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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
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NAME (Last, First, Middle)

DAVENPORT, WILLIAM G.

RANK

CPL.

SERIAL NUMBER

35 456 698

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

4 OCT. 44

AREA OF DEATH

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

GRAVES

31 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

M. COX

4 JUNE 51

REMARKS

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE 10 April 1951	
FROM (Branch and Section) Identification Branch, Identification Sec.	REQUESTED BY Myrtle Martin	TEL. EXT. 72993	ROOM NO. 1426 B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Davenport, William G. (KIA 4 Oct. 1944)	RANK Corporal	SERIAL NUMBER 35 456 698	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Captain Mortimer D. PIER, 01 012 280
 Address of: Sergeant Robert T. BURNS, 35 273 926

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Addresses as follows:

Casey, Clayton 33158318
 C# 10519826
 519 Calhoun St.,
 Salem, Va.

Pier, Mortimer D. 01012280 Major REL. A/D 12 Jan '46
 531 E. 20th St.,
 New York 10, N. Y.

Burns, Robert T. 35273926
 XC-7670655
 No address shown in folder.
 Case is in Regional Office Cleveland, Ohio

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)
D. G. Renner
m y gmc (may)

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m. martin
Invent Sec.

293 - Davenport, William G. 35-456698

QMMF 293
Davenport, William G.
SN 35 456 698

16 November 1953

Veterans Administration

Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The inclosed copy of a letter received in this Office from Mrs. Sally Davenport, mother of the late Corporal William G. Davenport, SN 35 456 698, is forwarded to your Office in connection with her change of address and the pension mentioned in her communication.

The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

Sincerely yours,

- 2 Incls
1. Cy ltr dtd 9 Nov 53
2. Cy ltr dtd 16 Nov 53

JOHN D. MARTZ JR.
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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NOV 16 1953
MEMORIAL DIVISION

QMMF 293
Davenport, William G.
SN 35 456 698

16 November 1953

Mrs. Sally Davenport
Box #72
Newcomb, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Davenport:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 November 1953 concerning your son, the late Corporal William G. Davenport.

We appreciate receiving notification of your change in address from Rural Free Delivery #2, Jellico, Tennessee to the above. Our records have been amended accordingly.

Matters pertaining to pensions come within the jurisdiction of Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C. A copy of your letter has, therefore, been forwarded to that Office in connection with the change of address reported therein.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN D. HARTZ JR.
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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SCF

Davenport, William G.
Cpl, 35 456 698

Mrs. Sally Davenport
Box 72.
Newcomb, Tenn

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2nd Action

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Washington 25, D. C.

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in this office

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2 Incls.

1. Cy ltr dtd 9 Nov 53
2. Cy ltr dtd ----- 53 (our ltr to mother)

12/16/53

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Nov. 9. 1953.

Newcomb Tenn. Box 22.
Department of the Army.
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington D. C.

just to let you know I have
change address from Jellico Tenn. P. 2.
to Newcomb Tenn. Box 22.

I am Sally Dawnsport a widow
of John Dawnsport.
and a mother of William G. Dawnsport
was killed in service. Oct. 4. 1944.

I have been getting a Mothers Pension
I would be very much pleased if
you could change it to my new
address which is

(3486690
35456698)

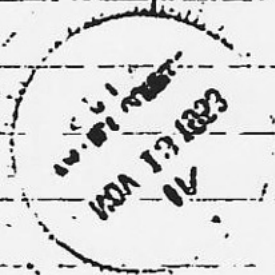
Sally Dawnsport
Newcomb Tenn.

Box 22.

REMOVING DIVISION

NOV 13 1953

Thanks in advance



QCQHP 293
Davenport, William G.
SN 35 456 698

25 May 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Johnca Davenport
Rural Free Delivery #2.
Jellico, Tennessee

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Davenports:

This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the final determination which has been made in the case of your son, the late Corporal William G. Davenport.

Department of the Army records indicate that your son was a member of Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, and that he was killed in action on 4 October 1944 near St. Anthonis, Holland, while participating in an attack on enemy hold woods.

Since the death of your son, units of the Graves Registration Service of the Army have conducted several extensive and thorough searches throughout St. Anthonis and the surrounding communities. During the course of these investigations, local burgomasters, forest guards, policemen and civilians were interrogated; however, no information pertaining to your son or his remains was secured. All unidentified remains recovered from this area as a result of these searches have been examined by qualified laboratory technicians of the Graves Registration Service, but none could be identified as those of your son.

The terrain in the locality where your son's death reportedly occurred consists of woods, hills and plains which have been thoroughly traversed since the cessation of hostilities; thus, the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote.

After full consideration of the pertinent facts of the case, the negative results of the investigations and the fact that no remains have been recovered which can be identified as those of your son, it can only be concluded that his remains were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The Department of the Army has, therefore, been forced to determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable.

Q.M.F 293
Davenport, William G.
SN 35 456 698

25 May 1951

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

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~~Q.M.F 293~~

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Chief, Memorial Division

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D.P.W.
C.M.O.

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O. C. M. C. BRANCH
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



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Nonrecoverable

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Davenport, William G.

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS. Mr. and Mrs. Johnce Davenport	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) Rural Free Delivery #2 Jellico, Tennessee		
RELATIONSHIP parents			

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	<u>1 white</u>	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
	<p>This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the final determination which has been made in the case of your son, the late Corporal William G. Davenport.</p> <p>Department of the Army records indicate that your son was a member of Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, and that he was killed in action on 4 October 1944 near St. Anthonis, Holland, while participating in an attack on enemy held woods.</p> <p>Since the death of your son, units of the Graves Registration Service of the Army have conducted several extensive and thorough searches throughout St. Anthonis and the surrounding communities. During the course of these investigations, local burgomasters, forest guards, policemen and civilians were interrogated; however, no information pertaining to your son or his remains was secured. All unidentified remains recovered from this area as a result of these searches have been examined by qualified laboratory technicians of the Graves Registration Service, but none could be identified as those of your son.</p> <p>The terrain in the locality where your son's death reportedly occurred consists of woods, hills and plains which have been thoroughly traversed since the cessation of hostilities; thus, the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote.</p> <p>After full consideration of the pertinent facts of the case, the</p>	

GRADE
CPL
SERIAL NUMBER
35 456 698

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE BFW 16 May 51	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE OVER
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE 16 May 51	
FROM (Branch and Section) Reg Br., Corres Sec	REQUESTED BY B. F. Williams	TEL. EXT. 54428	ROOM NO. 2517-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) Davenport, William G. (WW II)	RANK CPL	SERIAL NUMBER 35 456 698	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

marital status of widow

INFORMATION FURNISHED

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Sallie and Johnnie Davenport
parents

Rt 2

Jellico, Tenn.

no info on widow

D. A. Renner
D. A. RENNER
MAJOR, QMC
PENTAGON LIAISON

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

OMGHF 293
Davenport, William G.
SN 35 456 698

25 May 1951

Mrs. Margie Davenport
Rural Free Delivery #2
Jellico, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Davenport:

This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the final determination which has been made in the case of your husband, the late Corporal William G. Davenport.

Department of the Army records indicate that your husband was a member of Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, and that he was killed in action on 4 October 1944 near St. Anthonis, Holland, while participating in an attack on enemy held woods.

Since the death of your husband, units of the Graves Registration Service of the Army have conducted several extensive and thorough searches throughout St. Anthonis and the surrounding communities. During the course of these investigations, local burgomasters, forest guards, policemen and civilians were interrogated; however, no information pertaining to your husband or his remains was secured. All unidentified remains recovered from this area as a result of these searches have been examined by qualified laboratory technicians of the Graves Registration Service, but none could be identified as those of your husband.

The terrain in the locality where your husband's death reportedly occurred consists of woods, hills and plains which have been thoroughly traversed since the cessation of hostilities; thus, the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote.

After full consideration of the pertinent facts of the case, the negative results of the investigations and the fact that no remains have been recovered which can be identified as those of your husband, it can only be concluded that his remains were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The Department of the Army has, therefore, been forced to determine that the remains of your husband are not recoverable.

QABLF 293
Davenport, William G.
SN 35 456 698

25 May 1951

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Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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cc: DPRB mailed direct

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D.O. M. G.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, near St. Anthonis, Holland	CASE NUMBER 14413
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Davenport, William G.	RANK Cpl	SERIAL NUMBER 35 456 698
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~~IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT:~~
(Check appropriate box)

THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

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:

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| 1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT | INITIALS OF ANALYST
<i>E.M.</i> |
| 2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT | <i>E.M.</i> |
| 3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES | |

REMARKS

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FILE

MAY 14 1951

W.E.H.

