

293 BJORKLUND, EARL H. 31144713 T/SCT.

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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS			
AREA OF DEATH Italy		CASE NUMBER	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Bjorklund, Earl H.		RANK T/Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 31 44 713
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)			
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1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		INITIALS OF ANALYST	
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT			
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
REMARKS			
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>K. Guiner</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Robert G. Lay</i> ROBERT G. LAY Captain, OMC	OCT 27 1950

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Bjorklund, Earl H.

Rank

T Sq

Serial Number

31144713

Arm of Service

AAF

Date of Death

19 August 1943

Area of Death

40° 13' N - 14° 46' E
ITALY

Name of Auditor

J. Brooks

Date

10-12-50

Name of Reviewer

RAGSDALE

Date

18 OCT 50

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CONTROLLED CASE

NAME BJORKLUND, EARL H.	GRADE T SGT.	SERIAL NO. 31144713
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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL	NUMBER <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">4047 (9)</div>
	AREA OR ZONE(S) <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">Mediterranean</div>

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <div style="font-weight: bold;">Bjorklund, Earl H.</div>	RANK <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">T/Sgt</div>	SERIAL NUMBER <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">31 144 713</div>
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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.*)

The above decedent and eight (8) crew members

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		INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S) DECEASED	RWH	4. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWNNS	RWH
2. (CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDINGS OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	RWH	5. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWNNS NOW IDENTIFIED	RWH
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	RWH	6. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES OF INFORMATION ENUMERATED BELOW	RWH

- 6a. Geographical clue index file of unknowns from pertinent area
- 6b. 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:

NAB
 File
JUN 29 1949

 Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST <div style="font-weight: bold;">RUTH HUTSON/cmh</div>	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION for B. HALL	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W.R. DEWESE, 1st Lt OMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH by G.W. ROGERS, Capt OMC
		20 June 1949

OMCM 293
Mayberry, Alexander G., O-798842
and three (3) crew members.

FD/tp

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF OFFICERS

Organization: Headquarters, 9107 TSU-OMC
American Graves Registration Service
Mediterranean Zone
APO 794, US Army.

Place : Rome, Italy.

Proceedings of a Board of Officers which convened at Rome, Italy, pursuant to Par. 4, Special Order No. 62, Headquarters, 9107 TSU-OMC, AGRS/MZ, APO 794, dated 5 April 1948, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A".

The Board met pursuant to the foregoing order at 1330 hours on APR 28 1948

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT AS INDICATED

Capt. Daniel L. COLEMAN	O-360205	INF	President	P
Capt. Joseph W. RUANE	O-435026	ChC	Member	P
Capt. Samuel F. FRITZ	O-410379	OMC	Member	P
Capt. John M. LINNELL	O-378305	INF	Member	A
Capt. Robert C. OLSEN	O-444621	MC	Member	A

PURPOSE

(a) To review and act upon all cases pertaining to the identity of Unknown remains referred to the Board by Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

(b) To review and determine in all cases, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board by Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

(c) If approved, these cases will be removed from the Agenda for further search and attempts to identify and no further search or investigation will be made unless additional information is forthcoming or orders, are received from the OCMG to the contrary.

The following case was brought before the Board:

The following personnel of the 20th Bomb Squadron, 2nd Bomb Group (H), were missing in action near Licosa Point, off the west coast of Italy, on 19 August 1943. Map Reference: 40°13'N - 14°45'E. Finding of Death by the War Department as of 20 August 1944.

293 Apr
Mediterranean
(non-recoverability)

(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on Mayberry, Alexander G., and three (3) crew members, continued.)

2nd Lt.	Alexander G. Mayberry	0-798842
T/Sgt.	Earl H. Bjorklund	31144713
S/Sgt.	John E. Adams	31159087
S/Sgt.	William E. Groot	31192091

The identifiable remains of the above mentioned have not been recovered by this Headquarters.

FINDINGS

The Board having carefully considered the evidence presented finds that:

(a) Lt. Mayberry and Sgts Bjorklund, Adams and Groot have not been seen or heard from since 19 August 1944. (Exhibits "B", "C", "D" and "E" OCMG Forms 371.)

(b) Subject decedents were crew members of a B-17 F type aircraft, serial number 42-20467, which crashed into the Tyrrhenian Sea, near Licosa Point, off the west coast of Italy as reported by crew members of other aircraft on same mission (Exhibit "F", MACR w/Statement and Overlay.)

(c) One member of above mentioned crew returned to Military Control (Exhibit "F", MACR.)

(d) Records this Headquarters indicate that no remains of crew have been recovered and interred in Military Cemeteries throughout Italy to date.

(e) A search of the west coast of Italy and adjacent islands from Terracina south to and including Sapri; made in August and October 1947, failed to recover the remains of subject decedents. (Exhibit "G", Statement Lt. Lanier w/Overlay.)

(f) Dental records pertaining to subject decedents have been compared against the available dental records of all unidentified American deceased recovered from the area shown in Overlay (Incl No. 1 to Exhibit "G".) Efforts have been made, also, to associate the available identification data relative to the subject decedents with those of all unknown deceased recovered within the area described, with negative results.

(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on Mayberry, Alexander G., and three (3) crew members, continued.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the findings the Board recommends that no further attempts toward recovery of subject decedents be made and that these remains be declared Non-Recoverable, in accordance with provisions of Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 1947) D-M Subject "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of "Unknown Dead Overseas", dated 9 April 1947.

The Board adjourned at 1730 hours on APR 28 1948

MEMBER: *Joseph W. Ruane*
JOSEPH W. RUANE
Capt. ChC

PRESIDENT: *Daniel L. Coleman*
DANIEL L. COLEMAN
Capt. INF

MEMBER:
JOHN M. LINNELL
Capt. INF

MEMBER:
ROBERT C. OLSEN
Capt. MC

RECORDER: *Samuel F. Fritz*
SAMUEL F. FRITZ
Capt. CMC

ACTION BY COMMANDING AUTHORITY 3 MAY 1948

Approved: *Whitfield W. Watson*
WHITFIELD W. WATSON
Colonel CMC
Commanding.

