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Mrs. Madeline Andrako (Mother)  
54 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue  
Yonkers, New York

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This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the final determination which has been made in the case of your son, the late Private First Class William Andrako.

Department of the Army records indicate that your son, who was a member of Company F, 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, was reported killed in action on 27 October 1944 in the vicinity of Nederweert, Holland.

Subsequent to the cessation of hostilities, units of the American Graves Registration Service conducted thorough investigations at Nederweert and in nine other localities in the vicinity thereof. In addition, investigations were made at Asten and Meijel, Holland, where your son's death could also possibly have taken place. These investigations included interrogation of local civilians and officials and examinations of town and cemeterial records. The results of the investigations were unsuccessful, however, inasmuch as no trace of your son's remains was found and no information pertaining to him or his death was secured.

Although all unidentified remains recovered from the general area involved were examined by our Graves Registration personnel, none of the remains could be identified as those of your son.

After full consideration of the ~~negative~~ pertinent facts of the case, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent etc.

cc: DPRB

BFW 17 April 51

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

HRE 293.9 (IB)

12 May 1947

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation

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

1. Reference is made to letter, your office, QMGYG 293, Andrako, William, 32 227 000, dated 21 October 1946.

2. Negative report forwarded by letter of Transmittal # 2211, 27 February 1947.

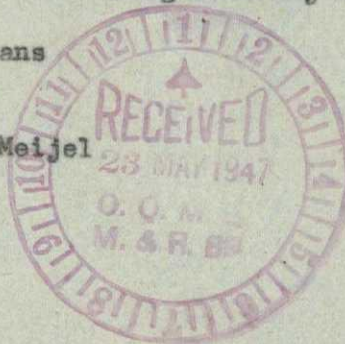
3. Inclosed herewith copy of negative report of investigation pertaining to the above deceased.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

6 Incls

1. Ltr, Hq First Zone, 15 Apr 47, and 1st Ind thereto
2. Statement A. H. M. Greijmans
3. " L. Houben
4. " G. J. Gooden
5. " Burgomaster of Meijel
6. Narrative P. Chatelain

WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen



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MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
ARMY GROUND FORCE INVESTIGATION COMMAND  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
12 MAY 1947

MEM 100-1000 (10)

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

VALENTINE E. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Acting Asst Adj Gen

- 6. Narrative P. Chastelain
- 5. Suggestion of Major
- 4. G. J. Eodden
- 3. L. Koshan
- 2. Statement A. E. N. Graffagnan
- 1. For info Bureau
- 18 Apr 47, and
- 1. For, HQ First Zone.



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MEMORIAL DIVISION

QMGMF 293  
Andrako, William  
SN 32 227 000

23 April 1951

Mrs. Madeline Andrako  
54 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue  
Yonkers, New York

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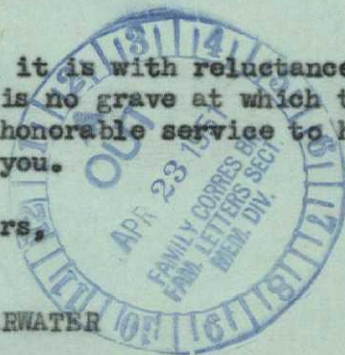
After full consideration of the pertinent facts of the case, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable.

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

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER  
Colonel, OMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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## NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, KIA vic of Nederweert, Holland		CASE NUMBER 15528
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 242 Andrako, William	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 32 227 000
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:		
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		INITIALS OF ANALYST E.H.
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		E.H.
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		
REMARKS		
<p>NAN FILE APR 12 1951</p> <p>WGH</p> <p>IDENTIFICATION BRANCH</p>		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
NAME OF CASE ANALYST E. Miller	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt., QMC
		DATE APR 12 1951

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

ANDRAKO, WILLIAM

RANK

PFC

SERIAL NUMBER

32227000

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

27 OCT 44

AREA OF DEATH

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

M. Cox

DATE

27 APR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

KINKEAD

DATE

27 APR 51

REMARKS



**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME <del>X</del> ANDRAKO, William		GRADE Pfc	SERIAL NO. 32 227 000
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
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**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE  
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER 15528 (1)  
AREA OR ZONE(S) European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **Andrako, William** RANK **Pfc** SERIAL NUMBER **32 227 000**

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

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:

None

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FILE

APR 12 1951

W. H. H.  
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST  
*Vincent A. Thomas*  
Vincent A. Thomas/cwt

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

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED		DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, 1 Lt OMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Capt OMC		2 April '51

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

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

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1. The Board convened pursuant to par. 4, SO 139, Headquarters,  
7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950,  
at Liege, Belgium, on 13 December 1950.

2. Members present:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., Major, QMC  
ALLAN L. LAWSON, Captain, QMC  
JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2nd Lt, QMC

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented,  
the non-recoverability of the remains of the deceased in question, lost  
in the geographical area as described below:

a. Nederweert, Holland, Case Number 5874

b. Facts:

Pfc William Andrako, 32 227 000, Co. "F", 87th Cav.  
Rgn. Sqdn., was reported killed in action in the vicinity of Nederweert,  
Holland, on 27 October 1944.

4. FINDINGS:

a. An extensive Field Investigation, conducted on 27 July 1947,  
at Nederweert, Holland and nine (9) other localities in its vicinity,  
failed to locate the identifiable remains of subject casualty. A second  
investigation was conducted at Asten and Meijel, Holland, which were also  
indicated as possible locations of the casualty incident. No information  
could be obtained other than the certification that there were no longer  
any remains of American deceased in those areas.

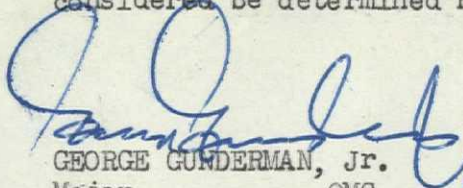
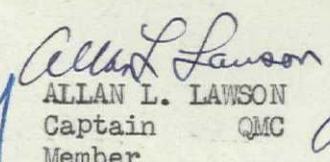
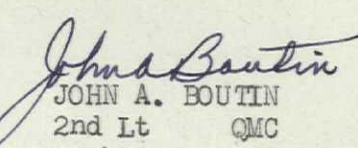
b. It has not been possible to associate definitely any of the  
unknown remains recovered from the area with subject casualty.

c. Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; On file in the Office  
of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

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d. Reference is also made to: Narrative Reports of Field Investigations, dated 27 July 1947 and 21 August 1950; Correspondence with the British, 30 August 1950-6 December 1950; Attached.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedent herein considered be determined non-recoverable.

		
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.	ALLAN L. LAWSON	JOHN A. BOUTIN
Major	Captain	2nd Lt
Member	Member	Member
QMC	QMC	QMC

C O P Y

Holland 5874

21 July 1947.

N A R R A T I V E

This case pertains to Pfc. William ANDRAKO, 32 227 000, originally reported as missing in action in the vicinity of MEIJEL, HOLLAND. A subsequent basic communication, dated 3 June 1947, lists the following localities as places where death might have occurred; Nederweert, Weert, Maarheze, Budel, Someren, Kreijel, Nieuw and Winnerstraat, Soerendonck and Asten. Pfc. ANDRAKO was a member of Co. "F", 87th Cav. Rcn. Sq. 7th Armored Division.

The locations of the town-halls of the above mentioned communities are as follows:

1. NEDERWEERT
  - a. Kreijel
  - b. Nieuw and Winnerstraat
2. WEERT
3. BUDEL
  - a. Soerendonck
  - b. Bosch
4. MAARHEZE
5. SOMEREN
6. ASTEN

Investigations were conducted accordingly:

1. NEDERWEERT:-  
Results of investigations in Nederweert as follows:
 

a. Town Hall	Negative
b. St Lambertus Roman Catholic Cemetery	Negative
c. Ospel                   "       "       "	Negative
d. Leveroy               "       "       "	Negative
e. Eind                   "       "       "	Negative
f. Kreyel - No cemetery	
g. Nieuw en Winnerstraat - No cemetery	
h. British Military Cemetery	
i. Isolated Burials.	

Narrative

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## 2. WEERT:-

Results of investigations in Weert as follows:

a. Town-Hall	Negative
b. Police	Negative
c. St. Martinus Roman Catholic Cemetery	Negative
d. Keent " " "	Negative
e. Zwartbroeck " " "	Negative
f. Boshoven) " " "	Negative
g. Hushoven) " " "	Negative
h. Altweert " " "	Negative
i. Laar " " "	Negative
j. Tungelroy " " "	Negative
k. Moesdijk - No cemetery	
l. No isolated burials located	
m. No armored equipment located	

## 3. BUDEL:-

Investigations in Budel as follows:

a. Town-Hall	Negative
b. Visitatie Roman Catholic Cemetery	Negative
c. Dorpplein " " "	Negative
d. Maria Visitatie " " "	Negative
e. Soerendonck " " "	Negative
f. Bosch - No cemetery	
g. No isolated burials located	
h. No armored equipment located	

## 4. MAARHEZE:-

Investigations in Maarheze as follows:

a. Town-Hall	Negative
b. Roman Catholic Cemetery	Negative
c. No isolated burials located	
d. No armored equipment located	

## 5. SOMEREN:-

Investigations in Someren as follows:

a. Town-Hall	Negative
b. St. Lambertus Roman Catholic Cemetery	Negative
c. St. Lambertus (Somereineind) R.C.C.	Negative
d. St. Joseph Roman Catholic Cemetery	Negative

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- e. Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Cemetery Negative
- f. No isolated burials found
- g. No armored equipment found

6. ASTEN:-

Results of investigations in Asten as follows:

- a. Town-Hall Negative
- b. Asten Roman Catholic Cemetery Negative
- c. Ommel " " " Negative
- d. Heusden " " " Negative
- e. Underground Leader
- f. No isolated burials located
- g. No armored equipment located.

/s/t/ P. CHATELAIN  
US WD Civilian  
Investigator

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(Holland 5874)

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

21 August 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATIONI. AUTHORITY:

In compliance with the information contained in Investigation Directives #302, dated 26 May 1950, # 348, dated 28 June 1950, #381, dated 31 July 1950 and OI # 49, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of ASTEN (3/E-61) and MEIJEL (3/E-70) Holland for the possible recovery of the following casualties:

RICHARDS, Louis L	36 313 695	Pvt Bty "A" 440th AFA Bn 27 Oct 44
HARRISON, Clay T.	34 262 016	S/Sgt Co. "C" 48th A.I.-Bn 29 Oct 44
GOERS, Leo W.	37 173 737	T/4 Co."C" 17th Tank Bn. 29 Oct 44
ANDRAKO, William	32 227 000	Pfc Co. "F" 87th Cav.Rcn Sq. 27 October 1944.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

These four cases are not related but due to the similarity of date, circumstances and place of death they have been grouped for the purpose of this investigation. Information contained in each of these cases indicates that these casualties were incurred during an attack by enemy tanks and a superior force of infantry troops during an attempt to capture Asten and Meijel, Holland.

