

RESTRICTED REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

26972
15 July 1944
Date

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<u>Farnham</u>	<u>Elmer</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>OCT 8 1944</u>	<u>01292494</u>
<small>Last Name</small>	<small>First</small>	<small>Initial</small>	<small>Rank</small>	<small>Serial No.</small>
<u>82 A/B</u>	<u>507 Para Inf Reg</u>	<u>HACo</u>	<u>3d BN</u>	<u>730</u>
<small>Unit</small>	<small>Organization</small>			
<u>France</u>	<u>13-7-44</u>	<u>KIA</u>		
<small>Place of Death</small>	<small>Date of Death</small>	<small>Cause of Death</small>		
<u>1145 13 July 1944</u>	<u>Blosville, France</u>			
<small>Time and Date of Burial</small>	<small>Name of Cemetery</small>	<small>Name or Coordinates of Location</small>		
<u>100</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Cross</u>	
<small>Grave Number</small>	<small>Row Number</small>	<small>Plot Number</small>	<small>Type of Marker</small>	

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	<u>(Ending of row)</u>			
	<small>Name</small>	<small>Serial No.</small>	<small>Rank</small>	<small>Grave No.</small>
Deceased's Left:	<u>Elmer F Hoffmann</u>	<u>0-1307969</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>99</u>
	<small>Name</small>	<small>Serial No.</small>	<small>Rank</small>	<small>Grave No.</small>

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 Addressee Unknown Name _____

Address _____

Religion _____

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

- 1 Bar
- 5 Shillings
- 465 Francs
- Coins (Souvenirs)

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
F.A. Greulich
F.A. GREULICH
Capt QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

101 5-100

Serial No. 0-2292494 Name Elmer W. Farnham

Grade 1st Lt Rank _____

Organization 82 AB _____

Address _____

Nearest Relative _____

Address _____

Killed in Action yes Died of Disease _____

Date July 13 1944 Hospital _____

Battle Area _____ Information _____

Place of Burial Blossville Cemetery France

Point of Coordination _____

Description of Body _____

Members Missing _____

Signed PFC Charles H. Hanson

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 19 Sept 1944
veb 4633

FULL NAME Farnham, Elmer F.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 01292494		GRADE 1st Lt.	
HOME ADDRESS Washington, Pennsylvania		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry		DATE OF BIRTH 5 Oct 1914	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 13 Jul 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 4 Sept 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
				YEARS	MONTHS
					DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Mabel Spier (mother) 430 Fayette St., Washington, Pa.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Mabel Spier (mother) same as above Mrs. Cora Schrader (aunt) same as above					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
		YES	NO	YES	NO
				I	X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

***On parachute pay**

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status on 11 June 1944 and subsequently reported killed in action on 13 July 1944, such absence was terminated on 14 Sept 1944 on which date evidence of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

Handwritten:
 311/10/44
 SEP 24 1944
 [Signature]

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S. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O. U. S. A.
2. O. Q. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BATTLE
 NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Handwritten Signature:
John T. Winn
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
FARNHAM ELMER F		01292494			1 LT	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER
FRANCE		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	J	MIA	141

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS MABEL SPIER	MOTHER	3 Aug 44 gmt
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
430 FAYETTE STREET WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA		

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY



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

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO _____ YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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

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

REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE _____ CHECKED BY _____ REVIEWED BY _____

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

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

DISTRIBUTION "A" 32 COPIES

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

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3508 01491

DATE 15 11 47 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME FARNHAM ELMER F SERIAL NUMBER 01292494 RANK 1 LT ARM 1

DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY BLOSVILLE - CARENTAN

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1 3200 07 CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT M ROW 5 GRAVE 100 COUNTRY FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH 1

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE MABEL J. SPIER A. BLAINE DAY 415 WEST CHESTNUT STREET FUNERAL HOME WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN MABEL J. SPIER (MOTHER) 415 WEST CHESTNUT STREET WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME FARNHAM ELMER F SERIAL NUMBER 01292494 RANK 1 Lt DATE OF DEATH Utd DATE DISTINTERRED 13 Feb 48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON [X] REMAINS [X] MARKER ORGANIZATION USAGF RELIGION P IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY T.C. Murray, Capt QMC TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform

CONDITION OF REMAINS Advanced decomposition

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1 None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 25 Feb 48 BY H.F. Pergande

CASKET SEALED BY H.F. Pergande

EMBALMER (Signature) H.F. Pergande

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 25 Feb 48 H.B. Ryder Jr.

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY John Palyok Jr., 1 Lt FA

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

John Palyok Jr., 1 Lt FA SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

CERTIFICATE

(AR 30-1830)

(WORLD WAR II DECEASED)

1. FILL IN EITHER PART A OR PART B; NOT BOTH.
2. USE PART A WHEN INTERMENT IS IN A CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY.
3. USE PART B WHEN REMAINS ARE DELIVERED TO HOME OR OTHER PLACE PRIOR TO BURIAL IN A NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY.

PART A - CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY

A	REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT EXPENSES <small>(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)</small>		
NAME OF DECEDENT <i>Elmer F. Farnham</i>	GRADE 1st Lt.	SERIAL NUMBER 0-1 292 494	COMPONENT U.S. Army
I certify that the sum of \$ <u>75.00</u> was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above named decedent in the below named cemetery.			
INSERT NAME OF CEMETERY Washington Cemetery	CITY OR COUNTY Washington, Washington Co	STATE Penn'a	
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM 1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR. 2. Return four copies to: AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION G. L. BROWN'S GENERAL DEPOT COLUMBUS, OHIO		SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <i>Mabel J. Spier</i>	
		ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State) 415 West Chestnut St, Near - Washington, Washington County, Penn'a	
		RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT Mother	DATE May 14, 1948

PART B - NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY

B	REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES <small>(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)</small>		
NAME OF DECEDENT	GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	COMPONENT
I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above named decedent from and to the following places:			
INSERT CITY OR TOWN (OR ADDRESS NOT IN A CITY OR TOWN) FROM WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED	INSERT NAME AND LOCATION OF NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY TO WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED		
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM 1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR. 2. Return four copies to:		SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <i>W. KNOX</i>	
		ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State) W. KNOX, LE. Col. F. D.	
		RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT	DATE

PAID ON VOUCHER 735-79
 6/19/50 ACCOUNTS LI
 W. KNOX, LE. Col. F. D.

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country) <i>(Do not give - Remains already in the U. S.)</i>	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. <i>Mabel Spier</i> MRS. RELATIONSHIP <i>Mother</i>	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>Rear 415 West Chestnut St. Washington, Pennsylvania</i>		

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
<i>165B</i>	<i>AGO</i>
<i>122A</i>	<i>- all paragraphs - last paragraph add second sentence</i>
<i>124</i>	<i>- Par #1 as is Par #2 - line #2 change to read "remains identified as those of your son were delivered to you by the Distribution Center nearest your home."</i>
<i>168A</i>	
<i>166E</i>	

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle) *Farnham Oliver F.*

GRADE *1/2*

SERIAL NUMBER *01292494*

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE <i>Jary 26 Aug 48</i>	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, COLUMBUS 15, OHIO

ROUTINE

11 MAY 1948

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

A BLAINE DAY FUNERAL HOME

WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA

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FROM QMDCG _____ BARDEN

REMAINS OF THE LATE 1ST LT ELMER F FARNHAN ASN O-1292494 BEING SHIPPED

TO YOU ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NO 36 BALTIMORE AND OHIO

RAILROAD LEAVING COLUMBUS 12:36 AM ELEVENTH MAY AND DUE TO ARRIVE

WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA 6:42 AM RAILROAD TIME ELEVENTH MAY. REQUEST

YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND THAT

YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO NEXT OF KIN

REPATRIATION
RECORDS BRANCH
MAR 20 11 48 PM '48
MEMORIAL DIVISION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED

THIS 4th DAY OF 5 MONTH, 19 48

A. P. T. Lammie
WITNESS (Escort)

Blaine Day Funeral Home
CONSIGNEE
Smiley B

File
not
Records
7 June 48
M. P. L.
R. R. P.

WU115 47 6 EXTRA COLLECT WASHINGTON PENN MAR 29 1110P
RAPID BOWMAN C G COLUMBUS GENL DISTR DEPOT

RETEL MARCH 29TH REGARDING REMAINS OF LATE 1ST LT. ELMER
F FARNHAN PLEASE SHIP REMAINS OF THE A BLAINE DAY FUNERAL
HOME, WASHINGTON, PA. VIA B AND O LOCAL VETERANS FOREIGN
WARS POST 927 WASHINGTON PA WILL CONDUCT MILITARY HONORS

MABEL J SPIER 415 W CHESTNUT ST WASHINGTON PENN.

29 1ST LT B O 927 415 W.

1114A

MESSAGEFORM

MESSAGE CENTER NO. TRANSMITTING MEANS

CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT

CALLS V	STA. SER. No. NR	PRECEDENCE	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	ORIGINATOR	DATE-TIME GROUP
ACTION	INFORMATION	EXEMPT	OPERATING SIGNALS	GROUP COUNT	BR

SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

GOVT PD

ACTION TO: ~~PRIORITY~~ **MABEL J SPIER**
DLR AND REPORT ANY CHARGES.
415 WEST CHESTNUT STREET
WASHINGTON PENNSYLVANIA

PRECEDENCE FOR	
ACTION PRIORITY DAY LETTER	INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE	
IDENTIFICATION	REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE CLASSIFICATION

INFORMATION TO: FROM QMDCG **14516-C** BARDEN

THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE REMAINS OF LATE

FIRST LIEUTENANT ELMER F FARHAN

ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO YOU AT ABOVE ADDRESS. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH FUNERAL DIRECTOR OF YOUR CHOICE TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. WE REGRET IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO GIVE YOU A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE HOWEVER THREE DAYS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT FROM THIS DEPOT YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF RAIL ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO YOU SO THAT YOU MAY MAKE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. WITHIN 48 HOURS OF DATE OF THIS MESSAGE PLEASE FURNISH NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR SELECTED AND CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT COLUMBUS OHIO. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 48 HOUR PERIOD. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. IF YOU SHOULD DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM. NOTIFY THIS OFFICE OF PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION SELECTED BY YOU TO FURNISH MILITARY HONORS.

