



# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

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Persons, Allan J.

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RECEIPT OF REMAINS

HEADQUARTERS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1, AGRS ROUTINE

58th ST & 1st AVE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

JOHNSON MORTUARY

514 EAST 3RD ST

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REMAINS OF THE LATE *20/5* TEC 4 ALLAN J PERSONS ACCOMPANIED BY AN *21/8*

ESCORT ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JERSEY CITY ON TRAIN

NUMBER 7 B & O RAILROAD AT SIX FIVE PM

ON TUESDAY 11 JULY AND DUE TO ARRIVE AT DULUTH

AT EIGHT TEN AM STANDARD TIME ON THURSDAY 13 JULY

ON TRAIN NUMBER 17 SOO LINE RAILROAD.

PLEASE ARRANGE TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND

PLEASE NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL.

J. A. ST LOUIS

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

COLONEL, QMC

Escort: Lt Col W Stanley W. Kiger

0292882

9201 TSU-TC

FILE

18 AUG 1950

REPATRIATION

BRANCH  
CEREM DIV.

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased  
this 13 day of July, 1950  
(Day) (Month)


*W Stanley W Kiger*  
Lt Col.

(Witness (Escort))

0-292882

*Johnson Mortuary*  
By *M. L. Johnson*  
(Consignee)

## DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

		SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 02198	DATE 15 01 50 DAY MONTH YEAR	
		NAME PERSONS ALLAN J		SERIAL NUMBER 37300978	GRADE TEC/4	ARM 1
CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM		PLOT Y	ROW 11	GRAVE 254	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 7400 01 CODE DIST. CTR.	
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN						
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE JOHNSON MORTUARY 514 EAST 3RD STREET DULUTH, MINNESOTA			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN MARTHA J. PERSONS (WIDOW) 830 EAST 2ND STREET DULUTH, MINNESOTA			
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION						
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY  NAME AND TITLE		
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT						
NATURE OF BURIAL			CONDITION OF REMAINS			
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION						
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)						
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET						
DATE		BY	EMBALMER (Signature)			
CASKET SEALED BY		CASKET BOXED AND MARKED				
DATE		BY	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY			
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.						
						SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR
REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS PREV. UNK. X-5785						

## RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

### 1. SHIPPED

FROM M.S.M.C. Neuviller, Belgium		TO Lido Remains Storage Area	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER <i>J.P. Cecil S. Great</i>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>M.R. Swart</i> M.R. Swart, Capt., Q.C.	DATE 12 MAR. 1950	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>E.N. Heisey</i> E.N. Heisey, 1st Lt., Q.C.	DATE

### 2. SHIPPED

FROM Lido Remains Storage Area		TO AGRC (Water Division) Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Rail		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>E.N. Heisey</i> E.N. Heisey, 1st Lt., Q.C.	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>EDWIN ORAZEN</i> EDWIN ORAZEN, Capt., Q.C.	DATE

### 3. SHIPPED

FROM AGRC (Water Division) Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation		TO USAT James E. Robinson	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>JOHN ORAZEN</i> JOHN ORAZEN, Capt., Q.C.	DATE 17 JUNI 1950	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>W. W. Preisce</i>	DATE 17 JUNI 1950

### 4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO <b>N Y P E</b>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>W. W. Preisce</i>	DATE JUN 26 1950

### 5. SHIPPED

FROM <b>N Y P E</b>		TO <b>DC OI</b>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <b>TRAILER</b>		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>W. W. Preisce</i> W. W. PREISCHE PORT TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER	DATE JUN 26 1950	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>H. O. Young</i> H. O. YOUNG Captain, QMG	DATE JUN 26 1950

### 6. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 7. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE



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## DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

1	SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 02198		DATE 15 08 48 DAY MONTH YEAR		
	NAME UNKNOWN		SERIAL NUMBER X-005785	GRADE	ARM J	RACE O	RELIGION 6
CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM		PLOT Y	ROW 11	GRAVE 254	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1202 80 CODE DIST. CTR.		

## SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE NEVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)
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## SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME UNKNOWN	SERIAL NUMBER X-005785	GRADE UNK	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED 3 DEC 48
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS ROB <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER EMB	ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN	RELIGION UNK	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY VERNON N. HOYT 1/LT INF NAME AND TITLE	

## SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL REMNANTS UNIFORM	CONDITION OF REMAINS REMAINS CONSIST OF PROXIMAL R/ FEMUR, FRACTURED L/HALF PELVIC GIRDLE, SMALL PORTION OF R/HALF PELVIC.
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION 2 EMBOSSED PLATES WITH REMAINS READ 12 - 1406. OTHER 2 READ UNKNOWN X-5785.	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.) NONE	

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ TRANSFER BOX

DATE 27 DEC 48	BY HENRY F. PERGANDE	FERRARS D. STEWART EMBALMER
CASKET SEALED BY HENRY F. PERGANDE	EMBALMER (Signature) HENRY F. PERGANDE EMBALMER	
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 5 JAN 49 BY STANLEY E. GAJEWSKI CLERK RECORDER	ALL PLATES TAGS MARKINGS VERIFIED BY: FRANKLIN J. ST. CLAIR 1/LT INF	

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

EXCEPT CASKETING

ALBERT S. KIMBERLIN 1/LT INF

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

certify that the entries on this form are true copies of the entries on Copy Number 4 of this Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed hereon.

*Raymond G. Johnson, 1st Lt. Inf*

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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CASE NO.		<b>INSPECTION CHECK LIST</b>				SPACE NO.
NAME OF DECEASED <i>(Last-First, Middle Initial)</i> <b>PERSONS ALLAN J</b>		BRANCH OF SERVICE <b>USAGF</b>	RACE <b>W</b>	RELIGION	SEX <b>M</b>	DATE
RANK OR GRADE <b>TEC 4</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>37300978</b>	CONSIGNEE <b>Johnson Mortuary 514 E. 3d St Duluth, Minn</b>				
SHIPPING CASE—GENERAL APPEARANCE <i>(Check ONLY Discrepancies)</i>			CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE <i>(Check One)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
FINISH <i>(Exterior)</i>			REMARKS			
FINISH <i>(Interior)</i>						
HANDLES						
HANDLE BOLTS						
STENCILING—NAME PLATE						
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER						
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER						
CASKET—GENERAL APPEARANCE <i>(Check ONLY Discrepancies)</i>			CONDITION OF CASKET <i>(Check One)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
FINISH <i>(Exterior)</i>			REMARKS <i>OK, Casket Retouched &amp; Polished.</i>			
HANDLES AND FASTENINGS						
STENCILING—NAME PLATE						
CAM LOCKS <i>(Sealing)</i>						
ODOR OR MOISTURE						
<b>ROUTED THROUGH</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM			<input type="checkbox"/> REPAIR SHOP			
CONDITION OF REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			CASKET REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
NECESSARY DISINFECTION <i>(Explain)</i>			CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
			SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
			SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
			REMARKS			
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	
				<b>7/3/50</b>	<b>E. Farnell</b>	
REMARKS						

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DULUTH MINN JUN 23 624P

COL G H BARE

DISTRIBUTION CENTER NY 1 PORT OF EMBARKATION

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO MAKE IN BURIAL TECH 4 ALLAN J  
PERSONS

MARTHA PERSONS

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Distribution center #1  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

I certify that this message is an official  
business and that its transmission with a  
lower precedence, or by air mail, regular  
mail, or scheduled messenger would be pre-  
judicial to the public interest.

MARTHA J PERSONS  
830 E. 2D ST  
DULUTH, MINN

*James K. McKinstry*  
JAMES McCARTHY  
Major, TC  
Admin O, AGR Div.

MCCLINSON

PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE TEC 4 ALLAN J PERSONS  
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED  
TO JOHNSON MORTUARY, 514 E. 3D ST, DULUTH, MINN.

WE CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN INTERVAL OF  
SEVERAL WEEKS WILL ELAPSE BEFORE DELIVERY CAN BE EFFECTED. YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR  
WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS PRIOR TO DELIVERY GIVING DATE AND TIME  
REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO  
ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION ON ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO INFORM  
YOU SO YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
MILITARY ESCORT. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS' ORGANIZA-  
TION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY  
INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM  
COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION OR SUBMIT NEW  
INSTRUCTIONS. WE REGRET IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE  
WITH CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT  
HOURS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

DOG (REV) RELEASED TO W U

G. H. BARE  
COL, QMC

26 JUNE 60

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HEADQUARTERS  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
Brooklyn, NY

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 125

E X T R A C T

28 June 1950

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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL YOUNT:

OFFICIAL:

RAYMOND F GUNN  
Lt Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

GUY D THOMPSON  
Colonel, TC  
Chief of Staff



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OFFICIAL:

RAYMOND F GURN  
Lt Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

GUY D THOMPSON  
Colonel, TC  
Chief of Staff



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**REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES**

*(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)*

1. DATE  
*July 14, 1950*

2. NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>Mr &amp; Mrs PERSONS ALLAN J</i>		3. BRANCH OF SERVICE <i>AGF</i>	6. A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERMENT EXPENSES <i>(Civilian or Private Cemetery)</i>
4. RANK OR GRADE <i>TEC 4</i>		5. SERIAL NO. <i>37300978</i>	B. <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES <i>(National or Post Cemetery)</i>
			7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF WORLD WAR II DECEASED, CHECK BOX. <input type="checkbox"/> IF CURRENT DECEASED, ENTER DATE OF DEATH.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO INITIATING INSTALLATION**

Fill in items 1 through 7 and item 10.  
Cross out item 8 or item 9, whichever is not applicable.  
Stamp "Ribbon" copy "ORIGINAL."  
Stamp carbon copies "COPY."

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM**

This form is to be signed by the claimant and NOT by the funeral director.  
Complete the original and three copies.  
**SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY.**

8. FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED	9. FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED
I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below: NAME: <i>Funerise Memorial</i> CITY OR COUNTY: <i>Duluth</i> STATE: <i>Minn.</i>	I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above-named decedent from: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped) <del>TO: (Name and location of National or Post Cemetery)</del>
10. RETURN THE ORIGINAL AND THREE COPIES TO:	11. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <i>Martha Persons</i>
	12. ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State) <i>830 E 2nd St. Duluth, Minn.</i>
	13. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT <i>Wife</i>

REMARKS:

W. O. Steiger  
Col., F.D.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JUL 1950  
Sgt. 215-216  
Sta. 625

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EXPLANATION OF BOX "A"

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1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the Government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.

3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the Government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: Hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.

4. Reimbursement by the Government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipted bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

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EXPLANATION OF BOX "B"

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1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the Government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the Government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the Government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. **WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.**

3. Reimbursement by the Government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.

4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.



REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

Lincoln 49

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL:

DATE:

Per NR.

