

293 Skinner, Melvin 18,104, 568

GRAVE REGISTRATION  
Form No. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

RESTRICTED  
F PORT OF BURIAL

2184

17 July 1944

18,104,568  
Unknown

SKINNER, MELVIN UNKNOWN X-34		TH 10-630 AND AR 30-1815		S/Sgt Unknown	18,104,568 Unknown
Unknown	Last Name	First	Initial	Rank	Serial No.
Unknown	Unit		Organization		
France	Unknown		KIA		
1 July 1944	Date of Death		Cause of Death		
	Blossville		France		
19	Time and Date of Burial		Name of Cemetery		Name or Coordinates of Location
	E		E		
1	Grave Number	1	Row Number	E	Plot Number
	Pag		Type of Marker		

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

If No Identification Tags CONDITION OF BODY PROHIBITED FINGERPRINTS. SHOULDER PATCH  
How were remains identified? OF 82nd A/B DIV AND S/SGT INSIGNIA ON UNIFORM. MARKINGS  
IN CLOTHING WERE S-4568.

REDESIGNATED UNKNOWN X-34 FROM REPORT OF BURIAL (UNKNOWN S-4568) FORWARDED 1/7/44

What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS FORM NO. 1

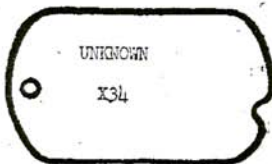
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right: Hein, Wilbur W. 33498896 Pvt 90th Div 20  
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Deceased's Left: Onstott, G. O-1583462 1st. Lt. Unknown 18  
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

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



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

Emergency Address Unknown Name

Address

Religion Unknown

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

NONE X-293 Unb. X-34 France

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

F. A. GREULICH  
Capt., OMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

CORRECTED COPY

REPORT OF BURIAL  
IF DECEASED IS IDENTIFIED

85

22

November 1944

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Date

SKINNER,  
Last Name

18104568

Serial No.

507th Parachute Infantry Regiment

Unit

France

1 July 1944

Place of Death

SPOUNTA

Place of Death

Hosville

Cause of Death

36D935

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Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Peg

Grave Number

Row Number

File Number

Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

*Per the dtd. of Dept 45/314.6 ETO, Camp Ho...*

Clothing marked: S-4568

Patch of 82nd A/B Div. and S/Sgt insignia on uniform

What means of identification were buried with the body?

IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED  
*Initial C.M.S.*

CR Form #1 as Unknown X-34

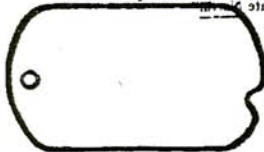
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	Name	Grade	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
	Hein	33498896	Pvt	90th Div	20
Deceased's Left:	Name	Grade	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
	Onstott	0-1583462	1st Lt	Unknown	18

Signature in block, with date of burial, of the person who buried the remains, or other than officer reporting burial.

If not affixed fill in below:



Emergency Address Unknown

Name

Address

Religion Unknown

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

None

Note: Previously reported as Unknown X-34. Identified as Skinner, Melvin C by laundry marks in clothing plus the fact that Skinner is carried as KIA, 6 June 1944 on Battle Casualty records.

JAMES D. DANNER

Captain, C.M.C.

U.R.C., FIRST U.S. ARMY

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

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## DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A —  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

3508 04611

DATE

15 02 49  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME SKINNER MELVIN C	SERIAL NUMBER 18104568	GRADE S SG	ARM 1	RACE 1	RELIGION 1
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CEMETERY BLOSVILLE FRANCE	PLOT E	ROW 1	GRAVE 19	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 8500	RELIGION 10
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## SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
WOMACK FUNERAL HOME  
CLARENDON, TEXASNAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
INEZ SKINNER (SISTER)  
CLARENDON, TEXAS

## SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SKINNER, Melvin J.	SERIAL NUMBER 18104568	GRADE Utd	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED 26 Jan 48
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IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION Utd	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY P. W. GANDEL, 1/Lt., G.O. NAME AND TITLE
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## SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform and mattress cover	CONDITION OF REMAINS Advanced decomposition
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## OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

G.I.S Form #1 found with remains.

## MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

None

## REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 29 Jun 48 BY JOHN A. BRICKLEY

CASKET SEALED BY JOHN A. BRICKLEY EMBALMER (Signature)

## CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

DATE 29 Jun 48 BY JAMES L. LAINE SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY JAMES A. HOOVER, 1/Lt., Inf.

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

Copies of this Directive on Copy No. 4 of this Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures

of the persons whose names are typed hereon. JAMES A. HOOVER, 1/Lt., Inf.

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

John Palyak jr of

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

## RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

### 1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC BLOOMVILLE		TO USMC ST. LAURENT	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER SPT AGOSTINO	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER T. WALLIS, CAPT., QMC	DATE 26Jan48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER D. A. HAS HENSIE, CAPT., INF.	DATE 26Jan48

### 2. SHIPPED

FROM USMC ST. LAURENT		TO CHERBOURG FORT UNIT	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER Pl C. Hassell	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER D. A. HAS HENSIE, CAPT., INF.	DATE 14Apr49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER John Palyok Jr JOHN PALYOK, JR., 1/Lt., FA	DATE 14Apr49

### 3. SHIPPED

FROM CHERBOURG FORT UNIT		TO NYPOB	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE USAT Haiti Victory		NAME OF CONVOYER DELBERT E. PRICE, Major, QMC	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JOHN PALYOK, Jr., 1/Lt., FA	DATE 26Apr49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE

### 4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO <i>NYPOB</i>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> W. W. PREISCH LIEUT. COLONEL, TC.	DATE MAY 4 1949

### 5. SHIPPED

FROM NYPOB		TO PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRAIN		NAME OF CONVOYER <i>[Signature]</i>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER PREISCH LIEUT. COLONEL, TC. PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	DATE MAY 11 1949	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> L. A. ROCKSTADT L. A. ROCKSTADT, 1/Lt., QMC	DATE MAY 11 1949

### 6. SHIPPED

FROM MARVON CHRISTY HOME		TO METS OFFICE (2181EB)	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 7. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

HEADQUARTERS  
COMMUNICATION ZONE  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster  
APO 887

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COF/mjg

293 Skinner, Melvin C. (S: 16 December 1944)  
1 December 1944.

Q-GRE

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknowns

TO : The Graves Registration Officer, 56 QM Base Depot,  
APO 562, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to Reports of Burial received at this headquarters for Unknowns buried in Blossville Cemetery, as listed below:

a. Unknown X-34 buried in Plot E, Row 1, Grave 19

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2. Information has been received from the Graves Registration Officer, First United States Army, that identification has been established as follows:

a. Unknown X-34 identified as SKINNER, MELVIN C. S/Sgt.  
18104568, 507 Para Inf Regt; date of death unknown. Identified by laundry marks in clothing.

