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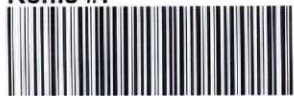
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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

AMERSON, LEONARD C

RANK

TEC 5

SERIAL NUMBER

34263729

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

5 OCT 45

AREA OF DEATH

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

M. COX

DATE

30 JAN 51

NAME OF REVIEWER


BOWMAN

DATE

30 JAN 51

REMARKS

## NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, Vic of St. Anthonis, Holland		CASE NUMBER 14901
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>Amerson, Leonard C.</i>	RANK T/5	SERIAL NUMBER 34 263 729
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:		
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		INITIALS OF ANALYST <i>G-m.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		<i>G-m.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		
REMARKS		
		
<b>NAN File</b> <b>JAN 2 5 1951</b> <i>[Signature]</i> <b>Identification Branch</b>		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>[Signature]</i>
		DATE

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IDENTIFICATION BRANCH  
 JAN 25 1951  
 3770



<b>NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL</b>	CASE NUMBER <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;">14901 (1)</div>
	AREA OR ZONE(S) <div style="text-align: center;">European</div>

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Amerson, Leonard C;</div>	RANK <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">T/5</div>	SERIAL NUMBER <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">34 263 729</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.)

Individual Case

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	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	<i>AWK</i>	2. <del>REPORT OF DEATH</del> b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>AWK</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>AWK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>AWK</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>AWK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>AWK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		<i>AWK</i>

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:

See Tab-A for result of comparisons with Unknowns associated with this decedent.

**NAN  
File**  
**JAN 25 1951**  
*[Signature]*  
**Identification Branch**

NAME OF CASE ANALYST <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>A. Kennedy</i></div> <div style="font-weight: bold;">A. Kennedy/cwt</div>	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>W. A. Wolf</i></div> <div style="font-weight: bold;">W. A. WOLF</div>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>C. C. Wasson</i></div> <div style="font-weight: bold;">C. C. WASSON, Capt QMC</div>	APPROVED CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Thomas E. Cox</i></div> <div style="font-weight: bold;">THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC</div>	DATE <div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>20 Jan 51</i></div>
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**CONTROLLED CASE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAME		GRADE	SERIAL NO.
AMERSON, Leonard C.		T/5	34 263 729
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials) Capt Lay	
UNKNOWN	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO.	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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**IMPORTANT**

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 299 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION.  
ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

25 Oct 50

HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

#14901

Proceeding of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO 108, headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 17 OCT 50. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE No.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
	AMERSON, Leonard C.	T/5	54 263 729

**FINDINGS:** The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, O-41448 TC

JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Maj. O-1576321 QMC

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. O-1289071 QMC

CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311 QMC

HENRY F. MYERS, CWO, W-2104773 USA



HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GR0P 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following case:

NAME: AMERSON, Leonard C. T/5 34 263 729

ORGANIZATION: Company "A", 17th Tank Bn, 7th  
Armd, Div.

DATE OF DEATH: 4 October 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of St Anthonis, Holland

SYNOPSIS: The above named casualty was reported in the Casualty Clearance Plan Report, dated 28 August 1945, as missing in action on the date cited above. Referenced report indicates he was a crew member of a tank which was struck by anti-tank fire southeast of St Anthonis, Holland, after having been surrounded by enemy forces.

Tank crew member S/Sgt Frank E. Wolfe, in a statement, dated 18 August 1945 states: "I was car commander of the tank in which T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34262729 was my driver. My platoon leader was 2/Lt Dwight W. Rappleye. Our company was the assault company and my platoon was the assault platoon. The attack moved out over swampy, ravined, and wooded terrain. We moved to within approximately 500 yards of our final objective, when the company was met by intense anti-tank, artillery and mortar fire. My tank was hit by an anti-tank gun across the right fender. Thinking the tank was immobilized, the crew abandoned the tank all except the gunner. The gunner, Pfc Denton C. Stroud drove the tank around and the rest of the dismounted crew, except T/5 Amerson, got back into the tank and rode it out of the enemy line of fire."

GROP 293.9  
SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

Four (4) of the crew members S/Sgt Frank E. Wolfe, Cpl Rolie D. Holcomb, Pfc Denton C. Stroud and Pvt Robert S. Roman were returned to US military control.

No further information is on file at this headquarters or OQMG Washington, D. C., concerning the subject casualty, although T/5 Amerson was last seen uninjured and outside of the tank he was never reported as a prisoner of war by any source official or unofficial.

Field Investigation conducted on 10 June 1947, failed to locate the remains or provide clues as to ultimate disposition. All attempts to associate recovered unknowns with subject casualty proved negative.