25 November 1949

T/4 Allen J. Persons, 37 300 978  
 Plot Y, Row 11, Grave 254  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.  
 If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

1. Mrs. Martha Persons (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)  
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

- WIDOW       WIDOWER       SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD       DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER       MOTHER       BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD       SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY Sunrise Cemetery Duluth, Minnesota  
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
- 3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_  
(FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
- 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_  
(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)  
 (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)  
 YES       NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

None  
T/4 Allen J. Persons X-5785

dated 12-30-49  
L. Blott

D. J. Persons 1-4-5-0

*J. P. ...*

*Handwritten signatures and initials*

**PART I (Continued)**

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)		

OR I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>Johnson Mortuary, The Johnson Funeral Director</i>			
NUMBER AND STREET <i>514 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St.</i>	CITY OR TOWN <i>Duluth</i>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <i>St. Louis</i>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>Minnesota</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) <i>Duluth, Minn.</i>	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS <i>Duluth, Minn.</i>	TELEPHONE No. <i>Adison 3690</i>	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Martha A. Persons* (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)      *830 E - 2<sup>nd</sup> street* (STREET AND NUMBER)  
MARTHA J. PERSONS (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)      *Duluth, Minnesota* (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this *22<sup>nd</sup>* day of *Dec.*  
 19*49*, at city (or town) of *Duluth*, county of *St. Louis*, and State (or Territory or District) of *Missouri*

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

*Edwin F. Johnson*  
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

**EDWIN F. JOHNSON**  
 NOTARY PUBLIC, OFFICIAL STATE OF MISSOURI, County, Minn.  
 My Commission Expires April 19, 1956

**PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED  
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)  
 NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____	_____
<small>(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)</small>	<small>(DATE)</small>
_____	_____
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(STREET AND NUMBER)</small>
_____	_____
	<small>(CITY AND STATE)</small>

**PART III**

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

_____	_____
<small>(SIGNATURE)</small>	<small>(DATE)</small>
_____	_____
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(STREET AND NUMBER)</small>
_____	_____
	<small>(CITY AND STATE)</small>

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.



QMGW DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC ARROWSMITH X-5057

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VA DISTRICT OFFICE 8  
PORT SWELLING MINNESOTA

PRIORITY

CHARGE GRAVES WW II

XC 3743615 PLEASE ADVISE THIS OFFICE CURRENT ADDRESS AND  
MARITAL STATUS WIDOW COMMA T/4 ALLAN J PERSONS COMMA  
37300978. ALSO CURRENT ADDRESS PARENTS. REPLY BY TELEGRAM.  
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Persons, Allan J. 37300978 14 Dec. 49

Captain, J. F. VOGL  
QMC, Memorial Division



QMGLF 293  
Persons, Allan J.  
SN 37 300 978

25 November 1949

Mrs. Martha Persons  
419 North Lake Avenue  
Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Persons:

We are desirous that you be furnished information concerning the resting place of the remains of your husband, the late Technician Fourth Grade Allan J. Persons.

The official report of burial has been received and discloses that the remains of your husband were recovered from a United States tank in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland, by our American Graves Registration Personnel, properly identified, and interred in Plot Y, Row 11, Grave 254, in the United States Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, located nine miles southwest of Liege, Belgium.

The report further indicates that these remains have now been casketed and are being held in above ground storage pending disposition instructions from the next of kin, either for return to the United States or for permanent burial in an overseas cemetery.

According to our records the identification of the remains of your husband was established through interrogation of a survivor who furnished information that your husband was killed while in the position of a bow gunner in the tank. This is in agreement with the position from which the remains were recovered. The tank from which the remains were recovered was identified through the tank number as being the one that your husband was in. In addition to this evidence the date and place of death as given on the official report of burial are in agreement with the records in the Adjutant General's Office for your husband.

There are inclosed informational pamphlets regarding the Return of World War II Dead Program, including a Disposition form on which you may indicate your desires in this matter. Upon receipt of the properly completed form, you may be assured that the Department of the Army will attempt to comply with your instructions as indicated thereon.

In order that this office may take immediate action toward the final disposition of the remains of your husband, it is urged that you complete

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Persons, Allan J.  
SN 37 300 978

25 November 1949

the inclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail it to this office, without delay, in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. CAMPBELL  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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**CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET**

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium	Y	11	254
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
Mrs. Martha Persons	419 North Lake Avenue Duluth, Minnesota		
RELATIONSHIP	widow		

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)  
Persons, Allan J.

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
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FORM LTR "A" INITIAL LOI

Para. 1 -----

Para. 2 -----omit - insert the following:  
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Para. 3 -----Line 2 - being held in above ground storage -----

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Paras. 5, 6 and 7 -----

Incls:

Note action sheet for ltr to Effects QM

cc: Miss Harris

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37 300 978

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

In Reply refer to QMGMF 293

**Persons, Allan J.**  
**SN 37 300 978**

25 November 1949

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SUBJECT: Identification of former UNKNOWN deceased.

TO: Commanding Officer  
Quartermaster Activity  
Kansas City Records Center  
Kansas City 1, Missouri  
Attn: Effects Quartermaster

1. The remains which were previously interred as UNKNOWN X 5785,  
Plot Y, Row 11, Grave 254, USMC Neuville-en-Sandros, Belgium  
have been identified by a GRS Field Board of Review as those of  
T/4 Allan J. Persons, 37 300 978  
whose Next of Kin, according to the records of this Office, is  
Mrs. Martha Persons (widow)  
419 North Lake Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota

2. The identification has been approved by this Office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FEJLDMAN:

W. E. CAMPBELL  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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

In Reply refer to QMGI 293

*Persons, Allan J.,  
T/4 37300978*

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Quartermaster Activity  
Kansas City Records Center  
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T/4 Allan J. Persons, 37300978  
whose Next of Kin, according to the records of this Office, is \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Martha Persons - widow - 419 North Lake Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota

2. The identification has been approved by this Office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FELDMAN:

WORK SHEET

WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL  
Lt. Col. QMC  
Memorial Division

**AIRMAIL**

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO **QMGT 293**

**9 November 1949**

**PERSONS, Allan J.**  
**Z/4 37 300 978**

**SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased**

**TO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Area  
APO 56, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York**

1. The identification of Z/4 Allan J. <sup>Persons</sup> Persons, 37300978  
(formerly X 5785, Plot V, Row 11 and  
Grave 254, USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium)  
as established by your Headquarters has been approved by this office.

2. Request all records be amended accordingly.

**FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:**

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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OMCMT 293  
PERSONS, Allan J.  
T/Sgt. 37 300 978

10 October 1949

Mr. Charles R. Probus  
405 South Vine  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Probus:

Acknowledgment is made of your recent letter in reply to our inquiry concerning T/Sgt. Allan J. Persons.

The information contained therein is greatly appreciated and this Office wishes to thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, OMC  
Memorial Division

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PERSONS, Allan J.  
T/Sgt. 37 300 978

7 October 1949

Mr. Don R. Howard  
218 Water Street  
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Howard:

Acknowledgment is made of your recent letter in reply to our inquiry concerning T/Sgt. Allan J. Persons.

The information contained therein is greatly appreciated and this Office wishes to thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. LETZ  
Lt. Colonel, CMC  
Memorial Division

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QMGMT 293  
PERSONS, Allan J.  
T/Sgt. 37 300 978

29 September 1949

Mr. Don R. Howard  
92 Martin Street  
South Acton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Howard:

The records in this Office indicate that you were a member of the same tank crew as T/Sgt. Allan J. Persons, 37 300 978 who was killed in action 1 October 1944.

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information concerning the circumstances of his death in an effort to identify his remains.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could furnish information concerning the incident which resulted in the death of T/Sgt. Persons, the nick name or serial number of the tank and whether or not you remember if his leg had been bandaged.

A reply at your earliest convenience is solicited.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is inclosed for your convenience and in order to expedite delivery.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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QMGMT 293  
PERSONS, Allan J.  
T/Sgt. 37 300 978

29 September 1949

Mr. Charles R. Probus  
207 E. California Street  
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Probus:

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Lt. Colonel, GIC  
Memorial Division

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EAST 2ND STREET CMA DULUTH MINNESOTA PD MOTHER ALSO SURVIVING CMA  
MRS MARY PERSONS CMA RESIDING AT 1211 WEST FIRST STREET CMA DULUTH  
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DUE, HOUR AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
2	Rec Unit Resol Sec Repat Br Mem Div	Chief Repat Br Corres Sec	22 Nov 49	<p>Request dispatch of necessary letter to NOK of PERSONS, Allan J., and dispatch of notification to Effects QM.</p> <p>Return file to Miss Thomas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> ARROWSMITH 5057</p> <p>1 Incl 293 file</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thomas 71672</p> <p style="text-align: right;">mlg</p>
3	Chief Repat Br Corr Sec Mem Div	Records Unit Resolution Section Repat Br Mem Div  Attn: Miss Thomas	25 Nov 1949	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>1. Returned herewith is 293 file for PERSONS, Allan J.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>2. Combination grave location - LOI and letter to Effects QM have been dispatched.</p> <p>Incl n/c</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> KERSCHER 5072</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris</p>
4	Rec Unit Resol Sec Repat Br Mem Div	Accep & Proc Unit Resol Sec Repat Br	28 Nov 49	<p>Records corrected in Records Unit. 293 file forwarded for continuation of action.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> ARROWSMITH 5057</p> <p>1 Incl 293 file</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thomas 71672</p> <p style="text-align: right;">mlg</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>FILE</b> <i>E. B.</i> <i>Mat</i> <i>29 Dec 49</i> ... section ... Branch</p>

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1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Id Br. Mem Div.	Chief Repat Br. Resol Sect Records Unit ATTN: Mr. Arrowsmith	9 Nov. 1949	<p>1. Attached case file forwarded for necessary correction of records and deflagging.</p> <p>2. All records in Ident. Section have been amended and the Field notified.</p>
		IN TURN.		
		Corres Section		<p>1. For necessary Grave Location Letter to NOK.</p> <p>2. For dispatch of notification to Effects Q.M.</p>
		REPAIRIA RECORDS BRANCH	NOV 15 4 17 PM '49	MEMORIAL DIVISION
				<p>1 Incl 293 File for PERSONS, Allan J. T/4 37 300 978</p>
				<p>METZ 74059</p>
				<p><i>Betty B</i> BARRA 2462</p>

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2 October 1949  
218 W. 10th St. WAC/L  
Lawrence, Mass.

Lt. Colonel J. H. Metz, Q.M.C.  
Memorial Division,

Dear Sir,

Am answering your letter which was received  
1 Oct. 1949.

Concerning <sup>293</sup> the circumstances surrounding  
the death of Allan J. Persons, 37 300 978  
I would be only too glad to tell what  
I know if it will help in any way.

On the first of October 1944, Com-  
pany A, 46th Tank Battalion of the 7th  
Armored Division was to make a coner-  
trated drive on the town of Oudshoorn  
in Holland in an effort to capture it  
from the enemy.

I believe that including mine  
there were three tanks knocked out  
all told.

As to the information you re-  
quested:

I do not remember the serial  
number of the tank nor the nick-  
name but I can tell you approximately  
where it happened.

"Buddy" but there was no answer,  
 and we proceeded to crawl away on  
 our bellies. I was so painfully burned  
 it was hard to crawl and when I  
 looked up the others were about a  
 hundred feet ahead crawling for  
 their lives. So - I thought there wasn't  
 a possibility of my getting out of  
~~there whole skinned and I went~~  
~~back to the tank and crawled up on~~  
 the left side of the vehicle over  
 the driver's hatch and the gun  
 and lifted up the hatch to the  
 bowgunners compartment. Stunned  
 early the heat that came out  
 was terrific and on looking down  
 I saw that Sgt Pursans had  
 caught the round in the left  
 hip and there was nothing where  
 it should have been but a bloody  
 pulp.  
 At that moment the artillery

We were <sup>at</sup> approximately two hundred yards from the out skirts of town diagonally across from a wind mill with a small building to the right of it when an armor piercing shell from presumably an 88 mm. struck the tank directly in front of the gunner who was Sgt Parsons, pierced the tank itself went thru Parsons and exploded in the ammunition under the turret of which we had about 50 shells of 75 mm.

