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GRIFFITH, JOHN J. 20,234,358 SGT. AC. EUROPEAN AREA (NJ)  
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**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME <b>GRIFFITH, John J. Jr.</b>	GRADE <b>Sgt</b>	SERIAL NO. <b>20 224 338</b>
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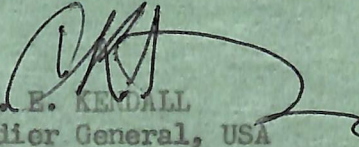
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TO: Commanding Officer  
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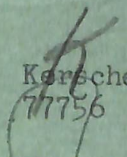
With reference to your message, MO-612, dated 2 June 1961 and interim reply this Office, dated 5 June 1961, all available information concerning Sgt. John J. Griffith, Jr., 416 Bomb Gp (L), 668 Bomb Sq. (L), who was killed in action on 18 March 1945 is inclosed.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

  
B. E. KENDALL  
Brigadier General, USA

- 10 Incls
1. OQMG Fm 371
  2. F.P.D.I.F. (12 Jan 45) Director of Administration
  3. Fm 79 (1 Aug 44)
  4. Fm 79 (26 Jan 44)
  5. AG Memorandum (15 Aug 49)
  6. Statement by pilot (Nov 50)
  7. Rept of Fld Inves (15 Aug 47)
  8. Rept of Fld Inves (1 Oct 49)
  9. Rept of Fld Inves (27 Oct 50)
  10. Rept of Fld Inves (31 Mar 51)

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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>GRIFFITH, John J. Jr.,</b>		GRADE <b>Sgt.</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>20 224 338</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>416 Bomb Gp (L), 668 Bomb Sq (L) IX Bomb Div.</b>		RACE <b>White</b>	CREED <b>Protestant</b>
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <b>18 March 1945</b>		CAUSE OF DEATH <b>KIA</b>	
DATE OF FOD		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>* See Below</b>	
HEIGHT <b>6' - 6' 1/2"</b>	WEIGHT <b>165</b>	COLOR EYES <b>Blue</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b> also shown as <b>Blond</b>
		SHOE SIZE <b>9 1/2</b> also shown as <b>10-C (Service Shoe)</b>	

Physical Exam. 27 October 1942

## DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT  8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT  16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 X	LOWER LEFT  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X=Extracted

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1=Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS  No record	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK  No record
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION      Date of Birth: 28 May 1922      Blood Type: "A"

\* Sgt. Griffith was a gunner aboard aircraft A-26-B #41-39213 which failed to return from an operational mission to WORMS, Germany on 18 March 1945. The only other occupant of the aircraft, 2/Lt Clifford J. VARS, O-772596, the pilot, who bailed out of the plane, was captured and later returned to military control. Griffith was originally reported MIA on 18 March 1945 and presumed dead on 24 April 1946. However, Report of Death issued on 25 August 1949, changed status to KIA on 18 March 1945 based on findings in AGO Memorandum (Incl #5 to basic ltr).

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CLOTHING SIZES

Coat, wool: 38-R  
Jacket, field: 38-R  
Shirt, cotton/wool: 15x34

Trousers, cotton/wool: 32x33  
Cap, garrison, cotton, khaki: 7 1/8  
Belt, waist, web: 34

**REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT  
LOWRY FIELD DENTAL CLINIC #2  
BUILDING 200**

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME

**GRIFFITH, JOHN J. #20224338**

(3) GRADE (4) COMPANY (5) RESIDENCY OR STATION CODE

**Sgt. 2nd TSP Arm (34-15)**

(6) AGE, YRS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) CIVIL YRS

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<b>Car R16e</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>17 LHT 1nk 1e</b>
<b>Car 16d</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Car 14f</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Car 116r</b>	<b>A</b>	
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<b>TRAY 15</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>16 GI 168 R 1nk 1e</b>
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GRIFFITH, JOY J. jr. 20224338

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Sgt.

(6) AGE YEARS

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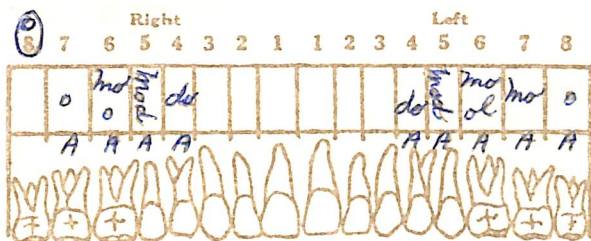
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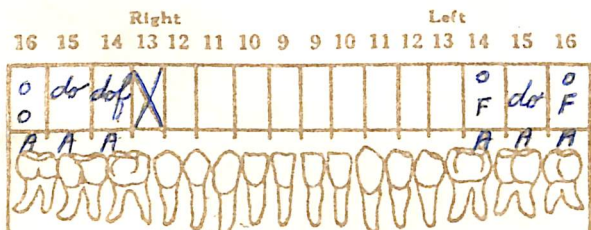
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REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH



LOWER TEETH



CLASS II

Occlusion Grade Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy  
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 Dental foci suspected: Yes No  
 Other conditions N

Date AUG 1 1944, 19

W. Sunnenblich / 1st Lt.  
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

\*Restorable carious teeth by O  
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If an answer is required,  
an Interim or Final  
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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

GRIFFITH, JOHN J JR.

RANK

SGT

SERIAL NUMBER

20224338

ARM OF SERVICE

AAF

DATE OF DEATH

18 MAR '45

AREA OF DEATH

GERMANY

NAME OF AUDITOR

MAPLES

DATE

24 OCT '51

NAME OF REVIEWER

MANSTFIELD

DATE

OCT 25 1951

REMARKS

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

CASE NUMBER  
17060 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)  
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

Griffith, John J. Jr.

Sgt

20 224 338 *anf*

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

Individual Case

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

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

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

KIA 18 March 1945, vicinity of Worms, Germany.

