Glen L.	35541533	Inf	111

## f. 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

T 5	O'Rourke, James W.	32370027	Inf	263
Pvt	Sokol, Sylvester F.	33365213	Inf	141
Pvt	Van Sickle, Jack D.	36403881	Inf	141

## g. 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

Pfc	Hall, Charlie L.	14140065	Inf	133
Pvt	Zwyers, Robert W.	15333992	Inf	133

2. All of the above named persons were paratroopers and members of organizations to be landed on the Cherbourg Peninsula on the early morning of 6 June 1944, to secure and hold specified enemy objectives pending the landing of Allied ground troops later the same morning. These operations were carried out amid heavy gun fire from every type of artillery and against superior numbers of enemy troops.

3. The persons listed in paragraph 1a, above, Lieutenant Durham and Private Ellis, were both members of Company "B" 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. A "Missing Report" states that Lieutenant Durham became missing in action in the vicinity of Ste. Sauveur Le Vicomte, about 17 miles south and east of the city of Cherbourg, although his intended destination was near Ste. Mere Eglise. The report states he was not seen after he left his plane and that no search was conducted for him. The Service Record of Private Ellis states that he became missing when he made a "combat preht jump in vicinity of Cherbourg, France". A copy of Evader and Escaper Report number 1155, dated 25 August 1944, is filed with the permanent copy of SR&D Case No. 3120, AGPC-S 704 - Dead (7 Jun 45). This report is based on statements of Private Francis J. Maloney, 31362688, a parachutist who was captured by the enemy on 13 June 1944 and returned to duty with the Allied forces on 25 August 1944. The report states that Maloney had reported that Lieutenant Durham had been killed in action. No remains have been reported recovered that have definitely been associated with either of these persons. However, efforts are now being made by the Office of The Quartermaster General to associate Lieutenant Durham with unknown remains X-70, St. Andre.

a. Under date of 19 April 1945 an inquiry was directed by this office to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, requesting all available facts and circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Private Ellis, Lieutenant Durham

and one other member of Company B, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. The fourth indorsement to this communication, sets forth the circumstances under which the members of this unit parachuted into France. However, no definite information is revealed concerning the disappearance of Lieutenant Lambert and Private Ellis, who are known to have parachuted from the plane. An unreliable report that Lieutenant Durham's body was seen, is mentioned in the report, which states that no word, hearsay or otherwise had been received regarding Private Ellis. These men were not seen after leaving the plane and no contact has been made with them since.

4. The Qualification Card and Service Record of each of the five members of the 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion listed in paragraph 1b, above, indicate that they became missing in action in France on 6 June 1944. No additional information appears to be available concerning them and efforts of the Office of The Quartermaster General to associate them with unknown remains have been unsuccessful.

5. The Casualty report pertaining to Technician Fourth Grade Eady reported him missing in action on 9 June 1944, and this date also appears on his Qualification Card and Service Record. Under date of 27 March 1945 inquiry was sent to the Commanding General, ETCUSA, AGPC-S 704 (27 Mar 45), to obtain more information concerning T 4 Eady. Sixth indorsement added to the basic communication, under date of 9 April 1945 by Headquarters, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, refers to an inclosed true copy of statement of Pfc Bert Ferguson, who was the last person to see Eady. The inclosure referred to is an undated "MISSING REPORT" which shows the date of Eady's disappearance as 6 June 1944. Ferguson's statement, which is quoted below, is included in the report:

"I, Bert Ferguson, Pfc, 15054795, was in the same plane with Calcy J. Eady T 4, 14142168. He was last seen when he left the door of the plane directly in front of me on our jump in France 0138 6 June 1944. He was never seen by me afterwards."

a. The "Missing Report" from which the foregoing quotation is taken also states that, "After thorough investigation it is evident that this man Eady was never seen either alive or dead after having left the door of his plane."

b. This appears to be all of the available information pertaining to T 4 Eady, and there is no report that his remains have been recovered.



c. Missing Air Crew Report number 7801, dated 8 June 1944, shows that Technician Fifth Grade Berlin was a passenger aboard C-47A aircraft number 42-24077, on the date of his disappearance. The plane had departed England on a "Parachute Drop" mission over Northern France, and was last sighted at about 0120 hours, east of Eticville, France and was reported believed to have been lost as a result of anti-aircraft fire. The crew report shows that the plane was manned by a crew of four and carried seventeen passengers of the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment. Of the total number of twenty-one persons all have been reported killed in action, except the above named person. The subject person's AG 201 file contains a letter dated 10 August 1944, Subject: "Missing Personnel", from Headquarters, Company "G", 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, concerning the loss of aircraft number 42-24077, which reads as follows:

"1. T/5 John C. Berlin, ASN 18151944 was a passenger in Plane # AC 42-24077 which was hit by AA fire on approach to Drop Zone near Hiesville, France /located about 3 and one-half miles southeast of Ste. Mere Eglise/.

"Plane was seen to go down in flames and to date none of personnel in plane have been reported as alive and well. Remains were evidently found by some other unit as some personnel have been reported dead through identification of 'dog tags'."

6. Five of the persons listed in paragraph 1d above were initially reported "Seriously wounded in action" or "slightly injured in action", on 6 June 1944, however their status was subsequently changed to "missing in action" as of the same date by later casualty reports. They were Lieutenant Bucior, Pfc Lesko, Privates Bacon, Hudak and Jesper.

a. A "MISSING REPORT" contained in the AG 201 file of Lieutenant Bucior states that a platoon runner reported that Lt Bucior was wounded and had left the Battalion Aid Station. This report indicates that Lieutenant Bucior was evacuated to Utah Beach. Casualty Branch message number 331035, states that every available source had been contacted for information as to this Officer's status or whereabouts and in view of the fact that his location was unknown, his status was being changed to "Missing in Action", 6 June 1944. Under date of 23 July 1945, the following messageform was received from Headquarters, U. S. Forces, ETO:

"1. Reference is made to paragraph 11, 7th Indorsement, this Headquarters, AG 201 Bucior, dated 7 June 1945, to Messageform your office, AGFC-S 704 (19 April 45).

"2. Your attention is invited to inclosure 1, Letter Headquarters 502 Parachute Infantry, dated 9 November 1944.

"3. Thorough check of record of battle casualties of LST No 283 by Commander U.S. Naval Forces in Europe fails to reveal the name of Lt Bucior\*\*\*\* as having been aboard LST.

"4. Upon receipt of any additional information in this case it will be forwarded to your office by essential air-mail."

b. The AG 201 file of Lieutenant Bucior contains a copy of a letter dated 6 November 1946, from this office, transmitting an identification bracelet bearing his name, which was found loose in the mails, to the Emergency Addressee of Lieutenant Bucior. This bracelet was transmitted to this office by letter of 26 December 1945, Headquarters, Central Postal Directory, Seine Section, APO 743, U.S. Army.

c. Under date of 29 March 1945, this office forwarded an inquiry to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, requesting the basis for the change in status of Private First Class Lesko. Information received from that office by Fifth Indorsement, dated 18 April 1945, Headquarters 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment with which was inclosed a "Missing Report" indicated the possibility that Pfc Lesko was still alive. The report revealed that Pfc Lesko had landed and had been wounded. The statements of witnesses inclosed with the "Missing Report", failed to indicate the correct status of Pfc Lesko, indicating that he was wounded, captured, had been evacuated by the medics or had been evacuated to the United States. His personnel records reveal no information regarding hospitalization or return to the United States. No information has been received regarding the recovery of his body.

d. The Casualty file of Private Bacon contains a copy of a "Missing Report" stating that his last known whereabouts was on 6 June 1944, when he was seen going from door of plane, over Normandy, France. The following remarks appear upon the report:

"Pvt Bacon was in a plane which dropped its men in and near the town of St. Martin de Verriville. The men met enemy resistance which consisted of machine gun and rifle fire and were driven out of town before they had the chance to assemble."

ETO Shipment No. 027 reported that Private Bacon's status was changed to Missing in Action.

e. "Missing Report", dated 6 March 1945, filed in Private Hudak's Casualty file shows that he departed Membrey, England, for Normandy France, on 6 June 1944. The following "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE" appears on the report:

"Pvt Hudak was shot in the left leg and right foot and treated by a Bn Aid Station. He was then evacuated to Utah Beach. This information was taken from a Bn. Aid Station Medical Plotter, and subject EM was never once seen by any member of this company after leaving the airplane." Private Hudak's Service Record jacket contains a medical card showing that he was wounded as stated in the report.

f. Private Jesper's Casualty file contains a "Missing Report", dated 6 March 1945, showing that he departed England on a mission over Normandy, France. The report states that he was last seen in the plane prior to jump, jumped on objective on Utah Beach. The following "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE" appears on the report:

"Jesper, Robert E. jumped as a wireman in Pfc Hutchins, Jesper D. crew. In that crew one was killed, one in the Hospital and Pfc Hutchins is present for duty. He jumped close to the beach, however men jumped behind him that landed on the ground."

