



THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
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December 16, 1997

SSGT Laurel M. Kloster
37319251

World War II Tablets of the Missing

SSGT Norman A. Neuweiler
16098305

World War II Tablets of the Missing

Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial
Cambridge, England

SGT Alfred S. Lubojacky
38561682

World War II Tablets of the Missing
Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial
Epinal, Vosges, France

SSGT Gerald W. Allen
19102967

Private Cemetery in the state
of Washington

TSG John E. Barnes
19074255

FLO Dominic J. Glosso
T-1700

Golden Gate National Cemetery
San Bruno, California

2LT Wesley B. Brinkley
0742948

SGT William J. Eschenbach
15344408

Private Cemetery in the state of Indiana

SSGT Perley E. Colburn
32490273

2LT Mathew A. Myerson
1995854

SSGT Eric G. Newhouse
32405291

Private Cemetery in the state of New York

SSGT John W. Byrd
18170062
Private Cemetery in the state
of California

SSGT Virgil G. Chappie
15340782
Private Cemetery in the state of
Ohio

TSG Paul G. Gaire
12162672
Private Cemetery in the state
of New Jersey

SSG Paul F. Haney
35767874
Private Cemetery in the state
of West Virginia

SSGT Bert E. Kaylor
14077938
Private Cemetery in the state
of Tennessee

SSGT Donald Richardson
37228846
Private Cemetery in the state
of Kansas

PVT Charles Rubenstein
32325487
Long Island National Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York

2LT Carmon J. Nickols
0775992
Private Cemetery in the state
of Texas

SSGT Roy LeBlanch
14080659

1LT Robert H. Brown
815824

Arlington National Cemetery
Fort Myer, VA

2LT Gerald L. Barmack
694307
Private Cemetery in the state
of Illinois

1LT Robert J. Hoyt
735789
Private Cemetery in the state
of Michigan

Mr. Russell A. Strong
306th Bombardment Group Association
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Mr. Strong:

Thank you for your letters of July 23d and October 22, 1997.

Staff Sergeant Kloster, Neuweiler and Lubojacky were among those members of our Armed Forces of World War II who were missing in action, lost or buried at sea. In accordance with our government's program of honoring the memory of our War Dead whose remains were not recovered or identified, their name's was permanently inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing of the American Military cemeteries as indicated in the above captions. Information concerning the memorials may be found on the tabbed pages of the enclosed World War II commemorative booklet. At the time of their deaths, SSGT Kloster, October 2, 1945, SSGT Lubojacky, February 15, 1946, and SSGT Neuweiler, May 1, 1943, all were members of the 369th Bomb Squadron, 306th Bomb Group.

We will be happy to furnish you black and white photographs of the appropriate section of the Tablets of the Missing mounted on color lithographs of the memorial. These items are provided without charge and may be obtained by completing the enclosed form and forwarding it to this office. This service take approximately eight to twelve weeks.

Arrangements for placement of floral decorations at the section of the Tablets of the Missing where their names appears can be made through this Commission by use of the enclosed forms. Checks or money orders for floral decorations should be made payable to the ABMC Flower Fund. As a guide, the cost of a suitable spray in the area of the Cambridge American

Cemetery during the period May 1 through September 30 is \$25.00. From October 1 through April 30 the cost is \$30.00 and in the area of the Epinal American Cemetery is during the period May 1 through September 30 is \$32.00. From October 1 through April 30 the cost is \$40.00. Weather permitting, a color polaroid photograph of the decoration in place will be taken and forwarded to you.


This Commission's "Register of World War II Dead Buried or Commemorated on Foreign Soil" does not contain listings for SSGT Gerald W. Allen, TSG John E. Barnes, FLO Dominic J. Glosso, 2LT Wesley B. Brinkley, SGT William J. Eschenbach, SSGT Perley E. Colburn, 2LT Mathew A. Myerson, SSGT John W. Byrd, SSGT Virgil G. Chappie, TSGT Paul G. Gaire, SSGT Paul F. Haney, SSGT Bert E. Kaylor, SSGT Donald Richardson, PVT Charles Rubenstein, 2LT Carmon J. Nickols, SSGT Roy LeBlanch, 1LT Robert H. Brown, 2LT Gerald L. Barmack, 1LT Robert J. Hoyt. Therefore, the Department of the Army (U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (TAPC), Attn: TAPC-PED-F, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331-0482) was contacted on your behalf. The "Register of World War II Dead" maintained by that organization revealed that following the war, by decision of next-of-kin, the remains of the above named servicemen were repatriated to the United States and permanently interred in the private or national cemeteries as listed above.

The name of the private cemetery where an individual serviceman is interred may be available from the Department of the Army at the address shown above.