There was a blinding flash and a wall of orange flame shot up and caught me and also the assistant gunner in the face and body. We managed to get out before being hurled to death and the Tank Commander, Driver, Assault Gunner and myself met outside to the rear of that tank which was then burning quite furiously. We called it Peaches whose nickname was

and small arms fire from the Germans who had succeeded in sending our troops in to a retrograde movement was so great that I was forced to a hasty ~~and~~ run. The last thing I remember seeing was the black smoke and flame pouring from the turret hatch and I dashed off toward a patch of woods about 300 yards away and truthfully I cannot tell you what I was not shot in the attempt or why I am able to tell you this to day.

In my own personal estimation I think there ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> no doubt but be-  
 cause I ~~think~~ <sup>think</sup> it is ~~identically~~ <sup>identically</sup> ~~exploded~~ <sup>exploded</sup> in the ~~hatch~~ <sup>hatch</sup>  
 very ~~truly~~ <sup>truly</sup> yours

Don R. Howard







Dear Sir!

Sorry I dont have <sup>any</sup> information about Allen J. Persons <sup>37300378</sup> But dont remember him at all. if you had sent more information about him I might have remember him. for further information you could write  
Mr. Charlie C. Janney  
Route 8 Box 316  
Poonake Va.

Sincerely yours  
Charles R. Probus  
405 South Vine  
Urbana Ill.



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

IN REPLY REFER TO  
OGLT 293  
PERSONS, Allan J.  
T/Sgt. 37 300 978

29 September 1949

Mr. Charles R. Probus  
207 E. California Street  
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Mr. Probus:

The records in this Office indicate that you were a member of the same tank crew as T/Sgt. Allan J. Persons, 37 300 978 who was killed in action 1 October 1944.

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information concerning the circumstances of his death in an effort to identify his remains.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could furnish information concerning the incident which resulted in the death of T/Sgt. Persons, the nick name or serial number of the tank and whether or not you remember if his leg had been bandaged.

A reply at your earliest convenience is solicited.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is inclosed for your convenience and in order to expedite delivery.

Sincerely yours,

*T. H. Letz*  
T. H. LETZ  
Lt. Colonel, Q.C.  
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DUE, HOUR AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Id Br. Mem Div.	QM Liaison Major Sekowski	23 Sept. 1949	<p>1. It is requested that the organization records be searched to determine the period of time Co. "A", 40th TK. BN, 7th Armd. Div. was in the vicinity of Overloon Holland (around 1 Oct 44)</p> <p>2. It is further requested that a list of casualties for subject company, for the period of time determined above, be furnished this Office.</p> <p>3. Information on the crew of Tank #3036782 marked 7/40/A5, name "Able Abe" is desired, if available.</p> <p>4. Circumstances of death for, PERSONS, Allan J., T/4, 37300978 believed to have been a member of the above tank crew is requested.</p> <p>5. Please furnish pertinent "After Action Reports" if practicable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>Blatt</i>            HERRY 2462      BLATT 75969         </p>
2	QM Pent Liaison Adm. Br. Mem Div	Chief Id Br. Mem Div.	27 Oct 1949	<p>Inclosed herewith is information obtained from DPRB-201 Files, Army Ground Forces Historical files, Operation Reports pertaining to the death of PERSONS, Allan J., T/4., 37300978 of Co. "A", 40th Tank Battalion, killed in action 1 October 1944 (ETO).</p> <p>No information available pertaining to paragraph #2 above.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>B. J. V.</i>            SEKOWSKI 6679      <i>E. M. D.</i>            DYER 73090         </p>

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1. It is requested that the organization records be searched to determine the period of time Co. "A", 40th TK. BN, 7th Armd. Div. was in the vicinity of Overloon Holland (around 1 Oct 44)

2. It is further requested that a list of casualties for subject company, for the period of time determined above, be furnished this Office.

3. Information on the crew of Tank #30367C2 marked 7/40/A5, name "Able Abe" is desired, if available.

4. Circumstances of death for, PERSONS, Allan J., T/4, 37300978 believed to have been a member of the above tank crew is requested.

5. Please furnish pertinent "After Action Reports" if practicable.

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NAME: Persons, Allen J. ASN: 37300978 RANK: T/4

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE: Aug. 15, 1942

RACE: White

RELIGION: Presbyterian

BORN: Apr. 18, 1919

PLACE: Duluth, Minn.

WEIGHT: 144<sup>lb</sup>

HEIGHT: 69 1/2"

EYES: Blue

HAIR: Brown

COMPLEXION: Ruddy

SHOE SIZE: 8 1/2 - EE

DENTAL

<u>Right</u>								<u>Left</u>							
Upper															
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	<del>16</del>

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

*Was a member of Co. "A" 40<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion*

*KIA - 1 October 1944 at Overloon, Holland.*

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

DATE 21 May 1945 dmb

REPORT OF DEATH

FULL NAME Persons, Allan J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 37 300 978	GRADE Tec/4
HOME ADDRESS Duluth, Minn.		ARM OR SERVICE AMD	DATE OF BIRTH 18 Apr 1919
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 1 Oct 1944
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 15 Aug 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAY
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Martha Persons (wife) 419 North Lake Ave., Duluth, Minn.			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Martha Persons (wife) same as above Mary Persons (mother) 1209 W 1st St. Duluth, Minn. Donald Persons (father) same as above			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STAT (SPECIFY BELOW)		YES NO	
		X	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE  NON-BATT

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 1 Oct 1944 until such absence was terminated on 14 May 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was rec'd by the Secretary of War from a commander in the European Area.

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G. A. O.	RET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*Ed Smith*  
ADJUTANT GEN

AV

AG 201, Persons, Allan J. 12th Ind. JWP/ERM/rvc  
37340978/Cas  
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, 12 May 1945.

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

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew members of subject tank, as listed in inclosure 2, to be as shown below:

Tec/4 Allan J. Persons	37340978	KIA	1 Oct. 1944
Sgt. John Hankowitz	33260551	KIA	30 Nov. 1944
Cpl. Donn R. Howard	31259274	RTD	18 Jan. 1945
Tec/5 Charles R. Probus	36313902	RTD	6 Dec. 1944
Cpl. Oscar Brown	34264108	Not reported casualty	

2. No additional information is available at this headquarters.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

H.M. RUND  
Colonel, AGD.,  
Asst. Adj. General.

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COMPANY A. 40TH TANK BATTALION  
APO 257, U.S. Army

9 December 1945 .

SUBJECT: Status of PERSONS, ALLAN J., 37 340 978, MIA

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

The following information pertaining to Tec 4 PERSONS  
ALLAN J., 37 340 978, Missing in Action on 1 October 1944, Formerly  
a member of Company "A", 40th Tank Battalion:

a. Members of the Crew:

Sgt. Hankowitz, John, 33 260 551 (KIA 30 Nov 44)  
Cpl. Howard, Don R. 31 259 274 (LWA 1 Octo 1944 - Present)  
Tec 5 Probus, Charles R. 36 313 902 (LWA 1 Oct 44 - Present)  
Cpl Brown, Oscar, 34 264 108, (Hosp NBC, 30 Nov 44).

b. The survivors of the tank were:

Cpl. Howard, Don R. 31 259 274 (Present)  
Tec 5 Probus, Charles R. 36 313 902 (Present)  
Cpl Brown, Oscar, 34 264 108 (NBC; 30 Nov 44)

c. Statement by survivor in regards to Tec 4 PERSONS:

Cpl L. HOWARD: Upon returning to the tank, about five minutes  
later, I saw Tec 4 PERSONS lying across the  
final drive of the tank. His left leg was  
severed from his body and to the best of my  
knowledge, Tec 4 PERSONS was dead.

TEC 5 PROBUS: Could make no statement

d. Opinions of survivors were based on:

The large amount of blood and the whiteness of Tec 4 PERSONS'  
face because the hatch was open

e. No inspection was made of the tank.

MALCOLM O. ALLEN, JR.  
Captain INF  
Co. A, 40th Tank Bn  
Commanding

G. M. HAAS,  
CWO USA,  
Assistant Adjutant

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AGPC 201 Persons, Allan J.  
(24 Mar 45) 37340978

24 March 1945

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Military Personnel

Casualty

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Washington 25, D. C.

Room 4602

TO:

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

ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL  
Air mail X

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MESSAGE:

1. Your casualty shipment No. reported Tec 4 Allan J. Persons, 37340978, Inf, missing in action in Holland since 1 October 1944.
2. The 40th Tank Bn reported that Tec 4 Persons was driving a tank which was hit by enemy fire, exploded and burned and was believed killed since no one saw him escape.
3. Your attention is invited to paragraph 5a and c, Circular 2, WD, 1945. If circumstances justify a report of death, request compliance with paragraph 7, Circular 2, WD, 1945; if not, request a more complete account of this incident, including statements of witnesses, survivors and persons who may have examined the remains of the tank and the facts upon which you base your presumption of survival.

DUNLOP  
ACTING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

OFFICIAL:

T. C. Weinberger

ADJUTANT GENERAL

Case No. 3029/27

201-Persons, Allan J. (Enl)  
(24 Mar 45)

5th Ind

GMH/klg

HEADQUARTERS, 40TH TANK BN, APO 257. I/ S. Army 10 April 1945.

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

1. Basic communication and 1st Ind complied with in so far as possible by this headquarters.

2. Attached true copies are all the evidence that is obtainable at this time.

3. Survivors and their last known addresses are as follows:

Cpl Howard, Donn R. 31,259 274  
OCS Class #12, 182d Reinf Co.  
APO 545, U. S. Army

Cpl Brown, Oscar 34 264 108  
4103 Hospital Plane (US)  
APO 649, U. S. Army

Tec 5 Probus, Charles R. 36 313 902  
Present for Duty - Due to his dazed condition at time action occurred is unable to make a statement concerning the other occupants to the tank crew.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

G. M. HAAS,  
C.W.O., U.S.A.,  
Assistant Adjutant.

2 Incls.  
Statement of CO (Dup)  
Cert of MIA by CO (Dup)

18  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SECTION



COMPANY A, 40TH TANK BATTALION  
APO 257, US Army

13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Certificate of MIA - E.M.

TO : S-1, 40th Tank Battalion.

PERSONS, ALLAN J. 37 340 978, Tec 4.

On 1 Oct 1944 this man was riding in a tank that was hit by enemy fire. He was the driver. All the crew escaped but this one man and his tank was seen to catch fire and burn and explode until it was only a burned mass - it is very apparent that this man perished inside the tank and was burned. He was not seen to get out of the tank.

/s/ Malcolm O. Allen, Jr.  
Captain, Co. "A", 40th Tk Bn.