His casualty file also contains a copy of a letter dated 19 June 1945 from Headquarters, 502d Parachute Infantry, to Mrs. L. Schaum, Brooklyn, New York, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"Prior to being captured, your nephew was wounded. However, at the time, the Battalion Medical Sergeant was with him and administered first aid necessary to enable him to carry on. Immediately upon their recapture Robert and another member of the Regiment, Cpl Leonard H. Pitzen, 35040034, Company "I" Third Battalion, were evacuated to an Aid Station near the beach. Cpl Pitzen stated the following at an interview I had with him. Robert received a chest wound but was doing very well, he was in very good spirits while at the Aid Station, awaiting transportation to England. He left the Aid Station prior to Cpl Pitzen and from that time on, I have been unable to find any trace of him.

"We have had cases similar to this and in many instances, have been able to trace the individuals to the beach and the hospital ship enroute for England, but unable to ascertain whether or not they reached their destination."

g. Private Jesper was initially reported as wounded in action, and his status was changed to Missing in Action by DFC Shipment No. 263, following an investigation which revealed no information regarding his hospitalization, or whereabouts.

h. The records of Private Rodriguez reveal no information regarding him except that he was reported missing in action, and there is no report of the recovery of his remains.

7. First Lieutenant Howard and Private Weirich, listed in paragraph 1c, above, were, according to Missing Air Crew Report Number 6167, dated 8 June 1944, passengers aboard C-47-A aircraft number 42-100905. The personnel comprising the crew of the aircraft have been reported killed in action, 6 June 1944. The Crew Report shows that the plane carried as passengers, eighteen members of Company "I" 3rd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry, including Lieutenant Howard and Private Weirich. The report does not reveal any circumstances regarding the loss of the plane, except that it did not return to base with its formation.

a. A Classified communication was dispatched by this office, AGFC-S 704 (19 Apr 45) dated 19 April 1945, to the European Theater of Operations requesting additional information concerning the disappearance of Lieutenant Howard, and the enlisted personnel on board the same plane. The tenth indorsement to this communication from Headquarters, 506th Parachute Infantry, dated 8 June 1945 furnishes the information quoted below from paragraph three.

"3.	1st Lt	Howard, Gerald V., Jr.	0-011179
	Cpl	Signall, Donald E.	19138691
	Pfc	Smith, Frederick P.	13104102
	Pvt	Phillips, Howard Mill	34763635
	Pvt	Weber, Paul J.	36575829
	Pvt	Weirich, Glen L.	35544533

The above personnel were [sic] all in a plane which blew up. Members of Company 'I' saw the plane blow up, and they believe that some of the men may have cleared the plane, but it is not known how many and who they were. This Headquarters also checked the loading manifest of all men on said plane; with the exception of the above Officer and Enlisted Men they are all reported KIA."

b. With the exception of Lieutenant Howard and Private Weirich, all of the persons listed in the quotation in the preceding sub-paragraph have been reported killed in action.

c. A letter, dated 10 November 1944, from Senator Raymond E. Willis, which is filed in Private Weirich's AG 201 file, indicates that Weirich's parents had received information to the effect that their son was buried in France. However, information received from Headquarters, ETOUSA, upon inquiry of this office, verified his status as MIA, and there is no record, at this time, of the identification of any remains, by the Office of The Quartermaster General, as the body of Private Weirich.

8. Technician Fifth Grade O'Rourke, was initially reported seriously injured in action by DTO Shipment Number 107, and his status was subsequently changed to missing in action 6 June 1944. His AG 201 file contains a copy of a letter of this office to the Commanding General ETOUSA dated 28 March 1945 requesting clarification of his status. Information contained in the Fourth Indorsement to this communication reveals that he was reported as seriously injured in action on 6 June 1944 per a casualty report by Captain Disney H. Goren, organization unknown, and that extracts of medical blotters of the 4th Infantry Division indicated that this soldier had been admitted to the 4th Infantry Division aid station on 7 June 1944 with a fractured right foot. The tenth indorsement to this communication states that Tec 5 O'Rourke jumped in Normandy, France, with the Medical Detachment of the 507th Parachute Infantry, at about 0200 hours, 6 June 1944, and that so far as could be determined no member of that unit had seen him since. It is also stated that he was reported seriously injured in action, on the basis of the report that he had received medical treatment. The combat report and combat morning report showed him as Missing in action. Tec 5 O'Rourke's service record shows that he became missing in action 6 June 1944. There does not appear any information indicating that he was hospitalized.

a. The records pertaining to Privates Sokol and Van Sickle, reveal no additional information regarding their status, and there is no information to indicate that their remains have been reported as recovered.

9. Private Zwyer's AG 201 file contains a letter, dated 23 February 1945, from his father in which is quoted unofficial information from a former buddy of Private Zwyer, indicating that Private Zwyer had been badly wounded and expressing the belief that he was dead. No official information has ever been received concerning his death.

a. No information is contained in the personnel records of Pfc Hall other than that he was reported missing in action.

10. Captured German records do not appear to contain any information regarding any of the subject persons nor have they been reported prisoners of war. No Burial Reports have been received for any of them, and the Office of The Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, has advised that efforts to definitely associate them with unidentified remains have been unsuccessful.

11. While all of the known circumstances surrounding the disappearance of these men appear to indicate that they were in fact killed on 6 June 1944, before or after they jumped from the carrier planes, insufficient evidence exists to justify such a conclusion.

12. It is therefore concluded that information of record in the Department of the Army, at this time, does not conclusively establish date or place of death, and the issuance of an official report of death for each of the subject persons, pursuant to the provisions of the Missing Persons Act is not warranted.

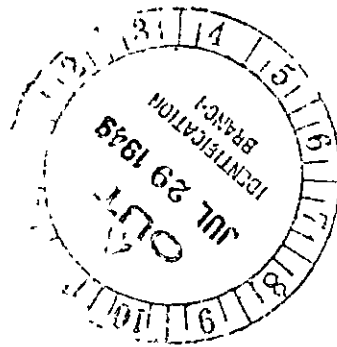
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Copy Furnished: Central Files  
 AG 201 and OQ:G 293 file of each individual named  
 in par 1.

Source material obtained as a result of this  
 investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of  
 2d Lt Durham, James L., 01106109, unless other-  
 wise indicated.



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Bucior, Bernard G.

SN-01294972

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQIB, Washington 25, D. C., 6 June 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,  
European Area, APO 68, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Inclosed herewith is a copy of Extracts from S. R. & D. Report #3120 and a photostatic copy of the After Action Report of the 502nd Parachute Infantry which gives all the information available in the records of the Department of the Army concerning the loss of 1/Lt Bernard G. Bucior, O-1294972.

2. Also inclosed are photostatic copies of Forms 79 for subject decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

3 Incls:

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2. After Action Rpt
3. Forms 79

T. H. METZ

Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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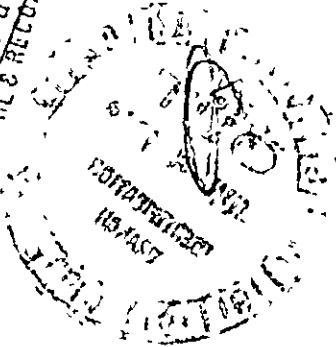
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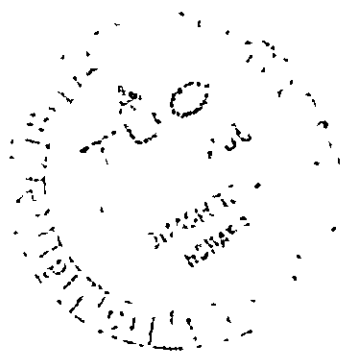


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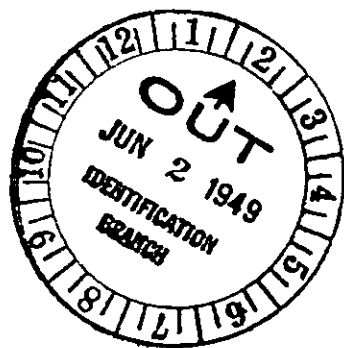
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1 NO	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Iden. Br. Search Info. Sec.  Mackenburg	Admin. Pentagon Liaison	24 May 1949	<p>1. Reference is made to attached correspondence.</p> <p>2. SR&amp;D Report # 3120 for 1st. Lt. Bernard G. Bucior, O-294972, on file in this office, makes no mention of place of death of subject decedent.</p> <p>3. Burial Report on file for 2 Lt. Lloyd M. Evers, O-1293739, indicates that he died aboard LST 501 not 283. If no more information can be found in Army records relative to disposition of the remains of Lt. Bucior, request Navy check battle conditions of USS LST 501 for record of Lt. Bucior. Missing date: 6 June 1944.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>LWR</i> Rogers 72000</p> <p>Ref. Ltr. # 955</p>
2	QM Pentagon Liaison Office	Iden. Br. Search Info. Sec.  <u>Mackenburg</u>	27 May 1949	<p>A check with the Navy Ship Sinking Section shows a negative report on 1st Lt. Bernard G. Bucior, O-294972 as being on either LST 501 or 283 on 6 June 1944.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>S. J. S.</i>  <b>SEROWSKI</b>                      6679                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>E. M. D.</i>  <b>DYER</b>                      73090                 </p>

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1	Iden Br Search Info Sec  Lee	Admin Pentagon Liaison  Major Sekowski	27 Apr 1949	Request SR&D Report on First Lieutenant Bernard G. Bucior, 01294972.   ROGERS 72000  Ref Ltr #955
2	QM Pentagon Liaison Office  <u>Lee</u>	Iden Br Search Info Sec  <u>Lee</u>	17 May 1949	Inclosed herewith is information requested above, also inclosed is information obtained from AGF Historical files, Operations Report concerning the death of the above Officer.   SEKOWSKI 6679  DYER 73090

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7 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status  
under the Missing Persons Act.

