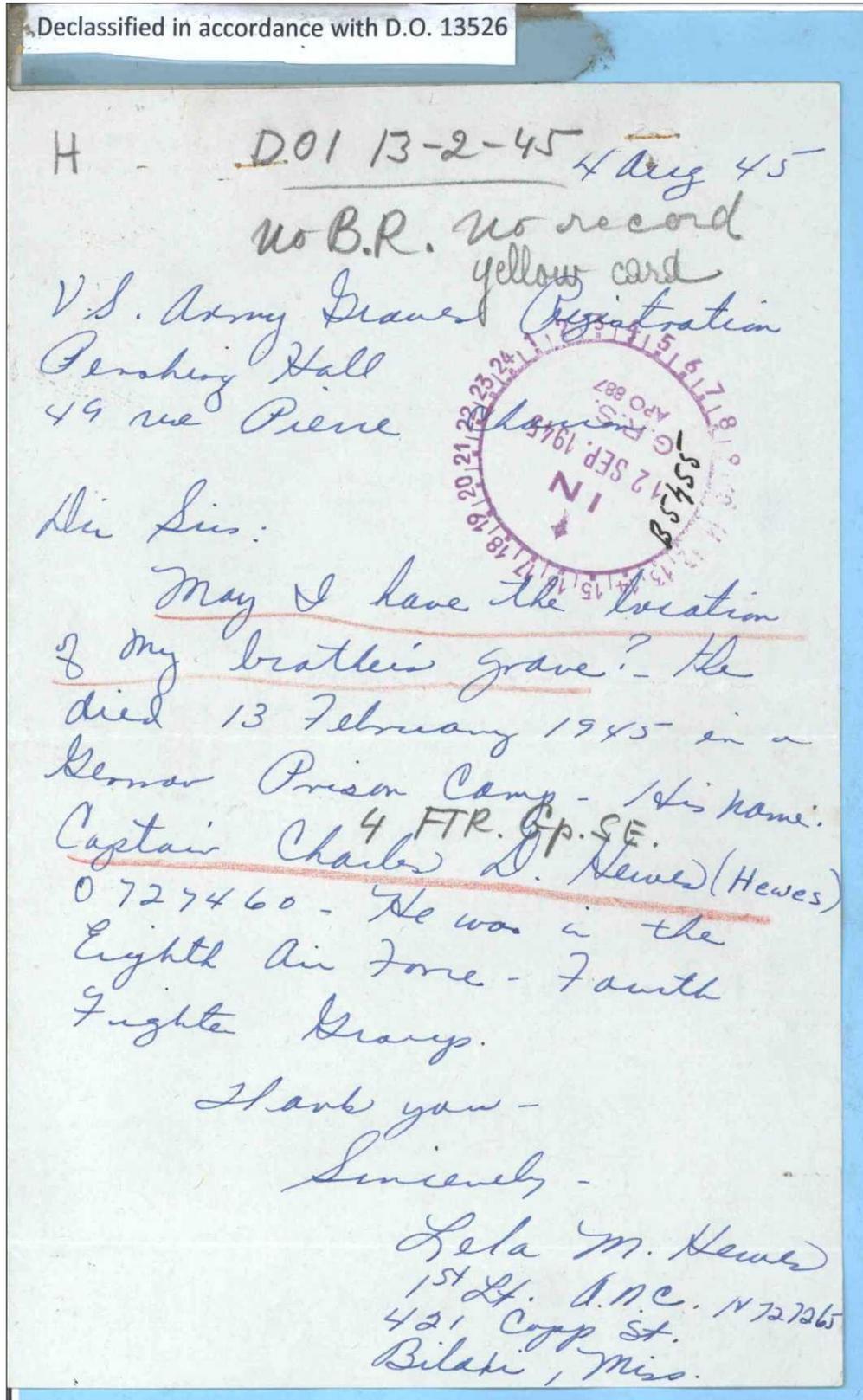


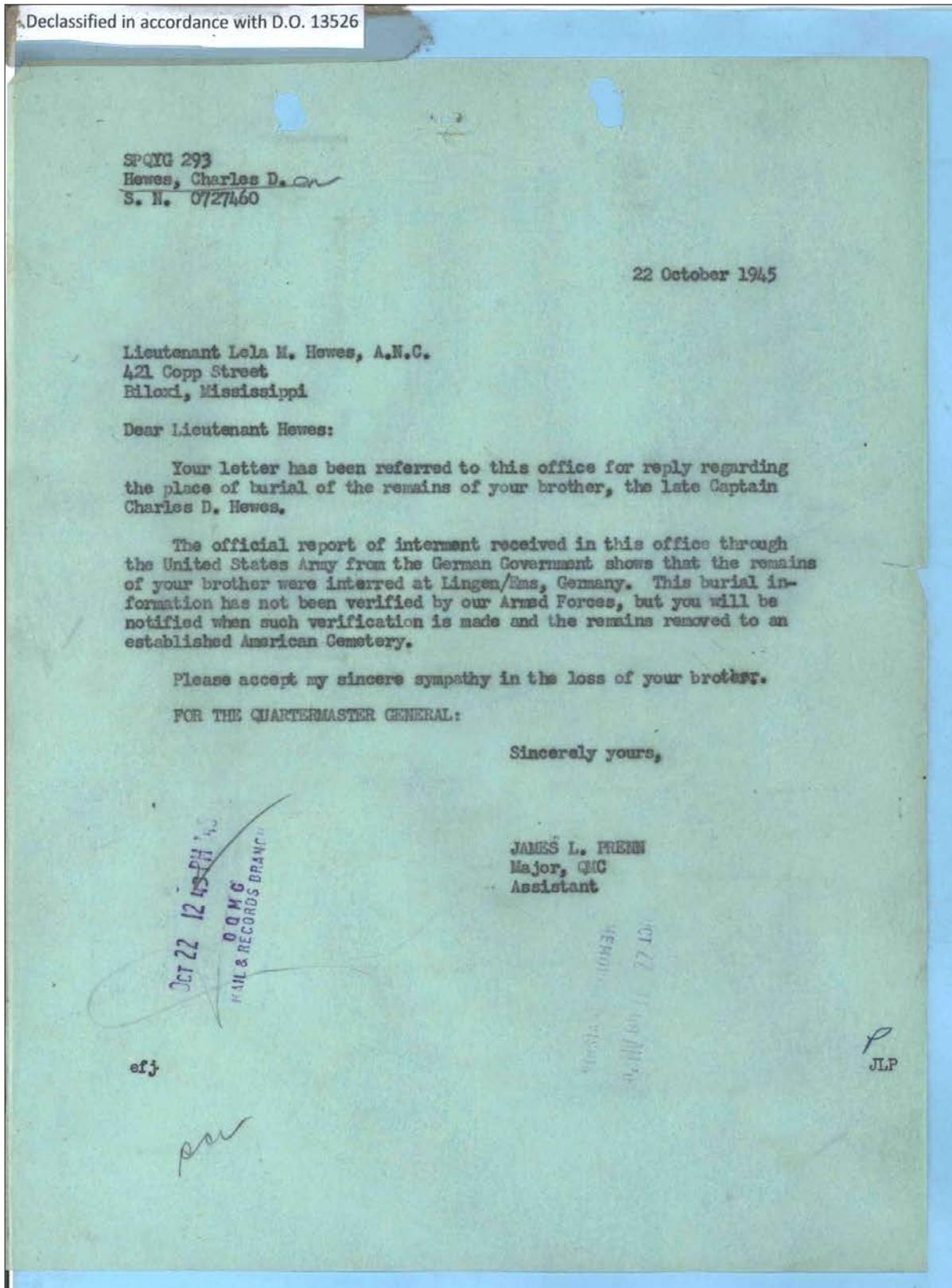
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Letter from First Lieutenant Lela M. Hewes to U.S. Army Graves Registration, August 4, 1945
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form No. 10 (Revised)
1 January 1946.

Date 22 May 1946

NAME HEWES, CHARLES D. RANK Capt. ASN 0-727460

ORGANIZATION 4th Fighter Group A.A.F.

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Identification tag

(All statements above this line will be completed, upon final processing, by the clerical staff at the unit processing point.)

SECTION A – GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through surface investigation? No
If so, state the following information:

a. NAME _____ RANK _____ ASN _____

b. ORGANIZATION _____

2. Was partial identification established? Yes If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME HEWES, CHARLES D. RANK Capt. ASN 0-727460

b. ORGANIZATION 4th Fighter Group, A.A.F.

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY? Approximately
106 other American airmen
(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)

a. Date of above burials different dates Common Graves? No

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4. Name and Type of cemetery New Civilian Cemetery
(Military or Civilian)