*49° 38' N - 8° 22' E*

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**Identification Branch**

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

*Dmp Egen*  
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CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO  
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION  
*C. E. Newbaker*  
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CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION  
*Mary A. Edwards*  
MARY A. EDWARDS, Capt CMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH  
*Benjamin B. King*  
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HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

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Proceedings of Board of Review appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept., TAGO, 9 April 1947.

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1. The Board convened pursuant to par. 4, SO 32, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 10 April 1951, at Liege, Belgium, on 24 April 1951.

2. Members present:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., Major, QMC  
C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC  
ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1st Lt, QMC

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of the remains of World War II dead lost in the geographical area described below:

a. Vicinity of Worms (L-50/M-41) Germany, Case # 8949.

b. Facts:

Sgt. John J. GRIFFITH, Jr., 20 224 338, was one of the crew of two (2) of aircraft A-26-B #41-39213, which failed to return from a bombing mission to Worms, Germany, on 15 March 1945.

4. FINDINGS:

a. Lt. Clifford Vars, the pilot and other occupant of the aircraft, reveals that the plane was hit over the target, and he believes that it crashed at a distance of ten (10) miles from Worms, Germany. He also indicates that he gave the 'bail out' order, and then parachuted from the aircraft.

b. A total of four (4) Field Investigations have been conducted in the appropriate area, where it is revealed that approximately ten (10) aircraft crashed in the vicinity. Attempts to associate any of these crashes with the subject aircraft, have all been negative.

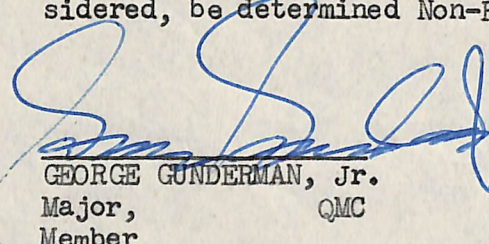
c. Attempts to associate unknowns recovered from Map Sheet L-50, with the subject casualty, have all been negative.

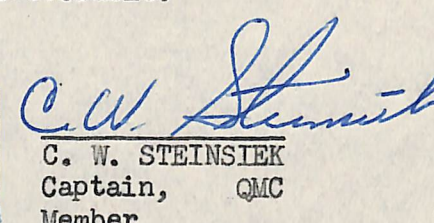
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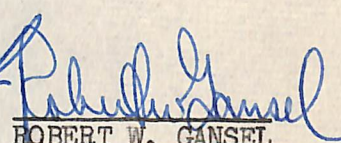
d. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371, MACR AAF 13155, Memorandum For: Chief Casualty Branch, dated 24 April 1946, Letters received from Lt. Clifford Vars on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

e. Reference is also made to Reports of Field Investigations, dated 15 August 1947, 1 October 1949, 27 October 1950 and 31 March 1951 attached.

5. RECOMMENDATION: That the remains of the decedent herein considered, be determined Non-Recoverable.

  
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.  
Major, QMC  
Member

  
C. W. STEINSIEK  
Captain, QMC  
Member

  
ROBERT W. GANSEL  
1st Lt, QMC  
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HEADQUARTERS  
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APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 3 Mar 49, a Board of Of's as follows, is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases.

LT COL JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC., President  
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,  
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,  
CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,  
1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,  
2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947, 298, QMC.,

BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
Capt., QMC,  
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
CAPT., QMC,  
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:

  
MARY A. EDWARDS  
1st Lt QMC

15 August 1947/br.

N A R R A T I V E

An investigation was conducted in the area of WORMS (L-50/M-41) Germany, concerning the whereabouts of the American 2nd Lt. CLIFFORD J. VARS and Sgt. JOHN J. GRIFFITH, Jr., who were last heard of on 18 March 1945.

Upon arrival at WORMS we contacted the Burgermeister, who could not state anything in this connection, since he was first appointed Burgermeister after the date in question. A statement was received from one of the office employees, who had attended all burials of crashed flyers, to the effects that nothing was known to him about a plane crashed in March 1945. (See attached statement).

We then contacted the German Police Headquarters, however, their records did not contain any data as to an A-26 plane crash in their area in March 1945. One of the police officials stated that in his capacity as a Chief air raid warden he received all reports of plane crashes within the town-district of WORMS during the year of 1945, but that he had not received any report regarding airplane crash on 18 March 1945. (See attached statement).

We then proceeded to OSTHOFEN (located about 12 km west of WORMS) and contacted the Burgermeister there. According to his statement a heavy air raid on WORMS took place on 18 March 1945 between 0900 and 1000 hrs, the date given in the M.A.C. Report R.174. Squadrons of two-motored American planes raided WORMS and disappeared of OSTHOFEN. (See attached statement).

Finally all cemetery files of the entire district of WORMS and surrounding were checked for any possible burials of American deceased from air crashes at the time concerned, but without any result.

CONCLUSION:

According to the following investigation I have come to the conclusion that the plane crash concerned did not occur within the district of WORMS. There exists a possibility that the plane of 2nd Lt. CLIFFORD J. VARS and Sgt. JOHN J. GRIFFITH Jr., crashed in the adjoining southwest districts of WORMS, since the planes disappeared in this direction after their raid on WORMS.

/s/t/ JOHN DELONG  
WD Civilian  
Investigator

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY  
REGISTRATION DIVISION

AGRC Case #8949  
Ger L-50  
ID # 18  
1 October 1949

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY & MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

Pursuant to Investigation Directive No. 18, American Graves Registration Command, E.A. APO 58, US Army, dated 1 October 1949, the undersigned in charge of S & R Team No. 5, proceeded to Bingen and vicinity, and various places in Germany, as will be mentioned in this narrative; for the purpose of location the wreckage of missing aircraft (A-26-B) No. 41-39213, and the remains of Sergeant John J. GRIFFITH, Jr., 20224338.

II. FACTS & CIRCUMSTANCES:

According to the basic documents and statements of those last to have seen the missing aircraft; it was struck by anti-aircraft fire in the target area of Worms, Germany, at 1013 hours on 18 March 1945.

