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16 JUN 50

ADJUSTMENT OF RECORDS  
ON X-NUMBER CASES

X-NUMBER OR NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER

X-88

CEMETERY

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PLOT

E

ROW

11

GRAVE

255

APPROVED IDENTIFICATION

REDESIGNATION

CANCELLATION

NEW X-NUMBER

CONSOLIDATION

REMARKS

Belgian civilians

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293 *Wak X-88 Belgium (Neuville-en-Coaday)*  
*ml* RRE. (Neuville-en-Condroz, E-11-255) 5th Ind. PJW/CHS/sk

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER  
AREA, APO 887, U.S. ARMY. 12 August 1946

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

Your attention is invited to 2nd and 4th Indorsements.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl. a/s

*Philip J. Wolf*  
PHILIP J. WOLF  
Major CMC  
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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AGRE (Neuville-en-C 4roz E-11-255)

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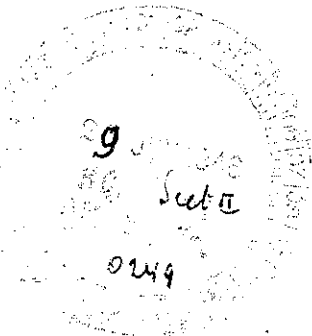
Hqs. SECTOR II, 6869th CM Bn., (Prov) APO 228 U.S. Army

28 June 1946

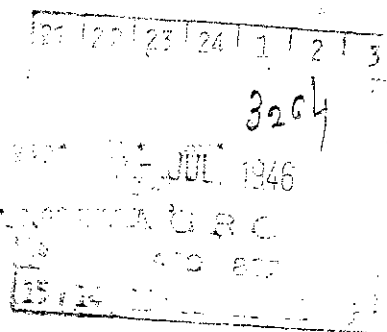
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, American Graves Registration Command, APO 887 U.S. Army.

1. 3rd. Ind. complied with.

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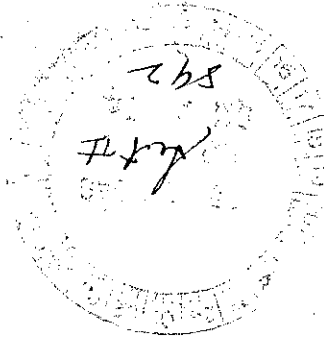


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 Asst. Adjutant



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*Paul L. McCallis*  
 Major, Inf.  
 Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.  
 PAUL L. MCCALLIS

(VER. DIST 4550 Ext. 97)

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ODELL:

4. Number X-88 will not be assigned to any future Unknown Grave.
3. It is further directed that all records on file for this Unknown be corrected accordingly and grave 255, Row 11, Plot E, be declared an open grave.
2. Upon reinterment of this Unknown in the Civilian Cemetery a receipt for the deceased will be furnished this Office.
1. It is directed that the remains now buried as Unknown X-88 (Neuille en Condroz) be disinterred and reinterred in the Citadelle Cemetery of Liege, Belgium, as requested.

10: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Sector II, American Graves Registration Command, APO 776, U. S. Army.

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA, APO 887, U. S. ARMY, 8 June 1946.

AGRRE (Neuille en Condroz, E-11-255) 3rd Ind. PIM/lp/pr

Neuville-E-11-255

2nd Ind.

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Hq., Sector II, AGRC., 6869th QM BN (Prov), APO 776, US Army, 16 May 1946/

TO: Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Command, APO 887/

1. Compliance with 1st Ind. is being withheld pending further advice from your Headquarters.

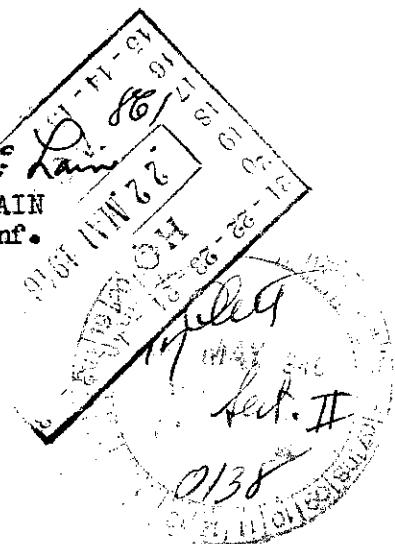
2. The Director of the Citadelle Cemetery of Liege, Belgium, has contacted Neuville-en-Condroz U.S. Military Cemetery, requesting that the remains now buried as X-88, be returned to Citadelle Cemetery.

3. Inasmuch as the remains are probably those of a Belgian civilian, it is desirable to comply with this request if possible.