3. Corrected copies of Reports of Burial on all men listed in paragraph 2 above, have been received from the Graves Registration Officer, First United States Army.

4. It is requested that all records and the markings of the graves be adjusted accordingly, and this Headquarters notified by indorsement when this has been accomplished.

s/Frank D. Bianco  
Major, QMC  
For MICHAEL H. ZWICKER  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, GR & E Div.

A TRUE COPY:

Philip J. Wolf  
PHILIP J. WOLF  
Captain Q.M.C.

293 Unknown X-34 (France)

168,419

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 23 Jan 1945 jca

FULL NAME <b>Skinner, Melvin G.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>18 104 568</b>		GRADE <b>S/ser</b>									
HOME ADDRESS <b>Clarendon, Texas</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Inf</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>11 Mar 1920</b>									
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>		CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>6 Jun 1944</b>									
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>15 Apr 1942</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES MONTHS DAYS									
EMERGENCY ADDRESSES (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Miss Louise G. Skinner, sister, 1611 Van Buren St., Amarillo, Texas</b>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Miss Louise G. Skinner, sister, same as above. Miss Inez, Skinner, sister, Box 274 Clarendon, Texas.</b>													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (EXCEPT BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
												X	X

RECEIVED  
JAN 30 1945  
SMB

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

Parachute Pay.

BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 6 June 1944 until such absence was terminated on 18 January 1945 ~~when~~ when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

COPIES FURNISHED:

S. O. O.	F. E. I.	F. O. U. S. A.
S. O. C. M. S.	O. P. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
S. A. O.	RET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

*J. C. Curl*

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

**-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

NAME <b>SKINNER MELVIN C</b>		SERIAL NUMBER <b>18104568</b>	GRADE <b>S SG INF ETC</b>	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
PLACE OF CASUALTY <b>FRANCE</b>		DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR <b>06 JUN 44</b>	FLYING OR JUMPING STAT <b>J MIA</b>	TYPE OF CASUALTY SHIPMENT NUMBER <b>141</b>	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME <b>MISS LOUISE G SKINNER</b>	RELATIONSHIP <b>SISTER</b>	DATE NOTIFIED <b>3 August 1944 NY</b>
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE <b>1004 TAYLOR STREET AMARILLO, TEXAS</b>		

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED \_\_\_\_\_ FORM 48 AS 201 REQ \_\_\_\_\_  
 CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED \_\_\_\_\_ OR CHARGED TO \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ (AS INDICATED BELOW):  
 FILE NO. MESSAGE NO. TYPE DATE AND AREA E. A. NOTIFIED  
 FORWARDED TO \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTERS OTHERS S. H. & G. CERTIF. M. & N. NON-DEL.  
 REPORT NOT VERIFIED \_\_\_\_\_ NO FORM 48 \_\_\_\_\_ NO CAS. BR. FILE \_\_\_\_\_ CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_ REVIEWED BY \_\_\_\_\_

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

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE		MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	GRV. PK.	RESIDENCE		ORP	NAG													
		DAY	MO. YR.		DAY	MO. YR.	STATE			COUNTY																
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

DISTRIBUTION "A"  27 COPIES  
 (ALL TYPES OF CASUALTIES PERTAINING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL, EXCEPT WOUNDED.)  
 COPIES FURNISHED: SEE CASUALTY BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 48, 1944.

DISTRIBUTION "B"  \_\_\_\_\_ COPIES  
 (ALL WOUNDED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ALL TYPES OF CASUALTIES PERTAINING TO CIVILIANS WHO ARE W. D. EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYEES OF W. D. CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS SUBJECT TO MILITARY LAW.)  
 COPIES FURNISHED: SEE CASUALTY BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 48, 1944.

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CLARENDON TEX MAY 2 455P

CHGO QM DEPOT

AGRD

RETEL RE LATE S/SGT MELVIN C SKINNER ORIGINAL

INSTRUCTIONS TO SHIP TO WOMACK FUNERAL HOME CLARENDON TEXAS  
IS CORRECT

INEZ SKINNER

830P.

RF ED  
SIC R  
MAY 3 9 04 AM '49

FILE



## INSPECTION CHECKLIST

NAME <b>SKINNER, MELVIN C</b>		RANK <b>S SGT</b>	SERIAL NO. <b>18104568</b>	ARM OR SERVICE <b>ARMY</b>	DIRECTIVE DATE
		RACE <b>WHITE</b>	RELIGION <b>PROT.</b>	SEX <b>MALE</b>	DIRECTIVE NO. <b>3508 04611</b>
CONSIGNEE AND ADDRESS <b>WOMACK FUNERAL HOME CLARENDON, TEXAS</b>			NEXT-OF-KIN ADDRESS <b>INEZ SKINNER (SISTER) CLARENDON, TEXAS</b>		
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)			CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		
FINISH (Exterior)			REMARKS:		
FINISH (Interior)					
HANDLES					
HANDLE BOLTS					
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE					
			INSPECTED BY:		
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)			CONDITION OF CASKET (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		
FINISH (Exterior)			REMARKS:		
HANDLES AND FASTENINGS					
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE					
CAM LOCKS (Sealing)					
ODOR OR MOISTURE					
			INSPECTED BY: <i>F. Kalschea</i>		
ROUTED THROUGH					
<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM			<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY REPAIR SHOP		
CONDITION OF REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			CASKET REPAIR <input type="checkbox"/>		
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (Explain)			CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/>		
			SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/>		
			SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/>		
			REMARKS:		
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTING OFFICER
STORAGE LOCATION			PASS. LIST NO.		CONTROL NUMBER
FLOOR	SECTION	BAY	STORAGE NUMBER		
			<i>84</i>	<b>NY 028 R</b>	
STAMP INCOMING OR OUTGOING					<b>29440</b>

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT  
OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

DATE

(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)

7/4/49

1. NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>REINER, MELVIN C</b>		3. BRANCH OF SERVICE <b>ARMY</b>	5. A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERMENT EXPENSES (Civilian or Private Cemetery) B. <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (National or Post Cemetery)
4. RANK OR GRADE <b>S SGT</b>	2. SERIAL NO. <b>16104668</b>	6. <input type="checkbox"/> IF WORLD WAR II DECEASED, CHECK BOX IF CURRENT DECEASED, ENTER DATE OF DEATH.	