III. FINDINGS:

Following the route of flight as indicated on the enclosed clarification chart, investigations were conducted at St. Goar, St. Goarshausen, Winzerheim, Schweinscheid, Landscheid and Bingen. The Kreis records were checked for Mainz, Worms, Alzen, Bingen and Bernkastel. The results were negative in each case.

The Zell, Cochem area was also investigated. The results were negative, however, it was found, that an American plane did crash at a point about half way between Zell and Merl on March 18, 1945.

According to the statements of Hilda Muhl, who lives at the point of crash (#1 Merlestrasse), this was a single engine plane; the crash occurred between 1030 and 1100 hours. She claims to have been watching the plane flying up and down the Moselle river, and that it made a sudden sweep from the north west and struck a ferry cable spanning the river. It lost one wing in contact with the cable; caromed into a garden at the rear of her home, striking her father who was standing in



1 October 1949

the garden on its course. Her father dies as a result of the plane was very vague and it could not be identified by type from such description. She said, that American soldiers, were occupying the area at the time and took charge of the charred remains. Search of the area was made but nothing of the plane wreckage could be found.

IV. CONCLUSIONS:

From conversation with residents and those in authority; the Americans occupied the area in question from the 16th to the 20th of March; most of it before 18 March, therefore, consulting the attached classification chart, which shows the direction of flight to have been east from Cochem; southeast from St Goar, towards Worms, returning in northeasterly direction toward Zell and Wittlich, it is believed, that the plane must have been struck while directly over the target of Worms, and crashed somewhere to the south or south-east of Worms.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. Records concerning crash at Zell-Merl be examined to ascertain if accident has any connection with the case in question.
2. That the point where Lt. Vars landed or was taken prisoner be ascertained. The crash point showed not to be too far away from such place of his landing.
3. That the search be continued in a southerly direction from Worms.

/s/t/ JAMES L. McCULLER  
Capt. TC

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/s/ E. D. MULVANITY  
Lt. Col., QMC

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AGR SEARCH AND RECOVERY UNIT # 3  
c/o HQ & HQ SQUADRON 7120TH AB GROUP  
APO 633 US AIR FORCE

Wiesbaden, Germany  
27 October 1950

SUBJECT: AGRC Case #8949  
ID #140  
Sgt. JOHN J. GRIFFITH, Jr.

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

Continuing the search as referred to in letter, dated 3 October 1950, under the above subject, a diligent effort was made to locate the crash point of aircraft No. 41-39213, missing in action on 18 March 1945, in the area south of WORMS, Germany, to the French border including the Saarland of Germany. In addition to personal contact with the Burgermeister and inhabitants in towns located in the area referred to, the aid of the French service des Personnes Deplacees at NEUSTADT, and Regierung des Saarlandes and Saarbrucken was solicited. These two offices made contact with town officials of towns in this area. A written report of results of their investigation are attached as Exhibit "A" and "B".

Several crash point were investigated during this search, none of which could be associated with subject crash. The only crash possible to associate with the subject plane is located in the forest section known as "Kalbenbach", about 2 kilometers south of BUCHELBERG, Germany.

On investigation of this particular crash site, two (2) craters found about 50 meters from each other. These craters show signs as having resulted from the crash of two engines. On further examination of the area, numerous small particles from an American type aircraft were located. One (1) tag was removed from a part of the salvage. This tag is from a hot air heater, showing serial number 12984. It is doubtful that this can be associated with plane in question. Several fragments of human bones were also found at the point, representing the major portion of the aircraft. These remains were found on the surface and buried at the crash point where they can be easily located on excavation.

The engines, practically all of the scrap metal has been removed from the scene of crash.

An overlay of a map of the area is attached showing the location of the crash point.

Narrative of Investigation

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It is requested that an examination of records be made in an effort to associate this information with crashed US planes,,as it is said by the Burgermeister of BUCHELBERG that two investigations by American officers have been conducted at this point previously.

It is also requested that further effort be made to secure additional information from pilot VARS through OQMG, and that upon completion of the records search at headquarters, and receipt of information from OQMG, that a directive be issued to excavate the point referred to in this narrative in an effort to recover additional remains or those of the unresolved casualty in this case.

/s/t/ JAMES L. McCULLER  
Capt. TC  
AGR S & R Unit # 3

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION  
AT WORMS (L-50/M-41), GERMANY

31 March 1951

I. AUTHORITY & MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

In compliance with instructions contained in Investigation Directive #642, Case Germany L-50/8949, dated 6 February 1951, issued by Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, Us Army, an investigation was conducted at WORMS (L-50/M-41), Germany in an attempt to recover the remains of Sgt. JOHN J. GRIFFITH, Jr., 20224338.

II. FACTS & CIRCUMSTANCES:

Sgt. JOHN J. GRIFFITH, Jr., 20224338, was the gunner on A/C 41-39213, on 18 March 1945, during a bombing mission over WORMS, Germany, when the aircraft was struck by flak and set afire. The pilot, 2/Lt CLIFFORD J. VARS, O-772596, gave the order to bail out, and then parachuted himself, landing safely. Lt. VARS was captured immediately upon his landing, and was informed by his captors, that his aircraft landed somewhere to the south-east of WORMS. Lt. VARS, in a statement, furnished the information that he could see the smoke in the distance, which he would estimate not more than ten miles (10).

III. FINDINGS:

An investigation was conducted on the east site of the Rhine River, near WORMS, Germany, in an attempt to locate the crash site of A/C 41-39213. Local officials and police in the town of SANDHOFEN, KIRSCHGARTHAUSEN, SANDTOR, LAMPERTHEIM, NEUSCHLOSS, VIERNHEIM, HUTTENFELD, LORSCH, BURSTADT, BOXHEIMER, HOF, HOFHEIM, BOBSTADT, WATTENHEIM, NORDHEIM, and BIBLIS were contacted, all with negative results. (See attached statements).