- 7 Exhibits:
- "A" - Special Order, Appointing Board of Review
 - "B" - Form 371, Mayberry, Alexander G.
 - "C" - Form 371, Bjorklund, Earl H.
 - "D" - Form 371, Adams, John E.
 - "E" - Form 371, Groot, William E.
 - "F" - MACR, w/Statements and Overlay.
 - "G" - Statement, Lt. Lanier w/Overlay.

HEADQUARTERS
9107 TSU - QMC
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
APO 794 US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS

5 April 1948

NUMBER 62

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3. Par 6, SO #47, this Headquarters, cs, is revoked, effective 6 April 1948.

4. The following Officers, Detachment #1, this Command, are appointed as a Board of Review for "Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", effective 6 April 1948:

Capt DANIEL L COLEMAN	0-360205	INF	President ✓
Capt JOSEPH W RUANE	0-435026	ChC	Member ✓
Capt SAMUEL F FRITZ	0-410379	QMC	Member ✓
Capt JOHN M LINNELL	0-378305	INF	Member
Capt ROBERT C OLSEN	0-444621	MC	Member

The Junior Member of the Board in proceedings will act in capacity of recorder. Subj Board will meet at the call of the President. WDAGO Letter: AGAO-S/239.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, 9 April 1947.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WATSON:

SAMUEL F FRITZ
Captain QMC
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

Samuel F Fritz
SAMUEL F FRITZ
Captain QMC
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EXHIBIT "A"

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BJORKLUND, EARL H.		GRADE T/SGT.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 31 144 713	
ORGANIZATION 20th BOMB SQ. 2nd BOMB GP.		RACE WHITE	CREED PROTESTANT	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 19 Aug 43	CAUSE OF DEATH F.O.D.	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA TYRRHENIAN SEA		
DATE OF FOD 20 Aug 44	HEIGHT 5'9"	WEIGHT 122	COLOR EYES BROWN	COLOR HAIR BROWN
				SHOE SIZE 9 1/2 B
DENTAL CHART				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT		LOWER LEFT		
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9		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				
SHOT DOWN IN THE TYRRHENIAN SEA WEST OF POINT LICOSA, ITALY,				
3² EXHIBIT "C"				

AFPPA-14 (10 APR. 43)

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

MACR NO. _____

COPY

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: Massicault, Tunisia COMMAND OR AIR FORCE: Hq., 5th Wing.
GROUP: 2nd B.G.; SQUADRON: 20th; DETACHMENT: _____
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE: Massicault; COURSE: Depienne to 3 miles S of Mt Vesuvius to I.P.
INTENDED DESTINATION: Foggia, Italy; TYPE OF MISSION: Obj. Bombing Target
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear
4. GIVE: (A) DATE: 8/19/43 TIME: 1233; AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT: 40 13'N - 14 46'E
(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): () ENEMY AIRCRAFT; () ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT; () OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS: Aerial bombs then finished off by enemy fighters.
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: B-17F; AAF SERIAL NO.: 42-20467
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: R-1820-97; AAF SERIAL NO. (A) 43-59758
(B) 43-59846 (C) 43-59775 (D) 43-59627
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)
(A) 1250 Caliber Browning Machine Guns (C) _____ (D) _____
(E) _____ (F) _____ (G) _____ (H) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY: X
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY: _____
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)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
(1) PILOT	Rozzello Richard E	1 Lt	0-661969	DDW
(2) CO-PILOT	Kingsbury Robert E	2 Lt	0-737967	RMC
(3) Navig.	Mayberry, Alexander G	2 Lt	0-798842	DDW
(4) Bombr.	Parsons Carmel F	2 Lt	0-732964	DDW
(5) U.T.G.	Hernandez Sebastian S	T Sgt	38143402	DDW
(6) IT.G.	Groot William E	S Sgt	31192091	DDW
(7) R.W.G.	Adams John E	S Sgt	31159087	DDW
(8) L.W.G.	Woods Robert E	S Sgt	12162792	DDW
(9) T.G.	Panini Arthur P	S Sgt	12127162	DDW
(10) R.G.	Bjorklund Earl H	T Sgt	31144713	DDW
(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 (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Snapping Bill K	Sgt	6561249			X	
(2) Meyer Mack P.	2nd Lt	0-798843		X		
(3) Dowsing Albert E	2nd Lt	0-673507		X		
(4) Davkins William C	S Sgt	34315545				X
(5) DeVito Charles L	S Sgt	35510875				

- 5(See below)
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED: yes; (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

5. Finnigan Thomas E S Sgt 12127826 Saw Crash

August 20, 1943

(Date of Report)

(S/ **JAMES A. CLARK,**
1st Lt., Air Corps

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)

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LML/mmh/1B739/8662

23 September 1948

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

SUBJECT: Reports of Death

1. The following personnel of the 20th Bombardment Squadron, 2d Bombardment Group, were reported missing in action, in flying pay status, over Italy, on 19 August 1943, by Casualty Message No. 253022, dated 9 September 1943, file AG 704 (9 Sep 43):

1st Lt	Rozzelle, Richard E.	0661969
2d Lt	Mayberry, Alexander G.	0798842
2d Lt	Parsons, Carmel F.	0732964
T Sgt	Hernandez, Sebastian S.	38143402
S Sgt	Groot, William E.	31192091
S Sgt	Adams, John E.	31159087
S Sgt	Woods, Robert E.	12162792
S Sgt	Panini, Arthur P.	12127162
T Sgt	Bjorklund, Earl H.	31144713

2. Missing Air Crew Report No. 458 identified these nine as members of the ten-man crew of B-17F No. 42-20467, which took off from Massicault, Tunisia, on a bombing raid to Foggia, Italy, and was last sighted at 40° 13' N, 14° 45' E by 2d Lts Mack P. Mayer and Albert E. Dowsing, Jr., and S Sgt William C. Dawkins. The plane was seen to crash by S Sgts Charles L. De Vito and Thomas E. Finnigan, Jr., and Sgt Bill K. Shuping. The pertinent portions of the attached eye-witness statements are quoted as follows:

a. Statement of 2d Lt Albert E. Dowsing, Jr.:

"When I first saw A/C #467 it was ahead and below us, and the first thing to come off the A/C was the rudder trim tabs, and then I noticed that #2 engine was on fire. Plane in trouble was gradually falling back of the formation, and at this time I saw two men bail out and their chutes open. I believe one of these was the Navigator since I saw what I thought was his brief case fall out with him. Then I lost sight of the plane."

b. Statement of 2d Lt Mack P. Mayer:

"At 1230 we started slowing down and dropped back because #467 was falling back. And at 1233 I noticed #2 or #3 engine on #467 starting to burn and he peeled off to the left and started losing altitude -- and made a complete 180° turn, and just before he disappeared I saw two chutes open up, * * *."