A TRUE COPY:

G. M. Haas,  
G. M. HAAS,  
CWO USA  
Assistant Adjutant

NO  
SOCIAL SECURITY  
VIA AIR

HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMORED DIVISION  
APO 257, U. S. ARMY

AG 704 (A) (Persons, Allan J.) (Cas)

15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Inquiry Regarding Casualty Status of Enlisted Man

TO : Commanding Officer, Officer Candidate Class No. 12, 182d Reinforcement  
Company, APO 545, U. S. Army  
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1. Tec 4 A;;an J. Persons, 37 340 978, a former member of Company "A", 40th Tank Battalion, a unit of this command, has previously been reported as being MIA in Holland, as of 1 October 1944.

2. Investigation of the present casualty status of Tec 4 Persons is being conducted by this headquarters.

3. Information on hand indicates the following:

a. That on 1 October 1944, the tank of which Tec 4 Persons was a crew member was hit by enemy fire.

b. That the tank caught on fire and burned.

c. That four of the crew escaped, but Tec 4 Persons is believed to have been seriously wounded and burned to death.

d. That this engagement took place approximately one mile northwest of Overloon, Holland.

4. Records at this headquarters disclose that Cpl Donn R. Howard, 31 259 274, same company and organization, was a member of the same tank crew as subject soldier

5. It is the desire of this headquarters that a statement, reducing to writing and authenticated by an officer have authority to administer oaths, be secured from Cpl Howard, furnishing the facts and circumstances of which he has knowledge concerning the casualty status of Tec 4 Persons.

6. It is requested that Cpl Howard's statement include answers to the following specific questions:

a. To what extend was Tec 4 Persons wounded when the tank was hit by enemy fire.

b. Did he (Howard) attempt to help Tec 4 Persons escape from the tank.

c. How long did the tank remain ■ under his observation and was it burning at that time.

d. Has he an opinion as to whether or not Tec 4 Persons is dead or alive and basis for same.

7. Request, if Cpl Howard has been transferred from your command that this correspondence be forwarded to his last known organization, for the purpose stated herein.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

H. V. CARY  
WOJG, USA  
Assistant Adjutant General

MISSING REPORT

To accompany WD AGO Forms 66-1 or 24 of Missing or Missing in Action Personnel (other than those covered by Missing Air Crew Report).

NAME Persons, Allan J. ASN 37 340 978 GRADE Tec 4 Arm or Service Inf  
ORG Co A 40th Tank Battalion APO 257 Date Reported MIA 1 October 1944

MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

POINT OF DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS About 1 mile NW Overloon, Holland.

BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

On 1 October 1944 this man was riding in a tank that was hit by enemy fire. He was the driver. All the crew escaped but this one man and his tank was seen to catch fire and burn and explode until it was only a burned mass. It is very apparent that this man perished inside the tank and was burned. He was not seen to get out of the tank.

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY:

REMARKS: (Any information not covered above, including details and results of search, if any, conducted)

Date of Report 13 October 1944

MALCOLM O. ALLEN, JR.  
Capt., Co A 40th Tk Bn  
Commanding

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of preparing Officer)

26 April 1945

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, one Donn R. Howard, 31 259 274, Corporal, who, having been read A W 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn accordingly to law, deposes and says:

1. On 1 October, 1944, I was a member of a tank crew with Tec 4 Allan J. Persons, 37 340,978. The tank we were in was hit by enemy fire. Tec 4 Persons left leg was blown off at the hip.

2. I attempted to remove Tec 4 Persons from the tank but was hindered by machine pistol fire from the enemy, until it was too late.

3. The tank remained under my observation for ten or fifteen minutes and was still burning when last seen by me.

4. I am of the opinion that Tec 4 Persons is dead because his left leg was blown off at the hip, and he appeared dead when I last looked at him.

Further deponent sayeth not.

DONN R. HOWARD Cpl.  
ASN 31 259 274

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of April,  
1945.

R. P. Oberhausen  
R. P. OBERHAUSEN  
Capt. A. G. D.  
Adjutant.

42d Reinforcement Bn

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HEADQUARTERS, 40TH TANK BATTALION  
A.P.O. 257, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

8 May 1945

Mrs. Martha Persons  
419 N. Lake Avenue  
Duluth, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Persons:

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, Technician Fourth Grade Allan J. Persons, 37,300,078.

He was killed in action on 1 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. Technician Fourth Grade Persons, by his heroic actions on that occasion, contributed 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 can only say this; we are proud to have known him and we will always remember him with affection. He died for his country.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN C. BROWN  
Lt Col., Cav.  
Commanding

MP  
OFFICIAL CENTER  
MAY 1945

AG 201 Persons, Allan J.  
PC-N ETO129

16 May 1945

Mrs. Martha Persons  
419 North Lake Avenue  
Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Persons:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your husband, Technician Fourth Grade Allan J. Persons, 37,300,978, Armored Force, who was previously reported missing in action in Holland on 1 October 1944.

An official message has now been received which states that he was killed in action on the date he was previously reported missing in action. Provisions have been made for the unit commander or chaplain to send a letter containing further information to the emergency addressee or next of kin of each person who dies overseas in the service of our country. If this letter has not already been received it is hoped that it will not be long delayed.

I realize the anxiety you have suffered since he was first reported missing in action and deeply regret the sorrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice for his home and country be a source of sustaining comfort.

My sympathy is with you in this time of great sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO  
Major General  
The Adjutant General of the Army

1 Inclosure  
WD Pamphlet No. 30-15

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40TH TANK BATTALION

After Action Report

a. 00011 October 44 to 08006 October 44

1. 40th Tank Battalion less companies "A" and "D"  
Attached: A/48th Armored Infantry Battalion, 1 platoon  
A/814th Tank Destroyers Battalion.

An attack begun by this force on 30 September 44 in vicinity of GPL00, HOLLAND, with a mission of taking OVERLOON, HOLLAND, was resumed at 06301 October 44. Operating in conjunction with another task force on its right, this force moved south-east on the north side of the GPL00-OVERLOON road to approximately one mile northwest of OVERLOON, where it held without material change of position from the night of 1 October 44 through the night of 5 October 44. During that period, to reach and maintain its position, this force made attacks against strong opposition on the mornings of 1-2 and 3 October 44, co-ordinated with the Task Force on the right and on the first two mornings, following artillery serenades on OVERLOON. Opposition included heavy anti-tank, artillery, small arms, tanks, mortar and nebelwerfer fire. Enemy occupied dug-in positions in woods. Our tanks operated in close co-ordination with infantry. At night, tanks were outposted by infantry and Company "A", 814th Combat Engineers (in support of "CC"A"). Mortar platoon was in close support. Assault guns were attached to C/40th Tank Battalion. Extensive artillery support was received. Tank Destroyers were employed to protect rear and flanks of force. For first time in history of battalion an air force pilot riding in tank, directed fighter planes on at least six tactical missions. Force was relieved in early morning hours on 6 October 44. The Task Force, which began the operation with a total of 26 medium tanks and 4 assault guns (105mm) lost three medium tanks and one assault gun. Losses were attributed to anti-tank guns and tanks.

PERSONS, Allan J.

Technician Fourth Grade 37,300.978

Company "A"

40th Tank Battalion

Killed in action

1 October 1944



No Case Number

Evac, Y IZ-1406

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

ACRC Form # 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946

2 July 1947

Date

NAME Unknown X-5785 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

ORGANIZATION Unknown BTB.: Armored Forces

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

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

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

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

a. NAME Unknown RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

b. ORGANIZATION Unknown

2. Was partial identification established? No. If so state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME Unknown RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

b. ORGANIZATION Unknown

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY \_\_\_\_\_

No, Isolated Burial

(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)

a. Date of above burials: DNA Common Graves? DNA

4. Name and Type of Cemetery DNA  
(Military or Civilian)
5. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery DNA  
a. Town DNA Country DNA
6. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.  
a. Section DNA Row DNA Grave DNA  
b. Is sketch attached? DNA
7. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.  
a. Town Overloon, Holland Coordinates MS 2A & 3A, E-73, 1-250.000  
b. Is sketch attached? Yes  
c. Is area mined? No
8. How is the grave marked? Found in Tank
9. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon.  
DNA
- a. From what source was this information obtained? DNA  
(Identification tags, personal effects)
- b. By Whom DNA
10. Where are the cemetery records? Town Hall  
(Town Hall, Cemetery, burgermeister's office)
- a. What information was contained thereon? Nothing  
pertaining to this deceased
- b. Where was the information obtained? DNA
- c. By whom? DNA
11. What is the date of death? October 1944  
a. Give basis During Battle of Overloon
12. What is the cause of death? Probably shell explosion  
a. Give basis Tank was destroyed
13. What is the date of burial? DNA

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- a. Give basis DNA
14. What was the place of death? Overloon, Holland Coords MS 3A & 2A, E-73  
1-250.000
- a. Give basis Remains found there
15. Where were the remains found? Overloon Coords MS 3A & 2A, E-73  
1-250.000
- a. By Whom? Mr. J. Loonen, C 235; Overloon
- b. Is sketch attached? Yes
16. Was a casket used? No Who furnished the casket? DNA
- Type of casket DNA How marked DNA
17. Who made the burial DNA
- a. What are the names & addresses? DNA
- b. Are certificates and statements attached? \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION B- AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if Deceased is believed to be member of AAF).

18. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Give location in plane from which bodies were removed
- DOES NOT APPLY
- (Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
- b. Near wreckage? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of Plane \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Markings and/or name on plane \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: \_\_\_\_\_
20. How did crash occur? \_\_\_\_\_ Anti-aircraft \_\_\_\_\_
- Enemy Planes? \_\_\_\_\_ Collision? \_\_\_\_\_

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DOES NOT APPLY

21. Did plane explode in the air? \_\_\_\_\_ On ground? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Did plane burn in the air? \_\_\_\_\_ On ground? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What was the direction of the flight? \_\_\_\_\_
24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Number of planes in formation prior to crash \_\_\_\_\_
28. State precise time and date of plane crash \_\_\_\_\_  
(night? day/)
29. Were parachutists seen? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_  
Escaped? \_\_\_\_\_ Prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_

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

30. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  
a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed. \_\_\_\_\_  
Right Front Side  
Radio man, driver, asst. driver or front, side, back.  
b. Near wreckage? \_\_\_\_\_ No
31. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of tank \_\_\_\_\_ Sherman medium
- b. Markings and/or name of tank \_\_\_\_\_ USA 3036782 "ABLE ABE"
- c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown
32. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? \_\_\_\_\_ Enemy Artillery
33. Did tank explode? \_\_\_\_\_ No Burn? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

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35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement One
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased? Yes
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank Unknown, October 1944  
(Night? Day?)
38. Did any of the crew members escape? Unk Prisoners? Unk

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

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i.e., truck, jeep, mine, drowning, or small arms fire) DOES NOT APPLY

If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation

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

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

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

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

If not, state reason Not available

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

Where? DNA By whom? DNA

Present disposition Unknown

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

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

Where? DNA By whom? DNA


Present disposition DNA

- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? Unknown
- d. Did cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No
42. Was Deceased given first aid? Unk If so where? Unk  
By Whom? DNA Are statements from the medical people attached? No
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No  
Where? ENA Names of people concerned? DNA
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? No
45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? Charred Bones  
(Burnt? Decapitated? etc?)
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No
- a. If so, give basis for positive assumption DNA
- b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? DNA
47. Was case previously investigated? No By Whom? DNA  
When? DNA
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed J. Loonen, C 235, Overloon, Holland.
49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? Yes

No Case Number  
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49. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? No
50. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? Yes  
(If special investigation, give case number) \_\_\_\_\_
51. Give Brief Narrative See Narrative attached

(Use attached sheets if necessary)

  
Signature of Interpreter  
A. Meyer

Rank ASG

4527 QM Service Co (AC)  
Organization

Signature of Investigator  
P.H. Chatelain

WD Civ. A 441433

Rank ASN

4527 QM Service Co (AC)  
Organization

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No Case Number  
vac No IZ-1406

20 May 1947

NARRATIVE

Upon disinterment and searching of the tanks in the area of Overloon, Holland, I found charred remains in three tanks. In all the tanks which were searched by me, I could find remains in only these three tanks. In all the remains that were found, no identification was found by me. The remains that were found were very badly charred, and only a few bones were found, and whatever else was found was just the dust which remained.