All residents along the Rhine River were evacuated at this time and no witnesses could be found. Numerous aircraft crashes were found in this region, however, nothing to indicate that A/C 41-39213, was one of them. It was determined that the Training Section, 6th Reconnaissance Group, was the unit, which, at the time of the crash of A/C 41-39213, was responsible for the security of this region. Several former members of this unit were located and interviewed, however, no one could furnish any information concerning the crash. Several planes were observed to crash in this region, on this date, any of which could have been the plane of which Sgt. GRIFFITH was a crew member. One plane was observed to crash into the Rhine River, and several other in the fields east of the Rhine River, and one or two on the west bank of the Rhine River.

31 March 1951

Two (2) former members of the bridge guards were contacted. These two guards were on duty at the main railroad bridge over the Rhine River from WORMS, however, could furnish no information. A check of records in the local town halls in this region indicate that all American deceased have been removed by AGRC. All scrap metal from these crashes have been since removed by junk dealers, and nothing remains at the crash sites to indicate these sites.

IV. CONCLUSION:

That no information can be obtained to indicate the exact site of crash of aircraft No. 41-39213, and that the only method to find the wreckage of this aircraft would be to excavate all the crash sites in the area which could possibly be the aircraft in question. This would entail much expense and time, more than ten (10) aircraft having crashed in this region, of which about four or five could be the aircraft in question. In addition, there is a possibility that the aircraft which crashed into the Rhine could be one in question. It is impossible to determine the exact location of this aircraft, as it crashed into one of the deepest channels of the Rhine River, and has not been found since, either by draggers or boatmen.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That, in view of the lack of specific information, the remains of Sgt. JOHN J. GRIFFITH, Jr., 20224338, be declared non-recoverable, and case Germany L-50/8949 be closed.

/s/t/ HERMAN O. HILLJEGERDES  
US DA Civilian D-433321  
Investigator  
AGR S & R Unit # 3

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: LOCATION: Station A-69 COMMAND OR AIR FORCE 1X Bomb Div (M)  
GROUP 416th Bmb Gp (L); SQUADRON 668th Bmb Sq(L) DETACHMENT - - -
  2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE A-69 COURSE See Incl 1  
INTENDED DESTINATION Worms, Germany TYPE OF MISSION Operational
  3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear
  4. GIVE: (A) DATE 18 Mar 45 TIME 1013 AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN  
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT Worms, Germany  
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER (X) LAST SIGHTED; ( ) LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO;  
( ) FORCED DOWN; ( ) KEEN TO CRASH; OR ( ) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
  5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY ONE): ( ) ENEMY AIRCRAFT (X) ENEMY ANT-AIRCRAFT; ( ) OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS:
  6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES A-26-B AAF SERIAL NO. 41-39213
  7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES R-2800 AAF SERIAL NO. (A) FP-020340  
(B) 42-1963 (C) (D)
  8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER) 50 Cal Browning MG  
(A) See Reverse (B) (C) (D)  
(E) (F) (G) (H)
  9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY Battle  
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY
  10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 2; PASSENGERS 0; TOTAL 2  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)
- | CREW POSITION | NAME IN FULL<br>(LAST NAME FIRST) | RANK | SERIAL<br>NUMBER | STATUS |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------|------------------|--------|
| (1) PILOT     | Vars, Clifford J.                 | 2 Lt | 0 772 596        | RTD    |
| (2) CO-PILOT  |                                   |      |                  |        |
| (3) Gunner:   | Griffith, Jr., John J.            | Sgt  | 20 224 338       | KIA    |
| (4)           |                                   |      |                  |        |
| (5)           |                                   |      |                  |        |
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| (9)           |                                   |      |                  |        |
| (10)          |                                   |      |                  |        |
| (11)          |                                   |      |                  |        |
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
- | NAME IN FULL<br>(LAST NAME FIRST) | RANK | SERIAL<br>NUMBER | CONTACTED<br>BY<br>RADIO | LAST<br>SIGHTED | SAW<br>CRASH | SAW FORCED<br>LANDING |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
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| (2)                               |      |                  |                          |                 |              |                       |
| (3)                               |      |                  |                          |                 |              |                       |
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED; (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH; OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY)
  13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
  14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
  15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

(Date of Report)

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS (Use additional sheet if necessary)

*Filed  
17 Oct 1951  
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QMMS 293  
GRIFFITH, John J. Jr.,  
SN 20224338

29 November 1950

Mr. Clifford J. Vars  
Box 444  
Tulia, Texas

Dear Mr. Vars:

Your recent letter concerning the place of the crash of the aircraft which you piloted has been received and the information you furnished has been sent to the Graves Registration Service overseas.

Please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

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QMMS 293

29 November 1950

GRIFFITH, John J. Jr.  
SN 20224338

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Commanding Officer  
7887 Graves Registration Detachment  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement, this Office, dated 3 November 1950, file QMMS 293, GRIFFITH, John J. Jr., subject: Request for Information.

2. Attached is a copy of the reply from Clifford J. Vars in reference to the place of the crash of his aircraft and the fate of Sgt. John J. Griffith, Jr., 20224338.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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THOMAS E. COX  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

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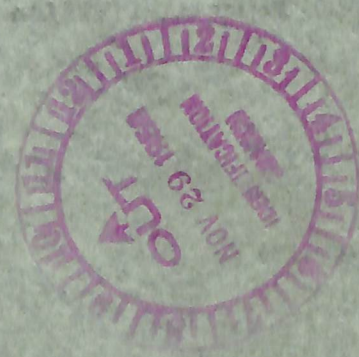
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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IN REPLY REFER TO  
QMMS 293  
Griffith, John J., Jr.  
SN 20224338

3 November 1950

Mr. Clifford J. Vars  
Box 444  
Tulia, Texas

Dear Mr. Vars:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information concerning the crash site of the A-26 in which Sergeant John J. Griffith, Jr. was reported killed on 18 March 1945.

Since you were the pilot of the aircraft and managed to parachute to safety, it will be greatly appreciated and very helpful if you can furnish information as to the exact or approximate place of the crash. If this is not possible, can you give the place where you were taken prisoner and hospitalized?

