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These are the only
pigeons' date of death
in June - July available
to us.

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THE MOCKER

Identification: AU 17 D 4084, Red Check Splash Cock.

War Record - Eye destroyed by shrapnel while working from Beaumont front in St. Mihiel sector during operations of American Army. Bird had carried many important messages.

General Information - In 1918 "The Mocker" went to France with many other homing pigeons. He was hawk-beaked, dark red bird, splashed with white. He was born in the United States in 1917. "The Mocker" died June 15, 1937, at 11:00 a.m., at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, age 21 years. He was the last of the World War hero pigeons. His body has been mounted and placed on display in the Post Library, Russel Hall, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

PRESIDENT WILSON

Identification: USA-18-16374, Black Cock
Sire: 6445 Grizzle Cock
Dam: AU 16 D 8153 BCH

War Record - Leg carried away by missile while carrying messages from Verdun front to loft at Guisy, during operations of the American Army in November 1918. During the ST. Mihiel operations he especially distinguished himself because of splendid work from tanks when all other communications failed. "President Wilson" was also used from airplanes.

General Information - "President Wilson" was a powerful pigeon of remarkable vitality and rapidity of flight. He was returned to the United States with other distinguished pigeons on the transport "Ohioan" on April 16, 1919, and placed in the lofts at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Bred in France in 1918, he died at 2:00 p.m., June 8, 1929, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. His body was mounted and is now on exhibition in the West Hall of the Arts and Industries Building Smithsonian Institution, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C., with his war comrade "Cher Amie"

LILES BOY

Hatched - 1943

Died - July 1951

War Record - Carried 46 messages from front line positions during combat in Italy, the greatest number of messages carried by any one pigeon in World War II. Credited with delivering several of the most important messages of the Italian campaign.

DEATH OF PIGEONS

"Kaiser"	(On display in Smithsonian)	Oct 31, 1949
"Chere Amie"	(On display in Smithsonian)	1922
"Jungle Joe"	(In Sig C Museum)	March 27, 1954
"Liles Boy"	(In Sig C Museum)	July, 1951
"The Mocker"		June 15, 1937
"Spike"		April 11, 1935
"President Wilson"	(On display in Smithsonian)	June 8, 1929

DISPOSITION FORM

(AR 340-15)

OFFICE SYMBOL OR FILE REFERENCE

SUBJECT

SIG-3

Request for Supply Action

TO Supply Officer

FROM Hand Receipt

DATE

CMT 1

Acct # 40

12 Aug 64

Myer Hall

Dept, Div, Area

Request supply action be taken as indicated for items listed below:

1. Request Expendable Items: (List basis and authority below)
2. Quarterly Droppage.
3. Repair. (Other than Signal)(List work to be performed).
4. Request Status. (List requisition No and Voucher No below).
5. Transfer of Property: To Hand Receipt Account # _____.

STOCK NUMBER

Request Services
NOMENCLATURE

QUANTITY

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|---|---|---|
| 1. Pigeon to be stuffed for preservation and Display in U.S. Army Signal Corps Museum | Name: GERONIMO. Historical significance: Oldest known pigeon of the Signal Corps Pigeon Division surviving WWII
Cost: Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) | 1 |
| 2. Pigeon to be repaired to original condition. To be displayed in U.S. Army Signal Corps Museum. | Name: LILES BOY. Pigeon who flew the greatest messages in WWII
Cost: Eight dollars (\$8.00) | 1 |

These two pigeons are to be added to a new and enlarged display in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Museum relating to the History of Pigeons in the Signal Corps.

Name of Taxidermist: Mr. Fred Huber
1903 State Highway Number 71
Belmar, New Jersey Tel. 91-681-0643.

Helen C. Phillips
Signature of Responsible Individual

MEMO FOR RECORD

12 AUG 1964

At 11:00 hrs, 12 Aug 1964, an Express Messenger arrived at this office carrying the Boxed Pigeon. He inquired for Miss H.C. Phillips, who was at work on her Philadelphia Project. Mrs. Barbara Roach asked whether she could take care of the matter. The messenger said all he wanted was the money for the GOD package. Mrs. Roach contacted Finance Office and was told to send the messenger to Mr. Canavo of OL Bldg 292. Mr. Podlusk and the messenger went to Mr. Canavo, where arrangements were made to pay the messenger. Mr. Podlusk signed the back of the voucher, and took possession of the package. Mr. Podlusk then contacted by phone, the taxidermist: Mr. Fred Huber, 1903 State Highway No. 71, Belmar, N.J. Tel. 91-681-0643, by telephone and asked for the price of stuffing GERONIMO and for the repair of LILES BOY. Mr. Huber gave the amount as \$20.00 for the stuffing of GERONIMO and \$8.00 for the repair of LILES BOY. Mr. Podlusk gave this information to Mr. Rose, who stated that the Disposition Form be filled out giving the amount of the job, the name of the taxidermist, the description of the job, and the justification. This was accomplished.

