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PERSONAL FILE**

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION



THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL

Aloysius Gonsowski

Private First Class, U.S. Army

32253289

48th Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division

Entered the Service from: New York

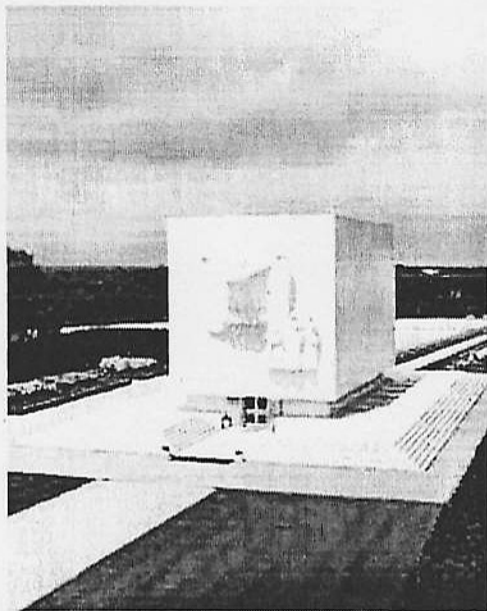
Died: October 5, 1944

Buried at: Plot C Row 11 Grave 58

Ardennes American Cemetery

Neupre, Belgium

Awards: Bronze Star, Purple Heart



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DAAG-ZB

General William A. Knowlton
United States Representative
Military Committee
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
APO New York 09667

Dear General Knowlton:

Back ~~again~~ on the PFC Aloysius Gonsowski case.

We have been granted permission from the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) to inter his remains in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neupre (Neuville-en-Condroz), Belgium.

As a result of the necessary coordination with the ABMC European office, in Paris, services have been set for 1030 hours on Wednesday, 22 March 1978. He will be buried in Plot C, Row 11, Grave 58.

If the members of the 7th Armored Division need a local point of contact for any coordination, they may call Captain Michael P. Willson, Commander of the U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe. He may be reached in Frankfurt, Germany on Gibbs Military 6140/7623.

With warmest regards,

DONALD W. CONNELLY
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy The Adjutant General

MFR: DELIVERED TO MAJ. RHODES 16 FEB 78.
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FILE DISPOSITION

17 OCT 1978
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Gonsowski, Aloysius, 52 253 289 PFC

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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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1. IAW PARA 2, REF A, FUNERAL SERVICE WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS FOR PFC ALOYSIUS GONSOWSKI IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 1030 HOURS ON 22 MARCH 1978 IN THE ARDENNES AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

2. HIS REMAINS WILL THEN BE INTERRED IN PLOT C, ROW 11, GRAVE 58

3. IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY CHANGE, ALL CONCERNED WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY

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ACTION ADDRESSEES

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SUBJ: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

1. EFFORTS TO LOCATE SURVIVING RELATIONS OF PFC ALOYSIUS GONSOWSKI, 32 253 289, A WWII CASUALTY, HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AS A CONSEQUENCE THIS DIR IS ADMINISTRATIVELY DIRECTING DSP0 OF THE REMAINS.
2. THE SECY, ABMC, HAS APPROVED A REQ FROM THIS DIR TO INTER THE REMAINS OF DECD IN THE ARDENNES AMER CEM & MEM, NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM. YOU ARE AUTH TO COORD BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE OIC, ABMC EUR OFC, PARIS, FRANCE. DECEDENTS RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE WAS CATHOLIC. DUE TO NECESSARY COORD WITH 7TH ARMD DIV ASSN, REQ FUNERAL BE SET ON OR AFTER 20 MAR. ADVISE SOONEST TIME AND DATE SVCS SET.
3. UPON COMPL OF SVCS REQ THIS OFC BE FURN GRAVE LOC, NAME OF OFFICIATING CHAPLIN, B&W PHOTO COVERAGE AND FLAG USED TO DRAPE CASKET

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SUBJECT: Permission to Inter World War II Remains in ABMC Cemetery

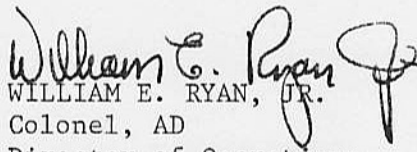
American Battle Monuments Commission, 4C014 Forrestal Building,
Washington, DC 20314 9 February 1978

TO: Office of the Adjutant General, DAAG-PED, Washington, DC 20314

1. Permission is granted to inter the remains of Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski, 32253289 in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neupre (Neuville-en-Condroz), Belgium. The Register of World War II Dead Buried or Commemorated Overseas will be corrected to reflect this change.

2. Please have the Commander, U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany coordinate burial arrangements with the Officer-in-Charge, ABMC European Office, Paris, France.

FOR THE SECRETARY:


WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, AD
Director of Operations
and Finance

DAAG-PED-D Gonsowski, Aloysius
32 253 289

7 February 1978

SUBJECT: Permission to Inter World War II Remains in ABMC Cemetery

Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D. C. 20314

1. Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski, 32 253 289, a former member of Company C, 48th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, was officially reported missing in action on 5 October 1944 near Overloon, Holland. On 6 September 1945, the evidence was considered sufficient to change his status to dead. Private Gonsowski's remains were not discovered until recent months when remains believed to be his were reported to U. S. Army authorities in Europe. Private Gonsowski is memorialized on the Walls of the Missing at the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial, Margraten, Holland.
2. The remains of Private Gonsowski were positively identified and are currently at the U. S. Army Mortuary, U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany.
3. Efforts to locate surviving relatives of Private Gonsowski have met with negative results. As a consequence, this Office is administratively directing disposition of the remains and requests that Private Gonsowski be interred in an American cemetery in Europe for World War II dead. It is understood that the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, is available for this interment. Upon receipt of your approval, the Commander, U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, will be instructed to coordinate with the Superintendent of the cemetery in completing burial arrangements.
4. Further, request Private Gonsowski's name be deleted from the Register of World War II Dead Buried or Commemorated Overseas and annotated on

DAAG-PED-D Gonsowski, Aloysius
32 253 289

7 February 1978

SUBJECT: Permission to Inter World War II Remains in ABMC Cemetery

cemetery records at Margraten, Holland, to reflect that remains have been recovered and will be interred in Ardennes American Cemetery. The assistance of your Office is appreciated.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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LTC, GS
Chief, Memorial Affairs Division

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MFR: Colonel William E. Ryan, Jr., ABMC, 36089, advised Mrs. Jones, This Ofc, that Ardennes was the only European cemetery with available grave space for WWII interments.



UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
MILITARY COMMITTEE
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
APO 09667

26 January 1978

BG Donald W. Connelly
Deputy Adjutant General
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear Don:

On 14 November you wrote me about PFC Aloysius Gonsowski, the 7th Armored Division soldier whose remains were found in the Netherlands. At that time you explained that the Veterans Administration in Philadelphia had misplaced his file and was attempting to locate it. It has been all of our hopes that the file might contain the name and address of the individual to whom the death benefits were paid when his status was changed from missing to dead.

It has now been over two months. Has the "concerted effort being made to find the file" resulted in any advance? The 7th Armored Division veterans are most anxious to help and continue to bug me on what the Army is doing to locate his next-of-kin.

You mention that the Army will make a decision on where to bury the remains in the event the VA owns up to having lost the file permanently. His fellow troopers from that battle in Overloon in the Netherlands are buried in the cemetery at Margraten, also in the Netherlands. I believe his name is also on the Wall of the Missing there. Since that would be the logical cemetery, I am afraid the "Army" may well decide to bury him somewhere else that has nothing to do with the battle or with where his fellow soldiers are buried. I visited Margraten with my kids over Christmas, and it is a beautiful spot.

Sorry to bug you, but it has been over two months. Surely even the VA can find a file in two months!

With best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W.A. Knowlton", is written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM A. KNOWLTON
General, USA



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL CENTER
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

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10 February 1978

General William A. Knowlton
United States Representative
Military Committee
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
APO New York 09667

Dear General Knowlton:

Sorry for the delay in providing a further reply; however, I shared your optimism that VA would in fact locate the file on PFC Aloysius Gonsowski - no such luck.

We continued our search for his parents using telephone directories, post offices, public utility companies, etc., without success. We received an offer of assistance from some members of the 7th Armored Division Association in the New York area and delayed a final decision three weeks to allow a search on their part; all to no avail. Because of the thoroughness of our investigation, we feel the only conclusion is that the parents are now deceased.

Private Gonsowski is memorialized on the Walls of the Missing at the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in Margraten, Holland. Unfortunately, however, grave space in the Margraten Cemetery is not available for his interment.

We have requested permission from the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) for burial in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neuville-en-Condruz, Belgium with appropriate honors. At the present time Ardennes is the only cemetery in Europe open for burials.

Since you indicated that members of the 7th Armored Division Association desire to attend the funeral, I will advise you once a date has been set. We should have final approval from the ABMC by 20 February and services will likely take place in late March or early April.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

BG DONALD W. CONNELLY

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Brigadier General, USA

Deputy The Adjutant General

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General William A. Knowlton
United States Representative
Military Committee
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
APO New York 09667

Dear General Knowlton:

Last October and in your letter of 26 January 1978, you asked me for information pertaining to the remains of PFC Aloysius Gonsowski, a WW II casualty and member of the 7th Armored Division. As you recall, his remains were discovered in February 1977 near the city of Overloon, Holland.

In my reply to you on 14 November 1977, I explained that the delay in disposition was due to the difficulties we were having in locating the next of kin. Army records list only the parents of PFC Gonsowski, and our search for them through telephone directories, post offices, public utility companies, etc., has been futile. The Veterans Administration file for this individual, which was lost several months ago, has never again surfaced. However, since the file had previously been retired to a Federal Archives Records Center, the implication is that benefits were no longer being paid. Because of this and the thoroughness of our investigation, we feel the only reasonable conclusion is that the parents of PFC Gonsowski are now deceased.

Although the Veterans Administration file possibly would have carried the names of more distant relatives, it now appears visionary to further

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postpone the honors and burial of PFC Gonsowski. Accordingly, we have requested and received permission from the American Battle Monuments Commission to inter his remains in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium with appropriate honors. As you know, this cemetery is at the present time the only U. S. cemetery open for burials in Europe and burial therein is restricted to WW II dead. It is regrettable that grave space in the Margraten Cemetery in the Netherlands is not available for the interment of PFC Gonsowski.

Since you indicated that members of the 7th Armored Division Association desire to attend the funeral, you may wish to advise the association that graveside services and interment have been set for

If the members need a local point of contact for any coordination, they may call Captain Michael P. Willson, Commander of the US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe. He may be reached in Frankfurt, Germany, on Gibbs Military 6140/7623.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

DONALD W. CONNELLY
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy The Adjutant General

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To: 4155 Date: _____

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I agree w/ your
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~~Friday~~

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See notes and attached basic
- need completed response by
Thursday! (9 Feb)
Lawrence

Signed: _____

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
MILITARY COMMITTEE
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
APO 09667

25 October 1977

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for me & a
draft reply.
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BG Donald W. Connelly
Deputy TAG, USA
and DCG, TAGCEN
Washington, D. C. 20310

Dear Don:

Just an informal note to ask a question. Some months ago, two youngsters playing with mine detectors in the Netherlands uncovered the bodies of two members of the 7th Armored Division. George T. Renda's skeleton had his dog tags and his high school ring. His body has since been returned to America for final burial.

The dog tags on the other skeleton read as follows:

Aloysius Gonsowski
32253289 T43 33 A C


I understand from Dick Groves that the next-of-kin cannot be found. Dick also mentioned that the name should not be published until the next-of-kin is discovered.

The names have long since been published in the Dutch papers because of the local interest. In addition, the 7th Armored Division Association has been most interested in the cases because of a desire to honor the soldiers and to have members of the Association attend the funeral, as they did with George Renda.

Could you tell me on the Old Boy net what the problem seems to be with finding out who the other chap was. If we knew where he enlisted from, members of the Division Association would be happy to walk the streets and check the phone books to assist the Army in locating some next-of-kin. Our veterans are good guys and want to help. I am getting a little flak because they do not wish the body to lay unclaimed in Germany now that he has been found.

Any information you could give me would be helpful. With warmest regards,

Sincerely,


WILLIAM A. KNOWLTON
General, USA



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

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General William A. Knowlton
United States Representative
Military Committee
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
APO New York 09667

Dear General Knowlton:

I have had my people in Memorial Affairs brief me on the status of the two bodies which were recently recovered in the Netherlands.

The remains have been positively identified as those of PFC George T. Renda, Serial Number 33161965, and PFC Aloysius Gonsowski, Serial Number 32253289, members of the 7th Armored Division.

After a diligent search the brothers and sisters of PFC Renda were located on the east and west coasts and personal notifications were made by Survivors Assistance Officers. In accordance with disposition instructions provided by the next of kin, the remains of PFC Renda were returned to CONUS for burial with appropriate honors on 28 September 1977.

The search for survivors of PFC Gonsowski still continues. We are utilizing telephone directories, post offices, public utilities, Veteran's Administration records, and other means available to us. Veterans Administration records have proven to be the most valuable source of the information we desire since they normally contain names and addresses of survivors and to whom any benefits are/were paid. The immediate problem in this case is that the Veterans Administration Center in Philadelphia has misplaced the Gonsowski file, which they acknowledged having four months ago. Since they have assured us that a concerted effort is being made to find the file, we are in a temporary holding pattern.

I'm sure you are aware that it is becoming increasingly difficult to locate survivors of World War II casualties. Parents are most often deceased, widows have remarried and relocated, and children, brothers

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and sisters are frequently scattered throughout the country. In conducting our inquiries every effort is made to be discreet in order to ensure that the initial notification be made officially and personally by a well qualified Survivors Assistance Officer. We do prefer not to limit our investigation by imposing a restricting target date, for thoroughness must take priority over time.

Please thank the members of the 7th Armored Division Association for their offer of help, and assure them that we are painstaking and diligent in our search for survivors, for we well recognize the right to participate in the final tribute to their deceased loved one. We will continue to press our search for PFC Consowski's survivors, and in the event none can be located the Army will make an administrative decision to inter the remains with appropriate honors in a permanent cemetery in Europe, selected by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

I'll let you know in sufficient time when a decision has been made regarding the final disposition of PFC Consowski's remains so that you may inform all interested parties. Points of contact in the Memorial Affairs Division are Mr. Annetti or Mr. Helgesen, (Autovon) 223-1116/1064.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

DONALD W. CONNELLY
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy The Adjutant General

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11 August 1977

Federal Archives Records Center
5000 Wissahickon Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144

Gentlemen:

The Department of Army has recently recovered and identified skeletal remains of Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski, C-414 2392.

Records Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., indicate decedent's file was transferred 13 August 1959. Please furnish this Office, names, ages and addresses of all surviving relatives as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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for
ELLSWORTH S. CLARKE
LTC, GS
Chief, Memorial Affairs Division

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19 August 1977

Veterans Administration Center
Adjudication Division, Unit 9
Post Office Box 8079
ATTN: Mr. James Gallagher **GALLAGHER**
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

The Department of Army has recently recovered and identified skeletal remains of Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski, C-414 2392.