5. Map Coordinates of the cemetery Sheet K 53, V 7237 GSOS 4346 Scale 1/250,000

a. Town Lingen Country Germany

6. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section None Row 11 Grave 1

b. Is Sketch attached? No

7. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.

a. Town _____ Coordinates _____

b. Is Sketch attached? _____

c. Is area mined? _____

8. How is the grave marked? Plain white wooden cross

9. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon Charles Hewes,
Amerik.Flieger Hauptmann * unbekannt + 12.2.45

a. From what source was this information obtained? Cemetery Records
(identification tags, personal effects)

b. By whom? Cemetery Caretaker

10. Where are the cemetery records? Landratsamt, Landkreis Lingen
(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)

a. What information was contained thereon? Hewes, Charles, Amerik. Hauptmann
born 10.3.1921 in Biloxi, Miss. died in Lingen/Ems 13.2.1945

b. Where was the information obtained? Probably from Hewes before he died

c. By whom? Hospital attendants

11. What is the date of death? 13 Feb 1945

a. Give basis? Green Burial Card

12. What is the cause of death? Broken back with complications

a. Give basis? White Death Card and Cemetery Records

13. What is the date of burial? 16 Feb 1945

a. Give basis? White Death Card

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Sheet K53, V 7237 GSGS
Coords 4346 Scale 1/250,000