## INSTRUCTIONS TO INITIATING INSTALLATION

Fill in items 1 through 7 and item 10.  
Cross out item 8 or item 9, whichever is not applicable.  
Stamp "Ribbon" copy "ORIGINAL."  
Stamp carbon copies "COPY."

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM

This form is to be signed by the claimant and NOT by the funeral director.

Complete the original and three copies.

SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY.

8. FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED		9. FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED	
<p>I certify that the sum of \$ <u>75.00</u> was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below:</p> <p>NAME of cemetery: <u>Citizens Cemetery</u> CITY OR COUNTY: <u>Clarendon</u> STATE: <u>Texas</u></p>		<p>10. RETURN THE ORIGINAL AND THREE COPIES TO: COMMANDING OFFICER CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEPOT 1819 WEST PERSHING ROAD CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS ATTN: AGE DIVISION</p>	
11. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <b>DMR REINER</b>		12. ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State) <b>CLARENDON, TEXAS</b>	
REMARKS:		<p>13. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <b>SON</b></p> <p>3968</p>	

(DO NOT SIGN THIS)

COPY

1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the Government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.

3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the Government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: Hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.

4. Reimbursement by the Government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipts/bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

EXPLANATION OF BOX "B"

UN 30 1949

1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the Government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the Government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the Government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.

3. Reimbursement by the Government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.

4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.



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WESTERN  
UNION

## RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DELIVER AND REPORT  
ANY CHARGES

DISTRIBUTION CENTER 1818 N. PERSHING RD., CHICAGO 9 ILL. ROUTINE

DAY LETTER

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

WOMACK FUNERAL HOME

CLARENDON, TEXAS

REMAINS OF THE LATE (S/SGT. MELVIN C. SKINNER SN: 18104568

BEING SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. ON TRAIN NUMBER 8

FTW&amp;DC RR

DUE TO ARRIVE CLARENDON, TEXAS, 8:34 PM (ST) SAT. 11 JUNE 1949.

REQUEST THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE NEXT OF KIN AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REFER TO CONTROL NUMBER 29440.

THOS. O. CALL  
MAJOR, QMC

MAP  
 FILE  
 RECORDS AND  
 DATE - JUL 15 1949  
 SAVED A DAY PER  
 MR. MEN. DIV.

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased

 this 11 day of June, 19 49  
 (Day) (Month)

*Sgt. Robert M. Bouvark*  
 (Witness (Escort))

*Womack Funeral Home*  
*By Keith L. Bain*  
 (Consignor)

AG .IV., CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEP  
1819 W. PERSHING RD., CHICAGO 9, ILL.

WESTERN UNION  
DAY LETTER

DELIVER AND REPORT ANY CHARGES

RECEIVED  
SIGN  
MAY 1 5 30 PM '49

**IRVING SKINNER**

**CLARENDON, TEXAS**

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT REMAINS OF THE LATE

**S/SGT. MELVIN C. SKINNER**

ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES

OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO

**WOMACK FUNERAL HOME CLARENDON, TEXAS**

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN 48 HOURS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO CHICAGO QUARTERMASTER DEPOT AGRD 1819 WEST PERSHING ROAD CHICAGO ILLINOIS, INCLUDING FULL NAME OF DECEASED AND YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS. YOUR REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AFTER 48 HOURS HAVE ELAPSED CANNOT BE COMPLIED WITH AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. DELIVERY OF REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIVED HOWEVER MANY FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY SEVERAL WEEKS. AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT OF REMAINS ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION AND TIME OF ARRIVAL AND REQUESTED TO NOTIFY YOU. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK LOCAL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. IN REPLY REFER TO CONTROL NO. **29440**

THOS. O. CALL  
Major, QMC  
Chief, A. G. R. D.

FILE

MAY 1 - 1949

C. M. ODENWALDER  
Captain, QMC  
Chief Admin. Br. ✓

4A-1 and 3E-1  
Combined and Revised

FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER  
FORT WORTH 1, TEXAS

19 April 1949

Miss Inez Skinner  
Clarendon, Texas

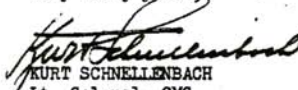
Dear Miss Skinner:

Due to the deactivation of the American Graves Registration Division here at the Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot, the records pertaining to the disposition of the remains of the late S Sgt Melvin C. Skinner are being transferred to the American Graves Registration Division at the Chicago Quartermaster Depot, Chicago 9, Illinois.

Final delivery of the remains will be accomplished through that Distribution Center, and if you desire any further information it will be furnished upon written request to the Chicago Quartermaster Depot. If you have recently changed your address or have occasion to change it in the future it is suggested you advise that office immediately.

If this office can be of any further service to you prior to 6 May 1949 please feel free to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

  
KURT SCHNELLENBACH  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Chief, AGR Division

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

S/Sgt Melvin C. Skinner, 18 104 568  
 Flot 1, Row 1, Grave 19  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Meudon, France

23 JUN 1948

*no disp 9/18/48*  
 DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

PART I

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

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

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

1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY  
CITIZEN'S Cemetery - CLARENDON, TEXAS  
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box.)  
 YES       NO

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

NONE  
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## PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with you... funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

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

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

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

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR WOMACK FUNERAL HOME			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN 10 CLARENDON	COUNTY OR PROVINCE DONLEY	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY TEXAS
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) Fort Worth, + Denver	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS CLARENDON -	TELEPHONE NO. PHONE 36	TELEPHONE NO. 94

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

LAST NAME SKINNER	FIRST NAME LESLIE	MIDDLE INITIAL F	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED BROTHER
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN Pampa	COUNTY OR PROVINCE Gray	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY Texas

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space see page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Inez Skinner*  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)  
Inez Skinner  
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

Clarendon, Texas  
(STREET AND NUMBER)  
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 28th day of June, 1948, at city (or town) of Clarendon, county of Donley, and State (or Territory or District) of Texas

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

*W. M. Palmer*  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
Notary Public Donley County Tex  
(OFFICIAL TITLE)



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

293 SKINNER, Melvin C.

Washington 25, D. C.

November 19, 1948

With reference to the attached application submitted for a Government  
HEADSTONE OR MARKER

Indication as to the type headstone or marker desired was not checked on the attached application. Please check the type of stone you desire by marking (S) in the appropriate box below AFTER YOU ARE SURE IT WILL BE PERMITTED BY THE CEMETERY AUTHORITIES.

