NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH
Bonin Island

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)  CASE NUMBER
Fiorentino, Giovannetti  

RANK  SERIAL NUMBER
Sgt  31-353-943

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

☐ THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

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1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT

INITIALS OF ANALYST

2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT

3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES

REMARKS

For screening search for possible annihilation.

Ident data has been compared with OQMG Forms 1944 for all unknowns, two times (including X-6) with negative results.

NY R. EDWARDS 1st Lt. OMC
MAR 27 1951

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

RECOMMEND APPROVAL  APPROVED  DATE

1957

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- **IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION**  
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**REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

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**CLASS**

Oclusion: 12: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontal disease

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

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Date: JAN 7 1944

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*Restorable carious teeth by 0*

*Nonrestorable carious teeth by /

*Missing natural teeth by X*

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line)

Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (oval to include abutments)
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- O = Cavious
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1 Form 79 attached
1 Form 79 loaned OMG
3 May 48

File Jan 1948
G. W. Rogers
Capt., QMC
Identification Branch

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD.
SUBJECT: Non-Recoverability of Remains

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Pacific Zone
APO 958, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Board of Officers that convened at the former Marbo Zone and determined that the remains of the following deceased are non-recoverable:

   CALLAWAY, Flanders B., Jr.  S/Sgt.  32 672 792
   FIORENTINO, Giosue J.     Sgt.    31 353 943
   GLENN, Edgar L.           2/Lt.   0 762 045
   LA SALVIA, Pasquale M.    Sgt.    32 872 443
   LABB, Nicholas J.         Sgt.    37 407 126
   MAULDIN, Walter W.        Sgt.    34 539 576
   McCORMICK, Jack E.        2/Lt.   0 701 616
   PULSKAMP, Thomas H.       S/Sgt.  39 281 387
   RANK, John W.             1/Lt.   0 469 940
   TOPKINS, Leonard L.       2/Lt.   0 701 395

2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on the deceased whose names appear in par 1, above.

3. It is requested that all records of your office pertaining to these deceased be amended to read REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMG  
Memorial Division

MGB/bjs

cc: AGO

cc: Rec, Sec., RR Br.
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL
NON-RECOVERABLE CASE

NAME  390
Fiorentino, Giosue J.

RANK  Sgt.

SERIAL NO.  31 353 943

The proceedings of the Field Board of Review concerning the
determination of non-recoverability in the above case have been reviewed
and the following sources have been examined in this Office for additional
clues:

a. A-Z file of known interments in U.S.
Military Cemeteries, isolated locations,
and sea burials.........................
b. Alphabetical index file of "Believed to Be"
and tentatively identified unknowns......
c. Alphabetical file of former unknowns now
identified................................
d. Geographical clue index file of unknowns
from pertinent area......................
e. 293 file of subject deceased, including
Report of Death........................
f. Status Review and Determination from The
Adjutant General........................
g. Missing Air Crew Report (when applicable and
available).............................

The facts and circumstances have been found to be substantially as
presented in the attached proceedings of the Field Board of Review and
substantiate the findings of non-recoverability. Exceptions are noted
below:

None

RECOMMEND APPROVAL:  RECOMMEND APPROVAL:  APPROVED:
A. Kennedy  W. R. Deweese  T. H. Metz
Case Reviewer, Final  1st Lt., QMC  Lt. Col., QMC

MAR 3 0 1949
Identification Branch

Date  22 Mar 1949
PART I - CASUALTY DATA

The Air Corps personnel listed below were recorded as crew members of aircraft B-24J, serial number 42-40065, 619th Bombardment Squadron, 30th Bombardment Group, reported to have taken off from Saipan Island, Mariana Islands for combat strike over Iwo Jima Island, Volcano Islands on 14 August 1944. At a position approximately 20 miles southwest of Hinanti Rock, Iwo Jima, an airplane was observed burning and diving fast in a large spiral turn. Four parachutes were observed. The airplane hit the water and exploded on contact.