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> 1st Lt. GNS	<i>MAY 14 1951</i>

7TH ARMORED DIVISION

<u>NAME-GRADE-ASN</u>	<u>ORGN UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
1. BONDS, Howard T. PVT, 34 272 642	Co A, 17th Tank Bn	4 Oct 44	Vic of "KIKUKUIT", Holland. Mission was to take enemy-held woods N & E of Overloon, Holland	N/R
2. DAVENPORT, William G. CPL, 35 456 698	Co A, 17th Tank Bn	4 Oct 44	}	N/R
3. TOYPKINS, Tom T. PFC, 38 356 901	Co A, 17th Tank Bn	4 Oct 44		N/R
4. GONSOBSKI, Aloysius PFC, 32 253 289	Co C, 48th Arm'd Inf Bn	5 Oct 44	Near Overloon, Holland	N/R
5. MATJUS, Rudolph W. PVT, 38 433 558	Co C, 48th Arm'd Inf Bn	5 Oct 44	3 mi NW of Overloon, Holland	N/R
6. RENDA, George J. PFC, 33 161 965	Co C, 48th Arm'd Inf Bn	5 Oct 44	Vic of Overloon, Holland	N/R
7. WHITLEY, Robert H., Jr. T/5, 14 013 522	Co A, 33rd Arm'd Engr Bn	5 Oct 44	Overloon, Holland	SUBJECT CASE
<u>82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION</u>				
8. WOTTERN, Robert L. PFC, 39 408 191	Co B, 307th Abn Engr Bn	21 Sep 44	Vic of Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
9. SPECTOR, Sidney M. PVT, 42 057 879	Co E, 325th Glider Inf	25 Sep 44	Vic of Mook, Holland	N/R
10. RAKOFF, Leo PVT, 42 039 333	Co F, 325th Glider Inf	27 Sep 44	Near Groesbeek, Holland	N/R

- 11. SERSHA, John P.
PVT, 37 580 467
Co F,
325th Glider Inf
27 Sep 44
Near Groesbeek,
Holland
N/R
- 12. MERS, Joseph F.
1LT, 01 301 865
Co G,
325th Glider Inf
30 Sep 44
Vic of Mook, Holland
N/R
- 13. LUPERO, Carmine G.
PVT, 32 295 254
Co G,
325th Glider Inf
1 Oct 44
Vic of Mook, Holland
Identified
- 14. BREEDEN, Earl
PVT, 34 882 376
Co B,
325th Glider Inf
2 Oct 44
Vic of Mook, Holland
N/R
- 15. UTRECHT, Willis A.
2LT, 0 449 622
Co B,
325th Glider Inf
2 Oct 44
Mook, Holland
N/R
- 16. BLACK, George K.
CPL, 35 570 418
Co C,
325th Glider Inf
2 Oct 44
Near Nijmegen,
Holland
N/R
- 17. HELYS, Gerald R.
SSG, 36 306 478
Co E,
325th Glider Inf
2 Oct 44
Near Katerbosch,
Holland
N/R
- 18. CARSON, Virgil B.
PFC, 37 357 817
Co F,
325th Glider Inf
2 Oct 44
Vic Katerbosch,
Holland
N/R
- 19. HARMON, Donald T.
TSG, 35 136 475
Co E,
325th Glider Inf
3 Oct 44
Vic Nijmegen,
Holland
N/R
- 20. TUCHOLSKI, Walter R., Jr.
2LT, 01 325 951
Co E,
325th Glider Inf
14 Oct 44
Vic Beek, Holland
N/R
- 21. SMITH, Roland G. L.
CPL, 32 906 237
Co A,
325th Glider Inf
25 Oct 44
Groesbeek, Holland
Identified
- 22. SHINHOLSTER, Johnnie W.
PFC, 34 576 210
Co E,
325th Glider Inf
1 Nov 44
Near Vossendaal,
Holland
N/R
- 23. DEW, Robert G.
SGT, 17 067 016
Co I,
504th Para Inf
27 Sep 44
Near Groesbeek,
Holland
N/R

24.	ROSENKRANTZ, David SSG, 39 018 039	Co H, 504th Para Inf	28 Sep 44	Vic of Nijmegen, Holland	N/R
25.	NIGHT, Gerald W. PFC, 39 179 582	Hq Co, 504th Para Inf	28 Sep 44	Near Vossendaal, Holland	N/R
26.	SANDOVAL, William L. PVT, 36 448 880	Co F, 504th Para Inf	6 Oct 44	About 6 mi SE of Nijmegen, Holland	N/R
27.	CRESWICK, Stanley PFC, 32 928 720	Co C, 505th Para Inf	18 Sep 44	Vic Riethorst (near Groesbeek), Holland	N/R
28.	JOHNSON, Nathan, Jr. PVT, 35 654 663	Co B, 505th Para Inf	20 Sep 44	Mook, Holland	N/R
29.	DIONNE, Raymond J. PVT, 11 083 600	Co C, 505th Para Inf	21 Sep 44	Riethorst, Holland	N/R
30.	DUFF, Raymond A. PVT, 13,175 055	Hq Co, 505th Para Inf	23 Sep 44	Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
31.	SUHACK, Mitchel T/5, 32 216 851	Hq Co, 505th Para Inf	23 Sep 44	Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
32.	BOHRER, Jack D. PVT, 36 890 449	Co F, 505th Para Inf	2 Oct 44	Near Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
33.	HOLMES, William P. PFC, 13 157 372	Co E, 505th Para Inf	23 Oct 44	Near Leuth, Germany (Few miles within border from Venlo, Holland)	N/R
34.	BENEDICT, Francis L. SSG, 20 930 297	Hq Co, 508th Para Inf	17 Sep 44	Near Nijmegen, Holland	N/R
35.	APPLEBY, Gene J. PVT, 35 295 352	Co A, 508th Para Inf	17 Sep 44	Near Nijmegen, Holland	N/R

36.	SEGER, Eugene W. PVT, 33 668 188	Co B, 508th Para Inf	19 Sep 44	Vic of Nijmegen, Holland	N/R
37.	ELLERBUSCH, Herbert W. PVT, 37 552 307	Co C, 508th Para Inf	20 Sep 44	Near Wyler, Holland OC 778550	N/R
<u>101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION</u>					
38.	AIELLO, Michael SSG, 16 055 052	Co G, 401st Glider Inf	30 Sep 44	Vic of Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
39.	KENNER, Harold D. PFC, 33 465 581	Co G, 401st Glider Inf	30 Sep 44	Vic of Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
40.	WEBER, Norman L. 2LT, 01 314 983	Co G, 401st Glider Inf	30 Sep 44	Vic of Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
41.	KALDENBERG, Robert L. PFC, 37 664 207	Co E, 401st Glider Inf	1 Oct 44	Vic of Breedeweg, Holland	Identified
42.	GODDARD, William H. PVT, 36 695 782	Co G, 401st Glider Inf	2 Oct 44	Near Middelaar, Holland	Identified
43.	BARKER, Delford W. PVT, 38 556 426	Co E, 401st Glider Inf	3 Oct 44	Near Middelaar, Holland	N/R
44.	GIZIA, Tony S. PFC, 35 742 729	Hq Co, 501st Para Inf	6 Oct 44	Along Meas River, Holland	N/R
<u>104TH INFANTRY DIVISION</u>					
45.	ALANIZ, Guadalupe A. PFC, 3S 359 653	Co A, 329th Med Bn	3 Nov 44	Near Eten, Holland	N/R
<u>316TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP</u>					
46.	DOVER, Roland V., Jr. 1LT, 0 461 608 (AF)	36th TC Sq	18 Sep 44	Near Genrep, Holland Approx 18 mi SE of Nijmegen	N/R

7TH ARMORED DIVISION

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>GRID REF</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHICAL COORD</u>
OPLOO	E-73	51°36'N 5°52'E
ST ANTHONIS	E-73	51°38'N 5°52'E
VIERLINGSBEEK	E-83	51°36'N 6°01'E
OVERLOON	E-73	51°34'N 5°57'E

82ND/101ST ABN DIV/316 TC GP (Supporting element)

GENNEP	E-74	51°42'N 5°58'E
MIDDELAAR	E-74	51°43'N 5°56'E
MOOK	E-75	51°44'N 5°53'E
RUETHORST	E-75	51°44'N 5°56'E
GROESBEEK	E-75	51°46'N 5°56'E
BREDEWEG	E-75	51°45'N 5°57'E
KATERBOSCH	E-75	Loc on Mook Plains near Groesbeek
VOSSENDAAL	E-75	Loc near Groesbeek
WYLER	E-75	
NIJMEGEN	E-76	51°50'N 5°52'E
BEEK	E-76	51°50'N 5°56'E

104TH INFANTRY DIVISION

ETTEN	D-83	51°34'N 4°38'E
LEUR	D-83	51°35'N 4°40'E
RIJSBERGEN	D-82	51°30'N 4°42'E

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER **14413 (1)**

AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Davenport, William G.

RANK
Cpl.

SERIAL NUMBER
35 456 698

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>WPK</i>	2. REPORT OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>WPK</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>WPK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>WPK</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>WPK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>WPK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES NONE			<i>WPK</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:

Killed in action 4 October 1944 near St. Anthonis, Holland.

NAN
FILE **MAY 14 1951**

JBL
REGISTRATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST
A. Kennedy/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO **Registration Branch, Correspondence Sec.**
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt. OMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Capt. OMC
		14 May '51

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

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 . The purpose of the Board was to
determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under
jurisdiction of this command.

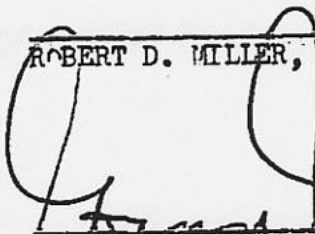
The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness
and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration De-
tachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/
casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records
and other data considered,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


CASE No.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
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See attached roster.