I. - FACTS

1. The following-named personnel of the organizations indicated, have been carried on War Department records as missing in action in France since 6 June 1944; all except Private Sokol were reported in jump pay status by the shipments shown opposite their names:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ETO SHIP- MENT NUMBER</u>
.....			
f. 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment:			
Bucior, Bernard G.	01294972	First Lieutenant	263
.....			

7. Six of the twelve personnel of the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment whose status is herein under consideration were initially reported "seriously wounded in action" or "slightly injured in action" on 6 June 1944 as indicated below and their status was subsequently changed to "missing in action" as of the same day by the shipments shown opposite their names in paragraph 1f, above:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SYMBOL</u>	<u>SHIPMENT</u>
Bucior, Bernard G.	SWA	ETO 101
Lesko, John P.	SWA	ETO 109
Bacon, Lewis C.	LIA	ETO 101
Hester, Robert G.	SWA	ETO 101
Hudak, Joseph B.	SWA	ETO 109
Jesper, Robert E.	SWA	ETO 103

a. In connection with the change in Lieutenant Bucior's status, confidential message number E 67334, dated 25 November 1944, from Paris, France,

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(Casualty Branch Message Number 331035) states that every available source had been contacted for information as to this officer's status or whereabouts and that in view of the fact that his location was unknown, his status was being changed to "missing in action", 6 June 1944.

b. Under date of 29 March 1945, this office dispatched a confidential communication to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, requesting the basis for the change of status in Private First Class Lesko's status. Paragraph 1 of Fifth Indorsement, added to basic communication on 18 April 1945 at Headquarters, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, reads as follows:

"1. In view of the missing report and attached statements of witnesses (inclosure #1), it is the opinion of this Headquarters that Pfc Lesko is still alive somewhere. A further investigation of the statements made by the witnesses \* \* \* is being made. If more information becomes available it will be forwarded immediately." (No subsequent information has been received)

c. The inclosed "missing report" referred to in the preceding quotation shows that Lesko participated in the invasion of Western Europe and the following "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE" appears on the report:

"Pfc Lesko, John P. 13048930, a member of this company was a soldier that parachuted into enemy territory near FOURCAVILLE, NORMANDY, FRANCE. He was known to been in the planes that took off from MEMBURY field ENGLAND and he landed by parachute on the coast of FRANCE. Pfc Lesko was seen by soldiers of this company on the ground the 6 June 1944 and stated he was badly wounded in on of his legs. Later the same men, not all of them present, stated Pfc Lesko was treated by 4th Infantry Division medics, who landed on the beach after our jump further inland."

d. The statements of witnesses inclosed with the "missing report" partly quoted above, read as follows:

"Pfc. Fiero, Archie F. 31,236,280 (Deceased later) stated at one time he saw Pfc Lesko on the land after the jump and he was wounded in the leg.

"S Sgt Merlano, Louis P. 12 058 767 (hearsay) heard Pfc Lesko was captured and also hit but didn't know where. He heard that Pfc Lesko, Pfc Fiero and Pvt Auten were held prisoners in a pill box, which was later attacked by the 4th Infantry Division. Pvt

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Auten who volunteered to surrender the pill box, was killed upon stepping into the open. Later when the place was taken Pfc Lesko and Fiero were picked up by 4th Infantry Division medic's.

"Pfc Charles, Elmer A. 39 181 223, believes he saw Pfc Lesko after jumping and that he had a broken leg and was later captured.

"S Sgt Nelson, Veasy W. 20 407 688, states that Pfc Lesko was hit in the leg and was in a pill box near the coast, and that 4th Infantry Division medic's took him and Pvt Hudak, another member formerly of this command,

"T Sgt Anderson, Fred R. 6 862 846 (hearsay) heard that Pfc Lesko was evacuated by medic's with Pfc Edward Foley a former member of this command.

"S Sgt Bowdle, Edward C. 12 047 643 (hearsay) heard Pfc Lesko was wounded in leg and evacuated to beach.

"Cpl McGahan, John J. 33 263 539 (hearsay) heard Pfc Lesko was back in States.

"Pfc Nezerski, Alfred L. 13 048 878 (a personal friend of Pfc Lesko) stated he had a letter from Pfc Lesko's sister, who resided at Mt Carmel, Pa., that Pfc Lesko had written from Hospital Central Postal Directory, APO 640, US Army. Stating that his condition was serious and would probably be sent back to the states."

e. Private First Class Lesko's enlisted jacket contains a letter, dated 4 October 1944, Subject: "Service Record Entries" and the Second Indorsement thereto, added at Headquarters, Detachment of Patients, 4105, U S Army Hospital Plant, APO 649, states that, "Records at this headquarters indicate that Subject EM never hospitalized at this installation."

f. Confidential message number C 87518 from Cheltenham, England, dated 27 August 1944 (Casualty Branch message number 241052) states that Private Hester's status was being changed to "missing in action" as of 6 June 1944 since a thorough search of hospitals, former organization, replacement depots, machine records units, evacuation rosters, postal locator files and Graves Registration Service revealed no record of this soldier after he was reported wounded. This soldier's AG 201 file contains a letter from his sister, Mrs. Clara H. French, dated 5 January 1945, in which she states that she had received several letters from boys who knew Private Hester and that these letters led her to believe that her brother was now in a hospital somewhere in England or the United States



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"UNIDENTIFIED". Therefore, under date of 29 March 1945, this office sent a request to Mrs. French to furnish the letters from which she obtained her information for use in the investigation of her brother's status. A tracer to this letter was dispatched on 12 May 1945. However, to date no reply to either letter or tracer has been received.

g. Examination of Private Hudak's AG 201 file reveals an undated V-Mail letter written by this soldier's sister, Mrs. M. Zelaska, to the Commanding Officer of her brother's organization in quest of information about his disappearance. A copy of the reply, dated 5 January 1944, which is also filed in Hudak's AG 201 file, reads, in part, as follows:

"We reported Pvt. Joseph B. Hudak, 33 423 375, as being seriously wounded in action, 6 June, 1944, in France. After an investigation failed to reveal his place of hospitalization, his status was changed to Missing in Action \* \* \*.

"I am very sorry but that is all the information we have. If any more information becomes available, it will be reported, and the War Department will notify his next of kin."

h. "MISSING REPORT", dated 6 March 1945 which is filed in Hudak's Casualty Branch file, shows that this soldier departed Membrey, England, on a "Neptune" mission over Normandy, France on 6 June 1944. The following "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE" appears on the report:

"Pvt Hudak was shot in the left leg and right foot and treated by a Bn Aid Station. He was then evacuated to Utah Beach. This information was taken from a Bn. Aid Station Medical Blotter, and subject EM was never once seen by any member of this company after leaving the airplane."

i. Item 7 of confidential message number E 84557, dated 10 January 1945, from Paris (Casualty Branch message number 011133), concerns the status of Private Jesper and is in reply to a Casualty Branch inquiry concerning machine records report of change cards, filed with this soldier's enlisted records, which are dated subsequent to the date of his disappearance. The aforementioned Item 7 states that report of change dated 15 June 1944 indicated change from duty status to attached unassigned and hospitalized in line of duty for serious wounds received 6 June 1944 and that report of change dated 14 September 1944 indicated change of status from attached unassigned to "lost to hospital", detachment of patients unknown. It is further indicated that this information was derived from a search of true extract copies of morning reports of the

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502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment and that the changes were rendered for the purpose of providing jump pay for Jesper during the 90-day period, 15 June to 14 September 1944, inclusive. The message also states that investigation revealed no basis for the change card dated 24 August 1944 and that soldier's correct status was missing in action. Private Jesper's Casualty Branch file contains a "Missing Report", dated 6 March 1945 which shows that he departed Greenham Common, England, on a "Neptune" mission over Normandy, France. The report states that his last known whereabouts was "in the plane prior to jump, jumped on objective on Utah Beach /east coast of Cherbourg Peninsula/ with the 2nd BN 502 Prcht Inf." The following "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE" appears on the report:

"Jesper, Robert E. jumped as a wireman in Pfc Hutchins, Jesper D. crew. In the crew one was killed, one in the hospital and Pfc Hutchins is present for duty. He jumped close to the Beach, however men jumped behind him that landed on the ground."