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PART II - CASE EVIDENCE

1. Organizational Missing Air Crew Report No. 7832 dated 15 August 1944 with the attached statements is attached.

2. Available OMS Forms 371 on subject listed crew members are attached to substantiate the circumstances of death.
PART III - DISCUSSION

1. Subject aircraft reported to have taken off from Saipan Island for combat strike on Iwo Jima Island. MACR gives 1146 BLT hours, 14 August 1944 and attached statement say at 0129 GCTm hours, 14 August 1944 at a position approximately 20 miles southwest of Minami Rock, an airplane was observed to be hit in the left wing and number two engine by fire from enemy aircraft. The whole left side of the airplane caught fire immediately. The pilot of the burning airplane called 1st Lt. Robert D. Kelly, the Flight Leader, on the radio and said that he was hit and going down. Four parachutes were observed. The airplane hit the water and exploded on contact. No available reports of rescue. It can be presumed that the four men who were observed to have bailed out were drowned and the other crew members were killed in the crash and lost at sea on 14 August 1944, approximately 20 miles northwest of Minami Rock, Iwo Jima Island, Volcano Island. The circumstances of loss of the aircraft and crew members were such as to preclude any possibility of recovery at the time of the plane crash.

2. The Search & Recovery Teams operating on the islands and inlying island areas of this command have not recovered any remains that could be identified as subject crew members.

3. All available records have been checked to further the identity of unknown remains buried in cemeteries in this Command with those of subject crew members. None of the records compare favorably enough to warrant identity either by dental chart or circumstances of death.

4. Records of burials indicate that the remains of subject crew members are not among those listed as Knowns in United States Military Cemeteries of this Command.

PART IV - FINDINGS

After review of the facts and information contained in Part II and III, above, it is found that aircraft B-24J, serial number 41-40665, crashed into the sea as a result of enemy aircraft and subject crew members were drowned or killed in the crash and lost at sea.
PART V - RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the findings shown in Part IV, above, and the information contained in Parts I, II and III of this review, it is recommended that the remains of the Air Corps personnel listed below be considered "Non-recoverable, Lost at Sea" and that all records relative to search and recovery of the remains be closed.

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Recommend approval:

ARTHUR A. ARENA
Captain
0-1375666
President, Board of Review

WILLIAM F. MILLARD
1st Lt.
0-1064720
Member

Incl: 1
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MARBO ZONE

SPCL ORDERS

NUMBER 37

EXTRACT

2. The fol B/O are aptd for the purpose of reviewing and to act upon all cases pertaining to the identity of unknown remains and non-recoverable remains referred to the Board. AUTH: Ltr WD TAG, File AGAC-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D. M., Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknowns Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 47, and CINCFA RAd CA 59323 dtd 22 March 1948.

Capt ARTHUR A. ARENA 01675886 QLIC
Capt HAROLD E. FIJKES 0336714 INF
1st Lt. WILLIAM F. MILLARD 01051720 FA

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL GRAGORY:

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**Fractures and/or Blisters**

**Tattoos and/or Birthmark**

**Additional Information**

**CGMS Form 371**

23 Sep 46

Date Forwarded to Field

COPY
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT
MACR No. 7632
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 Saipan Island, M.I. Command or Air Force 7th
   GROUP 30th Bomb ; SQUADRON 119th Bomb (H); DETACHMENT -

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Saipan Island; Course 355 True
   Intended Destination Iwo Jima Island; Type of Mission Combat
   Strike

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST
   REPORTED: Ceiling and visibility unlimited.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 14 Aug 44 Elt Time 1145 Elt; And Location of
   last known whereabouts of missing aircraft 20 miles
   southwest of Minami Rock
   (b) Specify whether ( ) Last sighted ( ) Last contacted by
   radio; ( ) Forced down: ( ) Seen to crash; or ( ) Information
   not available.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF
   (Check only one: (x) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft;
   ( ) Other circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24J ; LAF Serial No.
   44-40665

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R 1830 65A ; AAF Serial No. (a)
   BP 441759 (b) BP 441239 (c) BP 441113
   (d) BP 441479

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial number)
   (a) See AR 41-180, C-1 (b)
   (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)

9. THE PERSONS BELOW WERE REPORTED AS (a) Battle Casualty X
   or (b) Non-Battle Casual"ity

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers: 0
    Total 10

(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).

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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE
    OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

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Name in Full | Serial Number | Contacted By Radio | Last Sighted | Crash Landing |
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1. Kelly, Robert S. | 1/Lt 06556042 | X |
2. Conn, Leo J. | 1/Lt 0670014 | X |
3. Anderson, Robert H. | 2/Lt 0681974 | X |

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; (c) Any other reason (Specify).