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


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

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28 March 1950

E X T R A C T

3. PAC Ltr .D AGO-S 293.9, 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 820-110-5 DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as following is 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:

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s/t/WILLIAM J. WOOD
CAPT., FA,
ADJUTANT

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BREEDEN, Earl	Pvt.	34 882 376
LUPERO, Carmine G.	Pvt.	32 295 254
SMITH, Roland G.L.	Cpl.	32 906 237
CRESWICK, Stanley	PFC.	32 928 720
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AIELLO, Michael	S/Sgt.	16 055 052
KENNER, Harold D.	PFC	33 465 581
ALANIZ, Guadalupe A.	PFC	38 359 653
APPLEBY, Gene J.	Pvt.	35 295 352
BOHRER, Jack D.	Pvt.	36 890 449
DAVENPORT, William G.	Cpl.	35 456 698
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TOMPKINS, Tom T.	PFC	38 356 901
BONDS, Howard T.	Pvt.	34 272 642
BARKER, Delford W.	Pvt.	38 556 426
BULHACK, Mitchell	T/5	32 216 851
DEW, Robert G.	Sgt.	17 067 016
GONSOWSKI, Aloysius	PFC	32 253 289
RENDA, George J.	PFC	31 161 965
MATUS, Rudolph W.	Pvt.	38 433 558
DUFF, Raymond A.	Pvt.	13 175 055
JOHNSON, Nathan Jr.	Pvt.	35 654 663
ELLERBUSCH, Herbert W.	Pvt.	37 552 307
SEGER, Eugene W.	Pvt.	33 668 188
ROSENKRANTZ, David	S/Sgt	39 018 039
GAZIA, Tony S.	PFC	35 742 729
KALDENBERG, Robert L.	PFC	37 644 207
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SHINHOLSTER, Johnnie W.	PFC	34 576 210
SERSHA, John P.	Pvt.	37 580 467
SPECTOR, Sidney M.	Pvt.	42 057 879
RAKOFF, Leo	Pvt.	42 039 333
HOLMES, William P.	PFC	13 157 372
SANDOVAL, William L.	Pvt.	36 448 880
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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing In Action or Killed In Action during airborne and armored operations in the Etten, Katerbosch, Mook, Groesbeck, Nijmegen, Kiekberg and Den Heuvel Woods, St. Anthonis, Vierlingsbeck, Overloon and associated areas in Holland, during the period 17 September 1944 to 3 November 1944.

Extensive area searches as well as individual investigations have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the areas, now interred in United States Military Cometeries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in the most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this office and the Office of The Quartermaster General substantiates the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire area as outlined above, have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses both recovered and unrecovered.

The terrain of the subject areas consists of woods, hills and plains, which have been thoroughly traversed since the cessation of hostilities by forest guards, policemen and people on hiking and camping tours, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote.

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

It can therefore only be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide evidence, and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions.

It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings, be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports and Casualty Clearance Plan, concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were Killed In Action in the concerned areas of Holland: On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, with statements, dated 30 August 1950: Attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.

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

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK TCo
Capt, QMC

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

Holland Cases #'s 810, 1756, 2215, 4820,
5178; 5205; 5364; 8853; 8858; 8867;
9158, 9373, 9386, 9436, 9454, 9467,
10162; 10227; 10459; 10460, 10483,
10522, 10533, 10540, 11637, 11702,
5790; 10490, 5823, 9370, 8748, 9167,
5773, 5738, 9796, 8770, 9435, 1983

August 30, 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

As directed per Investigation Directive # 384, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, dated 28 July 1950, a field investigation was made for the possible recovery or information leading to, of the numerous casualties still unaccounted for in the Etten, Katerbosch, Mook, Groesbeek, Nijmegen, Kiekberg and Den Heuvel Woods, St Anthonis Vierlingsbeek, Overloon and associated areas in Holland.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

All subject casualties were listed per OQMG Form 371 as missing or KIA during the period 17 September 1944 - 3 November 1944 after which time the American forces were relieved by British and Canadian troops. Casualties were from the Airborne and Armored Divisions, those of the Airborne were concentrated in the Nijmegen, Groesbeek vicinity while those of the Armored, in Overloon, St Anthonis area. Information available at OQMG and headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment consisted for the most part of OQMG Form 371, After Action Reports and Casualty Clearance Plan.

III. FINDINGS:

A community to community check of Overloon and Nijmegen localities was made. Burgeymasters, forest guards, police men and the man in the street were interrogated for possible information leading to the recovery of American deceased. War time refuse dumps, remains of animals, and for the most part, nothing whatsoever was found in the numerous excavations and probings made, thus eliminating all doubtful places where a possibility of isolated graves existed. At the present time there are

Narrative of Investigation

30 August 1950

no military graves, isolated burials or otherwise of any nationality which have not been removed, nationality established and taken to appropriate military cemetery.

The Overloon and Nijmegen areas have been traversed and thoroughly searched for remains. Those found were immediately removed by the Grave Service respective of remains found. In the last five years tanks and other war material have been removed and disposed off. Woods, hills and plains have in these years been thoroughly covered by forest guards, policemen, people on hiking and camping tours and the inhabitants living there.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Remains previously not located would certainly at present date be unrecoverable due to natural decomposition of the deceased, wild animals, erosion of soil, growth of new trees and undergrowth. Repeated field investigations of these areas have failed to recover remains and only by sheer accidental findings could remains be uncovered in the future. The address of this organization has been posted in every convenient location for notification should such accidental findings come to light. The inhabitants of all areas where the American forces have fought were questioned by the town hall officials of the communities, police men, Dutch National Red Cross Tracing Bureau, Dutch Department of War, Dutch War Graves Committee in addition to conclusive field investigations for information concerning deceased American military. The remains previously recovered and removed were the results.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Unknowns previously recovered from the Overloon, Nijmegen localities can not be associated with the unaccounted for casualties, ref; subject investigation directive. Field Investigation of the above named areas were negative. In view of the fact that five years has obliterated all field clues it is suggested that the unresolved decedents from these areas be declared unrecoverable.

Incls:
26 Statements

s/t/ Lloyd W. BLADOW, USDAO A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF UBBERGEN

Beek, 14 August 1950

STATEMENT

The Burgermaster of the community of Ubbergen declares that the community consist of the following villages: Beek, Berg en Dal (part of it) Ubbergen, Ooij, Erlecom, Leuth and Kekerdom.

That the graves of the American, English and Canadian Military have been removed by the American, English and Canadian Grave Services.

That the bodies of Americans that were formerly buried near the Thorensse Molen were removed in May 1947 by the American Grave Service.

That the bodies of German military that were formerly buried in this community were removed by the Dutch Grave Service and taken to the cemetery "Ijsselstein" near Venray.

And further that during rebuilding and landscaping done in this community no other remains of military men were found.

The Burgermaster of Ubbergen,

Mr. P.M.H. SASSEN

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF GRAVE

S T A T E M E N T

The Burgermaster of the community of Grave declares that:

The community of Grave consist of the city of Grave and the villages of Velp and Escharen:

That in this community there were no American military killed.

That in the community of Grave are no graves of American soldiers on the cemeteries or in isolated graves.

At present in the Roman Catholic cemetery on William van Esterenweg 3 graves of English military are buried.

That all German deceased were removed to the Central German cemetery at Ijsselstein.

Grave 9 August 1950

for Burgermaster of Grave

/s/ Illegible

Assistant to the Secretary

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

WAR MUSEUM

"DE KLEFFEN"

NETHERLANDS NATIONAL WAR MUSEUM

Overloon, 8 August 1950

I the undersigned director of the War museum in Overloon declares the following: that he has been in this work since the end of the war and have spoken to thousands of people but have never heard of people mentioning isolated graves or remains found of soldiers that are still missing. Also the tanks before having been removed were given a thorough search without results.

Sincerely,

/s/ H. VAN GLABBEEK

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Middelaar, 14 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned Forest Guard of the area of St. Jansberg of the communities of Mook, Middelaar and Ottersum declares that about May 1950 a body was found in the woods that of German soldier who was removed by the Dutch Grave Service. No other remains have ever been found.

/s/ W. WILJNHOVEN

Zevendaal 1140
Middelaar

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF BEERS

Beers, 9 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

The Burgermaster of the community of Beers declares that there no longer in this community, graves of allied military men.

The English deceased were removed to an English Military Cemetery and the German Military to Ijsselstein.

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ Illegible.

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF CUIJK AND ST. AGATHA

The Burgermaster of the community of Cuijk declares:

That in the community of Cuijk consisting of the villages of Cuijk, St. Agatha, Vianen and Katwijk, no American military men are buried or ever were buried. In the war days the American armies were never in this area and the one German soldier who was killed here was taken to Ijsselstein by Venray in the early part of 1950.

Cuijk, 9 August 1950

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF BOXMEER

The undersigned, Burgermaster of the community of Boxmeer declares the following:

That in this community there are no longer Allied military buried. They have been removed by the American, Canadian, and English Grave Services.

Six German military formerly buried in this community were removed to the Central German Cemetery at Ijsselstein.

All tanks from this community were removed by a firm from Nijmegen.

The community of Boxmeer consisting of the church villages of Boxmeer, Reugen and Sambeek was evacuated from 9 November 1944 to middle of March 1945.