A search of the area around each tank proved that no remains were buried in the immediate area. The only remains to be buried near any tank are five (5) Germans and two (2) English (Statement of H. v.d. Oever). I did not disinter these graves.

*Mr. Alexander Hastick*  
Mr. ALEXANDER HASTICK  
US WD Civ. B-301970  
Ident. Tech.  
4527 QM Service Co. (AC)

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UNKNOWN NO: X-5785

U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY.

Neuville  
(Location)

On 1 Oct 1944 tank with tactical markings 7△40△A5 was destroyed. Of a crew of five there was only one casualty crew member  
T/4 Allan J Persons 37300978

201 files reveal statements made by crew members that T/4 Persons was the only crew member who did not dismount from burning tank.

The remains of X-5785 was the only remains removed from said tank and accounts for the only casualty crew member, T/4 Persons.

*J. Lacortiglia*  
Lacortiglia

## IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

(To be completely filled out and attached to each copy  
of Report of Interment WD QMC Form 1042)

Unknown X- 5785  
Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium  
Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave \_\_\_\_\_

1. ~~XXXXXX Cemetery~~ Date processed: 12 June 1947.  
(Hour) (Date)

2. Place of death Overloon, Holland  
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 4527 AM Service Co (AC)  
(Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland  
(Name and organization)

5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings color, wear, tear, repairs, etc.
* Headgear	<u>none</u> (Type)		
Raincoat	<u>none</u>		
Overcoat	<u>none</u>		
Jacket, Field	<u>none</u>		
Jacket, Combat	<u>none</u>		
Mackinaw	<u>none</u>		
Sweater	<u>none</u>		
Jacket, HBT	<u>none</u>		
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>none</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>none</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>none</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>none</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>Remnants of one (1) pair (burned)</u>		<u>(See Remarks)</u>

Belt, web none

Drawers, wool none

Drawers, cotton none

Leggings, wool none

Socks, cotton none

\* Shoes (type) none

Overshoes none

Web Equipment (type) none

(Other item) none

(Other item) none

\* If body is nude, sizes of these items should be computed by measuring the remains

Chevrons or Insignia none  
(Type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch none

Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Force?  
**BTB.: Armored Forces (See case papers)**

6. Description of Remains:

Age Utd Height Utd Weight Utd Description of wounds Utd

Bandages or dressings Triangular bandage Scars Utd  
(Length, width, location)

Utd Tattoos  
(Number, location — illustrate on separate page)

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks Utd  
(Yes-no; description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face Utd

Complexion Utd  
(Light, medium, dark, clear, pimples, poeks, freckles)

Build Utd  
(Large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair Utd  
(Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

Hair Utd  
(Baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns Utd Mustache Utd Beard or Utd  
(Color, setting, shape) (Color, size, shape) (Length, heavy)

Goatee Utd  
(Light, color, extent)

Eyes Utd Eyebrows Utd  
(Color, setting, shape) (Color, hushiness, extent across nose)

Nose Utd Ears Utd  
(Size, shape, straight) (Size, set close to or far from head)

Mouth Utd Lips Utd  
(Large, medium, small) (Small, large, full)

Teeth missing  
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

Chin Utd  
(Prominent, receding, pointed, dimples, double)

Jaw Utd Circumference of head in inches head missing  
(Large, small, normal) (Hat band)

Neck Utd Larynx Utd  
(Size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) (Prominent, normal)

Shoulders Utd Arms Utd  
(Broad, straight, small, rounded) (Length, muscular, color, extent and quantity of hair)

Hands Utd

Fingers Utd  
(Short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

Utd  
(Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest Utd  
(Size of nipples, color, quantity and extent of hair, large, small, normal)

Waist Utd  
(Size of navel, appendectomy, amount, quantity, and color of hair)

Back Utd Circumcision Utd Pubic Hair Utd  
(Quantity and extent of hair) (Yes-no) (Color)

Hernioplasty Utd  
(Yes-no; location)

Legs Utd  
(Inseam, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color and extent of hair)

Feet Utd Toes Utd  
(Size, corns, callouses, flat) (Slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures Utd  
(Nose, arms, legs, etc.)

NOTE: Use attached charts "A" and "B" to indicate parts not received.

See attached chart.

7. Have finger prints been placed on Report of Interment? No (Yes-no)

If not, explain missing portions

8. Has tooth chart been prepared? No If not, explain missing  
(Yes-no)

9. Remarks Case consists of few burned bone fragments; and burned clothing remnants, with but not on body.  
Estimated weight of remains recovered: 3 Lbs.  
Height estimation not possible, all long bones missing.  
Fluoroscopic Examination unnecessary.  
Chemical Laboratory Examination of remnants of burned wool OD trousers revealed no identifying marks. Examination revealed that trousers are definitely not those issued by the U.S.

I certify that I have personally viewed the remains of subject deceased and all resulting information has been recorded to the best of my knowledge.

Ernest C. Gaddy  
(Officer's Name)  
**ERNEST C. GADDY**  
**CWO USA**  
Rank Service

**Central Identification Point**  
(Organization)

**Government. From type of belt loop they appear to be of British quality.**

**Processing revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore this case is classified "Unknown".**

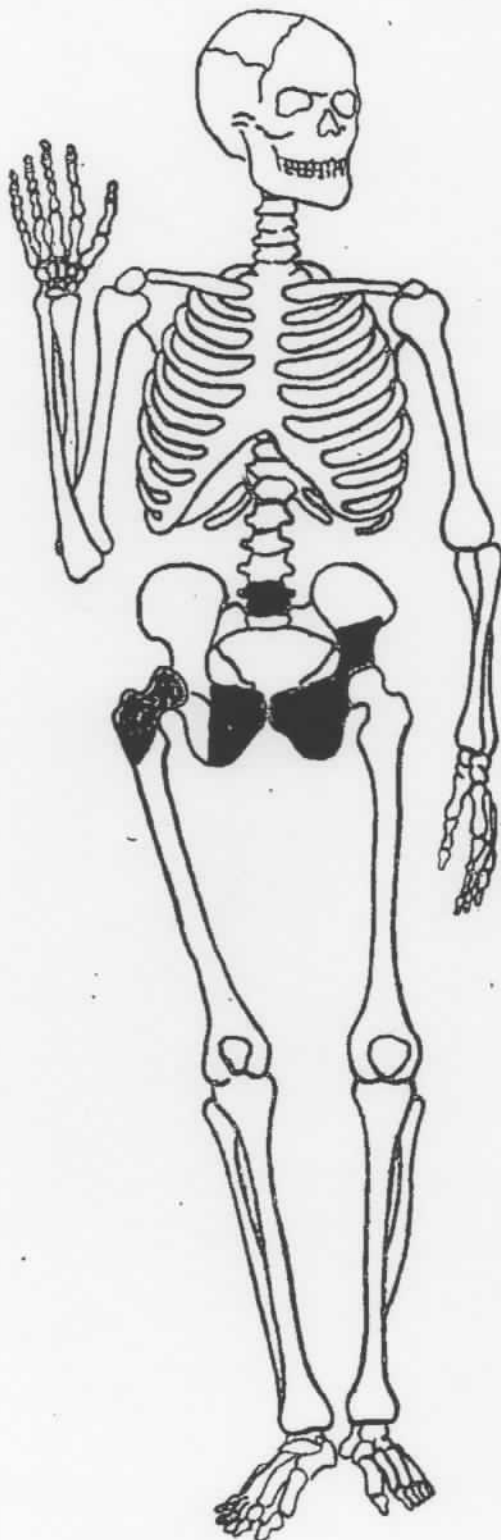
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Cemet. Neuville en Condroz,  
Belgium (VK-390187)

## SKELETAL CHART

Unknown X-5785

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)



77 100 910 MACR FOR  
IN CASUALTY CLEARANCE

No Case Number  
Evac. 12-1406

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form # 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946

3 July 1947

Date

NAME Unknown X-5785 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

ORGANIZATION: Unknown BTB.: Armored Forces

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

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

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

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

a. NAME Unknown RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

b. ORGANIZATION Unknown

2. Was partial identification established? No. If so state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME Unknown RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

b. ORGANIZATION Unknown

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY

No, Isolated Burial

(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)

a. Date of above burials: None Common Graves? None





4. Name and Type of Cemetery DWA  
(Military or Civilian)
5. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery: DWA
- a. Town DWA Country DWA
6. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.
- a. Section DWA Row DWA Grave DWA
- b. Is sketch attached? DWA
7. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.
- a. Town Overloon, Holland Coordinates NS 2A & 2A, E-73, 1-250.000
- b. Is sketch attached? Yes
- c. Is area mined? No
8. How is the grave marked? Found in Tank
9. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon.
- DWA
- a. From what source was this information obtained? DWA  
(Identification tags, personal effects)
- b. By Whom DWA
10. Where are the cemetery records? Town Hall  
(Town Hall; Cemetery, burgermeister's office)
- DWA
- a. What information was contained thereon? Nothing  
pertainig to this deceased
- b. Where was the information obtained? DWA
- c. By whom? DWA
11. What is the date of death? October 1944
- a. Give basis During Battle of Overloon
12. What is the cause of death? Probably shell explosion
- a. Give basis Tank was destroyed
13. What is the date of burial? DWA

- a. Give basis DNA
14. What was the place of death? Overloon, Holland Coords MS 2A & 3A, E-73  
1-250,000
- a. Give basis Remains found there
15. Where were the remains found? Overloon Coords MS 2A & 3A, E-73  
1-250,000
- a. By Whom? Mr. J. Lenon, C 236, Overloon.
- b. Is sketch attached? Yes
16. Was a casket used? No Who furnished the casket? DNA
- Type of casket DNA How marked DNA
17. Who made the burial DNA  
(Or will be American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? DNA

b. Are certificates and statements attached? \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION B- AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if Deceased is believed to be member of AAF).

18. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Give location in plane from which bodies were removed.
- DOES NOT APPLY**
- (Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
- b. Near wreckage? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of Plane \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Markings and/or name on plane \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: \_\_\_\_\_
20. How did crash occur? \_\_\_\_\_ anti-aircraft \_\_\_\_\_
- Enemy Planes? \_\_\_\_\_ Collision? \_\_\_\_\_

**DOES NOT APPLY**

21. Did plane explode in the air? \_\_\_\_\_ On ground? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Did plane burn in the air? \_\_\_\_\_ On ground? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What was the direction of the flight? \_\_\_\_\_
24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Number of planes in formation prior to crash \_\_\_\_\_
28. State precise time and date of plane crash \_\_\_\_\_  
(night? day/)
29. Were parachutists seen? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_  
Escaped? \_\_\_\_\_ Prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_

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

30. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? Yes
- a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed. Right Front Side  
Radio man, driver, asst. driver or front, side, back.
- b. Near wreckage? No
31. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of tank Sherman medium
- b. Markings and/or name of tank SEA STONES "ABLE ARE"
- c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc. Dakova
32. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? Enemy Artillery
33. Did tank explode? No Burn? Yes

35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement One
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased? Yes
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank Unknown, October 1944  
(Night? Day?)
38. Did any of the crew members escape? Unk Prisoners? Unk

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

39. Did death occur from any other ~~means~~ **DOES NOT APPLY** (truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire) \_\_\_\_\_

If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation

a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possess knowledge of the case attached? \_\_\_\_\_

40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team No

If not, state reason Not available

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

Where? DNA By Whom? DNA

Present disposition Unknown

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

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

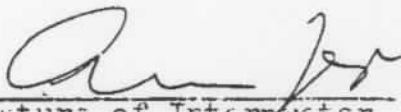
Where? DNA By Whom? DNA

Present disposition DNA

- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? Unknown
- d. Did cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No
42. Was Deceased given first aid? Unk If so where? Unk  
 By Whom? DNA Are statements from the medical people attached? No
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No  
 Where? DNA Names of people concerned DNA
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? No
45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? Charred Bones  
 (Burnt? Decapitated? etc)
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No  
 a. If so; give basis for positive assumption DNA  
 b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? DNA
47. Was case previously investigated? No By Whom? DNA  
 When? DNA
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed J. Loosm, G 235, Overloon. Holland.
49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? Yes

49. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? No
50. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? Yes  
(If special investigation, give case number) \_\_\_\_\_
51. Give Brief Narrative See Narrative attached

(Use attached sheets if necessary)


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Interpreter

**A. Meyer**

Rank

ASN

~~4527 of Service Co (AS)~~  
Organization

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Investigator

**P.H. Chatelain**

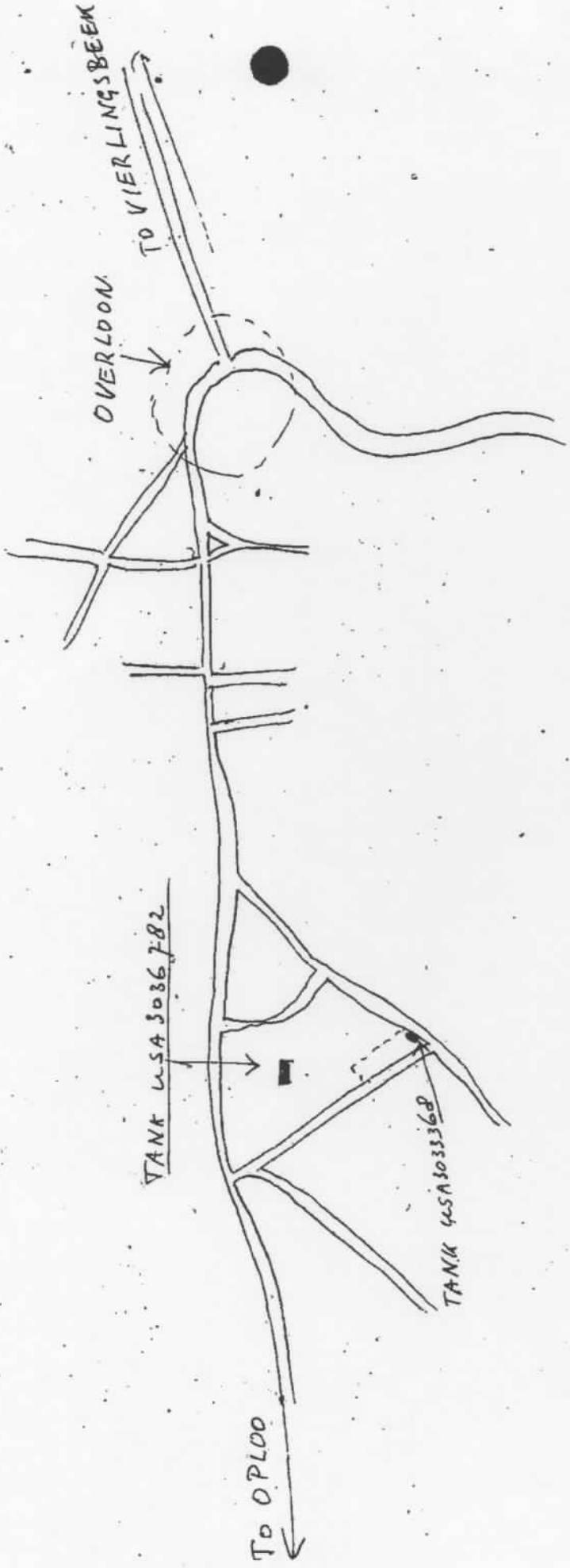
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Rank

ASN

~~4527 of Service Co (AS)~~  
Organization

TANK USA 303678A  
EVAE.NR. IZ-1406



NARRATIVE REPORT

9 June 1947

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 283186	" "	" "

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/ B15	Not visible
USA 3033274	7/ 31/ B7	Boomerang
USA 3022896	7/ 31/ B6	Bull Dog-Radio 528
USA 3022891	7/ 434 F HQ 23	Paper Doll

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

\* Number not totally visible, probably USA 3022871.



( No Case Number, Evac. No. IZ-1406, Narrated Report Mr. Chatelain 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, C 167, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3011069	7/ 17/ C15	Catherine-St-----
USA 379520	Not visible	Charger
USA 3099781	7/ 43A/ F HQ 22	Tiger Ann 2
Not visible	7/ 17/ C12	Not visible. Gun number: 75mm M3 4130 4 EMP ORD CORP 893 lbs 1942 Insp. D. N. 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. Gerrits, C 237, Overloon.

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

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

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

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

QMGMS 293

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Persons; Allan J.

SN-37 300 978

SUBJECT: Request for Information

2. Surviving tank crew members have been contacted for information concerning the incident in which the above was killed. Upon receipt of reply, your Headquarters will be promptly notified.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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8. Four tanks on the Oploosche Dijk, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036840 S This tank on property of J. Rubers.	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 of Hatert, Vierlingsbeek, all on the property of Jager. Three of these tanks have been totally blown up and the greater parts have been removed by scrap-iron dealers. Due to this it is impossible to obtain any identification numbers; however, it can be said with certainty that these were American tanks by the parts left behind. Of the other two tanks the following information is available:

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

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

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

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

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

*P. Chatelain*  
P. CHATELAIN  
WD Civilian  
Investigator

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T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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(Holland) 12582

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

15 February 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to OCMG Form 371 for Tec Sgt <sup>293</sup> Allan J. Persons, 37 300 978.

2. It is requested the following RTD tank crew members be contacted for information concerning the incident in which the above was killed, including nickname or number of tank and whether Tec Sgt Persons' leg was bandaged after being hit:

Howard, Don R.	Cpl	31 259 274
Brown, Oscar	Cpl	34 264 108
Probus R.	T/Sgt	36 313 902

3. It is further requested that Form 79 be forwarded on subject deceased.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. MULVANITY  
Lt Col QMC  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

QMGS 293  
Persons, Allan J.  
SN-37 300 978

1st Ind

Dept. of the Army, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C., 31 March 1949

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

1. Forwarded herewith are photostat copies of Forms 79, covering all available dental information pertaining to T/Sgt. Allan J. Persons, SN-37-300 978.



STATEMENT  
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Overloon, 5 March 1947

I the undersigned declare that there is an American tank on my ground, situated at the Peelkant at Overloon, at about 300 meters West of the road from Overloon to St. Antonis. The tank is partly destroyed.

After returning from evacuation as a result of the fights in Overloon, I saw the tank; however, not before April 1945 I visited the wreckage for the first time. At that time I saw through holes in the tank a carbonized body, that was in the right front side.

I do not know anything about the fights which were going on before the destruction.

Several times during the last two years dealers in scrap-iron took several parts of the tank away. I cannot say, if any Military authorities investigated this tank.

Following numbers are painted on front and sides of the tank:



USA- 3036782  
7/ 40/ A5  
ABLE ABR

Approximately 100 meters South of this tank, on the grounds of C. Verhoeven, there is another tank, also American type, with the number:

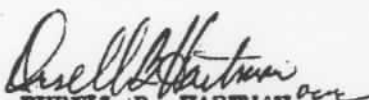
USA 3033368  
7/ 40/ A16

As far as I know, there were never any remains of deceased crew members found in this tank.

S/ J. Loonen  
Peelkant C 235  
Overloon.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

Certified True Translation.

  
DURRELL D. HARTMAN  
1st. Lt. Infantry

  
M. de Wijs,  
4527 QM Service Co (AC)







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

IN REPLY REFER TO  
QMIGMS 293

Persons, Allan J.  
SN 37 300 978

*[Handwritten signature]*  
11 March 1949

Mr. Don R. Howard  
4329 Bealwood Avenue  
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. Howard:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of T/Sgt. Allan J. Persons, 37300978.

Records this Office indicate that you were a crew member of the same tank as T/Sgt. Persons. It would be greatly appreciated if you could furnish information concerning the incident in which T/Sgt. Persons was killed, including nickname or number of tank and whether T/Sgt. Persons' leg was bandaged after being hit.

To expedite the reply, an envelope requiring no postage, is inclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QIGC  
Memorial Division

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Columbus, Georgia

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO  
QUICKS 293  
Persons, Allan J.  
SN 37 300 978

11 March 1949

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Mr. Oscar Brown  
77 Wilson Street  
Pritchard, Alabama

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To expedite the reply, an envelope requiring no postage, is inclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*T. H. Metz*  
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Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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Envelope

*Refer to writer  
unfamiliar*

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Persons, Allan J.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>37300978</i>	GRADE <i>Rec 4</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 9 1/2"</i>	WEIGHT <i>144 lb.</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>8 1/2 EE</i>
DATE OF DEATH <i>10-1-44</i>				
LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation) <i>Co. A, 40th Tank Bn.</i>				

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

*Holland*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Ft. Myer, Va.</i>	<i>9-4-42</i>
<i>Co. A, 40th Tk. Bn.</i>	<i>8-12-44</i>

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

*not shown*

DENTAL CHART

*8-15-42*

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8								
UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT															
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	X								
LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT															
X - EXTRACTED								O - CARIOUS								/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE							





ALLEN J PERSONS 37300978 DSS FORM 221 DTD 15 AUG 42 SHOWS TEETH MISSING

L 16 ONE FORM 79 SENT OQMG IDENT SEC MEM DIV 20 SEPT 46 TWO ADD FORM  
79 BEING SENT TODAY

WXFR DEM PERS REG BR AGO SLW 1 MAR 49

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS 'AT'  
Fort Benning Ga.