BOWMAN CG COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT COLUMBUS OHIO

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION		AUTHORIZATION	
ORIGINATING AGENCY		SIGNATURE	
SYMBOL MAR 25 1948 ASRD	DATE-TIME GROUP	OFFICIAL TITLE FRANCIS FAPPIANO CAPT, QMC, Asst AGR Div	PAGE of

WD-AGO FORM 11-1-68
15 JUN 1945This form supersedes WD AGO Form 11-168, 23 Aug 44,
and WD AGO Form 801, 12 Mar 43, which are obsolete.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Rail - Funeral Director Is Not Designated

INSPECTION CHECKLIST
(FOR USE AT DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

NAME Farnhan, Elmer F.		RANK 1 Lt	SERIAL NUMBER 0-1292494	
SOURCE NY006R-F		CONSIGNEE Mabel J. Spier 415 West Chestnut St. Washington, Penna.		
SHIPPING CASE - GENERAL APPEARANCE (CHECK ONLY DISCREPANCIES)		CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		
FINISH (EXTERIOR)		REMARKS <i>Attached in Bag 2</i>		
FINISH (INTERIOR)				
HANDLES				
HANDLE BOLTS				
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE				
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER				
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER				
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				
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 REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		REMARKS
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (EXPLAIN)		CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
		SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
		SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN		
		TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR
		<i>1215</i>	<i>4-21-48</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
REMARKS				

- Col. Barden
- Capt. Pappiano
- B. Pughes
- M. Isham

Date - May 17
 Hours - 0950

Interviewing Returning Escorts

0-1292494 Army

1. Name of Escort St. Edward T. Lamine 2. Remains Escorted 1st. Emer F. Farnham

3. Funeral Director A. Blain Day, F. Home, USA Destination Washington, Pa.

4. Item's returned
- Receipt of Remains
 - Certificate of Interment
 - Rail-head Expenses
 - Return of Ammunition
 - Receipt for Ammunition
 - Arm Band
 - Web Straps - md.
 - Flag

5. Where did Escort meet Family? Station & Home Was Family pleased with Casket? yes
 Funeral Director? Station Funeral Director

7. Was shipping case used as a vault? yes 8. Condition of flag on shipping case? Good

9. Did Escort present flag? Military Funeral Private Funeral 10. Did Paggage-handlers or Passenger Agents handle the casket reverently? yes

9 a. Did you stay for Funeral? no If not state station.
 9 b. How many hours did you stay with Remains, NOK or Funeral Director?
left - May 11 - 0036
arr. " " 0610
left. ~~13~~ 14 2330
" " 14 417

11. Was expenses covered by per-diem? no 12. Was identification questioned?
 If not explain in detail. yes - but none to serious.
 Did Escort stay at Hotel, Private Home or Boarding House?

13. Remarks: - Mother very upset. Nothing to relate.
Funeral May 14 - Exceeds 72 hours, so
escort did not remain

St. Edward T. Lamine
 Escorts Signature

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

1st Lt. Elmer F. Farnham, OI 292 494
Plot M, Row 5, Grave 100,
United States Military Cemetery
Bloisville, France

16 September 1947

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

PART I

I, Mrs. Mabel Spier
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

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

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

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

Washington Cemetery Washington Penna
(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 DD proc. 4 Nov. '47

Coded
22 Oct 47
M. Baker

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PART I (Continued)

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

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

LAST NAME <i>Spier</i>	FIRST NAME <i>Mabel</i>	MIDDLE INITIAL <i>J</i>
NUMBER AND STREET <i>4 15W. Chestnut St.</i>	CITY OR TOWN <i>Washington</i>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <i>Washington</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) <i>Washington PA</i>	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS <i>Washington PA</i>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>PennA</i>
		TELEPHONE No. <i>5380R.</i>

OR

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

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

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

LAST NAME <i>Spier</i>	FIRST NAME <i>James</i>	MIDDLE INITIAL <i>M.</i>	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <i>STEPFATHER</i>
NUMBER AND STREET <i>415 W. Chestnut St</i>	CITY OR TOWN <i>Washington</i>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <i>Washington</i>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>PennA</i>

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

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

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

Mrs Mabel J. Spier (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) *415 W. Chestnut St* (STREET AND NUMBER)
Mrs. Mabel J. Spier (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) *Washington PennA* (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 22 day of Sept., 1947, at city (or town) of Washington, county of Washington, and State (or Territory or District) of PennA

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

Robert Crawford (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Trothontary (OFFICIAL TITLE)
Com Expires 1st Mon Jan 1948.

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

In Reply Refer To
 QMGM 314.6

Graves Registration
 (European U. S. Misc.)

20 FEB 1947

SUBJECT: Burial Records

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

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

Cemetery: U. S. Military Cemetery Elouville, France

NAME	RANK/ GRADE	SERIAL NO.	DATE OF DEATH	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	ORGAN.
Tamano, John J.	PTc	32 621 250	17 July 44	B	7	121	
Faro, Joseph H.	PTc	32 527 707	20 June 44	D	5	82	
Farghess, Elmer F.	1/4c	0 1 292 494	13 July 44	H	5	100	Reg. Co. 3rd Bn 507th Parach Inf.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Martin G. Riley
 MARTIN G. RILEY
 Major, QMC
 Assistant

Jeg

CASUALTY BRANCH
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

29 } *Farnham, Elmer F* 5 May 1945
D E A T H

~~AGPC-G-201~~
SPXPC 201 Farnham, Elmer F.
(20 Apr 45) 01292494

0-1292494

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Change of address of emergency Addressee:

A communication has been received from Mrs. Mabel Spier,
mother of First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham, 01292494, who was
killed in action in France on 13 July 1944,

requesting that the records of this office be amended as follows:

FROM
Mrs. Mabel Spier, mother
430 Fayette Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

TO
Mrs. Mabel Spier, mother
490 Addison Street
Washington, Pennsylvania
R. MANWARING
Capt., USA.

Adjutant General.

- Copies furnished:
General Accounting Office
Quartermaster General ✓
Social Security Board Governors Island, New York.
CG 1st Service Command
Chief, Army War Bond Office
Director, Bureau of Public Relations
Decorations and Awards Branch
~~Chief, Army War Bond Office~~
~~Director, Bureau of Public Relations~~
~~Decorations and Awards Branch~~
AG 201 file

FILE
MAY 14 1945
JK

SPQYG 293 ^AFernham, Elmer F., 1st Lt., S.N. 01 292 494 1st Ind.

ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

2 October 1945

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

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

~~1 Incl
Cy ltr e/d~~

C. C. PIERCE
Captain, QMC
Assistant

Handwritten signature

SEP 15 1945
RECEIVED
GENERAL

MEMORIAL DIVISION
OCT 4 8 55 AM '45

Handwritten initials

293
On a copy of a letter signed by Mrs. Spier
SPCHS 210.6 1st Ind.
Farnham, Elmer F.
(19 Jan 45)

WRA/LEH/maj
Ext. 77191

HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES, Office Chief of Chaplains, Washington 25,
D. C., 25 January 1945.

To: The Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.
Attention: Memorial Division, Graves Registration Section,
Room 1102, Temporary Building C.

1. The basic communication is forwarded to your office for necessary action.
2. Our records indicate that Lt. Elmer F. Farnham, OI 292 494, was buried in Grave M - 5 - 100 in the Blossville Cemetery, France on 13 July 1944.
3. Attention is invited to a copy of our reply to Mrs. Spier.

W. R. Arnold
WM. R. ARNOLD
Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) USA
Chief of Chaplains

Incl:
Copy of our reply to Mrs. Spier

293 Farnham, Elmer F.

✓
file
4/10/45
E P

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

GPO 16-34260-3

1	Director of Memorial Division OQM Room 1007, Tempo C. Washington, D.C.	(Initials) pli 29 Sep (Date)
2	(Name or title) (Organization) (Building and room)	
3		

FORWARDED FOR ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY

[Handwritten signature]



(Copy) Philip M. Newmark
 Captain



From Investigation & Correspondence Section 29 Sep 4
 Casualty Branch AGO Room 3706 Munitions Bldg. (Date)

(Name)

(Organization)

(Building and room)

(Telephone)

79030

HEADQUARTERS, AR SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

GPO 16-34260-2

1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER, ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY, 1, MISSOURI	(Initials) (Date)
2	(Name or title) (Organization) (Building and room)	
3	293 <u>Farnham</u> <u>Elmer J.</u>	

(01292494)

1. For necessary action.

DARLING

-----2----- Incl.
1 ltr dtd 8-10-44
1 ltr e/d

Orig. fwd. to K.C. by this office, H/R

From MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION
BRANCH, TEMPO "A", WASHINGTON 25, D. C.,

10-20-44
v1 (Date)
(Telephone)

(Name) (Organization) (Building and room)



IN REPLY REFER TO SFQYG 293

Farnham, Elmer F.
S. N. 01292494

27 February 1945.

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
490 Addison St.,
Washington, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Reference is made to your inquiry regarding the personal effects of the late Lt. Elmer F. Farnham.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, for reply to you. That office has jurisdiction over the disposal of the personal effects of our military personnel outside the United States. However, considerable time is often necessary to process these personal belongings back to this country due to the lack of shipping space and the great amount of work involved.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy and condolence in your loss.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

C. C. PIERCE,
Captain, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

MAR 1 11 44 AM '45
00 M. C.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

MAR 1 10 35 AM '45
MEMORIAL DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
~~ARMY~~ ~~EXERCISES~~
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER INDICATED		CHECK ACTION	
TO: (Name, organization, building) Dir., Memorial Division, OQMG Room 2403, Tempo Bldg B Washington 25, D. C.	INITIALS DATE		<input type="checkbox"/> CONCURRENCE <input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE <input type="checkbox"/> NOTE AND RETURN <input type="checkbox"/> NOTE AND FORWARD <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> CIRCULATE <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> FILE
2.			
3.			