Federal Archives Records Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania., indicate decedent's file is presently charged to you on or about 8 July 1977. Please furnish this Office, names, ages and addresses of all surviving relatives as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

For WMA

ELLSWORTH S. CLARKE
LTC, GS
Chief, Memorial Affairs Division

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HELGESEN
31064

(A/C 215-951-5383)

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FILE STILL
NOT LOCATED.*

*FARC = MR BISHOP - CONTACTED 4 NOV, 1 DEC
215-951-5588
MR. JOHNSON - CONTACTED 4 NOV, 1 DEC
215-951-5696*

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William M. Annette
for ELLSWORTH S. CLARKE
LTC, GS
Chief, Memorial Affairs Division

Re: GONSOWSKI

PERSON WHO FOUND REMAINS:

MR. L. WILLEMSE

ROOZENDALSEWEG #1

OVERLOON, HOLLAND

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SUBJ: IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS

A. AEUMS-CDR LTR DTD 21 APR 77, SUBJ: LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

1. REF LTR FORWARDED LABORATORY PROCESSING DOCUMENTS FOR UNKNOWN WWII CASUALTY X-9437 {SER 5123} AND UNKNOWN WWII CASUALTY X-9438 {SER 5123}.

2. ON 7 JULY 77, A BOARD OF OFFICERS APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF X-9437 AS PFC GEORGE J. RENDA, 33161965, USA, AND X-9438 AS PFC AL-OYSIUS GONSOWSKI, 32253289.

3. THE NOK OF PFC RENDA HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND VERBALLY INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO RETURN REMAINS TO CONUS FOR INTERMENT. PREPARE REMAIN FOR SHIPMENT BUT HOLD PENDING CONFIRMATION AND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THIS DIRECTORATE.

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4. THE NOK OF PFC GANSOWSKI HAS NOT YET BEEN LOCATED. YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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DISPOSITION FORM

For use of this form, see AR 340-15; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

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SUBJECT

Board Proceedings - Unknown X-9438 (Holland) USA Mem
Aff Actv, Eur, Frankfurt, Germany

TO Board of Review

FROM Chief, Mem Aff Div

DATE 23 Jun 1977

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Mrs. Jones/30896

Under provisions of Letter Orders, DAAG-ZX, dated 16 September 1976, the inclosed case is forwarded for Board of Review action.

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Bd Pro w/related
papers



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, TAGCEN
MEMORIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20314

A Board of Officers appointed by Letter Orders, DAAG-ZX, dated 16 September 1976 (Tab A) convened 7 JULY 1977, and after consideration of the factors presented, approved the identification of Unknown X-9438 (S&R 5123), U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, as the remains of:

Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski, 32 253 289

1. According to case papers (Tab B), the U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, was notified in February 1977 that a grave containing two skeletal remains had been discovered near the city of Overloon, Holland. The gravesite was discovered by a Dutch (Netherlands) civilian while exploring a World War II battle field for war relics.
2. The skeletal remains, determined to be American soldiers from World War II by the type of equipment, ammunition and personal effects, were buried side by side in a very shallow grave approximately 18 inches deep. The local police were notified of the discovery and, in turn, notified the Netherlands Army Graves Registration Service who made the initial recovery.
3. The remains and articles were released to American custody and removed to the Frankfurt Mortuary where they were processed separately and arranged in anatomical order. The two individual remains were designated Unknown X-9437 (S&R 5123) BTB: Renda, George J., 33 161 965, and Unknown X-9438 (S&R 5123) BTB: Gonsowski, Aloysius, 32 253 289. The following items were recovered with remains designated Unknown X-9438:

Two (2) Identification Tags imprinted: "ALOYSIUS GONSOWSKI 32253289
T-43 44 A C"
One (1) pr. combat boots, size 8 1/2-E
One (1) combat helmet with liner
Water Purification tablets
Remnants of: Wool clothing
Catholic Rosary Beads

(Unknown X-9438, US Army Mem Aff Actv, Eur, Frankfurt, Ger)

4. According to laboratory findings, the Unknown skeletal remains are those of an adult Caucasoid male of slight to average muscularity with an estimated height of 67.0" (F&T-67.2"). The age is estimated between 24 and 27 years. These portions were still undergoing erosion caused by prolonged natural weathering.

5. Available records show that Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski, 32 253 289, a former member of Company C, 48th Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, was officially reported missing in action on 5 October 1944 near Overloon, Holland. The missing in action status was terminated on 6 September 1945 when sufficient evidence was received from a commander in the European area to establish that death, in fact, occurred on 5 October 1944.

6. Research of historical records shows that the 7th Armored Division, 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions and the 104th Infantry Division suffered heavy losses in Holland during the period of 17 September 1944 through 3 November 1944, after which time the American forces were relieved by the British and Canadian troops. US Armored troops were concentrated in the areas of OVERLOON, VIERLINGSBEEK, ST. ANTHONIS and associated localities, while our Airborne troops were committed to NIJMEGEN, GROESBEEK, MOOK, MIDDELAR, BEEK, DEN HUEVEL WOODS and nearby areas (Tab C).

7. Following the end of World War II, the areas of combat were thoroughly searched by US Graves Registration search and recovery teams, and those remains recovered were removed to US Military Cemeteries for interment. However, numerous casualties still remained unaccounted for. The final field search was conducted in August 1950 with negative results. Accordingly, Nonrecoverable Findings were submitted for PFC Gonsowski and 45 others. Individual findings for subject decedent were officially approved on 6 November 1950.

8. The associated recovery, Unknown X-9437, is being submitted to the Board of Review with the recommendation that the remains be identified as those of PFC George J. Renda, 33 161 965, a former member of the same organization who died on 5 October 1944.

CONCLUSION:

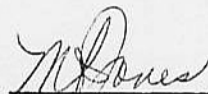
The association of Unknown X-9438 with PFC Aloysius Gonsowski, tentatively established through recovery of two ID tags, is supported by laboratory findings which reveal excellent comparison of physical and dental characteristics with recorded data for PFC Gonsowski and are incompatible with those recorded for PFC Renda (Tab D - Physical and Dental Comparison Chart). The remains were recovered in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland, which is the same geographic area where PFC Gonsowski was reported missing.

(Unknown X-9438, US Army Mem Aff Actv, Eur, Frankfurt, Ger)

RECOMMENDATION:

That identification of remains designated Unknown X-9438, U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, be approved as those of Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski, 32 253 289, and that Findings of Nonrecoverability be cancelled.

Submitted by



M. T. JONES
Identification Technician
Memorial Affairs Division

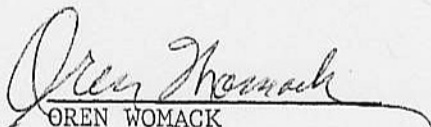
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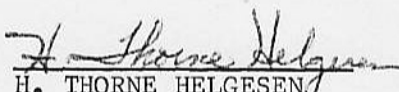
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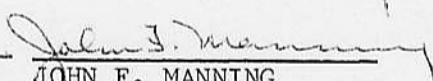
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OREN WOMACK
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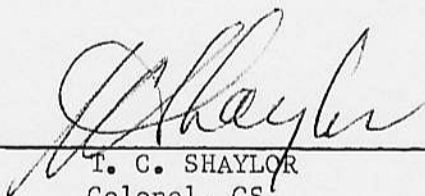


H. THORNE HELGESEN
DAC, GS-12



JOHN F. MANNING
DAC, GS-12

APPROVED:



T. C. SHAYLOR
Colonel, GS
Director, Personal Affairs

Date: 7 JULY 77



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL CENTER
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

DAAG-ZX

16 September 1976

SUBJECT: Duty Appointment

TO: Ellsworth S. Clarke 142-22-9645 LTC GSWT
Mr. William M. Annetti 016-16-1884 DAC GS-14
Mr. Oren Womack 579-38-7399 DAC GS-13
Mr. H. Thorne Helgesen 477-28-5283 DAC GS-12
Mr. John F. Manning 101-28-4597 DAC GS-12
(Assigned: TAGCEN (3XYAAA) DA Wash, DC 20314)

1. Following individuals APPOINTED as indicated.

Authority: AR 15-6

Appointed as: Board of Officers

Period: Indefinite

Purpose: To assist the Director, Personal Affairs Directorate, TAGCEN, in the resolution of special cases which involve the identifiability, or non-identifiability, or nonrecoverability of the remains of deceased persons (except for Vietnam related).

Effective date: 6 August 1976

VOCG date cfm: 6 August 1976

Special Instructions: The senior member present will serve as president of the Board. One member, as designated by the president will act as recorder for the Board and will be responsible for the documentation of the findings of the Board. A majority of the members of the Board will constitute a quorum. In the resolution of all cases, the Board will serve as the reviewing channel between the operating Division and the Director, DAAG-PE. The Board is authorized to review all such cases as are referred through it to the Director. After documentation of its findings, the Board will recommend the report be approved by the Director or his designated representative or return the case to the operating Division for reconsideration of its determinations. The Board is charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

a. Establish a set of standards and procedures to determine the adequacy, authenticity, and completeness of records which serve as an operating basis for the Board.



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16 September 1976

SUBJECT: Duty Appointment

b. Review case history reports concerning the identifiability of recovered remains as submitted by the operating Division.

c. Review case history reports concerning the nonidentifiability of individual recovered remains and the nonidentifiability of individual remains or group recoveries.

d. Review case history reports concerning the nonrecoverability of remains of persons in the following categories:

(1) Persons for whom the Adjutant General has issued presumptive findings of death.

(2) Persons known to be in a KIA status, whose remains, because of the circumstances of death, are determined to be non-recoverable.

(3) Persons whose remains are officially reported lost at sea.

e. Based upon its findings, either recommend the report be approved by the Director, or return the case to the Operating Division for further reconsideration of the case.

2. Letter Orders, DAAG-AMO, OTAG, dated 28 January 1976 and 13 February 1976, subject Duty Appointment, are rescinded effective 6 August 1976.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:


EDWARD J. MURPHY, JR.

LTC, GS

Director, Personnel & Administration
Directorate

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09757

AEUMS-Cdr

21 April 1977

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

Director
Personal Affairs Directorate
(DAAG-PED)
Forrestal Bldg
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314

Forwarded for review are the enclosed Report of Recovery, Laboratory processing with allied papers concerning recovered WW II remains:

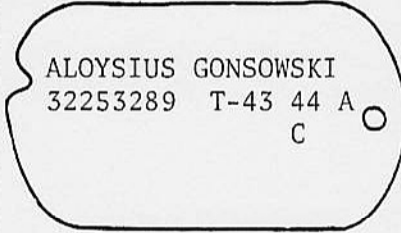
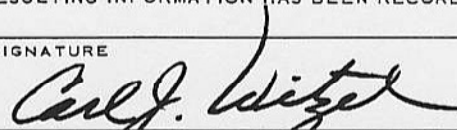
UNKNOWN X-9437 (S/R 5123)
UNKNOWN X-9438 (S/R 5123)

Present location of remains: USA Mortuary Frankfurt, Germany.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael P. Willson".

MICHAEL P. WILLSON
CPT, QMC
Commanding

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING (Effects and Physical Data)			DATE		
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Or unknown number)		GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER	CIL CASE NUMBER (If applicable)	
UNKNOWN X-9438					
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER			PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
S/R-5123					
RECEIVED FROM			IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG		
Overloon, Holland					
OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)					
Two identification tags found with remains reads as shown.					
ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)					
1 Pr Boots, Combat Size 8 1/2 E 1 Helmet, Combat with Linear Water Purification Tablets					
REMNANTS OF Wool Clothing Catholic Rosary Beads					
FINGERPRINTS TAKEN		X-RAYS MADE		FLUROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN		ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE		CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION EST. AGE 24-27					
ESTIMATED HEIGHT	MUSCULARITY	COLOR OF HAIR		RACE OR NATIVITY	
T= 67.0 Inches F&T= 67.2 Inches	Slight	Brown		Caucasoid	
TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY					
None found					
EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS					
None found					
WOUNDS OR INJURIES					
None found					
I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.					
NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION			SIGNATURE		
CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12, USA Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, APO NY 09757					

**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
SKELETAL CHART**

21 April 1977

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)
UNKNOWN X-9438

GRADE _____ SERVICE NUMBER _____

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER
S/R-5123

PLOT _____ ROW _____ GRAVE _____

ESTIMATED AGE (Years) 24-27 ESTIMATED HEIGHT T= 67.0 F&T= 67.2

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)	
		RIGHT	LEFT
SKULL			
HUMERUS	Osteometric Board (OB)	X	31.4
ULNA	OB	X	X
RADIUS	OB	24.4	X
FEMUR	OB	45.8	45.6
TIBIA	OB	36.4	36.4
FIBULA	OB	35.8	36.0

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

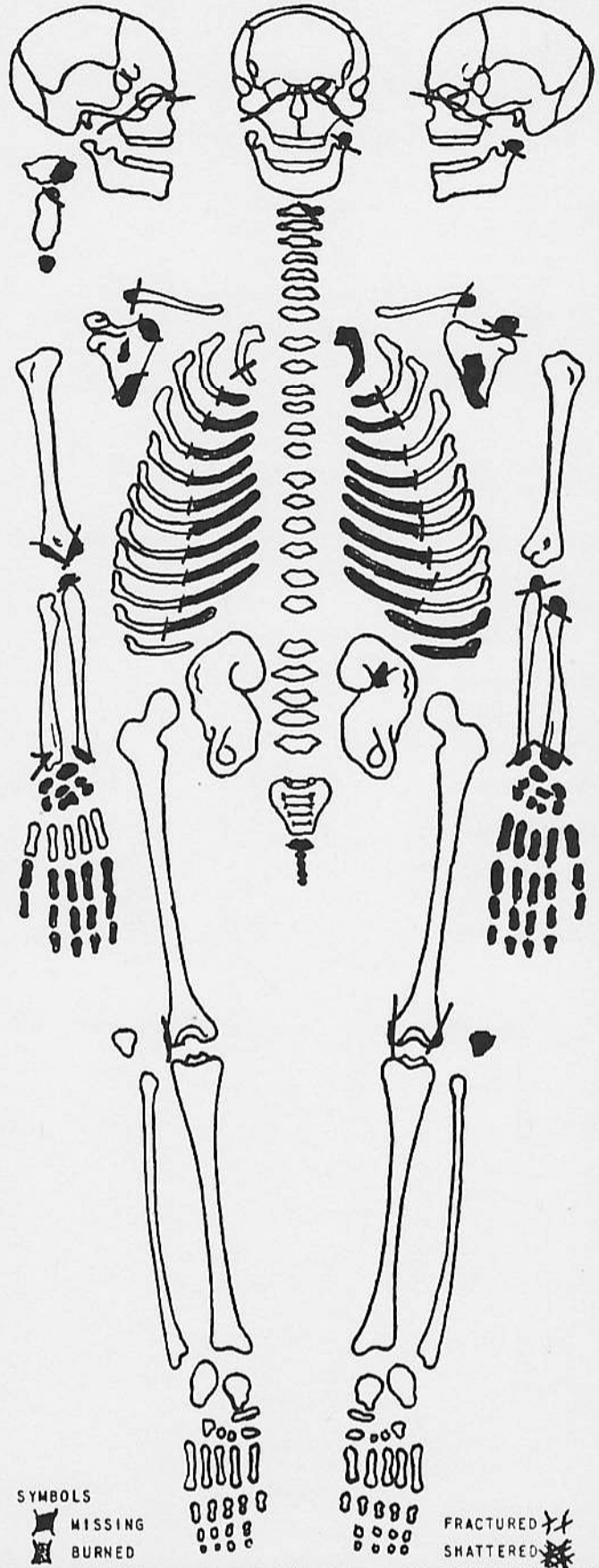
These remains are average in stature and slight to average in muscularity. The skull is small in size and oval in shape, with moderate parietal bones and a rounded occiput. The forehead is of medium height and presents a slightly sloping profile. The lower borders of the nasal aperture is sharp. The mandible is average in size, of normal width and structure, forming a rounded chin.