ASN 37300978

402

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME		
Persons,		Allen	J	46
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS		
T/4	Cannon	176th Inf.		
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS	
24	W	Minn.	11/12	
(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.				
Cal.				
Ging.				
(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS				
1943				
Oct. 4 C.R. & P.I.X.				
1944				
Mar. 23 G.T.				
" 25 U.T.				
(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS				
C1 IV				
C1 IV				
C1 IV				
TVD				
TVD				
TVD				

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

**\*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

**UPPER TEETH**

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**LOWER TEETH**

Right								Left							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS .....

Occlusion .....: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy.

Periodontoclasia .....

Dental foci suspected:    Yes    .    No

Other conditions .....

Date ....., 19.....

*Dental Corps, U. S. A.*

\*Restorable carious teeth by O  
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture  
 (horizontal line) 

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge  
 (oval to include abutments) 

○	X	○
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT  
Fort Benning Ga.  
ASN 37300978

592

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Persons		Allen J. 47	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
T/4	Cabnon	176th Inf.	
(6) AGE YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE YEARS
24	W	Minn.	11/12
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(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS			
C. R-15-0	July 13 T.S. Anes. On	C1 II	TVD
C. I-15-0	July 20 OA	C1 II	TVD
C. R-7-MO	" " OA	C1 II	TVD
C. L-7-DO	July 29 A	C1 II	TVD
C. L-5-MO	" " A	C1 II	TVD
C. R-4-MO	August 17 A	C1 II	TVD
C. R-5-D	Aug. 25 A	C1 II	TVD
C. R-7-M	Aug. 31 A	C1 II	TVD
C. R-6-L	" " A	C1 II	TVD
C. R-4-DO	Sept. 16 A	C1 II	TVD
C. L-8-0	Sept. 23 A	C1 II	TVD
C. R-14-DO	Sept. 27 A	C1 II to IV	TVD

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

FORM 79—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.  
(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

47A

\*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right                      Left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

M	M	M	M										M	M	D

LOWER TEETH

Right                      Left

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

	O	D													O

CLASS II

Occlusion ✓: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy  
 Periodontoclasia None  
 Dental foci suspected: Yes  No   
 Other conditions \_\_\_\_\_

L-6

Date July 13, 1943  
J. W. H. ...  
 Dental Corp., U. S. A.

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 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
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Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line) 

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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (oval to include abutments) 

○	X	○
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*Person* ..... *Alm J*  
Last Name First Name

3750978

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
<i>S. H. Holabird</i>	<i>2-6-43</i>	<i>2-14-43</i>	<i>21978</i>
<i>Inmanec. Hosp., Baltimore, Md.</i>			
"	"	<i>3-10-43</i>	<i>21978-22323</i>

*E. J. R.* ..... *9-20-43* ..... *A. J. R.*  
Clerk Date Branch



293 FILE		<b>DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED</b>			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>PERSONS ALLAN J</b>			GRADE <b>TEC 4</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>37300978</b>	
ORGANIZATION <b>Cc A - 40 TANK BN</b>		RACE <b>W</b>	CREED <b>PRCT</b>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <b>1 OCT 44</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>MIA</b> <b>KILLED IN ACTION</b>		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>HOLLAND</b>		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT <b>69 1/2</b>		WEIGHT <b>144</b>	COLOR EYES <b>BLUE</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>BROWN</b>
		SHOE SIZE <b>8 1/2 EE</b>			
<b>DENTAL CHART</b> <b>MAR 43</b>					
UPPER RIGHT			UPPER LEFT		
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
<b>NL DEFECTS</b>			<b>H. NN</b>		
LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT		
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <b>NONE</b>			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <b>SHOWN</b>		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					

**FILED**  
**JUN 1 1948**  
**E. J. Collins, 1st Lt, USMC**  
**IDENTIFICATION BRANCH**

**IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED**

**IDENTIFICATION RECOMMENDED**

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

PERSONS, Allan J. *MP* JUN 7 1951 T/4 37300978

(Name) ----- (Rank) ----- (ASN) -----  
previously buried as Unknown X - 5785, USMC NEVILLE EN CONDROZ, Belgium  
Identification accepted in accordance with Letter, File AGAO-293.9 (27 Mar 47)  
D-M, War Dept, TAGG, 9 April 47, subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for  
Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, by the following members of the Board  
of Review, established by Par 5, SO# 16, Hq. A.G.R.C. dated 3 Feb 1949, amendment  
par 2, SO# 32, dated 18 Mar 1949, Hq. A.G.R.C. and SO # 43, dated 19 April 1949,  
Hq. A.G.R.C.

*Henry*  
Col. H.F. HENRY, 0-12589 QMC Lt. Col. E.D. MULVANEY, 0-359598 QMC

*Rayner*  
Maj. Roger BECKER, 0-251736 ORD Capt. Jack C. HAYES, 0-1577297 QMC

**APPROVED**  
*9 Jun 49*  
Capt. Edward F. PRITCHETT, Jr., 0-1588236 QMC 1/Lt. Edward E. STOUT, 0-1594512 CE

T. H. METZ, Lt. Col. OCMG  
Chief, Identification Br  
Memorial Division, OCMG

*8 Jun 49*

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Graves Registration  
Form No. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

# REPORT OF BURIAL

16 May 1949  
Date

PERSONS  
Last Name: Allan First: J Initial: J Rank: T/4 Serial No.: 37300978

Co "A" Unit: 40 Tank Bn Organization

OVERLOON, Holland Place of Death 1 Oct. 1944 Date of Death Destroyed Tank Cause of Death

1500 16 July 1947 Time and Date of Burial U.S. Mil. Cemetery NEUVILLE EN CONDROZ, Belgium Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location

254 Grave Number 11 Row Number Y Plot Number Cross Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags Previously buried as X-5785 (Neuville)  
How were remains identified? Identified through: 1) Est date & place of death of X-5785 in agreement with date & place of death of T/4 Persons. 2) The remains of X-5785 found in tank with tactical markings 7Δ40ΔA5 accounts for the only casualty crew member T/4 Persons. 3) AG Casualty listings reveal T/4

What means of identification were buried with the body?  
Persons was the only casualty reported KIA for Co A on 1 Oct. 1944

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	X-5774	Unk	Unk	Unk	253
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	X-5786	Unk	Unk	Unk	255
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee: Unknown Name

Address

Religion: Protestant

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Remains found in a tank at OVERLOON, Holland  
MS 3A & 2A, E-73 1/250.000-

This corrected copy of Report of Burial, prepared in the Office of the American Graves Registration Command.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

*John M. Neff*  
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

JOHN M. NEFF  
Capt. OMC

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Graves Registration  
Form No. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

# REPORT OF BURIAL

16 May 1949  
Date

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

**PERSONS**  
Last Name

Allan  
First

J  
Initial

T/4  
Rank

37300978  
Serial No.

Co "A"

Unit

40 Tank Bn

Organization

OVERLOON, Holland  
Place of Death

1 Oct. 1944  
Date of Death

Destroyed Tank  
Cause of Death

1500 16 July 1947  
Time and Date of Burial

U.S. Mil. Cemetery NEUVILLE EN CONDROZ, Belgium  
Name of Cemetery

Name of Coordinates of Location

254  
Grave Number

11  
Row Number

Y  
Plot Number

Cross  
Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags : Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

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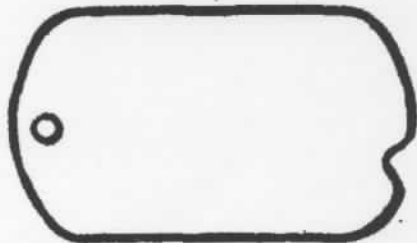
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Who is buried on :

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Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

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Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



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Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

JOHN M. NEFF  
Capt. QMC

4	
3	
2	
1	
Thumb	

Left Hand

### IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

**Take Fingerprints of Both Hands.** If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, **Take Those You Can,** and fill in the following:

Height :	Laundry Marks :
Weight :	Number of Rifle :
Color of Eyes :	Wear Glasses ?
Color of Hair :	Is Tooth Chart Attached ?
Race :	

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

4	
3	
2	
1	
Thumb	

Right Hand

**TOOTH CHART**

		Deceased's Left													
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper		Lower													

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ◊; linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

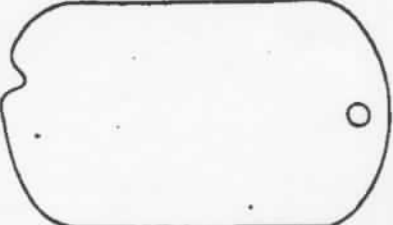
**If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.**

Characteristics : \_\_\_\_\_

Other Data : \_\_\_\_\_

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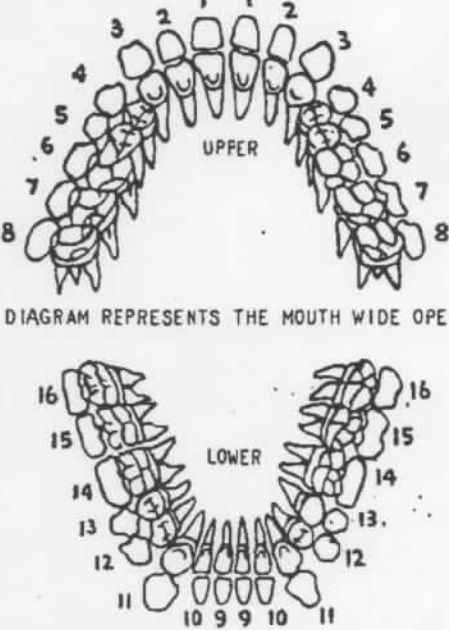




WD-OMC FORM 1042 (Rev. 1 Apr. 1945) (Supersedes GRS Form 1)		<b>REPORT OF INTERMENT</b> (AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)			DATE OF REPORT 16 July 1947		
Imprint Identification Tag If Possible. DO NOT TYPE 		Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.					
NAME (Last, first, middle initial) PERSONS, Allan J. Unknown X-5786		SERIAL No. 37300978 Unknown-					
GRADE Unknown tec/4		ORGANIZATION Unknown CO "A" 40 Tank Bn		BRANCH OF SERVICE BTB.: Armored Forces (See case papers)			
RACE White Unknown		RELIGION Unknown Prot		IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY			
PLACE OF DEATH Overloon, Holland		CAUSE OF DEATH BTB.: Shell explosion.		DATE OF DEATH Estimated 1 October 1944			
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Unknown							
IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY (1, 2, or none) None		IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse) Ident; by Field, accepted by Col. Metz 9 Nov 49					
WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no) Yes							
LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME None <i>See also 16 July 1947</i>							
Section 2.—BURIAL. If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.							
NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY U.S. Military Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (VK-39012)							
DATE OF BURIAL 16 July 1947	HOUR 1500	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Casket	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Temp. wooden cross	PLOT No. Y	ROW No. 11	GRAVE No. 255	
WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) No	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE Remains found in a tank at Overloon, Holland MS 3A & 2A, E-73 1/250.000				PLOT No. Y	ROW No. 11	GRAVE No. 255
TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY Joint P, C & H	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES Chaplains Rusher Saatman & Lepchivcher		IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY Report of Burial				
IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) No	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) GRS						
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X-5786		RANK Unk	SERIAL No. Unk	ORGANIZATION Unk	GRAVE No. 255		
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X-5774		RANK Unk	SERIAL No. Unk	ORGANIZATION Unk	GRAVE No. 253		
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT ERNEST C. GADDY CWO USA C.I.P.			SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER REPORTING RAYMOND G. JOHNSON 1st Lt. Inf. C.I.P.				
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U. S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.							