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c. Statement of S Sgt William C. Dawkins:

"I saw a ME 109 come at 7:30 about level and when he got to within about 400 yards, he banked off on #467 and came in at about 5:00 level and opened up on #467, and then the fighter banked away. He (#467) stayed in our formation for several minutes before I noticed him falling back and his #3 engine on fire. Then I saw four chutes come out. * * * I saw #467 hit the water with a big splash, and there was a flash of flame."

d. Statement of S Sgt Thomas E. Finnigan, Jr.:

"* * * then I saw definitely four chutes open. * * * When I looked again the plane was down on water and in a sheet of flames."

e. Statement of S Sgt Charles L. De Vito:

"* * * when I first saw B-17F #467 the #2 engine was on fire, and immediately afterward I saw four men jump, and four chutes open -- and in a minute I saw a fifth man jump and his chute open. * * *"

f. Statement of Sgt Bill Kirk Shuping:

"* * * then I counted five chutes come out of #467. * * * Then I saw it hit the water with a big splash, and skip, and burst into flame. Seemed to smoke for 5 to 10 minutes - then sink."

A map attached to the Missing Air Crew Report shows the course of the flight to Foggia and the place where this plane crashed. The point of crash was approximately ten miles due west of Licosa Point (coordinates 40° 13' N, 14° 45' E).

3. The tenth member of this crew, the co-pilot, 2d Lt Robert E. Kingsbury, 0737967, was reported a prisoner of war and returned to the United States. On 31 March 1948, Mr. Kingsbury was requested to furnish what information he possessed about the fate of his crew. His reply, dated 3 August 1948, is quoted below:

"While returning from our Mission the squadron was attacked by Me 109. The enemy fire was very heavy and concentrated. The ship was struck on left wing, fuselage, and tail section. Number 1 and 2 engines caught on fire. Prop. feather control would not function correctly.

"As to the members of the crew, I presume the five gunners in the rear were badly wounded because of the intensity of the enemy fire. The five men were, W. E. Groot, J. E. Adams, R. E. Woods, A. P. Panini, E. J. Bjorklund. Just prior to abandoning

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ship, Hernandez, guns were the only ones in action. There was no answer over Inter-Com. or response when bail out bell was rung.

"R. E. Rozzelle, A.G. Mayberry, C. F. Parsons, S. S. Hernandez, and myself parachuted from the ship. Altitude of the ship when left was around 21,000 ft. The whole left wing was on fire and the ship was out of control. W. E. Groot, J. E. Adams, R. E. Woods, A. P. Panini and E. H. Bjorklund, to the best of my knowledge were still in the ship.

"I saw no one in the water after I landed because of the running sea. I was in the water 30½ hours and the water was running in about 2 ft. swells and it was fairly warm. I swam approximately 22 miles to shore and was given nourishment by Italian fisherfolk. The Italians made no attempt to search for other members of the crew. The only comments they made were of the many losses sustained by the Americans on August 19th.

"August 19th, 1943, at approximately 1300 was the last time I saw or heard of any of the other members of my crew.

"As to my opinion of their fate, I believe that Parsons and Mayberry might have made it to shore had it not been for an over-abundance of night life in the previous week. As for Rozzelle, and Hernandez, I cannot say. However, I noticed sharks in the area."

4. A search of the files of the Quartermaster General revealed no burial information which could be associated with this crew. None of them were ever reported as prisoners of war, either officially or unofficially by any source. A note of the loss of this plane cannot be found in the German Records on file in this office.

5. The circumstances surrounding the loss of this plane furnish reasonably conclusive evidence of the death of five members of this crew, who were undoubtedly dead before the plane crashed into the Mediterranean Sea. All eyewitness accounts agree that not more than five men parachuted from the plane, and the one survivor corroborates their statements. If the men did not escape the plane before it crashed, they had no opportunity to escape at the moment of impact for the plane, already on fire, burst into a sheet of flames as it landed. Furthermore, the plane fell out of control from about 21,000 feet, which in itself would render escape impossible. From Lieutenant Kingsbury's account of the battle, it appears obvious that the men in the rear of the plane were unconscious or dead before the rest of the crew abandoned the ship, for no guns were fired and no answers were received over the communications system to the order to bail out.

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It appears also that the only logical conclusion to be drawn from the facts concerning the fate of the four who bailed out is that they either died when they struck the water or were drowned in their attempts to swim to shore. The Italians made no search for survivors and the only known survivor swam for over thirty hours to reach the shore -- a distance which he estimated as approximately 22 miles. Had the four successfully reached shore, it is only logical to assume that they would also have been captured and that some word would have been received about them in the years which have elapsed since they were reported missing in action. Also, only a man in the best physical condition could continue his exertions for such a period of time without succumbing to exhaustion.

6. 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 the personnel listed in paragraph 1 were killed in action, while in flying pay status, when their plane was shot down off the coast of Italy in the Mediterranean Sea by an enemy aircraft on 19 August 1943. 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 20 August 1944. 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: North African Area.

Lulu May Lybrook
Lulu May Lybrook
Investigator

CONCUR:
O. Paulsen
O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD
OIC, Determination Unit

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

COPY FOR:
AG 201 file
Cas. Sec. file
293 file (OQMG)

Sylvio L. Bousquin
SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN
Lt. Colonel, AGD
OIC, Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

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Eye Witness Statement

Interviewed by
Investigating Officer
On Aug 19, 1943

Statement of 2nd Lt. Mack P. Mayer, O-798843, Navigator on B-17F
No. 42-30403, 20th Squadron - Flying in 4th Sqd., 2nd Element, 3rd
plane.