Attached communication is forwarded for appropriate attention concerning the identification of remains and disposition of personal effects in the case of First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham, 01292494.

1 Incl
 Cpy ltr dtd 22 Jul 48,
 in dupl

CLARK MARSHALL
 Major, A.G.D.

FROM: (Name, organization, building) Tuggle, PAB, Cas. Sec., AGO, Corres. Unit Family Relations S/Unit, 1A710	DATE / 19 Aug 48 TR 72450
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

1 September 1948

In reply refer

to

~~QMSGD 263~~

Farnham, Elmer F., 1st Lt.
SN 01292494

SUBJECT: Personal Effects of the late 1st Lt. Elmer F. Farnham

TO : Commanding Officer, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri
ATTENTION: Effects Quartermaster

For necessary action.

GRS Form No. 1, signed by Capt. F. A. Greulich, QMC, lists the following named personal effects:

1 Bar
5 Shillings
465 Francs
Coins (Souvenirs)

SEP 1 1 35 PM '48
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH
BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

1 Incl:
Cy ltr dtd 22 July 48

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GREEN COPY

GUY B. KEGLEY
Major, QMC
Field Service Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

1 September 1948

In reply refer

to QMGOD 298

Farnham, Elmer F., 1st Lt.
SN 01292494

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

1 Incl:
Cy ltr dtd 22 July 48


GUY B. REILLY
Major, QMC
Field Service Division

QMDKG 163303 (1 Sep 48)

1st Ind

HOC/kwd

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KC QM Depot, 601 Hardesty Ave, KC 1, Mo 10 Sep 48

TO: OQMG, Eff Sec, Fld Serv Div, Washington 25, D.C.

Basic communication, and inclosure thereto, are returned herewith. Records at this Bureau indicate case number 163303, pertaining to personal effects of Lt Elmer P. Farnham has been forwarded to your office. No other action is being taken by this Bureau.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



H. O. CALDWELL,
Effects Quartermaster

1 Incl
n/c



SPQYG 293 (Farnham, Elmer F., S.N. 0-1292494)

1st Ind.

ASF, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C.

26 December 1944

TO: Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Forwarded for necessary action pertaining to the pension in connection with the death of First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

2. Attention is invited to the copy of our reply.

For The Quartermaster General:

MAYO A. DARLING
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.
Assistant

1 Incl:
Copy ltr a/d

CCP
CCP

Basic 11/2/44

W.H.F.
HONORABLE
ELMER F. FARNHAM
S.N. 0-1292494

SPQYG 293 (Farnham, Elmer F., S.N. O-1292494)

1st Ind.

ASF, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C.

26 December 1944

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

1. Forwarded for necessary action pertaining to the Purple Heart.

2. Attention is invited to the copy of our reply.

For The Quartermaster General:

MAYO A. DARLING
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.
Assistant

1 Incl:
Copy ltr e/d

MEMORIAL DIVISION

ECP
ECP

Basic 11/2/44

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v lch
O. M. C.
[Stamp]

163303 ✓

RTB:LH:am
August 25, 1945

Mrs. Mabel Spier ✓
490 Addison Street ✓
Washington, Pennsylvania ✓

Dear Mrs. Spier: —

Since our letter of April 14, the Army Effects Bureau has received funds in the amount of \$10.39 belonging to your son, First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

Bureau check for like amount is inclosed for proper distribution according to the laws of the state of the decedent's legal residence.

Yours very truly,

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

1 Incl--Check

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Mabel Spier

490 Addison Street

Washington, Pennsylvania

Effects of:
Name Lt. Elmer F. Farnham

ASN 0-1292494

Case No. 163303-D

Wt.

DATE 25 August 1945

RTB:LH:am

Severance
POR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

X Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. 148676
Amount \$10.39 *me*
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

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

133275 emh

ROUTING:

148676

163303

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

September 1

45

Mrs. Mabel Spier

10.39

Ten and 39/100

REMARKS

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

Shipping Clerk

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Mabel Spier
490 Addison Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Effects of:
Namelst Lt. Elmer F. Farnham

ASN 0-1292494

Case No. 163303-D

Wt.

DATE 25 August 1945
RTB:LH:am

Schramm
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

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 Warehouse Division
 2. Files Branch, Adm. Div.

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10.39

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Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of package

Shipping Clerk

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORY

CA

163,303

CASE NO.

TYPED BY

dg

DATE

6/28/45

STATUS

DEC

NAME

Elmer F. Farnham ✓

A.S.N.

0-1292494 ✓

RANK

1st Lt ✓

ORGANIZATION

AMOUNT

10.39

148676 MG
ACCOUNT NO.

PAID-Check No. 133275BW.

LIST NO.

F-271-3

REMARKS

ACCOUNTING INVENTORY

MEMO-ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

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

IMMEDIATE ACTION

For necessary action.



PIERCE

2 Incl.

1 ltr dtd 17 Feb 45

1 ltr dtd 27 Feb 45

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
	irz			27 Feb 45
MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25, D. C.				TELEPHONE

WAR DEPARTMENT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

~~SIXTY-THIRD~~ DISBURSING

RECEIPT FOR MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS

APC # 308 U.S. ARMY.

\$ 10.39 (515)

19 July 1944
(Station) (Date)

* Received in cash of
* Collected on You from } F. A. Greulich Capt. QMC 0382198 Graves Regr Off
3041st G R Co APO 230

Ten Dollars and thirty Nine cents

on account of cash found on or among effects of Elmer F. Farnham O-129249 1st Lt
82nd AB deceased on unknown date July 1944

APP. 218916 P. A. CLAYTON T. HATHAWAY, D.

which sum I have passed to the credit of the United States, and hold myself accountable therefor.

By *[Signature]*
Deputy

*Strike out words not applicable.

do not send
b211-655

To be executed in triplicate.
Ribbon copy to be sent to Chief of Finance.
One copy to be furnished as receipt.
One copy to be retained by Disbursing Officer.

[Handwritten initials]

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

JFM:VJ:cl

Case No. 163503

Date 5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Elmer F. Farnham

(Name of deceased)

0-1292494

(Army Serial Number)

late #

First Lieutenant

(Grade)

Infantry

(Organization, Army or Service)

who died

on the 13 day of July, 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., KQCM 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 15 February 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KQCM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of _____

Mrs. Mabel Spier for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of

A.W. 112, Mrs. Mabel Spier of (Name of person found entitled)

490 Addison Street (Number, Street or Avenue)

Washington (City, Town or Village)

State of

Pennsylvania

, is the

Mother

of the

(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Mabel Spier
490 Addison Street

Effects of:
Name 1st Lt. Limer P. Farnham Washington, Pennsylvania

ASN 1292494

Case No. 143,303 D

Wt.

JRM:SP:eab
DATE 27 March 1945

MM
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.

- 1 ctu - inv - 1-29-45
- 1 ctu - inv - 2-18-45
- 1 pkg - inv - 2-21-45

REMARKS:

*No trans. this is file
see
PR 1104*

Franked FRANKED
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages 2

MAR 30 1945

Shipping Clerk

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Mabel Spier
430 Fayette Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

*File
SK*

Effect of Elmer F. Farnham
Name
ASN 0-1292494
Case No. 163303 D
Wt.

DATE 17 February 1945 JRM:MSL:iw

James G. Sackman
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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

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ROUTING:

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

*#1 Lt Sackman 1-29-45
#2 Lt Sackman 2-1-45*

REMARKS:

19
FEB 20 1945
84
41
1254
Franks
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages
FEB 23 1945
ME
Shipping Clerk

FEB 28 1945

NAME

FARNHAM, E.F.

LT

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
26	32		6515

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
BOX		

3

ELMER F. FARNHAM
INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-550)

Farnham Elmer F. 01292494
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a 1st Lt B2 A/B
 (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the Ukn day of July, 19 44

CLASS I—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1	Bar ✓	
	Coins (Souvenir) ✓	

*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
5	Shillings 0
465	Francs 0
	Above turned in to Clayton T. Hathaway, Maj. F.D. 211-655

SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> SHEETS	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOX NUMBER	ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES <u>1</u>		MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>
TALLY NUMBER <u>6513</u>	INVENTORY DATE <u>10 Feb 1945</u>	CASE NUMBER <u>163303</u>	POW <input type="checkbox"/>
EFFECTS OF <u>E.F. FARNHAM</u>			ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
A.S.N. <u>0-1292494</u>	ORGANIZATION <u>unk</u>		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <u>H. Carter</u>			

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
<input type="checkbox"/> BELT	<input type="checkbox"/> BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, CLOTH
<input type="checkbox"/> BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input type="checkbox"/> BRUSHES	<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, TRAVEL
<input type="checkbox"/> CLOTH, WASH	<input type="checkbox"/> CAMERAS	<input type="checkbox"/> BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
<input type="checkbox"/> COATS	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSES	<input type="checkbox"/> CASE, _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FOOTWEAR, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> KNIVES	<input type="checkbox"/> FOOTLOCKER
<input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, SEWING
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HANDKERCHIEFS ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> MISC. INSIGNIA	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, TOILET
<input type="checkbox"/> HEADWEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> MISC. ITEMS	<input type="checkbox"/> KIT, WRITING
<input type="checkbox"/> JACKETS	<input type="checkbox"/> PEN, FOUNTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS AND MISC.
<input type="checkbox"/> OVERCOATS	<input type="checkbox"/> PENCIL, MECHANICAL	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS
<input type="checkbox"/> SCARFS	<input type="checkbox"/> PIPES	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, ADDRESS
<input type="checkbox"/> SHIRTS	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, NOTE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCKS, PR. ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> RIBBONS, DECORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, PILOT LOG
<input type="checkbox"/> TIES	<input type="checkbox"/> RINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOWELS ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO	<input type="checkbox"/> FILMS
<input type="checkbox"/> TROUSERS, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> TOILET ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/> LETTERS
<input type="checkbox"/> TRUNKS, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> WATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS, PERSONAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOS
<u>3 pillow cases ✓</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
<u>4 bed sheets ✓</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> SHORT SNOOPER
<u>2 pr coveralls ✓</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIRS
		<input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIR MONEY
		<input type="checkbox"/> STATIONERY
		<input type="checkbox"/> TESTAMENTS
		<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS: no information included