Please use the inclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX  
Captain QMC  
Memorial Division

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Dear Sir,

We were bombing a town the side of the Rhine "Worms" - we were on our Bomb run when struck by flack. 2 bailed out + landed about 50 yards from the bank of the Rhine opposite the town & they taken prisoner by german soldiers - I asked them about other shutes - they had seen 2 others besides mine - also 3 ships crash. They painted (over)

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I should judge about 10 miles distance.  
That is about all I know.

Facing South or (I don't know my direction)  
With the Rhine river these Fires were  
off the left of me about 60 to 65° <sup>angle</sup> front  
the River on the German side.

If I can be of  
any further help

Let me know.  
If you can furnish information as to the exact or approximate place  
of the crash, if this is not possible, can you give the place  
where you were taken prisoner and hospitalized?

Clifford J. Voss

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Oct 27 1950

THOMAS F. COX  
Captain  
Special Division

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Griffith, John J., Jr.

SN 20224338

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 3 November 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

A letter of inquiry has been sent to former 1/Lt Clifford J. Vars.  
His reply will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

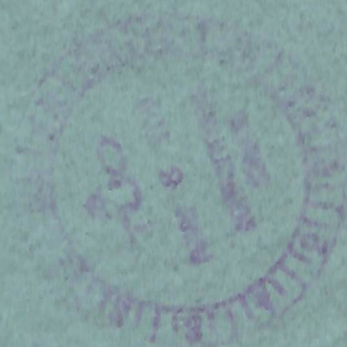
FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX  
Captain OMC  
Memorial Division

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

GROP 293.9

17 October 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 and 293 file, your office, pertaining to Sergeant John J. GRIFFITH, Jr., 20 224 338, MIA 18 March 1945.
2. Investigations conducted in the area of Worms, St Goarshausen, Winzersheim, Schweidscheid, Landscheid, Bingen, Zell and Cochen have met with negative results due to the inability to localize the crash site.
3. It is, therefore, requested that your office communicate with Second Lieutenant Clifford J. VARA, ASN O 772 596, a survivor of the crash, for any information he may possess concerning the specific location of the crash and/or place where he was taken prisoner and hospitalized.
4. In the event the information requested in paragraph 3, above, is not forthcoming, subject case will be processed in accordance with provisions of letter, Department of the Army, AGAO-S, 293.9 (27 March 1947) DM, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.  
Major  
Operations Division

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CGMMS 293  
Griffith, John J., Jr.  
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8 November 1950

Mr. Clifford J. Varn  
Box 444  
Tulia, Texas

Dear Mr. Varn:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information concerning the crash site of the A-26 in which Sergeant John J. Griffith, Jr. was reported killed on 18 March 1945.

Since you were the pilot of the aircraft and managed to parachute to safety, it will be greatly appreciated and very helpful if you can furnish information as to the exact or approximate place of the crash. If this is not possible, can you give the place where you were taken prisoner and hospitalized?

Please use the inclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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THOMAS E. COX  
Captain USMC  
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(15 Aug 49) 20 224 338

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15 August 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section  
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Sergeant John J. Griffith, Jr., 20 224 338, 668th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group, was reported missing in action, in flying pay status, over Germany on 18 March 1945 by ETO Shipment No. 87. Under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, a finding of death was made in the case of this soldier, which finding indicated that he was presumed dead as of 24 April 1946 (SR&D No. 5614 and 5614A, file AG 704 Dead 24 April 46).

2. Missing air crew report No. 13155, dated 20 March 1945, on file in the office of The Quartermaster General, reports that Sergeant Griffith was gunner on A-26 aircraft No. 41-39213, which failed to return from an operational mission to Worms, Germany, on 18 March 1945. The only other occupant of the aircraft was Second Lieutenant Clifford J. Vars, O 772 596, the pilot, who bailed out of the plane, was captured and later returned to military control. The aircraft was last seen in the target area at 1013 hours and it was believed lost as a result of enemy anti-aircraft fire. Eye-witness statements, attached to the missing crew report, state that the aircraft went down in flames with its left wing off and engine knocked out. No chutes were seen to emerge from the damaged craft. This action occurred approximately 30 miles northwest of Worms, Germany. Filed in the AG 201 file of Sergeant Griffith is a statement submitted by Lieutenant Vars which reports that while over the target the aircraft was struck by flak which pierced the bomb bay gas tank and set the aircraft on fire. Flames swept the cockpit, and Lieutenant Vars gave the bail out order, but was badly burned himself and did not know whether another chute left the ship. In a statement attached to the missing crew report, Lieutenant Vars reports that "Flak hit bomb bay gas tank - caught on fire - could not contact Griffith - supposed he was hit also".

3. There is no further information concerning Sergeant Griffith of record in this office. He was never reported a prisoner of war, nor can any reference to him be found in captured German records. There is no burial report on file in the office of The Quartermaster General for him at the present time.

4. From the foregoing, it must be concluded that Sergeant Griffith was either killed by the flak which damaged the aircraft, or was killed when the plane crashed in flames near Worms, Germany. It is not likely that, if he had parachuted, he would not have been captured. The only survivor, Lieutenant Vars, was hospitalized for some time after the accident because of his injuries and did not hear any report of Sergeant Griffith while a prisoner. Lieutenant Vars believed that Sergeant Griffith had been hit by anti-aircraft fire, which would account for the fact that he did not parachute. In view of these circumstances, no logical conclusion can be drawn but that Sergeant Griffith was killed in action on 18 March 1945 when his aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Worms, Germany.

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5. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that Sergeant John J. Griffith, Jr., 20 224 338, Air Corps, was killed in action on 18 March 1945 when his aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Worms, Germany, and that he was in flying pay status at the time of death. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2b, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 24 April 1946. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.

Station and Place of Death: European Area.