4. It is requested that your Hq. give us instructions concerning the disposition of this case.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*L. S. McLain*  
L. S. McLAIN  
Capt. Inf.  
Adjutant



*X-88*  
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AGRE (Neuville-en-Condruz, F-11-255) 1st Ind. PIM/IFF/sk

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA  
APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 1st May 1946

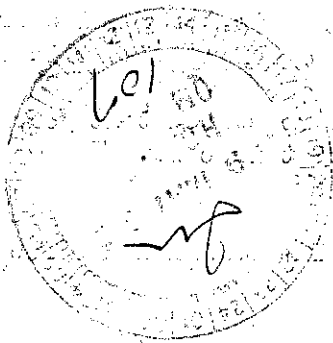
TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters, Sector II, American Graves Registration  
Command, ETA, APO 776, U.S. Army.

1. It is directed that the remains now buried as Unknown X-88 (Neuville  
en Condruz) Plot B, Row 11, Grave 255, be disinterred and reburied in an allied  
Plot.

2. Corrected Reports of Burial showing the new Plot, Row and Grave will  
be forwarded this office at the earliest practicable date.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ODELL:

*Paul L. McChillis*  
PAUL L. MCCHELLIS,  
Major, Infantry,  
Assistant Adjutant.



Tel: VER. DIST: 4550. EXT: 97.

HEADQUARTERS, SECTOR 11  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
6839th QM BN (Prov)

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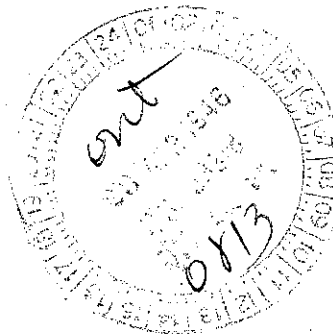
APO 776, US ARMY  
April 20, 1946

SUBJECT: Reference Case No. (Belgium 3) 4753.

TO : Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration  
Command, European Theater, APO 887, U.S. ARMY.

1. Attached communication forwarded to this Headquarters from 531 Q.M. Group .
2. In view of the evidence that Unk. X-88 has been determined not to be an American soldier, it is believed he is a Belgian.
3. Request your organization disposition of X-88.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



*L.S. McLain*  
L.S. McLAIN  
Capt. Inf.  
Adjutant

AGRRE (Neuville-en-Condroz, E-11-255)

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA,  
APO 887, U.S. ARMY. 20 March 1946.

TO : The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. In reference to basic communication, your attention is invited to letter this headquarters, subject "Isolated Burials", dated 8 March 1946, a copy of which is inclosed.

2. Check list and tooth chart for Unknown X-88 (Neuville-en-Condroz) are inclosed.

3. No similarity exists between inclosed Flying Personnel Dental Identification Form for Sgt Sofferman and tooth chart for Unknown X-88.

4. Your attention is also invited to inclosed statement by S/Sgt. Vinson W. Wright, ASN 32859938 which sets forth the conditions under which the remains of Unknown X-88 were received at the cemetery.

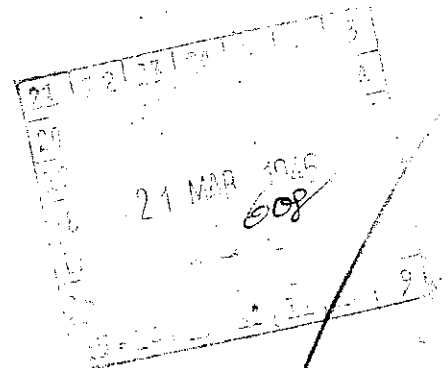
5. It is believed that the remains of Unknown X-88 are those of a Belgian civilian, and that the remains of Sgt. Sofferman are still buried at the Citadel, Liege, Belgium.

6. As soon as additional information is received, your office will be notified.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

5 Incl. a/s

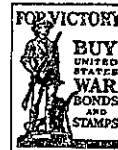
*F. J. Gerace*  
F. J. GERACE  
Lt. Col. QMC  
Assistant Adjutant



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IN REPLY REFER TO

SPQYG 293

Unknown X-88

(Neuville-en-Condroz) Belgium

ARMY SERVICE FORCES

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

8 March 1946

SUBJECT: Information Required for Graves Registration

TO : Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area, Versailles, France  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York



1. Reference is made to Dental Chart submitted with Report of Burial dated 13 May 1945, for Unknown X-88, buried in U. S. Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, Plot E, Row 11, Grave 255.
2. From information received, it has been tentatively determined that the Unknown is Sgt. Abe. SOFFERMAN, 32 436 994.
3. Tooth Chart for Unknown deceased shows L-6 and L-14 missing, however, War Department records for Sofferman indicate, L-6 and R-14 as missing.
4. It is requested that records of your headquarters be rechecked for verification of the tooth chart submitted.

T. B. DARKIN

Major General

The Quartermaster General

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HEADQUARTERS  
DET "C" 3045th QM G. R. CO.  
APO #562 U.S. ARMY.