ATTACHMENTS: FORM #54 | FORM #100

C.A.T. none

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SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> SHEETS	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOX NUMBER <u>114</u>	ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES <u>1</u>		MESSING <input type="checkbox"/>
TALLY NUMBER <u>5811</u>	INVENTORY DATE <u>21 Feb 1945</u>	CASE NUMBER <u>163303 Dk</u>	P O W <input type="checkbox"/>
EFFECTS OF <u>Glenn F. Farnham</u>	RANK <u>1st Lt</u>		ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
A.S.N. <u>07292494</u>	ORGANIZATION <u>82 AB</u>		

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION 1st PKG -

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
BELT	BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	BAGS, CLOTH
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BRUSHES	BAGS, TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	CAMERAS	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
COATS	GLASSES	CASE, _____
FOOTWEAR, PR.	KNIVES	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR.	LIGHTERS	KIT, SEWING
HANDKERCHIEFS	MISC. INSIGNIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KIT, TOILET
HEADWEAR	MISC. ITEMS	KIT, WRITING
JACKETS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	PAPEERS AND MISC.
OVERCOATS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	BOOKS
SCARFS	PIPES	BOOKS, ADDRESS
SHIRTS	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	BOOKS, NOTE
SOCKS, PR.	RIBBONS, DECORATION	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
TIES	RINGS	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
TOWELS	TOBACCO	FILMS
UNDERWEAR, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	LETTERS
UNDERWEAR, PR.	WATCH	PAPERS, PERSONAL
UNDERWEAR	WINGS	PHOTOS
		SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		SHORT SHORTER
		SPOONWARS
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WOVEN MONEY
		STAMPENRY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

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C.A.T. <u>None</u>	
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SHORTAGES

U. S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

5 shillings
465 francs

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

A. Vignoni

INVENTORY CLERK

W. J. ...

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS
 ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY
 DECEASED
 MISSING
 P O W
 ABANDONED

BOX NUMBER ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES 1

TALLY NUMBER 6515 INVENTORY DATE 29 Jan 45 CASE NUMBER 163303

EFFECTS OF E. F. FARNHAM RANK LT.

A.S.N. 0-1292494 ORGANIZATION

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
BELT	BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	BAGS, CLOTH
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BRUSHES	BAGS, TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	CAMERAS	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
COATS	GLASSES	CASE,
2 FOOTWEAR, PR.	KNIVES	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR.	LIGHTERS	KIT, SEWING
HANDKERCHIEFS	MISC. INSIGNIA	KIT, TOILET
HEADWEAR	MISC. ITEMS	KIT, WRITING
JACKETS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	PAPERS AND MISC.
OVERCOATS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	BOOKS
SCARFS	PIPES	BOOKS, ADDRESS
X SHIRTS	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	BOOKS, NOTE
X SOCKS, PR.	RIBBONS, DECORATION	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
TIES	RINGS	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
TOWELS	TOBACCO	FILMS
TROUSERS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	LETTERS
X TRUNKS, PR.	WATCH	PAPERS, PERSONAL
UNDERWEAR	WINGS	PHOTOS
		SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		SHORT SHORTER
		SOUVENIRS
		SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS: No Information requested

ATTACHMENTS: FORM #54 none FORM #100

C.A.T. none

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ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORY

Sheet 1 of Sheets
Box No.

Deceased
Missing
P.O.W.
Abandoned

SHOWN ON TALLY IN AS ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 1

TALLY IN NO. 6515 ✓ INVENTORY DATE 29 Jan 45 CASE NO. 163,303

EFFECTS OF Elmer J. Farnham RANK 1st Lt. ✓

A.S.N. 0-1292494 ✓ ORG. Hq. Co. 3rd. Bn. 507th Regt. 9

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION: <u>#1700</u>	
ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	
1 - Footlocker	1 - <u>Box</u> ✓
1 - Coat ✓	<u>Personal papers</u> ✓
2 - Trousers OD. ✓	2 - <u>Knives</u> ✓
4 - Trousers Khaki ✓	<u>2</u> ✓ <u>3 Pencils</u> ✓
3 - Shirts ✓ Khaki ✓	<u>Bill fold</u> ✓
3 - Shirts ✓ OD W/Whip	1 - <u>Compass</u> in box ✓
1 - Trench coat ✓	3 - <u>Packet</u> ✓
2 - <u>Jackets</u> ✓	1 - <u>Key chain</u> ✓
1 - <u>Hand bag</u> ✓	<u>plaster</u> ✓
2 - <u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shirts</u>
1 - <u>pc</u> <u>Leather</u> ✓	<u>Misc</u> ✓
1 - <u>pc</u> <u>Leather</u> ✓	<u>Misc Toilet</u> ✓
4 - <u>Belts</u> ✓	<u>Misc articles</u> ✓
7 - <u>Hankies</u> ✓	1 - <u>Clipboard</u> ✓
2 - <u>Ties</u> ✓	1 <u>writing folder</u> ✓
1 - <u>Stetson</u> ✓	
3 - <u>Khaki Caps</u> ✓	
1 - <u>Towel</u> ✓	

REMARKS: Mother

ATTACHMENTS:

Mrs Matel Spier
430 Fayette St.
Washington, Penn.

1 - Inventory
1 - 43 ✓

~~NO CORRESPONDENCE~~
~~SHORTAGE ON REVERSE~~
~~G. I. ON REVERSE~~

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239985

STORAGE } 1475X
SPACE }

SAFE STORAGE

WEIGHT 0114

- 1000000

36 pr socks.

2 pr shoes.

2 pr overalls.

2 pillow cases.

1 - sheet.

I certify the above

is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Covert

Inventory Clerk

Supervising Officer

[Signature]

SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>2</u> SHEETS	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOX NUMBER	ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES <u>1</u>		MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>
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			ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
TALLY NUMBER <u>6515</u> ✓	INVENTORY DATE <u>1 Feb. 1945</u> ✓	CASE NUMBER <u>163303</u>	
EFFECTS OF <u>ELMER F. FARNHAM</u> ✓		RANK <u>LT.</u> ✓	
A.S.N. <u>0-1292494V</u>	ORGANIZATION		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <u>#1 Coton</u>			

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
BELT	BRACELET IDENTIFICATION	BAGS, CLOTH
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BRUSHES	BAGS, TRAVEL <u>Travel-Pack</u>
CLOTH, WASH	CAMERAS	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
COATS <u>Wool/wool</u>	GLASSES	CASE
FOOTWEAR, PR.	KNIVES	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR. ✓	LIGHTERS	KIT, SEWING
X HANKERCHIEFS ✓	X MISC. INSIGNIA ✓	KIT, TOILET
2 HEADWEAR ✓	X MISC. ITEMS ✓	KIT, WRITING
JACKETS	PEN, FOUNTAIN ✓	PAPERS AND MISC.
OVERCOATS	1 PENCIL, MECHANICAL ✓	BOOKS
1 SCARFS ✓	PIPES	BOOKS, ADDRESS
2 SHIRTS ✓	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	BOOKS, NOTE ✓
X SOCKS, PR.	X RIBBONS, DECORATION ✓	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
X TIES ✓	RINGS	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
3 TOWELS ✓	TOBACCO	2 FILMS <u>Travel</u>
1 TROUSERS, PR. ✓	X TOILET ARTICLES ✓	LETTERS
X TRUNKS, PR. ✓	WATCH	PAPERS, PERSONAL
X UNDERWEAR ✓	WINGS	PHOTOS
		SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		SHORT SNOOTER
		SOUVENIRS
		SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS: no information

ATTACHMENTS: FORM #54 FORM #100

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Rechecked

C.A.T. none

FEB 8 1945

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WAREHOUSE SPACE <u>10.1.7V</u>	STORED BY <u>[Signature]</u>	WEIGHT <u>41 #</u>	GI REMOVED
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NAME

FARNHAM, E. F.

LT

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
17	1		6513 99

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

BOX

Eff. QM Form 43

NAME

FARNHAM, ELMER F.

LT

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
25	25		6515

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

F.L.

Eff. QM Form 43

U. S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING
MEMORANDUM

NO. **WW-8218639**

BJC

CAR INITIALS AND NO. _____

NAME OF INITIAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY **UNIVERSAL CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.** TRAFFIC CONTROL NOS. **163303**

STOP THIS CAR AT _____	FOR _____	†SIZE CAR IN FT. & INS.		†MARKED CAPACITY OF CAR		†DATE CAR	DATE B/L ISSUED
		ORDERED	FURNISHED	ORDERED	FURNISHED	FURNISHED	22 FEB. 1945

RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY NAMED ABOVE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS NAMED ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, THE PUBLIC PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION (CONTENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN), TO BE FORWARDED TO DESTINATION BY THE SAID COMPANY AND CONNECTING LINES, THERE TO BE DELIVERED IN LIKE GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION TO SAID CONSIGNEE.

[Handwritten signature]

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

FROM (FULL NAME OF SHIPPER) **ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY GM DEPOT**

MARKS _____

CONSIGNEE
MRS. MABEL SPIER
430 FAYETTE STREET

DESTINATION **WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA**

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

CARRIER'S DELIVERY SERVICE REQUESTED **WAS NOT**

PICK-UP SERVICE AT ORIGIN _____ BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS AGENT
(Insert "WAS" or "WAS NOT")
INITIALS OF SHIPPER'S AUTHORIZED AGENT OR EMPLOYEE _____

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

APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE
509-910 P 470-03 A 2152409

ISSUING OFFICE
KANSAS CITY GM DEPOT, K. C., MO.