L. H. MUNCASTER  
Investigator

CONCUR:

T. J. COLLUM  
Major, ACD  
OIC, Determination Unit

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN  
Lt. Col. AGD  
OIC, Casualty Section  
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

COPY FOR:  
OQMG, Memorial Div  
AG 201 file

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QMGMS 293 1st Ind  
Griffith, John J. Jr. *en*  
SN 20 224 338  
SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 16 August 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command  
European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Submitted herewith is copy of SR&D Report No. 5614 and Missing Air  
Crew Report No. 13155 with map and statement of 2nd Lt. Clifford J. Vars,  
O-722596 attached thereto, covering all available information relative  
to the circumstances of death of Sgt. John J. Griffith Jr., 20224338.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls  
Incl 1 SR&D Report No. 5614  
Incl 2 MACR No. 13155  
w/map and statement atohd

T. H. METZ  
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Memorial Division

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

28 April 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 for Sergeant John J. Griffith Jr., 20 224 338.
2. A statement by the survivor of the incident - Second Lieutenant Clifford J. Vars, O 772 596, indicates that aircraft was hit directly over the target - WORMS, Germany. An investigation in this area proved negative.
3. It is requested that a re-check of your files be made and all additional information which may aid in the further search for this deceased, forwarded this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. MULVANY  
Lt Col QMC  
Actg Asst Adj Gen



FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION FORM  
Office of the Dental Surgeon

A-55

Station

Griffith, John J. Sgt 20224338

Name

Rank

ASN

668th 32 3 1/2 yrs 12 Jan 45

Organization

Age

Service

Date

Armorer - Gunner

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CHART ALL SUBSEQUENT FILLINGS  
NONRESTORABLE CARIOUS TEETH BY /

MISSING NATURAL TEETH BY X  
TEETH REPLACED BY DENTURE



TEETH REPLACED BY FIXED BRIDGE



APPROVED Thomas H. Kaufner  
Station Dental Surgeon

Shornie H. Kaufner  
Examining Dental Officer

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E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt, USAF  
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
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IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>GRIFITH JOHN R D DR</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>20 224 338</i>		GRADE <i>1st Lt.</i>
HEIGHT <i>6 ft 1/2</i>	WEIGHT <i>155</i>	COLOR EYES <i>blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>brn</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>15 Mar 45</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)  
*668 Bomb Sq. 4/16 B. Gr.*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA  
*Boston bombing mission to Worms Germany*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Ft Dix N. J.</i>	<i>28 Oct 42 - 31 Oct 42</i>
<i>Cp. Carson Colo</i>	<i>31 Oct 42 - 9 Aug 43</i>
<i>Miami Fla</i>	<i>9 Aug 43 - 9 Sept 43</i>
<i>Cedar Rapids Iowa</i>	<i>9 Sept 43 - 4 Dec 43</i>
<i>Santa Ana Calif.</i>	<i>4 Dec 43 - 17 Jan 44</i>
<i>Loring Fld. Colo.</i>	<i>17 Jan 44 - 22 Apr 44</i>
<i>Bucking Ham Ft Meyer Fla.</i>	<i>22 Apr 44 - 11 Jul 44</i>
<i>Columbia S. C.</i>	<i>11 Jul 44 - Aug 7 - 44</i>
<i>Morris Fld. N. C.</i>	<i>7 Aug 44 - 1 Nov 44</i>
<i>Hunter Fld Ga.</i>	<i>11 Nov 44 - 13 Nov 44</i>

FRUIT: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
AVAILABLE RECORDS FORWARDED HEREWITH

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
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FILE  
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DENTAL CHART *27 Oct 42*

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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E. J. Griffin, 1st Lt., USA  
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**OUT**  
15 AUG 1949  
IDENTIFICATION  
BRANCH

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**IN**  
MAY 16 1949  
IDENTIFICATION  
BRANCH

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**DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED**

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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

GRIFFITH JOHN JR

GRADE

SGT

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

20 224 338

ORGANIZATION

668TH BOMB SQ  
416TH BOMB GR.

RACE

WHITE

CREED

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

18-MAR-45

CAUSE OF DEATH

F.O.D

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

S.E. OF ST. GOAR,

DATE OF FOD

28-APR-46

GERMANY

HEIGHT

6' 1/2"

WEIGHT

155 lbs.

COLOR EYES

BLUE

COLOR HAIR

BROWN

SHOE SIZE

9 1/2

**DENTAL CHART**

27-OCT-45

UPPER RIGHT

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LOWER RIGHT

16 15 14 X 12 11 10 9

LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ATTACHED FPDIF, dated, 12-1-45  
(PHOTOSTAT)

**FILE**  
**AUG 2 - 1948**  
**U.S. AIR FORCE**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

DATA ON RETRIEVED NOT YET IDENTIFIED

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PRESTIGE NUMBER	GRAIN	HAIR	WEIGHT	DATE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
TOOTH SERIAL NUMBER (if available)	CHARGES	HAIR	WEIGHT	CAUSE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
PLACE OF BIRTH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF BORN					
HEIGHT	HAIR	WEIGHT	WEIGHT		

DENTAL CHART

UPPER	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
LOWER	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

TATTOO AND/OR OTHER MARKS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FILE**  
**1965-10-18**  
**10-18-65**

SPQXG 293  
Griffith, John J. Jr.  
SN 20 224 338

27 May 1946

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Transmittal

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

- 1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.
- 2. Writer has not been advised of this reference.

**FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:**

1 Incl  
Ltr frn Mrs. Dorothy Griffith  
dtd 30 Apr 46

WILLIAM E. REID  
1st Lieut., QMC  
Assistant

CC: IAF

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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1. Name of person or organization to whom referred

2. Address of person or organization to whom referred

3. Date of referral

WILLIAM W. BROWN  
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Washington, D.C.

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Runnemede, N. J.

April 30 - 46

Edward F. Witsell

Major General

Dear Sir:

My son ACPC-S 201 Griffith, John J., Jr., 20 224 338, has been officially recorded as dead after being missing since the 18 of March 1945.

I would like to know if you have any unidentified mental cases in our hospitals. If so, would you tell me where they are located and if they could be visited.