Stephen Podlusk

Stephen Podlusk

14 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Preparation of U.S.A. Signal Corps Pigeon "Geronimo" and Repair of U.S.A. Signal Corps Pigeon "Liles Boy"

1. On Thursday, 13 Jul 64, at 1500 hours, the undersigned delivered Signal Corps Pigeon (dead) "Geronimo", unopened, in its original dry ice carton and Signal Corps Pigeon "Liles Boy" in its lucite case, to Mr. Fred Huber, Taxidermist, 1903 State Highway 71, Belmar, N.J. (about 1 mile south on Route 71, past the intersection of Route 71 and Route 35, on left hand side of Route 71), Tel. 91-681-0643. Mr. Huber inspected "Geronimo" and stated that the pigeon was in such a state of decomposition that he would not advise stuffing the pigeon. He guessed that when "Geronimo" died, he was already in poor condition and that between the time of death and time of shipment, further decay caused irreparable damage. He advised that the pigeon be destroyed. The undersigned informed him that he would consult with Miss Helen C. Phillips, Chief, Museum and Historical Office, for the final decision. Mr. Huber said he could repair "Liles Boy" at the cost of \$8.00. The undersigned said he would call the next day (Friday) and give Mr. Huber the final word. After consultation the next day, Miss Phillips suggested that a call be made to Mr. Otto Meyer (Tel. 747-3411), Chief of Fort Monmouth Pigeon Division until its disbandment, and an expert in this field. Mr. Meyer suggested that we take Mr. Huber's advice and have the pigeon destroyed. The undersigned called Mr. Huber at 1650 hours and told him to destroy the bird, and to make a Memo for Record of this action. On 13 Jul 64, when the undersigned first delivered the pigeons, Mr. Huber informed him that "Liles Boy" would be ready in about two weeks, or earlier, sometime between 26 Aug or 28 Aug 64. He presented the bill for \$8.00 and said he would call Miss Phillips when the pigeon was ready.

2. When call is received from Mr. Huber, take bill for pigeon and go to Building 292, see Mr. Canavo, Ext. 23192, and receive \$8.00 in cash to pay Mr. Huber. Pick up "Liles Boy" including lucite case, get receipt for "Liles Boy" and Memo on destruction of "Geronimo".

Stephen Podlusk
STEPHEN PODLUSKY

DISPOSITION FORM

(AR 340-15)

OFFICE SYMBOL OR FILE REFERENCE

SIGLOG-IC

SUBJECT

Request No. F-4226-058

XX THRU Area Sup Officer

FROM C, Sup Br, SMF Div
Log, USASCS

DATE 23 Sept 62 CMT 1

TO HR Account 40

mm/23192

Following status as received from Central Supply Office is furnished for information and guidance:

BB - Item back-ordered, estimated date of release _____

BD - Item delayed. Supply action being continued, estimated date of release _____

BE - Item being procured for direct shipment to consignee. Date of release of materiel for shipment is _____

Other *Cancelled. See attached memo from taxidermist.*

William Pieklik
WILLIAM PIEKLIK

CWO, W-4, USA
C, Sup Br, SMF Div, Log

REQUEST FOR ISSUE OR TURN-IN		X	ISSUE	SHEET NO. 1	5. REQUEST NUMBER F-4226-058	
1. FROM: Central Supply Office Acct A-15330		6. DATE MATERIEL REQUIRED 26 Aug 64		7. PRIORITY C		
2. TO: Sup, Maint & Fac Div, LOG, USASCS Ser #003 H/R 40 (21210000) X21572		8. VOUCHER NUMBER 03-4226-058		9. POSTED DATE BY		
3. ACCOUNTING AND FUNDING DATA 2110.0100 2110.1251.00000-00.0000						

ITEM NO.	STOCK NUMBER, DESCRIPTION, AND CODING OF MATERIEL AND/OR SERVICES	QUANTITY	SUPPLY ACTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
<u>SERVICE REQUEST</u>					
Request the following service be performed:					
1.	Pigeon to be stuffed for preservation and Display in U.S. Army Signal Corps Museum Name: GERONIMO: Historical significance: Oldest known pigeon of the Signal Pigeon Division surviving WWII.	1		\$20.00 est	\$20.00 est
2.	Pigeon to be repaired to original condition. To be displayed in U. S. Army Signal Corps Museum Name: LILES BOY. Pigeon who flew the greatest messages in WWII	1		\$8.00 est	\$8.00 est
JUSTIFICATION: These two pigeons are to be added to a new and enlarged display in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Museum relating to the History of Pigeons in the Signal Corps.					
NAME OF TAXIDERMIST: Mr. Fred Huber 1903 State Highway No. 71 Belmar, New Jersey Tel 91-681-0643					
NOTE: If additional technical information is required contact Miss Phillips X22445.					
SHEET TOTAL					\$28.00

*ISSUE - I-Initial; R-Replacement		TURN-IN - U-Unserviceable; S-Serviceable		GRAND TOTAL	
10. ISSUE OR TURN-IN OF QUANTITIES IN "QUANTITY" COLUMN IS REQUESTED	DATE 13 Aug 64	BY W. CANNAVO, PBO	11. RECEIVED QUANTITIES IN "SUPPLY ACTION" COLUMN	DATE	BY

FREDERICK E. HUBER - TAXIDERMIST

1983 HIGHWAY NO. 71

BELMAR, NEW JERSEY

8/13/64

On Aug 13th Mr. Steve Paslovski of
the U. S. Army Signal Co. Museum
brought in a pigeon for us to
mount.

This bird was shipped to the museum
from the West Coast, and it should
have arrived in good condition.

The package was opened in our
Studio in the presence of Mr.
Paslovski and the bird was found
to be partly decomposed. The entire
head, neck and shoulders of this
bird was in such condition that
it could not be mounted.

So we were advised to dispose
of it.

We have salvaged the leg bands
found on the bird. They are
enclosed with this memo.

Sincerely
Fred Huber