Neither this Commission's "Register of World War II Dead Buried or Commemorated on Foreign Soil" nor "Register of World War II Dead maintained by the Department of the Army (U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (TAPC), Attn: TAPC-PED-F, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331-0482) contain listings by the names of Clifford B. Dodson, William E. Dodson, Ian R. Elliott, Kenneth W. Lovens, Alfred H. Weiland, Jr., Bernard F. Weinstein and Eugene P. Madden. This indicates that they were not considered to be War Dead or survived the war. In the case of Robert L. Alexander, there were two listings by that name. Neither listing had the serial number 0726103, as shown in your letter. If you can provide additional information we will search these records again.

If we may be of any other service, please let us know.

Sincerely,


Anthony N. Corea
Colonel, USAF
Director, Operations and Finance

Encls.

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION



October 27, 1992

SGT Robert L. Ransom
18025276
World War II Tablets of the Missing

SSGT Charles S. Wall, Jr.
14021787
World War II Tablets of the Missing

SGT Edgar G. Whittaker
06144883
World War II Tablets of the Missing

Brittany American Cemetery
and Memorial
St. James (Manche), France

Mr. Leif Hansen
7029 Arbor Drive
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for your telephone inquiries of October 13, 19,
and 26, 1992.

SGT Ransom, SSGT Wall and SGT Whittaker were among those members of our Armed Forces of World War II who were Missing in Action, lost or buried at sea. In accordance with our government's program of honoring the memory of our War Dead whose remains were not recovered or identified, their names were permanently inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing of the Brittany American Cemetery and Memorial, St. James (Manche), France. Information concerning the memorial may be found on the tabbed pages of the enclosed World War II commemorative booklet.

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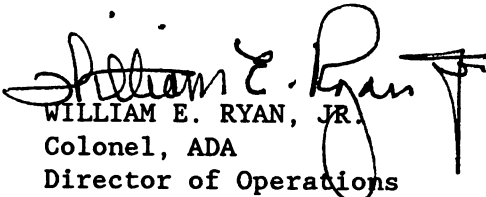
Black and white photographs of the appropriate sections of the Tablets of the Missing mounted on a color lithograph of the memorial will be mailed to you in approximately eight to twelve weeks. Enclosed with the lithograph when you receive it will be a booklet describing the memorial in detail.

Arrangements for placement of floral decorations at the sections of the Tablets of the Missing where SGT Ransom, SSGT Wall and SGT Whittaker's names appear can be made through this Commission by use of the enclosed forms. Checks or money orders for floral decorations should be made payable to the ABMC Flower Fund. As a guide, the cost of a suitable spray in the area is \$25.00. Weather permitting, a color polaroid photograph of the decoration in place will be taken and forwarded to you.

Also enclosed is a computer print out of those members of the 306th Bomb Group who are interred or commemorated on the Tablets of the Missing at the American military cemeteries on foreign soil.

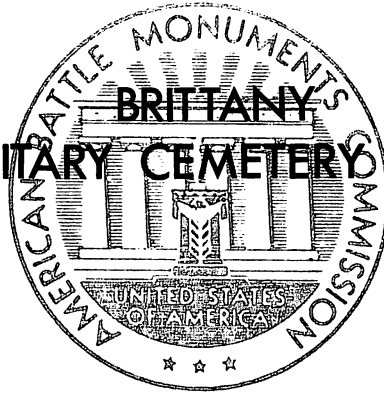
If we may be of any other service, please let us know.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, ADA
Director of Operations
and Finance

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AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL



ST. JAMES
50240
FRANCE

TELEPHONE:
33 48 31.15

David J. Puckett
Paris Embassy (ABMC)
UNIT: 21551
APO AE 09777

12 November 1992

Mr. Leif H. Hansen
7029 Arbor Drive
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Reference your letter dated 20 October 1992 which I received today.

I have attached the only information I have on the men you mentioned in your letter.

The only question I can answer is their names are listed on the Wall of the Missing at this Cemetery which indicates their bodies were never recovered.