III. FINDINGS:

The towns of Asten and Meijel were visited and records at the town halls in each place were examined with negative results. (See statements attached to individual cases). No records was found of any American remains recovered from this area. Information furnished by local officials indicates that remains of all American units late in 1944 and/or early in 1945. No information was ever furnished for the town records and they do not know where the remains were taken.



Narrative of Investigation

21 August 1950

The Burgomaster at Asten remembers a tank (may be that indicated in ID # 381) which was knocked out on the highway just over the Asten-Meijel town line. He also stated that he could recall three (3) graves by the roadside near the wrecked tank. There were about eleven (11) tanks destroyed in this area and all wreckage was removed by American units. A Mr. Meussen, an employee of the town hall stated that two (2) American casualties were removed from a house (may be the one mentioned in ID # 302) and were buried nearby. He stated that one of these casualties was a Lt. These remains were also removed by the Americans.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Records on file in the town halls at both Asten and Meijel were checked with negative results.

Statements of local residents indicate that the remains of all American deceased in this area were removed by American units. Statements also indicate that the wreckage of eleven (11) tanks in this area were removed by the American forces. There are no isolated graves reported and no remains interred, in local cemeteries that may be associated with the subject casualties.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That a recheck of all remains still in an Unknown status which were recovered from this area be made in an effort to obtain an association with the subject casualties.

That if the results of this investigation are negative, consideration be given for Non-Recoverable action in the case of the subject decedents.

/s/t/ HAROLD E. WARNER  
DA Civ D-046899  
Investigator

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From: Flight Lieutenant H.P. Masse, M?B.E.  
Royal Air Force Liaison Officer  
Hq, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment,  
Operations Division,  
Avenue de la Croix Rouge,  
Bressoux, Liege, Belgium.

TO: Air Ministry, S.14 Cas.,  
London Road,  
Stanmore, Mddsx, England.

Ref: AGRC/Gen/Air.

Date: 20th October, 1950

NEDERWEERT BRITISH MILITARY CEMETERY, HOLLAND.

A.G.R.C. have approached me regarding the possibility of some Exhumations being undertaken in the above cemetery.

2. The list of graves submitted has been checked and all of them, except Plot III, Row E, Grave 6, positively identified. With regard to Grave 6 this is recorded as "Unknown R.A.F." but I.W.G.C., Brussels cannot help me further on this as, like myself, no copy of an Exhumation Report is held.

3. In order that I can frame a suitable reply to A.G.R.C. can you please inform me how this grave was identified as that of a member of the R.A.F. as we do not desire any exhumation to undertaken on a definite R.A.F. identification.

4. If you are of the opinion that the result of the Exhumation is not satisfactory, i.e. that the remains are not R.A.F., and if you have no objection to the grave being re-opened for examination and removal of the remains, if identified as those of a U.S. casualty, please notify me at your convenience. I.W.G.C. are not prepared to allow exhumation in view of the registration.

/s/t/ H.P. MASSE, FLT/LT.,  
R.A.F.L.O., A.G.R.C., EA.

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DISPOSITION FORM -----		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)  UNCLASSIFIED
FILE NO. GRRE 293.9	SUBJECT: Request for Information	
TO: Flt/Lt H. P. Masse RAF Liaison Officer Reg Div	FROM: Chief, Cas Cl Br	DATE: 16 Aug. 50 COMMENT NO. 1 Mr. Kammons/647105
<p>1. Reference is made to Narrative of Investigation, dated 13 July 1947, a copy of which is attached.</p> <p>2. It is requested that this Branch be furnished information as to the disposition of Unknown listed in paragraph 2, of subject narrative.</p> <p>3. Specific information is desired as to whether or not the nationality of these Unknowns interred at Nederweert has been definitely established.</p> <p>4. In the event some of these remains are of undetermined nationality, it is further requested that permission be obtained from the Imperial War Graves Commission for a joint disinterment of one of the remains as Pfc. William Andrako, 32 227 000.</p>		
1 Incl Cy Narrative of Investigation, dtd 23 Jul 47		/s/t/ DONALD H. FRITZ, DAC Chief, Casualty Clearance Branch
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C O P Y

Reference : - NWED/41362/R

Head Office  
Imperial War Graves Commission  
3, rue de Toulous,  
Brussels

28 September 1950

F/Lt. H.P. Masse, M.B.E.  
RAF, Liaison Officer  
c/o Imperial War Graves Commission  
Place du Marechal Foch,  
Arras, France

NEDERWEERT British Cemetery  
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With reference to A.G.R.C.'s request to open up certain graves for exhumation in the above cemetery, (AGRC Case # Holland 5874 - Pfc William ANDRAKO - 32 227 000), this office records show that the remains in the graves quoted have been, with one exception, fully identified: The details are:

I.	F.	7.	1851198	T/Sgt	SUMMERS G.	RAF
II.	F.	13.	14508009	Tpr.	H. W. GREIG	RAC
III.	A.	5.	3394249	Tpr.	J. M. GATES	
III.	E.	6.			UNKNOWN	RAF
IV.	C.	12.	J.37166	F/O	J. FRASER	RCAF
IV.	C.	13.	R.171655	F/Sgt	W.J.C. GIBSON	RCAF
IV.	D.	11)	J.95365	P/O	KAY	RCAF
		<sup>C</sup>	12) J.95475	P/O	YUNSKO	- do -
		<sup>1</sup>	13) R.196196	F/Sgt	BOTTERILL	- do -
IV	E.	11	J. 89163	P/O	A. JACOBS	RCAF

With regards to the remains in grave 6. Row E, Plot III the records here do not show the means by which the remains were identified as RAF. This you can no doubt check up on at your end.

Under the circumstances it is regretted that permission cannot be given for these graves to be opened for examination.

Records Officer.

C O P Y

Holland 5874

Mr. Kamons

DISPOSITION FORM  
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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT: Nederweert British Military Cemetery, Holland

TO: Chief, FROM: H.P. Masse, Flt/Lt DATE 6/12 COMMENT NO. 1  
Cas Cl Br 50

1. I attach hereto replies received from I.W.G.C. dated 28 Sep 50 and the Air Ministry, dtd 13 November 1950.

2. From this it will be seen that all the casualties have been positively identified or, identified as Unknown R.A.F.

3. Exhumations, therefore, cannot be undertaken regarding these burials.

/s/t/ H.P. MASSE, Flt. Lt.  
RAF. L.O., AGRC, EA

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MR. 5203/S.14 Cas., A.4.

13 November 1950

Flight Lieutenant H.P. Masse, M.B.E.  
Royal Air Force Liaison Officer,  
H.Q. 7887 Graves Registration Detachment,  
Operations Division,  
Avenue de la Croix Rouge,  
Bressoux, Liege, Belgium.

Nederweert British Military Cemetery, Holland

Reference is made to your AGRC/GEN/AIR dated 20th October, 1950.

No exhumation report for Grave 6 Row E Plot 3 was available in the Department but a copy has now been obtained from I.W.G.C., Headquarters.

Identification is, of course, impossible but the clothing details are quoted as R.A.F. Battle dress.

There is therefore no doubt that the remains are those of a R.A.F. casualty and no useful purpose would be served by further exhumation.

/s/t/ D.C. HOLE

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

15 November 1950

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

- LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANY, O 359 598, QMC., President
- MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,
- MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
- CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,
- CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC.,
- CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC.,
- CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,
- 1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,
- 2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
CAPT., QMC,  
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
CAPT., QMC  
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:

*Robert S. Lay*  
ROBERT S. LAY  
Maj QMC

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Identification Section  
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade
ANDRAKO	WILLIAM		132227000	PFC
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size
5'8"	122	Blue	Brown	8B
Date of Death				
27 Oct 44				
Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)				
Co "F" 87th Cav. Regt Sg Meez				
Place of Death or place last seen if MIA				
Holland				

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

STATION	DATES
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7th ARMD Div Cp. Polk, La	20 Mar 42 — 27 Oct 44

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DENTAL CHART 13 Mar. 42

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QMGM 293 **Andrako, William** 1st Ind.  
SN 32 227 000

WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C. **22 JUL 1947**

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

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

**FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:**

6 Incls  
n/c

*Pool Rogers*  
**POOLE ROGERS**  
 Captain, QMC  
 Memorial Division

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RRE 293.9 (IB) 2nd Ind

Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58 US Army  
5 November 1947

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

1. Inclosed herewith all documents pertaining to negative report received from the field on investigation conducted for the recovery of the remains of Pfc William Andrako, 32 227 000.
2. For your information.

**FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:**

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

NAVY & RECORDS DIVISION  
GCMC

JUL 22 1947

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*William Andrako, (32227000)*

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Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area,  
123 St. Louis Place, New York, New York

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Andrako, William  
SN 32 227 000

REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BRANCH

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

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

HEADQUARTERS  
A. G. R. C.  
29 OCT. 1946  
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1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMGYG 314,6, Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Andrako, William	Pfc	32 227 000

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

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

NEGATIVE REPORT  
Date 26 Feb. 47 Initial ... B.S.

1 Incl - Par 2

Martin G. Riley  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BRANCH

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

Commanding Officer  
Eastern Graves Registration Company  
Brooklyn Theater Area  
410 5th Ave. Eastchester  
New York, New York

1. Attached hereto, in duplicate, is O-1 Form 375 for the following deceased individuals whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:  
2. Reference is made to letter this office, O-1 Form 375, Subject: Additional copies of Inventory and Identifying Documents and Inventory Cards of remains not yet recovered, dated 4 October 1946.