NAME AND TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER
G. E. JOHNSTON, CAPT., T.C. Transportation Officer

† FURNISH THIS INFORMATION IN CASE OF CARLOAD SHIPMENTS ONLY.
*SHOW ALSO CUBIC MEASUREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS VIA OCEAN CARRIER IN CASES WHERE REQUIRED.

PACKAGES NO.	KIND	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (USE CARRIERS' CLASSIFICATION OR TARIFF DESCRIPTION IF POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE A CLEAR NONTECHNICAL DESCRIPTION)	NUMBERS ON PACKAGES	ACTUAL
				WEIGHTS*
1	F/L CT.	NON-MILITARY PERSONAL EFFECTS (CASE #163303) TOTAL WT. RELEASED VALUATION AT LOWEST RATE AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT: A.W. #112 AND W.D. CIRCULAR #373, 14 SEPTEMBER 1944	#1 #2	86 41 125

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER	NAME OF TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
CONTRACT NO. OR BASE ORDER NO. _____ DATED _____	UNIVERSAL CARLOADING & DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.
OTHER AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT _____	DATE OF RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT FEB-23 1945
POINT IN CONTRACT _____	SIGNATURE OF AGENT CENTROPOLIS TRANS.
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER M.F. CISTON, CMC, U.S.A.A.T.O.	PER [Signature]

50TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 230, U.S. ARMY

6 August 1944
Date

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Depot 3-14, APO 507
U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with Adm. Ord. # 30,
dated 25 Oct 1943, Pq. 308, ETOUSA, is inventory of Effects concern-
ing subject named below.

<u>Farnham</u>	<u>Elmer</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>1st Lieut</u>	<u>01292494</u>	
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(A.S.N.)	(Control No.) (For us of Effects AM ETOUSA)

Organization Hq Co 3rd Bn, 507th Prccht Inf
(UNIT -----Not Branch of Service)

*Status. (Deceased, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on the 11th
day of June 1944 .

Designated Beneficiary (With Address)

Mrs/ Mabel Spier (Mother)
430 Fayette Street,
Washington, Pennsylvania

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

U.S.M.O. # none Amt \$ _____ U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____

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

U.S. Official Check # None Amt _____ Bank _____

#Bank Accounts None (Name & Era)

#Debtors None

#Creditors None

#Inclosed is no inclosures

(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks Describe fully)

REMARKS (if any)

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

GPO 16-34260-3

1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER, ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI	163303 CP	(Initials)
2	(Name or title)	(Organization)	(Date)
3			

1. For necessary action.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Darling
DARLING

2 Incls.

Cpy. ltr dtd 5 Nov 44

Cpy ltr e/d

From MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION
BRANCH, TEMPO C BLDG. WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

22 Nov
(Date)

(Telephone)

(Name)

(Organization)

(Building and room)

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

file
13
GPO 16-34260-2

1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER, ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY, 1, MISSOURI	(Initials)
2	(Name or title) (Organization) (Building and room) 1633030p	(Date)
3		

1. For necessary action.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Darling
DARLING

2 Incl.
1 ltr dtd 8-10-44
1 ltr e/d

From MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION
BRANCH, TEMPO "A", WASHINGTON 25, D. C.,

10-20-44
v1 (Date)
(Telephone)

(Name) (Organization) (Building and room)

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		DATE
2	KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI			
3	293 Farnham, Elmer J. (0-1292494)			

For necessary action.

Orig. fwd. to K.C. by this office, RJB

PIERCE

- 2 Incl.
 1 ltr dtd 17 Feb 45
 1 ltr dtd 27 Feb 45

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
	irz			27 Feb 45
MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25, D. C.				TELEPHONE

NAME

FARNHAN, E.T.

LT

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
26	35		6515

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
VAL PAK		

Sept 24, 1945
Washington Pa



"Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness." Matt. 6:33

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Dear Sir.

293 I am the mother of Lt.
Elmer F Farnham (01292494)
a paratrooper, he was killed
in France July 13, 1944
Buried in American Cemetery
at Bloisville France,
Grave 100, (Row, 5th) (plot M)
he was my only child.
and I've been a shut in
over 15 years,
in the last four years I've
had three operations,
and have been in the
Hospital 8 times but
can not be helped.

I do not wait, to get over,
 I do his part, for he loved
 Country.
 ~ ~~What~~ What I'd like to
 know, how much will it
 cost, to get my son's body
 got home to me, and how
 much, will you please bring it
 me. I pray you will please
 help me. My heart is broke.
 I am sure I would rest,
 I know his body was
 on our grave lot,
 if I obtain a photograph
 of my son's grave, and will
 please tell me what
 hospital my son died in
 and how he met his
 fate, when I got word of
 it. I. T. O. - 1st 8th + 15th Dec...

I live in the faith my Lord
 Will keep me well, that I
 may be able, to get my
 son's body, brought over
 here to be buried on our
 grave lot.
 I do cry, and worry over the
 loss of my son.
 he has always been a
 wonder full boy to me.
 I don't think I'll ever
 live it down, please don't
 get me wrong. I know he
 is not the only son, and
 I'm not the only mother
 for there was lots of boys
 did not want to go.
 but thank God my son

the telegraph said a letter will follow, Will I've never seen a letter yet.

I thank you. In Jesus Name for all you may do for me may God Bless you and your loved ones

Yours In Christ
Mrs Mabel Spier
490 Addison St
Washington Pa

P.S.

Inclosure is a self addressed stamped envelope



SEP 26 2 58 AM '16
MEMORIAL DIVISION

GRAVES REGISTER
SEP 27 9 26 AM '16

Sept 24, 1916
Washington Pa



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THE BRIDGE BUILDER *stan.*

“... that they without us should not be made perfect.” Heb. 11:40.

THE generations of humanity are bound together. The poem, “The Bridge Builder,” by Will Allen Dromgoole, gives a beautiful illustration of this. An old man, who had crossed a sullen stream at evening, turned, when safe on the other side, and built a bridge across the chasm. A bystander asked him why, as he would never pass that way again.

“The traveler lifted his old gray head,
‘Good friend, in the path I have come,’ he said,
‘There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.’”

We, too, must be bridge builders for those who come after us. Perhaps no generation has ever had so large an opportunity as this one to build for the kingdom of God. We must not fail our God, our children, or our brothers, who are suffering untold agonies in this crucial hour of human history.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we are members one of another, and as we are responsible for our brothers in every land, grant that I may fill my place to Thy honor and glory, and render sacrificial service. In Christ's name. Amen.

William F. Quillian

The Upper Room Tract Series—Tract No. UR42. Order from The Upper Room, Nashville, Tenn. Price, 15 cents per 100, postpaid.

Please read and pass on to others

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Personal Commitment

AS a member of the Church, I dedicate my life anew to Christ and will serve Him through the Church in such capacity as opportunity affords.

Name _____

Address _____

Personal Commitment

I HEREBY dedicate my life to Christ and wish to unite with the Church on profession of faith in Christ as my Saviour.

Name _____

Address _____

Sign one of above and hand to the pastor of

WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16.

MMARTIN LUTHER called this verse "a little Bible." In it you will find God, and Christ, and the world, and heaven, and hell and *yourself*.

Fortunately you are not there by name—there are a thousand John Smiths—but you are there by inclusion in "whosoever." While crossing the China Sea, a traveling salesman handed me the following, which I have held precious:

"Could I with ink the oceans fill,
And were the heavens of parchment made;
And every blade of grass a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the inky oceans dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from pole to pole."

On the weathervane above his barn a farmer painted "God is love"; and, when asked for an explanation, said: "God is love whichever way the wind blows."

PRAYER

Gracious Father, I stand amazed in the presence of the revelation and gifts of Thy love. Sensitize and strengthen my apprehension and appreciation of these revelations and gifts, so that I may worthily love and serve Thee. Amen.

John Calvin Broomfield.

The Upper Room Tract Series—Tract No. UR27. Order from The Upper Room, Nashville, Tenn. Price, 15 cents per 100, postpaid.

163,303. CP
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Washington Pa
Sept 19, 1944

Dear Sir *file* *now*

Will you please, have
my son Lt Elmer F Farnham
(01292494) A.P.O. 230, Hq Co.
3rd Bn. 507 Parachute Inf
C/o. P.M. New York. N. Y

~~Who~~ Who has been
reported dead in ~~action~~
actions July 13 1944.

please have all his
belongings send to me

I was told to write to you
about them, in his
Will he left his all to
me and I know he had
2 Wrist Watches and lots
of things I bought him
my heart is broke over
my boy he was my only
child and was so good
to me.

Thanking you in advance
Yours Truly
his Mother

Mrs Mabel Spier
430 Fayette St
Washington Pa

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430 Fayette St
Washington Pa

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Quartermaster
Kansas City
Missouri

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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MGOD 293
Farnham, Elmer F., 1/Lt
SN 01 292 494

22 September 1948

Mrs. Mabel Spier
Rear 415 West Chestnut Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Your letter dated 22 July 1948, addressed to The Adjutant General regarding your son, the late First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham, has been forwarded to this office for reply to that portion which pertains to his personal effects.

The records from the Army Effects Bureau at Kansas City 1, Missouri, which refer to your son's effects are now on file in this office. These records reveal that all the effects received at the Bureau for Lieutenant Farnham were forwarded to you in 1945. The effects sent you were all those recovered for your son in the overseas area in which he served.

As Lieutenant Farnham was an Infantryman, he, no doubt, had his wallet and some other personal items on his person at the time he became a casualty. I am sure you realize the difficulties encountered in the recovery of personal effects from the battlefield, due to the inevitable confusion attendant upon combat conditions and the possible presence of enemy souvenir hunters.

Anticipating your disappointment, it is regretted that a more favorable reply cannot be made.

Sincerely yours,

GUY B. KEGLEY
Major, QMC
Field Service Division

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



SPQYG 293

Farnham, Elmer F.
S.N. 01292494

20 August 1944

Address Reply To The
Quartermaster General

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
430 Fayette Street,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Your letter of 10 August 1944, addressed to The Adjutant General, has been forwarded to this office for necessary action in connection with the personal effects of your son, the late First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, for reply to you. That office has jurisdiction over the disposal of the personal effects of our military personnel outside the United States. If a reply is not received within a reasonable length of time, this office should be advised.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.
Assistant

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10-27
MR

August 10, 1944
Washington, Pa.