The following "REMARKS" also appear on the "MISSING REPORT":

"A Patrol in a truck was sent out over the entire area on the 9th June 1945 to look for men still missing. The area where Robert E. Jesper jumped had been searched at that time."

j. Upon examination of the AG 201 and Casualty Branch files of the six personnel of the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment who were initially reported in the status of "missing in action" on 6 June 1944, it was revealed that Private First Class Cassel's Casualty Branch file contains a cross reference to a Casualty Branch message of inquiry to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, dispatched on or about 2 November 1944, which was based on a report that mail addressed to soldier had been returned to his father marked "deceased". Confidential message number E 65924 from Paris, dated 21 November 1944 (Casualty Branch message number 327080) which was received in reply to inquiry shows that Cassel's status remained unchanged and that returned mail had been erroneously marked "deceased".

k. Service Records for two of the enlisted men initially reported wounded or injured, Privates Bacon and Hester, have not been received in the War Department. Under date of 19 April 1945, this office dispatched a confidential communication to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, requesting disposition made of Service Records of these men. The communication also requested further information concerning the disappearance of these and other members of the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment whose status is herein under consideration. However, to date no reply has been received to this inquiry.

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II - CONCLUSIONS

1. The eighty "paratroopers" whose status is herein under consideration became missing in action in France on 6 June 1944. Elements of the various organizations to which these men were assigned landed by parachute on the Cherbourg Peninsula in the early morning of 6 June 1944 to secure and hold specified enemy objectives pending the landing of Allied ground troops later the same morning which marked the beginning of the invasion of Western Europe. As indicated in the source material presented in Part I, above, operations were carried out amid heavy gun fire from every type enemy artillery and against superior numbers of enemy troops.

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4. The possibility of survival seems to have also existed for a time in the cases of Technician Fifth Grade O'Rourke, of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and six enlisted personnel of the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, since all seven of these men were initially reported as casualties on 6 June 1944 in a "wounded" or "injured" status. The status of these men was subsequently changed to missing in action and reports received in connection with investigations conducted in most of their cases show that the status changes resulted from canvasses of hospitals or examinations of records in the European Theater which failed to reveal any indication as to the whereabouts of these men.

5. A period of twelve months has elapsed since the subject personnel disappeared and an examination of all pertinent records available to the War Department fails to reveal any official report that any of these men were captured by the enemy as prisoners of war, returned to military control or interned in a neutral country. The absence of such reports over this long period of time seems to render any possibility of continued survival of the personnel referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4, above, practically non-existent, and serves to augment the probability of death in the cases of all other subject personnel.

6. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, it is concluded that the persons whose status is herein considered may not "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

III - RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that the records of Technician Fourth Grade Caley J. Eady, 14,142,168, and Technician Fifth Grade Arthur M. Goodrich, 13,104,267,

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be amended to show the date of inception of their missing in action status as 6 June 1944.

2. It is further recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act in the cases of all the persons named in paragraph 1, Part I, of this review, and that these findings show the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 7 June 1945.

Investigator.

Captain, AGD.

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

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Major, AGD,  
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GEORGE F. HERBERT  
Colonel, AGD,  
Chief, Casualty Branch.

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502nd PARACHUTE INFANTRY

After Action Report

CASSIDY'S BATTALION

It was the operation at UTAH BEACH which predetermined the location of DROP ZONE A and the mission of the airborne forces which dropped there shortly after midnight on 6 June 44. DROP ZONE A was the closest serviceable field to the Beach where elements of the 4th Infantry Division were landing shortly after dawn. The primary mission of the airborne was to assure the success of the seaborne forces. Because of the nature of the ground, it was a varied assignment. The Norman coast at this point is flat and unimpressive. The only high ground near the Beach is an occasional sand dune mass. Stretching inland from the Beach for a thousand yards or more is a belt of salt marsh which would come under the wash of the sea when the tide is high were it not protected by the piled up sands. Dirt causeways topped by asphalt roads have been built across the marshes and provide the only means of convenient exit from the Beach to the firm ground westward of the marsh. This ground, too, is flat and is made difficult to the invader only because of its ubiquitous headgerows. Since no high land interposes, guns sited along the fringe of this solide headgerow country are in position to dominate the Beach and work ruin on ships nearing the shore. The chief threat to the UTAH BEACH landings was the German coastal battery located just to the westward of the village of ST MARTIN DE VARREVILLE. It had been the target of air bombardment in the preceding days but the results were not known. The fate of the northern half of the operation could have turned on it; the assured destruction of the Battery became a chief preoccupation of the 502d Airborne Infantry Regiment.

Coupled with that mission were other details, all assigned to smooth the passage of the 4th Infantry Division from the Beach to the firm ground. While making sure of the destruction of the Battery, the Regiment had also to deal with the artillery garrison which was quartered in barracks a few hundred yards west of the guns a position identified in the American plan as "W-X-Y-Z." One of the main exits from the Beach ran past the Battery and through the Barracks area. This was Exit No 4. Another such causeway-Exit No 3- was about 700 yards to the south. The Regiment was to seize and clear these causeways so that elements of the 8th and 22d Infantry Regiments could make an uninterrupted crossing of the marshes. These things done, the 502d was to engage the enemy to the northward and do its utmost to disperse this forces there so that the right flank of the 4th Division would be protected and its regiments could have a fair chance to collect themselves before launching the attack to expand the beachhead.

To one Battalion- the First of 502d Regiment, commanded by LT COL PATRICK J. CASSIDY- were allotted the mission of mopping-up POSITION W-X-Y-Z, establishing the northern flank for the airborne force and making contact with 505th Regiment of the 82d Airborne Division on the left. Second Battalion was given the straight mission of destroying the coastal battery. Third Battalion was to back up this attack, if required, and then capture the two strategic causeways.

These two main tasks became quite simple in the doing; they provoked no special hazard and they were curiously devoid of any spectacular consequences. But out of the varying assignments given First Battalion developed what was perhaps the most sustained and vigorous action reported from any Battalion sector on D Day.

The flight from England was more peaceful than they had expected. As the serial passed the islands of JERSEY and GUERNSEY, the men saw their first anti-aircraft fire, but it was distant and apparently aimed at some other formation. Tracer fire sprayed around them as they crossed the Normandy coast. There was a little flak. The formation moved on into a belt of light fog.\* Again, it became quiet. Six minutes out from DROP ZONE A, the ground fire picked up again, though it was mainly the fire of machine guns. They

\*Many of the details covered here are of no tactical importance but it is believed that there may be some special values in a recording of the experiences and sensations of a force moving by air and of the events incidental to collecting the troops following the drop.

could see a town below them its buildings thrown into relief by the light of a fiercely burning building. CASSIDY took it to be STE MERE EGLISE and was relieved at the thought that the plane was on its course.\* From that point on the intermittent ground fire thickened and by the time the green light flashed the signal for the jump tracer bullets were producing a Roman candle effect all around the planes.

To CASSIDY, as he jumped, it looked as if three guns were trained directly on him, with their fire converging just above his head. He thought to himself that they must have been concentrating on the lead plane, and that was the way of it. The fire followed him about three-fourths of the way down; then other planes came over and the tracer fire lifted from the dropping men in search for the ships. He felt his feet hit on hard pavement even as he realized that his chute had become hung in a tree. There he lay for a few minutes at the corner of a road intersection. While he was trying to get clear of the chute, a machine gun opened fire toward him. He was certain that the enemy had seen his chute and had singled him out as a personal target though he later realized that they must have been zeroed-in on the crossroads. The bullets bounced off the pavement.

\*CASSIDY was mistaken in his identification. The 82d troops which entered STE MERE EGLISE that night said the town was in complete darkness.

After much effort, he got a grenade loose but by that time more planes were coming over and the enemy gun was searching skyward. He broke free from the chute then and having noticed the line of flight of the planes, he figured he had his East-West direction. After he had crawled about 10 yards, the gun again fired toward him. So he lay still, waiting for more planes to come over and draw the gun's attention. This expected relief soon materialized. While he had waited, he had seen other paratroopers jump from their planes a little to the westward. He made toward them, hugging the hedges and ditches. After he had crawled about 100 yards, he heard a horseman come at a tight gallop through the road intersection where he had been, and continue on. There were no other sounds of movement. He crept on along the hedgerow. Then mortar fire bracketed him about four rounds. More planes came over. The mortars ceased fire. It was another favorable opening and he moved on along.

Something stirred a few feet from him on the other side of the hedgerow. He couldn't be sure but he thought he heard a man moving. The sound seemed to be going away from him, in the opposite direction. He found a hole in the embankment and looked through. About 10 yards away, he could see the forms of two men, drawn in close to the hedge; and even in the darkness he could tell that their backs were turned toward him. So he snapped his cricket- once. The two men went flat and did not reply. In that second, CASSIDY wondered what to do next. Then from close at hand a third man whom CASSIDY had not seen snapped a cricket and the suspense was lifted.

"Where are you going?" CASSIDY asked.

"We're looking for the Colonel," one of them answered.