DATE: 10/21/46  
GRADE: 1st Lt.  
NAME: [illegible]

The attached O-1 Form 375 contains the information available from the Office of the Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the Adjutant General, the Adjutant General, and the Adjutant General. In addition to my previous information furnished by this office, the following information is being furnished to you:  
1. The remains of this individual and the results of any tests conducted on them, if positive or negative, be returned to this office within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

OCT 21 9 29 AM '46  
D. O. M. C.  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

NEGATIVE REPORT

WALTER G. JILLY  
1st Lt.  
Adjutant

1 Incl - For 2

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

21 October 1946

In Reply Refer To  
QMGYG 293

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SN 32 227 000

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. HILEY  
Major, QMG  
Assistant

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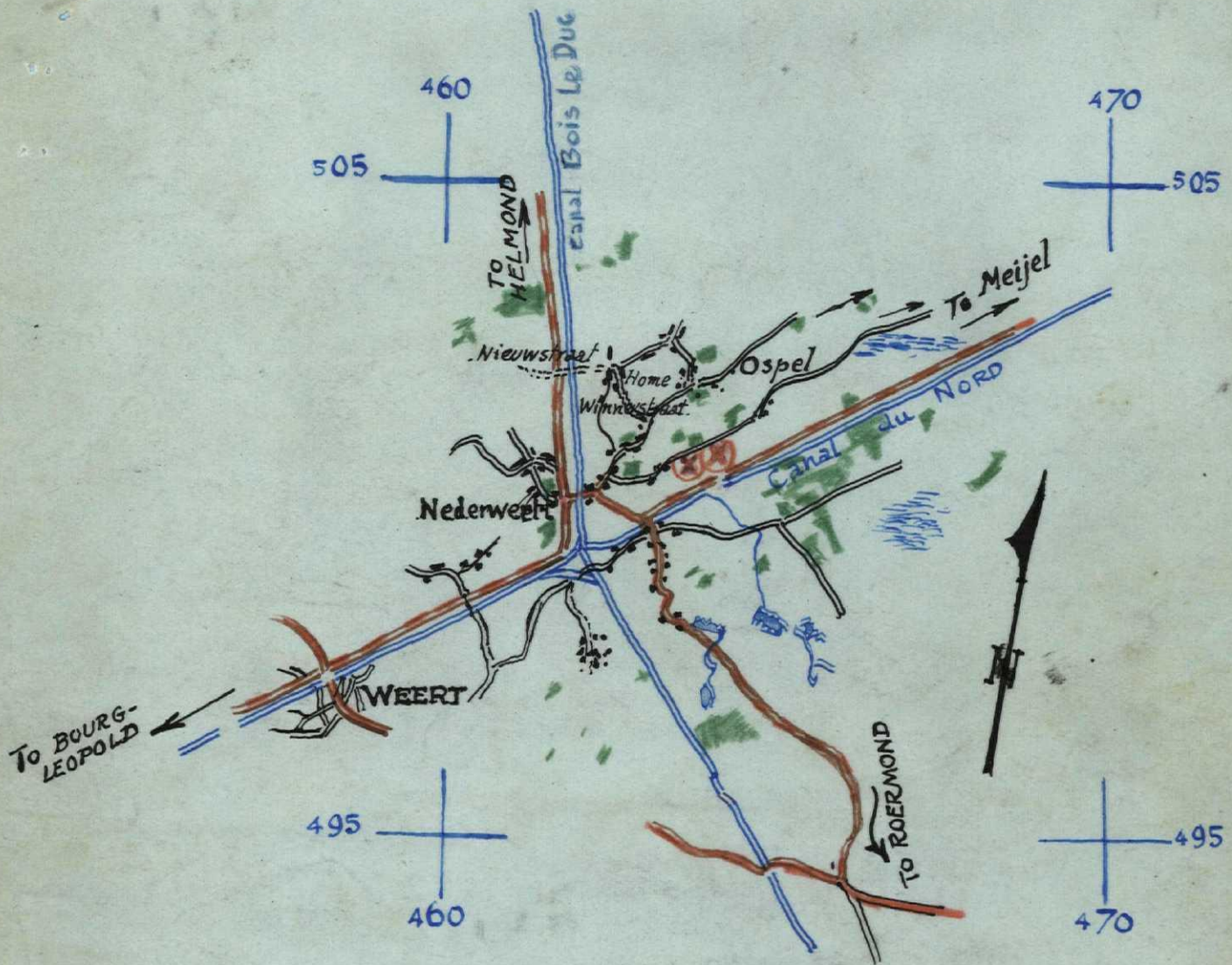
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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Andrako, William		Pfc	32 227 000	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co. "F" 87th Cav. Ron Sq. Meaz 7Arm. Div.	White	Greek Catholic		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
27 Oct 44	Killed in action	Holland		
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5' 8"	122	Blue	Brown	8 E
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HQ'S FIRST ZONE  
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Holland 5871

2 August 1947

### NARRATIVE

Disinterred remains mentioned in statement of Mr. H. Willekens, Hoove G 24, Nederweert, Holland and found the following:

Remains were completely clothed in German uniform (pants and jacket). German Wehrmacht boots.

Disinterred remains mentioned in statement of Mr. H. Grijmans, Hind G 94, Nederweert, Holland, and found the following:

Common grave containing two bodies, both of which were determined to be German. Both were dressed in full German uniforms, with German insignia. One of remains had a black leather belt around waist, buckle of which was embossed with eagle and swastika.

*Herman O. Hilljogardes*  
Herman O. Hilljogardes  
U.S. W.D. Civ. D-133921  
Identification Technician

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Holland 5874

GRU 293.9-0

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE, 551ST QM GROUP, AGRC, APO 58 (Liege)  
US ARMYTO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 58 (Paris) US Army

1. Investigation conducted in the WEERT, BOSCH, MAARHEEZE, BUDEL, ASTEN, SOMEREN, KRIJEL, NIEUW EN WINNERSTRAAT and SOEREN-DONK areas failed to locate the remains of Pfc William ANDRAKO, 32227000.

2. Report of Investigation and attached statements pertaining to subject case are inclosed herewith.

## 49 Incls:

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|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Sketch (Noord Canal Area) | 26. Statement - Nies                      |
| 2. Narrative - Hilljegerdes  | 27. Statement - Pol                       |
| 3. Narrative - Chatelain     | 28. Statement - Beuken                    |
| 4. Statement - Rulkens       | 29. Statement - Deckers                   |
| 5. Statement - Krijns        | 30. Statement - Pont                      |
| 6. Statement - Root          | 31. Statement - Kees                      |
| 7. Statement - Schippers     | 32. Statement - Panis                     |
| 8. Statement - Hermans       | 33. Statement - Laarhoven                 |
| 9. Statement - Soers         | 34. Statement - Heyden                    |
| 10. Statement - Berben       | 35. Statement - Visser                    |
| 11. Statement - Knapen       | 36. Statement - Commune of Maar-<br>heeze |
| 12. Statement - Meulen       | 37. Statement - Grijss                    |
| 13. Statement - Snijers      | 38. Statement - Commune of Someren        |
| 14. Statement - Poell        | 39. Statement - Heuvel                    |
| 15. Statement - Willekens    | 40. Statement - Smits                     |
| 16. Statement - Wanders      | 41. Statement - Schoenmaker               |
| 17. Statement - Everaerts    | 42. Statement - Rubbens                   |
| 18. Statement - Beelen       | 43. Statement - Commune of Asten          |
| 19. Statement - Weekers      | 44. Statement - Vogels                    |
| 20. Statement - Grijmans     | 45. Statement - Hoefnagels                |
| 21. Statement - Goey         | 46. Statement - Coenen                    |
| 22. Statement - Driessen     | 47. Statement - Police of Weert           |
| 23. Statement - Breukers     | 48. Statement - Renette                   |
| 24. Statement - Verdonschot  | 49. Statement - Smeets                    |
| 25. Statement - Franssen     |   |

Holland 5874

27 July 1947

**NARRATIVE**

This case pertains to Pfc. William ANDRAKO, 32227000, originally reported as missing in action in the vicinity of MELIJEL, HOLLAND. A subsequent basic communication dated 9 June 1947, lists the following localities as places where death might have occurred: Nederweert, Weert, Bosch, Maarheze, Budel, Someren, Kreijel, Nieuw en Winnerstraat, Soerendonk and Asten. Pfc. ANDRAKO was a member of Co.F, 87th Cav. Ren. Sq. 7th Armored Division.

The locations of the town-halls of the above mentioned communities are as follows:

1. NEDERWEERT
  - a. Kreijel
  - b. Nieuw en Winnerstraat
2. WEERT
3. BUDEL
  - a. Soerendonk
  - b. Bosch
4. MAARHEZE
5. SOMEREN
6. ASTEN

Investigations were conducted accordingly:

1. NEDERWEERT:-

Results of investigations in Nederweert as follows:

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| a. Town Hall                             | Negative |
| b. St. Lambertus Roman Catholic Cemetery | Negative |
| c. Ospel " " "                           | Negative |
| d. Leveroy " " "                         | Negative |
| e. Eind " " "                            | Negative |
| f. Kreijel - No Cemetery                 |          |
| g. Nieuw en Winnerstraat - No Cemetery   |          |
| h. British Military Cemetery             |          |
| i. Isolated Burials.                     |          |

A total of 15 isolated burials were located. Of these, 13 were definitely identified as being of German nationality. Two remained unknown- one is located on the property of Greijmans (See Statement) and the other near the property of Willekens (See Statement).

- j. One tank was located on the property of Mies. Identification of tank as follows: USA- 3036897 S, name- BILLET,

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j. unit 7A 60A B3.

## 2. WEERT:-

Results of investigations in Weert as follows:

a.	Town-Hall				Negative
b.	Police				Negative
c.	St. Martinus Roman Catholic Cemetery				Negative
d.	Kesnt	"	"	"	Negative
e.	Zwarthroak	"	"	"	Negative
f.	Boshoven)	"	"	"	Negative
g.	Hushoven)	"	"	"	Negative
h.	Altweert	"	"	"	Negative
i.	Laar	"	"	"	Negative
j.	Tungelroy	"	"	"	Negative
k.	Moedijk - No Cemetery				
l.	No isolated burials located				
m.	No armored equipment located				

## 3. BUDDEL:-

Investigations in Budel as follows:

a.	Town-Hall				Negative
b.	Visitatie Roman Catholic Cemetery				Negative
c.	Dorppelein	"	"	"	Negative
d.	Maria Visitatie"	"	"	"	Negative
e.	Socrendonk	"	"	"	Negative
f.	Bosch - No Cemetery				
g.	No isolated burials located				
h.	No armored equipment located				

## 4. MAARHEZE:-

Investigations in Maarheze as follows:

a.	Town-Hall				Negative
b.	Roman Catholic Cemetery				Negative
c.	No isolated burials located				
d.	No armored equipment located				

## 5. SOMEREN:-

Investigations in Someren as follows:

a.	Town-Hall				Negative
b.	St. Lambertus Roman Catholic Cemetery				Negative
c.	St. Lambertus (Somereineind) R.C.C.				Negative
d.	St. Joseph Roman Catholic Cemetery				Negative
e.	Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Cemetery				Negative
f.	No isolated burials found				
g.	No armored equipment found				

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## 6. ASTEN:-

Results of investigations in Asten as follows:

a.	Town-Hall				Negative
b.	Asten Roman Catholic Cemetery				Negative
c.	Omel	"	"	"	Negative

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- d. Heusden Roman Catholic Cemetery Negative
- e. Underground Leader
- f. No isolated burials located
- g. No armored equipment located.