Boxmeer, 9 August 1950

For the Burgermaster of Boxmeer

/s/ Illegible

Given to:

Hq 7887 Graves Registration Detachment
US Army, Avenue de la Croix Rouge
Liege, Belgium

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned, G. THINPEN, Forest Guard of Devil's Hill, living in Berg en Dal 102, declares that in his working area which he knows well no remains of American soldiers were found and there are no indications for possible discovery of remains.

Berg en Dal, 24 August 1950

/s/ G. THINPEN

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Eladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Community of GRIETHAUSEN
Office of the Director

Kleve-Kellen, 9 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

It is set forth herewith that inasmuch as is known, there are no remains of American soldiers to be found.

The community of Griethausen consist of the villages of Griethausen, Salmorth and the neighborhoods of Schenkenchanz, Warbeyen, Huisberden and Emmericher-Eyla.

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Location: State Police
of 's Hertogenbosch
District Roermond
Group Gennep
Post Mook-Middelbaar

Mook, 16 August 1950

Subject: Graves of USA Soldiers Killed In Action

The undersigned, VISSER Tjipke, Policeman 1st Class of the State Police, post commander of Mook declares the following:

Since 19 March 1945 he has been with the various military grave services. The American grave service have exhumed many graves and those found to be Americans were removed to their cemeteries.

He has also been with the English and Canadian grave services in exhuming their dead and removing them to their military cemeteries.

He was also with the Dutch grave service in removing German graves left over and the identification of same.

So much as is known there are no further graves of deceased military men in the community of Mook and Middelaar. Only by sheer accident could remains still be found. If remains are found he will report it to the American Grave Service.

This community has been cleared of all war debris and the necessary work in rebuilding the area has been done with no further findings of graves or remains of military men.

In August 1950 he was with an investigator of the American Grave Service when evacuations were made at a place called "Vierweg" in which evacuation was found remains of a horse. By the home of Miss Momma another digging was made in which a war time refuse dump was found. Further, the Pasmolen Hotel has been totally rebuilt and area re-landscaped without the finding of graves or remains of military men.

In the community of Mook and Middelaar are the following neighborhoods: Bisselt, Geuldert, Heikant, Jansberg, Katerbos, Korendal, Middelaar, Molenhook, Mokerheide, Papenberg, Plankray, Plasmolen, Rammetje, Riethorst, Startsedal, Zevendal, Broek Koningsbos and Eind. Inasmuch as so many military men are still

missing in this area it could be possible that remains are still to be found but then only by accident. He has gone from house to house of the inhabitants of this community to notify them that if ever they discover remains to notify him.

Policeman 1st Class of the State Police

Tj. Visser

/s/ Tj. VISSER

Certified True Translation .

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Community OEFFELT

OEFFELT
Tel, Town Hall 7
House No. 5

DECLARATION

The undersigned, W. MAAS, assistant to the secretary of Oeffelt declares in the name of the Burgermater that there are no American soldiers buried here and that the Americans have never fought in this area.

The German soldiers who were buried here were exhumed and taken to the English Military Cemeteries.

W. MAAS

(Assistant to the Secretary)

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OTTERSUM

DECLARATION

Ottersum, 10 August 1950

The Burgermaster of the community of Ottersum declares that in the war days of 1944 American soldiers were in this community but as far as was known no American soldiers were killed in this community. There are English military men buried in this community, on the Roman Catholic Cemetery - six and in the village of Milsbeek a small English Military Cemetery. German soldiers who were buried in Ottersum have been disinterred and taken to Ijsselstein.

The English and German soldiers were known by their name and army number.

The community of Ottersum consist of three neighborhoods: Ottersum village, Ottersum-Milsbeek, and Ottersum-Ven.

For the Burgermaster afore-mentioned

A.H. BUS

/s/ A. H. Bus

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY HEUMEN

DECLARATION

The Burgermaster of the community of Heumen (consisting of the villages of Heumen and Malden-Molenhoek) declares that:

1. American graves have been removed to Margraten.
 2. English graves have been removed to Nijmegen.
 3. German graves have been removed to Ijsselstein by Venray.
- and in this community no isolated burials are to be found.

Malden, 10 August 1950

For the Burgermaster of Heumen

C. VAN HOORN

/s/ C. Van Hoorn

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY GROESBEEK

Tel: 3

Groesbeek, 14 August 1950

I, the undersigned, Burgermaster of the community of Groesbeek declare that in this community outside of the Canadian and English Military Cemeteries, there are no longer graves of American, English, Canadian or German Military men.

This community consist of the neighborhoods: Vossendaal, Horst, Bredeweg, Kamp, Berg en Dal, H. Landstichting.

The Burgermaster of Groesbeek

Acting Burgermaster

H. EIKHOLT

/s/ H. Eikholt

Hb.
Coll:

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

SERVICE IDENTIFICATION AND BURYING

Ijsselstein, 8 August 1950

The undersigned, HENSING C. declares that in answer to the American Grave Service, so far as is known all German field graves in The Netherlands have been removed to the Central German Cemetery at Ijsselstein.

Further, on above named cemetery no allied soldiers whatsoever are buried.

Serg. Major

/s/ C. HENSING

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF GENNEP

The Burgermaster of Gennep declares herewith that the British and Germans who were killed here 1944-1945 were removed to the cemeteries of Groesbeek and Milsbeek.

Further, that on the 26 September 1944 one plane of the RAF crashed in this community. The pilot's name was Frank Bolten.

Gennep, 17 August 1950

The afore-mentioned Burgermaster

/s/ Dr. J. H. GILISSEN

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF ETTEN AND LEUR

Etten, 21 August 1950

The Burgermaster of Etten and Leur declares that inasmuch as is known no American soldiers are buried in this community.

By telephoning the Burgermaster of the community of Standdaarbuiten he stated there were no American soldiers buried in his community.

The Burgermaster of Etten and Leur

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladov, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OVERASSELT

Subject: Graves of American Military:

Herewith I declare that

a. On the 17 September 1944 the American paratroopers landed here.

b. That deceased American soldiers were taken immediately away by the Americans.

c. There were 3 graves (1 isolated burial and 2 in the churchyard) of English soldiers which were removed by English Grave Service to the English Military Cemetery in Nijmegen.

d. Still buried here are 2 Germans known by name, army still number etc.

e. The community of Overasselt consist of the following villages - Overasselt, Nederasselt and Balgoy and that no graves of American soldiers are to be found.

Overasselt, 10 August 1950

The community secretary

/s/ J. Peetersweem

J. PEETERSWEEM

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

FRASSELT, 17 August 1950

I herewith declare that according to my knowledge there are no more graves in the Reichswald around hill 62.3, 4 kms south of Groesbeek.

This area has been reforested and therefore the workers should have located possible graves.

There are still some mines in this area of the Reichswald.

/s/ BUCHHOLZ

Forest Guard

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY MILLINGEN

The Burgermaster of the community of Millingen declares that in this community there are no longer military graves.

The community of Millingen consist of the village of Millingen and the neighborhoods of Zeeland and Klaverland.

Millingen, 14 August 1950

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ W. S. Hermsen

W. S. HERMSEN

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Community
Mook and Middelaar
(Tel: Heumen 47)

Mook, 11 August 1950

DECLARATION

The Burgermaster of the Community of Mook and Middelaar declares that to the best of his knowledge there are no longer isolated burials in the above mentioned community.

All Americans and English graves have been removed to American and English cemeteries.

The German isolated graves were removed to the German cemetery at Ijsselstein.

The community of Mook and Middelaar include the following villages and neighborhoods: Biesselt, 't Eind, Heikant, Katerbosch, Korendal, Molenhoek, Mortel, Papenberg, Plakraaij, Plasmolen, Rammetje, Riethorst, Zevendal, de Heuvel (all neighborhoods) and the villages of Mook and Middelaar.

For the Burgermaster of Mook and Middelaar

J. WILMS

/s/ J. Wilms

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-1041378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF HAPS

The Burgermaster of the community of HAPS declares herewith:

1. No American soldiers were buried in this community.
2. The English soldiers who were killed here were removed to the English Military Cemetery at Overloon (North Erabant)
3. That the Germans who were formerly buried here were taken away by the Germans.

Haps, 9 August 1950

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

VERGENA SOUTH, 17 August 1950

As far as I know there are no more soldier graves in the forest of Vergena - South.

Several graves which were known are opened and the bodies transferred.

Hill 62.3 is situated close to the forest and is already reforested, the hill is very well explored by me and my workers.

/s/ DALL

Section Forest Guard

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Nijmegen, 23 August 1950

The undersigned Chief of General Information to the Secretary of the community of Nijmegen declares that inasmuch as is known no graves of American military are still buried in this community.

Among military men still buried in this community none are known to be of American nationality.

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF OPLOO

St Anthonis, 8 August 1950

STATEMENT OVER MILITARY GRAVES

The Burgermaster of the community of Oploo declares: That all remains of German soldiers that were formerly buried in the community were disinterred and taken to the German Military Cemetery at Ijsselstein by Venray.

That American soldiers who were formerly buried here were removed to the American Military Cemetery.

That all graves of deceased British military buried in the cemetery in this community are identified.

That there are no graves of Unknowns and that had isolated graves or remains been found such information would be given to the police and this town hall.