In view of the above facts presented, it can only be concluded that T/5 Leonard C. Amerson was killed by the enemy and his remains disposed of in an unknown manner and location which precludes recovery or identification.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; Casualty Clearance Plan dated 28 August 1945 with statement S/Sgt Frank E. Wolfe; Narrative Report of Field Investigation dated 10 June 1947; On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

2. It is recommended that the remains based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

*C. W. Steinsiek*  
C. W. STEINSIEK *TC*  
Captain, OMC

HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS)

29 August 1950

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2. PAC, Ltr WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

LT COL ROBERT D. MILLER,	TC.,	O 41 448,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MAC FARLAND,	QMC.,	O 1 576 321	
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.,	QMC.,	O 1 289 071	
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK,	QMC.,	O 1 040 311	
CWO HENRY F. MYERS,	USA,	W 2 104 778	

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MULVANITY:

ROBERT K. COLE,  
CWO USA,  
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ ROBERT K. COLE,  
CWO USA,  
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY

*Robert G. Lay*  
ROBERT G. LAY  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

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X- 1201 Identified  
X- 1209 Comparison not favorable  
X- 1212 Identified  
X- 1215 Identified  
X- 1217 Identified  
X- 1228 Identified  
X- 1230 Comparison not favorable  
X- 1231 Remains Fragmentary  
X- 1234 Remains Fragmentary  
X- 1243 Identified  
X- 1929 Identified  
X- 2065 Identified  
X- 2164 Identified  
X- 2775 Identified  
X- 2795 Identified  
X- 2797 Identified  
X- 2798 Identified  
X- 2799 Remains fragmentary  
X- 2800 Comparison not favorable

Neuville-en-Condroz

X- 125 No such grave  
X- 3314 Comparison not favorable  
X- 3323 Comparison not favorable  
X- 3330 Group burial- Identified  
X- 3367 Comparison not favorable

(Holland 5767)

HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
REGISTRATION DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Request for Information

2 August 1950

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D.C.  
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 and 293 file, your office, pertaining to T/5 Leonard C. AMERSON, 34263729.

2. It is requested that <sup>293</sup>2/Lt Dwight W. RAPPLEYE, 01016209, who was the leader of the platoon of which T/5 Amerson was the leader, and who was captured in the same incident in which T/5 Amerson was missing in action, be contacted for information as to whether T/5 Amerson was also a POW or killed in action and whether any grave location can be ascertained.

3. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR.  
Major QMC  
Registration Division

QMGMS 293  
Amerson, Leonard C.  
ASN 34263729

1st Ind

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D.C., 6 September 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7667 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Reply from Dwight W. Rappleye simply states that he is unable to furnish any information pertaining to subject decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

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AIRMAIL

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(Holland 5787)

HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
REGISTRATION DIVISION  
APO 757 (Lizee) US ARMY

GRV 233.9  
5 August 1950

SUBJECT: Request for information

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D.C.  
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to OMG Form 371 and 393 file, your office, pertaining to T/S Leonard G. AMERSON, 34263729.
2. It is requested that S/Lt Dwight W. RAFFLEY, O101609, who was the leader of the platoon of which T/S AMERSON was the leader, and who was captured in the same incident in which T/S AMERSON was missing in action, be contacted for information as to whether T/S AMERSON was also POW or killed in action and whether any grave location can be ascertained.
3. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR.  
Major  
OMG  
Registration Division

MAIL ROOM  
RECORDS DIVISION  
AUG 11 1950

OMG 233  
Amerson, Leonard G.  
ASN 34263729

Dept of the Army, OMC, Washington 25, D.C.  
TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, New York, New York  
Any information pertaining to subject should be furnished to the undersigned.

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THOMAS E. COX  
Capt  
OMG  
Memorial Division

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## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE <b>15 August 1950</b>	
FROM ( <i>Branch and Section</i> ) <b>Ident Br., Search Info Sec.</b>	REQUESTED BY <b>Hospel</b>	TEL. EXT. <b>72000</b>	ROOM NO. <b>1534-B</b>
NAME OF DECEDENT ( <i>Last, First, Middle Initial</i> ) <b>Amerson, Leonard C.</b>	RANK <b>T/5</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>34263729</b>	

## INFORMATION REQUIRED

Request current mailing address of:

Rappleye, Dwight W. 2/Lt. O-1016209

Ltr #854

## INFORMATION FURNISHED

Address: 5050 Ledge Avenue  
Burbank, California

**FILE**  
**SEP 13 1950**  
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PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (*Signature*)

*R.*  
DONALD A. RENNER  
Captain, QMC *(S.M.D.)*

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMS 293

21 August 1950

Amerson, Leonard C.