13. ATTACH RELEVANT PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE:

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16 August 1944  
(Date of Report)  

s/ James S. Simpson  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

t/ James S. Sears, Capt., MC, Adjutant, 819th Bomb Sq (H).
15 August 1944

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s/t/ ROBERT E. KELLY,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

s/t/ LOYD J. CONN,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

s/t/ ROBERT H. ANDERSON,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:


1. The following named Air Corps Personnel of the 319th Bombardment Squadron (H), 30th Bombardment Group, were reported missing in action on 14 August 1944, in flying pay status, over Saipan:

   1st Lt    Rank, John W.    0469940
   2nd Lt    Glenn, Edgar L.  0762045
   2nd Lt    McCormick, Jack E. 0701618
   2nd Lt    Tompkins, Leonard I. 0701395
   S Sgt     Callaway, Flanders B. Jr 32672792
   S Sgt     Pulskamp, Thomas H. 39281387
   Sgt       Fiorentino, Giose J. 31353943
   Sgt       LaSalvia, Pasquale M. 32872443
   Sgt       Laub, Nicholas J.   37407128
   Sgt       Mauldin, Walter W.  34539576

2. Under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, a Finding of Death was issued in each case (SR&D No. 3852-A), showing the presumed date of death as 25 February 1946.

3. Missing Air Crew Report No. 7832, dated 15 August 1944 identifies the above-named persons as the crew of B-24 type aircraft No. 44-40665 which departed 14 August 1944 from Saipan Island on an operational mission to Iwo Jima Island. Natural conditions are described as "severe and visibility unlimited." The aircraft was seen to crash about twenty miles southwest of Minami Rock at about 1145 hours and was lost as a result of enemy aircraft. The report states that parachutes were seen to come from the aircraft.

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AG 704 DEAD

5. A report from the 819th Bombardment Squadron (H), dated 15 August 1944, subject: Relief from Accountability for Registered Document (file: AG 311.5 (15 Aug 44), to The Adjutant General, states in part:

"1. One B-24J of this organization, number 44-40665, piloted by John W. Rank, 1st Lt., A. C., O-469940, during mission H-312, over Iwo Jima island in the Bonin Group, was seen to burst into flame and crash at sea while under attack by enemy fighters at approximately 0150Z, 14 August 1944."

"2. ** Other crews report seeing from two to six men bailing out; the plane exploded on contact and sank immediately twenty miles south of Minami Rock on Iwo Jima."

6. Iwo Jima Island was under enemy control until early February of 1945, when American armed forces landed on the island.

7. Minami Rock is a small island about 28 miles to the south of Iwo Jima Island.

8. The subject officers and enlisted men constituted the crew of B-24 type aircraft No. 44-40665 which on 14 August 1944 participated in a mission to Iwo Jima Island, Bonin Islands. While under attack by enemy fighters, subject airplane was seen to be hit. It burst into flames and crashed at sea about twenty miles south of Minami Rock, which is a small island approximately 28 miles south of Iwo Jima Island. From two to six parachutes were reported to come from the aircraft.

9. In view of the elapsed period of time without any further information pertaining to subject persons, it appears that in all probability they are dead, either killed or drowned when their plane crashed in the water, due to enemy action, or having survived the crash, were captured and died of some unknown causes at a later date. A number of cases are available wherein missing personnel are known to have been captured by the enemy in that area and who were never reported as prisoners of war or heard from again. However, there are no known eyewitnesses to their actual fates, and since the known circumstances immediately preceding their disappearance are not conclusive of death, any final decision as to their status is contingent upon the finding of their remains or evidence made a matter of record by the enemy. However, as indicated above, a search of official burial records elicits the information that the Non-Recoverable Unit of the Quartermaster General's Office, has recommended that the remains of the above crew be declared non-recoverable. Nor has any evidence been received either before or after cessation of hostilities to indicate that subject persons were ever in the hands of the enemy.
10. In view of the foregoing, it is concluded that the information now of record in the Department of the Army does not warrant the issuance of official reports of death, under the provisions of Section 9, of the Missing Persons Act.

Hazel F. Flynn
Investigator

CONCUR:

O. PAULSEN
Capt., AGD
OIC, Determination Unit,
Cas. Sec., PA Branch, AGO

Copy for:
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Form 79—Medical Department, U.S.A. (Revised Feb. 14, 1941)
REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

D Right

3 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

X 0

LOWER TEETH

D Left

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

0 /

CLASS

Oclusion: good
Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
Periodontal: 
Dental foci suspected: Yes, No
Other conditions:

Date: 5/14, 19

Signature: 

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

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line)

Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (○ include abutments)
**NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)**

Florentino, Giosue J.