*P. Chatelet*  
P. CHATELET  
US WD Civilian  
Investigator

Holland 5874

Nederweert, 23 July 1947

## STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, L. Rulkens, Secretary of the Netherlands War Graves Commission in the Community of Nederweert, certify the following concerning Allied, German or Unknown graves within this Community:

1. That the following list contains the names of villages being under jurisdiction of this community, with or without a cemetery:

St. Lambertus - Roman Catholic Cemetery  
 Ospel - Roman Catholic Cemetery  
 Leveroy - Roman Catholic Cemetery  
 Kreyel - No Cemetery  
 Nieuw en Winnerstraat - No Cemetery  
 Eind - Roman Catholic Cemetery

a. It is possible that one of the above mentioned cemeteries have American graves.

2. That in this Community is located a British Military Cemetery, containing 344 graves, of which 9 are unknown, and there is a possibility that they are of American nationality. The location of these 9 unknowns in the cemetery is listed below, according to the markings on the crosses:

PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	UNIT	NO:	NAME	RANK	
I	F	7	R.A.F.	Unk	Unk	F/Sgt	Unk
II	F	13	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk
III	A	5	REOCB	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk
III	E	6	R.A.F.	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk
IV	C	12	R.A.F.	Unk	Unk	Sgt.	Unk
IV	C	13	R.C.A.F.	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk
IV	D	11	R.C.A.F.	Unk	Unk	F/Sgt	Unk
IV	D	12	R.C.A.F.	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk
IV	E	11	R.C.A.F.	Unk	Unk	P/O or F/O	Unk

3. That in the whole community of Nederweert there is a total of 16 isolated burials, of which some are known to be of German nationality and some are unknown, and perhaps of American nationality. These isolated graves and their locations are listed below:

1. At Bissops, 4 4 identified German airators.
2. At Saers, Harik, 1 German Grave
3. At Berben, 1 German Grave
4. At Knaper, 1 German Grave
5. At Meulen, 1 German Grave
6. At Snijers, 1 German Grave
7. At Poell, 1 German Grave
8. At Willekens, 1 Unknown Grave
9. Near ferry guard at Eind Bridge, 2 Germans
10. At F. Beelen, along canal, 2 Germans
11. At L. Weekers, 3 German Graves
12. At Greymans, Unknown Mass Grave
13. At Post 60- Zuid-Willemsvaart (B. de Goey), 1 German

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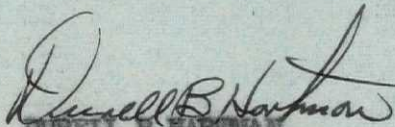
- 14. At Tullemans (H. Driessen), 2 German Graves
- 15. At Bruckers (Kraan), 1 German
- 16. At Widow Verdonschot Schoor, 1 German

4. That in the Community of Nederweert only one American tank is left, however, this tank is presently in process of being removed by scrap iron dealers. This tank is located on the property of L. NIES, Meijelse Dijk, E-155, Nederweert.

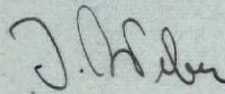
5. And further that nothing is known, neither at the town-hall, nor at the Secretary of the War Graves Commission, concerning Pfc. William ANDRAKO, 32227000.

/s/ L. Rulkens  
 Secretary of the Graves  
 Commission, Registration  
 of Civilian Population,  
 Nederweert.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
 DURELL B. HARTMAN  
 1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

  
 L. Weber  
 Translator



B/L: Headquarters, First Zone, 551st QM Group, AGRC, APO 58(Liege) US Army  
Subject: Isolated Burials, Dated 15 April 1947

1st Ind.

GRU 293.9  
HEADQUARTERS, 4527 QM SERVICE CO. (AC), AGRC, APO 58(Maastricht) US ARMY  
22 April 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, First Zone, AGRC, APO 58 (Liege) US Army.

1. A thorough investigation was made in Meijel and vicinity per instruction in basic communication.
2. No information pertaining to Pfc. ANDRAKO was found due to the fact all remains in the vicinity have been consolidated and there are no Americans or Unknowns among them.
3. Attention is invited to the attached narrative giving two numbers from an American tank which is deep in the ground, but it is believed there are no remains in said tank.
4. Case and allied papers are forwarded herewith for action under existing procedures.

THEODORE C. THOMAS  
Captain, Infantry  
Commanding.

Incls: 5  
Narrative - Chatelain  
Statement - Greijmans  
Statement - Houben  
Statement - Gooden  
Statement - Burgomaster of Meijel.

Telephones:  
Maastricht 4033, 4333

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST Zone  
551ST QM GROUP  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
APO 58 (LIEGE) U S ARMY

GRU 293.9

. 15 April 1947  
S: 17 May 1947

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO: Commanding Officer  
4527 QM Service Co (AC)  
First Zone, AGRC  
APO 58 (Maastricht) US Army

1. Forwarded herewith for your information and necessary action is OQMG Form 371 listing Pfc William ANDRAKO, 32227000, as killed in action near MELJEL, Holland, 27 October 1944.
2. It is requested that an investigation be conducted in the above area and every effort be made to locate the remains of Pfc Andra-ko.
3. It is further requested that report of investigation be ex-pedited to this headquarters in compliance with suspense date indicated above

BY ORDER OF COLONEL JOHNSTON:

TRUMAN D ECKOLS  
Major Inf  
Asst Chief of Operations

Incls  
a/s

Tel:LIEGE 19526

A.H.M. GRET JMANS  
Pastor of Meijel

Holland 5624

MEIJEL, 17 April 1947

L.S.,

I herewith declare that William  
Andrako is not buried in our Roman Catho-  
lic church yard, and that there are no  
other Americans buried in our parishion.

SEAL

s/ A.H.M.GRET JMANS  
Pastor

Certified True Copy:

Certified True Translation:

/s/  
ORLAND W. CARROZA  
1st Lt. Infantry

PETER J. F. du BOIS  
Investigator,  
4527 QM Serv Co (AC)

District of  
's-Hertogenbosch  
State Police of Meijel.

Holland 5624

MEIJEL, 17 April 1947

Statement

The undersigned, L. HOUBEN, First Sergeant  
of the State Police at Meijel, declares that:  
- - - - -William Andrako- - - - -  
soldier, ASN 32227000, as far as he knows, is  
not buried here, nor known.

t/ L.HOUBEN, Det.Comm.  
s/ L.HOUBEN.

Certified True Copy:

Certified True Translation:

/s/  
ORLAND W. CARROZA  
1st Lt. Infantry

PETER J. F. du BOIS  
Investigator,  
4527 QM Serv Co(AC)

Holland 5624

Statement

Meijel, 17 April '47

The undersigned, GOODEN Gerard Jozef, declares that in the course of the month of October 1944 he was a Captain with the Underground Forces, and for assistance attached to the 7th Armored Division of the U.S. Army.

I can declare that the American tanks destroyed during the battle at Meijel have been removed by an Ordnance outfit, except for one tank.

This tank can be found on the right hand side of the road from Meijel to Asten, approximately 7 or 8 kilometers outside of Meijel. This tank is deeply sunk into the ground, and only the top is visible.

It is not known to me whether there are still bodies in this tank.

As far as I know approximately 15 or 18 Americans were buried in the vicinity, and all these have been removed and taken to Molenhoek and Margraten.

Nothing is known to me concerning the death or the burial of William Andrako, ASN 32227000.

s/ G.J.GOODEN,  
#A77 Dorpstraat.

Certified True Copy:

Certified True Translation:

/s/ ORLAND W. CARROZA  
1st Lt. Infantry

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

Community of MEIJEL

Holland 5624

MEIJEL, 17 April '47

The Burgomaster of the Community of Meijel, declares that it is not known here,

1. That an American soldier: William Andrako, ASN 32227000, should be or should have been buried here.
2. that presently only 2 Canadian flyers, whose names are known, are buried here, as well as that there is a small cemetery, in which 23 German military, who are properly identified as such, are buried.
3. that, furthermore, no graves of Allied or German military are known to be in the community.

The Burgomaster before mentioned:  
s/ (Illegible)

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/s/ ORLAND W. CARROZA  
1st Lt. Infantry

PETER J. F. du BOIS  
Investigator,  
4527 QM SERV CO (AC)

Holland 5874

18 April 1947

N A R R A T I V E

Pfc. William ANDRAKO, 32227000, reported killed in action near Meijel, Holland. The deceased was member of Co. "F" 87th Cav. Ren. Sq. Mecs, 7th Armored Div. and was last seen with this unit on 27 Oct 44.

The mayor of Meijel was contacted and he stated that there are no records on file on the deceased. He further stated that in the Communal cemetery are buried two identified Canadian pilots, and that there are no other military personnel buried in the cemetery. He further stated that there is a small German cemetery in the community with 23 bodies, however these were assembled from all over the community by a Dutch Graves Service.

The parish priest and the local police were also contacted and they stated that there was no knowledge of the above mentioned deceased in the community of Meijel.

Also contacted F.J. Gooden, former head of the Dutch Underground and special guide for the 7th Armored Division during combat, and he stated that he knew nothing concerning the death or burial of the above mentioned deceased. He also stated, however, that all American tanks were removed from the area of Meijel immediately after the battle. Only one remained and this is still buried deep in the ground and can be found on the right side of the road about 7 or 8 kilometers out of Meijel. This tank was inspected by the investigator for possible identification numbers, however all that could be found was the turret machine gun number 1175167 and Tank Cannon # 05993.

/s/ P. Chatelain  
WD CIV.  
Investigator.

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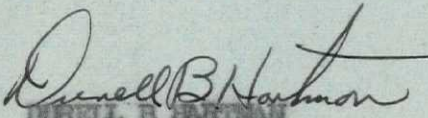
Nederweert, 23 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

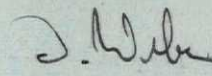
I, the undersigned, certify that Pfc. William ANDRAED,  
32227000, is not buried in the Cemetery of the Church of St.  
Lambertus, Nederweert.