THE PARTS PRESENT AS INDICATED ON THIS SKELETAL CHART REPRESENTS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)
CARL J. WITZEL

SIGNATURE
Carl J. Witzel

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



SYMBOLS
 * MISSING
 X BURNED
 ○ FRACTURED
 ✱ SHATTERED

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
DENTAL CHART

21 April 1977

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)	GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER	
UNKNOWN X-9438			
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
S/R-5123			

MARKING ABBREVIATIONS:

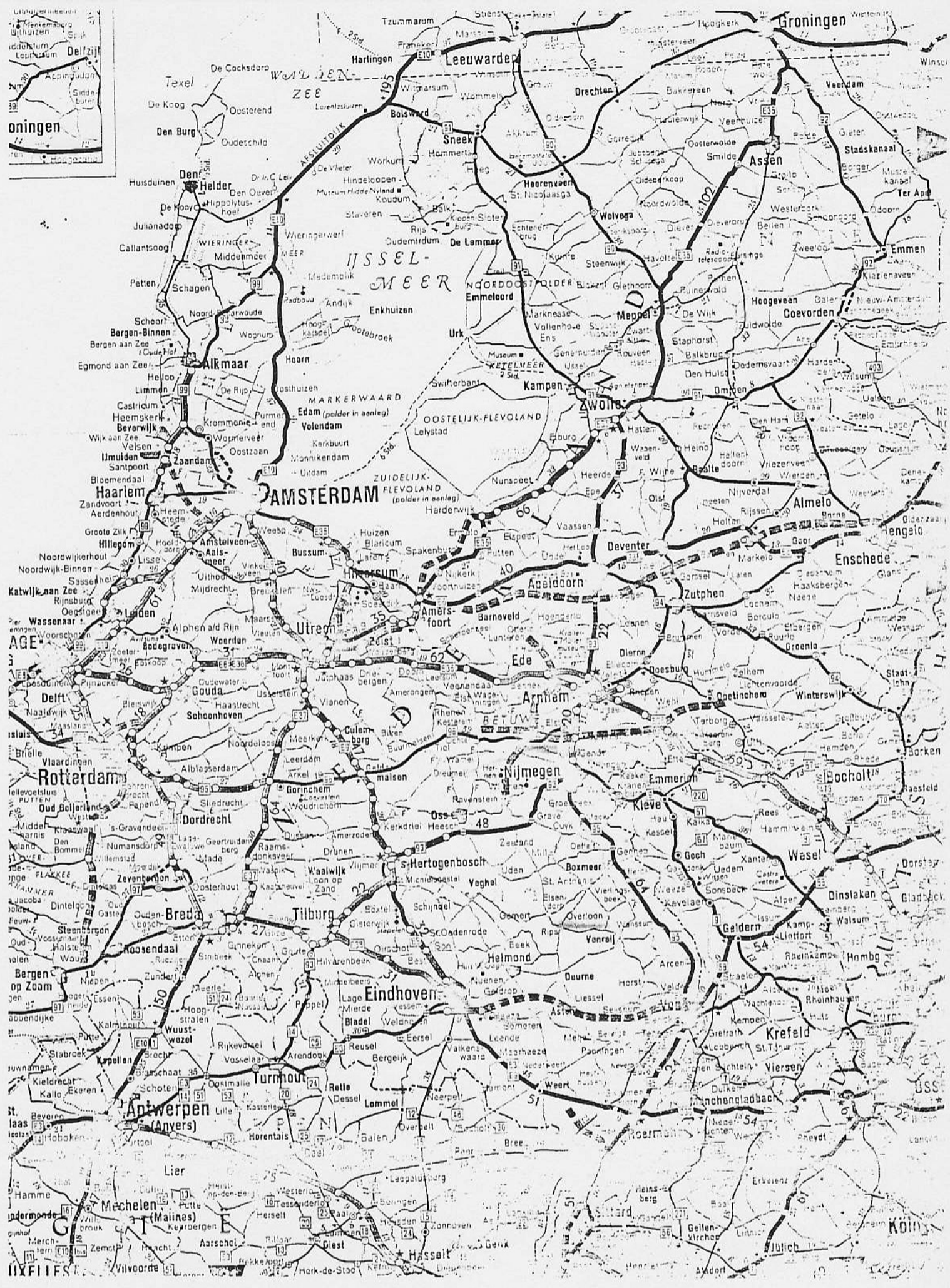
F-Facial	O-Occlusal	D-Distal	A-Amalgam	-Fill-Filling	Porc-Porcelain	Back-Backing
L-Lingual	M-Mesial	I-Incisor	CR-Crown	Plas-Plastic	Sil-Silicate	Fac-Facing

CARIES	0	0															F				CARIES	
RESTORATIONS				10 mm SPACE			DFL SIL		DF SIL	250 DIS ROT	450 MES ROT	3 mm SPACE		MO-AM								RESTORATIONS
	1	2	3	X	5	6	MFL SIL	ML SIL	MPL SIL	M SIL	L-AM	EXT	DO-AM	O-AM	O-AM	O-AM						
UPPER RIGHT																	UPPER LEFT					
LOWER RIGHT																	LOWER LEFT					
RESTORATIONS																	RESTORATIONS					
CARIES																	CARIES					

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL BE INDICATED IF PRESENT (Describe in detail in Remarks section)

<input type="checkbox"/> MOTTLED ENAMEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROTATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FRACTURED ENAMEL	<input type="checkbox"/> IRREGULARITY OF ALIGNMENT
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PREPARED BY (Typed Name and Signature) ANTHONY J. ZLOA	VERIFIED BY (Typed Name and Signature) CARL J. WITZEL
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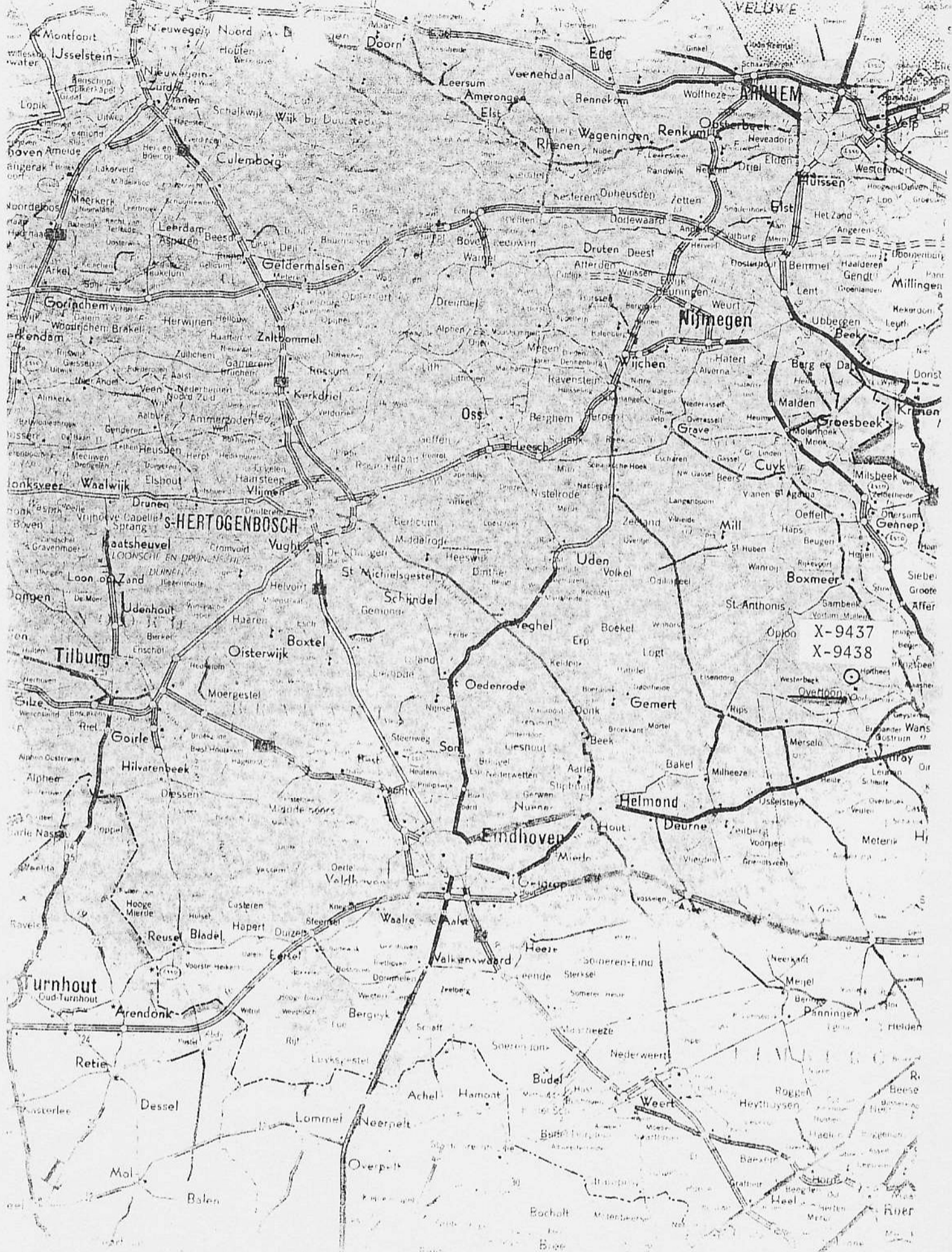
Bocholt

Wassel

Krefeld

Viersen

Köln



X-9437
X-9438

PHYSICAL AND DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

Remains of Unknown X-9438 (S&R 5123) US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany		Name	GONSOWSKI, Aloysius	PFC
			32 253 289	
1	o carie	1		
2	o carie	2		
3		3		
4	X (10 mm space)	4	X	
5		5	X	
6		6		
7	df1S mflS	7	mS dS	
8	ml S	8	mS	
9	dfS mflS	9	mS dS	
10	mS (25° dis rot) f carie	10	mS	
11	1A (45° mes rot)	11	1A	
12	X (3mm space)	12	X	
13	doA	13	doA	
14	moA oA	14	oA moA	
15	oA	15	oA	
16	oA	16	oA	
17	X	17	X	
18	X	18	X	
19	X	19	X	
20		20	carie	
21		21		
22		22	carie	
23		23		
24		24		
25		25		
26		26		
27		27		
28	(45° dis rot)	28		
29		29		
30	X	30	X	
31	X	31	X	
32	X	32	X	
Estimated height T-67.0" (F&T-67.2")		Height 67"		
Estimated weight Muscularity: Slight		Weight 146		
Estimated age 24 - 27 years		Age 26 yrs 10 mos 10 days		
		DOD: 5 Oct 44 DOB: 25 Nov 17		
Hair Brown	Race: Caucasian	Combat boot 8 1/2-E	Hair Brown	Race: Caucasian
		Shoe Size: 8 1/2-D		
Remarks		Dental: Fms 79 dtd 1-6-44, 1-9-43, & 6-16-42		
Remnants of Catholic Rosary Beads found with remains.		Religion - Catholic		
Recovered: Approx 2 KM NE of Overloon, Holland		Orgn: Co C, 48th Armd Inf Bn, 1st Armd Div. KIA 5 Oct 44 near Overloon, Holland		



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09757

AEUMS-Cdr


2 May 1977

SUBJECT: Open Allotment Cost Data

Director
Personal Affairs Directorate
ATTN: DAAG-PED-D
Forrestal Bldg
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Reference: Your Unclas Msg DAAG-PED-D, DTG P241800Z MAR 77, subject as above.
2. IAW cited message, attached is Open Allotment Cost Data Sheet for the month of APRIL 1977, covering actual costs which were not recorded on DD Form 2775.
3. A separate report will be furnished by the Vicenza Mortuary.

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MICHAEL P. WILLSON
CPT, QMC
Commanding

OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1977
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S							
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	T D Y RELATED TO CASE	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP. OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	OTHER TDY AND TRAVEL
JOHNSON, stillbirth 0169-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
JOHNSON, depn son 0173-04-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
KING, D.L. SSG 153-03-77	--	--	--	--	67.00	--	--	--
LEDFORD, D. E-6 0078-02-77	--	--	--	--	48.00	--	--	--
MAY-BERRY, depn son 0203-04-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
McMILLIAN, depn son 0181-04-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ORTEGA, G.S. SP4 0180-04-77	--	--	--	--	146.00	--	--	--
PRUITT, depn son 0192-04-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF
 APRIL 1977
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S									
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	T D Y RELATED TO CASE	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP. OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	OTHER TDY AND TRAVEL		
SOLIZA, depn son 0174-04-77	170.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
STEWART, YNCS (NAVY) 0167-03-77	--	217.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
THORBERGSON, depn son 0193-04-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TDY to Kaiserslautern Mortuary - Prep of Remains	--	--	--	--	--	--	46.00	--	--	--
WW II Recovery in Holland	--	--	--	--	--	--	233.00	--	--	--
WW II Interment in Belgium (PFC Quick)	--	--	--	--	--	--	690.00	--	--	--
WW II Interment in Belgium (PFC Quick)	--	--	--	--	161.00	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL:	\$ 1,410.00	217.00	392.00	--	682.00	--	--	--	--	969.00
*ELEMENT OF EXPENSE CODE (EOE)	(2610)	(2110)	(2572)	(2572)	(2572)	(2200)	(2572)	(2572)	(2110)	(2110)

FUND CITE: 2172020 32-22 P878716-*See EOE S999999GY GRAND TOTAL: \$ 3,670.00



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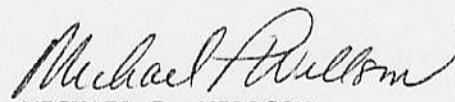
4 April 1977

SUBJECT: Open Allotment Cost Data

Director
Personal Affairs Directorate
ATTN: DAAG-PED-D
Forrestal Bldg
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Reference: Your Unclas Msg DAAG-PED-D, DTG P241800Z MAR 77, subject as above.
2. IAW cited message, attached is Open Allotment Cost Data Sheet for the month of MARCH 1977, covering actual costs which were not recorded on DD Form 2775.
3. Actual costs incurred for TDY are not known at time of this report, and will be furnished as soon as they are available.
4. A separate report will be furnished by the Vicenza Mortuary.