**GRADE**

SGT

**PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER**

31353943

**ORGANIZATION**

819th Bomb Sq (H)

30th Bomb Grp (H)

**RACE CREED**

WHITE NO RECORD

**DATE OF DEATH/MIA**

14 Aug 1944

**CAUSE OF DEATH**

FOD

**DATE OF FOD**

25 Feb 46

**PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA**

PACIFIC AREA

**HEIGHT**

68"

**WEIGHT**

159"

**COLOR EYES**

None

**COLOR HAIR**

BROWN

**SHOE SIZE**


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**DENTAL CHART**

16 Feb. 44

**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 |

**LOWER LEFT**

| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

**FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS**

None

**TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK**

3" RT. RECTUS SCAR, WHNSND.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Age 21

Sgt Florentino was a crew member of a Liberator bomber which was shot down by enemy fighter craft while on a mission to Iwo Jima Island.

Crashed into sea about 20 mi. SW of Minami Rock, a small island south of Iwo Jima.

No other records in A.C. files

DRB-2-46
AIR MAIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

QMGR 293
Fiorentino, Giuseppe J.
SN 31 555 943

17 May 1948

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding General
Marianas-Bonins Command
APO 246, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
ATTENTION: AGES, Marbo Zone

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters dated 8 April 1948.

2. Submitted herewith is QMGR Form 371 and MACR number 7332 with statement covering all available information in this office pertaining to Sergeant Giuseppe J. Fiorentino, 313555943.

3. QMGR Forms 371 for remainder of the crew were forwarded your headquarters on a previous date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QM
Memorial Division

EJS
JCM

2 Incis
1. QMGR Form 371 (in dup)
2. MACR #7332
w/statement attached

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rve
NAME: Fiorentino, Giuseppe J.

GRADE: SGT

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER: 1353943

ORGANIZATION: 819 Bomb Sq. (H), 30 Bomb Gp.

RACE: White

CREED: Catholic

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER: (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA: 14 Aug. 44

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA: 20 Mi. S.W. of Minami Rock, Iwo Jima

DATE OF FOD: 25 Feb. 45

COLOR EYES: Brown

COLOR HAIR: Brown

HEIGHT: 67" WEIGHT: 166

SHOE SIZE: 8 1/2 D

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT

| X | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MAY 17 1948

C. P. ...

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD: MAY 17 1948
AG 704 Missing (15 Aug 45)
S. R. & D. No. 3852

15 August 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

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

I. FACTS

1. The following-named officers and enlisted men of the 319th Bombardment Squadron (H), 30th Bombardment Group, have been carried on War Department records as missing in action since 14 August 1944, in flying pay status, over Saipan, as reported by PAC Shipment No. 059:

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5. Iwo Jima Island was under enemy control until early February of this year when American armed forces landed on the island.

6. Minami Rock is a small island about 26 miles to the south of Iwo Jima Island.

7. An examination of the files of these persons in Casualty Branch, Officers' Branch and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and of the index in Prisoner of War Information Bureau, PMO4, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review.

II. CONCLUSIONS

1. The subject officers and enlisted men constituted the crew of B-24 type aircraft No. 44-40665 which on 14 August 1944 participated in a mission to Iwo Jima Island, Bonin Islands. While under attack by enemy fighters, subject airplane was seen to be hit. It burst into flames and crashed at sea about twenty miles south of Minami Rock, which is a small island approximately 26 miles south of Iwo Jima Island. From two to six parachutes were reported to come from the aircraft.
S. R. & D. No. 3853

2. A possibility exists that the persons who were seen to parachute, plus others who may have subsequently left the aircraft, may have survived and were rescued by the Japanese who controlled that area until the early part of this year.

3. The fact that they have not been reported by the Japanese Government does not preclude the possibility that they may be prisoners of war, inasmuch as the Government has, in many instances, failed to report prisoners of war within one year of the date of their capture.

4. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, it is concluded that the persons whose status is herein considered may reasonably be presumed to be living.

III. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the persons named in Part I, paragraph 1, of this review, be continued in a missing in action status, as of 15 August 1945, under the provisions of section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

Investigator
First Lieutenant, AGD

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

JOHN T. BURNS
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Officer in Charge
Status Review and Determination Section

GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch
HEADQUARTERS, A.S.D. SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

1. EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER,
   ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU,
   KANSAS CITY, 1, MISSOURI
   (Name or title) (Organisation) (Building and room)

2. [Initials] (Date)

3. [Signature]

   1. For necessary action.
       313-3943

DARLING

\[\ldots\] 2. Incl.