SN 34 263 729

Mr. Dwight W. Rappleye  
5050 Ledge Avenue  
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Rappleye:

The Graves Registration Service in Europe has requested that you be contacted for all possible information surrounding the death of T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, who was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can furnish any information relative to the following questions:

1. When and where did you last see T/5 Amerson?
2. Do you know whether or not he was taken prisoner?
3. Do you have any knowledge as to how he was killed, the place of death and grave location?

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX  
Capt., QMC  
Memorial Division

1 Incl  
Penalty Envelope

THOMAS E. COX  
Capt. QMC

Dear Sir:

I regret that I am unable to give any information about T/5 Amerson.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight W. Rappleye



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



21 August 1950

IN REPLY REFER TO

ORMS 533

Amerson, Leonard C.  
SN 24 263 739

Mr. Dwight W. Rappleye  
5050 Ledge Avenue  
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Rappleye:

The Graves Registration Service in Europe has requested that you be contacted for all possible information surrounding the death of T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, who was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can furnish any information relative to the following questions:

1. When and where did you last see T/5 Amerson?
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THOMAS E. GUNN  
Capt. GMC  
Dear Sir:

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Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*

AIRMAIL

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 QMGMS 293

1st Ind

GRS European

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 19 September 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Inclosed herewith are photostatic copies of all dental information available for the following:

Aiello, Michael	16055052
Barker, Delford W.	38556426
Barras, James J.	38264750
Bonds, Howard T.	34272642
Dew, Robert G.	17067016
Donals, Robert L.	32471788
Dover, Roland V., Jr.	O-481609
Matus, Rudolph W.	36433558
Mueller, William W.	37514904
Pease, Carl E.	11014727
Richardson, Jeff B.	38381542
Sersha, John P.	37580467
Slade, Melvin H.	36752091
Spector, Sidney M.	42057879
Tompkins, Tom T.	38356901
Wiening, Paul G.	O-520508
Yenner, Thomas R.	O-2056513

2. Dental information for the following individuals is as submitted on OQMG Forms 371. There are no Forms 79 available for these individuals:

Alfonso, Jafet	32002285
x-293 <del>Amerson, Leonard C.</del>	<del>34263729</del>
Clawson, Harry A.	19106658
Collier, Garland W.	39849456
Davenport, William G.	35456698
Haag, Edward J.	16023866

3. Reference is made to letter this Office dated 28 July 1949, file QMGMS 293 GRS European, subject: Additional Information for dental information on Biondo, Anthony P., 35610513 and Martin, James O., O-686649.

4. All dental information on Biggs, Cecil W., O-671490 was forwarded by letter this Office dated 2 February 1949, file QMGMS 293 Biggs, Cecil W., O-671490, subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

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5. Cloud, Williem S., 35357679, is not a casualty according to records of this Office. Report of Death for subject individual was cancelled 27 November 1943.
6. For dental information for Collins, Richard K., O-393514, see letter this Office dated 17 May 1949, file QMMS 293 GRS European, subject: Additional Information.
7. For dental information on Collette, William H., O-669424 see 1st Indorsement this Office dated 3 February 1949, file QMMS 293 Collette, William H., O-669424, subject: Request for Information.
8. All available dental information for Johnson, Nathan Jr., 35654663 and Rosenkrantz, David 39018039 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement dated 4 March 1949, file QMMS 293 GRS (European), subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased.
9. There are no Forms 79 available for Kelly, Raymond P., 36879533. DSS Form 221 dated 4 September 1943 shows teeth missing R-16, L-8, 16.
10. All available dental information for Lillard, Thomas J., O-1319902 was forwarded your headquarters by letter dated 15 June 1949, file QMMS 293 Lillard, Thomas J., O-1319902, subject: Investigation for Recovery of Remains.
11. Information requested on Melendez, Timoteo G., 38441216 will be forwarded your headquarters in reply to cable 4404 dated 29 June 1949.
12. All available dental information for Miller, Harry L., 6279215 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement this Office dated 30 March 1949, file QMMS 293 Miller, Harry L., 6279215.
13. All available dental information for Sweat, Ellis J., 34531017 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement this Office dated 24 February 1949, file QMMS 293 Sweat, Ellis J., 34531017.
14. For all available dental information for Weber, Norman L., O-1314983 reference is made to letter this Office dated 13 April 1949, file QMMS 293 GRS (European), subject: Additional Information.
15. Dental report for Buren, Clifford L., 39312844 and Shaw, Robert W., O-887922 is incomplete. If any additional dental is received in this Office it will be forwarded your headquarters.

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

16. Records of Donalds, Robert L., 32471788 indicates an old fracture of nose.

17. Records for Pease, Carl E., 11014727 indicates fracture upper third right fibula, simple, complete.

18. Records of Dover, Roland V. Jr., O-481608 indicates fracture left arm - lower one-third.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

17 Incls:  
1-17 Photo cys of  
Dental Records

T. H. METZ  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

*MC* AMERSON, LEONARD C.