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falling back. And at 1233 I noticed #2 or #3 engine on #467 started to
burn and he peeled off to the left and started losing altitude - and made
a complete 180 turn, and just before he disappeared I saw two chutes open
up, and then we speeded up to catch rest of formation.

/S/ MACK P. MAYER
/T/ MACK P. MAYER
2nd Lt., Air Corps

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Encl 1 TO EXHIBIT "F"

EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION

Interviewed by
Investigating Officer
on Aug. 19, 1948

Statement of S/Sgt. Chas L. De Vito, 85510875, Lower Turret
Gunner on B-17F No. 23-0082, 20th Bomb Squadron, Flying in 3rd
Squadron, 1st element, 3rd plane.

I was in the lower turret on A/C #082 and when I first saw B-17F #467 the #2 engine was on fire, and immediately afterward I saw four men jump, and four chutes open - and in a minute I saw a fifth man jump and his chute open. Then the plane went into a series of short gradual dives, and then into a very wide circle. Then we were jumped by fighters and when I looked again I saw flames in the water, and that was quite a distance away. The interval of time that I lost sight of the plane was two to three minutes. I believe this plane was downed by a combination of fighters and aerial bombs.

s/ Charles L. De Vito
CHARLES L. DEVITO
S/Sgt., Air Corps

Jul 2 To EXHIBIT "F"

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WITNESS DESCRIPTION

Investigated by
Investigating Officer
On Aug. 19, 1943

Statement of S/Sgt William C. Dawkins, #34315545, Left Waist Gunner on B-17F No. 42-30403, 206h Squadron - Flying in 4th Sqd., 2nd element, 2nd plane.

I saw a ME 109 come at 7:30 about level and when he got to within about 400 yards, he banked off on #467 and came in at about 5:00 level and opened up on #467, and then the fighter banked away. He (#467) stayed in our formation for several minutes before I noticed him falling back and his #3 engine on fire. Then I saw four chutes come out. No. 467 was gradually losing altitude, and I lost sight of him for a few minutes, and when I looked again, I saw #467 hit the water with a big splash, and there was a flash of flame.

/S/ WILLIAM C. DAWKINS
/T/ WILLIAM C. DAWKINS
S/Sgt, Air Corps

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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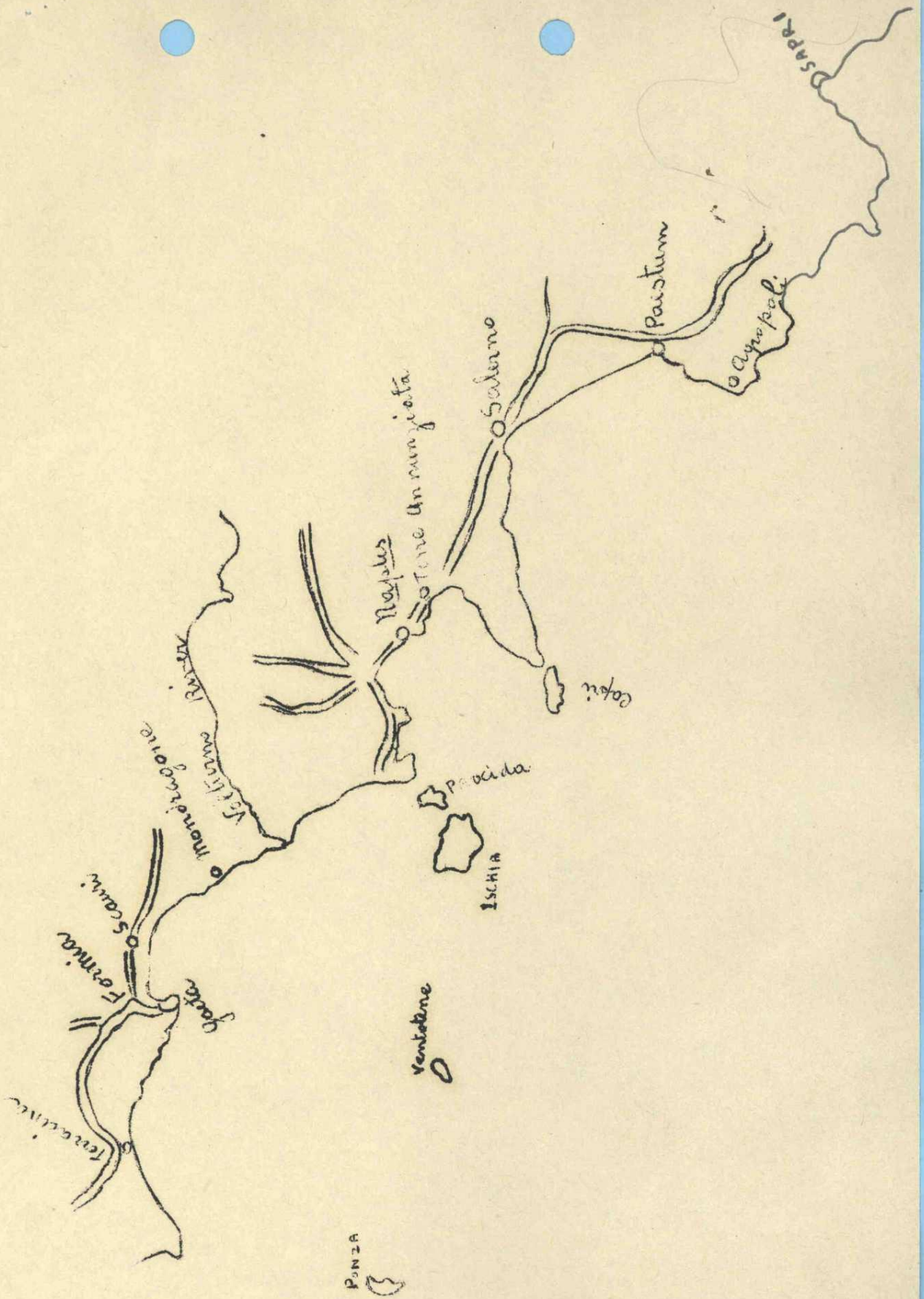
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the coastlines of Italy from Terracina, Grid Coordinates M 9.8 - 3.8, south to and including Sapri, Grid Coordinates T 6.8 - 6.5, and the adjacent islands of Ponza, Ventotene, Ischia, Procida and Capri have been searched for the remains of American deceased during the months of August and October 1947 and that statements from town and church officials and local civilians of towns along the above listed seacoasts, certifying to their knowledge no remains of American deceased are interred or above the ground in the territory under their jurisdiction, are on file in Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

s/ Donald H. Lanier
t/ DONALD H. LANIER
I & R Branch

EXHIBIT "24"