15 May 1945

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Acting in accordance with information received from GR/E Division, 58th QM Depot, APO 350, U.S. Army, that the body of an American aviator, in a coffin, was ready for removal from The Citadel, Liege, Belgium, the undersigned went to The Citadel and upon investigation the following information was obtained:

In the yard of the Citadel are many graves of Belgian patriots killed by the Germans. The bodies are in the process of being disinterred - this work being done by a M. Huyghen, member of the Belgium Red Cross. The undersigned contacted M. Huyghen and learned that the information in his possession regarding Unknown X-88 had been obtained from a M. Georges Laurent, Rue de la Liberte #3, Liege, Belgium, who had personally known Unknown X-88. It was suggested that M. Huyghen arrange a meeting between the undersigned and M. Laurents; this was accomplished on 14 May 1945 and the following story obtained from M. Laurents.

M. Georges Laurents stated that he had made a visit to the Citadel and had positively identified Unknown X-88 as one ABE SOFFERMANS whom he had known in February 1944. During February 1944, while M. Laurents was a member of the Maquis, there came into their camp two American aviators. This camp was located at St. Antoine (Harre) Belgium. During their stay at the camp the two American aviators disclosed to M. Laurents that the Liberator they were flying had been shot down in the vicinity of Houffalize, Forest of St. Jean, Belgium after a raid on Frankfort S/Main and that they were attempting to make their way back to England. M. Laurents stated that one of the aviators identified himself as Lt. Harold Penders, home Pittsburg, Pa., and the other aviator identified himself as Abe Soffermans, home New York. Neither would disclose their flight command. M. Laurents states that they arrived in camp dressed in civilian clothes as a protection against detection by Germans. Lt. Harold Penders stated to M. Laurents that he was the Pilot of the Liberator and Abe Soffermans the radio technician. Abe Soffermans further advanced the fact that in civilian life he was an accountant and of Jewish faith.

M. Laurents stated that on 26 February 1944 the camp was surrounded by Germans and among those killed was Abe Soffermans. Lt. Harold Penders was taken prisoner by the Germans. The bodies of those killed were taken by the Germans to the Citadel and buried. M. Laurents had no further information regarding Lt. Harold Penders.

M. Georges Laurent is a professor in the public schools of Liege.

*Vinson W. Wright*  
Vinson W. Wright, S/Sgt.  
32859938

706-Soffermans, Abe, T/Sgt. 1st Ind.  
REGIONAL HOSPITAL FORT JAY NEW YORK

/im  
15 February 1946

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

THRU: The Commanding Officer, Fort Jay, New York.

1. Your attention is invited to paragraphs 3 and 4, basic communication.

2. Thorough search of files in this hospital fails to reveal any hospitalization or dental treatment for T/Sgt. Abe Soffermans.

For the Commanding Officer:

*William Dennis*  
WILLIAM DENNIS  
1st Lt. PC  
Registrar

2nd Ind. /prw  
COMMANDING OFFICER, FORT JAY, NEW YORK, 18 February 1946.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

Thorough search of files at this Headquarters fails to disclose any records for T/Sgt. Abe Soffermans.

For the Commanding Officer:

*M. B. Corman*  
M. B. CORMAN,  
Captain, AGD,  
Asst. Post Dir. Persl.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO SPOYG 293  
Unknown X-88  
(Neuville-en-Condroz)  
Belgium

12 February 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commanding Officer  
Fort Jay, New York  
  
ATTENTION: Post Surgeon

1. An investigation is being conducted by this office to determine, if possible, the identity of an Unknown American Soldier.
2. From information received, it has been tentatively determined that the unknown is T/Sgt. Abe SOFFERMANS, 32 436 994, Air Corps.
3. It is requested that this office be advised if available records show whether or not dental work was performed for this soldier while on duty at your station, and if so, a copy of Form 79, Medical Department be furnished with a view to definitely establishing the identity of the Unknown.
4. It is also requested that this office be advised to what camp T/Sgt. Soffermans was transferred from Fort Jay.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

*Arthur S. Rosengard*

ARTHUR S. ROSENGARD  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Assistant

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ARTHUR S. ROSENGARD  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Assistant

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*Yes Soffermans, Abe (T/Sgt. 32,436 994)*

**MEMO ROUTING SLIP**

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
1	The Adjutant General's Office Demobilized Personnel Branch			DATE
2	209 South Main Street, High Point, North Carolina			
3	293 Unknown X-88 - Belgium			

*(Neuville-en-Controz)*

**Unknown X-88  
Neuville-en-Controz**

**For necessary action.**

**C. C. PIERCE  
Captain, QMC  
Assistant**

1 Incl:  
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*X-293 Suffermans, Abe  
ASN 32,436,994*

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
	<b>MEMORIAL DIVISION</b>			<b>24 Sept 45</b>
	<b>Graves Registration</b>			
	<b>Identification</b>		<b>1136 "C"</b>	<b>2462</b>

W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115  
1 October 1944

This Form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115, 23 March 1944,  
which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.