If the reverse side of the application indicated for the Superintendent, Caretaker or Sexton has not been certified please complete before returning to this office.

NO FURTHER ACTION CAN BE TAKEN UNTIL THE INFORMATION REQUESTED HAS BEEN FURNISHED THIS OFFICE.

Please check only ONE type stone.

UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE

FLAT GRANITE MARKER

FLAT MARBLE MARKER

BRONZE MARKER (Consult cemetery authorities for appropriate design)

M.A.T.  
DEC 1 1948 FILE 70  
L.M. Oster  
CENTRAL

**REQUEST FOR NEW LETTER OF INQUIRY**

TO LETTER OF INQUIRY SECTION REPATRIATION RECORDS BRANCH		FROM <i>RL-2</i>	
NAME OF DECEDENT (First, Middle, Last) <i>MELVIN C. SKINNER</i>		GRADE <i>3/SGT</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>18 104 568</i>
GRAVE LOCATION			
CEMETERY <i>Wsmc Blossville, France</i>	PLOT <i>E</i>	ROW <i>1</i>	GRAVE <i>19</i>
LETTER OF INQUIRY TO BE SENT TO: <del>MR.</del> MISS <del>MRS.</del> <i>Irene Skinner</i>		RELATIONSHIP <i>sister</i>	
ADDRESS			
STREET <i>Box 615</i>		CITY AND STATE <i>Clarendon, Texas</i>	
AUTHORITY FOR LETTER OF INQUIRY AND REMARKS  <i>Oldest sister, Brothers signed waivers.</i>			
DATE <i>22 June 48</i>		CLERK'S SIGNATURE <i>E. B. [Signature]</i>	

## ...QUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

L 4-27-48

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

DATE:

S/Sgt Melvin C. Skinner, 18 104 568

29 March 1948

PILOT ~~B. ROW 1, GRAVE 19,~~  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Blossville, France

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

## PART I

1. ROY E SKINNER  
 (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

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

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

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Clarendon Cemetery, Clarendon, Texas  
 (NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY) THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT Clarendon, Texas (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
- (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
- YES       NO

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

none

*F. Lee  
 Garrison  
 B. A. C. 1948  
 10/29/48*

## PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

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

LAST NAME <b>SKINNER</b>	FIRST NAME <b>INEZ</b>	MIDDLE INITIAL <b>B</b>
NUMBER AND STREET <b>Box 615</b>	CITY OR TOWN <b>Clarendon Dondley</b>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <b>Texas</b>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) <b>Clarendon</b>	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS <b>Box 615 Clarendon Texas</b>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A. OR COUNTRY <b>Texas</b>
		TELEPHONE NO. <b>248-J</b>

OR

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

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <b>Womack Funeral Home</b>			
NUMBER AND STREET <b>Clarendon, Texas</b>	CITY OR TOWN <b>Clarendon Dondley</b>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <b>Texas</b>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A. OR COUNTRY <b>Texas</b>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) <b>Clarendon, Texas</b>	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NO.

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

LAST NAME <b>Lestie Skinner</b>	FIRST NAME <b>Lestie</b>	MIDDLE INITIAL <b>F</b>	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <b>Brother</b>
NUMBER AND STREET <b>705 W. Foster</b>	CITY OR TOWN <b>Pampa</b>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <b>Grey</b>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A. OR COUNTRY <b>Texas</b>

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space see page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Roy E. Skinner*  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)  
**Roy E. Skinner**  
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

1226 19th Street  
(STREET AND NUMBER)  
San Bernardino, California  
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 19th day of April

19 48, at city (or town) of San Bernardino, county of San Bernardino, and State (or Territory or District) of California.

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

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV. 5th, 1949

*Nelson Means*  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
**(Notary Public in and for the County of**  
**San Bernardino, State of** (OFFICIAL TITLE) **California.**)

# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE

S/Bgt Melvin C. Skinner, 10 104 568  
 Plot E, Row 1, Grave 19,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Bloisville, France

14 January 1948

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**DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE**

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## PART I

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

- |  |                                  |  |   |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW   | <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER | <input type="checkbox"/> SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD     | <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER  | <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER  | <input type="checkbox"/> BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____ |                                  |  |   |

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

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2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

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

4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

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

YES       NO

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

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[Handwritten signature and initials]  
 [Handwritten date: 1/14/48]

R Hoppa

**PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**

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

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

LAST NAME <u>Skinner</u>	FIRST NAME <u>Inez</u>	MIDDLE INITIAL <u>B.</u>
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED <u>Sister</u>		
NUMBER AND STREET <u>Box 615</u>	CITY OR TOWN <u>Clarendon</u>	STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Texas</u>

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

Ray C. Skinner (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) Feb. 8, 1948 (DATE)  
ROBERT SKINNER (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) 1226-19th (STREET AND NUMBER)  
San Bernardino, Calif. (CITY AND STATE)

(note see page four)

**PART III**

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

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

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

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

(STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)


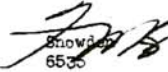

(CITY AND STATE)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
INTRA-OFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

*F. B. ... Medicine Co. S/SST*

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DATE, HOUR AND DATE

1 No.	2 From	3 To	4 Date	5 Message
1	LCI Section R/R Br.	Record Section R/R Br.	<i>15 July 48</i> <del>16</del> 1948	<p>1. As 333 card in this case could not be immediately located action has been taken with a view to resolving the case without the 333 card.</p> <p>2. File is forwarded to your Section for such correction in 333 card as may be indicated.</p> <p>3. When your action has been completed please forward file to Mail and Records.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">             C. DUNNINGHAM            71807         </p> <p style="text-align: right;">             Snow            6535         </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Records this section corrected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">             SNEDIGAR            5198         </p>

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

File  
Infor. extracted  
22 June 1948  
Farrington  
R & R

22 JUN 1948

*See sent to ...*

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

				DUE, HOUR AND DATE
1 No	2 From	3 To	4 Date	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief, Records Section R & R Br. Mem. Div.	Chief L. O. I. Section R & R Br. Mem. Div.	15 June 1948	<p>For Necessary Action.</p> <p><i>J. Snedigar</i> SNEDIGAR 5198</p> <p><i>Mitchell</i> <del>GARRICK</del> 4667-74394</p> <p>Records this section corrected. Incl:</p> <p>1: 293 File Skinner, Melvin C. 4568</p>
	<i>LO9 Rec R &amp; R Br Mem Div</i>	<i>Records Sec R &amp; R Br Mem Div</i>	<i>14 June 48</i>	<i>1. LO9 sent to sister 22 June 48</i>