Sheet 1 TO EXHIBIT "B"

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ITALIAN MAINLAND

NAPLES

SALENO

PASTUM

PALICOLA

TYRRHENIAN SEA

AIRCRAFT # 42-20467
CRASHED HERE

WAS SHOT DOWN BY E/A

SKETCH SHOWS WHERE A/C # 42-20467

ON 19 AUGUST 1943.

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
 MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL BJORKLUND, EARL H			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 31144713	GRADE T/SGT
HEIGHT 69"	WEIGHT 122	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 9 1/2 B
DATE OF DEATH 20 AUG. 44				

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

20th Bomb Sq. 2nd Bomb GP.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

RETURNING FROM A MISSION, HIS PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE TYRRHENIAN SEA WEST OF POINT LICOSA, ITALY. 20 AUG. 44 PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH

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

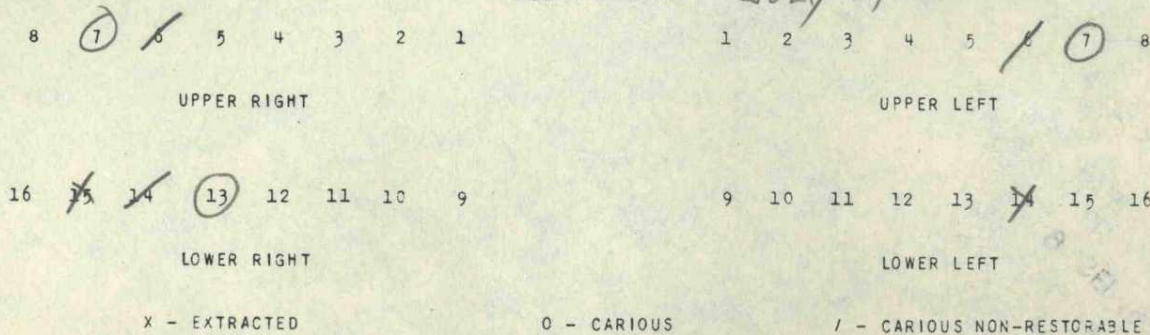
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ATLANTIC CITY New Jersey	7 AUG. 42
SCOTT FIELD, ILLINOIS.	5 SEPT 42
SCOTTFIELD, ILLINOIS	30 SEPT 42
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	21 JAN 43
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	1 MAR 43
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	3 MAR. 43

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
 NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
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DENTAL CHART

July 2, 1942



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BORKLUND, EARL H. 31144713
To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The Records show medical treatment as follows

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
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Sta. Hosp. Scott Fl. ILL.	Dec. 22, 42	Dec. 29, 42	29745
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Schadinski Aug 28, 46 J. R. S.

Clerk	Date	Branch
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293 FILE <i>BN</i>		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED				
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>BJORKLUND, EARL H.</i>			GRADE <i>T/SGT.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>31 144 713</i>		
ORGANIZATION <i>20th Bomb Sq. 2nd Bomb GP</i>		RACE <i>WHITE</i>	CREED <i>PROTESTANT</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) <i>fe</i>		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>19 Aug 43</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>F.O.D.</i>		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>TYRRHENIAN SEA</i>			
DATE OF FOD <i>20 Aug 44</i>	HEIGHT <i>5'9"</i>	WEIGHT <i>122</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BROWN</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>BROWN</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9 1/2 B</i>	
DENTAL CHART						
UPPER RIGHT 8 <i>0</i> 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			UPPER LEFT <i>2 July 42</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8			
LOWER RIGHT 16 <i>X</i> 15 <i>X</i> 14 <i>0</i> 13 12 11 10 9			LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 <i>X</i> 15 16			
X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable		
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>—</i>			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <i>—</i>			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>SHOT DOWN IN THE TYRRHENIAN SEA WEST OF POINT LICOSA, ITALY.</i>						
<i>file 26 MAR 1948 K. H. H. H. H. 26 MAR 1948</i>						

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
TRANSMITTAL SHEET

FILE NO: QMGY 293 FILE NO: QMGY 293	SUBJECT: Bjorklund, Earl H., SN 31 144 713
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TO: Army Air Forces
Pentagon Building
Room 5E - 173
Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Lt. Latherow

FROM: OCMG, Mem. Div. DATE: COMMENT: 1
Rep. Rec. Branch 28 Oct 46
Room 2511, Tempo "B"
Washington 25, D. C. Riley/72262

It is requested that this office be furnished Report of Death,
one copy, for the following deceased person:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Bjorklund, Earl H.	31 144 713

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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

FILE
5 DEC 1946
W Dougherty
Riley

QMGY 293 1st Ind. 3 December 1946

FROM: The Army Air Forces, Pentagon Building, Room 5E - 173

TO : OCMG, Memorial Division, Repatriation Records Branch, Washington
25, D. C.

Unresolved Files report

Inclosed herewith, ~~Report of Death~~ for your files.

There is no information in this office for Bjorklund, Earl H. 31 144 713
T/Sgt Air Corp North African Area Presumed dead 20 Aug 1944. Emergency
Addressee ~~xxx~~. Mrs. Anna Bjorklund, mother, 173 Hart St. New Britain, Conn.

B. J. Sekowski
B. J. Sekowski
Major, QMC

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Incl.