For further information concerning the circumstances of the death, etc I suggest you write to the following agency:

US TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL AGENCY
TAPC-PED-F
2461 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22331-0482

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

DAVID J. PUCKETT
Superintendent

PS--- W. O. M. on the attached list means WALL OF MISSING

305 BOMB GP. (H)

366 Bomb Sq.

VITELLO Ralph A.	S/Sgt.	35161178 ✓	May 29, 1943	Ohio	A- 1-12
WACHTEL Francis J.	2/Lt.	0-660534 ✓	Dec. 30, 1942	California	W. O. M.
WILLIAMSON Floyd M.	S/Sgt.	17057644 ✓	Apr. 16, 1943	Kansas	M- 1-24

422 Bomb Sq.

BRAZEAL Robert C.	2/Lt.	0-735036 ✓	July 05, 1944	Florida	W. O. M.
CARPENTER John E. Jr.	1/Lt.	0-389586 ✓	Feb. 16, 1943	Texas	G-12-10
GEMMEL John R.	S/Sgt.	32372386 ✓	May 29, 1943	New York	O- 5- 5

306 BOMB GP. (H)

367 Bomb Sq.

ALEXANDER John	T/Sgt.	36395122 ✓	May 01, 1943	Illinois	W. O. M.
BRANDON Robert L.	1/Lt.	0-661816 ✓	Jan. 07, 1943	Texas	W. O. M.
CLAYTON Evan D.	2/Lt.	0-664870 ✓	May 01, 1943	Illinois	W. O. M.
JONES Kenneth H.	2/Lt.	0-726030 ✓	Nov. 18, 1942	Oklahoma	W. O. M.
LUBY Owen E.	1/Lt.	0-789397 ✓	May 01, 1943	Massachusetts	W. O. M.
OAKMAN Thomas D.	S/Sgt.	11040855 ✓	May 01, 1943	Connecticut	W. O. M.
POWELL Thaddaeus V.	2/Lt.	0-729898 ✓	May 01, 1943	Texas	W. O. M.
TEEGARDEN Robert L.	S/Sgt.	18160074 ✓	May 01, 1943	Oklahoma	W. O. M.
VAN SICKLE Reuben A.	T/Sgt.	18109106 ✓	May 01, 1943	Texas	W. O. M.
WENZEL Elmer E. Jr.	S/Sgt.	33316525 ✓	May 01, 1943	Pennsylvania	W. O. M.
WICHMER Louis H.	Sgt.	37075765 ✓	May 01, 1943	Missouri	W. O. M.
ZABAWA Edward J.	S/Sgt.	35277184 ✓	May 01, 1943	Ohio	W. O. M.

368 Bomb Sq.

ARNOLD Rupert W.	S/Sgt.	18046354 ✓	Jan. 03, 1943	Colorado	G-15- 1
GREENE Donald R.	2/Lt.	0-727008 ✓	Jan. 03, 1943	Indiana	H-10-17
KERBOW Earl L.	S/Sgt.	18039731 ✓	Jan. 03, 1943	Texas	M- 4-11

369 Bomb Sq.

BRUNSTING Albert	2/Lt.	0-726189 ✓	Jan. 03, 1943	Iowa	W. O. M.
FULTON Dyer	2/Lt.	0-726220 ✓	Nov. 23, 1942	Texas	L- 1-19
GRENKE Ervin	T/Sgt.	13038250 ✓	Nov. 23, 1942	Pennsylvania	L- 4- 2
HOUX George L.	S/Sgt.	39022475 ✓	Nov. 23, 1942	California	L- 5- 2
JONES James O. Jr.	1/Lt.	0-661841 ✓	Jan. 07, 1943	Texas	W. O. M.
KOSTECKI Edward	S/Sgt.	32237976 ✓	Nov. 23, 1942	New Jersey	J-18-20
KRIJAK Robert S.	Sgt.	32177037 ✓	Nov. 23, 1942	New York	K-10-22
RANSOM Robert L.	Sgt.	18025276 ✓	Jan. 03, 1943	Texas	W. O. M.
WALL Charles S. Jr.	S/Sgt.	14021787 ✓	Jan. 03, 1943	North Carolina	W. O. M.
WHITTAKER Edgar G.	Sgt.	06144883 ✓	Jan. 03, 1943	Massachusetts	W. O. M.
XXXXXXXXXX	T/Sgt.	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX

423 Bomb Sq.

BEAN Henry R.	T/Sgt.	19061810 ✓	May 01, 1943	Arizona	W. O. M.
BOGUMILL George P.	Sgt.	19078528 ✓	Nov. 09, 1942	California	L-15- 2
BRADY John B.	Capt.	0-438497 ✓	Dec. 30, 1942	Colorado	W. O. M.
BUKACEK Joseph S. Jr.	Sgt.	34198412 ✓	May 01, 1943	Alabama	W. O. M.
CARLSON Arnold R.	2/Lt.	0-727172 ✓	Feb. 16, 1943	Washington	I-15-11
FELTS Loyall M.	1/Lt.	0-366259 ✓	Nov. 09, 1942	Washington	O- 8-17

11/4/92

Dear Russ:

I want to get this right off to you. It came in the mail on Monday & I made several copies of the lists for your use in whatever way you see fit. I am working on one of the lists and I will send it soon as possible.