That the community of Oploo consist of the village of Oploo, St Anthonis, Ledtacher, Stevensbeek and Westerbeek.

For the Burgermaster of Oploo.

/s/ W. VAN DEN BERG

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF VIERLINGSBEEK

Vierlingsbeek, 8 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned, Burgermaster of the community Vierlingsbeek declares that in the community are 280 English Military buried in the British Military Cemetery at Overloon. That the remains of German Military have been disinterred and taken to General Military Cemetery at Ijsselstein, community of Venray, by the Dutch Grave Service of the Department of War.

That all above remains named above were identified as to their nationality.

That in this community no American military are buried.

Tanks that remained in this community were removed by a firm from Nijmegen in the summer of 1947. In these tanks no remains were found.

This community consist of the villages of Vierlingsbeek, Maashees, Hothees, Overloon, Groeningen and Vortum Mullen.

The complete community of Vierlingsbeek was evacuated from the 26 September 1944 to 15 March 1945.

The chance of still finding of deceased military is only by accident.

The inhabitants of this community were instructed if ever a remains is found to notify the town hall.

If ever remains of Americans are found we will notify the American Grave Service whose address we have.

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ A. JANS

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Final Det Section Id Br Mem Div	Ident Sec Id Br Mem Div ATTN: Mrs Farmer	2 Nov 1950	<p>RE: CASE NO. 14413</p> <p>1. Reference is made to attached copy of Board proceedings of nonrecoverability, Unknown file X-5577 Neuville and 293 file of;</p> <p>Davenport, William G. Cpl. 35 456 698</p> <p>2. It is requested that efforts be made to associate subject decedent with unknown X-5577 now interred in Neuville, Belgium, Plot Y, Row 4, Grave 79.</p> <p>3. X-5577 was recovered from a tank and in the immediate area in which Cpl. Davenport was killed in action. However the amount of remains is very small.</p> <p>4. Action to process Findings of nonrecoverability on subject deceased has been suspended by this office pending advice as to the result of your investigation.</p>
2	Attach 293 file Unknown X-5577 293 file (Davenport) w/nonrec Bd Proceedings			<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lay</i> LAY 73472</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Kennedy</i> KENNEDY 73216</p>
2	Inves Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Fin Det Sec Ident Br Mem Div	9 May 51	<p>1. On the basis of available information, association cannot be established between X-5577 and Cpl. Davenport.</p> <p>2. Reference is made to Transmittal Letter #4957, dated 13 June 1950, in which it is indicated that the remains of Unknown X-5577, consisting of only 2 ounces, were eliminated and designated CIL #1001 (Neuville) on 12 June 1948.</p> <p>2 Incls Added to incl 1 - Transmittal Ltr #4957 (in dup)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fisher</i> FISHER 52462</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>M. Martin</i> M. MARTIN 72993</p>

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

GRRE 200.2

13 June 1950

SUBJECT: Reprocessing of Remains
Transmittal Letter # 4957

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

1. The remains of Unknown X-5577, USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Plot Y, Row 4, Grave 79, have been reprocessed, and the information not previously forwarded to your Office, is herewith submitted.

2. The remains of Unknown X-5577, were eliminated, and designated CIL # 1001 (Neuville), on 12 June 1948, by the Central Identification Laboratory during group reprocessing of associated remains.

3. Grave 79 is now declared open.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Gaylord E. Lutz
GAYLORD E. LUTZ
1st Lt, QMC
Registration Division

293. (Lutz) Neuville - Belgium X-5577

*File - 797
9 May 1951
M. Martin*

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M & R OQMC

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE 30 June 1950	
FROM (Branch and Section) Identification, Identification	REQUESTED BY Elise Flora	TEL. EXT. 92993	ROOM NO. 1428 B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Crew List and Casualty Report of Tank #USA 3033274m 7/31/47 "BOOMERANG",
(Co. "B", 31st Tank Bn., 7th Armored Division).

(Refer: X-5577 N)

INFORMATION FURNISHED

11 August 1950

In compliance with above request and telephone conversation, attached copy of morning reports is forwarded for your information.

**TWO
PENTAGON LIAISON
OFFICERS
MEM. DIV. OFFICE**

*File
9 May 1951
M. Martin
Jd Laco*

D. A. R.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

Capt. Donald A. Renner, QMC.

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (if any)

FILE No.

AGRS-EP 704

SUBJECT

WIA - MIA - KIA - Locations

TO

Chief
QM Liaison
Room 1D684, The Pentagon
Washington 25, DC
ATTN: Major Sekowski

FROM

Chief
Photo Process Section, AGO
St. Louis 20, Missouri

DATE

21 Jul 50

COMMENT No. 1
ams/2136

- Reference is made to your Message No. 10 of 13 Jul 50.
- Morning Reports of Co B, 31 Tank Bn for 1 thru 5 Oct 44 show the following remarks listing personnel LWA, LIA and MIA:

1 Oct 44 - 36 118 082	Belowus	(SSN 795)	Sgt
38 043 802	Hill	(SSN 795)	Sgt
36 118 265	Rinn	(SSN 616)	Cpl
34 254 881	Spainhour	(SSN 616)	Cpl
14 121 718	Snell	(SSN 736)	Tec 5
34 179 091	Ellis	(SSN 531)	Pfc
39 286 202	Goubert	(SSN 531)	Pvt

Above 7 EM DWA at Div Clearing Sta to lost to hosp
(41st Evac Hosp).

34 138 964	Huddleston	(SSN 616)	Cpl
LIA at Div Clearing Sta to lost to hosp (41st Evac Hosp)			

32 138 337	Hunt	(SSN 616)	Cpl
LWA at Div Clearing Sta to lost to hosp (24 Evac Hosp)			

33 668 215	Geisler		Pvt
Dy to LWA at Div Clearing Sta			

5 Oct 44 - 34 263 482	Meeks	(SSN 531)	Pvt
MIA 1 Oct 44			

- Morning reports of above orgn for the period indicated show the following locations:

Official
AGRS-EP
2 Oct 44
thru 4 Oct 44
AGRS-EP

Boxineer, Holland
Ledeaker, Holland
St Antonis, Holland



E. R. SCOTT, Capt., AGO
Chief, Photo Process Section, RAC

14413

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

GROP 293.9

22 January 1951

SUBJECT: Supplement to Non-Recoverable
Board Proceedings

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


1. Reference is made to Non-Specific Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings pertaining to forty five (45) casualties, who were submitted your office as Non-Recoverable under Transmittal Letter # 5126, dated 14 September 1950.

2. It is requested that the name of Private First Class Virgil B. Carson, 37 357 817, be added to the above mentioned proceedings.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

s/ John A. Boutin
t/ JOHN A. BOUTIN
2nd Lt QMC
Operations Officer

A TRUE COPY:


MARY A. EDWARDS
1st Lt QMC

293 Davenport, Philadelphia 5. Cpl. 35 456 698

AIR MAIL

QUICKS 293
Davenport, William O.
SF 35 456 688

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, QU10, Wash

NO. 0

(Holland 5790)

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

GRRE 293.9 (IB)

17 April 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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

293
1. Reference is made to OMC Form 371 pertaining to
Cpl. William G. DAVENPORT, 35 456 698, KIA 4 October 1944.

2. It is requested that all available data contained
in records your office, including Status Review and Deter-
mination Report and After Action Report, be forwarded this
headquarters as a possible aid in resolving this case.

3. Further action withheld pending receipt of addition-
al information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major OMC
Registration Division



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM-	3 TO-	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Ident Br Search Info	Adm Pentagon Liaison	28 Apr . 50	<p>Request all available information, including Status Review and Determination Report and After Action Report pertaining to:</p> <p>DAVENPORT, William G. (Cpl) 35 456 698</p> <hr/> <p>KIA 4 Oct 44 Holland</p> <p><i>KH</i> HOSPEL 72000</p>
2	QM-Pent Liaison Admin Br Mem Div	Ident Br Search Info	29 May 1950	<p>Inclosed herewith all the information available, which was obtained from DPRB 201 Files; AGO Casualty Files and Army Ground Forces Historical Files, pertaining to the death of Corporal William G. Davenport, ASN 35,456,698, Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion.</p> <p><i>Serowski</i> SEROWSKI (msa) 6679</p> <p><i>Dyer</i> DYER (msa) 73090</p>

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FILE

JUN 7 1950

Identification Branch

NAME: Davenport, William G. ASN: 35456,698 RANK: CPL

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE 28 May 1942.

RACE: White Fracture and/or breaks!

RELIGION: Protestant Fracture, right elbow, 1929, no loss of function.

BORN: 1 September 1919

PLACE: Hatfield, Kentucky

WEIGHT: 158 lbs Tattoos and/or birthmarks, none

HEIGHT: 5 ft 5 inches

EYES: blue

HAIR: brown

COMPLEXION: fair

SHOE SIZE: 7 1/2 D

DENTAL As of 28 May 1942

	<u>Right</u>								<u>Left</u>							
Upper	Teeth were normal															
	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower																
	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Teeth: Indicate restorable carious teeth by circling; nonrestorable carious teeth by /; missing natural teeth by X.

Organization: Co A, 17th Tank Battalion

M.I.A: 4 October 1944, vicinity of meade, 200 yards south of Rijksuit, Holland.