They proved to be his runner, his radio operator and a strange paratrooper. CASSIDY took them in tow and they moved on along the hedgerow toward where he had seen the other men dropping. In the next field they met LT COL STRAYER of 506th Regiment with four men. All were still wondering where they were; none had seen a signpost or talked to a native. CASSIDY saw some chutes grounded on the far side of the field and they moved that way. STRAYER was limping badly, having wrenched his leg on landing. At the chutes they found another cripple, LT JACK WILLIAMS, CASSIDY'S machine gun officer, who despite a twisted ankle, had rounded up quite a group of men, put them out hunting bundles and had already retrieved two machine guns. CASSIDY took command and the party continued moving along the hedgerow. All of this time there was flak and machine gun fire in the general vicinity but no other sign of a German. The crickets kept cricking and men kept moving from out of the shadows to join the party as they heard the signal.

They came at least to a road intersection. CASSIDY and STRAYER talked it over and decided to stay there and put out local protection while trying to collect more men and get oriented. WILLIAMS was sent northward scouting for a signpost or a friendly Frenchman. Five minutes later they heard rifle and machine gun fire from that direction. Before they could worry about what had happened to WILLIAMS, he was back among them, bringing CAPT FRED HANCOCK with a few men from Company G and a larger number of strays- about 30 hands all told. LT SAMUEL B. NICHELS with a group from Company A arrived at about the same time. HANCOCK had passed a sign reading: FOURCARVILLE - 2 KILOMETERS, and pointing north. CASSIDY got out his aerial oblique and at once spotted the position. He was within a short walk of his objective and he wanted to go to it immediately. But most of the 200 men now present were from 506th Regiment and STRAYER did not yet feel like moving.\* CASSIDY said to STRAYER: "Then clear your men out and I'll get going. We're ready." He lined up his column--WILLIAMS' group, HANCOCK'S group, NICHELS' group - and they marched right down the road to save time. Halfway to ST MARTIN DE VARREVILLE they met CAPT FRANK LILLYMAN who had been the

\*STRAYER'S objective was considerably farther to the south and he was intent on moving only after he had collected most of his men. These sticks had been dropped far to the north of 506th's area of operation whereas CASSIDY was in reasonable proximity of DROP ZONE A.

first man to jump into Normandy during the operation, having led 101st's team of Pathfinders. LILLYMAN was headed north. He said he had left some men covering the "T" on DROP ZONE A. But there was even better information: he had scouted the coastal battery east of the DROP ZONE AND HAD found it most thoroughly bombed out. CASSIDY told him to take a few men along, move a little farther north and set up a road block short of FOUCARVILLE.

The day was just breaking when the column reached the first house west of the German gun position- the first slice of objective W-X-Y-Z. From within the house someone fired a wild shot. The men rushed the building. They found no enemy, though during all that day, while the house was being used as a CP, two Germans lay concealed within the building. The landlady connived at this. She explained to CASSIDY later that the Germans had been kind to her.

CASSIDY walked over to the Battery position. Sitting right in the center of it, on the highest ground, was LT COL STEVE A. CHAPPUIS of the Second Battalion, holding an orange flag in his hand. CHAPPUIS had hurt his leg on the jump but had then collected about a dozen men and gone directly to his objective. CASSIDY wanted him to move over to the CP for treatment; CHAPPUIS thought he'd better stay where he was, that more of his men might show up.

This was CASSIDY'S plan as he told it to CHAPPUIS. He intended to establish close-up security around his CP and build a small defensive base around the intersection to keep the Germans from breaking through to the Beach. Company C would set up a roadblock to the north and Company B to the south. The roadblocks would hold while he was cleaning out the artillery barracks; he had already started a detail out on this errand. After it was completed, the Battalion meantime having collected more of its strength, he would be in better position to carry out his further mission of covering the Regimental flank to the north.

CASSIDY went back to his CP. The Staff there told him that the detail moving against the artillery barracks was getting a stiff fight. He sent along a few more men to help them. He wasn't especially worried about it for he had calculated that it would be slow going in any case. Elsewhere the situation was brightening. CASSIDY knew that he was getting some protection to the south, for CHAPPUIS had told him that part of Third Battalion had gone past the gun position en-route to the lower causeway.

In fact, the Regiment as a whole was well on the way to the completion of its D Day assignments while the first sea-borne troops were heading in toward the Beaches. The enemy had proved weakest where he had been expected to provide the most determined resistance. Third Battalion was already moving toward the completion of its mission after an unpromising start.\* LT COL ROBERT COLE had descended into a rose bush next a large building. For 10 minutes, he struggled with his harness, only to become worse entangled. He was pin-cushioned with thorns by the time he realized that he would have to strip himself of his field gear and some clothing if he were to escape from the bush. Just as he finally made it, he saw and heard someone moving furtively along the nearest hedgerow. COLE snapped his cricket; he heard two snaps come back. It was a soldier from Regimental Headquarters. "Stick with me," COLE told him, "and we'll get a gang." In five minutes they were joined by two of the Battalion non-coms, and the small party kept on moving along the hedgerow-looking for more men and an orientation point.



They ran into LT R. G. PICK of Regimental Headquarters Company, with 4 or 5 men. He didn't know where he was but he insisted to COLE that he be allowed to move along on his own mission. COLE did't argue with him. There had been no firing. At first COLE tried to follow the course of the planes and get his bearings that way, but it seemed to him that they were cutting in all directions. They scouted along for another 20 minutes, but found no members of their

\*The Battalions had traveled in consecutive serial, 10 minutes apart - Second Battalion and Regimental Headquarters leading in 44 planes, Third Battalion next in 36 planes and First Battalion following in 36 planes. COLE'S first men had jumped at 0056.

stick nor any bundles. In this aimless wandering, they moved along one more hedgerow and met MAJ J. W. VAUGHN, S-4, and CAPT GEORGE A. BUKER, S-3, with two men. They were also lost. COLE took command and at the same time went on ahead to serve as the point for the party. They picked up a few more men, mainly from the 505th, 506th and 508th Regiments - a fair indication that they were to the west of 101st territory and possibly in the sector of 82nd Division. At first COLE led them cross-lots, moving along the hedgerows, but he tired of the slow pace and began marching via the road. They walked for an hour before coming to a town. There was a lot of anti-aircraft fire going up from it. COLE FIGURED he'd better not engage before making sure of his location. So he beat on the door of a house at the edge of town. A woman answered, but she said she wouldn't open up, though COLE continued to pound on the door. A French-speaking private from the 505th Regiment cajoled her into changing her mind. After more hesitation, she told them they were at STE MERE EGLISE, which town was the main target of the attack of 82d Division. One member of the group put a map before her and she showed them where her house was located. COLE then ordered the party to back-track about 700 yards north.

There were now about 30 men. They found a road running slightly northeast and they moved along it for about one-half hour, running into two more of the Battalion officers at one of the intersections. The party gradually grew to 75 or 80. It was a kind of snowball growth. Some of the men and officers had been lying quietly in the fields or hiding in the deep shadows next the hedgerows and when they heard the party moving along the road, they gravitated toward it. They walked on a while until they heard some wagons coming down the road. Someone yelled: "Halt!" A man stood up in the first cart, fired a few rounds from a hand weapon, and jumped from the cart, running. There were five carts in the convoy. The riders took to the ditches and COLE'S men prodded them out, killing a few and capturing 10. The carts were loaded with mines and leather goods. COLE told VAUGHN to get them emptied; he wanted to use them in collecting his bundled supply. COLE figured that he had just about reached his objective but he wanted to be sure, and he moved off rightward by himself, looking for a chapel which was shown on the map. A machine gun fired loosely in his direction as he moved along, but he finally found the chapel and then returned to his men. The carts had not been emptied. COLE was starting to raise hell about it when someone told him that VAUGHN had gone up the road to scout for more carts. A man came running in then and said that VAUGHN was dead. The enemy had set up a machine gun in a ditch just beyond the last cart in the convoy and had shot VAUGHN as he came by. COLE sent an officer out to check the story. He found VAUGHN'S body. Right next it were two dead Germans- as if he had made a last supreme effort to close with the men who had

COLE led his party southward for a short distance, the wagons in tow, then turned east at a point which would bring him in just to the southward of the coastal battery. As they moved north on the last stride of the journey, he met two officers and 30 men from Company I. They told COLE that they had been to the gun position and had found it destroyed and deserted. That was enough for COLE; he decided to split his group three ways. One party under LT BURNS which included all of the strays was sent south to contact 506th Regiment. Another party under CAPT CLEMENTS was ordered to move on Exit No 4, cleaning out ST MARTIN DE VAREVILLE as it went. COLE went along with the third party, which headed for Exit No 3. He didn't bother to set up a CP. The party moved south to ANDOVILLE LA HUBERT and ran into a scattering fire as it approached the Causeway. By 0730 the Americans were in position and ready to slaughter any Germans who tried to flee westward under pressure from the Beach. It was at about that time that COL CASSIDY left the gun position and walked back to his CP to see how things were moving.