FILE

28 OCT 1946

V. Baugherty
Carroll Lyford
Capt. Edwards

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

-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
Bjorklund, Earl H.		X 31144713		T/Sgt	AG	
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
--		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	L	*
		**	**	**		234130-G-1X

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
Mrs. Anna Bjorklund	mother	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
173 Hart Street, New Britain, Connecticut		

REMARKS: AG 201 (20 Aug 44) CORRECTED COPY

Memo Chief Casualty Branch. *FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON was made in the case of this individual under provisions of Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended. **PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH: 20 Aug 44. Station of deceased North African Area. In line of duty, not result of own misconduct, on duty status.

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED _____ FORM 42 _____ AG 201 REG _____					
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				M. & M.	NON-DEL.
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THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

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-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME Bjorklund, Earl H.			SERIAL NUMBER X 31144713			GRADE T/Sgt		ARM OR SERVICE AG		REPORTING THEATRE		
PLACE OF CASUALTY				DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER	
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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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116 SEP 1944

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

In the matter of the disposition)
 of the personal property of:)

Case No. 24744 mol

293 Bjorklund, Earl H.

/s/ Earl H. Bjorklund
 (Name) of missing soldier)

RECEIPT FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY
 DELIVERED TO BAILEE BY ARMY EFFECTS
 BUREAU)

31 144 713

(Serial Number))

I hereby acknowledge that I have received from the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, for safe-keeping, the following personal property of the above-named officer or soldier:

No	Articles	No.	Articles
	Towels	1	Toilet kit w/articles
	Underwear	1	Shoe shine kit
	Socks		Small misc. items
	Ties	1	Bank book
1	Hunting knife	1	Billfold w/cards & snapshots
1	Fr. trousers	1	Ditty bag
1	Shirt		x
1	Sweater		x
1	Scarf		x
1	Garrison cap		x
2	Fr. shoes		x
1	Belt		x
2	New Testaments		x
1	Dictionary		x
2	Fountain pens		x
1	Pen & pencil set		x
1	Money belt		x
1	Sewing kit		x
1	Fr. glasses in case		x
1	Ring box - empty		x

I agree to safely keep and store the above-listed personal property pending the return of said officer or soldier, and to deliver the same to him or to the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, upon demand. I further agree, in the event the above-named officer or soldier subsequently becomes a casualty, to turn said property over to the person or persons legally entitled by law to receive the same.

Subscribed at New Britain Conn. on this day of
 (City, town or village and state)

May 26, 1944.

Witnessed by:

/s/ Mr. H. Bjorklund
 (Signature of witness)

/s/ Mrs. Anna Bjorklund
 (Signature of bailee in ink)

173 Hart Street
 (Address)

173 Hart Street
 (Address)

Certified a True Copy

G. H. GALVIN, JR.
 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

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

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

3 OCT 05 10 51

AG 201	NAME BJORKLUND EARL H ASN 31144713	GRADE T SGT SON	DATE CAS REPORT RECEIVED
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	MRS ANNA BJORKLUND 173 HART STREET NEW BRITAIN CONNECTICUT		DATE TELEGRAM SENT <i>th</i> 15 Oct. 48

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.

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

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	P OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
T/SGT	BJORKLUND, EARL H.	31144713	AC		K	278026- U-DX
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
			19	AUG	43	

Start
20 OCT 1948
FILE

REMARKS: AG 704 /23 SEP 48/ CORRECTED COPY

MEMO: DET UNIT. APPROVED: OIC CAS SEC PAB. KILLED WHEN PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OFF THE COAST OF ITALY BY ENEMY ACFT. FOD ISSUED PREV UNDER SEC 5, PL 490, 7 MAR 42, AS AMENDED, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE DEATH 20 AUG 44. RPT DEATH IS ISSUED IN ACCORD WITH SEC 9, SAID ACFT ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PROVIDED IN SEC 9. STA & PL DEATH: NAT.

HOME ADDRESS: NEW BRITAIN, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Reports of death issued 19 Oct. 48. smc.

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

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION		REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FORM 43	AG 201 REQ
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			<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Chamber</i>

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

In the matter of the disposition
 of the personal property of:

Case No. 24744 msl

T/Sgt. Earl H. Bjorklund
 (Name of missing soldier)

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1	Dictionary		x
2	Fountain pens		x
1	Pen & pencil set		x
1	Money belt		x
1	Sewing kit		x
1	Pr. glasses in case		x
1	Ring box - empty		x

File over

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SCREENED

Subscribed at New Butani, Conn. on this _____ day of _____
 (City, town or village and state)

May 26, 1944.

Witnessed by:

Mr. H. Bjorklund
 (Signature of witness)

Mrs Anna Bjorklund
 (Signature of bailee in ink)

173 Hart Street
 (Address)

173 Hart St.
 (Address)

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DEPOT EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY, MO.
JUN 10 1944 AM

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

21711 M
IN REPLY REFER TO _____

(S-6-5-44)
JEM:NW:msl
May 5, 1944

KC

Mrs. Anna Bjorklund
173 Hart Street
New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Bjorklund:

Thank you for your recent letter confirming your address.

Additional property of your son, Technical Sergeant Earl H. Bjorklund, has been forwarded to you by parcel post. When you have received the package, please sign one copy of the inclosed receipt and return that copy to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage.

As previously stated, my action in forwarding this property does not, of itself, vest legal title in you. I transmit these items only in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them, pending the return of the owner. In the event that he is later reported as a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will then be necessary that you turn the property over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

Yours very truly,

G. H. GALVIN, JR.
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Chief, Adm. Control Branch

2 Incls.
Receipt (in dup.)
Envelope

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

MAY 3 1944

Suspense 6-15-44

Case No. 24744 M kd

Date May 1, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO Warehouse Branch:

Please see that the personal effects on the above mentioned case are packed, weighed and ready for shipment promptly so that they may be readily picked up. Bills of lading and all other papers will be marked with the case number and can be identified thereby. The original of this form should be returned to the Administrative Branch after completion.