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OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1977
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S									
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	T D Y	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP. OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	OTHER TDY AND TRAVEL		
McCULLERS, J. E-4 0640-12-76	--	--	--	--	--	39.00	--	--		
McLEAN, depn son 0091-02-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
STEVENS, Twins "A" & "B" 0092/93-02-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
BATT, depn dau 0105-02-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
ALKIRE, depn dau 0116-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
NYMASTER, depn son 0117-03-77	125.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
DAVIS, depn dau 0118-03-77	125.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
SIZEMORE, depn son 0119-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
WHITMANN, depn son 0120-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
RICH, depn dau 0123-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
SMALLS, depn son 0124-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
STICKNEY, depn dau 0126-03-77	125.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
THOMAS, depn son 0126-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		

OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1977 (cont'd)
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S							
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	T D Y	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP.OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	OTHER TDY AND TRAVEL
RICHARDS, depn dau 0159-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
HALL, Twins "A" & "B" 0161/2-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
GREEN, depn dau 0164-03-77	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
STEWART (Navy), YNCS 0167-03-77	--	**See Note	--	--	--	--	--	--
WW II recovery in Holland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**See Note
**NOTE: Actual TDY costs will be furnished when available.								
TOTAL:	\$ 2,675.00	108.52	-0-	-0-	-0-	39.00	-0-	-0-
ELEMENT OF EXPENSE CODE (EOE)	(2610)	(2110)	(2572)	(2572)	(2572)	(2200)	(2572)	(2110)

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 2,822.52

FUND CITE: 2172020 52-22 P878716-*See EOE S999999GY



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE
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AERAF-Cdr

7 April 1978

SUBJECT: Open Allotment Costs Data

Director
Personal Affairs Directorate
ATTN: DAAG-PED
Forrestal Bldg
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Reference: Your Unclas Msg DAAG-PED, DTG P241800Z MAR 77, subject as above.
2. IAW cited message, attached is Open Allotment Costs Data Sheet for the month of MARCH 1978, covering actual costs which were not recorded on DD Form 227.
3. A separate report will be furnished by the Vicenza Mortuary.

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Michael P. Willson
MICHAEL P. WILLSON
CPT, QMC,
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CF: Cdr, 21st SUPCOM
ATTN: AERRM-B
APO 09325

Willson, (Long)

OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1978
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S							INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	OTHER TUY AND TRAVEL IAW AR 638-40
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	T D Y RELATED TO CASE	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP. OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK		
ROSE, depn dau 0146-03-78 <i>Rebecca A.</i>	5.00					156.00			
SHEARS, depn son 0536-11-77 <i>Shears, Steven H.</i>						660.00			
SPANO, M. depn wife 122-03-78 <i>Spano, Michael</i>									
THOMPSON, depn son 0145-03-78 <i>Thompson, Donald</i>	125.00								
WAITTROCK, depn dau 0165-03-78 <i>Waittrock, William J.</i>	5.00								
WW II interment, Belgium GONSOWSKI, Aloysius, PFC					188.00				1,200.00 (estimated)
Opening/Closing of grave & religious services WW II interment GONSOWSKI, A. PFC									
TOTAL:	\$ 545.00	-	-	-	431.00	1,214.00	-	-	1,200.00
*ELEMENT OF EXPENSE CODE (EOE)	(2610)	(2110)	(2572)	(2572)	(2572)	(2200)	(2572)	(2110)	(2110)

FUND CITE: 2182020 32-22 P878716-* (See EOE above) S999999GY GRAND TOTAL: \$ 3,390.00

DAAG-PED-D

4 April 1977

SUBJECT: Recovery of Remains - World War II

Commander
U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe
ATTN: AEUMS
APO New York 09757

Inclosed, as requested, are DD Forms 897 pertaining to PFC George J. Renda and PFC Aloysius Gonsowski, casualties of World War II.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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ELLSWORTH S. CLARKE
LTC, GS
Chief, Memorial Affairs Division

76-830

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE
REQUEST FOR SERVICE

RETURN 3
FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER
MILITARY RECORDS SECTION
ARMY-AIR FORCE DEFENSE-UNIT
GSA RS FRC
210 North Lee St.
Alexandria, Va.

TYPE OF SERVICE REQUESTED (Check one)
 INFORMATION DOCUMENT RESEARCH

AGENCY *Q mcy*

ADDRESS *TB*

INDIVIDUAL *McLaughlin*

ROOM NUMBER *1526*

EXTENSION *54033*

RECORD GROUP NUMBER *92*

DATE *6/1/59*

SEARCHER'S INITIALS
MM

NO RECORD

MISSING FROM

TO

CHARGED TO

BUILDING AND ROOM NUMBER

DATE

Dr 022919

DESCRIPTION *293 FONSOWSKI, Aloysius*

32253289

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REQUEST RECEIVED BY

DATE

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

GONSOVSKI, ALUYSIUS

RANK

PFC

SERIAL NUMBER

32253289

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

5 OCT 44

AREA OF DEATH

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

KINKEAD

DATE

14 DEC 50

NAME OF REVIEWER

KATZ

DATE

26 DEC. 50

REMARKS

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH Holland	CASE NUMBER
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) GONSOWSKI, Aloysius	RANK Pfc.	SERIAL NUMBER 32 253 289
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

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

REMARKS

Request dental - Bras 1/4/51

Possible association

Identification data for the above-mentioned decedent has been compared with QMG Forms 1944 for all Unidentified WW II deceased recovered from the vicinity of Overloon, Holland, with negative results.

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>T.D.</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>G.E. Newbaker</i>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt. QMG
		FEB 27 1951

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European , near Overloon, Holland	CASE NUMBER 14421
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Gonsowski, Aloysius	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 32 253 289
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT ~~IT WAS~~
(Check appropriate box)

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	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	G. M.
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	G. M.
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

NOV 7 1950
[Signature]
Identification Branch

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Colonel [Signature]</i>	31 Oct 50

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

GROP 293.9

22 January 1951

SUBJECT: Supplement to Non-Recoverable
Board Proceedings

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


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

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

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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

A TRUE COPY:


MARY A. EDWARDS
1st Lt QMC

NAM
File

JAN 30 1951


Identification Branch

293 Memoranda, Clergyman 32253289

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE <i>5 Jan 1951</i>	
FROM (Branch and Section) <i>Identification Br., Final Det. Sec.</i>	REQUESTED BY <i>Mac</i>	TEL. EXT. <i>73216</i>	ROOM NO. <i>1521 B</i>
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>GONSOWSKI, Aloysius</i>	RANK <i>Pfc.</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>32 253 289</i>	


INFORMATION REQUIRED

All available dental information on above decedent.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Completed form attached

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)


A. RENNER
 MAJOR, QMG (R)
 IN PENTAGON LIAISON

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) GONSOWSKI, Aloysius		GRADE Pfc	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 32 253 289
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
SHOE SIZE			

INDUCTION DENTAL CHART

DATE *13 Mar 42*

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 <u>6</u> 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 <u>3</u> 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 <u>13</u> 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 <u>12</u> <u>13</u> 14 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

3 Form # 79 attached

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

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

35.	SEGER, Eugene W. PVT, 33 668 188	Co B, 508th Para Inf	19 Sep 44	Vic of Nijmegen, Holland	N/R
37.	ELLERBUSCH, Herbert W. PVT, 37 552 307	Co C, 508th Para Inf	20 Sep 44	Near Wyler, Holland GC 778580	N/R
<u>101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION</u>					
38.	AIELLO, Michael SSG, 16 055 052	Co G, 401st Glider Inf	30 Sep 44	Vic of Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
39.	KENNER, Harold D. PFC, 33 465 581	Co G, 401st Glider Inf	30 Sep 44	Vic of Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
40.	WEBER, Norman L. 2LT, 01 314 983	Co G, 401st Glider Inf	30 Sep 44	Vic of Groesbeek, Holland	N/R
41.	KALDENBERG, Robert L. PFC, 37 664 207	Co E, 401st Glider Inf	1 Oct 44	Vic of Breedeweg, Holland	Identified
42.	GODDARD, William H. PVT, 36 695 782	Co G, 401st Glider Inf	2 Oct 44	Near Middelaar, Holland	Identified
43.	BARKER, Delford W. PVT, 38 556 426	Co E, 401st Glider Inf	3 Oct 44	Near Middelaar, Holland	N/R
44.	GAZIA, Tony S. PFC, 35 742 729	Hq Co, 501st Para Inf	6 Oct 44	Along Maas River, Holland	N/R
<u>104TH INFANTRY DIVISION</u>					
45.	ALANIZ, Guadelupe A. PFC, 38 359 653	Co A, 329th Med Bn	3 Nov 44	Near Etten, Holland	N/R
<u>316TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP</u>					
46.	DOVER, Roland V., Jr. 1LT, 0 461 608 (AF)	36th TC Sq	18 Sep 44	Near Genep, Holland Approx 18 mi SE of Nijmegen	N/R

7TH ARMORED DIVISION

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

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

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

104TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

C NUMBER 14421 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Gonsowski, Aloysius

RANK

Pfc

SERIAL NUMBER

32 253 289

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Individual Case

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

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

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

Killed in action 5 October 1944 near Overloon, Holland.

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

W. A. WOLF

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

ROBERT G. LAY, Capt QMC

APPROVED

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC

DATE

2 NOV. 1950

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

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

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

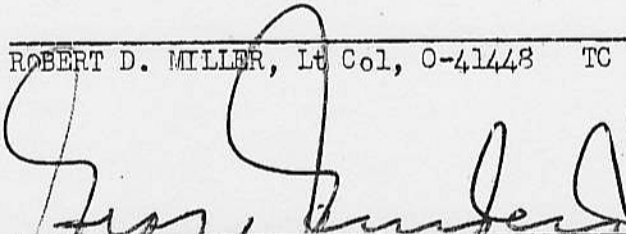
The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness
and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration De-
tachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/
casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records
and other data considered,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

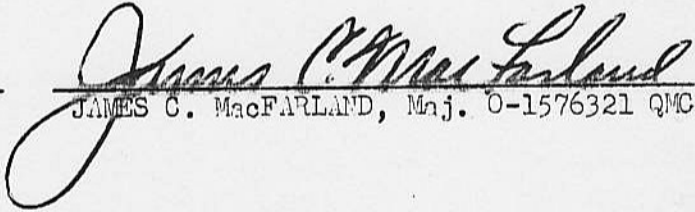
CASE No.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
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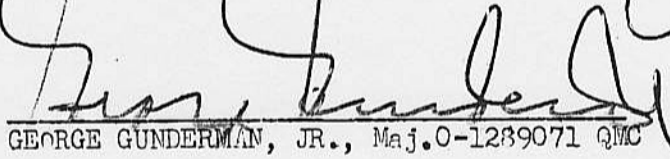
See attached roster.

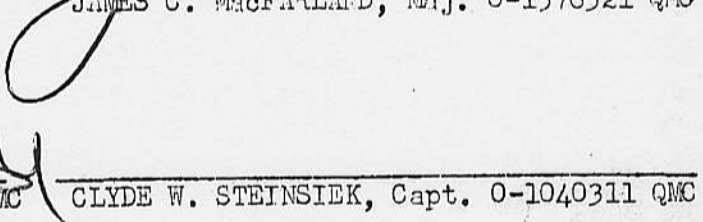
FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it,
finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

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


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


JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Maj. O-1576321 QMC


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


CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311 QMC


HENRY F. MYERS, CWO W-2104778 USA

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

SPECIAL ORDER)
NUMBER 31)

28 March 1950

E X T R A C T

3. PAC Ltr WD AGO-S 293.9, 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 820-110-5 DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as following is apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY,	QMC.,	0 359 598,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND,	QMC.,	0 1 576 321	
CAPT EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,	QMC.,	0 1 588 236	
1ST LT GAYLORD E. LUTZ,	QMC.,	0 1 595 665	
CWO LEODORE GOUDREAU,	USA.,	W 2 113 434	

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BALIARD:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:

Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
Capt QMC

UTECHT, Willis A.	2nd Lt.	0 449 622
HELMS, Gerald R.	S/Sgt.	36 306 478
BLACK, George K.	Cpl.	35 570 418
BREEDEN, Earl	Pvt.	34 882 376
LUPERO, Carmine G.	Pvt.	32 295 254
SMITH, Roland G.L.	Cpl.	32 906 237
CRESWICK, Stanley	PFC.	32 928 720
DOVER, Ronald V. Jr.	1st Lt.	0 481 608
WEBER, Norman L.	2nd Lt.	01 314 983
AIELLO, Michael	S/Sgt.	16 055 052
KENNER, Harold D.	PFC	33 465 581
ALANIZ, Guadalupe A.	PFC	38 359 653
APPLEBY, Gene J.	Pvt.	35 295 352
BOHRER, Jack D.	Pvt.	36 890 449
DAVENPORT, William G.	Cpl.	35 456 698
BENEDICT, Francis L.	S/Sgt.	20 930 297
DIONNE, Raymond J.	Pvt.	11 083 600
TOMPKINS, Tom T.	PFC	38 356 901
BONDS, Howard T.	Pvt.	34 272 642
BARKER, Delford W.	Pvt.	38 556 426
BULHACK, Mitchell	T/5	32 216 851
DEW, Robert G.	Sgt.	17 067 016
GONSOWSKI, Aloysius	PFC	32 253 289
RENDA, George J.	PFC	31 161 965
MATUS, Rudolph W.	Pvt.	38 433 558
DUFF, Raymond A.	Pvt.	13 175 055
JOHNSON, Nathan Jr.	Pvt.	35 654 663
ELLERBUSCH, Herbert W.	Pvt.	37 552 307
SEGER, Eugene W.	Pvt.	33 668 188
ROSENKRANTZ, David	S/Sgt	39 018 039
GAZIA, Tony S.	PFC	35 742 729
KALDENBERG, Robert L.	PFC	37 644 207
TUCHOLSKI, Walter R. Jr.	2nd Lt.	01 325 951
MYERS, Joseph F.	1st Lt.	01 301 865
HARMON, Donald T.	T/Sgt.	35 136 475
SHINHOLSTER, Johnnie W.	PFC	34 576 210
SERSHA, John P.	Pvt.	37 580 467
SPECTOR, Sidney M.	Pvt.	42 057 879
RAKOFF, Leo	Pvt.	42 039 333
HOLMES, William P.	PFC	13 157 372
SANDOVAL, William L.	Pvt.	36 448 880
MOTTERN, Robert L.	PFC	39 408 191
KIGHT, Gerald W.	PFC	39 179 582
WHITLEY, Robert H. Jr.	T/5	14 013 522
GODDARD, William H.	Pvt.	36 695 782

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

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

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

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

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

GROP 293.9
SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Capt. QMC TLo

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

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

August 30, 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

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

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

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

III. FINDINGS:

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

30 August 1950

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

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

IV. CONCLUSION:

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

V. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Incls:
26 Statements

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

COMMUNITY OF UBBERGEN

Beek, 14 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

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

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

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

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

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

The Burgermaster of Ubbergen,

Mr. P.M.H. SASSEN

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF GRAVE

S T A T E M E N T

The Burgermaster of the community of Grave declares that:

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

That in this community there were no American military killed.