GRADE

*a*

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

34263729

ORGANIZATION

RACE

*W*

CREED

*Baptist  
Protestant*

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

*5ft 10 3/4*

WEIGHT

*142*

COLOR EYES

*Brown*

COLOR HAIR

*Brown*

SHOE SIZE

*9-C*

INDUCTION DENTAL CHART

DATE

*9 Mar 1942*

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

*None*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



**FILE**  
**SEP 14 1949**  
**Capt. G. W. Flowers**  
**Identification Branch**

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) AMERSON, LEONARD G.		GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 3-503729	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (if applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA		CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF FOD		WEIGHT		COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
HEIGHT		SHOE SIZE			
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 - Extended		O - Casts		I - Casts Not Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARKS		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					



QMGMS 293  
Amerson, Leonard C.  
SN 34 263 729

21 August 1950

Mr. Dwight W. Rappleye  
5050 Ledge Avenue  
Burbank, California

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The Graves Registration Service in Europe has requested that you be contacted for all possible information surrounding the death of T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, who was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can furnish any information relative to the following questions:

1. When and where did you last see T/5 Amerson?
2. Do you know whether or not he was taken prisoner?
3. Do you have any knowledge as to how he was killed, the place of death and grave location?

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

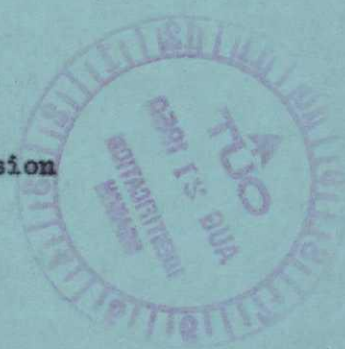
Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX  
Capt., GMC  
Memorial Division

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LAWSON, Leonard G.  
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Mr. Dwight S. Haggarty  
2000 Lodge Avenue  
Durham, California

Dear Mr. Haggarty:

The Graves Registration Service in Europe has requested that you be contacted for all possible information surrounding the death of T/S Leonard G. Lawson, Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, who was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can furnish any information relative to the following questions:

1. When and where did you last see T/S Lawson?
2. Do you know whether or not he was taken prisoner?
3. Do you have any knowledge as to how he was killed, the place of death and grave location?

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,



THOMAS H. COX  
Capt., GPO  
Memorial Division

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 AG 201 Amerson, Leonard G.  
 34263729 (25 Oct 49)

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25 October 1949

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance  
 of T/5 Leonard G. Amerson, 34263729.

1. T/5 Leonard G. Amerson, 34263729, Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, was reported missing in action in Holland on 4 October 1944 by ETO Ship-ment No. 219. Under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act, a finding of death was made in this case, which showed the presumed date of death as 5 October 1945 (S. R. & D. No. 4266).

2. The AG 201 file of T/5 Amerson contains a 7th Indorsement, dated 1 September 1945, from the Commanding General, European Theater, trans-mitting a report of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Corporal Amerson. The report states that Corporal Amerson was a driver of a tank which was ordered to support infantry units in an attack on Overloon, Holland, on 4 October 1944. The following named men comprised the remainder of the 5-man crew:

S Sgt	Frank E. Wolfe	36 037 345	
Pvt	Robert S. Roman	39 114 738	Tank Commander
Cpl	Romeo D. Holcomb	35 264 989	Assistant Driver
Pfc	Dention C. Stroud	35 280 789	Cannoneer Gunner

Company A had the mission of attacking a wooded section southeast of St. Antonis, Holland, and securing it. While in the vicinity of Overloon, the tank sustained a hit from enemy anti-tank fire and the crew, with the ex-ception of PFC Stroud, evacuated the tank. PFC Stroud re-started the tank and turned it around. All members of the crew, except Corporal Amerson, got back into the tank, and rode it out of the enemy line of fire. Corporal Amerson was last seen by the tank commander when they were both on the ground outside the tank. Another tank in the platoon was disabled by anti-tank fire and the platoon leader was captured. The survivors expressed the belief that Corporal Amerson had been captured since the platoon commander was captured, and the platoon had by-passed enemy infantry toward the rear before the platoon was fired upon. They were unable to regain the lost ground and, therefore, had no opportunity to search for casualties. The enemy artillery and anti-tank fire had been intense, and Company A lost 8 out of 12 tanks which were in the attack.

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Capt., GAC

Identification Dept.

AG 201 Amerson, Leonard C.  
34263729 (25 Oct 49)

3. There is no further information available regarding Corporal Amerson. He was never reported a prisoner of war, nor can any reference to him be found in captured German records. There is no burial report for him on file in the office of The Quartermaster General.