Cy of ltr. 1 Nov. '44
Cy of ltr. 4 Nov. '44

From
MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION
BRANCH, TEMPO "A", WASHINGTON 25, D. C.,
(Name) (Organisation) (Building and room)
SPQQO 293
Fiorentino, Giosue
S.N. 31353943

Address Reply to THE
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

1 November 1944.

Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino,
222 No. Harvard Street,
Allston 34, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Fiorentino:

This will acknowledge your letter dated 1 November 1944, in connection with the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Giosue J. Fiorentino.

The personal effects of our military personnel outside the continental limits of the United States are cared for by the military authorities until such time as it is practicable to ship them to the United States. However, due to distances and lack of suitable transportation, it sometimes takes a matter of months before effects arrive in this country. Upon arrival, they are sent to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, for shipment to the next of kin. A copy of your letter has therefore been forwarded to that office for necessary action and direct reply to you.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.
Assistant.
November 1, 1944

On August 14, 1944 my son

Sgt. Giusepp J. Fiorentino 3185-3945

was sent on a bombing mission on
the Bonnie Islands. He did not
return to his home base. One
month later we received a tele-
gram listing him as missing in
action.

Thomas E. Peddy, Major, Air Corps
commanding B 819 Bomb Group
APO 244 9% F.M. San Francisco
wrote me a letter telling me that
his clothes and personal
effects would be forwarded.
My name identification is:
Sgt. Paone J. Fiorentino 318583943
819 Bomb Sqdn (H)
30 Bomb Group
A.P.O. 244
\% P.M. San Francisco
California
by the Investigating Office in
Kansas City, Mo. (Adjct, Report)
was would immediately send them

He said that if there was an
unreasonable delay that I
should write to you

since it happened August 14,
1944. I feel I should now
notify you that I haven't as
yet received his effects.

Please check up on this
matter for me.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Lawrence Feiengold
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 Giosue J. Fiorentino, Army Serial Number 31,353,943, Air Corps, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 14th day of August 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 25th day of February 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George M. Weiss
Acting ADJUTANT GENERAL
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LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH): Under Years, Three Months, Three Days

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REMARKS

Circumstances of disappearance: Subject was a crew member of a Liberator bomber which was shot down by enemy fighter craft while on a mission to Iwo Jima Island.

WD AGO FORM 3852-A
1 FEB. 1945 0353

THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 0353, 1 NOVEMBER 1944, WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL EXISTING STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.
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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.

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**REMARKS:**

CORRECTED COPY

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**ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION:**

REPORT VERIFIED  FORM 43  AG 201 RECEIVED

**CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO**

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED  NO  YES  (AS INDICATED BELOW):

**FILE NO.**

**MESSAGE NO.**

**TYPE**

**DATE AND AREA**

E.A. NOTIFIED

**FORWARDED TO**

SPEC. IDENT. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRESP. S.R. & D. CERTIF. M. & H. NON-D.R.

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

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COPIES FURNISHED: SEE CASUALTY BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 48, 1944.

W.D., A.G.O. FORM NO. 1265
14 JUNE 1944
August 20, 1945

Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino
222 No. Harvard Street
Allston 34, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Fiorentino:

This refers to our letter of May 21, informing you we were tracing overseas in an endeavor to locate additional property of your son, Sergeant Giosue J. Fiorentino.

A reply has now been received stating that all of Sergeant Fiorentino's effects were inventoried and sent to this Bureau, and no trace could be found of any additional property belonging to him.

Realizing your disappointment, it is with sincere regret that I convey this report. You may be assured that if any of your son's property should later be received here you will be promptly notified.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEEMIEG
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Correspondence Branch
IN REPLY REFER TO SPQDK 382.53 (113296)

SUBJECT: Disposal of Personal Effects

TO: Commanding Officer, 819 Bomb Sqdn. (H), 30 Bomb. Gp., APO 244, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

1. The Army Effects Bureau has received an inquiry from Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino, regarding additional property of her son, Giosue J. Fiorentino, 5155943, Sgt., A.C., missing in action, formerly a member of your organization.

2. All property listed on W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 54, dated 28 October 1944, signed by James S. Simpson, Capt., A.C., Summary Court Officer, with the exception of one sewing kit, has been received here. However, the following items reported as missing were not received at this Bureau:

   Large sum of money
   1 Watch (wrist model)
   1 Ring (gold)
   Gunner's wings (sterling)
   Air Crew wings (sterling)
   Sterling key chain with keys
   Gold belt buckle
   Safety razor and brush
   Leather utility case
   Leather writing kit

   Sterling comb and file case
   2 Fountain pens
   1 Traveling kit
   Military set
   18 Sets underwear (non G.I.)
   2 Two pair shoes (non G.I.)
   6 Towels, 6 face cloths
   3 Rolls camera film
   1 Overseas hat (non G.I.)
   Personal mail, books etc.