I would appreciate an early reply and thanking you in advance

Sincerely

/s/ Mrs. Dorothy Griffith





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

1949 AUG 18

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AG 201	NAME GRIFFITH JOHN J JR ASN 20224338	GRADE SGT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 11
NAME AND AD. DRESS OF E. A.	MRS DOROTHY B GRIFFITH 24 WEST 5TH AVENUE RUNNEMEDE NEW JERSEY		DATE TELEGRAM SENT 13 23 Aug 49

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

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

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
SGT	GRIFFITH, JOHN J. JR.	20224338	AG		K	228021-U-1X
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN GERMANY	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
			18	MAR	45	

REMARKS: AG 201 /15 AUG 49/  CORRECTED COPY

MEMO DET UNIT APPROVED OIC CAS SEC PAB. KILLED WHEN ACFT CRASHED IN VIC OF WORMS. FOD ISSUED PREV UNDER SEC 5, PL 490, 7 MAR 42, AS AMENDED, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH 24 APR 46. RPT OF DEATH ISSUED IN ACCORD WITH SEC 9 OF SAID ACT AND ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PROVIDED IN SEC 9. STA AND PL OF DEATH ETO.

HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY: RUNNEMEDE, CAMDEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

PROCESS IN ACCORD WITH PAR 2B, OPER BUL 35, 1945.

Report of Death issued 24 Aug 49. pmr

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FORM 43		AG 201 REG	
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR CHARGED TO		DATE	
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FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA
	490	DED	24 Apr 46
E. A. NOTIFIED	24 Apr 46		
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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE **25 Aug 49 pmr**

FULL NAME <b>Griffith, John J. Jr.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>20 224 338</b>	GRADE <b>SGT</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Runnemede, New Jersey</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>AC</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>28 May 1922</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>Germany</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in Action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>18 Mar 1945</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>28 Oct 1942</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)  
**Mrs. Dorothy B. Griffith, mother, 24 West 5th Avenue, Runnemede, N. J.**

BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)  
**Mrs. Dorothy B. Griffith, mother, same as above.**  
**Mr. John J. Griffith, Sr., father, same as above.**

INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
										YES	NO		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT  BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 24 April 1946. This Report of Death based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
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*[Signature]*  
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by the Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Sergeant John J. Griffith, Junior, Army Serial Number 20,224,338, Air Corps, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 18th day of March 1945. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 24th day of April, 1946.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
*George F. Hendrick*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
Continued in a missing in action status as of 19 March 1946						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
28 May 1922	Runnemede, New Jersey	28 Oct 1942	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Dorothy B. Griffith	Mother	24 West 5th Avenue Runnemede, New Jersey

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Dorothy Borton Griffith	Mother	24 West 5th Avenue Runnemede, New Jersey
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mr. John James Griffith, Senior	Father	24 West 5th Avenue Runnemede, New Jersey

REMARKS

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Circumstances of disappearance: Subject soldier was a crew member of a plane which failed to return from a bombing mission over Worms, Germany.

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

**-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

AS 201	NAME Griffin, John V. 0763166	GRADE 1/LT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED <b>1946 APR 11</b>
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	Mr. and Mrs. George J. Griffin (parents) 104 Broadway North Seattle, Washington		DATE TELEGRAM SENT <i>Letter</i> <b>16 April 46</b>

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

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

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	STATUS	REPORT NUMBER
1/LT	GRIFFIN, JOHN V.	0763166	AC	ETO	L	100071 U-12
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN BELGIUM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
			26	DEC	44	

*no telegram send special letter*

REMARKS: AS 201 / 8 APR 46/  CORRECTED COPY

MEMO MEMO SA AND D SEC APPROVED ACTING CHIEF, CAS BR. SOURCE - MSG FM HQ USFET /REAR/ DTD 26 MAR 46. FINDING OF DEATH ISSUED PREVIOUSLY UNDER SEC PUBLIC LAW 490, 7 MAR 42, AS AMENDED, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH AS 2 DEC 45. THIS RPT OF DEATH, BASED ON INFO RECD SINCE THAT DATE, IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC 9 OF SAID ACT, ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PRESCRIBED IN SEC 9. DO NOT SEND TELEGRAM. PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2B OF BULLETIN 35, 1945. ENL ASN 19112257  
 RE: NEAR GRIMBIEMONT.

Report of death issued 18 Apr 46 re 4/18/46 *M D H*

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		FORM 43	WAG 201 REC
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FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE <i>DED</i>	DATE AND AREA <i>29 Dec 45</i>
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**BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

AG 365	NAME <b>GRIFFITH JOHN J JR</b> ASN 20 224 338	GRADE SGT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 2 APRIL 1945
NAME AND AD. DRESS OF E. A.	MRS DOROTHY B GRIFFITH 24 WEST FIFTH AVENUE RUNNEMEDE NEW JERSEY		DATE TELEGRAM SENT 4 APRIL 1945

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

RELATIONSHIP **SON**

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
SGT	GRIFFITH JOHN J JR	20224338	AC	ETO	I	087
HAS BEEN	TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
MISSING IN ACTION		IN GERMANY SINCE	18	MAR	45	9

IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

REMARKS:

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**ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION:** REPORT VERIFIED  FORM 43  AG 201 REG. \_\_\_\_\_

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED \_\_\_\_\_ OR CHARGED TO \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO.  YES \_\_\_\_\_ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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W.D. A.G.O. Form 0365 (This form supersedes W.D. A.G.O. Form 0365, 16 June 1944, and W.D. A.G.O. Forms 802-1, 802-3, 802-4, of 1 February 1944, and 802-5, 802-6, 1 August 1944, which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.)  
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ARMY SERVICE FORCES,  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: 462862

RTB:JS:cs  
October 24, 1945

Mrs. Dorothy B. Griffith  
24 West Fifth Avenue  
Runnemede, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your son, Sergeant John J. Griffith, Jr.:

2 cartons and contents

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending the return of the owner, who has been reported missing in action. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your son.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY NIEMIEC  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Correspondence Branch

Incl--  
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

*Mrs. Dorothy B. Griffith*  
(Signature of Bailee)