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

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

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

Grave 9 August 1950

for Burgermaster of Grave

/s/ Illegible

Assistant to the Secretary

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

WAR MUSEUM

"DE KLEFFEN"

NETHERLANDS NATIONAL WAR MUSEUM

Overloon, 8 August 1950

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

Sincerely,

/s/ H. VAN GLABBEEK

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Middelaar, 14 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

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

/s/ W. WIJNHOFEN

Zevendaal B110
Middelaar

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF BEERS

Beers, 9 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

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

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

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ Illegible.

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF CUIJK AND ST. AGATHA

The Burgermaster of the community of Cuijk declares:

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

Cuijk, 9 August 1950

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF BOXMEER

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

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

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

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

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

Boxmeer, 9 August 1950

For the Burgermaster of Boxmeer

/s/ Illegible

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

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

S T A T E M E N T

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

Berg en Dal, 24 August 1950

/s/ G. THINMPEN

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Community of GRIETHAUSEN
Office of the Director

Kleve-Kellen, 9 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

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

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

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

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

Mook, 16 August 1950

Subject: Graves of USA Soldiers Killed In Action

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Policeman 1st Class of the State Police

Tj. Visser

/s/ Tj. VISSER

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Community OEFFELT

OEFFELT
Tel, Town Hall 7
House No. 5

DECLARATION

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

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

W. MAAS

(Assistant to the Secretary)

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OTTERSUM

DECLARATION

Ottersum, 10 August 1950

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

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

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

For the Burgermaster afore-mentioned

A.H. BUS

/s/ A. H. Bus

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY HEUMEN

DECLARATION

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

1. American graves have been removed to Margraten.
2. English graves have been removed to Nijmegen.
3. German graves have been removed to Ijsselstein by Venray.

and in this community no isolated burials are to be found.

Malden, 10 August 1950

For the Burgermaster of Heumen

C. VAN HOORN

/s/ C. Van Hoorn

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY GROESBEEK

Tel: 3

Groesbeek, 14 August 1950

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

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

The Burgermaster of Groesbeek

Acting Burgermaster

H. EIKHOLT

/s/ H. Eikholt

Hb.
Coll:

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

SERVICE IDENTIFICATION AND BURYING

Ijsselstein, 8 August 1950

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

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

Serg. Major

/s/ C. HENSING

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-141378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF GENNEP

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

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

Gennep, 17 August 1950

The afore-mentioned Burgermaster

/s/ Dr. J. H. GILISSEN

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF ETTEN AND LEUR

Etten, 21 August 1950

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

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

The Burgermaster of Etten and Leur

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OVERASSELT

Subject: Graves of American Military:

Herewith I declare that

- a. On the 17 September 1944 the American paratroopers landed here.
- b. That deceased American soldiers were taken immediately away by the Americans.
- c. There were 3 graves (1 isolated burial and 2 in the churchyard) of English soldiers which were removed by English Grave Service to the English Military Cemetery in Nijmegen.
- d. Still buried here are 2 Germans known by name, army still number etc.
- e. The community of Overasselt consist of the following villages - Overasselt, Nederasselt and Balgoy and that no graves of American soldiers are to be found.

Overasselt, 10 August 1950

The community secretary

/s/ J. Peetersweem

J. PEETERSWEEM

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

FRASSELT, 17 August 1950

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

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

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

/s/ BUCHHOLZ

Forest Guard

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY MILLINGEN

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

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

Millingen, 14 August 1950

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ W. S. Hermsen

W. S. HERMSEN

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Community
Mook and Middelaar
(Tel: Heumen 47)

Mook, 11 August 1950

DECLARATION

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

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

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

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

For the Burgermaster of Mook and Middelaar

J. WILMS

/s/ J. Wilms

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF HAPS

The Burgermaster of the community of HAPS declares herewith:

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

Haps, 9 August 1950

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

VERGENA SOUTH, 17 August 1950

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

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

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

/s/ DALL

Section Forest Guard

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

Nijmegen, 23 August 1950

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

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

/s/ Illegible

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF OPLOO

St Anthonis, 8 August 1950

STATEMENT OVER MILITARY GRAVES

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

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

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

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

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

For the Burgermaster of Oploo.

/s/ W. VAN DEN BERG

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

COMMUNITY OF VIERLINGSBEEK

Vierlingsbeek, 8 August 1950

S T A T E M E N T

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

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

That in this community no American military are buried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Burgermaster afore-mentioned

/s/ A. JANS

Certified True Translation

Lloyd W. Bladow, USDAC A-441378
Investigator

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

W 293

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE
GONSOWSKI ALOYSIUS (NMI)			32253289		PFC
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH
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LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

Co C 48th ARMD INF BN

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

KIA IN HOLLAND

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

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(Basic Ltr WD OQMG, QMGMM 293 Renda, George J. SN 33 161 965,
dtd 30 June 1947).

RRE 293.9 (IB) 1st Ind

Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58,
US Army, 12 August 1947.

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

1. Reference is made to first indorsement, dated 18 July
1947 to letter WD OQMG, QMGMM 293 Gonsowski, Aloysius, 32253289,
dated 23 June 1947.

2. The report submitted on the above applies also to Pfc
George J. Renda, 33161965.

3. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incl: w/d

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen



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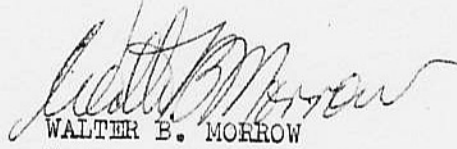
Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58 US Army,
18 Jul 1947

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

1. Inclosed is a copy of OQMG Form 371 for S/Sgt Joseph J. Ferrari, 32249728, with negative report which also applies to Pfc Aloysius Gonsowski, 32253289.

2. Further investigations on this case are being conducted by Unidentified Deceased Branch, this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Incl
w/d
Added
a/s

3293 Ferrari, Joseph J., s/sgt-32249728

Noted in index.

*File
10 Oct 47
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A I R M A I L

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



23 JUN 1947

In Reply Refer To
QMGM 293
Gonsowski, Aloysius
SN 32 253 289

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

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

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, OQMG Form 371
(covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by
this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Gonsowski, Aloysius	Pfc	32 253 289

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be
furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The
Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject
Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead
Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incl
Form 371 (5 cys)

Martin G. Riley
MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

A I R M A I L

N A R R A T I V E

23 June 1947.

Five members of Co. C, 48 Arm'd Inf. Bn., 7th Arm'd Div. reported as killed in action in the Overloon-Oploo area on 5 Oct. 1944 as a result of battle activities:

S/Sgt Joseph J. Ferrari	32249728
Pfc. George J. Renda	33161965
Pfc. Aloysius Gonsowski	32253289
Pvt. Rudolph W. Matus	38433558
Pvt. Lester D. Golden	32838567

Sketch, attached to case, indicates are in Overloon, where five unresolved casualties are supposedly buried. This area was checked, however, with negative results. W.H. v. Kampen, farmer who lives in this immediate area was interviewed, however he had no knowledge of any isolated burials in that vicinity. (Reference is here made to case # 5361, involving the location of 103 isolated burials in Overloon, including the area indicated in sketch.)

The mayor of Vierlingsbeek (Overloon) and Oploo were interviewed, concerning the five casualties mentioned above, however, there were no records in the town-hall concerning their death or burial. The pastor of church at Overloon likewise had no information concerning the deceased.

P. Chatelain
P. Chatelain
WD Civilian
Investigator

COMMUNITY OPLOO

St. Anthonis, 17 June 1947

S T A T E M E N T

The Burgomaster of Oploo certifies, that below mentioned soldiers belonging to Co. C. 48 Armd. Inf. Bn. 5 Armd. Div, don't appear on the available records and to his knowledge are not buried in this community.

Pfc. Renda, George J.	33161965
Pfc. Gonsowski, Aloysius	32253289
Pvt. Matus, Rudolph W.	38433558
Pvt. Golden, Letser D	32838567
S/Sgt Ferrari, Joseph J.	32249728

For: The Burgomaster of Oploo

s/ Illegible

Certified true copy:

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

Certified true translation:

J.P. Westerbeek
J.P. Westerbeek
Interpreter
545 OM Service Co. (AC)

Holland 9158

I, the undersigned, certify that the mentioned soldiers:

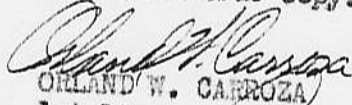
Ferrari Joseph J.
Renda George
Gonsowski, Aloysius
Matus Rudolph
Golden, Letser

to his knowledge, are not buried in the cemetery and have not been found in the isolated burials at Overloon.

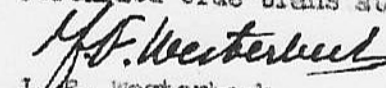
Overloon, 16 June 1947

S/ Illegible
Parish-Priest
Overloon

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545 OM Service Co. (AC)

COMMUNITY OF VIERLINGSBEEK

Vierlingsbeek, 16 June 1947

S T A T E M E N T

The Burgomaster of Vierlingsbeek herewith certifies that the following soldiers, belonging to Co C. 48 Armd. Inf. Bn. 5 Armd. Div., don't appear on the available records of the secretary of this town-hall and to his knowledge are not buried in this community.

Pfc	Renda, George J.	33161965
Pfc	Gonsowski, Aloysius	32253289
Pvt	Matus, Rudolph W.	38433558
Pvt	Golden, Letser D.	32838567
S/Sgt	Ferrari, Joseph J.	32249728

For: The Burgomaster aforementioned,

S/ H. van Daal

Certified true copy:

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 545 (M Service Co. (AC)

Overloon, 16 June 1947

I, the undersigned, farmer on the "Oploosche dijk" in the vicinity of the "Lactaria Woods" and wellknown of this vicinity certify that there are not any isolated burials in or in the vicinity of above mentioned location, and special in the vicinity, which is on the map, showed to me to-day by the personnel of the American Graves Registration Command.

S/ W.H. v. Kempen
C 250
Overloon.

Certified true copy:

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

Certified true translation:

J.P. Westerbeek
J.P. Westerbeek
Interpreter
545 QM Service Co. (AC)

COMMUNITY OF 's HERTOGENBOSCH

's-Hertogenbosch 17 June 1947

The Burgomaster of 's Hertogenbosch certifies that to his knowledge the below-mentioned American military are not buried in the community.

Joseph J. Ferrari Nr. 32249728
Pfc Renda George J. " 33161965
Pfc Gonsowski Aloysius 32253289
Pfc Matus Rudolph W 38433558
Pfc Golden Letser D 32838567

For: The Burgomaster aforementioned

S/ G. v.d. Boom.

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Aloysius		PFC	12 253 289	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
Co. "C" 48th Armd Inf. Bn. 5th Armd Div		White	Catholic	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
5 Oct 44	Killed In Action		European Area	
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
	67"	146	Light Brown	Brown
				SHOE SIZE
				8 1/2

DENTAL CHART

13 March 42

UPPER RIGHT					UPPER LEFT										
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					RESTORABLE INDICATED										
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	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AGE: 27 DOB: 25 Nov 17

He was Killed In Action in Vicinity of "Overloon" (7632) Coord, Holland, when the enemy made a fierce counter attack on their positions

GSRS - 4042

Map - NW Europe 1:250,000

Sheet - #21 & 3A

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

DATE **14 Sept. 1945** vdr

REPORT OF DEATH

FULL NAME GONSOWSKI, ALOYSIUS		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 32 253 289		GRADE PFC.	
HOME ADDRESS Buffalo, New York		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry		DATE OF BIRTH 25 Nov. 1917	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 5 Oct. 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 13 Mar. 42		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Viola M. Gonsowski (Mother) 125 Roseville Street Buffalo, New York					
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Viola M. Gonsowski (Mother) Same as above Aloysius Gonsowski (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
				OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
				YES	NO
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 5 Oct. 1944 until such absence was terminated on 6 Sept. 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a Commander in the European Area.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Manheimer

ADJUTANT GENERAL

THE ARMY
MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09757



AERAF-Cdr


3 April 1978

SUBJECT: Services and Burial of WW II Casualty, PFC Aloysius Gonsowski

Director
Personal Affairs Directorate
ATTN: DAAG-PED
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314

- A. Your 141600Z Feb 78, Subj: Disposition of Remains (U).
1. In accordance with paragraph 3, reference A. find inclosed the US flag which draped the casket of PFC Gonsowski, and photos and newspaper coverage.
 2. The following items, also inclosed, were recovered with PFC Gonsowski's remains; one US nickel, five US pennies, one British half crown, one British two shilling coin, one British half penny and one ID tag.
 3. The color photo's are of the service and burial of WW II casualty PVT Delford W. Barker taken on 22 February 1978.
 4. Color prints of PFC Gonsowski's funeral will be forwarded when available.
 5. PFC Gonsowski was buried in Plot C, Row 11, Grave 58 and the officiating priest was Father Theo Piavaux of Rotheux-Rimiere, Belgium.

Incls
as


MICHAEL P. WILLSON
CPT, QMC
Commanding

268058

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

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
GONSOWSKI ALOYSIUS		32253289	PFC	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
HOLLAND9	05	OCT	44		MIA
					SHIPMENT NUMBER
					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. VIOLA M GONSOWSKI	MOTHER	23 OCT 44. mab
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
125 ROSEVILLE BUFFALO, NEW YORK.		

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED _____ FORM 43 _____ AG 201 REQ _____

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO _____ YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED

FORWARDED TO SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRES. S. R. & D. CERTIF. M. & M. NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE _____ CHECKED BY _____ 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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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 268058

LHB/EJM/bj
18 December 1946

man

Mrs. Viola M. Gonsowski
125 Roseville Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mrs. Gonsowski:

This acknowledges your recent letter relative to the personal effects of your son, Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski.

Apparently the clothing you inquired about is Government Issue. Under existing regulations, such property is retained by the Government and not included with personal effects shipped from this Bureau.

With reference to the identification tags about which you inquired, Army Regulations do not provide for the forwarding of those tags to the soldier's family.

I wish to assure you that in the event additional property is received at a later date, it will be forwarded promptly.

Yours very truly,

L. H. BLANK
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau

SCREENED
man 3-12-48

Jan 10, 1946

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Dear Sir:

My son who was Hell in Action about two years ago on Oct 5, 1946 I didn't received his clothes or his tags, many mother who son was Hell received they son clothes and tag. they aske ~~aske~~ if i received his clothes or tag i said no. they told me to write to you. the only property i received was his sun glasses and razor is ^{that} all i received please send me information about it. it would be greatful. My son
P. F. L. Aloysius Gonsowski.
32, 253. 289. Co "C", 48 Armd. Inf Bn.

name.

Yours Truly

Mrs Viola Gonsowski
125 Roseville St
Buffalo, N. Y.

1/12/46

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DSJ:FR:sh
May 8, 1946

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Dear Mr. Gonsowski:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your son, Private First Class Aloysius Gonsowski.

This property, consisting of a few small items, is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

D. S. JOHNSTON
End Lt., QMG
Chief, Adm. Division

R E S T R I C T E D

October 25 1944

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of: Pfc Aloysius NMI Gonsowski,
32253289 48th Armd Inf Bn 7th Armored Division
MIA about October 5 1944.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone

Designated Beneficiary not readily accessible.