3. It is requested that an investigation be made to determine disposal made of the allegedly missing property, and this Bureau informed of result.

For the Effects Quartermaster:

[Signature]

G. H. CALVIN, JR.
Captain Q.M.C.
Chief, Adm. Division
TO: Effects Quartermaster, ASF, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Army Effects Bureau, 601 Hardesty Ave. Kansas City, Mo, Missouri.

1. Correspondence has been delayed because Captain James S. Simpson, O1894592, then Summary Court Officer, is no longer a member of this organization.

2. Contact has been accomplished and Captain Simpson states all properties found were properly inventoried and forwarded to your headquarters.

3. Further investigation is impossible because of length of time involved and the movement of the organization.

For the Commanding Officer:

Karl T. Spellum
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant
File 118296

May 5, 1945

IMMEDIATE ACTION

to:

Lt. H. Dienow, LMC  
Chief Correspondence Branch

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing your form 5-5-26-45

Please be advised that on April 3, 1945, I received a package of my son's personal effects. I have delayed sending you the attached form because I was expecting another bundle. In view of the fact that all his personal effects were not received at that time I decided to wait for the complete shipment which still has not arrived. I am listing below the effects enclosed.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
articles received and list there next received:

Received:
- #20.00 check
- Sterling Identification Bracelet
- Sterling chain for Holy medals
- 2 Fountain Pens
- 1 Leather zipper Traveling Bag (with zipper broken open, lock still locked)
- 4 Handkerchiefs
- 1 Tie (mon 8.2)
- 1 Pair shoes (mon 9.2)
- 1 sock (not a pair) (unthumbed)
- 2 pairs socks (mon 8.2)
- 2 Sewing kits
- 1 shaving set
- 1 Blogal (prayer book)
- 1 Flash light
- 1 Petty Wallet
- 1 Key book
- 1 Camera

Not Received:
- Large sum of money
- Watches (wrist models)
- Ring (gold)
- Pontific's Wings (Sterling)
- Air Crew Wings (Sterling)
- Sterling Key Chain with Keys
- Gold belt buckle
- Safety Razor & Brush
- Leather utility case
- Leather Watch belt kit
- Sterling Const. file set
- 2 Fountain Pencils
- 1 Travel kit
- Military kit
- 18 sets underwear (mon 8.2)
- 2 pair shoes (mon 9.2)
- 6 Towels, 6 face clothes
- 3 Rolls Camera film
- 1 overseas hat (mon 9.2)
- Personal mail, books etc.

This list does not include articles which he had acquired since he itemized the above list for me.
My local Red Cross Chapter advises me to file a claim with you therefore I would like you to send me claim papers and forms that I may fill them out.

I would like you to know also that I received according to my list, one sock which was unsold condition; and also that the leather zipper bag was ruined because its zipper was torn out and broken but the lock on it was still locked.

In view of all the missing men's returning effects, isn't there provision made for cutting tools, saws etc. by your officers in charge of securing personal effects? Also should not all clothing be processed and laundered before being returned?

Please understand that I am
writing this letter also to try and spare other families further grief and loss of their loved one's personal effects.

May I hear from you soon and will you please instruct me accordingly?

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino

222 No. Harvard St.

Allston 34, Mass.

[Stamp]
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
801 HARDY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 111296

May 21, 1945

Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino
222 No. Harvard Street
Allston 34, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Fiorentino:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 5, concerning the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Giosue J. Fiorentino.

I am sorry to learn that a portion of the property reached you in a soiled condition. This was a regrettable oversight. Our inspectors and packers are instructed that any articles of clothing which, upon inventory here, appear to need laundry or dry cleaning, are to be sent to the laundry, to make them as presentable as possible before sending them on to the family. No information is available here regarding damage to the zipper bag. It was received here in that condition, likely having been opened forcibly to enable inventory of contents overseas.

It is regretted that the items about which you inquire were not received here. All of his property received at this Bureau has been sent 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. I also have sent a letter of inquiry to his overseas unit, to locate these articles or explain their absence. Upon receipt of reply, I shall write you further.

I suggest you defer contacting The Judge Advocate General, Claims Division, Washington 25, D. C., in regard to preparation and submission of claim for any shortage, until you learn the result of our overseas tracer.