Ref. Davenport, William G., Cpl; 35,456,698, KIA 4 Oct 44
Co "A", 17th Tank Bn

AFTER ACTION REPORT

17TH TANK BATTALION

On 4 October 1944, Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion, with other supporting units, attempted to overrun enemy positions in a wooded area in the vicinity of 785346, (Belgium). Strong enemy opposition was met and the company suffered such a loss of men and tanks until it was forced to withdraw.

17TH TANK BATTALION
AFTER ACTION REPORT
OCT 11 1944
HEADQUARTERS

AG 704 (A) (CAS)
(21 Dec 44)

7th Ind.

Hq 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U.S. Army, 8 February 1945

To: Commanding General, First U.S. Army, APO 230, U.S. Army
(Attn: A.G. Casualty Division) (Thru Channels)

1. Attention is invited to 6th Indorsement and Inclosure No. 1.
2. Capt Pier, Mortimer D., O1 O12 280, Inf, was reported as being LWA in Holland as of 4 October 1944, on BCR No. 31, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion, dated 5 October 1944.
3. Tec 4 Hill, Jack, 35,264,825, was reported as being KIA in Holland as of 4 October 1944, on BCR No. 34, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion, dated 10 October 1944.
4. Pvt Casey, Clayton, 33,158,318, was reported as being MIA in Holland as of 4 October 1944, on BCR No. 33, Headquarters 17th Tank Battalion, dated 9 October 1944.
5. In view of the statements contained in paragraph 2, basic communications to the effect that,

"All were seen to leave the tank except Corporal Davenport. The Tank was destroyed by fire immediately after being hit"

and in view of sworn statement of Sgt burns, attached (Inclosure No.1), it is the opinion of this headquarters that there is reasonably conclusive evidence and circumstances that lead to no other logical conclusion but that Cpl Davenport is dead, and that a change in casualty status from "MIA" to "KIA" is justified.

6. Appropriate Battle Casualty Report denoting such change in status is accordingly being submitted.

For the Commanding General:

s/MAX ZAIDENBERG
2d Lt., A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

COPY

Incl 1.

AG 704 (A) (Cas) (21 Dec 44) 6th Inf. (S: 30 Jan 45)
HEADQUARTERS, 17th Tank Battalion, APO 257, U. S. Army, 8 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, APO 257, U. S. Army

1 In compliance with paragraph 5, basic communication, the following information relative to the missing in action status of Corporal Davenport is herewith submitted:

a. Names and present status of members of tank crew:

Captain MORTIMER D. PIER, O1 012 280, slightly wounded in action and evacuated. Last known address is Detachment of Patients, U.S. Army Hospital Plant 4191, APO 209, U.S. Army.

Sergeant Robert T. Burns, 35,273,926, duty.

✓ Tec 4 Jack Hill, 35,264,825, killed in action.

Corporal William G. Davenport, 35,456,698, missing in action.

✓ Private Clayton Casey, 33,158,318, missing in action

b. When the afore-mentioned tank was hit by enemy anti-tank fire, all members of the crew evacuated the tank except Corporal Davenport who had been wounded. Sergeant Burns, the last member to leave the tank, claims that Corporal Davenport was slumped back in his seat and apparently unconscious. He could not determine whether or not Corporal Davenport was breathing. He expressed the personal opinion, however, that Davenport may have been killed inasmuch as he failed to respond when he shook him and called out his name.

c. The area in which the tank lay was in enemy hands and remained so for such a length of time that it was impossible to search the area to determine the actual status of Corporal Davenport.

2. Inclosed herewith is sworn statement of Sergeant Robert T. Burns.

3. Delay in return of correspondence was due to the tactical situation.

For the Commanding Officer

s/L. E. DEUTSCH,
CWO, USA,
Assistant Adjutant.

1 Incl. (added)
Affidavit of Sgt Burns.

C O P Y

COMPANY "A", 17TH TANK BATTALION
APO 257, U.S. Army

30 January 1945

A F F I D A V I T

On 4 October 1944 I was riding in the command tank of Company "A", 17th Tank Battalion when the Company was engaged with the enemy in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland. I was loader and riding in the turret. Corporal William G. Davenport, 35,456,698, was gunner and Captain Mortimer D. Pier the company commander was also in the turret. When our tank was hit it seemed as if Captain Pier was blown out through the turret hatch. I noticed that Corporal Davenport was in his seat, slumped back and apparently unconscious. He had a pretty bad wound in his left arm. I shook him and called out his name but there was no response. I could not determine whether he was breathing or not, however it is my personal opinion that Corporal Davenport may have been killed due to the fact that he failed to respond when I shook him and called out his name before I left the tank.

s/ Robert T. Burns,
Sgt., Co "A", 17th Tank Bn
35,273,926

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 30th day of
January, 1945 at A.P.O. 257, U.S. Army:

s/ R. E. MILLER,
1st Lt Inf
Adjutant.

C O P Y

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AUG 30 1946
Date
Adjutant General

AGPC-8 201 Davenport, William G.
(21 Dec 44) 36486698

21 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Determination of Status No. 2539

TO: Commanding General,
United States Forces,
European Theater of Operations,
APO 887, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

1. Reference is made to your casualty shipment No. 219, reporting Corporal William G. Davenport, 36486698, of Co. A, 17th Tank Battalion, missing in action in Holland since 4 October 1944.

2. A report from Co. A, 17th Tank Battalion, received in this office, reveals that Corporal Davenport's tank was hit by enemy fire while in the vicinity of a woods 200 yards south of Kijkuit, Holland. All were seen to leave the tank except Corporal Davenport. The tank was destroyed by fire immediately after being hit. It is believed by members of the crew who got out, that Corporal Davenport was killed while in the tank.

3. Your attention is invited to paragraph 6, a and c, WD Circular 375, 1944, which provides as follows:

"a. Dead--Any person will be reported dead when there is reasonably conclusive evidence of death or where there are circumstances that lead to no other logical conclusion.

"c. Investigation of circumstances attending the case of any person reported missing or missing in action will follow when conditions indicate advisability therefor. Whenever evidence justifies a change from report of missing or missing in action to one of death, a supplementary report will be promptly submitted. If the information or evidence is not reasonably conclusive of death, a report of all facts will be submitted."

0289. If the circumstances of the case justify a report of death, request compliance with provisions of paragraph 8, WD Circular 375, 1944.
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5. If the facts and circumstances of the case do not justify a change of status, request that you forward a detailed account of the facts and circumstances upon which you base your presumption of survival, including statements from survivors, if any are available.

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Thomas J. Henderson
Captain, A.G.D.

Adjutant General.

By Authority of T. A. G.

File: 21 Dec 44
Maurice Hoar
Munitions Bldg

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 28 Feb 1945 jca

FULL NAME <u>Davenport, William G.</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>35 456 698</u>		GRADE <u>Cpl</u>	
HOME ADDRESS <u>Jellico, Tenn.</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Inf</u>		DATE OF BIRTH <u>1 Sept 1919</u>	
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>		CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>4 Oct 1944</u>	
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>28 May 1942</u>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
				YEARS	MONTHS
					DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSES (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Margie Davenport, wife, RFD #2, Jellico, Tenn.</u>					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Margie Davenport, wife, same as above.</u> <u>Freddie W. Davenport, son, same as above.</u>					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
				<u>X</u>	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

Beneficiaries continued;
Mrs. Sally Davenport, mother, RFD #2, Jellico, Tenn.
Mr. Johnce Davenport, father, same as mother.

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 4 October 1944 until such absence was terminated on 17 February 1945 when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

COPIES FURNISHED:		
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2. O. O. M. G.	O. P. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Preston B. Mayson

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

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YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
				WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	
				YES	NO
				AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
				YES	NO
				IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
				YES	NO
				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
				YES	NO

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:
Preston B. Mayson

ADJUTANT GENERAL

COMPANY "D", 17TH TANK BATTALION,
APO #257, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

11 February 1945.

Mrs. Margie Davenport,
Route #2,
Jellico, Tennessee.

Dear Mrs. Davenport:

It is with the greatest personal sorrow that I write to express our sense of loss in the death of your husband and our comrade, Corporal William G. Davenport, 35,456,698.

He was killed in action on 4 October 1944 while we were engaged in a particularly hazardous undertaking in Holland. During the course of the engagement fierce enemy resistance was encountered and the lives of many of our soldiers endangered. Corporal Davenport, by his heroic actions on that occasion contributed materially to the success of our mission and in so doing lost his life.

Those of us who knew your husband always respected him and admired him for his courage and devotion to duty. Your sorrow and ours on his loss is something beyond writing or speech. We are proud to have known him and we will always remember him with affection. He died for his country.

You will, I am sure, be glad to know that the rites of his religion were extended him by a Protestant chaplain before he entered battle.

Very sincerely yours,

s/HENRY B. FELTON, Jr.
1st Lieutenant, Inf.,
Commanding.

TUC
CORPORAL W. G. DAVENPORT

17 FEB 1945

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
17TH TANK BATTALION

Seventh Armored Division
APO 257 c/o PM N. Y.
January 15, 1945

My dear Mrs. Davenport,

The War Department has notified you that Corporal William G. Davenport, 35,456,698, 17th Tank Battalion, is missing in action since October 4, 1944. This information about William may seem to be very meager, but it was all that was available at the time. Now it may be possible to obtain further information, and for that reason I am forwarding your letter to the Adjutant General's Office where it will receive prompt attention.