14. What was the place of death? Lingen, Germany Coords 4346 Scale 1/250,000
 a. Give basis? Statements of attending physician

15. Where were the remains found? Lingen, Germany Coords same as above
 a. By whom? 6889th QM GR Co.
 b. Is sketch attached? No

16. Was a casket used? Yes Who furnished the casket? Reserve Lazarett Lingen
 Type of casket dark wood How marked? unknown

17. Who made the burial? German Military
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
 a. What are the names and addresses? unknown

SECTION B – AIR CORPS DECEASED
 (To be Completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the AAF)

18. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? This man died in the hospital
 a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed
No information is available as to where this plane crashed
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
 b. Near wreckage?

19. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
 a. Type of plane unknown
 b. Markings and / or name on plane unknown
 c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment:
unknown

20. How did crash occur? unknown Anti-aircraft? unknown
 Enemy planes? unknown Collision? unknown

21. Did plane explode in the air? unknown On ground? unknown

22. Did plane burn in the air? unknown On ground? unknown

23. What was the direction of the flight? unknown

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24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? unknown

25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? unknown

26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
No

27. Number of planes in formation prior to crash? unknown

28. State precise time and date of plane crash unknown
(Night) (Day)

29. Were parachutists seen? unknown How many? unknown Escaped? unknown
Prisoners? unknown

SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED
(To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force)

30. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?
a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed
Radio man, driver, assistant driver or . . . front, side or back
b. Near wreckage?

31. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation.
(If removed, state when and by whom)
a. Type of tank
b. Markings and / or name of tank
c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments etc.

32. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?

33. Did tank explode? Burn?

34. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement

35. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased?

36. Precise time and date of destruction of tank
(Night) (Day)

37. Did any of the crew members escape? Prisoners?

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SECTION D – OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable)

38. Did death occur from any other means? (I. E., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire)

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If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.

a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?

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39. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased

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SECTION E – GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

40. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? No

If not, state reason None in possession of civilians

a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? unknown

Where? unknown By whom? unknown

Present disposition unknown

If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned.

b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? unknown

Where? unknown By whom? unknown

Present disposition? unknown

c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? unknown

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d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No

41. Was deceased given first aid? Yes If so where? Reserve Lazarett
Gefaengnis

By whom? Dr. Krumbein Are statements from the medical people attached?

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42. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? Yes

Where? Lingen, Germany Names of people concerned? Dr. Krumbein

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43. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? unknown

44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? unknown
(Burnt | Decapitated | etc)

45. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No

a. If so, give basis for positive assumption

b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified?

46. Was case previously investigated? No By whom?

When?

47. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed?

see attached statements

48. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached?

Yes

49. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? No

50. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? Yes

(If special investigation, give case number)

51. Give Brief Narrative This man crashed his plane or parachuted out in an unknown location. He broke his back and died in Reserve Lazarett Lingen, Germany.
(Use attached sheets, if necessary)

Unpublished
Signature of Interpreter

Rank ASN

Organization

C.A. Hedstrom Jr.
Signature of Investigator
C.A. Hedstrom JR.
2d Lt. FA.

Rank ASN

6889th QM GR Co (Prov)
Organization

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Statement of Dr. Krumbein, May 17, 1946

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Dr. med. Krumbein

Nordhorn, 17.5.46.
Telefon 261

Statement of Dr. med. Krumbein, Nordhorn

In the years 1940 to 1945 I have been principal doctor of the p.o.w. part-hospital "Gefaengnis" in Lingen. About the u/n patients I can give the following informations:

1. Charles Hewes was suffering from a compression-fracture of his vertebral column with following palsy of his bladder and cystis.
2. Andrew Fila had a shank-fracture, and when he came into my treatment he was nearly bled.
3. Jack Beasley was injured by a shell-splinter in the middle of the lower part of his lungs with edema in his lungs.

The medical papers of these patients were given to the office of the hospital in the "Kolpinghaus" on 31.3.45 to be sent to Berlin as it were done every year at that time. When I left Lingen in the night from 3rd to 4th of April 1945 I handed over the care for the hospital to the English medical Major Longland from London, a prisoner of war. He had belonged to the parachutists'-division "Pegasus", and had in a wounded condition been brought to the p.o.w. hospital in Lingen after the operation Arnheim. He was operated by me because he was suffering from ear-pains. It is possible that the French staff-surgeon Dr. Nadaud from Bordeaux can give further informations.

Original signed by:
Dr. med. K r u m b e i n

A true copy.
Carlos A. Hedstrom Jr.
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2d Lt, FA,
G.R.O.

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Letter from Major General T. B. Larkin to Mrs. George N. (Mabel) Elder, August 20, 1946
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