*Nov 4-45*  
(Date)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Dorothy B. Griffith

24 West Fifth Avenue

Effects of:  
Name Sgt. John J. Griffith, Jr. Runnemede, New Jersey

ASN 20224338

Case No. 462862 M

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DATE 24 October 1945  
RTB:JS:cs

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FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check  
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ROUTING:

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

*2 Oct 10-3-45*  
*OUT 29 1945*

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LAUNDRY INVENTORY  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

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DRY CLEANING	Do not use	LAUNDRY	Do not use
TROUSERS, WOOL		SHIRTS, WOOL	
COAT, SERVICE, WOOL		TROUSERS, COTTON	
OVERCOAT, LONG		TIE, COTTON	
OVERCOAT, SHORT, WOOL	4	UNDERSHIRTS, COTTON	16 4
CAP, GARRISON		SHIRTS, DRESS, COTTON	
CAP, SERVICE	1	DRAWERS, COTTON	04 1
TIES, WOOL		SWEATSHIRTS, COTTON OR WOOL	
GLOVES, LEATHER OR WOOL		DRAWERS, WOOL	
SCARFS, SILK, RAYON, OR WOOL		SOCKS, COTTON, PR.	
SWEATERS		SOCKS, WOOL, PR.	
TRUNKS, SWIM		PAJAMA TOPS	
LEGGINGS		PAJAMA BOTTOMS	
BATHROBES		FATIGUES, 1 PC., COTTON	
BED ROLL		FATIGUES, TOPS, COTTON	
COMFORTER		FATIGUES, TROUSERS, COTTON	
		FATIGUES, CAP	
		BELT, COTTON	
		TOWEL, HAND	
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		GLOVES, COTTON	
		JACKET, FIELD	
		SUPPORTERS, ATHLETIC	
		HANDKERCHIEFS	
		SCARFS, COTTON	
		CASE, PILLOW	
		TRUNKS, GYM	
		SHEETS, COTTON	
		BAGS, BARRACKS	

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TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET
		3 Oct 45		OF SHEETS
NAME		A. S. N.		
JOHN J. GRIFFITH, JR.		RANK 20224335		
WAREHOUSE SPACE	EXAMINED BY	SUPERVISOR'S OK	LAUNDRY REMOVED	
380	Glado	97	FROM FOOTLOCKER	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	SHIPPED		
12 Oct 45		DATE	BY WHOM	
Hean		OCT 29 1945	[Signature]	
	CHECKED BY Dawson			
	CHECKED AND PACKED BY [Signature]			

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ATTACHMENTS		<b>EFFECTS INVENTORY</b> <b>ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU</b>	STATUS	
X	INBOUND INVENTORY ✓		DECEASED	
	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL		MISSING	
	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.		P. O. W.	
1	TALLY IN FORM 43 ✓	ABANDONED		
		UNKNOWN		

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

31167  
 LAUNDRY

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO

None.

INFORMATION

(Home Add.)  
 1351 Browning St.  
 Camden, New Jersey

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS

CROSS REFERENCE

*Filed*

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		AMOUNT	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		DATE	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY

BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE

PAYEE

REMITTER OR DRAWER

TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE 3 Oct 45	BOX NO.	SHEET _____ OF _____ SHEETS
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NAME JOHN J. GRIFFITH, JR.	A. S. N. 20224338
ORGANIZATION	RANK Sgt.
	CASE NO.

WAREHOUSE SPACE 3786	EXAMINED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	DIARY REMOVED
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION A1 CTR	PACKED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	PHOTO FILM REMOVED
WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED
	STORED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	SHIPPED
		DATE
		BY WHOM

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

*1 pr Shorts*

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

*Yeado*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
INVENTORY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

# INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-550)

Griffith, Jr., John J. 20 224 338

(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a Sgt 668th Bomb Sq (L)

MIA (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the 18th day of March, 19 45

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

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1	Set, Stamp ✓	
2	Wings, Gunner ✓	
1	Photo Folder w/pictures ✓	
1	Folder, Stationary ✓	
1	Pen, Fountain ✓	
1	Billfold w/7 souvenir ✓	
	Bills and 4 snapshots. ✓	

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

## CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1pr	Civilian shorts ○	
1pr	Atheletic shorts ✓	
1	Dictionary, French ✓	
1	Belt, Money ✓	
2	Kits, Sewing ✓	
1	Belt, Sam Browne ✓	
1	Knife, Jack ✓	
1	Pipe, smoking ✓	
1	Clipper, Nail ✓	
1	Kit, Shaving w/ utensils ✓	

CLASS II—Continued

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	Brush, hair ✓
3	Towels, Bath ✓
4	Undershirts ✓
1pr	Drawers ✓
4pr	Socks ✓
1	Necktie ✓
Money {	
Specie \$ <u>None</u>	
Notes \$ <u>None</u>	

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that \*the effects were delivered to Effects QM, Effects and Baggage Depot,  
 (Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative

AP0 513, 1st Lt U S Army.  
 or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

\*the effects of class I have been forwarded to The Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.

*Joseph A. Haubrich*  
JOSEPH A. HAUBRICH, Capt, AC  
Unit Personnel Officer

Sta A-69, U S Army  
 (Station)

1 April, 1945  
 (Date)

\*Strike out words not applicable.

NAME GRIFFITH, JOHN J. JR SGT 4338

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
38	39		3037

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
PKG		

FERROUS EFFECTS AND PACKAGE DE

2-290

ALO. 515, U.S. ARMY

TALLY IN INVENTORY RECORD

TALLY IN NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME GRIFFITH JR JOHN V RANK PT ASN 101

SHOWN ON CONSIGNORS P.O. AS \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CASE \_\_\_\_\_ PARCEL 5TH STATUS MA

ITEMS DESCRIPTION REMARKS

1 T.A.K. 1 ARTICLES

SCREW SCREWS

1 BATTERY

1.5V

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INVENTORIED BY \_\_\_\_\_ (W) SERGE

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