From this position to the east of HAUT FORNEL, CAPT HANCOCK could get very little impression of how the point had happened upon this misadventure or what had come of it. He heard the firing, and he figured that SMIT had encountered an enemy force of considerable size. What he would have done about it had there been no further developments remains a question. For just as the firing got well started, he saw a German battery—two 88s on halftracks—come down the road through the village and halt just in front of him; the capture of the guns became the over-riding consideration.

He split his force two ways. LT BERNARD BUCIER with 17 men was to make a wide sweep to the left while LT JACK BORCHERD with another 17 was to come in from the right of HAUT FORNEL on a somewhat shorter axis. HANCOCK'S few remaining men took up a defensive position along the hedgerows and the two platoons started. They expected very little resistance.

LT BUCIER'S patrol, which had attacked simultaneously with BORCHERD'S men, moved down a lane leading leftward from the company position. They came to a large farmhouse to the south of HAUT FORNEL and BUCIER left one machine gun there and a few men, to cover the rear. Two Germans were killed during the approach to the farmhouse and he thought there might be others in the vicinity. The rest of the platoon moved on along a sunken road toward the village. As they walked along, they could see an 88 mm gun in the road which ran at right angles to the lane which they were traveling. There were 15 or 20 Germans standing around it: their own party numbered seven. Fire picked up as they came closer, and they figured that the Germans had put out local security in their direction. They went on, moving along the ditches and keeping close to the hedges. BORCHERD'S men were then coming into the village from the north and there was strong build-up of fire in that direction. BUCIER'S patrol got as far as the road junction—one field distant from the edge of the settlement. From there, BUCIER sent PFC WILLIAM HAAS across the road to "feel things out." There were Germans up the road and HAAS was told to fire that way and see what happened. He did, and he was straight-away creased in the head with a bullet. There was no way for BUCIER'S men to put rifle fire on the Germans without wholly exposing themselves. They tried rifle grenades and hand grenades; one wouldn't reach and the range was too short for the other. One attempt was made to cross the field; it brought on such a hail of bullets that BUCIER ordered his men back. The party then moved rearward and to the

left, intending to try a wider circle. On that passage, they came out of an orchard and started toward a stone wall. A bullet from a marksman behind the wall ripped through BUCIER'S shoulder. The men threw grenades over the wall until the fire stopped; that provided an opening in which to evacuate BUCIER, and with PFC DONALD L. MATTHEWS and PVT PHILIP SANGENARIO helping him along, they went back to the farmhouse. The patrol rested and took a smoke. SANGENARIO dressed the wound. BUCIER said: "Come on! we can't sweat it out here." So they tried the lane again.

As they moved along, they heard Germans coming down the hedge on their left. Then they saw them--five in the party-- and they shot three at the first volley. The other two dropped from sight but kept firing from cover. The men noticed that BUCIER was bleeding pretty badly and they tried to persuade him to go back for first-aid. He said: "Hell no!" and that he would keep going. MATTHEWS took the lead, carrying a light machine gun without tripod. Behind him came an 82d Division man with a Schmeisser. There were two riflemen. They went on another 50 yards and saw a German lying on an embankment off to the right. PVT WARREN HICKS shot him. After they had gone another 30 yards, BUCIER told SANGENARIO to crawl out and get the M-34 from the German to build up their own fire power. SANGENARIO drew heavy fire from the orchard when he moved out, but he brought back the gun. It jammed immediately. SANGENARIO said: "To hell with it!" and tossed it away. The party moved on. They saw some movement along the hedge on the right. The man with the Schmeisser poured about 30 rounds into the hedge and the movement ceased. Right after that, they reached the road junction for the second time. This time, there was no firing right around them but they could hear the sounds of action in the village and they could see a house burning. The man with the Schmeisser yelled: "Look out!" He was on the right flank, and he had just spotted 20 Germans coming across the field toward them. MATTHEWS could see them through the gate. He and the man with the Schmeisser stood in plain sight in the roadway and poured fire into them. As it became necessary to change belts in the machine gun, MATTHEWS and HICKS changed places. About 16 of the enemy were cut down and did not move from where they fell. The two riflemen kept firing off to the left, through the orchard: They were getting some fire from the flank. Ten minutes passed. A mortar shell landed square in the middle of the road. It got HICKS in the leg and wounded one other man. Then two more rounds came quickly. BUCIER was hit in five or six places, and MATTHEWS and two other got it. Only two of the men were now unhurt. BUCIER said: "I guess we better drag our ass down the road." HICKS said: "I can't move my leg." PVT BERNARD ORMSBEE said: "You better damn well move it or you will never move it again." He pulled HICKS to his feet and shoved him on. BUCIER started walking. He made it only a short distance, then he began to reel and the others grabbed him and helped him along. They fell back to the farmhouse and went haltingly to the company.

When COL CASSIDY got the rest of his Battalion up to the forward CP west of FOUCARVILLE, he learned from MAJ SUTLIFFE that Company C was in difficulty around HAUT FERNEL and that Company A was catching hell around FOUCARVILLE. Wires were run out to both companies and machine guns were set up to cover the CP right and rear. CASSIDY told RANCE COTTON to set up his one 81 mm mortar along a little stream to the rear of the CP. Company A called for mortar fire but COTTON couldn't get a wire in close enough to the Company position to operate, and all of his fire through the evening was in support of company C.



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# REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

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(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
BUCIOR,		BERNARD G.	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Corp	C	31st. Tr. Bn.	
(6) AGE YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE YEARS
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(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS	
Exam.	Routine	1	REX
Full mouth X-Ray	A-28 (12)	1	
Retained root R-14	TF Anes / cn. <i>venture</i>	- 1 + 2	
Area R-14	POT	2	
Area R-1 L-1	X B-429 (2)	2	
Area R-14	Suture removed	2	LFS
Caries L-7 o	A	9	
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Exam	O.T.S.	14	ATB

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Hospitalized 1/31/42  
 1942  
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 Ward 17

Dental Corps, U S A.



# \*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

## UPPER TEETH

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

## LOWER TEETH

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

CLASS II

Occlusion Good: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia None

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions Normal

Date Feb 2, 1942

R-E Wilson  
1st Lt. Dental Corps, U. S. A.

\*Restorable carious teeth by O  
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture  
 (horizontal line)

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge  
 (oval to include abutments)

(	X	)
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT  
ASN 30052074

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(1) SURNAME

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(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS

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Dental Corps, U S A

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## UPPER TEETH

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
X	0	X	X	X		0						X	X		

## LOWER TEETH

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

CLASS II

Occlusion IV: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia \_\_\_\_\_

Dental foci suspected      Yes      No

Other conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Date 8/31/42, 19\_\_

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

\*Restorable carious teeth by 0  
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture  
 (horizontal line)

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge  
 (oval to include abutments)

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## UPPER TEETH

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

## LOWER TEETH

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

CLASS III

Occlusion Open: Calculus: Slight, CR. Medium, Heavy  
 Periodontoclasia no  
 Dental foci suspected Yes No  
 Other conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Date 7/29, 1940  
Capt. [Signature]  
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

\*Restorable carious teeth by O  
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line) 

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (oval to include abutments) 

○	X	○
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

Divisional Dental Clinic

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME

Bucior, Bernard G.

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

2nd Lt. C 502 Prcht. Inf.

(6) AGE YEARS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE YEARS

23 W Conn. 1 1/2 yr.

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	IVR F.M. Shober								

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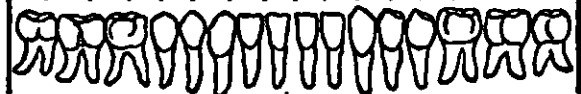
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## UPPER TEETH

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

## LOWER TEETH

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

CLASS TRK

Occlusion Good : Calculus: Slight; Medium, Heavy  
 Periodontoclasia NONE  
 Dental foci suspected.      Yes                  No  
 Other conditions NONE

Date 2/4, 1933

Lt. Col. E. F. Rose

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

\*Restorable carious teeth by O  
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture  
(horizontal line)

X	X	X

Teeth replaced by fixed bridge  
(oval to include abutments)

(	X	)

ON BERNARD G BUCIOR 31052074

AND 01294972 DENTAL CHART AT INDCTN 8 SEP 41 TEETH MISSING

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Identification Section  
Memorial Division

Identification Data

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Last Name	First	Initial	ACN	Grade
BUCIOR	BERNARD	G	101294972	1-Lt.
Height	Weight	Color-Eyes	Color-Hair	Shoe-Size
69 1/4 in	151	BROWN	Blonde	
Date of Death				7 JUN. 45

Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)

502nd PRCHT. INFANTRY

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

in Northern France

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

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DATES

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Lower Right						Lower Left							

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/ - Carious non-restorable

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To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
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Clerk Date Branch

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In Reply Refer To

QUARTER 293

**BUCIOR, BERNARD G.**  
**SN O-1294972**

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery  
and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

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

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, OQMG Form 371  
(covering all available information in the Office of The Quartermaster  
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by  
this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
<b>BUCIOR, BERNARD G.</b>	<b>1ST LT</b>	<b>O-1294972</b>

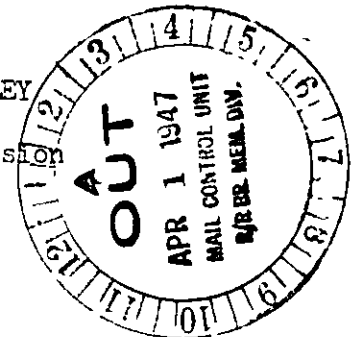
2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be  
furnished this office in accordance with the provisions of radio, this  
headquarters, No. CL 37087, dated 13 December 1946.