Effects of: T/Sgt. Earl H. Bjorklund Serial No. 31144713

Ship to: Mrs. Anna Bjorklund

Street and Number 173 Hart Street

City and State New Britain, Connecticut

Ship Via: Parcel Post Gov't B/L No. _____

O. Barbieri
For the Effects Quartermaster

LIST OF PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 Carton

Franked Mail--4# or less _____
Parcel Post Charges 1.06 ✓
Estimated Express Charges 1.06
Estimated Freight Charges _____

Total Number of Pieces: 1/4# Shipping Clerk [Signature]
Weight of Shipment: _____ Date MAY 8 1944

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Deceased _____
 Missing X
 A.W.O.L. _____
 P.O.W. _____
 Abandoned _____

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
 ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets
 Flat 20 Box _____

INVENTORY

Shown on Tally In as Sgt. H. B. Jorkland

TALLY IN NO. 3535 INVENTORY DATE 4/11/44 CASE NO. 24744 *M*

EFFECTS OF EARL H. BJORKLUND RANK T/Sgt.

ARMY SERIAL NO. 31144713 ORG. 20th Bomb. Sq. 2nd Bomb. Grp.

CONSIGNOR T. O. BAY RIDGE, NEW YORK

DELIVERING CARRIER _____ G B/L NO. _____ G B/L DATE _____

Package No.	Article Description	Remarks
#1	Towels, underwear	Anna Bjorklund
CARTON	Socks & ties	173 Hart st.
	1 Hunting knife	New Britain,
	1 Pr. trousers	Conn.
	1 Shirt	
	1 Sweater	ATTACHED:
	1 Scarf	1 Form #54
	1 Garrison cap	
	2 Pr. shoes	SHORTAGE on re-
	1 Belt	verse
	2 New Testaments	
	1 Dictionary	
	2 Fountain pens	
	1 Pen & pencil set	
	1 Money belt	
	1 Sewing kit	
	1 Pr. glasses in case	
	1 Ring box <i>empty</i>	
	1 Toilet kit w/ articles	
	1 Shoe shine kit	
	Small Misc. items	
	1 Bank book	
	1 Billfold w/ cards & snapshots	<i>MAY 3 1944</i>
	1 Ditty bag	<i>MAY 2 1944</i>

Warehouse Space 633 X Inventoried By Thompson & Ewing

Locked Storage Space _____ Packed By M. Shields

MW

SHORTAGE:

\$20.00

NOV 3 1951

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DETACHING OFFICER: [Faint text]

CONTAINER: [Faint text]

WELL-KNOWN NO.: [Faint text]

BRANCH OF: [Faint text]

TYPE IN NO.: [Faint text]

ISSUE OF: [Faint text]

ISSUANCE: [Faint text]

WHILE ISSUED UNDER: [Faint text]

New Britain, Conn.
173 Hart Street

24744
8324

IMMEDIATE ACTION

File
New

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter that I received yesterday, asking if my address was the same, yes it is, I only hope that some day in the near future I will hear that my son is safe. The pilot of the bomber that my son was with is a prisoner in Germany, so I have great hope that my son is alive and also a prisoner in Germany altho they havent been able to find him yet.

Sincerely

Mrs. Anna Bjorklund

New Post in Lane
1734 West Street

Handwritten scribbles

IMMEDIATE ACTION

4474
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RECEIVED
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
APR 29 1944
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Dear Sir:

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yesterday, asking if my address was the same, you
it is, I only hope that some day in the near future
I will hear that my son is safe. The gist of
the border that my son was with is a prisoner
in Germany, as I have great hope that my son is
alive and also a prisoner in Germany, other they haven't
been able to find him yet.

Sincerely

Mrs. Emma Bjorklund

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

IN REPLY REFER TO _____
24744 - M

[Handwritten signature]
(S-5-21-44)
JRM:NW:msl
April 21, 1944

Mrs. Anna Bjorklund
173 Hart Street
New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Bjorklund:

Additional property of your son, Technical Sergeant Earl H. Bjorklund, has been received by the Army Effects Bureau from overseas.

This property will be forwarded to you; however, due to the lapse of time since our last letter I would appreciate your confirming the accuracy of the above address.

Please be sure to use the inclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, in order to expedite delivery of the property.

Yours very truly,

R. E. RODGERS
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Assistant

1 Incl - Envelope

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U. S. ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE

QUARMASTER CORPS

MARINE FREIGHT

Pier No. Terminal 1/26/44 19.....

Loaded aboard S. S. Time Commenced

From Lighter }
 From Dock } Time Finished

Car No. Initial

Commodity }
 Contents } Units in each }
 package } Stowage }
 Hatch No.
 Deck
 Location

BJORKLAND, E. H. SGT. 31143713

Marks and Numbers											Totals	Weights and Measurements
5 EFFECTS QM K.C., MO	1	ca.	#295								2/0	25#
			MIA									
			IN BND									
U. S. No.												
Call No.												
Order No.												
Manf'r or Shipper												
ARCHER DANIELS PIER EDGEWATER, N.J.												
Point of Origin												
											Total	

DT 19690

NOTE: 1. All packages, cases, or covering are supposed to be marked in detail as called for above.
 2. Checkers must note every mark on tally.
 3. Before receiving damaged cargo report same to Receiving Clerk.
 4. Tally must be attached to retain copy of receipt.

I have personally checked the above described freight.

M.M. GUHIN
1/18/44

RECEIPT NO.....

{ Serial No.
 { Stowage Plan

....., Checker

HATCH TALLY

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(88-21-2-28)

W. Earl E. Johnson

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Sheet of 24.30

RECEIVED
A.C.M. DEPOSIT EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY, MO.
DEC 18 1943 AM

I agree to make any and all the above listed personal effects
which are in my possession and control, and to deliver the same to
you or to the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, in the
event of my death, in the event the above listed effects are
a liability to the Army and to the credit of the Army, and to
be used for the purpose of the above listed effects.

Signature of _____
Signature of _____

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
24744
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

nh
(S-1-20-44)
JRM:AT:kd
December 20, 1943

IN REPLY REFER TO: _____

Mrs. Hilmer Bjerklund
173 Hart Street
New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Bjerklund:

This has reference to our letter of November 12, inclosing a check for \$4.20 which comprises the property of your son, Technical Sergeant Earl H. Bjerklund.