Adjutant General:

Dear Sir, August 4th 1944, I received a telegram, saying my son, Lt. Elmer F. Farnham, 01292494 A.P.O. 230, Hq. Co, 3rd Bn. New York, New York. was reported missing in action since June 11th in France, that was a very bad shok, for he was my only child, and he never caused me a days trouble. Now, what I would like to know, Sir, is missing in action mean Ill never see my boy again.

Will you please send me a letter, and tell me how it happen Sir Im heart broken, and I pray God will take care of my boy and all the other boys.

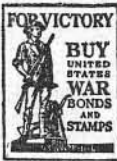
Sir, My sons, belongings he had, will you see they dont get lost he allways safed and took good care of his things. Sir, Ill be very thankful, to you if you will please send me a letter and explain about my boy May God bless you and Your Love ones Ill be praying to hear from you soon, Elmer Mother

Yours truly

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
430 Fayette Street,
Washington Pa.

C O P Y

Incl 1



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

JRM:NW:oly
October 6, 1944

163,303 W
IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Mrs. Mabel Spier
430 Fayette Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Spier:

This refers to your recent letter inquiring about the personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of your son's property. There is inclosed an information circular which will give you some idea of the time which may elapse before personal effects arrive here from overseas.

You will note from Paragraph 3 of the circular that this Bureau needs certain information in order to make disposition of property. You may furnish the necessary information at this time, if you wish, so that your son's effects may be forwarded promptly upon receipt here.

For your convenience, there is inclosed a self-addressed return envelope which requires no postage.

I wish to express my sincere regret of the circumstances prompting this correspondence.

Yours very truly,

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

2 Incls--
Form 76
Envelope

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT.
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear

Your husband, _____, due to a change of station, was obliged to abandon, or lost, certain items of his personal property. This property is now in storage at this Bureau.

It is our desire that some close relative store and keep this property for him pending his return. Regulations require that we have some indication from the owner as to whom he wants his property delivered. Accordingly, if you have any letter or other written instrument indicating his desires along this line, I wish you would forward the same to me. After examining it I shall return it. I would also appreciate it if you would be so kind as to give me the following information, and any other information which you deem important:

1. What is his present rank and Army serial number?
2. What is his latest mailing address and to what Army unit is he now attached?
3. What is the name, address, and relationship of the person with whom you feel that he would want his things stored?

Due to the large number of shipments we are receiving it is necessary that this mimeographed form of letter be employed.

Please be assured that this communication is in no way a casualty message. Its sole purpose is to expedite shipment of the property to the proper party for storage and safekeeping.

By giving prompt attention to the foregoing, you will be most helpful. If you so desire you may use the reverse side of this letter for reply. For your convenience an addressed envelope requiring no postage is inclosed.

Yours very truly,

1 Incl. - Env.

Wash. Jtm Ja

Oct 9 1944

(Refer to 163,303 W)

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of

Mother named
in will.

Dear Sir;

Enclose, is the information

you ask for, of my son.

Lt Elmer F Farnham. 01292494

Hq Co, 3rd Bn. A.P.O. 230.

507 Parachute Inf.

C/O. P/M. New York N. Y.

(A) he was never married,

he never had any children.

(A) Mother Name, Mrs Mabel Spier

430 Fayette St. Washington Pa

I was divorced from his father

Mr George Farnham, 1920.

(A) inclose is a the original

paper of his Will, I had

probated in Washington Pa

Court House. please return

them to me. Thanks You Very

Much for your kindness
in helping me to get
my sons personal things
along with my prayers
for you,

Yours Truly
Elnora
Mather

Mrs Mabel Spier
430 Fayette St.
Washington Pa



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

JRM:LB:fj
November 4, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO: 163303 B

Mrs. Mabel Spier
430 Fayette Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Thank you for the information furnished this Bureau in connection with disposal of the personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

The letter and Will which you sent this Bureau for inspection are returned herewith.

You will be notified immediately upon receipt of any property belonging to your son.

Yours very truly,

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

2 Incls.
Letter
Will

163303⁵ OK

Washington Pa
Nov 5, 1944

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

Dear Sir,

a month ago, I send you
 the necessary information,
 about my son Lt Elmer F Farnham
 01292494, Hq Co, 3rd BN, APO 23,
 507 Parachute Inf, C/O P/M, New
 York, ~~where~~ he was killed
 in action June 13th 1944, in
 France, ~~so~~ I send for his
 personal effects,
 You said, if I dont hear from
 you, with in a short time,
 to write,
 it is one month tomorrow
 Nov 6th since I last wrote
 have you received his
~~belongings~~ personal belongings
 if you have will you please

Send them to me, also
 the Will, I let you have,
 also and if, I had his Will
 probate in the Washington Pa
 Court House at once.

but I would, like to have
 the one, I let you see
 because his hand writing
 is on it.

Thanking you in advance
 Yours Truly

H. C. F. Farnham, &
 Mother

Mrs Mahel Spier
 430 Fayette St
 Washington Pa

SPQIG 293
Farnham, Elmer F.
S.N. O-1292494

22 November 1944

Address Reply To THE
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
430 Fayette Street,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of 5 November relative to the personal effects of your son, the late First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardisty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, as that is the office to which your son's personal effects would be sent when they reach this country. It is believed you will receive a reply from that office in the near future.

A report has been received which shows that Lieutenant Farnham's remains were interred in the American Cemetery, Bliesville, France; Grave 100, Row 5, Plot "M". A Protestant service was conducted at the grave by an Army Chaplain. A temporary marker, with an appropriate inscription thereon, has been erected and the grave properly recorded. The cemetery is well cared for and under the immediate supervision of our military authorities.

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.G.,
Assistant.

11-28-44
Hj

Washington Pa.
Nov 5, 1944

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HMP 11-29-44*

Dear Sir,

You send me a letter Aug 10 1944, that the Adjutant General had send you my letter for necessary action in connection with the personal effects of my son Lt. Elmer F. Farnham S.N. 01292494, in reply refer to SPQYG 293, Sir I send my Son will to show thous people I was to get his things over a month and they did not return the will or answer the letter and I had it registered, my son was killed June 13, 1944, You told me if I did not get word to let you know, but I should wate a while, I wated from Aug 10th ontill now, November 5, 1944 allmost 3 month.

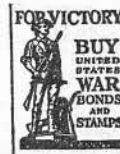
Sir I be verry glad if you would please see I get his things, Thanking you In advance

Yours Truly

Lt. Elmer F. Farnham's Mother.

Mrs. Mabel Spier
430 Fayette St.
Washington, Pennsylvania

(Correct date of
death: 13 July 44)



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

JRM:MSL:vv
March 3, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO #163303

Mrs. Mabel Spier
430 Fayette Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Spier:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton and one footlocker.

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,

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

Washington Pa
Feb 17, 1945

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Dear Sir

In November 4th 1944, you ~~send~~ send me a letter, saying as soon as my son Lt Col F Farnham. in reply refer to no 163303B personal property come you would send it to me.

later I received a letter, of Lt Col Farnham say my son's things had been send to the state, some time ago, and I should have them, by now, that was in November.

please sir, dont get cross, at me asking you have they come yet. but I've been so sick, and I'm living in hope of seeing them, so if you received them will you please send them to me and I'll pay the charges.

it has been eight months since my son was killed in action.

Thanking you sir for what you may do for me. I am

Mrs Mahel Spier
490 Addison St
Washington Pa

My old address
was 430 Fayette St
Washington Pa

163,303
file. of
Washington Pa
April 5th, 1945

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I send you a letter, telling
you the list of things, my son gave, me he
had with him. I did not get off yours,
I had received one foot locker + box. Then

Monday I got another box, and a box
Friday, also a ^{brown paper} bag with 6 pieces of change
money, I think England money.

My son was a good saving boy, and just
before he went in to D day combat, he send
me a letter and said he had three of his
boxes he did not use and he was sending
it to me. Well I never did get it to this
day and I never got his wallet or money
belt with the money he spoke of.

enclose is a list of things missing will
you please tell me if you got them from
near seas. please tell me who I may
write to that I may get those things
Thanking you in advance

Yours In Christ

Mrs Mabel J. Spier

~~490 address~~ 490 address St

1. me St Elmc. 7 Farnham

sn 0-1292494

base. No 163,303D

(things missing)

1. Bible
2. ^{white} Gold Wrist Watches
- 1- Brown leather Wallet (with Mother picture in)
- 2- Brown leather Jacket s, one sheep fur lined Jacket
- 1- money Belt
- 1- Pair Army field glasses and case
- some Cover all swites
- 1 good gold Parker ~~Pen~~ ^{Pen} Set

Sir I thank you very much if you please answer and let me ~~know~~ know to who I shall write to get those things a (paratrooper & Mother)

March 1, 1945
Washington Dc

Dear Sir

I only received ^{some} of my son Lt ~~Comdr~~ ^{2nd Lt} Farnham #163303 personal effects and when I look at them I found all his things is not there.

Enclose is a list of what is missing because my son had gave me a list of his things before he went in combat allst I had brought some of those things and I would love to have them is it true some come from France to me or how and to who shall I write for them I thank you very much to look it up for me

his name is Lt Comdr Farnham
01292494, Hq Co 3rd Bn, 507 Parachute
Inf Co. P/M. New York A.P.O. 230
Killed in action July 13, 1944 in France
D.O. #117725

for looking t²is up, I'll pay the
charges to get them

Yours Inveinist

Mrs Mabel Spier

490 Addison St. (old address)
430 Fayette St

Washington Pa

Thoms was missing

- 2 White Gold Wrist Watches
- 1 Parker pen
- 1 officer field glasses & Case
- 3 pair slippers and some hose
- 1 sharp line leather coat 95 dollars
- 1 leather jacket
- 1 money Belt With zipper
- 1 Camo leather money wallet
with my pitens in
- 1 over coat
- some under wear and clothes



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

163,303 ✓

JRM:HA:djj
April 14, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Mrs. Mabel Spier ✓
490 Addison Street ✓
Washington, Pennsylvania ✓

Dear Mrs. Spier: ✓

This acknowledges your letters of March 11 and April 5, inquiring about personal effects which belonged to your son, First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

I am returning herewith, two envelopes and two tracts.