*E. Brown*



## CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEASED ( <i>Last, First, Middle</i> )		GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	
Skinner, Melvin C.		S/Sgt.	18104568	
PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION ( <i>Cemetery and Country</i> )		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION ( <i>Cemetery and Country</i> )		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
Blosville, France		E	1	19
ADDRESSEE		ADDRESS ( <i>Street, City, State</i> )		
<del>MR</del> MISS <del>MR</del> Inez Skinner RELATIONSHIP                      sister		Box 615 Clarendon, Texas		
PARAGRAPHS ( <i>Sequence</i> )	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS			
165 A	brother  <i>which you enclosed</i> The <del>inlosed</del> waiver forms have been placed in our files and our records have been amended to show that you are the person legally authorized to determine the final resting place for your brother's remains.			
155 E	par. 2 Within the next few days _____			
155 E	par. 3			
ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE		TYPIST INITIALS		REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
Reynolds 5/27/48				

## NEW LOI

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEDate 27 May 1948

S/Sgt Malvin C. Skinner  
 Rank Name

18104568  
 A. S. N.

L.O.I. to be sent to:

Bleville, France  
 Cemetery

E 1 18  
 Plot Row Grave

Mr.  
 Mrs.  
 Miss Janz Skinner (sister)  
 Name

Box 615  
 Street

Clarendon, Texas  
 City

Texas

State

*LRP* waiver forms completed by brothers

WAIVER FORM

State of Texas

County of Donley

Date May 18, 1948

I, L. F. Skinner the Brother  
(Relationship)

of the late Melvin C. Skinner hereby waive all legal and/or other rights now existing or hereafter to me for the selection of the resting place now existing or hereafter accruing to the deceased.

SIGNED L F Skinner  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

Pampa, Texas  
(City) (State)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the said county of Donley this 18 day of May 1948

SEAL

W. M. [Signature]  
(Notary Public)

My Commission expires June 1, 1949

WAIVER FORM

State of Texas

County of Bexar

Date 5-14-48

I, Clyde S. Skinner the brother  
(Relationship)

of the late Melvin C. Skinner hereby waive all legal and/or other rights now existing or hereafter to me for the selection of the resting place now existing or hereafter accruing the deceased.

SIGNED Clyde S. Skinner  
(Signature)

314 N. Blaine  
(Street)

San Antonio Texas  
(City) (State)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the said county of Bexar this 14 day of May 1948

SEAL

Walter D. Hardin  
WALTER D. HARDIN (Notary Public)

My Commission expires June 1, 1949

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THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS  
Pacific Area

Repatriation Records Branch  
Disinterment Locator Section  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D.C.

DATE: April 27, 1948

FROM: (Miss) Cathryn Henna

*93*  
SUBJECT: SKINNER, Melvin G., S/Sgt. 1F104568  
~~Plot E, Row 1, Grave 19~~  
U. S. Military Cemetery  
Blosville, France

Next of Kin: Roy Skinner (brother)  
Old Address: 1226 19th Street, San Bernardino, Calif.  
New Address: None

Your Reference: OQMG 293

In compliance with your request of March 29, 1948 for an investigation in connection with the disposition of the remains of this deceased serviceman, we submit the following information:

1. OQMG Form 345 XXX has been submitted by Roy Skinner,  
(Name)  
Brother  
(Relationship)

   will be submitted on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

2. Remarks:

*Received 4/27*

*Antonia W. Mitchell*  
*for*  
*Cathryn Henna*  
(Miss) Cathryn Henna  
Director, Home Service  
Pacific Area

*NAT*  
*File*  
*J. Flynn*  
*Family C*  
*5/7/48*  
*Sup*

## CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Addressee: ~~Max~~ <sup>Miss.</sup> Inez Skinner Sister  
 State                      Box #615 Relationship  
 City, State Clarendon, Texas Date letter '47  
 Cemetery                       
 Temporary:                       
 Permanent:     E    1    19    Blosville, France      
                     Plot Row Gr Gen. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS  
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

165-2

We have received the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form on which your brother, Mr. Roy E. Skinner, relinquished his disposition authority, to you. However, in accordance with the order of precedence as established by the Secretary of the Army, there are two brothers of legal age, Mr. Clyde and Leslie Skinner, who must also relinquish their prior disposition right before you may complete the Disposition Form stating your desires in this matter.

Should your brothers desire to relinquish their prior disposition authority, copies of a legally acceptable waiver form are included for your convenience. You will understand, however, that there is no legal compulsion that they complete the waivers thereby relinquishing their right.

Upon receipt of this information, our records may be amended to show you as the legal next of kin, and a new "Letter of Inquiry-- Return of World War II Dead Program", will be mailed to you.

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3 Incls.

- 1 - Waiver Forms (2 in dupl)
- 2 - Env.

Analyst Typist Reviewer

Modifications

OKed

Decedent:

SKINNER  
Last

MELVIN  
First

G  
Initial

S/SEA  
Rank

18104 568  
ASN

Clarendon Tex <sup>or</sup>  
April 10 1948 <sup>date</sup>

Office of Quartermaster General  
War Dept

Washington D C.

attn  
Memorial Division

Dear Sir

I am writing you in regard  
to the remains ~~of~~ my brother  
Staff Sargent Melvin C Skinner  
SN ~~74~~ 18104568 who was killed  
in action over France June 6 1944.  
I was informed by you all in a  
letter of Jan 12 1948 that my  
brother Roy Skinner of San  
Bernardino California has been  
authorized to direct the remains.  
I had a letter from Roy Skinner  
the first of Feb 1948 saying he  
mailed the papers back to you  
all and designated me as next  
of kin he said he told you all  
to notify me and so far I haven't  
heard a word from you and I do  
like to have the remains sent back  
so let me hear from you soon  
in regard to this matter Sincerely  
Inez Skinner  
Box 615 Clarendon Texas

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

In Reply Refer To RR Br: CGMGR 293 Skinner, Melvin C., B/Sgt, 10 104 568  
Plot 4, Row 1, Grave 10  
United States Military Cemetery  
Bloerville, France

29 March 1948

P R I O R I T Y

Miss Cathryn Hanna, Home Service Director  
Pacific Area, American Red Cross  
Larkin and Grove Streets  
San Francisco 1, California

Dear Miss Hanna:

The Next of Kin of the above captioned deceased brother  
(relationship)

Mr. Roy Skinner, 1226 19th Street, San Bernardino, California  
(name) (address)

has failed to return a Form 345 indicating disposition instructions for the remains.