/s/ G. Krijns  
Pastor

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DUANE B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

  
I. Weber  
Translator



Holland 5374

Aspel-Nederweert, 23 July 1947

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned declare, that there are no Military graves in the Cemetery of the Church of Aspel-Nederweert, except those of two identified Dutch soldiers.

/s/ Fr. op 't Root  
Saxton

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

Certified True Translation:

*J. Weber*  
L. Weber  
Translator

Holland 5874

Leveroy-Nederweert, 23 July 1947

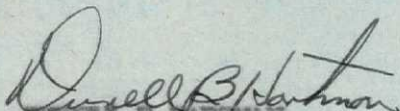
STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, certify that there are no Allied Military graves in the Cemetery of the Church of Leveroy-Nederweert.

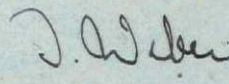
There is a group of 39 German military graves, of which it can be said with certainty, that their nationality is German.

/s/ H. Schippers  
Pastor

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DARRELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

  
J. Weber  
Translator

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Eind-Nederweert, 23 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, certify that there are no military graves of any kind in the Cemetery of the Church of Eind-Nederweert.

/s/ J. Harmans (M.J.)  
Sexton

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DURRELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

*I. Weber*  
I. Weber  
Translator

Holland 5874

Nederweert, 9 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, declare that there is a grave of a German military at approximately 100 meters from my house, Horik D 60; the German was buried there in November 1944.

Prior to his last place of burial this German was buried on side of the now existing grave, in a depression of 12 inches. Later he has been disinterred and reinterred in a place about 1 meter from the old grave. I was present at the disinterment and observed the German uniform and boots.

/s/ J. Soers  
D 60  
Horik  
Nederweert

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**DURELL B HARTMAN**  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

*J. Weber*  
**I. Weber**  
Translator

Holland 5874

Nederweert, 9 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, certify that the grave of a German military is located at 30 meters from my house, Winnerstraat D9.

This soldier was buried there on 27 October 1944, and about 12 days later American Authorities disinterred, and after having established its nationality as being German, reinterred the body.

/s/ W. HEIJEN  
D 9  
Winnerstraat  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

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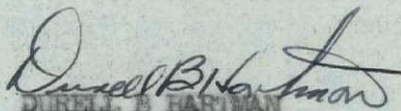
Nederweert, 9 July 1947

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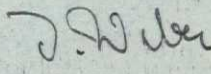
I, the undersigned, declare that at approximately 20 meters from my house, D 18, Winnerstraat, is located the grave of a German military. I knew this soldier personally and I can declare that he was a German doctor. His name is unknown to me. He was killed in the beginning of November 1944 and buried by me.

/s/ J. Knapen  
D 18  
Winnerstraat  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

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Nederweert, 9 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, declare that in my garden is buried one German soldier. This soldier was killed during battle operations in this area and was buried here.

Military authorities disinterred this grave previously and nationality was definitely established as German.

/s/ J.M. Meulen  
E 3, Ospel  
Community of  
Nederweert

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**STATEMENT**

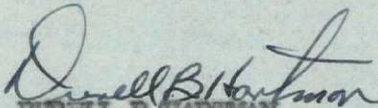
I, the undersigned, certify that at approximately 150 meters from my house, # 27 Budschop, the grave of a German soldier is located. He was buried on 22 September 1944.

I was present at the burial and I saw that he was a soldier in a German uniform.

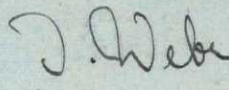
According to the inscription on the cross, which was previously on the grave, he was a Pöle in German service.

/s/ J.H. Snijers  
# 27, Budschop  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

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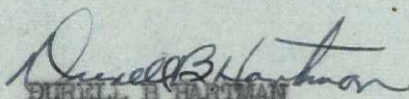
**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, certify that there is a German grave located about 20 meters from my house.

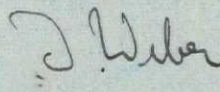
As I was present at the burial in October 1944, I could establish his nationality as German.

/s/ J. Poell  
Schansstraat F 60  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

  
I. Weber  
Translator

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Nederweert, 10 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

Undersigned, certifies the following:

After returning from evacuation on 14 November 1944, I discovered the grave of an unknown military, at about 100 meters from my house, along the mainroad.

He was buried here during the evacuation of the whole neighbourhood, so that, nationality cannot be established with certainty.

The grave has never been investigated for establishing the exact nationality.

/s/ N. Willekens  
Hoeve G 14  
Nederweert

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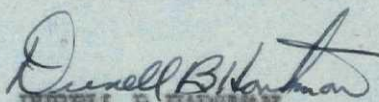
**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, declare that along the hedge, at about 20 meters from my house, is located the grave of a German soldier, which grave is provided with a wooden cross without inscription.

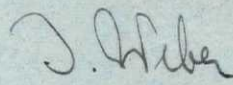
He was buried on 15 November 1944 and it can be said with certainty that he is a German, as my son was present at the burial.

/s/ H. WANDERS  
G 20 Hoeve  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

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Nederweert, 10 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, certify that there is a grave of a German Officer, approximately 25 meters from my house, in the district known as Hulsen.

At present the grave is not marked with a cross and the grave is almost invisible.

Formerly the grave was marked with a cross on which more or less the following inscription was written: "German Officer (Lieutenant)", with name and date of death, which I don't remember.

I was evacuated at that time and I only know that he was killed in November 1944.

/s/ J. Everaerts  
Hoeve G 13  
Hulsen  
Nederweert

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DURELL B HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

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Eind, Community of Nederweert,

15 July 1947

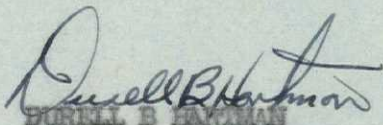
**STATEMENT**

Undersigned declares that there are graves of two German soldiers at approximately 30 and 50 meters from his house.

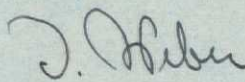
Nationality as being German was established by me as I saw the German uniforms.

/s/ F. BEELIN  
Eind G 118  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

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Bind, Community of Nederweert

15 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

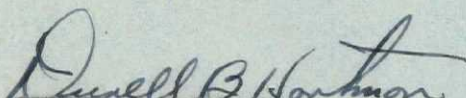
I, the undersigned, certify that, close to my house there are graves of three German soldiers, who were buried there during the evacuation of my family.

Each of the graves were previously marked with a cross, with the inscription "German Soldier".

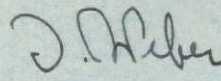
These graves were discovered after returning from evacuation.

/s/ L. WREKERS  
Bind, G 108  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

  
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Eind, Community of Nederweert

15 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned certify, that in a meadow alongside the road, a grave is located, which is supposed to be a mass grave of 1 - 7 soldiers. Highly probable of German nationality.

This grave was first seen by us after returning from evacuation on 25 November 1944.

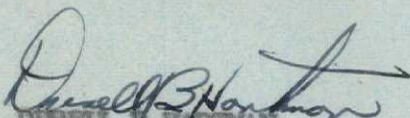
These bodies were said to be buried by the English; the grave was marked with a cross and helmet. However, cross and helmet have disappeared since.

More information concerning subject above mentioned is not available.

/s/ M. GRIZMANS  
Eind G 94  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

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Nederweert, 23 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

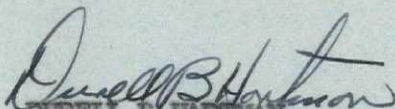
I, the undersigned, certify that there is a grave of a German soldier along the canal the Zuid-Willemsvaart.

This soldier was killed during battle activities in Nederweert in November 1944.

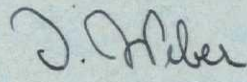
I was present at the burial at this same time.

/s/ P. de GOEY  
Nederweert  
Paal 60

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1st Lt. Infantry

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Translator

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Nederweert, 23 July 1947

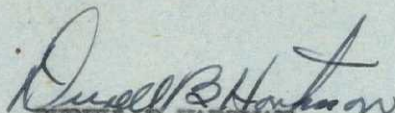
STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, certify that there are unmarked graves of two German soldiers, located along the road in front of the house of H. Tullemans.

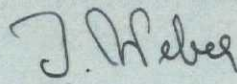
These soldiers were buried by American Military in the beginning of November 1944, and they told me that these graves contained Germans.

/s/ H. DRIESSEN  
Roeven H/1  
Nederweert

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1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

  
J. Weber  
Translator

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Nederweert, 23 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, certify that there is a German soldier buried on my land.

This soldier was buried in October 1944 by English Authorities and I was present at the burial.

/s/ J.H. BREUKERS  
Roeven, h 37  
Nederweert  
(Kraan)

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DURRELL B HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

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I. Weber  
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Schoor, Nederweert, 23 July 47

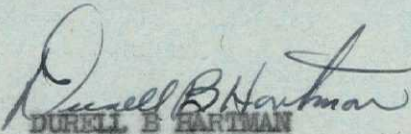
**STATEMENT**

I, the undersigned, certify that there is a grave of one German soldier on the property of P. Nijnes, about 25 meters from my house.

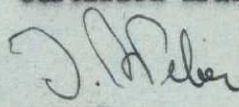
This soldier was buried in November 1944 and my son, Jan Verdonschot, was present at the burial and he says with certainty that the grave is that of a German soldier.

/s/ Wed. Verdonschot  
Schoor, h 17

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Zwartbroek - Weert,

24 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

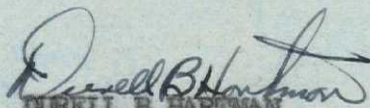
I, the undersigned, certify that there are 53 military graves, of which 52 are English and 1 German, in the cemetery of the Church of St. Cornelius, Zwartbroek - Weert.

Further that there are no Americans buried in this cemetery.

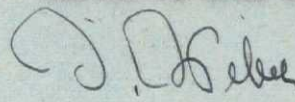
Further I don't know anything concerning William Andrako, 32227000.

/s/ A. Franssen  
Pastor

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1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

  
I. Weber  
Translator

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Nederweert, 13 June 1947

**STATEMENT**

Undersigned certifies, that in the beginning of November 1944, during battle activities in this vicinity, an American tank has been destroyed by German artillery on my yard, about 10 meters from my house.

I was an eye witness of this action and I can declare with certainty that all crew members of this tank survived this action; the driver, however, was wounded and transported in an American ambulance.

The number of this tank is USA 3096897 S, the name is Billet, and the unit numbers are: 7A 60 AB3.