4. Inasmuch as it cannot be determined whether Corporal Amerson was killed in action or was captured and died at a later date, it is concluded that the circumstances do not warrant the issuance of a report of death under the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

L. H. Muncaster  
Investigator

CONCUR:



JAMES A. FRIX  
Captain, AGD  
Asst. OIC, Det. & Review Unit  
Casualty Section  
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

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NARRATIVE REPORT10 June 1947

Investigations in the St. Antonus and Overloon Areas revealed that a total number of 26 tanks still remained in these communities as a result of the battles there in October 1944.

Below is a list of these tanks, giving location, serial numbers, names, and the investigator's findings on each one. This list is compiled from information received from the town halls of St. Antonis and Overloon, and from various individuals contacted.

## 1. Two tanks, American model in British Service:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
T 148021	Not applicable	Not applicable
T 263186	" "	" "

These tanks put out of action in September 1944 at Oploo, Community of St. Antonis.

## 2. Two tanks, American, located Peelkant, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036782	7/ 40/ A5	Able Abe
USA 3033368	7/ 40/ A16	Not visible

## 3. Four tanks, American, located in Vortum, Overloon:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
-----22871*	7/ 31/ B15	Not visible
USA 3033274	7/ 31/ B7	Boomerang
USA 3022896	7/ 31/ B6	Bull-Dog, Radio 528
USA 3022891	7/ 434 F HQ 23	Paper Doll

Search of tank USA 3033274 revealed the possible presence of human remains. Search of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

\*Number not totally visible--probably USA 302287 1.

Holland 5767

COMMUNITY OF VIERLINGSBEEK

Vierlingsbeek, 11 March 1947

The Burgomaster of the Community of Vierlingsbeek declares that there are no data at the Town Hall here concerning the location of the grave in this community of:

Tec/5 Leonard C. ANDERSON, 34263729.

He further declares that at least 13 destroyed tanks of American type are lying in the Community of Vierlingsbeek, to which six other village belong. The location of these 13 tanks is as follows:

1. 2 tanks at Overloon, district of Peelkant;
2. 4 tanks at Vortum;
3. 2 tanks in the War Museum at Overloon;
4. 1 tank at the border of the "Duivenbosch" at Overloon;
5. 1 tank at the Pritterscheweg at Overloon;
6. 3 tanks Heikantsveld at Overloon (of which 1 tank on the field of J. Koenen, and 2 tanks on the field of M. van Hil).

With reference to no. 1: we were informed that parts of a human body still are in the tank. We supposed it to be one of the crew members.

With reference to no. 2: it is very possible that there still are remains in one of the tanks. No remains are found in the other three tanks. All four were destroyed on 3 October 1944 during the fights near Overloon.

With reference to No. 5: In February 1945 the remains of one of the crew members were found and buried in the immediate vicinity. Some time later a second body was found which also was buried near the tank. The first grave (of the first deceased) was marked with a wooden cross of which the inscription is not known anymore at the Town Hall. The grave of the second deceased was also marked with a cross on which the inscription: "Unknown American Driver 3011069. In June 1945 these bodies were disinterred by American soldiers and removed to Margraten.

With reference to No. 6: These three tanks were destroyed in the beginning of October 1944, during the Battle of Overloon. No trace of any remains of the occupants was found in these tanks.

THE BURGOMASTER OF VIERLINGSBEEK  
s/t/ H. van Daal.  
Clerk at the Registrar's office.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

*Orland W. Carroza*  
ORLAND W. CARROZA  
1st Lt. Inf

*Peter J. F. du Bois*  
PETER J. F. du BOIS  
Investigator  
4527 QM Serv Co (AC)

COMMUNITY OF OPLOO

St. Anthonis, 27 Febr. 1947

The burgomaster of Oploo declares, that the remains of the American soldier AMERSON, Leonard, killed on 4 October 1944 in this Community, not is buried here.

It is known, that the soldiers, who got killed between the front at Oploo and Overloon, were brought together in a Cemetery at Oploo, were they were buried. Afterwards, already in 1945, all bodies were disinterred and removed to the Cemeteries of Margraten, ( the Americans) and Mierlo (the English).

The Burgomaster of Oploo  
For him

/s/ W. Verschuren.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

*Dwight B. Hartman*  
Dwight B. Hartman  
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

*E. de Wijs*  
E. de Wijs,  
4527 QM Service Co.

STATEMENT

The undersigned declares, that the soldier Leonard G.  
AMERSON, never was buried in the Cemetery of St. Antonius.

/s/ A. van Delft  
Priest

St. Antonius, Feb '47

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

*Dwight B. Harrison*  
Dwight B. Harrison  
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

*E. de Wijs*  
E. de Wijs,  
4527 G. Service Co.