It is respectfully requested that the attached CGMGR Form 345 be properly accomplished by the Next of Kin and legal documents obtained through assistance of your representative if appropriate, be furnished this office. In the event you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of the decedent.

It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above, they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this request.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN O. HYATT  
Colonel, GMC  
Memorial Division

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

*W. B. Kinney, Melvin C. (18104568)*

DATE, HOUR AND DATE

1 NO.	2 FROM-	3 TO-	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1.	LOI Section R/S Br.	Record Section R/R Br.	24 March 1948	<p>1. As 333 card in this case could not be immediately located, action has been taken with a view to resolving the case without the 333 card.</p> <p>2. File is forwarded to your Section for such correction in 333 card as may be indicated.</p> <p>3. When your action has been completed, please forward file to Mail and Records.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ELL</i> 71507</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>EM</i> Snowden 6535</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Records this section corrected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><del>REEDIGAR</del> 5198</p> <p style="text-align: center;">File ✓ Information extracted 31 March 1948 W. Farrington R &amp; R</p>

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

pap  
2 March 1948

1383 - QMTS - Camp Lee, Va. - 3 - 21 - 47 -  
100M

Date 1-9- 1947

S/Sgt Melvin C. Skinner 18 104568  
 Rank Name A. S. N.

U.S.M.C. Blossville, France LOI to be sent to:  
 Cemetery

<u>E</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>19</u>
Plot	Row	Grave

Mr. Roy Skinner  
 Mrs. 13746 - 19th Street  
 Miss San Bernardino  
 City BERNARDINO  
 State California

LOI SENT 14 JAN 1948 - H.A.T. M L W

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Names, ages and addresses nearest relatives of  
 Staff Sergeant Melvin C Skinner who was killed  
 in action June 6 1944

Name	date of Birth	relationship	address
1 Miss Inez Skinner	Jan 14 1905	Sister	Box 615 Clarendon Tex
2 Ray Skinner	April 3 1907	Brother	1226 19th St San Bernadeno California
3 Leslie Skinner	May 15 1909	Brother	705 West Foster St. Pampa Tex
4 Mrs Lora Dunlap	July 26 1911	Sister	113 N Lewellen St Dallas 8 Texas
5 Mrs Virgie Carver	Oct 3 1913	Sister	2355 Cooley Pl Pasadena 7 California
6 Clyde Skinner	June 14 1917	Brother	407.4th St San Antonio Tex
7 Mrs Ethel Hippe	June 1 1922	Sister	9 Wicks Ave Oceanic Long Island New York
8 Mrs Louise Clement	May 15 1925	Sister	312 McMaster St Amarillo Texas

Subscribed and sworn to be correct, by Miss Inez Skinner  
 of Clarendon Texas, This January 3rd, 1948

J. T. Patman Notary Public, Donley county Texas

## CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr. Miss. Ines Skinner Sister  
 Addressee: M.S. Box 615 Relationship  
 State Clarendon, Texas  
 City, State 147 Date letter  
 Cemetery  
 Temporary: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plot How Or Gen. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS  
 (sequence)

— ADDITIONAL — DATA — MODIFICATIONS —

165-A affidavit

We sincerely appreciate your interest in forwarding this information to us and we have amended our records to show Mr. Roy Skinner as the person authorized to direct the final disposition of the remains of your brother.

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EA

Analyst Typist Reviewer

Modifications

OKed

1-9-48

Decedent: Skinner, Mollie C. 5157  
 Last First Initial Rank ASN  
 18104568

File  
 1/24/48  
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Date 1-7- 1948

S/Sgt Melvin C. Skinner 12 104 568  
 Rank Name A. S. N.

U.S.M.C. Blossville, Penn  
 Cemetery

LOI to be sent to:

E 1 19  
 Plot Row Grave

Mr.  
 Mrs. Roy Skinner  
 Miss  
 Name  
13746 - 19th Street  
Bernadino  
 City  
California  
 State

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

In Reply Refer To: **QMGM 293**

**14 OCT 1941**

**Skinner, Melvin G. SN 18 104 568**

Date of Birth 11 March 1920

SUBJECT: Request for information re next of kin of above named deceased serviceman of World War II.

TO: Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service,  
Veterans Administration  
Washington 25, D.C.

For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the above identified deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate information be entered on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the completed letter be returned to this office.

① Incl: *OK / ECF*  
Envelope

*Mark J. Gill*  
MARK J. GILL  
Major, QMG  
Memorial Division

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Veteran's \_\_\_\_\_  
Name *Skinner, Melvin G.*  
XC *3818 541*

Information in the VA case file indicates that the deceased serviceman was survived by the relatives listed below.

NOTE - A. Identify two persons in the following order of preference:

1. Widow *Widow*
2. Male children over 21 years *none*
3. Female children over 21 years *Widow*
4. Father *deceased*

B. If parent is listed, state whether natural, step-, adoptive or foster parent.

C. If no information is available concerning any surviving relatives, state "None".

Relationship: *Sister Name* Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If none, state "None": *Widow*  
state "None": *Julia Francis Skinner* *415 E. ...*  
Has she remarried? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, is proof of remarriage on file? \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDED & INDEXED  
DIRECTOR

OCT 16 1941  
CLAIMS SERVICE  
(ADDRESS)

*6415 ...*  
*10-16-41*  
*...*

## CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr. Miss. Addressee: Mr. Fred Skinner Relationship Sister  
 State Box 274  
 City, State C. Lawrence, Texas Date letter 147  
 Cemetery Temporary: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent:  F 1 19 USMC Beville, Texas  
 Plot Row Gr. Cen. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS  
(sequence)

— ADDITIONAL — DATA — MODIFICATIONS —

145c TP1 OK  
 TP2 omit  
 TP3 revise!  
 It is requested that — names, ages,  
 degree of relationship and addresses of  
 all surviving relatives, be forwarded —  
 TP4 omit here.  
 34a 1st para. only  
 145c 4th para.

MAJ  
 Analyst Typist Reviewer

Modifications

OKed

Decedent:

Last

First

Initial

Rank

ASN

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

14 OCT 1947

In Reply Refer To: QMG:MM 293

393 Skinner, Malvia C. SS 18 104 586

Date of Birth 11 March 1900

SUBJECT: Request for information re next of kin of above named deceased serviceman of World War II.

TO: Director, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims Service  
Veterans Administration  
Washington 25, D.C.

For use in determination of final disposition of remains of the above identified deceased serviceman, it is requested that appropriate information be entered on the lower portion of this letter and that one copy of the completed letter be returned to this office.