In the event any additional property of your son is received here at a later date, it will be forwarded you promptly.

I regret the misfortune to your son occasioning our correspondence.

Sincerely,

W. F. Heinman
Major Q.M.C.
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

1 Inc--
Form 51
In Reply Refer To: 118296

March 26, 1945

Dear Mrs. Fiorentino:

The Army Effects Bureau has received and is forwarding to you some additional property belonging to your son, Sergeant Giosue J. Fiorentino.

As previously indicated, my action in forwarding such effects does not, of itself, vest title in you. The property is transmitted in order that you may safely keep it on behalf of the owner, pending change in his status.

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.

Inclosed herewith is a Special Orders which was received here among your son's effects.

Yours very truly,

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

Incl--
  Envelope
  Special Orders

Receipt acknowledged:

Alice Fiorentino
(Signature of Bailee)

May 5/45
(Date)

Eff. QM Form 200
ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino
        222 North Harvard Street
        Allston 34, Massachusetts

Effects of: Sgt. Giosue J. Fiorentino

Name
ASN
Case No.
Wt.

JEM:SP:wh

DATE 24 March 1945

REMARKS:

_____ Inclue Bureau Check
_____ Amount
_____ Inclue "Valuables" item
_____ Ship "Valuables" item(s)

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

ROUTING:

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

REMARKS:

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

APR 8 1945

Eff., QM Form 14 (26 Dec 44)
**ARUN EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY**

**Box Number**

**Original Number of Packages**

**Tally Number**

**Inventory Date**

**Case Number**

**Effects Of**

**A.S.N.**

**Organization**

**Package Description**

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**Remarks:**

"Ma. A. Fiorentino
222 N. Harvard St.
Allston, Mass.

Money.

*Special order no by certificate.*

**C.O.T. None.**

**Inventory of effects of**

**Weight**

**GI Removed**

**Shortage on reverse**

**Ident. Tags Removed**

**Diary Removed**

**Locked Storage**

**Laundry Removed**

**Film Removed**

**Warehouse Space**

**Stored By**

**Date Shipped**

**Inventory By**

**Packed By**

**Checked By**

**Eff. On Form 11 (12 Dec 42)**
Sewing Kit

U.S. G.O.T.T. CHECK SHEET

NUMBER 9, 916, 721
DATE 27-AUG-44
SYMBOL 211-589
AMOUNT $20.00

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

P.H. Smith
INVENTORY CLERK

L. Dever
SUPERVISOR

O.I. REMOVED

Eff. 44 Form 11 (12 Dec 44)
INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
(See AR 600-550)

FIorentino  Giosue  J  31353943
(last name) (first name) (middle initial) (ASN)

late a  Srgt  819th Bombardment Squadron (H)
(Grade) (organization or arm or service)
/missing in action
who died on the 14th day of August, 1944

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

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**Specie—$**

**Money—**

**Notes—**

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 Quartermaster, Kansas City, Mo* (Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representaion, beneficiary named by deceased; so state) *the effects of Class I have been forwarded to the Adjutant General, and those of Class II have been sold.*

JAMES S. SIMPSON, Captain, Air Corps Summary Court Officer

APO #244 (Station)

28 August, 1944 (Date)

*Strike out words not applicable.*
Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino
222 North Harvard Street
Allston 34, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Fiorentino:

This acknowledges your letter of November 20 regarding personal effects of your son, Sergeant Gioseve J. Fiorentino.

The funds about which you inquired were received at the Army Effects Bureau in the form of a United States Treasury check and apparently represent currency found among your son's effects.

All War Department agencies are under instructions to forward personal effects of military personnel to the Army Effects Bureau for disposition; money, as a rule, is forwarded by mail in advance of other property. Upon receipt of the balance of Sergeant Fiorentino's belongings, you may be assured that you will be notified promptly.

Yours very truly,

B. B. Priess
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau
Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino
222 No. Harvard St.
Allston 34, Mass.

Nov 20, 1944

Re: File no. 118296 Inc

Dear Mr. F. B. Fitzes,

I have today received the check for $20.00 which you sent me. The money represented as you wrote: “is the only property of Sergeant Fiorentino received at the Army Effects Bureau.”

Would you please answer the following questions that have been bothering me considerably?

Do you know if the $20.00 you sent was received by you in cash or otherwise? Was it in a container or wallet or otherwise?

I know that he had a large
Posing too much upon you
by asking these questions
whose answers will mean
so much to me

Yours truly

Y. Lawrence Scientific
sum of money with him, because he wrote the exact amount of money he had just before he was reported missing in action.