If you have received this check, I will appreciate your acknowledging delivery by signing and returning to this Bureau, one copy of the receipt form furnished you. In the event the money has not yet reached you, it is requested that this Bureau be so advised in order that tracer action may be taken.

Your cooperation in this connection will be most helpful to us. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Yours very truly,

M. S. POOL
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Chief, Adm. Control Branch

1 Incl--Envelope

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

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24744

(S-12-12-43)
JRM:AF:sth
November 12, 1943

Mrs. Hilmer Bjorklund
173 Hart Street
New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Bjorklund:

Thank you for the information furnished in connection with the disposition of the personal effects of your son, Technical Sergeant Earl H. Bjorklund.

I am inclosing a check for \$4.20, which is the only property of Sergeant Bjorklund 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 in order that you may safely keep it on behalf of the owner, pending his return. In the event he is later reported as a casualty, it will be necessary that these funds be distributed according to the laws of the state in which he lived. I sincerely hope that such distribution will not be required.

I will appreciate your signing and returning to this Bureau, one copy of the inclosed receipt, indicating that you will act in the capacity stated. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which requires no postage.

All War Department agencies are under instruction to forward personal effects of military personnel to the Army Effects Bureau for disposition; money, as a rule, is received by mail in advance of other property. In the event additional belongings of Sergeant Bjorklund arrive at a later date, you will be notified promptly.

Yours very truly,

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

3 Incls.
Check
Receipt (in dup.)
Envelope

CHECK REQUISITION

TO: Accounting Branch

November 12, 1943 - sbh

Account 2365

Please issue check payable to

Case No. 24744

Anna Bjorklund
New Britain, Connecticut

Amount \$ 4.20

(Correspondent)

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Check No. 2746

Initials FS

2365

24744

NOVEMBER 12 43

ANNA BJORKLUND

4.20

FOUR AND 20/100

MAJOR Q.M.C.
ASST.

Eff QM Form 49

24744

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

(S-12-2-48)
JRM:AT:kd
November 2, 1943

IN REPLY REFER TO: No. 24744

Mr. Hilmer Bjorklund
173 Hart Street
New Britain, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bjorklund:

The Army Effects Bureau has received for disposition certain personal property belonging to your son, Technical Sergeant Earl H. Bjorklund, who according to our present information, has been reported missing in action.

It is our desire that some close relative keep this property, pending the receipt of additional information which will enable that relative or this Bureau ultimately to make proper distribution of the property. If you have any letter or other written instrument from your son indicating with whom he wishes his belongings stored, please forward such paper to me. After examination, it will be returned as soon as possible.

In order that we will be enabled to make shipment to the proper person, I will appreciate your being so kind as to give me the following information, and any other which you deem important:

1. Is Sergeant Bjorklund married? If so, what is his wife's name and address? *No*
2. What are the names and addresses of his closest relatives; i.e., oldest adult child, father, mother, oldest brother, oldest sister, et cetera? *His Mother & Father*
3. What is the name, address and relationship of the person with whom you feel that he would want his things stored? *His Mother and Father*
4. Would you personally be willing to receive, receipt for, and safely keep and store his property as a gratuitous bailee? *Yes.*
5. If the property is delivered to you, will you agree to return it to him, his personal representative or the Army Effects Bureau upon request? *Yes.*

You are assured that this letter is in no way a casualty message. Our only information is that Sergeant Bjorklund is missing, and I sincerely hope that he will be reported safe.

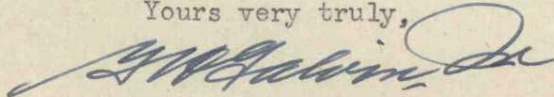
Please be sure to use the inclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, in order to expedite delivery of the property.

His Parents are

*Mr & Mrs H. Bjorklund
173 Hart St
New Britain Conn*

1 Incl--Envelope

Yours very truly,



G. H. GALWIN, JR.

2nd Lt. Q.M.C.

Chief, Administrative Control Branch

His Mother has the Power of Attorney. You could write to Washington for more information



WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

[Faint, mostly illegible typed text, likely a memorandum or report, covering the majority of the page.]

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Case set up as Missing because of Treasury
Check and also Missing marked on the box. Status
of Case should be verified before further action
is taken.

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Case set up as Missing because of Treasury Ceh

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24744

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-550)

BJORKLUND, Earl H. 31144713
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a **T/Sgt.** **20th Bomb. Sq., 2nd Bomb. Gp.**
 (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

Missing in action
~~XXXXXX~~ on the **19th** day of **August**, 19. **47**.

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

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1	hunting knife.	
1	harmonica	
1	fountain pen	
2	testaments	
1	Pen and pencil set (Eversharp)	
1 pr.	glasses and case.	
1	dictionary	
1	pen	
1	eversharp pencil	
2	silver chains	
1	money belt.	

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

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	chirt, khak
1	sweater, wool
1	muffier, wool
2 pr.	shoes, dress, oxfords.
1	necktie
1 Box.	Toilet Articles
2 ea.	Bath Towels
1 pr.	Drawers

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W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 54
 July 1, 1933

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CLASS II—Continued

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	...
3	...
1	...
1	...
1	...
NOTE:	
Money found in personal possessions, in the amount of \$4.20, exchanged with W.M. GIPS, Captain, F.D. U.S. Army, for a Treasury check in U.S. dollars drawn for cash and indorsed as "Pay only to the Effects Q.M., Kansas City Q.M. Depot, Trustee." Check has been forwarded this date by letter of transmittal to "Effects Q.M., Kansas City Q.M. Depot, Trustee, Kansas City, Missouri:	
1	...
1	...
1	Money { Specie... \$4.20
1	Money { Notes... none

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 Anna Bjorklund, 173 Hart Street, New Britain, Conn. (Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative 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 retained.~~

Robert E. Volger
 ROBERT E. VOLGER, 1st Lt, A.C.

Inventary Officer.

Massicault, Tunisia
 (Station)

August 23, 1945, 19____
 (Date)

*Strike out words not applicable.

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