MARK J. GILL  
Major, QMG  
Memorial Division

1 Incl:  
Envelope

encl

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Veteran's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
XC \_\_\_\_\_

MJC  
ACK

Information in the VA case file indicates that the deceased serviceman was survived by the relatives listed below.

NOTE - A. Identify two persons in the following order of preference:

1. Widow
2. Male children over 21 years
3. Female children over 21 years
4. Father

B. If parent is listed, state whether he is the biological, adoptive or step parent.  
C. If no information is available concerning surviving relatives state "None".

Relationship: Name : Address

Widow :  
None :  
state "None" :  
: Has she remarried? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, is proof of remarriage on file?  
:  
:  
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38 OCT '47  
S. O. H. C.  
RECORDS BRANCH  
MAIL

DIRECTOR  
CLAIMS SERVICE  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE: 23 Jan 1945 jcc

FULL NAME <b>Skinner, Melyin G.</b>				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>18 104 568</b>				GRADE <b>S/Sgt</b>							
HOME ADDRESS <b>Clarendon, Texas</b>				ARM OR SERVICE <b>Inf</b>				DATE OF BIRTH <b>11 Mar 1920</b>							
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>				CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>				DATE OF DEATH <b>6 Jun 1944</b>							
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>15 Apr 1942</b>				LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES		YEARS		MONTHS		DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Miss Louise G. Skinner, sister, 1611 Van Buren St., Amarillo, Texas</b>															
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Miss Louise G. Skinner, sister, same as above. Miss Inez, Skinner, sister, Box 274 Clarendon, Texas.</b>															
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAR DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

Parachute Pay.

BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 6 June 1944 until such absence was terminated on 18 January 1945 ~~xxxx~~ when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

COPIES FURNISHED:

S. O. O.	F. S. I.	F. O. U. S. A.
S. O. G. M. S.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
S. A. D.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE A. G. 301 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

*H. Curl*

80 JAN 1945

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

JM:IB:rt  
Case No. 168419  
Date 19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Melvin C. Skinner, 18104568 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)  
Staff Sergeant, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 6 day of June, 1944, at European Area

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KQQM 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 16 June 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KQQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Miss Louise G. Skinner 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, Miss Louise G. Skinner of 1611 Van Buren Street, Amarillo State of Texas is the Sister 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, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)  
SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL

507TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY  
APO 230, U.S. APO

30 July 1944  
Date

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Depot G-14, APO 507,  
U.S. APO.

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

Skinner, Melvin C., 3 Sgt. 15104568  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MOS) (Rank) (A.S.N.) (Control No.)  
(For use of Effects QM. ETOUSA)

Organization Service Company, 507th Parachute Infantry.  
(UNIT - - - Non branch of Service)

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

Designated Beneficiary (with Address)  
Mrs. Louise G. Skinner, (Sister)  
1604 Taylor St.  
Amarillo, Texas.

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

U.S.S.O. # None. Amt \$            U.S.M.O. #            Amt \$           

U.S.M.O. #            Amt \$            U.S.M.C. #            Amt \$           

U.S. Official Check # None. Amt \$            Bank             
(Name and Branch)

#Bank accounts None.

#Debtors None.

#Creditors None.

#Inclosed is No Inclosures.  
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks, Describe Fully)

REMARKS (if any)

\*Strike out words not applicable.  
#Negative report when applicable.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS  
(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

1 Photo ✓  
1 Money Belt ✓  
1 Handkerchief ✓  
111 Letters ✓

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of the subject's effects and that effects were shipped to Effects Co. ETUSA, A.F.O. 507, G-14, U.S. Army delivering to Effects Co. 82d A/B Div APO 462 USA., on 30 July 1944.

*George J. Roper*  
~~George J. Roper~~  
(Signature - (In ink))

GEORGE J. ROOPER  
Cpt., 507th Prcht Inf  
Rank and Organization } (Block letters)

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Miss Louise G. Skinner  
1611 Van Buren Street  
Amarillo, Texas

Effects of: S/Sgt. Melvin C. Skinner Amarillo, Texas

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ASN 18104968

Case No. 168419 D

Wt. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 19 June 1945 *E. Taylor*  
GHG:IB:rt A. Effects Quartermaster

## REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check  Reserve G.I.

Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_  Note discrepancy in \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_  Files removed

Inclose "Valuables" item \_\_\_\_\_  Dirty removed

Ship "Valuables" item(s) \_\_\_\_\_  Laundry removed

## ROUTING:

Accounting Branch

1 Warehouse Division

2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

## REMARKS:

*1 ypk 9*

FRANKED JUL 2 1945

Prepaid \_\_\_\_\_

Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

Est. Pre. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of mailings \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*

Shipping Clerk

JUN 15 1945

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

DECEASED

MISSING

P.O.W.

ARRANGED

TALLY NO. 7609

INV. DATE

ORIG. OF

BOX NO. 18

SHEET 1

ORGANIZATION

507th Field

Infantry

*Handwritten notes*

168419

NAME McLYNN C. SKINNER

A.S.N. 18104568 RANK S/SGT

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belt	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>KNIVES &amp; KNIFEOLDS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>KNIVES</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <del>Belt, MONEY (NO MONEY)</del>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>CLOTHING</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAILS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloth, wash	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>BRACELET IDENT.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Coats	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>BRUSHES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Case
<input type="checkbox"/> Footwear, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>CAMERAS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Footlocker
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>GLASSES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>KIT, REV. TIE, OR VESTING</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Handkerchiefs	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>KNIVES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ROCKS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Headwear	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>LIGHTERS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Books, address
<input type="checkbox"/> Jackets	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>KNIFE</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Books, Pilot Log
<input type="checkbox"/> Overcoats	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>PEN, POUNTAIN</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>DIARY (REMOVED FOR USE)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarfs	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>PENCIL, MECHANICAL</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>FILES</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>PIPES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Letters
<input type="checkbox"/> Socks, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>RELIGIOUS ARTICLES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Papers, Personal
<input type="checkbox"/> Ties	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>RIFLES, CARTRIDGES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Photos
<input type="checkbox"/> Towels	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>RINGS</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoe shine articles
<input type="checkbox"/> Trousers, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TOBACCO</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>SHORT SHOTTER</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Trunks, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>TOILET ARTICLES</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>SOUVENIRS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>WATCH</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>SOUVENIR MONEY</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Stationery
		<input type="checkbox"/> <u>RESUME</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> <u>R.S. "DICK" (MONEY)</u>