Group State Police  
Post St. Anthonis

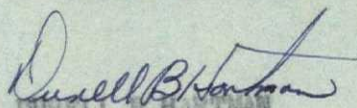
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STATEMENT

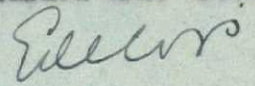
I, the undersigned, Gerardus Hendrikus Maria Vervoort, Sergeant of the State Police, belonging to above mentioned Group, herewith declare, that I cannot give any information concerning Leonard C. AMERSON, 34263729, Co. "A" 17th Tank Bn 7th Armd, Div., who probably got killed on 4 Oct. 1944 in the vicinity of the Community of Overloon.

The Sergeant  
/s/t/ G. VERVOORT.

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DUELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

  
E. de Wijs,  
4527 QM Service Co.



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STATE POLICE OF  
OVERLOON

Overloon, 12 March 1947

STATEMENT

Undersigned, W.W. Weymans, Sergeant 1st Class of the  
State Police at Overloon, declares, that he does not know  
anything about the body of Leonard C. Amerson, 34 263 729

Sergeant 1st Class  
/s/ W.W. Weymans

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*Durrell B. Hartman*  
DURRELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

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*E. de Wijs*  
E. de Wijs  
4527 QM Service Co.

Overloon, 21 March 1947

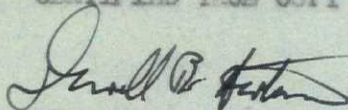
## STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, declare that on my property about 30 meters from my house is located the wreckage of an American tank. This tank was destroyed by War-actions between 2 October and 6 October 1944. On 19 October 1944 I noticed pieces of clothing around the tank, which were burned and scattered around. I personally have not seen any sign of human remains, neither during the time of the battle, nor some time later.

I don't know if there are any survivors of this tank.

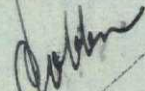
/s/ G.Jacobs  
C 253 Overloon.

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DURELL B HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation



M. Cobben  
4547 QM Service Co.

Holland 5767

STATEMENT

Undersigned declares that there are no soldiers buried in the cemetery and that to his knowledge Leonard C. Amerson never has been discovered by people in Overloon. (Comm. of Vierlingsbeek.).

Overloon, 12 March 1947

/s/ Illegible Priest.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

*Dorell B Hartman*  
DORELL B HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

*E. de Wijs*  
E. de Wijs  
4527 QM Service Co. (AC)

(Holland Case # 767, Narrative Mr. Chatelain continued)

## 8. Four tanks on the Oploesche Dijk, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036640 S	7/ 40/ B4	Not visible This tank is on property of J. Hubers.
USA ----86	7/ 40/ B5	Not visible First five numbers not visible. This tank on property of G. Jacobs.
USA 3099821	7/ 40/ B11	Big Boy 2 This tank on property of Widow v. Duinhoven.
USA 3099908	7/ 31/ C3	Not visible

9. Five tanks in the district of Hatert, Vierlingsbeek, all on the property of Jager. Three of these tanks have been totally blown up and the greater parts have been removed by scrap-iron dealers. Due to this it is impossible to obtain any identification numbers, however it can be said with certainty that these were American tanks by the parts left behind. Of the other two tanks the following information is available.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 30100099	7/ 17/ A31	Not visible
USA 3099846	Not visible	Not visible

10. One tank in the district Tuut-Heesch, Vierlingsbeek, on the property of Deenen.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3039158	7/ 17/ B9	

Statements were obtained from the town halls, local police, and parish priests, certifying that there are no records or knowledge of the interment or whereabouts of above mentioned deceased in the communities of St. Antonis and Overloon.

NB. Reference is made to Holland Case # 5738 for results of action taken on the four remains found in the tank numbers: USA 3036782, USA 3033274, USA 3011069, and USA \_\_\_\_\_.



P. CHATELAIN  
WD Civilian  
Investigator

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Identification Section  
Memorial Division

## Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade	
Amerson	Leonard	C	134263729	T/5	
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size	Date of Death
5 Ft. 10 in	142	Brown	Brown	9-C	6 Oct 45
Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)					

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

Overboon, Holland, 18 mi. Southeast of Nijmegen.

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION	DATES
Camp Polk, La	Mar. 42 to May 42
Ft. Benning, Ga	May 42 to Sept 43.

AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

Fractures and/or Breaks

Tattoos and/or Birth marks

DENTAL CHART

AS of Mar. 9, 1942

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Upper Right

Upper Left

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 (13)

Lower Right

Lower Left

X - Extracted

O - Carious

/ - Carious non-restorable

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown



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*293 Amerson, Leonard C*  
*342-63-729*

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

15 September 1947

SUBJECT: Burial Information

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

1. Reference is made to First Indorsement, this headquarters, dated 26 May 1947, concerning T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34263729. *293*
2. Inclosed herewith all documents pertaining to negative report from the field on above mentioned enlisted man.
3. Further action on this case is being taken by Unidentified Deceased Branch, this headquarters.
4. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Walter B. Morrow*  
WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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Form 371 & inclosures.

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QMGMM 293 Amerson, Leonard G. 2nd Ind.  
SN 34 263 729

WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C. 21 JUL 1947

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area  
APO 58, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

1. Reference is made to preceding correspondence.
2. Forwarded for processing in accordance with AG Letter, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 47)D-M, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl: n/c

POOLE ROGERS  
Captain, QMC  
Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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MEMORIAL DIVISION  
RECORDS BRANCH

AIR MAIL

*American, Leonard C*

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Station Hosp Co Polk, La	28 Apr 42	2 May 42	13439
Station Hosp Co Polk, La	15 Dec 42	15 Dec 42	27270 1/2
Station Hosp Ft. Benning, Ga	15 Mar 44	21 Mar 44	216935

*White*      *28 Aug 46*      *DPRB*  
 Clerk                  Date                  Branch

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

31 October 1946

In Reply Refer To  
QMGYG 293

Amerson, Leonard G.  
SN 34 263 729

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

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

1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMGYG 314.6, Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946,

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate, is OCMG Form 371 for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Amerson, Leonard G.	T/5	34 263 729

3. The attached OCMG Form 371 contains all information available from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the AG Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Clinical Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, and captured enemy documents, and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters.

4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication,

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl - Par 2  
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MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMG  
Assistant

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Amerson, Leonard C.		Tec 5	34 263 729	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co. "A" 17th Tank Bn 7th Armd Div.	White	Protestant		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
4 Oct 1944	Finding of Death	Overloon, Holland		
5 Oct 1945				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5' 10"	142	Brown	Brown	9C
DENTAL CHART				
9 Mar. 1942				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT		LOWER LEFT		
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X = Extracted		O = Cavious		I = Cavious Non-Restorable
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
NO RECORD		NO RECORD		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
AGE: 26				
He got out of a damaged tank while under enemy small arm and artillery fire Overloon, 18 miles S.E. Nijmegen, Holland.				

DDMG FORM 371  
23 SEP 46

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD \_\_\_\_\_

10 February 1947 Suspense: 25 March 1947 (Holland 2A &amp; 3A) 5767

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) AMERSON, Leonard C.		GRADE Tec 5	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34 263 729	
ORGANIZATION Co "A" 17th Tank Bn 7th Armd Div	RACE White	CREED Protestant	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 4 Oct 44	CAUSE OF DEATH Finding of Death		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Overloon, Holland	
DATE OF FOD 5 Oct 45				
HEIGHT 5' 10"	WEIGHT 142	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 9C

D E N T A L   C H A R T  
9 Mar 42

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 = Cavious
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
NO RECORD	

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 26

He got out of a damaged tank while under enemy small arm and artillery fire Overloon, 18 miles S.E. Nijmegen, Holland.

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS No. 27

Unknowns X-1212 & 1215, both of the 7th Armored Division, were recovered from the area of St.-Antonis (E-63) and Overloon (E-73) but cannot be associated with the above deceased.

Direct investigation be conducted at the above area for the recovery of the remains.

OQMG Form 371  
23 Sep 46

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD

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(Holland 5767)

GRU 293.9

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE, 551ST QM Gp. AGRC, APO 58, (LIEGE)  
US ARMY 26 June 1947

TO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 58, (Paris) US Army

1. Investigation conducted in the Overloon-St. Antonis area failed to locate the remains of T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34263729.

2. Remains of four (4) unknowns have been recently disinterred from the Groesbeek-Overloon area and evacuated to Subordinate Identification Point # 2, USMC, Margraten, Holland, under evacuation numbers IZ-1416, IZ-1407, IZ-1408 and IZ-1406.

3. The following unknowns have been previously recovered from the above area but cannot be associated with subject deceased.

Unknowns X-1201, X-1209, X-1228, X-1231, X-1234, X-1230, X-1217, X-1243, X-1229, X-2164, X-2795, X-2775, X-2797, X-2798, X-2799, X-2800, X-2065, X-1215, USMC, Margraten, Holland

Unknowns X-3323, X-3330, X125, X-3314, X-3367, USMC Neuville Em Condroz, Belgium.