I was not acquainted with William personally as I have been with this battalion only since the latter part of October. Yet from his records and from what his comrades have to say about him I feel that I know him very well. And I can say in all truth that he is a credit to God, to his country and to all of us. You have every reason to be proud of him, Mrs. Davenport.

Indeed your mind is disturbed and uncertain as to your husband's fate, Mrs. Davenport, but he being the good and dependable soldier wants you to be patient and brave, and to be ready to accept anything as being God's Own Will. Of course it may be easy to say this, but we who are over here do look forward to our loved ones for their prayers, for their example in patience and courage. We are not afraid to give all, if necessary, but we do want those at home, regardless of what happens, to carry on for us not to give up hope and confidence in God under any circumstances. Because we Americans have good mothers and wives we are winning this war. And you Mrs. Davenport, will be looked up to by all those about you. Show them that you are a real American wife—be ready to carry on under any circumstances. It is God's will, what William wants you to do.

In all my prayers you may be certain that I will ask God to bless and protect you and William. Please consider me as your friend, and if need be do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

s/Anthony E. Czubak
Chaplain

Mrs. William G. Davenport
General Delivery, Jellica, Tennessee

C O P Y

201-Davenport, William G. (Enl) 1st Ind.
Headquarters, 17th Tank Battalion, APO #257, U.S. Army, 17 January 1945

To: Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, APO #257, U.S. Army

1. Corporal William G. Davenport, 35,456,698, appeared on BCR #33, this Headquarters, dated 9 October 1944, as Missing in Action as of 4 October 1944.

2. The following information has been obtained in regard to the MIA status of Corporal Davenport:

a. Cpl. Davenport was the gunner of a medium tank whose mission it was to attack enemy held woods north and east of Overloon, Holland.

b. His tank was hit by enemy anti-tank fire. The tank burst into flames and the crew though wounded evacuated the tank except Cpl Davenport who is believed to have been killed.

c. Since the area was held by enemy forces it was impossible to make a further search of the area.

For the Commanding Officer:

s/L. E. DEUTSON,
CWO, USA,
Assistant Adjutant.

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QMGMS 295
GRS European
SUBJECT: Request for Information

1st Ind

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:

Aiollo, Michael	16055052
Barker, Delford W.	58556426
Barras, James J.	38264750
Bonds, Howard T.	34272642
Dew, Robert G.	17067016
Donalds, Robert L.	52471788
Dover, Roland V., Jr.	O-481609
Hatus, Rudolph W.	38438558
Huoller, William W.	37514904
Penco, Carl E.	11014727
Richardson, Jeff B.	38381642
Sersha, John P.	37580467
Elado, Melvin R.	56762091
Spector, Sidney M.	42057879
Tompkins, Tom T.	58356901
Wiening, Paul G.	O-520508
Yonner, Thomas R.	O-2056515

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

Alfonso, Jafet	32002285
Amerson, Leonard C.	34263729
Clawson, Harry A.	19106658
Collier, Garland W.	39849456
Davenport, William G.	35456698
Haag, Edward J.	18023366

3. Reference is made to letter this Office dated 28 July 1949, file QMGMS 295 GRS European, subject: Additional Information for dental information on Biendo, Anthony P., 35610515 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 295 Biggs, Cecil W., O-671490, subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

QMGS 293 GRS European 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Request for Information

5. Cloud, William 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 QMGS 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 QMGS 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 QMGS 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 QMGS 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 QMGS 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 QMGS 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 QMGS 293 GRS (European), subject: Additional Information.
15. Dental report for Euren, 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 Dovor, 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

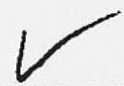
T. H. METZ
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>293</i> DAVENPORT, WILLIAM G. <i>dw</i>		GRADE <i>Cpl</i>		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 35456698	
ORGANIZATION <i>10</i>		RACE <i>W</i>	CREED <i>Protestant</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>4 Oct. 1944</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT <i>5ft 5in</i>	WEIGHT <i>138</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>7 1/2 D.</i>
DENTAL CHART ✓ <i>-28 May 42</i>					
UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 <i>none</i>			UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <i>missing</i>		
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 <i>D</i>		
X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>No forms attached</i>					

FILE
SEP 14 1949
 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

4049



IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL: Davenport William G
ARMY SERIAL NUMBER: 35456698
GRADE: CPT

HEIGHT: 65
WEIGHT: 138
COLOR EYES: Blue
COLOR HAIR: Brown
SHOE SIZE: 7 1/2 D
DATE OF DEATH: 10-4-44

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation):
Co A. 17th Cavalry Bn

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA:
St Anthony's Hospital

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

STATION	DATES
St Thomas Ky	6-5-42
" Knox "	8-20-42

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS: not shown
TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS: not shown

DENTAL CHART O.K.

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UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT							
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LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT							

X - EXTRACTED O - CARIOUS / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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Davenport
Last Name

W. L. ...
First Name

3573 6698

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
<i>See Camp</i>			
<i>See Camp</i>			
<i>1-8-43</i>		<i>1-11-43</i>	<i>25893</i>

Clerk	Date	Branch
<i>...</i>	<i>9 16 46</i>	<i>A 1123</i>

293

Davenport, William C.
35-456-698 at

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.

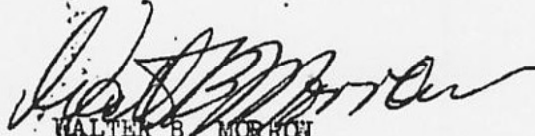
1. Reference is made to First Indorsement, this headquarters, dated 26 May 1947, concerning Corporal William C. Davenport, 35456698. 293

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
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

2 Incls

- 1. Form 371(with Incls)
- 2. Narrative

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12-3-47
Davenport
Morrow

Ex B.

11 February 1947

Dispense: 26 March 1947

(Rollend 2A & 3A) 5790

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Davenport, William G		Cpl	5790 35 456 698	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
Co A., 17th Tank Bn., 7th Arm Div		White	Prot.	
DATE OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
4 Oct 44	Killed in Action		St Anthony, Holland	
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
	65"	138	Blue	Brown
				SHOE SIZE
				7-1/2 D
DENTAL CHART				
UPPER RIGHT			UPPER LEFT	
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			O.K. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT	
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X = Extracted			O = Carious	
			I = Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK	
NONE SHOWN			NONE SHOWN	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
Age: 25 Yrs.				
DOB: 1 Sep 19				
<u>Operational Instructions No. 28</u>				
St.-Anthony, Holland, located at coordinates B-63.				
				
OVER				

Viorlingsbeek, 11 April 1947.

DECLARATION

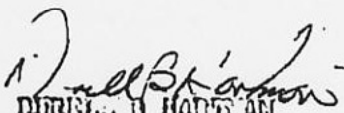
The undersigned herewith declares that, as far as he knows,
the American soldier William G. Lavenport, 35456378, has not been
buried at Overloosh.

/s/ H. van Daal,

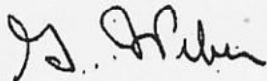
Departmental Clerk at

Viorlingsbeek.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DURRELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry.

Certified True Translation:


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4527 LI Service Co.

Holland 5361

St Anthony, 11 April 1947

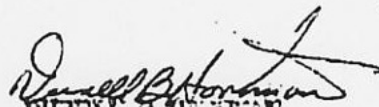
STATEMENT

The Burgomaster of OMIHO declares that the Allied soldier Cpl. William G. Davenport, 35456698, has not been buried in the Commune of Oploo and as far as he knows, has never been buried there. The few killed American soldiers (USA), who have been buried in this commune, have been disinterred and removed,

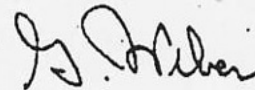
The Burgomaster,

/s/ Illegible.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DURRELL B. INGRAM
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:



I. Weber
4527 G.I. Service Co.

Commune 's-Hertogenbosch of the
State Police. Post OVERLOON.


Overloon, 11 April 1947.

DECLARATION

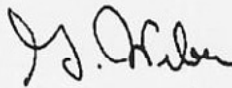
The undersigned, W.M. Weijmans, quarter master 1st class of the
State Police at Overloon, declares that, as far as he knows, Cpl. William
G. Davenport, No. 35456693, has not been buried at Overloon.

The Quarter Master 1st Class,
/s/ W.M. Weijmans.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DORELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry.

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
4527 GI Service Co.

Overloon, 12 April 1947.

S T A T E M E N T

Undersigned declares that Cpl. William G. Davenport,
35456698 has not been buried on the cemetery here and that,
in his opinion, he has not been buried at Overloon either.

/s/ Illogible

Pastor,

Overloon.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

D. B. Hamilton
DUCELL B HAMILTON
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

I. Ober
I. Ober
4527 OM Service Co.

NARRATIVE

reported missing in action after battle activities in the vicinity of St. Antonis and Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

Investigations in the St. Antonis 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 locations, 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 in 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/ B16	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 tanks USA 3033274 revealed the possible presence of human remains. Search of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

* Number not totally visible-probably 3022871.