It is regretted that the items about which you inquire were not received here. All the property belonging to your son received at this Bureau has been sent to you.

So that you may better understand the difficulties encountered in the recovery of personal effects, I am inclosing an information circular on the subject.

For reply to any questions pertaining to pay which might be due Lieutenant Farnham, I suggest you direct an inquiry to the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, 5th Street & Judiciary Square, Washington 25, D. C.

I wish to assure you that in the event additional property belonging to your son is received here at a later date, you will be notified promptly.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.
Chief, Correspondence Branch

3 Incls.--
Envelopes (Two)
Tracts (Two)
Circular 51

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163,303 BL

Washington, Pa.
Feb 17, 1945.

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Dear Sir:

I received a letter off Major General J. M. Gavin, saying, if I have not received my son Lt. Elmer F. Farnham 01292494, Hq Co. 3rd Bn., 507 Parachute Inf. A.P.O. 230, New York who was killed in action July 13th 1944, I whould write to you. Sir I've been sick and please be- live me, Im living in hope of some day seeing my sons personil things. Hoping he has a small note wrote to me. Sir will you please see I get them Lt. Col Kuhn said in a letter he send me Nov 4th my Sons things has been send out quite a while ago, I do pray you got them by now. Sir Ill pray for the sending them to me just let me know what they cost I know he had lots of nice things I got him allso his fold sent suit bag and 2 wrist watches 2, walets. I bought and a pen set, please look it up for me Thanking you in advance yours In Christ-

Mrs. Mabel Spier

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490 Addison St.,
Washington, Pa.

Old Address was

430 Fayette St.,
Washington, Pa.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQYG 293

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

Farnham, Elmer F.
S. N. 01292494

27 February 1945.

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
490 Addison St.,
Washington, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Reference is made to your inquiry regarding the personal effects of the late Lt. Elmer F. Farnham.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, for reply to you. That office has jurisdiction over the disposal of the personal effects of our military personnel outside the United States. However, considerable time is often necessary to process these personal belongings back to this country due to the lack of shipping space and the great amount of work involved.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy and condolence in your loss.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

C. C. PIERCE,
Captain, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

Encl #2

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DSJ:BLF:wh
April 2, 1946

Mrs. Mabel Spier
490 Addison Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Spier:

This acknowledges your recent inquiry concerning the personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

It is regretted that the additional items about which you inquire were not received at this Bureau. A further check of our records indicates that all your son's property, listed on overseas inventories by both his company and the graves registration officer, was received here and forwarded to you.

The money which we sent you was not received at this Bureau in the wallet, as all funds are transmitted to us from overseas, by check, separately from the personal effects. However our records do show that one wallet was included in the effects forwarded to you.

I am sincerely sorry that we can be of no further assistance to you in this matter.

Yours very truly,

D. S. JOHNSTON
2nd Lt., QMC
Assistant

163303

March 21, 1944
Washington Pa

Dear Sir,

some time ago you send
me a check of ten dollars &
some cents, that had been in
my son 1st Lt Emeric H. Farnham
012291494, Walit.

also Lt Red told me, when
my son was killed July 13, 1944
in France his Walit Watch
Bible and other personal effects
had been taken off him before
he was buried and send to
Kansas City Quarter Master
Dept. What I cant understand
how you people got the money
out of his Walit, yet you write
send me his Walit. I treasure
it very much because it
was something he has at
him all times. Will you please
look throu things of his up
for me. I would bill so much

be. to get at it some
of those things. please believe
me its all I have of his
he was my only child.
and Im deaf and a shut in
over 10 years so you see how
sad I fell over it all.

Please try find some of this
stuff it may be in a box
in a corner or room some
place I pray in Gods name
you will please find something
of his and send it to me.

Thanking you in advance
Yours In Christ

Mrs Mabel J. Spier
490 Addison St
Washington Pa

- 1 - Bible
- 1 - Wallet + Pictures in ^(Wrist)
- 2 - White Gold Watches
- 1 - Sheep lined Jacket
- 1 - leather Jacket
- 1 - field glasses + Holder
- Shoes and dress suits
- 1 - top Coat
- 1 - Rain Coat.
- 1 - fountain pen

P.S.

I thank you with all my heart if you please try get some of this things of my Elmer's.

in his wallet, ~~but~~ but not the wallet. MK

Sir Will you please look it up for ~~me~~
me. I thank you in God's name for
what you will please send me of my
son's ^{last} St Elmer F Farnham (01292494)
507 parachute Inf, killed June 13th
1944 in stead of July 13th.

General Gavin said I should write
to you and tell you I did not get those
things, there is lots other things
please Sir Will you please look this up
and what ever you find of my son
I'll be very thank full for it
I've been a shut in for many years
and Elmer was my only child.
he was so good, to me, and I'd love to
have his things to keep.

Thanking you Sincerely

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Mabel Spear
490 address St
Washington Pa



old address was ... Washington Dc.

SPQYG 293

Farnham, Elmer F.
S.N. 01292494

20 August 1944

Address Reply To The
Quartermaster General

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
430 Fayette Street,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Your letter of 10 August 1944, addressed to The Adjutant General, has been forwarded to this office for necessary action in connection with the personal effects of your son, the late First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, for reply to you. That office has jurisdiction over the disposal of the personal effects of our military personnel outside the United States. If a reply is not received within a reasonable length of time, this office should be advised.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.
Assistant

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SPQIG 293
Farnham, Elmer F.
S.N. O-1292494

22 November 1944

Address Reply To THE
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
430 Fayette Street,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of 5 November relative to the personal effects of your son, the late First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardisty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, as that is the office to which your son's personal effects would be sent when they reach this country. It is believed you will receive a reply from that office in the near future.

A report has been received which shows that Lieutenant Farnham's remains were interred in the American Cemetery, Bloisville, France; Grave 100, Row 5, Plot "M". A Protestant service was conducted at the grave by an Army Chaplain. A temporary marker, with an appropriate inscription thereon, has been erected and the grave properly recorded. The cemetery is well cared for and under the immediate supervision of our military authorities.

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

CCP

Washington Pa
Nov 2, 1944

Dear Sir;

I received a letter today
from the Brigadier General,
Robert A Dunlop,
stating, you have jurisdiction
over matters pertaining to
the burial, of military
personnel, who die overseas
and any inquiry, regarding
the location of my son
you, may be addressed
to you official,
Sir, my son Lt, Elmer F.
Farnham (01292494) APO 230
Hq Co, 3rd Bn.

507 paraclete Inf
40 P/M. New York. N.Y.
was killed in action

193 2000 name (01292494) APO 230
Nov 7, 1944

Farnham

Washington Pa

Nov 30, 1945

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

Dear Sir

Will you please tell me
Was my son St Elmer F. Farnham
G.S.P. 4, 293, S.N.O-12,92494.
Wounded, and where was he
wounded in his body,
and did he live any days
after been wounded, if so
how many days did he
live. and was there
proof that ^{his} body was
from my son St Elmer F. Farnham.
and can I get his body
brought here to be buried
on our lot, when can I
get it, and will the army
pay for a lot and a
head stone marker.

in France July 13th 1944.
 did they bury his body
 in France, and please tell
 me, when I can get his
 body, to bury it here,
 and will the Army pay
 for the lot for to bury
 him on, also a head
 stone, how much will
 the Army give, for to get a
 lot, and head stone.

I recerd two letters one
 of how my son captured
 a town and held it 7 days
 be for he was killed
 and a note off Lt Col
 Wm a Kuhn, telling me
 Lt Farnham was his

person Friend and most
 officer, and how he fought
 and did so much he for
 he was killed,
 yet I have not received
 a gold star from the American
 Legion, because my son
 had enlisted in the army
 from York Pa. instead of
 Washington Pa. but he
 had been a weight
 lifter for Bob Hoffman's
 Bar Bell Co. of Stright
 and Melth brook of York Pa.
 about three yrs before he
 enlisted in the army.
 oh I'd love, to have some
 thing to show, how well

I'm under the care of the Dr. Stada
 over 5 yrs, I also am deaf and
 wear a H. aid, he bought all
 my battings, is there a ~~pension~~
pension I can get, to pay
 for thos things he paid
 for, my Husher Works but
 is sicks and dont works stedy
 to make enough to pay for
 thos things, Sir please let
 me know also please let
 me know Will the army
 give the money for me to
 get a memorial Head Stone
 for my Son.

Sir I thanks you very
 much What you may do
 for me, Thanking you

for every thing
Yours Truly
St Elmer F. Farnhams
Matter

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

Mrs Mabel Spier
430 Fayette St
Washington Pa

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M. & R. - O. Q. M. G.

Farnham

Washington Pa

Nov 30, 1945

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

Dear Sir

Will you please tell me
Was my son St Elmer F. Farnham
S.P. # 293, S.N.O-12,92494.
Wounded, and where was he
wounded in his body,
and did he live any days
after been wounded, if so
how many days did he
~~live~~ live. and was there
proof that ^{his} body was
my son St Elmer F. Farnham
and can I get his body
brought here to be buried
on our lot, when can I
get it, and will the army
pay for a lot and a
head stone marker.

Mathews gets thru way
 paid over to France to
 see the grave of them lone
 ones, after the war is
 over, please Sir I pray
 you can tell me about
 my son, my heart is
 broke, he was my only
 child, so please Sir
 I thank you very much
 for all you do for me.
 Thanking you and
 God Bless you and your
 love ones,

Yours In Christ

Mrs Mahul Spier

~~490 Addison St~~

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Washington Pa

my old address
was

430 Fayette St
Washington Pa

Washington Pa
Nov 7 9 15 AM
Nov 5, 1944

MEMORIAL DIVISION

Dear Sir,

You send me a letter
aug 10th 1944, that the adjutant
General had send you my letter
for necessary action in connection
with the personal effects of my
son Lt Elmer F Farnham ~~and~~

S.N. 01292494, in reply refer to
SPQYG, 293, Sir I send my son
will to show thons people I
was to get his things over
a month and they did not
return the will or answer
the letter and I had it
registered, my son was killed
June 13, 1944, you told me if
I did not get word to let you
know, but I shoud wait a

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a while, I waited from Aug 10th
until now November 5, 1944
all most 3 months.