RECORDED  
 AUG 19 11 23 AM '47  
 HEADQUARTERS  
 GRS BRANCH

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LEFT LITTLE FINGER	Section 3.—UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.			
LEFT RING FINGER	INSTRUCTIONS: (a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other," such as shoe size, social security number; position of body found in airplanes, vehicles, and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles, and tanks. (b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.			
LEFT MIDDLE FINGER	HEIGHT <b>Utd</b>	WEIGHT <b>Utd</b>	COLOR OF EYES <b>Utd</b>	COLOR OF HAIR <b>Utd</b>
LEFT INDEX FINGER	WEAPON AND SERIAL No. <b>None</b>		LAUNDRY MARKS <b>None</b>	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS <b>Utd</b>
LEFT THUMB	OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES		Chemical Laboratory Examination of remnants of burned wool OD trousers revealed no identifying marks. Examination revealed that trousers are definitely not those issued by the U.S. Government; from type of belt loop they appear to be of British quality.	
RIGHT THUMB	FILLINGS 			
RIGHT INDEX FINGER	CAVITIES 			
RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER	MISSING TEETH 			
RIGHT RING FINGER	CROWNED TEETH 			
RIGHT LITTLE FINGER	BRIDGE WORK 			
RIGHT LITTLE FINGER	These remains were recovered from a Sherman medium tank marked: USA 3036782 "ABLE ABE", remains were in the right front side. Processing revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore this case is classified "Unknown".			
RIGHT LITTLE FINGER	REMARKS: Form 11 Check List of Unknowns accomplished. Unable to obtain Form 1A Tooth Chart or fingerprints because of missing portions. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 3 Lbs.			

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WD QMC FORM 1042  
Rev. 1 Apr. 1945  
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

REPORT OF INTERMENT  
(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

DATE OF REPORT  
16 July 1947

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible. DO NOT TYPE 	Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION. NAME (Last, first, middle initial) PERSONS, Allan J. <del>Unknown X-5785</del>		SERIAL No. 37300978 Unknown
	GRADE Unknown Tec/4	ORGANIZATION Unknown Co "A" 40th Tank Bn	BRANCH OF SERVICE RTH.: Armored Forces (See case papers)
	RACE Unknown White	RELIGION Unknown Prot	IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY

PLACE OF DEATH Overloon, Holland	CAUSE OF DEATH RTH.: Shell explosion.	DATE OF DEATH Estimated 1 October 1944
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Unknown

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY (1, 2, or none) None	IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse) Ident. by field, accepted by Col, Metz 9 Nov 1949
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WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no)  
Yes

*See B/R did 16 May 1949*

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

None

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Section 2.—BURIAL. If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY  
U.S. Military Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (VK-390187)

DATE OF BURIAL 16 July 1947	HOUR 1500	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Casket	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Temp. wooden CROSS	PLOT No. Y	ROW No. 11	GRAVE No. 254
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WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) No	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE Remains found in a tank at Overloon, Holland MS 3A & 2A, P-73 1/250.000	PLOT No. ROW No. GRAVE No.
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TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY Joint P, C & H	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES Chaplains Rusher Sautman & Lepshvcher	IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY. (E-78)
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IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) No	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) YES	Report of Burial <i>File 14 2079 7/17/47</i>
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X-5786	RANK Unk	SERIAL No. Unk	ORGANIZATION Unk	GRAVE No. 255
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X-5774	RANK Unk	SERIAL No. Unk	ORGANIZATION Unk	GRAVE No. 255
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT  
ERNEST C. GADDY  
CWO USA C.I.P. *Ernest Gaddy*

SIGNATURE OF THE OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT  
WALTER G. JOHNSON  
1st Lt. Inf. C.I.P.

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**Section 3.—UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

(a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other," such as shoe size, social security number; position of body found in airplanes, vehicles, and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles, and tanks.

(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS
Utd	Utd	Utd	Utd	Utd

WEAPON AND SERIAL No.	LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND
None	None	Overloon, Holland

**OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES** Chemical Laboratory "xamination of remnants of burned wool OD trousers revealed no identifying marks. Examination revealed that trousers are definitely not those issued by the U.S. Government; from type of belt loop they appear to be of British quality.

FILLINGS	<p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>	<p>UPPER</p> <p>DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN</p> <p>LOWER</p>
CAVITIES	<p>CAVITY DECAYED</p>	
MISSING TEETH	<p>TOOTH MISSING</p>	
CROWNED TEETH	<p>PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>	
BRIDGE WORK	<p>GOLD BRIDGE</p>	

~~FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY~~

These remains were recovered from a Sherman medium tank marked: USA 3036782 "ABLE ART", remains were in the right front side.

Processing revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore this case is classified "Unknown".

**REMARKS:** Form 11 Check List of Unknowns accomplished. Unable to obtain Form 1A Tooth Chart or fingerprints because of missing portions. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 3 Lbs.

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

DATE 21 May 1945 dmb

REPORT OF DEATH

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HOME ADDRESS Duluth, Minn.		ARM OR SERVICE AMD		DATE OF BIRTH 18 Apr 1919	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 1 Oct 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 15 Aug 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Martha Persons (wife) 419 North Lake Ave., Duluth, Minn.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Martha Persons (wife) same as above Mary Persons (mother) 1209 W. 1st St. Duluth, Minn. Donald Persons (father) same as above					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN-FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
				X	
				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
				YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 1 Oct 1944 until such absence was terminated on 14 May 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was rec'd 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

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**-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
PERSONS ALLAN J		37300978		TEC4	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR			
HOLLAND9	01	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 MARTHA PERSONS	WIFE	23 OCT 44 bml
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
419 NORTH LAKE AVENUE DULUTH MINNESOTA		

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED \_\_\_\_\_ FORM 48 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 48 \_\_\_\_\_ NO CAS. BR. FILE \_\_\_\_\_ CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_ 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		COMP	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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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply refer to QHQMF 293

Persons, Allan J.  
SN 37 300 978

275114

25 November 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of former UNKNOWN deceased.

TO: Commanding Officer  
Quartermaster Activity  
Kansas City Records Center,  
Kansas City 1, Missouri  
Attn: Effects Quartermaster

*copy*

*Unk  
3010*

1. The remains which were previously interred as UNKNOWN X 5785,  
Plot Y, Row 11, Grave 254, USMC Neuville-en-Candroz, Belgium  
have been identified by a GRS Field Board of Review as those of

T/4 Allan J. Persons, 37 300 978,

whose Next of Kin, according to the records of this Office, is

Mrs. Martha Persons (widow)

419 North Lake Avenue, Duluth, Minnesota

2. The identification has been approved by this Office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FELDMAN:

*W. E. Campbell*  
W. E. CAMPBELL  
Lt. Colonel, QMG  
Memorial Division

NOV 25 4 08 PM '49  
O. O. H. G.  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

RECEIVED  
KANSAS CITY, MO.



Case Unk. #3010

HOC/ELW/ns  
27 September 1948

MEMO FOR FILE:

X-5785, USMC, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

Included on Report No. 26 processed by Identification Section,  
Office of the Quartermaster General on 13 September 1948.

Paragraph checked as follows indicates data received from OQMG:

( ) It was reported by the Office of the Quartermaster General  
that X \_\_\_\_\_

was identified as \_\_\_\_\_

(x) It was reported by the Office of the Quartermaster General  
that X-5785, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium  
was NOT IDENTIFIED.

ACTION TAKEN BY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU CHECKED BELOW:

( ) Case \_\_\_\_\_ cancelled and combined with case \_\_\_\_\_.

(x) No effects in Warehouse storage--case completed.

( ) Effects in Warehouse storage will be held pending report of  
identification from OQMG. Case suspended six months.

( ) Action to be taken regarding effects in Warehouse Storage.

*elw*  
E. Winsky



ATTACHMENTS		<b>EFFECTS INVENTORY</b> <b>ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU</b>	STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INBOUND INVENTORY		DECEASED	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL		MISSING	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.		P. O. W.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TALLY IN FORM 43	ABANDONED		
		UNKNOWN		

BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	BELT	OVERCOATS	<i>no other effects rec'd.</i>
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, ADDRESS	PAPERS, PERSONAL	
BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, PILOT LOG	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	
BOOKS	BRUSHES	PEN, FOUNTAIN	
BRACELET, IDENT.	CASE	PHOTOS	
CAMERAS	CLOTH, WASH	PIPES	
CLOTHING	COATS	RINGS	
MISC. ARTICLES	FOOTLOCKER	SCARFS	
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	FOOTWEAR, PR.	SHIRTS	
RIBBONS, DECORATION	GLASSES	SOCKS, PR.	
SHORT SNORTER	GLOVES, PR.	STATIONERY	
SOUVENIR MONEY	HANDKERCHIEFS	TIES	
SOUVENIRS	HEADWEAR	TOBACCO	
TESTAMENTS	JACKETS	TOILET ARTICLES	
TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	KITS	TOWELS	
U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	KNIVES	TROUSERS, PR.	
WATCH	LETTERS	TRUNKS, PR.	
WINGS	LIGHTERS	UNDERWEAR	

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE
<i>43 shows unid. # 441 X-5785</i>	

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		AMOUNT	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		DATE	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY		PAYEE	TO ISSUING AGENCY
<b>COMPLETE</b>		REMITTER OR DRAWER	
		<i>7-22-48 Included in Report #26 OQMD no</i>	

TALLY NO. <i>8392</i>	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE <i>21 May 48</i>	BOX NO.	SHEET OF SHEETS
<i>unknown # 3010</i>		A. S. N.	RANK	CASE NO.
EXAMINED BY <i>Roberts</i>	PACKED BY	DIARY REMOVED	PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
INSPECTED BY <i>ki</i>	STORED BY	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	SHIPPED	
		DATE	BY WHOM	





UNID #441 X-5785

DAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY	TYPE PKG.
			8392	GRB

3/5/48  
NYPE

OFF QM FORM 3  
3 JULY 1945

UNID #441 X-5785

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY	TYPE PKG.
			8392	GRB

3/5/48  
NYPE

KFF QM FORM 4  
3 JULY 1945

12-14 25 - H.A.C.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank X-5785  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Relative \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Killed in Action \_\_\_\_\_ Died of Disease \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
Battle Area \_\_\_\_\_ Information \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Burial Newville  
Point of Coordination \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Body \_\_\_\_\_

Members Missing Lab case 1532

Contents Belonged To

<sup>Signed</sup>  
**DECEASED SOLDIER**

Has Sentimental Value to Family

17-1406

Central Identification Laboratory  
American Graves Registration Command 349 QM Bn  
APO 58 US Army

*Personal Effects*

2 July 1947.

Chemical Lab. Case # 1532.

Other designations:

17-1406 Neuville, Belgium

Unknown X-5785

Inventory of Effects:

Remnants of burned wool OD trousers (BTB: non American).

Laboratory Findings:

Remnants of trousers submitted are definitely not those issued by US Government. From type of belt loop we would say that they appear to be British quality.  
No identifying marks present.

*Livie L. Vagina*  
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