I am working up a "statistical" analysis of the 467 men on the list. Sadly, all of Cranmer's crew are still buried at ~~sea~~ sea. The names on the list who do not show a "location" code are missing. I have not received a reply yet to my letter to Brittany.

My first observation was a confirmation of the terribly beating the 367th took. I'm glad you survived. Feb 21.

Nov 23, 1992

Dear Russell

I finally got the reply from the Brittany Cemetery, which I am forwarding to close the file on this exercise. No surprises as expected. The only question I still have is why these men are memorialized in two different places.

In my last letter I sent a breakdown of the statistics by squadron & by cemetery. Sorry for the half assed job. Attached is the breakdown by ~~the~~ percentages. The 367th wins again. I guess that is a real 'Pyrrhic victory'.

Sincerely - Jay W.

P.S. - The 12/31 deadline for the Alaska Cruise deposit seems a little early inasmuch as we don't have any details until the Jan 1993 issue of Echoes with the reunion specs. Can we get an extension to 2/28/93?

J.W.

Percentages by Squadron

	Buried	W.O.M.	Total
367	42.3	34.5	39.0
368	18.0	22.0	19.9
369	21.3	19.5	20.5
423	18.4	24.0	20.8
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

By Cemetery

Ardenne	35.6	1.0	20.8
Brittany	6.0	14.0	9.5
Cambridge	17.2	58.5	34.9
Epinal	4.5	0.5	2.8
Henri Cappelle	0.4	0.5	0.4
Lorraine	5.6	1.5	3.9
Luxembourg	0.0	1.0	0.4
Netherlands	28.5	23.0	26.1
Normandy	1.1	0.0	0.6
North Africa	0.4	0.0	0.2
Rhone	0.7	0.0	0.4
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
FLORAL DECORATION ORDER FORM**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name & Rank of Deceased _____

Serial Number _____ Date of Death _____

Name of Cemetery or Memorial _____

Plot _____ Row _____ Grave _____ OR Tablets of the Missing _____

Date(s) desired on which Decoration is to be placed:

Amount Enclosed: Check \$ _____ Money Order: _____

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Relationship to Deceased _____ Daytime Telephone # _____

Remarks _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO DONORS

1. Your check or money order should be made payable to "ABMC Flower Fund.
2. Airmail your order, with payment, to the appropriate office at least 30 days before the floral decoration is to be placed. On National Holidays such as Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, allow at least 60 days.
3. For flowers at the Manila American Cemetery, send order and payment to Superintendent, Manila American Cemetery, American Battle Monuments Commission, APO AP 96440.
4. For flowers at Florence, Sicily-Rome or North Africa American Cemeteries, send order and payment to Officer-in-Charge/ABMC, American Embassy, PSC 59, APO AE 09624.
5. For flowers at the Honolulu Memorial, send order and payment to ABMC, Room 5127, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20314-0300.
6. For flowers at all other ABMC cemeteries, send order and payment to Officer-in-Charge/ABMC, Paris Embassy, Unit 21551, APO AE 09777.
7. Weather permitting, a color polaroid photograph of the decoration in place will be taken and sent to the donor.
8. Orders for flowers may also be placed through any U.S. florist belonging to the Florists Telegraph Delivery Association (FTD). In such cases, furnish the information noted above to the florist, plus the city and country in which the cemetery is located.

ASSOCIATION DU MÉMORIAL AMÉRICAIN

AMERICAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Siège Social : MAISON DE LA MER, Quai de la Fosse - 44000 NANTES

ST NAZAIRE, le 1^{er} Mars 1993.

BRITTANY AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND
MEMORIAL BURIALS WITH DATE OF DEATH 3 JAN. 43

SAINT-NAZAIRE

Michel LUGEZ
13, rue de la Ville Etable
44600 SAINT-NAZAIRE
tél. 40 22 56 95

BTH. USAF. - 306 BOMB GP/H.

<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>	<u>Name, First</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Unit</u>		
G	15	1	ARNOLD RUPERT W.	S. SGT	368 BOMB SQ	306 BOMB/CP/H.	
H	10	17	GREENE DONALD R	2 LT	368 " "	306 " " "	
M	4	11	KERBOW EARL L	S. SGT	368 " "	306 " " "	
WALL OF THE MISSING			BRUNSTING ALBERT	2 LT	369 " "	306 " " "	
" "	" "	" "	RANSOM ROBERT L	SGT	369 " "	306 " " "	
" "	" "	" "	WALL CHARLES S JR	S SGT	369 " "	306 " " "	
" "	" "	" "	WHITTAKER EDGAR G	SGT	369 " "	306 " " "	

The President,



Michel G. LUGEZ