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OQMG MAIL ROOM

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incl  
Form 371 (5 Cys)

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division



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293 FILE **DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **BUCIOR, BERNARD G.** GRADE **1ST LT** PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER **0-1294972**

ORGANIZATION **502ND FRONT INF** RACE **WHITE** CREED **ROMAN CATHOLIC** FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) **3105207A**

DATE OF DEATH/MIA **6 JUN 44** CAUSE OF DEATH **FINDING OF DEATH** PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA **NORTHERN FRANCE**  
 DATE OF FOD **7 JUN 45**

HEIGHT **69 1/4"** WEIGHT **151** COLOR EYES **BROWN** COLOR HAIR **BLONDE** SHOE SIZE **NOT OF RECORD**

**DENTAL CHART 9 MAY 42**

UPPER RIGHT **X X X X** UPPER LEFT **X X**  
 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LOWER RIGHT **X X** LOWER LEFT **X X**  
 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS **NONE** TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK **NONE**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
**AGE: 25 (MIA)**  
**OFFICER BECAME MISSING IN ACTION IN NORTHERN FRANCE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE INITIAL AIRBORNE PHASE OF THE INVASION OF WESTERN EUROPE**

**FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds First Lieutenant Bernard G. Bucior, Army Serial Number 01294972, Infantry,

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 6th day of June 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 7th day of June, 1945.

293 Bucior, Bernard G

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*George F. Herbert*

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	PLACING STATUS	TEMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN RES-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE METHOD
European	No	Yes	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)			
15 June 1919	Hartford, Connecticut	1 Oct 1942	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	
			-	-	-	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Catherine Bucior	Mother	118 South Street Hartford, Connecticut

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Catherine Bucior	Mother	118 South Street Hartford, Connecticut
Mr. George Bucior	Father	118 South Street Hartford, Connecticut

REMARKS

Distribution 56

\*Beneficiary designations made 8 September 1941 while an enlisted man. No break in service.  
Circumstances of disappearance: Officer became missing in action in northern France while participating in the initial airborne phase of the invasion of Western Europe.  
ASN as EM: 31,052,074

FILE  
JUN 1945  
*[Signature]*

9/2 315,099

<b>ATTACHMENTS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INBOUND INVENTORY <input type="checkbox"/> G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL <input type="checkbox"/> WILL OR POWER OF ATTY. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TALLY IN FORM 43	<b>EFFECTS INVENTORY</b> <b>ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU</b>	<b>STATUS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING <input type="checkbox"/> P. O. W. <input type="checkbox"/> ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
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<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL <input type="checkbox"/> BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY) <input type="checkbox"/> BILLFOLD (NO MONEY) <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS <input type="checkbox"/> BRACELET, IDENT. <input type="checkbox"/> CAMERAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOTHING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISC. ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> RIBBONS, DECORATION <input type="checkbox"/> SHORT SNORTER <input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIR MONEY <input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIRS <input type="checkbox"/> TESTAMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS <input type="checkbox"/> U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT) <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH <input type="checkbox"/> WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> BELT <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, PILOT LOG <input type="checkbox"/> BRUSHES <input type="checkbox"/> CASE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOTH, WASH <input type="checkbox"/> COATS <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTLOCKER <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTWEAR, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> GLASSES <input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> HANDKERCHIEFS <input type="checkbox"/> HEADWEAR <input type="checkbox"/> JACKETS <input type="checkbox"/> KITS <input type="checkbox"/> KNIVES <input type="checkbox"/> LETTERS <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> OVERCOATS <input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS, PERSONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PENCIL, MECHANICAL <input type="checkbox"/> PEN, FOUNTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> PIPES <input type="checkbox"/> RINGS <input type="checkbox"/> SCARFS <input type="checkbox"/> SHIRTS <input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> STATIONERY <input type="checkbox"/> TIES <input type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO <input type="checkbox"/> TOILET ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS <input type="checkbox"/> TROUSERS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> TRUNKS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR	
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<b>CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO</b> Mrs Elizabeth H. Bucior 118 South Street Hartford Conn.	<b>INFORMATION</b> Mother: Mrs Elizabeth H. Bucior 118 South St., Hartford, Conn.
<b>NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS</b> 43 SHOWS:- B. G. Bucior.	<b>CROSS REFERENCE</b>

DAMAGED

<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> BOND <input type="checkbox"/> TRAV. CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN CURRENCY <input type="checkbox"/> U. S. CURRENCY	REC'D BY	NUMBER SYMBOL AMOUNT DATE BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE PAYEE	BUREAU CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSMIT ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> ORIG. REG. MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> TO G. A. O. <input type="checkbox"/> MUTILATED <input type="checkbox"/> TO ISSUING AGENCY
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*filed into 10-10*

TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE <i>2 Oct 45</i>	BOX NO.	SHEET _____ OF _____ SHEETS
NAME <i>BERNARD G Bucior</i>			A. S. N. <i>0-1294972</i>	
ORGANIZATION			RANK <i>1ST LT</i>	CASE NO.
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>7-1040</i>		EXAMINED BY <i>Winer</i>	DIARY REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>Footlocker 90</i>		PACKED BY <i>H. [unclear]</i>	PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
WEIGHT		INSPECTED BY <i>[unclear]</i>	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
		STORED BY <i>[unclear]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHIPPED DATE <i>OCT 18 1945</i> BY WHOM <i>[Signature]</i>	

*MB*

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

1 foot-locker damaged in shipment.

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

2 cotton undershirts.

1 manila folder containing birth certificate

graduation booklet  
four powers of Atty  
personal L.O. file

1 pr swimming trunks

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

*Wimer*  
INVENTORY CLERK

*Curley*  
SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED



NAME BUCIOR, B. C.

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4972

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
38	11	..	3037
TYPE OF PKG	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
B.L.			

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HEADQUARTERS, 502ND PARACHUTE INFANTRY  
Office of the Regimental Commander  
A. P. O. # 472, U. S. Army

352.32/33

3 January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventroy of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, ETO,  
APO # 887, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith in accordance with ETO-SOP  
# 26, "Burials and Effects", Hq. European T. of Opns, dated  
9 June, 1944, is the inventory of effects of:

<u>BUCIOR, BERNARD G.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-1294972</u>	<u>502nd Para Inf</u>		
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Orgn)
who was reported	<u>MIA</u>	about	<u>8 June</u>	<u>1945</u>	
	(MIA, KIA, DOW, etc.)		(Date)		
Designated Beneficiary:	<u>MRS. ELIZABETH H. BUCIOR, (Mother)</u>				
Address of Beneficiary:	<u>118 South St., Hartford, Conn.</u>				

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1- Foot Locker ✓
- 2Pr.- Khaki Pants ✓
- 3 Pr.- Shorts ✓
- 2- Ties ✓
- 4- Cotton Undershirts (2) ✓
- 1- Set Identification Tags ✓
- 4- Field Manuals ✓
- 1- Khaki Cap ✓
- 1- Corn Knife ✓
- 1- Manila Folder - (1) ✓
- (A) Birth Certificate ○
- (B) Graduation Booklet ○
- (C) Four Power of Attorney ○
- (D) Personal 201 File ○
- 1- Pr. Sun Glasses ✓
- 1- Rosary Beads ✓
- 1- ETO Ribbon ✓
- 1- Pajama Suit ✓
- 2- Pr. Swimming Trunks (1) ✓

(Over)

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Money in the amount of NONE ✓ has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Finance Officer and symbol number)

Form WD FD # 38 enclosed. Names and addresses of any banks in which accounts may be carried are: NONE ✓

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by

TRUCK on 19 January, 1945.  
(Rail Truck etc.) (Date)

Name George H Craft  
GEORGE H. CRAFT

Rank & ASN 1st Lt., 01297165

Organization 502nd Prcht Infantry

Any additional pertinent information:

(4 copies: 1 to Effect QM; 1 in effects box; 1 in S/R; and one for file.)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. George Bucior

SHIP TO:

118 South Street

1st Lt. Bernard G. Bucior

Hartford, Connecticut

Effects of:

Name

0-1294972

ASN

315099 D

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 15 October 1945

RTB:BT:dt

*Smith*

ICL: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check  
    Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
    Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inclose "Valuables" item  
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove C.I.  
 Note discrepancy in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Films removed  
 Diary removed  
 Under removed

ROUTING:

Accounting, Branch  
1 Warehouse Division  
2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

**SCREENED**  
3-18-48wc

RT 18 1945

REMARKS: SHIP DAMAGED PROPERTY

Franked   
Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Ext. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of packages \_\_\_\_\_

*BR*

Shipping Clerk

315099

RTB:ST:dt  
October 15, 1945

Mr. George Bucior  
118 South Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bucior:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, First Lieutenant Bernard G. Bucior.