Narrative, (Cont'd)

4. One tank, American model in British service, located 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, located near the house of J.A. Hendriks, C167, 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 CRD CORP 893 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 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. Verrits, C237, Overloon.

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

Inspection of this tank revealed the presence of human remains. Statement of G. Verrits 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		

Narrative, (Cont'd)

8. Four tanks in the Oploesche dijk, Overloon.

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

9. Five tanks in the district named 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 3099848	Not visible	Not visible

10. One tank in the district Tuut-Haesch, 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 whereabouts or whereabouts of the 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 tanks numbers: USA 3036752, USA 3033274, USA 3011069, and USA _____.

P. Chatelain
P. Chatelain
WD Civilian
Investigator

*Att. to Ltr.
11/29/46*

QJGMM 293 Davenport, William G. 2nd Ind.
SN 35 456 698

et
15 AUG 1947

WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C.

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:

POOLE ROGERS
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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U.S. M.C.



AIR MAIL

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(Basic Ltr OQMG, QMGR 293 Davenport, William G. SN 35 456 698,
dtd 29 Nov 1946).

RRE 293.9 (IB)

1st Ind

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 Corporal William G. Davenport, 35456698.

2. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
a/s

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen



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

GRU 293.9

16 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 Cpl. William G. DAVENPORT, 35456698, has been forwarded to the field 26 February 1947 for necessary action.
2. Current information received in this headquarters from the field 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
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To
~~QUARTERMASTER GENERAL 299~~
Davenport, William G.
SN 55 456 698

29 November 1946

Davenport, William G.

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 867, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to letter this office, OQMG 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 OQMG 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>
Davenport, William G.	Corporal	55 456 698

3. The attached OQMG 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 and identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by endorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

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U. S. G.
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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. HILEY
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	
Davenport, William G		Cpl	99 456 698	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co A., 17th Tank Bn., 7th Arm Div	White	Prot.		
DATE OF DEATH 1951 4 Oct 55	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
DATE OF FOD				
	Killed in Action	St Anthony, Holland		
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
69"	158	Blue	Brown	7-1/2 D
DENTAL CHART				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		O.R. 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 I = Carious Non-Restorable				
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
NONE SHD				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Age: 28 yrs. DOB 1 Sep 19				

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER INDICATED		CHECK ACTION	
TO: (Name, organization, building)		INITIALS	CONCURRENCE
1. Commanding Officer Kansas City Quartermaster Depot 601 Hardesty Avenue		R/GRK	
		DATE	SIGNATURE
		15 Aug	
2. Kansas City 1, Missouri ATTENTION: Effects Quartermaster			NOTE AND RETURN
			NOTE AND FORWARD
			COMPLETE ACTION
			CIRCULATE
			INFORMATION
			FILE
3. RE: LAVERPORT, WA. G. CORP (293) SN 38 458 898			
<p>For necessary action.</p> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>COMM. MEMORIAL DIVISION</p> <p>15 AUG 46</p> <p>1 Incl By ltr dtd 1 Jan 48</p> <p><i>W.A.A.</i> <i>15 Aug 46</i></p>			
FROM: (Name, organization, building)		DATE	
COMM, MEMORIAL DIVISION, EFFECTS BRANCH		15 Aug 46	
		TEL	
		3821	

QMGYG 293
Davenport, William G.
SN 35 456 698

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

13 August 1946

Mr. Johnce Davenport
Jellico, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Davenport:

Your letter to The Adjutant General concerning your son, the late Corporal William G. Davenport, has been referred to this office.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in searching operations in an endeavor to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that your son's remains have been discovered.

Information being utilized by these searching units includes data gathered from captured enemy records, from reports submitted by various commanders as well as fellow soldiers, and from reports rendered after the interrogation of returned prisoners of war.

I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and identification of your son's remains. You may be assured that when further information is received, you will be informed with a minimum of delay.

Your inquiry concerning person effects will be the subject of a later date.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMG
Assistant

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293
AGRS-DC 201 Davenport, William G.
(1 Jan 46)

17 July 1946.

Mr. Johnce Davenport
Jellico, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Davenport:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., requesting additional information concerning the death of your son.

Your desire to be fully informed regarding the death of your son, Corporal William G. Davenport, Army serial number 35 456 698, Infantry, is most understandable. The casualty message received from the Commanding General of the European Theater of Operation states only that he was killed in action 4 October 1944 in Holland, the day he was previously reported missing. Additional information has now been received which confirms this report and shows that death occurred in St. Anthonis, Holland. I regret that no further details were given.

Your son left the name and address of the person to be notified in case of an emergency as his wife, Mrs. Margie Davenport, RFD #2, Jellico, Tennessee, who was promptly advised of his death by War Department telegram and letter.

The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial and personal belongings of our military personnel who die overseas. A copy of your letter has accordingly been forwarded to that officer for necessary action.

Permit me to extend my sympathy to you and Mrs. Davenport.

Sincerely yours,

COPY FOR:
The Quartermaster General,
Washington 25, D. C.
1 Incl.
Cpy ltr dtd 1 Jan 46.

W. CHARLES D. SCORLE
Colonel, AGD
Mr. [Signature]

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS

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Jellico, Tenn.

Jan. 1, 1946.

War Department Adjutant,
General's Office,
Washington 25, D. C.,

Re: Davenport, William G.
ASN 35 456 698

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We do not know where he has a grave. We did not get one thing
of his belongings.

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Address to

Mr. Johnce Davenport,
Jellico, Tennessee.
father,

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 28 Feb 1945 jca

FULL NAME Davenport, William G.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 35 456 698		GRADE Cpl	
HOME ADDRESS Jellico, Tenn.		ARM OR SERVICE Inf		DATE OF BIRTH 1 Sept 1919	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 4 Oct 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 28 May 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSES (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Margie Davenport, wife, RFD #2, Jellico, Tenn.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Margie Davenport, wife, same as above. Freddie W. Davenport, son, same as above.					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
				YES	NO
				WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	
				YES	NO
				YES	NO
				AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
				YES	NO
				YES	NO
				IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
				YES	NO
					X
				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
				YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

Beneficiaries continued;

Mrs. Sally Davenport, mother, RFD #2, Jellico, Tenn.

Mr. Johnce Davenport, father, same as mother.

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 4 October 1944 until such absence was terminated on 17 February 1945 when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

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		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Preston B. Mayson

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
DAVENPORT WILLIAM G		35456698		CPL	INF	FTO
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR			
HOLLAND 9	04	OCT	44		MIA	219

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 MARGIE DAVENPORT	WIFE	23 OCT 44 11b
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
RURAL FREE DELIVERY NUMBER TWO JELICO TENNESSEE		

REMARKS:

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ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM 43 AG 201 REQ _____
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):
FILE NO. MESSAGE NO. TYPE DATE AND AREA E. A. NOTIFIED
FORWARDED TO
SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRES. S. R. & D. CERTIF. M. & M. NON-DEL.
REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE _____ CHECKED BY *W. J. ...* REVIEWED BY _____

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE		CCNP	RACE											
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY													
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

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CLR/WB/bh ←
9 September 1946

Mr. Johnce Davenport
Route #2
Jellico, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Davenport:

Reference is made to your letter directed to The Adjutant General, and forwarded here for direct reply regarding personal effects of your son, Corporal William G. Davenport.

A check of our records indicates no property has been received at this Bureau, to date, marked as belonging to Corporal Davenport. A search of the personal effects records of the European Theater Area fails to reveal any information regarding any property belonging to your son.

Realizing to the fullest extent your desire to receive any of your son's belongings, I am indeed sorry to convey this report.

Yours very truly,

C. L. RUMFIELD
2nd Lt, QMC
Asst Effects Quartermaster

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6 Oct 74

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

<u>DAVENPORT</u>	<u>WILLIAM</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>CPT</u>	<u>35456696</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)

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

The above named individual of 17TH TANK BN.
(Unit)

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

4 OCT 1944
Hospitalized, etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Mrs. Margie Davenport

Rt # 2 Jellico, Tenn.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

DUFFLE Bag - ~~DESTROYED~~ STORED IN DIU. Q.M.

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TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER INDICATED		CHECK ACTION	
TO: (Name, organization, building)	INITIALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONCURRENCE
1. Commanding Officer Kansas City Quartermaster Depot 601 Hardesty Avenue	R/GRK DATE 15 Aug	<input type="checkbox"/>	SIGNATURE
2. Kansas City 1, Missouri ATTENTION: Effects Quartermaster		<input type="checkbox"/>	NOTE AND RETURN
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	NOTE AND FORWARD
RE: DAVENPORT, WM. G. COHP (293) SN 35 456 698		<input type="checkbox"/>	COMPLETE ACTION
		<input type="checkbox"/>	CIRCULATE
		<input type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATION
		<input type="checkbox"/>	FILE

For necessary action.


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Cy ltr dtd 1 Jan 46

FROM: (Name, organization, building)	DATE
COMG, MEMORIAL DIVISION, EFFECTS BRANCH	15 Aug 46
	TEL.
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Jellico, Tenn

Jan 1, 1946

War Department Adjutant,
General's Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Davenport, William G.
ASN 35 456 698

We do not know where he has a grave. We did not get one thing of his belongings.

Address to

Mr. Johnce Davenport,
Jellico, Tennessee.
father,

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