Inventory of Effects
Shaving Equipment

No money found

Names and addresses of any banks not known

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by truck on October 25 1944.

H. A. Pickford

H. A. PICKFORD
1st Lt. QMC O-1016270
Headquarters 7th A.D.

- INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Prepare in triplicate and distribute as follows:
 a. Original to OCOFSPS, Attn: Memorial Division
 b. Copy to Army Command
 c. Copy retained at preparing installation.

2. This statement will be supplemented by signed copies of appropriate Records of Identification Processing (DD Forms 890 thru 894).

NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle)	GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER
UNKNOWN X-9438		
BRANCH OF SERVICE	ORGANIZATION AND BASE	
S/R - 5123		
DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	
WW II	2 Kilometers NE of Overloon, Holland	

CONDITION OF REMAINS (Describe Briefly in Remarks)

<input type="checkbox"/> Recognizable	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Decomposition
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Recognizable	<input type="checkbox"/> Mangled or Mutilated
<input type="checkbox"/> Comingled	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Burns

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (Check all Appropriate Boxes and Indicate Appropriate Inclosures Specify Supporting Date in Remarks)

2	Identification Tags		INCLOSURES
	Personal Effects	X	DD Form 890
X	Dental Comparison	X	DD Form 891 and/or DD Form 892
	Skeletal and Anatomical Comparison	X	DD Form 892 and/or DD Form 893
	Fingerprints		DD Form 894
	Visual Recognition		
X	Other (Specify in Remarks)		

REMARKS (If additional space is required, continue on separate sheet)

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE RECOVERY.

During the month of February 1977 a Dutch (Netherlands) civilian was exploring a World War II battle field area with a metal detector. The battle ground area was being explored for war relic's and the grave site where the remains were found is located approximately 2 kilometers NE of the city of Overloon, Holland.

While exploring this former WW II battle ground the Dutch citizen located a very shallow grave site. During excavation of the site, human remains were found and the local police were notified. The police in turn notified the Netherlands Army Graves Registration Service who made the initial recovery.

The remains (2 recovered) were determined to be American Soldiers from World War II. Numerous types of American equipment, identification tags, ammunition and clothing were found at the grave site.

The grave site was approximately 18 inches deep and both remains were buried side by side in the same grave site.

Heavy combat fighting occurred in the area of Overloon, Holland between the German and American Armies during the period of 30 September - 8 October 1944.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made herein are correct & true.

21 April 1977 (Date)	TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF IDENTIFYING OFFICER
	CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12, Supv Mortuary Officer/ID
	SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFYING OFFICER
	<i>Carl J. Witzel</i>

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION

Each individual remains was processed separately and arranged in anatomical order. The two individual skeletal remains were designated UNKNOWN X-9437 and UNKNOWN X-9438, S & R - 5123.

The recovered anatomical portions were still undergoing progressive erosion caused by prolonged natural weathering (approx. 32 years).

REMARKS

This skeletal remains was received as "GONSOWSKI", and was designated UNKNOWN X-9438. Two identification tags were found during the recovery of this remains and reads:

ALOYSIUS GONSOWSKI
32253289 T-43 44 A
C

The above named individual is listed in the Register of World War II Dead, as ALOYSIUS GONSOWSKI 32 253 289, PFC, 48th Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division KIA - 5 October 1944.

The comparison between the following postmortem physical characteristics and available data as shown:

	<u>UNKNOWN X-9438</u>	<u>ALOYSIUS GONSOWSKI 32253289</u>
Age:	24-27 Yrs.	26 Yrs, 10 Months
Height:	T = 67.0 Inches F&T = 67.2 Inches	67.0 Inches
Race:	Caucasoid	Caucasoid
Dental:	-----EXCELLENT AGREEMENT-----	-----
Shoe Size:	8 1/2 E	8 1/2 D

The integrated physical characteristics from the recorded data for PFC ALOYSIUS GONSOWSKI 32 253 289 excludes the other recovered remains (UNKNOWN X-9437) from this association.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The skeletal remains of UNKNOWN X-9438, be designated as PFC ALOYSIUS GONSOWSKI 32 253 289, US Army. This finding is based upon the comparison of the physical and dental characteristics, recovery of 2 identification tags, and circumstances surrounding the location and recovery of this remains.

RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED

21 April 1977 (Date)	TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST CARL J. WITZEL, Supv Mortuary Officer/ID
	SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST <i>Carl J. Witzel</i>
NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION USA Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, APO NY 09757	

RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED

21 April 1977 (Date)	TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER MICHAEL P. WILLSON, CPT, QMC, Commander
	SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER <i>Michael Willson</i>
NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION USA Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, APO NY 09757	

260, 6A

ABANDONED
UNKNOWN

BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
 BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)
 BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
 BOOKS
 BRACELET, IDENT.
 CAMERAS
 CLOTHING
 X MISC. ARTICLES
 RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
 RIBBONS, DECORATION
 SHORT SNORTER
 SOUVENIR MONEY
 SOUVENIRS
 TESTAMENTS
 TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS
 U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)
 WATCH
 WINGS

BELT
 BOOKS, ADDRESS
 BOOKS, PILOT LOG
 BRUSHES
 CASE
 CLOTH, WASH
 COATS
 FOOTLOCKER
 FOOTWEAR, PR.
 GLASSES
 GLOVES, PR.
 HANDKERCHIEFS
 HEADWEAR
 JACKETS
 KITS
 KNIVES
 LETTERS
 LIGHTERS

OVERCOATS
 PAPERS, PERSONAL
 PENCIL, MECHANICAL
 PEN, FOUNTAIN
 PHOTOS
 PIPES
 RINGS
 SCARFS
 SHIRTS
 SOCKS, PR.
 STATIONERY
 TIES
 TOBACCO
 TOILET ARTICLES
 TOWELS
 TROUSERS, PR.
 TRUNKS, PR.
 UNDERWEAR

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO

None

INFORMATION

*Mrs. Viola Gonsowski
 135 Riceville St.
 Buffalo, N. Y.*

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS

CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK
 MONEY ORDER
 BOND
 TRAV. CHECK
 FOREIGN CURRENCY
 U. S. CURRENCY

REC'D BY

NUMBER

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

DATE

BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE

PAYEE

REMITTER OR DRAWER

BUREAU CHECK

TRANSMIT ORIGINAL

ORIG. REG. MAIL

TO G. A. O.

MUTILATED

TO ISSUING AGENCY

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file PC

TALLY NO. *7234*

ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.

EXAMINING DATE *16 Aug 46*

BOX NO.

SHEET

OF SHEETS

NAME

Aloysius Gonsowski

ASN

52253289

ORGANIZATION

RANK

1st Lt.

CASE NO.

WAREHOUSE SPACE

1742

EXAMINED BY

J. Meyer

PACKED BY

J. Meyer

DIARY REMOVED

PHOTO FILM REMOVED

MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED

SHIPPED

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

WEIGHT

DAMAGED

1 May 1947 Suspense: 14 June 1947

(Holland 2A) 9158

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (last, first, middle initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
FERRARI, Joseph J.		S/Sgt	32 249 728	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
CoC 48 Armd Inf Bn, 5 Armd Div	White	Catholic		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Area of Overloon, Holland		
5 Oct 44	KIA			
DATE OF FOD	WEIGHT			
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	155	Brown	Black	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ D

D E N T A L C H A R T

12 Mar 42

UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
X 7 X 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 X X X
LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	9 10 11 12 13 X 15 1X
X = Extracted	0 = Cavious
	1 = Cavious Non Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

Age - 34

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS #59

Above named and the following deceased, from the same organization, were killed in action on 5 October 1944:

Pfc Renda, George J.	33161965
Pfc Gonzowski, Aloysius	32253289
Pfc Matus, Rudolph W.	38433558
Pvt Golden, Letser D.	32838567

Remains of casualties from this organization have been recovered from the road side leading from Overloon to Oploo. Map Sheet: 2A & 3A, coordinates E-7631.

Information will be submitted stating whether Unknowns recovered from this area can be associated with the above five (5) casualties.

O V E R

(Holland 9158)

GRU 293.9

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE, 551ST QM GP., AGRC., APO 58 (LIEGE), 26 JUNE 1947

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

1. Investigation conducted in the Overloon area failed to locate the remains of S/Sgt FERRARI and four (4) additional casualties listed.

2. Remains of four (4) Unknowns have been recently disinterred from the Overloon area and evacuated to Subordinate Identification Port #2 at USMC Margraten. Evacuation numbers were IZ-1416, IX-1408, IZ-1407 and IZ-1406.

3. The following Unknowns have been previously recovered from the Groesbeck-Overloon areas but cannot be associated with subject deceased:

Unknowns X-1201, X-1209, X-1229, X-1231, X-1234, X-1230, X-1217, X-1243, X-1929, X-2164, X-2795, X-2775, X-2797, X-2798, X-2799, X-2800 and X-2065 Margraten Holland.

Unknowns X-3323, X-3330, X-3314, X-3567, and X-125, USMC Neuville-en-Condroz.

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

6 Incls

1. Narrative Report (Chatelain)
2. Statement (Burg Oploo)
3. Statement (Priest, Overloon)
4. Statement (Boom)
5. Statement (Van Deal)
6. Statement (Van Kamper)



SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Aloysius Gonsowski, 32253289 late a
 (Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Private First Class, Infantry who died
 (Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
 on the 5 day of October 1944, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department ^{Washington} 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 228, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. none.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt none, Incl none).

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below).

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 25 April 1946, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Aloysius Gonsowski for the effects of the above named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112,

Aloysius Gonsowski of
 (Name of person found entitled)
125 Roseville Street, Buffalo State of
 (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
New York, is the Father of the
 (Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

W. F. HEHMAN, Major, GMC
 (Name, Rank, Organization)

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General William A. Knauff
Director of Contract Representation
NATO Military Committee
APO New York 09567

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GSA-361



MEMORIAL

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off. of the Adjutant General & Adj.
Gen. Center
Washington, D. C. 20314

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BG Donald W. Connolly
Deputy Adjutant General
Washington, D. C. 20314

AMOUNT OF CHECK	DISCREPANCY IN	INCLOSE VALU	RECIPIENT FROM
	NAME	SHIP VALUABLE	CASUALTY REPORT
ACCOUNT NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)	INVENTORY
	RANK		FORM 20
<p>Mr. Aloysius Gonsowski 125 Roseville Street Buffalo, New York</p> <p>Pfc. Aloysius Gonsowski 32253289</p> <p>268058 <i>FD</i></p>			LETTER
			NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
			EMVELOPE
			CARTONS
			PACKAGE
			FOOT LOCKER
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			SHIP BLOODSTAINED
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REMOVE DAMAGED			
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DIARY REMOVED			
DSJ:FR:pc	SUMMARY COURT DATA		DATE ACTION TAKEN
DATE OF FINDING	APPLICANT		5-8-46
0.5 April 1946	Aloysius Gonsowski		MAIL REVIEWER (initials) <i>ee</i>
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			WAREHOUSE
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10 OCT 1945

GONSOWSKI, ALOYSIUS			PTC	3289	
BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY		TYPE
9		5	7232		PKG

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

DC-Hospital Area, Camp Polk, La.
 Gonsowski, Aloysius Mone 32253289

(1) SURNAME: Gonsowski
 (2) CHRISTIAN NAME: Aloysius Mone
 (3) RANK: Pvt.
 (4) COMPANY: 31st Armd Regt
 (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS: 31st Armd Regt
 (6) AGE YEARS: 24
 (7) RACE: W
 (8) NATIVITY: N.Y.
 (9) SERVICE YEARS: 12/1

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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 Gonsowski, Aloysius Mone 32253289

(1) SURNAME: Gonsowski
 (2) CHRISTIAN NAME: Aloysius Mone
 (3) RANK: Pvt.
 (4) COMPANY: 31st Armd Regt
 (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS: 31st Armd Regt
 (6) AGE YEARS: 24
 (7) RACE: W
 (8) NATIVITY: N.Y.
 (9) SERVICE YEARS: 12/1

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 (4) COMPANY: 48th Armd Inf. Bn.
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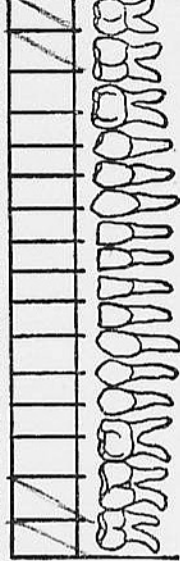
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Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No
Other conditions

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Date 6-16-42

John H. Hard
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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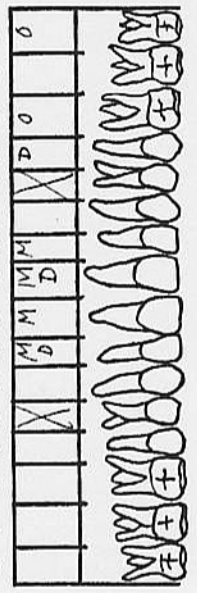
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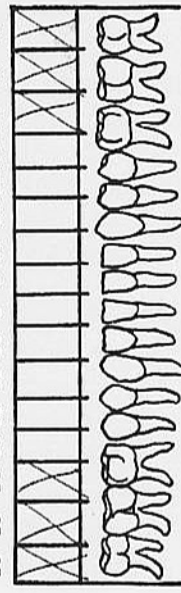
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Dental foci suspected: Yes No
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John H. Hard
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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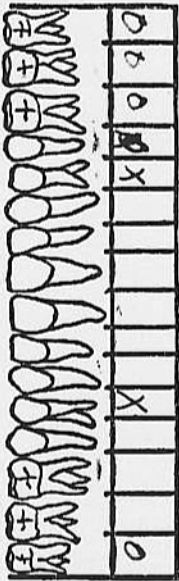
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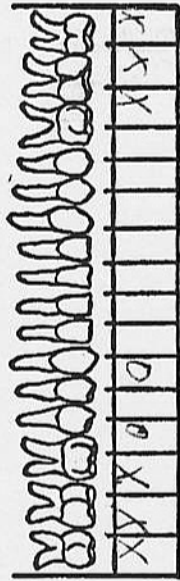
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CLASS II

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No
Other conditions

Date June 6, 1944

Capt. Burnham
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
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Height 64½"

Weight 130

Age 24 yrs 8 mos 4 days DOD: 5 Oct 44
DOB: 31 Jan 20

Hair Black Race: Caucasian Shoe Size: 8-B

No dental records available. OQMG Form 371 shows caries in teeth 20 and 29

Religion: Catholic

Orgn: Co C, 48th Armd Inf Bn, 7th Armd Div. KIA 5 Oct 44 near Overloon, Holland

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- PER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
- READ AND DESTROY
- RECOMMENDATION
- SEE ME
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- YOUR INFORMATION

REMARKS

Your request was received and the folder was pulled on or about 7/8/77. As is our policy we sent the folder to VAC Office for adjudication purposes. It is presently changed to VAC Office adjudication Div. Unit 9. Supervisor James Gately has advice contact them.

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REMARKS

He was killed in action in the vic. of "OVERLOOK" (7632) coord, HOLLAND, when the enemy made a fierce counter attack on their positions.