These effects, contained in one footlocker, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

Sincerely yours,

P. L. KOEB  
1st/Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Branch

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ARMY SERVICES FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. George Bucior

SHIP TO:

118 South Street

1st Lt. Bernard G. Bucior

Hartford, Connecticut

Effects of:

Name

0-1294972

ASN

315099-D

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 30 August 1945  
RTB:BT:amr

*Taylor*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

     Inclose Bureau Check  
     Acct. No.             
     Amount             
     Inclose "Valuables" item  
     Ship "Valuables" item(s)

     Remove G.I.  
     Note discrepancy in             
     Films removed  
     Diary removed  
     Laundry removed

ROUTING:

     Accounting Branch  
 1 / Warehouse Division  
 2 / Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

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

*N.K.*  
Shipping Clerk

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ATTACHMENTS		STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INBOUND INVENTORY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DECEASED	
<input type="checkbox"/> G R OR SUB GR LABEL		MISSING	
<input type="checkbox"/> WILL OR POWER OF ATTY		P O W	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TALLY IN FORM 43	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ABANDONED	
		UNKNOWN	

**EFFECTS INVENTORY**  
**ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU**

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

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
Mrs. Elizabeth H Bucior 118 South St. Hartford Conn.	Mother Mrs Elizabeth H Bucior 118 South St Hartford, Conn.
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE
	File no 8-25

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	

TALLY NO 9491	ORIG NO OF PKGS 1	EXAMINING DATE 17 Aug 1945	BOX NO	SHEET OF 1
NAME Bernard H Bucior			A S N 0-1294972	
ORGANIZATION 502nd Parachute Inf			RANK 1st Lt	CASE NO
WAREHOUSE SPACE 1467X	EXAMINED BY L. Brewer		DIARY REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION #1 Ctr.	WEIGHT 1.33	PACKED BY Hankins	PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
		INSPECTED BY E	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
		STORED BY PCC	SHIPPED	
			DATE SEP 8 1945	BY WHOM DK

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G I)

DAMAGES (List type of damage extent)

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



NAME BUCIOR, BERNARD ? LT 4972

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
5	65		9491
TYPE OF PKG	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
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HEADQUARTERS, 502ND PARACHUTE INFANTRY  
Office of the Regimental Commander  
A. P. O. # 473, U. S. Army

332.32/53

3 January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventroy of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, ETO,  
APO # 887, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith in accordance with WFO-SOP  
# 26, "Burials and Effects", Hq. European T. of Opns, dated  
9 June, 1944, is the inventory of effects of:

BUGICH, BERNARD G. 1ST LT. O-1294972 502nd Para. 13P.  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN) (Orgn)

who was reported MIA about 8 June 1945.  
(MIL, KIA, DOW, etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary: MRS. ELIZABETH H. BUGICH, (Mother)

Address of Beneficiary: 118 South St., Hartford, Conn.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1- Trench Coat ✓
- 1- Blouse ✓
- 1- Cadet Bag ✓
- 1- Bed Roll ✓

(Over)

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Money in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ has been turned into \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Finance Officer and symbol number)

Form WD FD # 38 enclosed. Names and addresses of any banks in  
which accounts may be carried are: NONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects,  
secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were  
forwarded to the Effects Depot by \_\_\_\_\_

Truck on 19 January, 1945.  
(Rail Truck etc.) (Date)

Name George H. Craft  
GEORGE H. CRAFT  
Rank & ASN 1st Lt., 01292165  
Organization 502nd Parachute Infantry

Any additional pertinent information:

(4 copies: 1 to Effect OM; 1 in effects box; 1 in S/R; and one  
for file.)

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

RTB:BT:amr  
Case No. 315099  
Date 30 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Bernard G. Bucior 0-1294972 late a  
(Name of decedent) (Army Serial Number)  
First Lieutenant Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 7 day of June 1945 at European Area

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 278 Hq. KCCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

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

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

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

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

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 28 August 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of George Bucior for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, George Bucior of 118 South Street, Hartford State of Connecticut is the father of the above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel GMC

(Name, Rank, Organization)  
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

315099

RTB:BT:amr  
August 30, 1945

Mr. George Bucior  
118 South Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bucior:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant Bernard G. Bucior.

I am inclosing a "201 File" which was included among his effects. The remainder of the property is being forwarded to you in one carton.

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
1st Lt., QIC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Branch

1 Incl--  
201 File

*L. V.*

*Visit #  
315099*

HEADQUARTERS  
QUARTERMASTER DEPOT C -290  
PERSONAL EFFECTS & BAGGAGE  
APO 513 U.S. ARMY

HGL/k.

File No. 124893

26 February 1945

201- BUCIER, Bernard G (Off)

SUBJECT: Letter of transmittal.

TO : Army Effects Bureau, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., Missouri, U.S.A.

1. Transmitted herewith "201 File, Power of Attorney, Birth Certificate, Graduation Booklet." property of 1st Lt. Bernard G. BUCIER, O-1224972, reported MIA, 8 June 1944.

For the Effects Quartermaster:

H. G. LYNN  
1st Lt., QMC  
Asst Chief Adm. Div.

4 Incls.

Power of Attorney  
201 File  
Graduation Booklet  
Birth Certificate

*Names Elizabeth H Bucier - ATTY-IN-FACT.  
Nik*

YELLEIM LUD  
DEPT EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY, MO.  
MAY 10 1945

7926

9 MAY 45  
T/O - MIA - 918 KC

PHYSICAL DIVISION

C/174225

APRIL 1945

NAME : BUJOR. BERNARD

RANK : 1ST LT

NO : 0 1294972

STATUS MIA

MEM : FL

BT ( )  
SPACE ( )

DATE SHIPPED

3.4.25

DAILY OUT NUMBER

ISSUE



9 MAY 45  
T/O MIA 918 K C

ENTRY NO

F 128 MAR 8 1945

TALLY IN INVENTORY RECORD

NAME BUCIOR, BERNARD, G RANK 1<sup>ST</sup> LT ASN 0-1294972

SHOWN ON CONSIGNOR T.O. AS \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 6-3-45 CASE 174225 PARCEL V-P STATUS MIA

ITEMS

DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

1027 E  
VP

INVENTORIED BY Spallier WISE SPACE

TYPE CONTAINER \_\_\_\_\_

RTO SHIPMENTS

NAME BUCIOR, BERNARD G RANK I/ST/LT

SERIAL No 01394972 STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

SHIP TO ARMY - EFF BUREAU - ACCOMD - 601

HARDESTY - AVE - KANSAS - CITY - (1) MO - USA

RED - LINED ON TALLY OUT# MIA - 918 cut H

174825 WT 34

List 11 sheet 1

Box 31 July 44

BUCIOR, BERNARD G. 1st Lt. O-1294972 M1a C/ 174225

WHSE. SP 1027 E V.P.

BUCIOR, BERNARD. G.      DUPLICATE  
1st LT.      O-1294972      MIA      C 124893

ORIGINAL CARD SENT TO AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION  
15 DEC 1945 WITH CASUALTY RECORDS

✓ SLONIGER, EDWARD, C.

UNK

UNK

D.B.

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

3120

31 5, 099  
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**FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds First Lieutenant Bernard G. Bucior, Army Serial Number 01294972, Infantry,  
to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 6th day of June 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 7th day of June, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*George F. Herbert*

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

APEA European		PLUNG STATES No	LEAVE STATES Yes	LEAVE OF DUTY Yes	OWN DISCONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATES Yes	ABSENCE METHOD
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None							
DATE OF BIRTH 15 June 1919	HOME ADDRESS Hartford, Connecticut	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 1 Oct 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS			
		-	-	-			

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. Catherine Bucior	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS 118 South Street Hartford, Connecticut
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BENEFICIARIES

NAME Mrs. Catherine Bucior	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS 118 South Street Hartford, Connecticut
NAME Mr. George Bucior	RELATIONSHIP Father	ADDRESS 118 South Street Hartford, Connecticut

REMARKS

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\*Beneficiary designations made 8 September 1941 while an enlisted man. No break in service.  
Circumstances of disappearance: Officer became missing in action in northern France while participating in the initial airborne phase of the invasion of Western Europe.  
ASN as EM: 31,052,074

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**—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
BUCIOR BERNARD C		0 129 4970		1st Lt. &	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
ETO		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
		6	JUNE	44		355046-21-00-9

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE**

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MR -MRS -MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS CATHERINE BUCIOR	10TH F	
NO AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
118 SOUTH STREET HARFORD CON MECTICUT		

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PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
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MR - MRS. - MISS - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL - LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS CATHERINE BUCIOR	MOTHER	8 DEC. 44 VMC
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