If it is possible I would like to find out where the $20.00 was found. Whether in wallet, clothes, personal baggage etc.

My last question: Why is it that the rest of his personal effects were not sent along at the same time as this sum of money? Presumably all his personal effects were intact and in one place.

Thank you very much for the check and do hope I am not im-
Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino
222 North Harvard Street
Allston 34, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Fiorentino:

This acknowledges your letter of November 1 regarding personal effects of your son, Sergeant Giosef J. Fiorentino, which has been referred to this office from Washington for reply.

I am enclosing a check for $20.00, which is the only property of Sergeant Fiorentino received at the Army Effects Bureau to date.

My action in forwarding this property does not, of itself, vest legal title in you. The money is transmitted only in order that you may safely keep it on behalf of the owner, pending his return. In the event he is later reported a casualty, these funds should be distributed according to the laws of the state of his legal residence. I sincerely hope that such distribution will not be required.

Please acknowledge receipt of the check in the space provided below. For your convenience, there is enclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

It is probable that additional property of your son will reach this Bureau at a later date. As it is our intention to forward the property to you immediately upon arrival here, it will be appreciated if you will please notify us, without fail, in the event there is any change in your address within the next six months.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

B. B. FRIESS
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau

Receipt acknowledged.

Signature: Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino
Date: Nov. 20/44
ROUTE TO: Accounting Branch

Case No. 118296

To: Locked Storage Form

X Accounting Branch for Check

Account No. 46784
Amount $20.00

Payable to
Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino
Allston 34, Massachusetts

Correspondent

Check No. 33078

Initials JMC

MRS. LAWRENCE FIORENTINO

TWENTY AND NO/100

November 13

20.00

Eff QM Form 49 (31 Aug. 44)
Fabrication of the contents of this image cannot be accurately transcribed due to the presence of hand-written text and unclear handwriting. However, a table in the document appears to be related to an inventory or shipment log, with columns for package number, article description, remarks, and possibly dates or other relevant information. The document includes a note about the nearest relative and their contact information, as well as a signature from an individual named F. Sipes, who seems to be associated with the inventory or shipment process.
HEADQUARTERS, A.E.F. SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

1. EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER,
   ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU,
   KANSAS CITY, MO, MISSOURI
   (Name or title) (Organization) (Building and room)
   (Initials) (Date)

2. 

3. 

---Incl.

Cy of ltr. 1 Nov. '44
Cy of ltr. 4 Nov. '44

1. For necessary action.

DARLING

2. Incl.

From:
MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION
BRANCH, TEMPO "A", WASHINGTON 25, D. C.,
(Date) (Telephone)
(Name) (Organization) (Building and room)
MRS. LAWRENCE FIORENTINO  
222 No. Harvard St.  
Allston 3d, Mass.  

November 1, 1944.

On August 14, 1944 my son Sgt. Giosue J. Fiorentino, 31353943, was sent on a bombing mission over the Bonin Islands. He did not return to his home base. One month later we received a telegram listing him as missing in action.

Thomas E. Peddy, Major, Air Corps, Commanding of 619 Bomb Sqdn., APO 244 c/o P.M., San Francisco, wrote me a letter telling me that his clothes and personal effects would be forwarded by the Investigating Officer to Kansas City, Mo. (Effects Depot) who would immediately sent them to me.

He said that if there was an unreasonable delay that I should write to you.

Since it happened August 14, 1944 I feel I should now notify you that I haven't as yet received his effects.

Please check up on this matter for me.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino

My son's identification is:

Sgt. Giosue J. Fiorentino, 31353943  
619 Bomb Sqdn (H)  
30 Bomb Group  
A.P.O. 244  
c/o P.M. San Francisco, California
SPQXG 293
Fiorentino, Giosue
S.N. 31353943

Address Reply to THE
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

1 November 1944

Mrs. Lawrence Fiorentino,
222 No. Harvard Street,
Allston 34, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Fiorentino:

This will acknowledge your letter dated 1 November 1944 in connection with the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Giosue J. Fiorentino.

The personal effects of our military personnel outside the continental limits of the United States are cared for by the military authorities until such time as it is practicable to ship them to the United States. However, due to distances and lack of suitable transportation, it sometimes takes a matter of months before effects arrive in this country. Upon arrival, they are sent to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, for shipment to the next of kin. A copy of your letter has therefore been forwarded to that office for necessary action and direct reply to you.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy in this time of anxiety.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

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