REMARKS *Sister* ATTACHMENTS *inventory effects*

*Mrs Louise A. Skinner*

*1004 Taylor St.*

*Amarillo, Texas.*

C.A.T. *none*

WAREHOUSE SPACE *2023* STORED BY *AW*

INVENTORIED BY *Gill*

PACKED BY *F. H. ...*

CHECKED BY *S*

WEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> G. I. REMOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> SHORTEAGE ON REVERSE
	<input type="checkbox"/> IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> DIARY REMOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> LUGG'G STORAGE
DATE SHIPPED <b>JUL 2 1945</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> LAUNDRY REMOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.O. OR ADDITIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> FILM REMOVED

NAME ~~SKINNER~~, SKINNER, MELVIN C. S 507

4568

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
62	40	18	7609

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
OTN		

168419

GHG:LB:dn  
June 27, 1945

Miss Louise G. Skinner  
1611 Van Buren Street  
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Miss Skinner:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from  
overseas some property of your brother, Staff  
Sergeant Melvin C. Skinner.

This property, consisting of a few small items,  
is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been received  
at the expiration of thirty days from this date,  
please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
1st Lt. Q.M.G.  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Unit



SPOYG 293  
Skinner, Melvin G.

13 March 1946

Miss Louise G. Skinner  
1611 Van Buren Street  
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Miss Skinner:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your brother, the late Staff Sergeant Melvin G. Skinner, A.S.N. 18 104 568.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Elzeville, France, plot E, row 1, grave 19.

This cemetery is located approximately twenty miles northwest of St. Lo, twenty-four miles southeast of Charbourg and five miles north and slightly west of Carentan, all in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LANKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

IN REPLY REFER TO BURIAL OF  
S/Sgt. Melvin C. Skinner, 18 104 568  
Plot E, Row 1, Grave 19,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Bloisville, France

12 September 1947

Miss Louise G. Skinner  
1611 Van Buren Street  
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Miss Skinner:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

*Thomas B. Larkin*

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

Incls.

NAT  
File  
boat 47  
in file  
Dec

//////////

*Skinner*  
 OMCMP 293

Skinner, Melvin C.  
 S.W. 18 104, 568

22 December 1947

Miss Ines Skinner  
 Box 274  
 Clarendon, Texas

Dear Miss Skinner:

The Department of the Army is endeavoring to determine the relative who may be legally recognized as the next of kin having the right to direct the final disposition of the remains of your brother, the late Staff Sergeant Melvin C. Skinner.

It is requested that a certified list or affidavit, containing the names, ages, degree of relationship and addresses of all surviving relatives, be forwarded to enable us to determine the person legally authorized to direct the disposition of the remains of your brother.

The official report of burial indicates that the remains of your brother were interred, in a dignified and solemn manner in Plot E, Row 1, Grave 19, in the United States Military Cemetery Bloisville, France, located twenty-five miles southeast of Cherbourg, France.

Your cooperation and promptness in forwarding the requested document to our office will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
 Major, OMC  
 Memorial Division

2 Incls  
 Inf. Slip  
 Envelope

MEMORIAL DIVISION  
 DEC 27 8 30 PM '47

cc:

RBC

QMGMP 293  
Skinner, Melvin C.  
SN IB 104 568

12 January 1948

Miss Inez Skinner  
Box 615  
Clarendon, Texas

Dear Miss Skinner:

Your affidavit pertaining to your brother, the late Staff Sergeant Melvin C. Skinner, has come to my attention.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in forwarding this information to us and we have amended our records to show Mr. Roy Skinner as the person authorized to direct the final disposition of the remains of your brother.

Please rest assured of my continued sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. GOOMES  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division



S/Sgt Melvin G. Skinner, 18 104 568  
Flat B, Row 1, Grave 19,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Bloisville, France

14 January 1948

Mr. Roy Skinner  
1226 19th Street  
San Bernardino, California

Dear Mr. Skinner:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS E. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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Clarendon Tex  
May 19th 1948

Office of Quartermaster General  
War Department  
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Washington 25 D.C.

enclosed you will find  
to Wainers form one  
signed by my brother  
Leslie F Skinner of Pampa  
Texas & the other one by  
my brother Clyde F Skinner  
of San Antonio Texas.

these are in regard to  
the remains of our  
brother the late

<sup>293</sup>  
Staff Sergeant Melvin C Skinner  
SN 18104568. PLOT E Row 1 grave #  
USMC Bloisville France.

May we hear from you  
soon in regard to this matter  
yours truly  
Irene Skinner.

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Clarendon Texas.

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Skinner, Melvin C., SN 18 104, 568  
Plot E, Row 1, Graves 19  
USMC Bloisville, France

3 June 1948

Miss Inez Skinner  
Box 615  
Clarendon, Texas

Dear Miss Skinner:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your brother, the late Staff Sergeant Melvin C. Skinner, has come to my attention.

The waiver forms which you inclosed have been placed in our files and our records have been amended to show that you are the person legally authorized to determine the final resting place for your brother's remains.

Within the next few days we will furnish you full information regarding the "Return of World War II Dead Program," and there will be included a form on which you may indicate your desires in this matter.

I wish to thank you for the cooperation you have given us.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

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Skinner, Melvin C., SN 18 104 568  
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7 May 1948

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We have received the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form on which your brother, Mr. Roy E. Skinner, relinquished his disposition authority to you. However, in accordance with the order of precedence as established by the Secretary of the Army, there are two brothers of legal age, Mr. Clyde and Leslie Skinner, who must also relinquish their prior disposition right before you may complete the Disposition Form stating your desires in this matter.

Should your brothers desire to relinquish their prior disposition authority, copies of a legally acceptable waiver form are inclosed for your convenience. You will understand, however, that there is no legal compulsion that they complete the waivers thereby relinquishing their right.

Upon receipt of this information, our records may be amended to show you as the legal next of kin, and a new "Letter of Inquiry" will be mailed to you.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time if you believe we can assist you further.

Sincerely yours,

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1. Waiver Forms (in dup)  
2. Envelope

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, GMC



Dear Sirs:

In relinquishing my rights as next of kin, of S/Sgt. Melvin C. Skinner Ser. No. 18104568, plot E, row 1, Grave 19 U. S. Military Cemetery, Blissville, France, I feel that since she raised the boy, it would be proper for me to relinquish my rights as next of kin.

(Signed) Roy E. Skinner

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S/Sgt Melvin C. Skinner, 18 104 968  
Plot E, Row 1, Grave 19  
United States Military Cemetery  
Blagnac, France

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