4. Reports of investigation and attached statements pertaining to subject case are inclosed herewith.

8 Incl: added

1. Statement (Vierlingbeek)
2. Statement (Ophoo)
3. Statement (Van Delft)
4. Statement (Vervoort)
5. Statement (Priest, Vierlingsbeek)
6. Statement (Wetman)
7. Statement (Jacobs)
8. Narrative Report (Chatlain)

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(Basic Ltr OQMG, QMGMR 293 Amerson, Leonard C. SN 34 263 729, dtd 31 Oct 1946).

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Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Theater Area, APO 58, U S Army, 26 May 1947.

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

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of a report received from Headquarters First Zone, AGRC, dated 16 May 1947 concerning investigation being conducted for the recovery of the remains of T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34263729.

2. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:  
a/s

WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen







(Holland 5767)

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE  
551ST QM GROUP  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
APO 58 (LIEGE) US ARMY

GRU 293.9

16  
61 May 1947

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 58, US Army

1. OQMG Form 371 pertaining to Tec/5 Leonard C. AMERSON, 34263729, has been forwarded to the field 20 February 1947 for necessary action.
2. Current information received in this headquarters concerning subject case indicates that the OVERLOON area contains a heavy concentration of allied and enemy isolated burials which are being disinterred for verification.
3. Your headquarters will be furnished complete details upon completion of investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Tel: Liege 19526

TRUMAN D ECKOLS  
Major Inf  
Asst. Chief of Operations

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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4 FEB 1947

QMGMR 293  
Amerson, Leonard G., T/5  
ASN 34 263 729

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For.

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

1. Reference is made to WD, OCM Letter, file and subject as above, dated 31 October 1946, for which there is no record of receipt of a reply in this office.

2. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement on the above referred to letter within 20 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, OMC  
Assistant

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(Holland Case # 167, Narrative Mr. Chatelain cont. 1.)

4. One tank, American model in British Service, locate on Community property, Duivenbosch, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
T 148039	Not applicable	Not applicable

5. Four tanks, American, locate near the house of J.A.Hendriks, C 167, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3011069	7/ 17/ C15	Catherine-St-----
USA 339520	Not visible	Charger
USA 3099781	7/ 434/ F HQ 22	Tiger Ann 2
Not visible	7/ 17/ C12	Not visible. Gun Number: 75mm M3 4130 4 EMP ORD CORP 898 lbs 1942 Insp. D. M. G.

Inspection of tank USA 3011069 revealed the presence of human remains. However it was learned from the town hall that two bodies had previously been removed from this tank and buried near the wreckage. These were later disinterred by American authorities and removed to Margraten as unknown soldiers. Remains found in the tank on this investigation consisted of small bones and parts of the skull. Inspection of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

6. One tank, American, located on property of G. Gerrits, C 237, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA-----	Not visible	Carouse

Inspection of this tank revealed the presence of human remains. Statement of G.Gerrits certifies that in the immediate vicinity of the tank the remains of one or more of the crew members of this tank are buried. Grave is unmarked and exact location is not known.

7. Two tanks, American, located in War Museum, Overloon:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3022601		
USA 3033401		

Overseas inventory indicates property prepared for shipment to this Bureau. However, due to length of time involved, property presumably lost in transit, or shipped direct to the next of kin.

for *Kathryn H. Alcock*  
H. O. CALDWELL  
Effects Quartermaster

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7 October 1944

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
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European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
2 Oct 1918	Manchester, Georgia	9 Mar 1942	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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AMERSON LEONARD C		34263729		TEC5	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR			
HOLLAND9	04	OCT	44		MIA	219

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME			RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MR	GRADY	A AMERSON	BROTHER	23 OCT. 44. mab
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE				
10 HILL STREET			MANCHESTER, GEORGIA.	

REMARKS:

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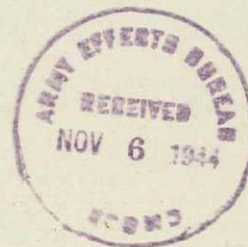
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\*Person to be notified in lieu of EA.



*verified 1 Nov 44 B*

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6 Oct 44

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

<u>Amerson</u>	<u>Leonard</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>T/5</u>	<u>34263729</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 257  
US Army

The above named individual of 17<sup>th</sup> TANK BN  
(Unit)

Co A was reported MIA  
(Organization) (Status-Killed, MIA,

Hospitalized, etc.) about 4 OCT 1944  
(Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Mr. Grady Amerson

10 Hill St., Manchester, Ga.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Duffle Bag stored in DIO Q14.

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Money in the amount of None has been turned into

(Name of finance officer and symbol number)

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enclosed.

None  
Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be

carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by \_\_\_\_\_ on  
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 194\_\_.

Name Frank H. O'Connell  
Rank & ASN 1<sup>st</sup> Lt 0-1013895  
Organization Co A 17<sup>th</sup> Tkr

Any additional pertinent information:

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