/s/ L. NIES  
Nederweert  
Meyelsche Dijk E 155

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DURELL B HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

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L. Weber  
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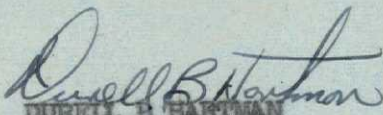
Vrakker-Weert, 24 July 1947

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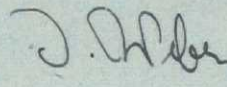
I, the undersigned, certify that there are no military buried in the cemetery of the Church of St. Oda (Parish of Vrakker, Boshoven, Hushoven).

/s/ Th. POL  
Pastor

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Altweertheide - Weert,

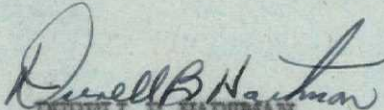
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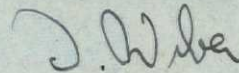
I, the undersigned, certify that there are no military buried in the cemetery of the Church of H.Hart, Altweert - Weert.

/s/ G. van den BEUKEN  
Pastor

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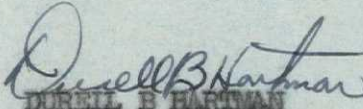
Laar-Weert, 24 July 1947

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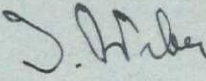
I, the undersigned, certify that there are no military buried in the cemetery of the H. Hier and Ant.

/s/ J. DENIGERS  
Pastor

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Tungelroy - Weert

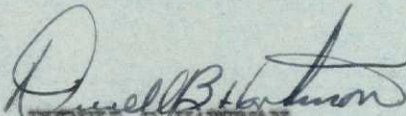
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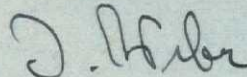
I, the undersigned, declare that I don't know anything concerning William Andrako, 32227000, nor is he buried in the cemetery of the Church of St. Barbara, Tungelroy - Weert.

/s/ J.P.G. PONT  
Pastor

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DUELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

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I. Weber  
Translator

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COMMUNITY OF BUDEL

Budel, 9 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

The Secretary of Budel declares that, as far as he knows, nothing is known at the town-hall concerning Pfc. William Andreko, 32227000.

He certifies that only four English and approximately 6 Germans are buried within this Community. These are burials of which nationality has been established.

Americans did not fight in this Community and there are also no tanks in this Community.

The Secretary above mentioned,  
/s/ F. KEES

SEAL

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DURELL B HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

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*J. Weber*  
J. Weber  
Translator

Ave Mar.

Holland 5874

Budel, 8 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

Undersigned, A.A.M. Panis, Priest of the Parish of "O.L.V. Visitatie" at Budel-Dorp, certifies that William Andrako, 32227000, nor any other American is buried in his cemetery.

SEAL

/s/ A. Panis  
Pastor

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

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

**Certified True Translation:**

*J. Weber*

I. Weber  
Translator

Holland 5874

**STATEMENT**

To whom it may concern:

Undersigned declares that Pfc. William Andrako, 32227000, is not known here and further that no American soldiers are buried in our cemetery.

Dorplein N.Br 15 July 1947

/s/ H. van Leerhoven  
Rector

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

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

**Certified True Translation:**

*J. H. Weber*  
L. Weber  
Translator

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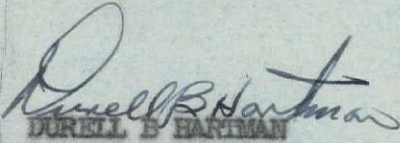
Budelschoot, 22 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

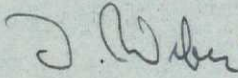
The undersigned declares, that Pfc. William Andreko is not buried in the cemetery of the Church of Maria Visitatie, and I further declare that there are no military buried in this cemetery.

/s/ P. v.d. HEYDEN  
Pastor  
Church of  
"Maria Visitatie"

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

  
DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

  
L. Weber  
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Soerendonk, 15 July 1947

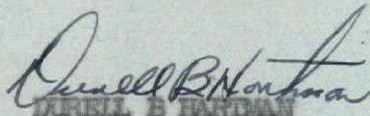
**STATEMENT**

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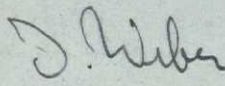
Undersigned declares that William Andreko is not known here and there are no Allied soldiers buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery of this town.

/s/ Th. J. M. de VISSER  
Pastor of  
Soerendonk

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

  
DUANE B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

  
L. Weber  
Translator

COMMUNITY OF MAARHEZE

Holland 5874

**STATEMENT**

Undersigned, Secretary at Maarheze, certifies that in the Community of Maarheze, including the villages of Soerendonk, Sterksel and Gastel:

1. Nothing is known concerning Pfc. William Andrako, 32227000.
2. That in the cemetery at Sterksel (Providentia) and at Soerendonk (Roman Catholic Cemetery), some military are buried, who are positively either of German or English nationality.
3. That there are some unknown graves are brought together or they are isolated in the community and which graves are of German nationality and buried by English soldiers during war activities and graves on which are crosses marked as being German.
4. That there are no tanks in above mentioned community.

Maarheze, 8 July 1947.

The Secretary of the community of Maarheze,

/s/ Illegible

SEAL

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

Certified True Translation:

*I. Weber*  
 I. Weber  
 Translator

Holland 5874

Maarheze, 15 July 1947

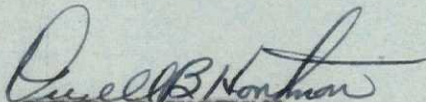
**STATEMENT**

Pfc. William Andrako, 32227000, is neither known nor buried in the Cemetery of this Parish.

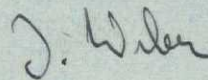
No Allied military are buried in this cemetery.

/s/ E. Grips  
Pastor  
Maarheze

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DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

  
I. Weber  
Translator



COMMUNITY OF SOMEREN

Holland 5874

Someren, 22 July 1947

STATEMENT

Undersigned, Secretary of the Community of Someren, declares that in the community of Someren, including the church villages: Someren-Dorp, Someren-Eind, Someren-Heide and Lierop:

1. Nothing is known concerning Pfc. William Andrako, 32227000;
2. That there are no graves of English, German or American nationality in above mentioned church villages;
3. That in this community East of the canal "Zuid-Willemsvaart" there are about 50 German military buried in places which cannot be indicated. These soldiers were buried by English Forces or by Underground Forces;
4. That there are no tanks in above mentioned community.

The Secretary of the Community of Someren,

/s/ Illegible

SEAL

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

Certified True Translation:

*I. Weber*  
 I. Weber  
 Translator

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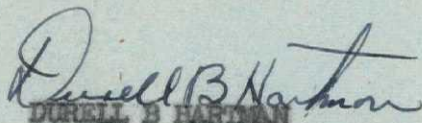
Somerdorp, 22 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

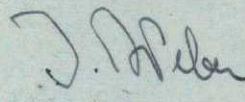
Undersigned declares that there are no military graves in the cemetery of St. Lambertus church Somerdorp, except 5 Dutch soldiers who have been buried here since 1940. No other military have ever been buried in this cemetery.

/s/ A. v.d. Heuvel  
Pastor

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

  
DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

  
L. Weber  
Translator

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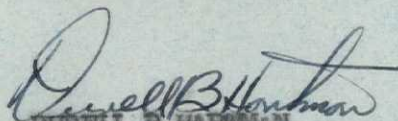
Somereineind, 22 July 1947

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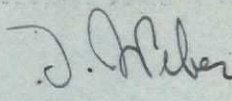
Undersigned declares that there are no military graves in the cemetery of the St. Lambertus Church and there have never been any.

/s/ A. Smits

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

  
DURRELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

  
I. Weber  
Translator

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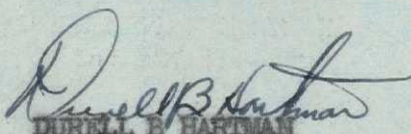
Samerenheide, 22 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

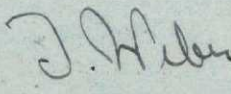
Undersigned declares that there never have been any American soldiers or other military buried in the cemetery of the St. Jozef Church.

/s/ M.F.Schoemaker  
Pastor St. Jozef Parish

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

  
DURELL B HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

  
I. Weber  
Translator

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Holland 5874

Someren Lierop, 22 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

Undersigned declares that there are no military graves in the cemetery of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus.

On 24 September 1946, the only American who was ever buried here, was removed to G.I.P. - AGRC Mergraten by American Authorities.

/s/ A. Rubbens  
Pastor

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

*Duelli B Hartman*  
DUPELL B HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

*J. Weber*  
L. Weber  
Translator

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COMMUNITY OF ASTEN

Holland 5874

Asten, 22 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

Undersigned, Secretary of the Community of Asten, herewith declares, that in the community of Asten, under which the church villages Ossel and Heusden:

1. That as far as he knows, nothing is known concerning Pfc. William Andrake, No. 32227000;
2. That there are no graves of American nationality in above mentioned church villages;
3. That there are about 50 German military buried at places which can only be indicated with difficulty;
4. That, as far as he knows, there are no American tanks in this Community.

The Secretary of the Community of Asten,

/s/ Illegible

SEAL

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Durell B. Hartman*  
 DURELL B. HARTMAN  
 1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

*I. Weber*  
 I. Weber  
 Translator

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Holland 5874

Asten, 22 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

The undersigned declares, that Willima Andraiko is not buried in the Cemetery of the Church of the Holy Mother Presentatie, and there are also no other military buried there.

Further I declare that there are no military buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Holy Mother Presentatie at Osnel or in the cemetery of the Church of St. Antonius at Heusden.

/s/ Jozef M.A. Vogels  
Pastor of  
the Church of the Holy  
Mother at  
Asten

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:**

*Durrell B. Hardman*  
DURRELL B. HARDMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

**Certified True Translation:**

*J. Weber*  
J. Weber  
Translator

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Asten, 22 July 1947

**STATEMENT**

The undersigned, Chief of the Underground and Special Assistant of the American 7th Armored division, declares that he does not know anything concerning Pfc. William Andrako, 32227000, in the area of Asten.

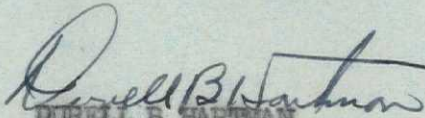
He also declares that there are no Allied graves in this area.

About 20 Germans are buried in this vicinity and I know for sure that they are German as I saw them before they were buried.

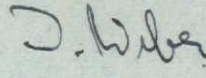
Further I can declare, that there are no more American tanks in this area.