*GSGS 4042
Map: N.W. EUROPE 1:250,000
Sheet # 2-a & 3-a*

FROM NAME OR TITLE	DATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	TELEPHONE



General William A. Knowlton, USA
 U.S. Representative
 NATO Military Committee
 APO New York 09667

BG Donald W. Connelly
 Deputy TAG, USA
 and DCG, TAGCEN
 Washington, D. C. 20310

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REMARKS

Inclosure 1 is the draft follow up letter of your reply to Gen Knowlton of 14 Nov 77. It also addresses his request of 26 Jan 78 that the remains of PFC Gonsowski be buried at Margraten, Netherlands.

Colonel Wm E. Ryan, Jr., ABMC, telephonically advised this office that there is no grave space available in the Margraten Cemetery. A copy of our request to ABMC to inter the remains in Belgium is inclosure 2. When permission is received and the date for the services are set, we will finalize the draft reply for your signature.

We have delayed this action for approx 3 weeks IAW a request from the 7th Armored Div Ass'n in order that they could attempt to locate the MOK. Their attempt was **DO NOT** use this form as a RECORD of approvals, concurrences, disposals, unsuccessful clearances, and similar actions.

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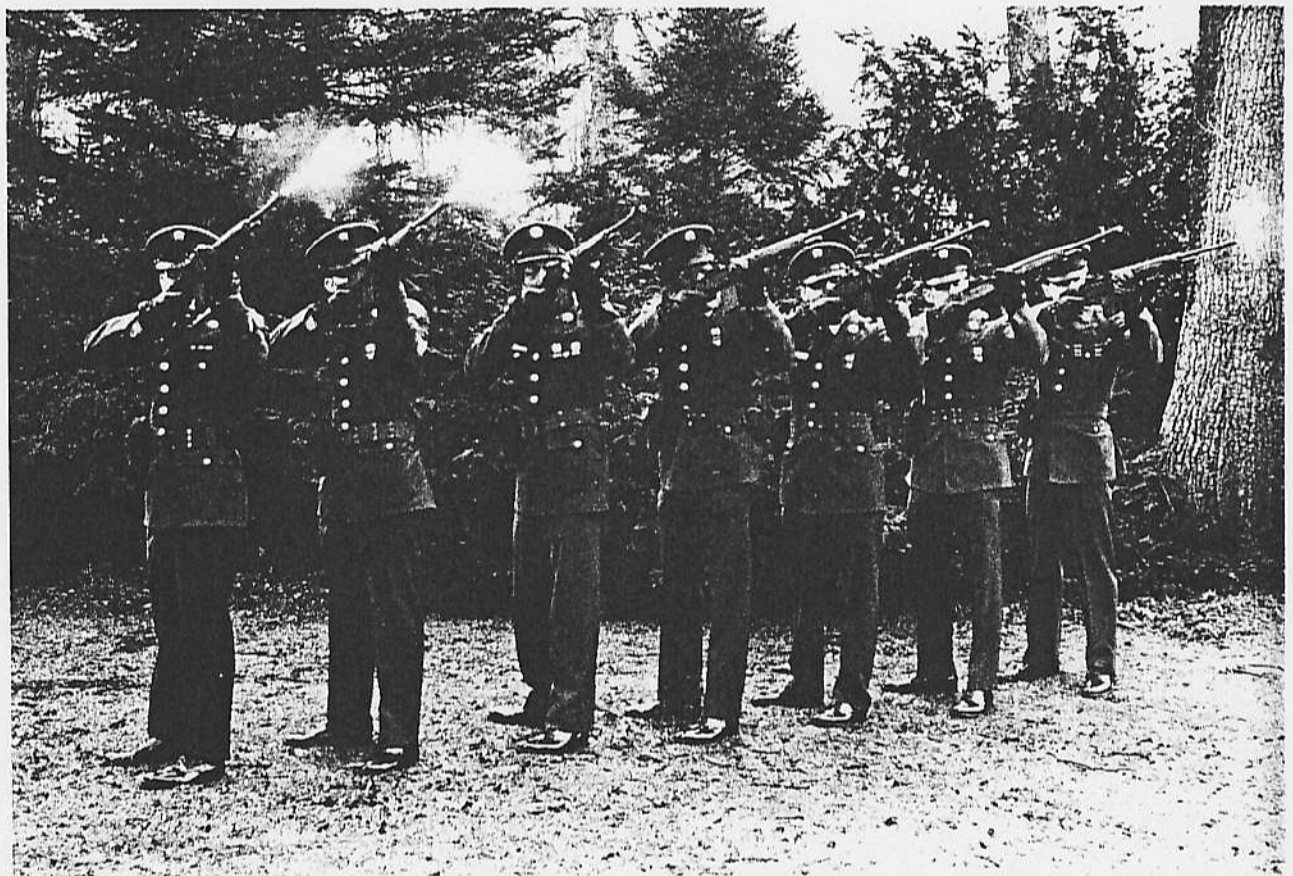
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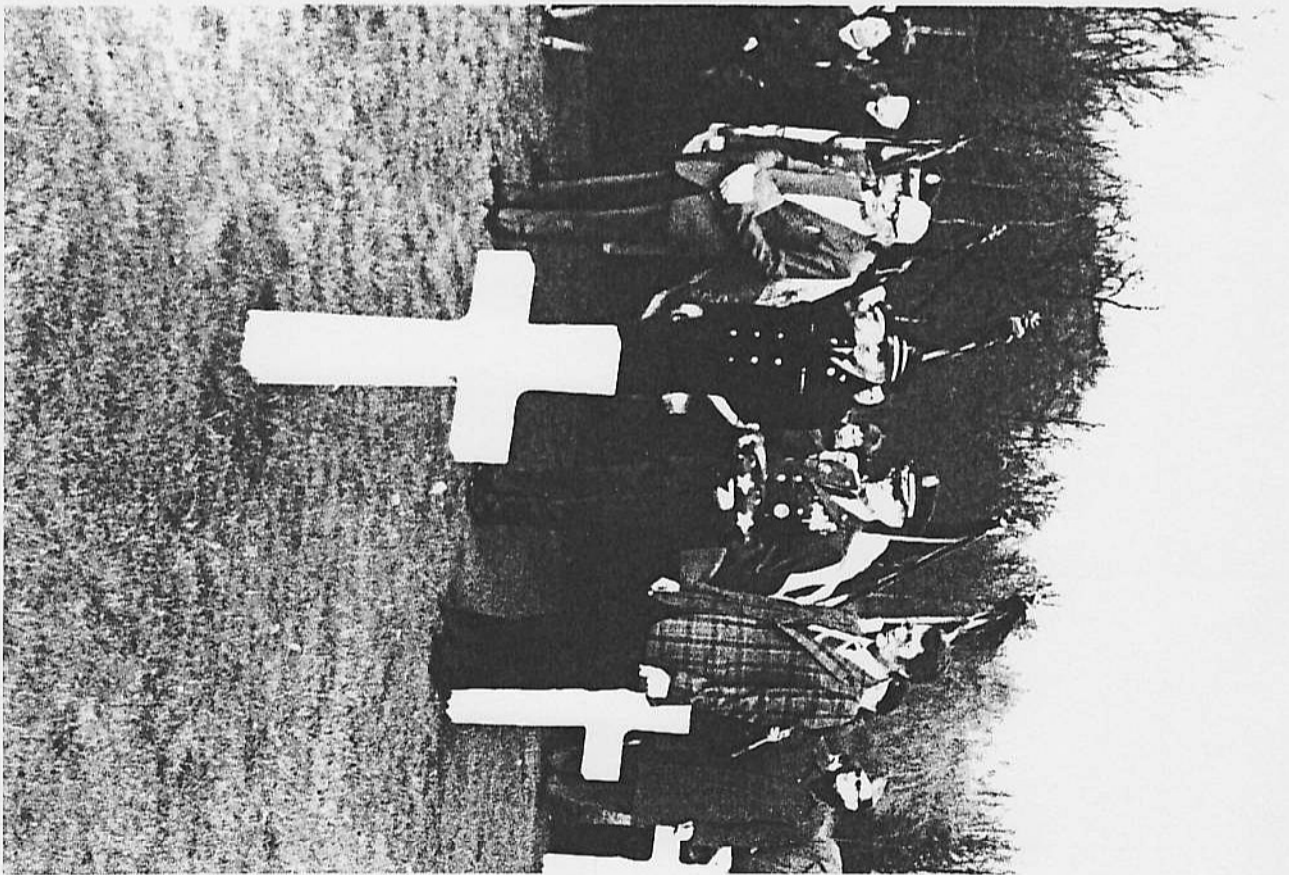
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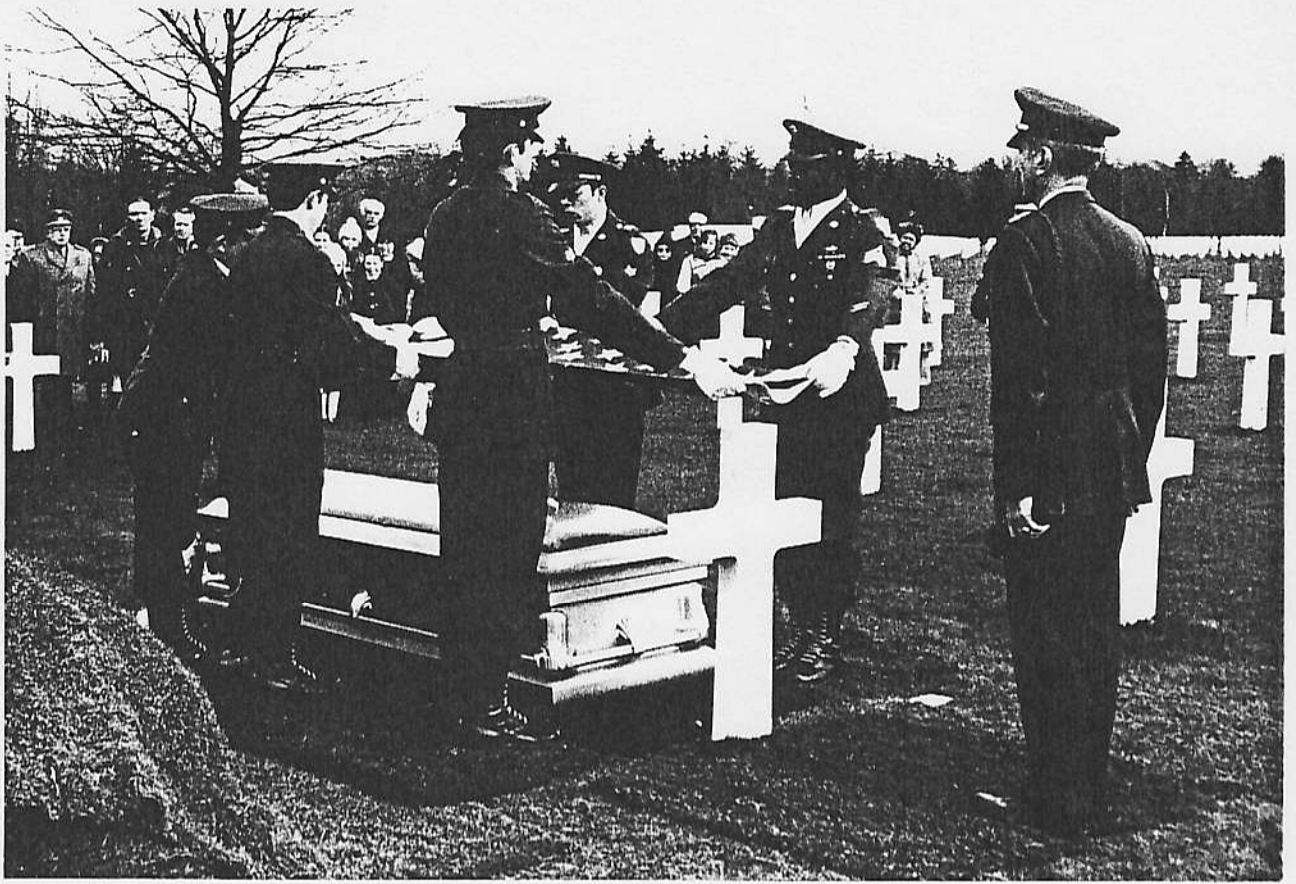
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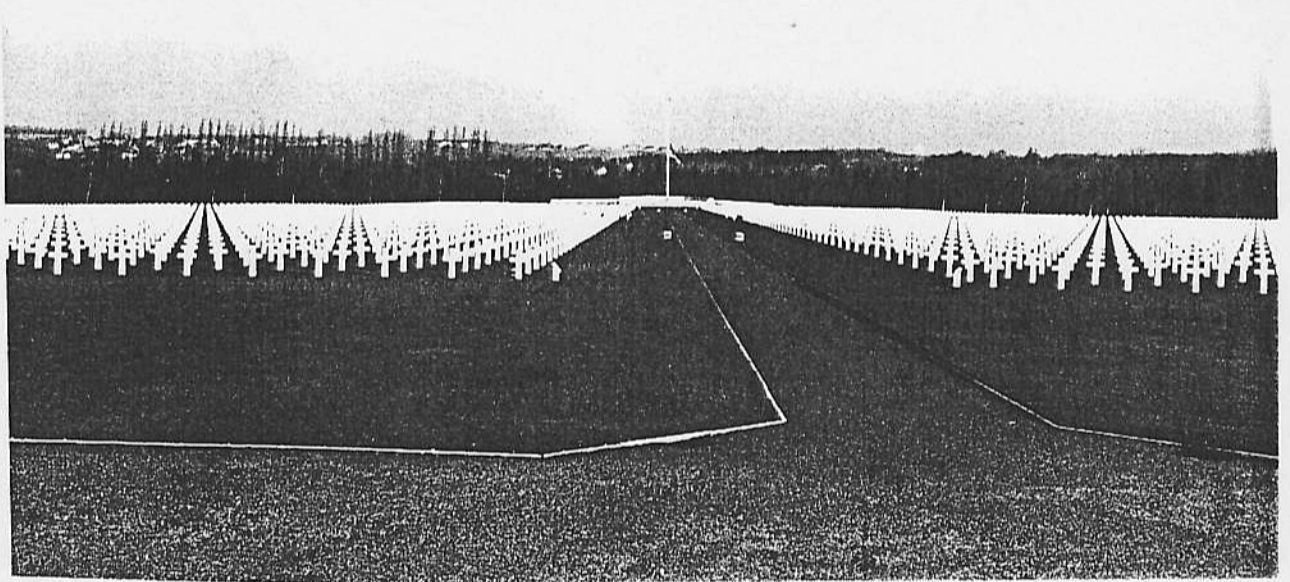
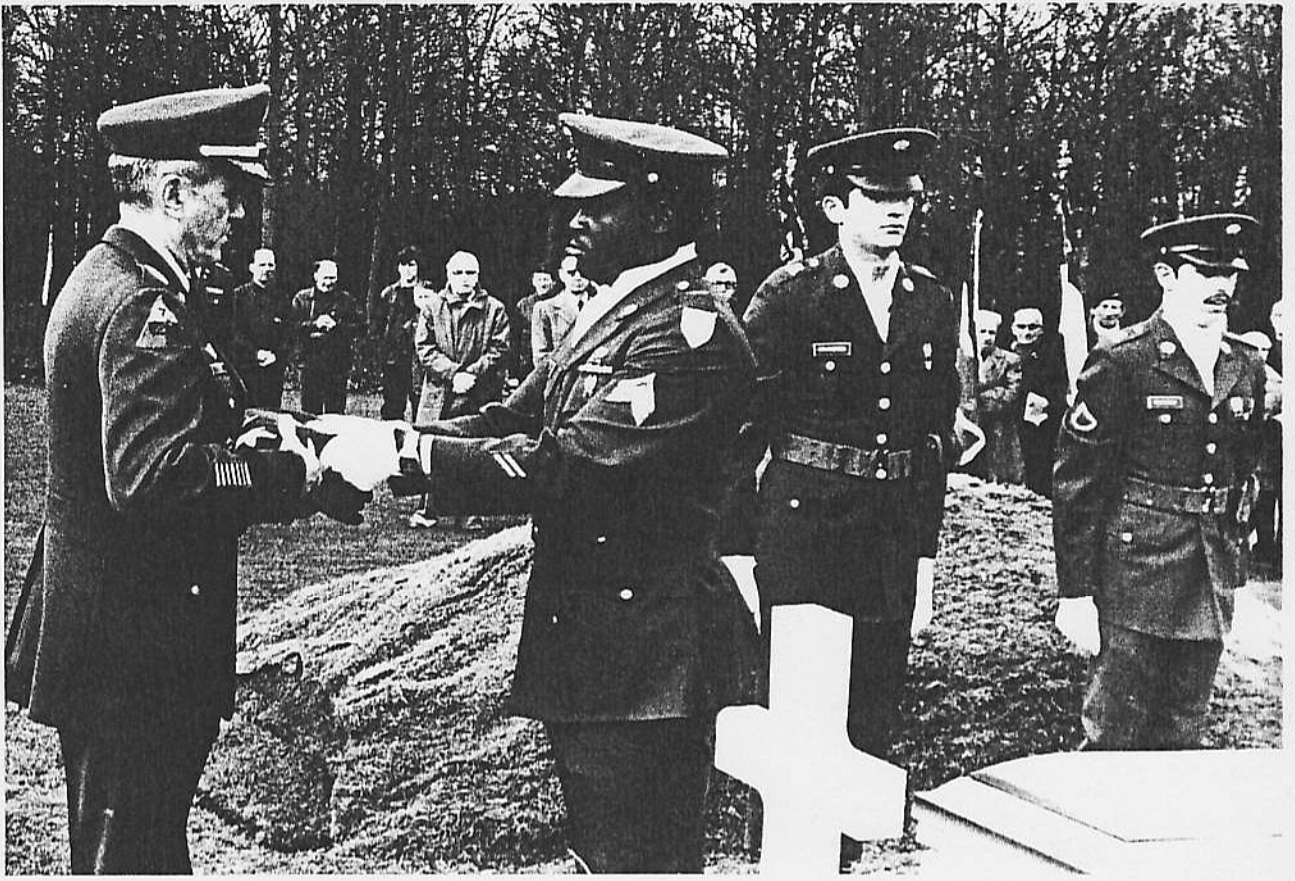
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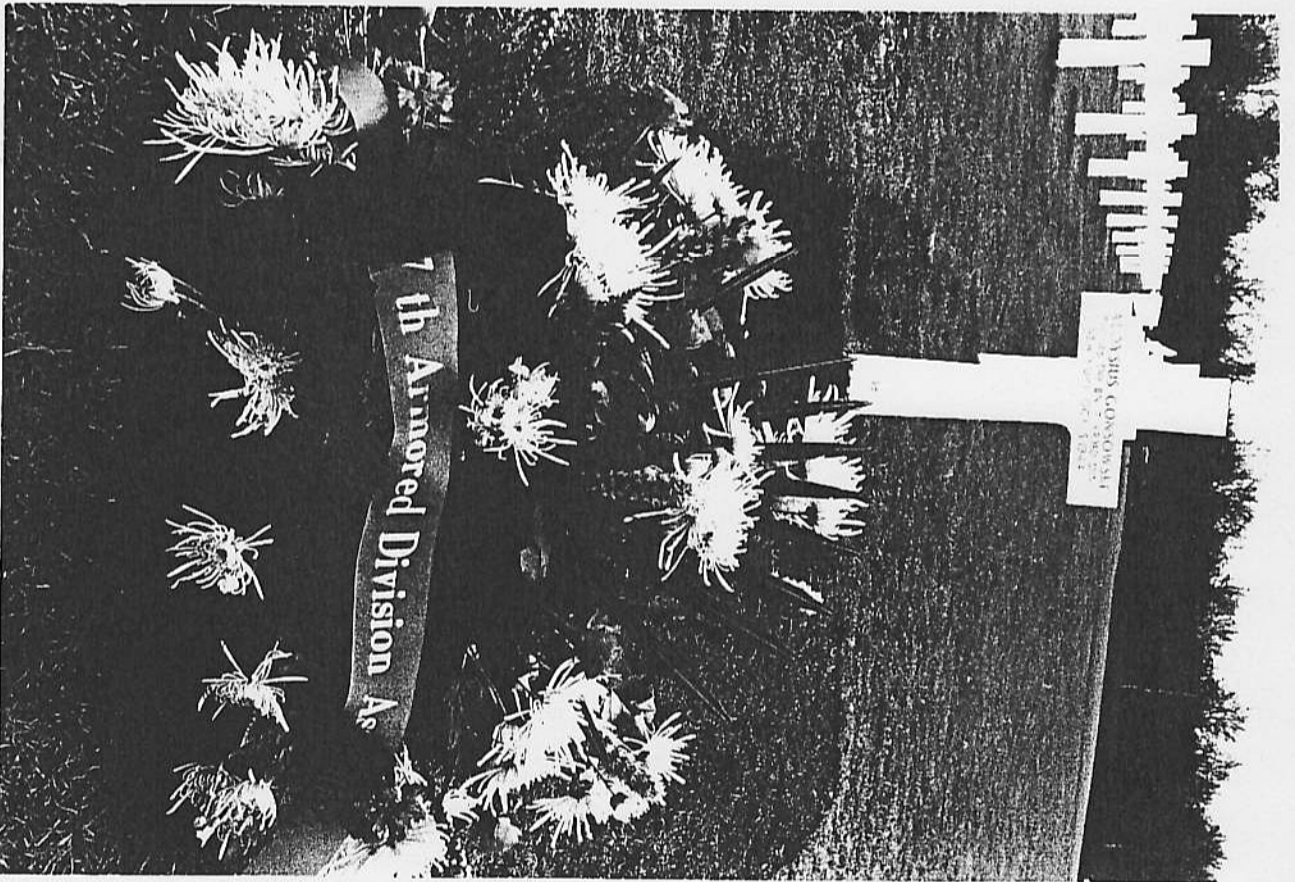
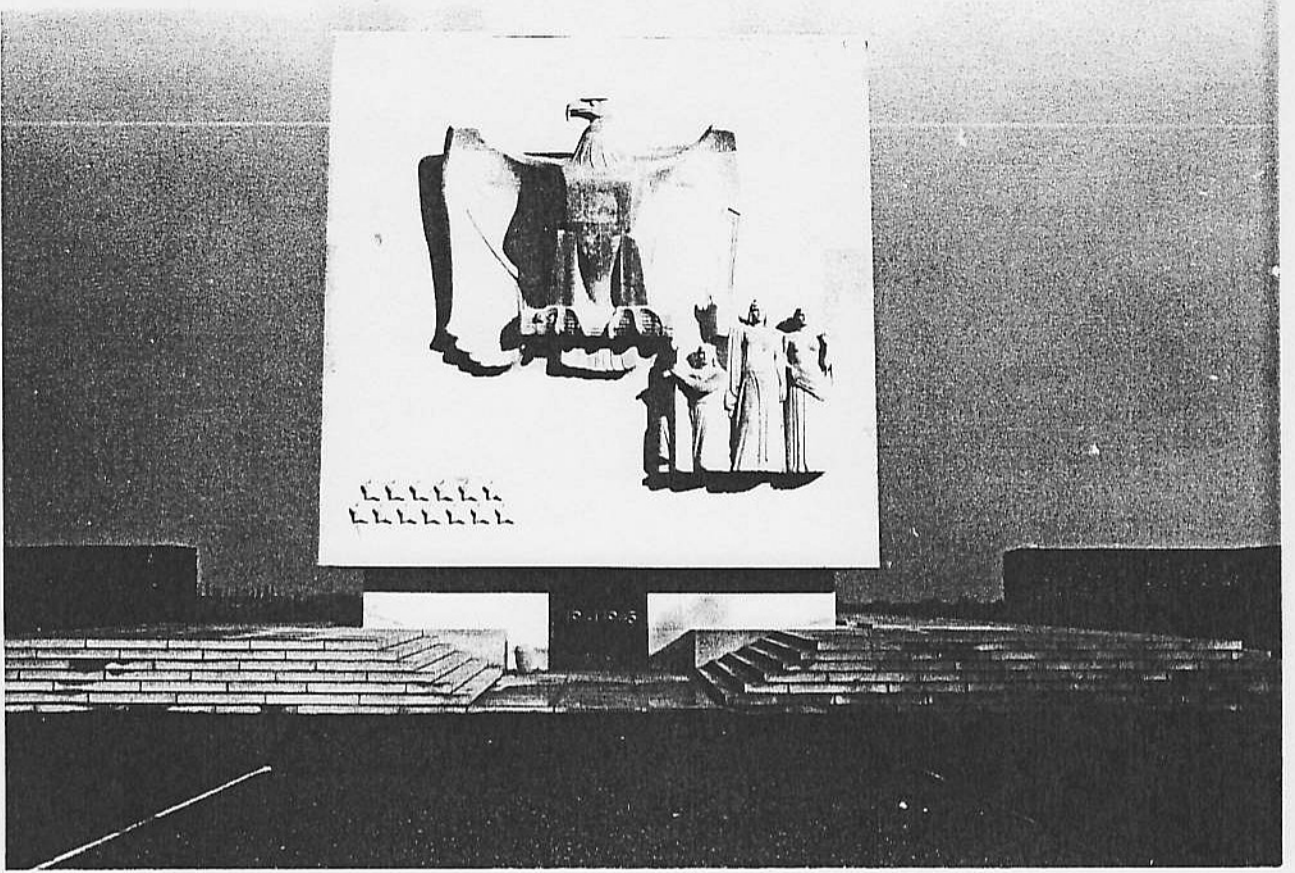
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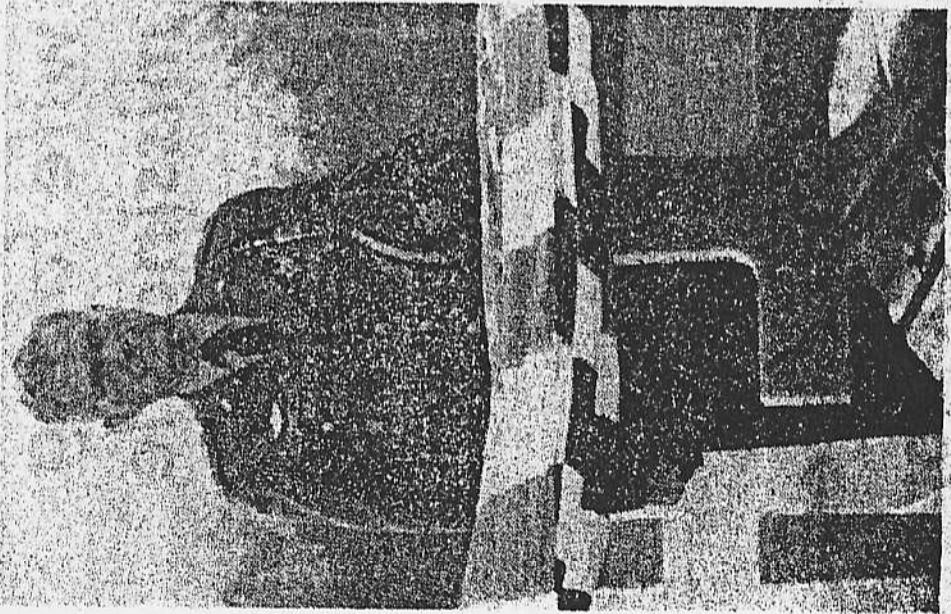