Sir I be very glad if you
would please see I get his
things, Thanking you
In advance yours Truly
St Elmes F Farbram, a
Mother.

Mrs Mabel Spier
430 Fayette St
Washington Pa

SPQYG 293

Farnham, Elmer F.

S.N. O-1292494

26 December 1944

Address Reply To The
Quartermaster General

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
430 Fayette Street,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 2 November 1944 requesting information pertaining to your son, the late First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham.

At the outbreak of the war it became necessary to adopt the policy that the remains of our deceased military personnel outside the United States will be interred locally and none returned to this country until after the war. A notation has been made on the official records of this office that it is your desire to have your son's body returned, if possible, to the United States for final interment after the war. At the proper time the legal next of kin will be requested to advise this office of the desired place of final shipment. Steps will be taken at that time to prepare and ship the remains at Government expense to the place thus designated, and a Government headstone will be furnished for the grave.

At the present time there is no authority whereby the Government can pay for a private cemetery lot. However, when the remains are returned to the United States for final interment, there will be a certain amount allowed by the Government for interment expense.

The Adjutant General has authority over information pertaining to the Purple Heart. Therefore, a copy of your letter has been forwarded to that office for reply to you concerning this subject.

With reference to your inquiry regarding a pension, a copy of your letter has also been forwarded to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Washington 25, D. C., which office will furnish you with the information you desire.

I wish to extend to you my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.G.
Assistant

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Farnham, Elmer F.
(19 Jan 45)

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25 January 1945

Mrs. Mabel Spier,
490 Addison Street,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Reference is made to your letter of 19 January 1945 requesting the name of the chaplain who officiated at the funeral service of your son, the late Lt. Elmer F. Farnham, OI 292 494, and other information.

Chaplain William B. Hooker, a minister of the Presbyterian, U.S. Church officiated at his funeral service. You may reach Chaplain Hooker at the following address:

Chaplain William B. Hooker, O 480 895
Hq. Det., 43th Replacement Battalion,
APO 67, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Memorial Division, Graves Registration Section, Office of the Quartermaster General, with the request that they furnish you direct the location of your son's grave.

In reference to the problem of your pension and other related matters growing out of the death of your son, may we suggest that you contact the local chapter of your Red Cross. The Red Cross is familiar with these matters and will be happy to give you such aid as may be possible.

The Chief of Service desires that I express to you his sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

For the Chief of Chaplains:

LEIGHTON E. HARRELL
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) USA
Assistant

Incl: Self-addressed envelope
cc: Quartermaster General

COPY

Washington, Pa
Jan 19, 1945

Dear Sir,

My Son, Lt. Elmer, F. Farnham (01292494) Hq. Co. 3rd Bun.
507 Parachute Inf., c/o P.M. New York, N.Y. was killed in action, in
France July 13th 1944. Will you please give me the Chaplains address, that
said the Text prayer, at the burial service, I would like very much, to
get a copy of the prayer, said at my Sons burial service, I was told if I
would write to his Chaplain I allso would be told how my Son meet his
death. I have never received no Word of his burial from the Chaplain, or no
Word of his death, only the telegraph saying he was killed in action in
France. I know I would feel lots better to get a little word, he was
my only child, and he was very kind to me. I am deaf and a sima shut in
my Son has allways paid for my Dr and medson allso for my hearing aid and
batterys they cost so much, I just dont know if I could clame a penshen
my eyes is so bad Im blind in the one eye, thank God Ive got sight in the
left eye. My heart is broke over my boy. Please Sir Will you try help
me by getting his Chaplain address. My son allways said When he come
back he would by me a little home. I bought a small home out of his
gradute pay and this home means so much to me I send in all nessery papers
4 month ago about his insurines but have not received it. I do pray my
Son is living and its a mistake of his death. Inclose is a stamped
envelope please answer thanking you In advance

Yours in Christ
his Mother

/s/ Mrs. Mabel Spier
490 Addison St.
Washington Pa

My old address was 430 Fayette St.

COPY OF HANDWRITTEN LETTER

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Feb 17, 1945

Dear Sir

I received a letter off
Major General J. M. Gavin,
saying, if I have not received
my son Lt Emer F Farnham
01292494, Hq Co 3rd Bn, 507
Parachute Inf A.P.O. 230, New York
Who was killed in action July
13th 1944, I should write to
you. Sir I've been sick and
please believe me, I'm living in
hope of some day seeing my
son's personal things, hoping
he has a small note ~~write~~ write

to me. Sir Will You please
 see I get them Lt Col Kuhn
 said in ~~your letter~~ ^{a letter} he send me
 Nov 4th my sons things has
 been send out quite a while
 ago, I do pray You get them
 by now. Sir I'll pay for the
 sending them to me just let
 me know what they cost I
 know he had lots of nice things
 I got him also his fold shut
 suit bag and 2 Wrist-watches
 2, Walts I bought and a pen
 set, please look it up for me
 Thanking You In advance
 Yr. In trust
 Mrs. Mabel Spier.

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490 Addison St
Washington Pa

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Old address was
430 Fayette St
Washington Pa

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

SPQYG 293

Fernham, Elmer F.

S.N. 01 292 494

2 October 1945

Mrs. Mabel Spier
490 Addison Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information concerning your son, the late First Lieutenant Elmer F. Fernham.

Now that Japan has been defeated immediate plans are being formulated with a view to returning to the next of kin the remains of their loved ones. This sacred duty will be carried out by the Government at its expense and insofar as practicable in accordance with the expressed wishes of the legal next of kin, who will be notified by this office well in advance of the actual return of the remains. The mission as a whole is world wide in scope and of necessity time consuming, but you may rest assured that this office fully appreciates your desires and will do everything in its power to fulfill them at the earliest possible date.

There are no provisions whereby the War Department can furnish photographs of individual graves of deceased military personnel outside the United States. Therefore it is not possible to comply with your request.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D. C., for reply to your request as to the circumstances surrounding the death of your son.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

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Self addressed envelope

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

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Handwritten: 293 Fernham, Elmer F. (S-1, 292, 4)

1st Lt. Elmer F. Farnham, OI 292 494
Plot M, Row 5, Grave 100,
United States Military Cemetery
Bosville, France

16 September 1947

Mrs. Mabel Spier
490 Addison Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Spier:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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

QMGMF 293
Farnham, Elmer F.
SN 01 292 494

30 August 1948

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In reviewing your son's file in our office, there is nothing that would contradict identification by means of identification tags. It was further substantiated by items of personal effects which were removed from his body.

Once identity of the remains is definitely and positively established, evidence of identity is buried with the remains and indicated on the grave marker. If removal and reburial elsewhere become necessary, all records are again examined and all evidence of identity reviewed. Military personnel especially trained in the procedure supervise and directly control these operations. Military escorts provide constant protection from the time of exhumation of the remains until they are received by the next of kin.

You may rest assured that the remains identified as those of your son were delivered to you by the Distribution Center nearest your home.

Your inquiry concerning the personal effects of your son will be the subject of a further communication.

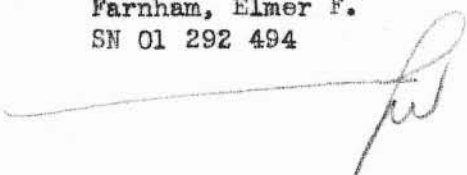
Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time if you believe we can assist you further.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. SMITH
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



QMGMF 293
Farnham, Elmer F.
SN 01 292 494



30 August 1948

Mrs. Mabel Spier
Rear 415 West Chestnut Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Spier:

Your letter to The Adjutant General's Office, concerning your son, the late First Lieutenant Elmer F. Farnham, has been referred to this office.

The Department of the Army employs every possible means to establish the identification of the deceased members of the Armed Forces, definitely and positively.

Identification tags found on the remains of our deceased personnel are considered as a positive means of identification provided contradictory evidence is not found on the remains which would tend to indicate that the tags did not belong to the individual concerned. In order to eliminate the possibility of an error, our Graves Registration personnel in the field search every individual's body for personal effects, laundry marks on the clothing, clothing size, shoe size, and other media which would either substantiate or preclude the identification evidence provided by the tags. Because of this careful examination, approximately 60 to 70% of our known deceased personnel of World War II were identified by means of their identification tags which were found on the remains at the time they were recovered.

The Department of the Army regulations require that identification tags be issued to each member of the Armed Forces as soon ~~as possible~~ after his entry into the service. These identification tags consist of the name and serial number of the individual concerned and are to be worn at all times. They may be removed temporarily only as the necessities of personal hygiene may require. To insure that this regulation is carried out, frequent inspections and spot checks are made. In instances where these tags are lost by the individual, a new set is procured as soon as possible in order that they may be constantly with the person concerned. They are at all times accepted for positive identification purposes of the Armed Forces Personnel.

I am sure you can readily understand that since such emphasis is placed by the Department of the Army on the identification tag in life, consequently the same emphasis is placed upon them in death.

Washington, Pa.
July 22, 1948

Dear Sir,

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You promise to tell me, whear and how my son, Lt. Elmer F. Farnham

01292494.....

What church steeple did he get killed at was it 4-88 MM guns blow up the church if so how could I get his body home it shure would of been blown to peices I burried my Sons body here in Washington, Pa. I like to know what proff it is my Son.....I have no proof my sons body in this coffin I got. I never got his walet or the belonging was on him when he was killed, and my Son never let eny one get his wallet and I know it was on him and I know the wallet for I bought it myself for him.....

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/s/ Mrs. Mabel J. Spier
Rear 415 W. Chestnut St.



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