/s/ Piet Hoefnagels  
21a Wilhelminastreet

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
DUELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

  
I. Weber  
Translator

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Holland 5074

12-6-47

STATEMENT

In the small military cemetery in the St. Jos. Parish at Weert were buried some American flyers among British and Canadians but they have been disinterred and removed.

Pastor

/s/ W. Coenen  
Kerkstraat 98  
Weert.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Orlando W. Carroza*  
ORLAND W CARROZA  
1st Lt. - Inf

Certified True Translation:

*I. Weber*  
I. Weber  
4527 M Service Co. (AC)

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COMMUNAL POLICE  
WEERT

Holland 5874

Given to the Service of the American  
Military Administration.

12 June 1947

STATEMENT

The acting Chief of Police at Weert declares, that as far as he knows, there are no more graves of personnel of the American Air Force, in this Commune.

The flyers who got killed during the occupation, have been buried by the German Air Force somewhere else. We have no information about this.

Further we don't know anything about the death or the burial of Pfc. William ANDRAKO, No. 32227000.

SEAL

The acting Chief of the Police  
For him:  
The Administrator of the Police  
/s/ Illegible.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Certified True Translation:

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

*I. Weber*  
I. Weber  
4527 QM Service Co. (AC)

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Holland 5874

Weert, 12 June 1947

S T A T E M E N T

Undersigned declares that there are no American soldiers buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, named "St. Martinus".

The Military persons buried in this cemetery, have all been identified as being Germans and British soldiers.

The Chief of the Cemetery,

/s/ P.J. Renette  
Coenraad Abelstraat 2  
Weert.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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

Certified True Translation:

*I. Weber*  
I. Weber  
4527 CM Service Co. (AC)

COMMUNE OF WEERT

Holland 5874

STATEMENT

The Burgomaster of the Commune of Weert declares,

1. that, according to the Register of killed soldiers of the Secretary, there are no bodies of American soldiers buried in the General Cemetery or in separate graves;
2. that in the above mentioned lists are only names which refer to Dutch, German, British and Australian soldiers, who were killed in the years of 1940-1945;
3. that there are no information about the death or the burial of: William ANDRAKO, Army Number 3222.700.

Weert, 9 June 1947.

The Burgomaster of Weert,

/s/t/ Mr. S. Smeets, acting Burgomaster.

4. No American tanks are at Weert and have never been.

/s/ SS

SEAL

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Certified True Translation:

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

*J. Weber*  
 I. Weber  
 4527 CM Service Co. (AC)

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(Basic: Msgf, OQMG, subject: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For, (dtd 31 Jan 47) RE: Pfc Andrako, William, 32227000. *BY*

RRE 293.9 (IB) *293* 1st Ind

Hq, American Graves Registration Command, ETA, APO 887, U S Army, 17 Feb 47

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Army, Washington 25, D. C. Attn.: OQMG

1. Report of Interment for the above deceased has not been received at this headquarters.

2. An attempt is being made to locate the place of death through the geographical location of the 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (M) on 27 October 1944. Upon receipt of this information a field investigation will be conducted and a report of findings, upon completion, forwarded your office.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

QMGMR 293  
Andrako, William  
SN 32 227 000

2d Ind. 25 MAR 1947

WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C.

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

Further check of records indicate that decedent was killed in action in Holland in the vicinity of Nederweert, west of Canal Du Nord. Attacks were also made in the vicinity of Budschop, and Kreijel Nieuw en Winnerstrat, all in the vicinity of Nederweert.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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*MAR 25 1947*  
*OQMG M&R BR*

J. B. COLSON  
Colonel, QMG  
Memorial Division

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
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31 JAN 1947

QMCMR 293  
Andrako, William, Pfc.  
ASN 32 227 000

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

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

1. Reference is made to WD, OQMG Letter, file and subject as above, dated 21 October 1946, for which there is no record of receipt of a reply in this office.
2. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement on the above referred to letter within 20 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BRANCH

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QMGYG 293 Andrako, William SN 32 227 000 29 July 1946 Con't.

formal expression of the next of kin's detailed desires. Since letters to next of kin will be dispatched automatically and according to the records here, communications with this office regarding this subject will not be necessary.

As you probably know, the supply of steel for the manufacture of caskets, is at present uncertain. Without this essential item, the movement of remains cannot properly be initiated. This fact and the necessity for complete coordination of movement in many parts of the world make it impossible, at this time, to estimate when these forms will be mailed. Responses to them will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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CHIEF SWS [unclear] WILLIAM [unclear] ON 22 JULY 1946

Formal expression of the part of King's detailed history. Since letters to King will be dispatched automatically and according to the records here, communications with this office regarding this subject will not be necessary.

As you probably know, the supply of steel for the manufacture of castings, at present uncertain. During this essential time, the movement of castings cannot properly be initiated. This fact and the necessity for complete coordination of movement in every part of the world make it impossible, at this time, to estimate when these forms will be mailed. Responses to them will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PERRY  
Major, GSC  
Assistant

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MEMORIAL DIVISION



QMGYG 293  
Andrako, William  
SN 32 227 000

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

29 July 1946

Mrs. Madeline Andrako  
54 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue  
Yonkers 2, New York

Dear Mrs. Andrako:

Your letter to the War Department concerning your son, the late Private First Class William Andrako, has been referred to this office.

I regret that I must inform you that information concerning the burial of the remains of your son has not been received in this office. However, our Graves Registration Forces in the field are making a complete and thorough search of all areas over which our men fought. All available information such as enemy reports of death and burial, either captured or transmitted through the International Red Cross, results of interrogation of returned Prisoners of War, statements made by natives of the localities being searched, and reports submitted by Commanding Officers and fellow soldiers who were in the vicinity at the time of the fatality, are being used to implement their efforts. It is contemplated that all remains so recovered will be interred in established American Military Cemeteries pending the initiation of the Program of Repatriation. I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and the identification of your son's remains. Please be assured that when information is received that this is accomplished and his remains have been properly interred, you will be informed without delay.

The War Department has now been authorized to remove, at Government expense, to the final resting place designated by the next of kin, the remains of those American citizens who died while serving overseas with our armed forces during this war.

When the necessary preliminaries have been completed, a letter with an information pamphlet and a "Request for Disposition" form attached will be sent to the next of kin of those American dead. The "Request for Disposition" form, when properly filled out, will constitute the

54 Van Cortlandt Pl. Ave  
Yonkers 2, N.Y.  
June 16, 1946

Co. F  
87th Cav. Rec. Sq. Mecz.  
A.P.O. 257 Postmaster  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Stine:

Kindly forward me  
the information as to  
where my son is buried  
and when his body can  
be brought to the states.

He is P. F. C. William  
Andrako of the 7th Armored  
division, killed in action  
October 27, 1944 in Holland.

Any further information

893 2nd Ave

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shall be deeply  
appreciated. Thanking  
you in advance, I am  
Very truly yours  
Madeline Andraiko

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MEMORIAL DIVISION





War Department  
Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Madeline Andraiko  
54 Van Cortlandt Pk. Ave.  
Yonkers 2 N.Y.

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QMGYG 314.6 T/O European *M.S. misc* 2nd Ind.  
*(Reports of Intimement)*  
ASF, OCSG, Washington 25, D. C., 13 June 1946

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

Forwarded for your information as requested in third paragraph  
of the first indorsement.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMG  
Assistant

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Ltr dtd 31 Jan 46  
Ltr dtd 2 Feb 46  
W/Ind dtd 24 Apr 46  
W/Ind dtd 10 May 46

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Rushmore, William (Pfc) 32 227 000*

Andrako, William, I. 32 227 000

SUBJECT: Reports of Interment.

AGRRE

1st Ind

REJ/WHP/gd.

HQRS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 26 February 1946.

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

1. This Headquarters has received no Reports of Interment for the following deceased, nor any records of isolated burials.

2. The only records concerning subjects deceased are A.G. Casualty Cards indicating:

Pfc. Edward J. Farmer, A.S.N. 35766470	KIA 13 November 1944
Pfc. William Andrako, A.S.N. 32227000	KIA 27 October 1944
Pvt. Andrew Sutyak, A.S.N. 33308031	PDD 19 December 1945

3. It is desired that all information available your office on evidence of death be forwarded this Headquarters so that investigation might be conducted.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

DON B. MOHLER,  
MAJOR, Q.M.C.,  
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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

SPQYG 293

Andrako, William  
S.N. 32 227 000

31 January 1946

SUBJECT: Report of Burial

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Service  
European Theater Area, Versailles, France,  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York  
FOR: The Chief Quartermaster

1. Request that a Report of Burial, if completed, or other currently available information be furnished concerning the following named decedent for whom no report is on hand in this office:

NAME: Andrako, William                      DATE OF DEATH: 27 Oct 44  
RANK: Private First Class                      PLACE OF DEATH: European area.  
SERIAL NO.: 32 227 000

2. The following information has been received in this office which may aid in the location and recovery of his remains:

Killed in action.

3. If no Report of Burial is on hand, it is requested that this office be furnished the approximate time during which the particular area where his remains are believed to be located will be searched.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:  
FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

*Handwritten initials/signature*

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O. O. M. G.  
& RECORDS BRANCH

AGRS REGISTRATION SECTION  
JAN 1 9 53 AM '46  
MORTUARY DIVISION

JAMES L. PRENN  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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SPQYG 314.6 T/O European *U.S. Misc* 1st W/Ind  
*(Reports of Interment)*  
ASF, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 24 April 1946

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

Request this office be furnished a detailed report, in duplicate, of the evidence establishing the fact of death as received in your office from the Commanding General, in the European Area for each of the decedents listed in the preceding indorsement.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

- 4 Incl
- 1st Ind dtd 26 Feb 46
- Letter dtd 25 Jan 46
- Letter dtd 31 Jan 46
- Letter dtd 2 Feb 46

WM. B. CHRISTENSEN  
1st Lieut., QMC  
Assistant

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SPQYG 293  
Andrako, William  
S.N. 32 227 000

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

31 January 1946

Mrs. Madeline Andrako  
c/o Duchynski Funeral Home  
111 Yonkers Avenue  
Yonkers, New York

Dear Mrs. Andrako:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Private First Class William Andrako, has been received in this office.

At the present time this office cannot assure you that it will be possible to return the remains of your son, as a report of interment has not been received. However, an effort is being made to obtain a report covering the disposition of the remains and upon receipt of such information you will be advised.