Friday, 31 March, 1978

Gen. William A. Knowlton
... in lieu of next of kin

Remains of GI missing in WWII found and buried with honors

Story, photo by BRADLEY CALLAHAN

LIEGE, Belgium — Nearly 34 years after he was reported missing in action near Overloon, Holland, Pfc. Alloysius Gonsowski was buried with full military honors in Ardennes American Cemetery near here.

Gonsowski, a former member of Co C, 48th Armd Inf Bn, 7th Armd Div, was officially listed as dead on Sept. 6, 1945. His remains as well as those of Pfc. George T. Renda were discovered in February of 1977 in the same shallow grave by a Dutch citizen who was exploring the World War II battle area with a metal detector.

American equipment, ID tags and other items found in the grave simplified the task of the Memorial Affairs Activity Branch in Frankfurt, which is responsible for identifying the remains of American war dead.

Renda's remains returned

Renda's remains were returned to his family in Philadelphia last September, but the interment of Gonsowski was delayed while an effort was made to find and notify his next of kin.

After months of investigation, it was deemed unlikely that the family would be found. Approval was then granted by the American Battle Monuments Commission in Washington for Gonsowski to be buried in Ardennes.

The search drew the attention of Gen. William A. Knowlton, U.S. representative to the NATO Permanent Military Committee in Brussels. Knowlton attended the funeral in his capacity as one of the two honorary presidents of the 7th Armored Association and accepted the flag at the conclusion of the ceremony in lieu of the next of kin.

According to Knowlton, members of the association studied telephone books and walked the streets in the upstate area of New York where Gonsowski is believed to have come from. Despite more than a year of searching, no members of the family have been found and the file remains open.

Knowlton, referring to American war dead, said such activities "are particularly important when there are survivors whose worries can finally be set at ease."

During the war, Knowlton, then a lieutenant in the 87th Cav Recon Sq, fought in the same area where Gonsowski was killed.

The ceremony was also attended by Col. Robert W. Muller, defense attache to the U.S. Embassy in Belgium, the mayor of Liege, members of Belgian veterans organizations and local civilians.

21-gun salute

After a brief service in the cemetery chapel the coffin containing Gonsowski's remains was transported to the grave site by an honor guard from Memorial Affairs led by Sgt. Isiah Gibbs. A 21 gun-salute was rendered by members of Hq and Hq Co, 21st Support Comd, led by S.Sgt. John McBee, followed by taps played by Spec. 4 Willie Griggs of the 76th Army Band.

The Rev. Theo Pivaux, parish priest of Rotheux-Rimiere, Belgium, conducted a Catholic service for the deceased.

After the ceremony Knowlton addressed the crowd in French, thanking them for attending and paying homage to the dead soldier.

(Spec. 4 Bradley M. Callahan is a photographer assigned to the Training Support Activity Europe at Kaiserslautern, Germany.)