The War Department anticipates that, in the near future, authority will be granted to return at Government expense, the remains of those who died overseas to a final resting place as selected by the next of kin. Upon receipt of such authority, the War Department, through this office, will furnish full information to the proper next of kin and solicit their desires. It should be realized that this mission as a whole is world-wide in scope and of necessity time-consuming, but you may rest assured that this office fully appreciates your desires, and will do everything in its power to fulfill them at the earliest possible date.

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

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN  
Major, GIC  
Assistant

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# Duchynski Funeral Home

MAIN OFFICE:  
111 YONKERS AVENUE  
TEL. YONKERS 3-6121



BRANCH OFFICE:  
39 WASHINGTON STREET  
TEL. YONKERS 3-3002

January 15, 1946

Office of the Quartermaster  
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would like to make a request at this time to have my son's remains shipped home at the earliest convenience of the government. He, PFC William Andrako, <sup>293</sup> 32227000, Co. F. 87th Cav. Mech. Sqd. A. P. O. 257 c/o Postmaster, New York died in action October 27th 1944 in Holland.

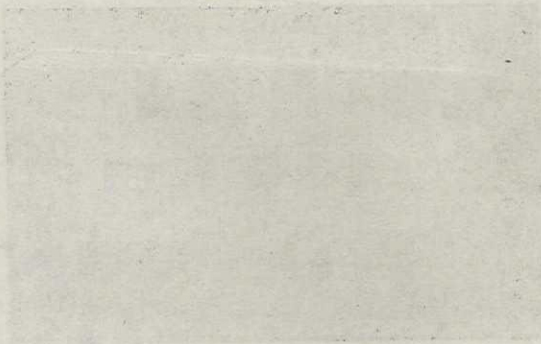
Kindly send all my mail pertaining to this case to the Duchynski Funeral Home, 111 Yonkers Ave. Yonkers, N.Y.

Yours truly

Madeline Andrako  
per A.D.

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JAN 15 1946  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER  
WASHINGTON D. C.

*Richard's Journal Home*



January 16, 1946

Office of the Postmaster  
Washington, D. C.

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## SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

DATE 31 July 1945 jmm/2

## REPORT OF DEATH

FULL NAME <b>Andrako, William</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>32 227 000</b>	GRADE <b>Pfc.</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Yonkers, New York</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Calvary</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>25 Aug 1918</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>27 Oct 1944</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>13 Mar 1942</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Madeline Andrako, mother, 54 Van Cortlandt Park Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.</b>			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Madeline Andrako, mother, address above</b> <b>Miss Anne Andrako, sister, same address as mother's</b>			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
YES	NO	YES	NO
IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO
	X		X

## ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

 BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 27 Oct 44 until such absence was terminated on 28 July 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General, European Area.

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

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*James W. Penhag*  
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

WD AGO FORM 52-1  
1 FEBRUARY 1945THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 1 DECEMBER 1944,  
WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL EXISTING STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

293 Andrats, William Ac. 32,227,000  
Sw,

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

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In Reply Refer To: 289953

RTB:LH:amd  
10 October 1945

Mrs. Madeline Andrako  
54 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue  
Yonkers, New York

Dear Mrs. Andrako:

Reference is made to our letter dated July 28, 1945 reporting shipment of the personal property belonging to your son, Private First Class William Andrako.

If you have received this property, I will appreciate your acknowledging delivery in accordance with the above mentioned letter. Should that communication have been misplaced, you may acknowledge receipt by signing in the space provided below and returning one copy of this communication to the Army Effects Bureau.

In the event the property has not been received, please so advise, and tracer action will be instituted by this Bureau.

Although I prefer to have your acknowledgment, unless we hear from you within a month from this date, I shall assume that satisfactory delivery was made and that no further action on our part is necessary.

For your convenience in replying, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

*R. T. Brown*  
R. T. BROWN  
1st Lt., QMC  
Chief, Adm. Division

1 Incl—Envelope

*(Mrs.) Madeline Andrako*  
(signature)

*Oct. 13, 1945*  
(Date)

289953

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS

Re: [Illegible]

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

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OCT 16 1945

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1 Enclosure

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Madeline Andrako  
54 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue  
Yonkers, New York

SHIP TO:

Pfc William Andrako

Effects of:  
Name 32227000

ASN 289953 M

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 28 July 1945

RTB:AC:mw

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FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check  
         Acct. No.           
         Amount           
         Inclose "Valuables" item  
         Ship "Valuables" item(s)

         Remove G.I.  
         Note discrepancy in           
         Films removed  
         Diary removed  
         Laundry removed

ROUTING:

         Accounting Branch  
1          Warehouse Division  
2          Files Branch, Adm. Div.

*file me*

*RCH*

REMARKS:

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Est. Exp. Chgs.           
Est. Frt. Chgs.          **AUG 4 1945**  
No. of packages         

*RA*  
Shipping Clerk

TALLY IN NO 7

TALLY IN INVENTORY RECORD

NAME ANDRANO, WILLIAM RANK PFC. ASN 32227140

SHOWN ON COMMISSIONERS T.O. AS \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 17-18<sup>th</sup> DEC. CASE 57527 PARCEL CARTON SERIJS M.I.A.

ITEMS	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY

INVENTORIED BY [Signature] WISE SPACE 3938

TYPE CONTAINER [Signature]

RESTRICTED

14 NOV 1944

5 November 1944  
Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

<u>Andrako</u>	<u>William</u>	<u>(NMI)</u>	<u>Pfc.</u>	<u>32 227 000</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 871  
US ArmyThe above named individual of 87th Cav. Rcn. Sq. Mecz., 7th Armd Div.  
(Unit)Company "F" was reported Missing in Action  
(Organization) (Status-Killed, MIA,Hospitalized, etc.) about 27 October 1944  
(Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 ea Dictionary ✓
- 1 ea Brush, shoe ✓
- 2 ea Brush, clothes ✓
- 1 ea Box, soap ✓
- 1 ea Medal, Good conduct ✓
- 1 ea Medal, ETO ✓
- 1 ea Medal, marksman w/bar machine gun ✓
- 1 ea Medal, expert w/bar submachine gun ✓
- 2 ea Packs, Razor Blades ✓
- 1 ea Towel, face ✓
- 1 ea Comb ✓
- 1 ea Brush, tooth ✓
- 2 ea Sewing kits ✓
- 1 Cap, Garrison OD ✓

RESTRICTED

R E S T R I C T E D

Money in the amount of none has been turned into

Form WDFD 38

(Name of finance officer and symbol number)

enclosed.

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be

carried:

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

7 November 1944.

Name Malcolm A. McKellar  
MALCOLM A. MCKELLAR

Rank & ASN 1st Lieut. O-1012159

Organization Hq. 87th Cav. Reg. Sq. Mccz.  
APO #257, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N.Y.

Any additional pertinent information:

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DATE 31 July 1945 jmm/2

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

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OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO
	X		X

## ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*James Runkel*

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

289953

## —BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME			SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE		ARM OR SERVICE		REPORTING THEATRE	
ANDRAKO WILLIAM			32227000			PFC		CAV		ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY			DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER	
HOLLAND9			27 OCT 44					MIA		237	

## 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 MADELINE ANDRAKO			MOTHER			10 NOV 44		
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE								
54 VAN CORTLANDT PARK AVENUE YONKERS NEW YORK bbl								

REMARKS:

 CORRECTED COPY


ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FORM 43 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AG 201 REC <input type="checkbox"/>									
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> OR CHARGED TO <input type="checkbox"/> DATE <input type="checkbox"/>									
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> (AS INDICATED BELOW):									
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## 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													
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(S-10-5-45) ✓  
RTB:AC:mw  
July 28, 1945

Mrs. Madeline Andrako  
54 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue  
Yonkers, New York

Dear Mrs. Andrako:

son, Private First Class William Andrako: ✓

1 carton and contents. ✓

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son. ✓

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
1st Lt., OMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Unit



ANDRAKO, WILLIAM PFC 32227000 MIA  
 1 ~~Box~~ Rec 13 Nov 44  
 Shipped to eff qm, apo 513, 27 Nov 44

289,953

Form 4

NAME : ANDRAKO, William.  
 RANK : Pfc.  
 UNIT :  
 STATUS : MIA  
 REMARKS : Not Inv. 17-18.12.44  
 Ctn

ASN 32227000

CASE NO.  
 57527

289,953

Shipping List No: MIA 290  
 Date Shipped : 10 Apr 45  
 Destination : KC.

Whse Space  
 R. 393 C.

NAME ANDRAKO, WILLIAM PFC 70000

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	24	47	9447
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
CTN			

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i># 1 thru</i>	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED	
	289,953		MISSING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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			ABANDONED	
			TALLY NO.	9447 ✓
			INV. DATE	13-july-45 ✓
			ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	1 ✓
			BOX NO.	47 ✓
			SHEET	1 ✓
			CF SHEETS	1 ✓
			ORGANIZATION	87th Cav. Reg. Sg. MEEZ. 7th ARmd Div. Co F.
NAME <u>WILLIAM ANDERSON</u>				
A.S. No. <u>32 227 000</u>			RANK <u>Pfc</u>	

Belt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>TOWELS &amp; WASHCLOTHES</u>		<u>WINGS</u>
<u>BELT MONEY (NO MONEY)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>CLOTHING cap</u>		<u>BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL</u>
Cloth, wash		<u>BRACELET IDENT.</u>		<u>BILLFOLD. (NO MONEY)</u>
Coats		Brushes		Case
Footwear, Pr.		<u>CAMERAS</u>		Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.		Glasses	2	<u>KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING</u>
Handkerchiefs		Knives	X	<u>BOOKS</u>
Headwear		Lighters		Books, Address
Jackets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>MISC.</u>		Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats		Pen, Fountain		<u>DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)</u>
Scarfs		Pencil, Mechanical		<u>FILMS</u>
Shirts		Pipes		Letters
Socks, Pr.		<u>RELIGIOUS ARTICLES</u>		Papers, Personal
Ties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>RIBBONS, DECORATION</u>		Photos
Towels		Rings		Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.		Tobacco		<u>SHORT SHORTER</u>
Trunks, Pr.		Toilet articles		<u>SOUVENIRS</u>
Underwear		<u>WATCH</u>		<u>SOUVENIR MONEY</u>
				stationery
				<u>TESTAMENTS</u>
				<u>U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)</u>

REMARKS *no information* ATTACHMENTS *inventory* FORM #54 FORM #100

*rechecked*

C.A.T. <i>none</i>	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>1642 X</i>	STORED BY <i>HB</i>	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
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PACKED BY <i>Robinson</i>	CHECKED BY <i>[Signature]</i>	DIARY REMOVED
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		FILM REMOVED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

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NUMBER

DATE

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I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED