

Andrako, William ^{OC} 32 227 000

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

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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

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Andrako, William
SN 32 227 000

23 April 1951

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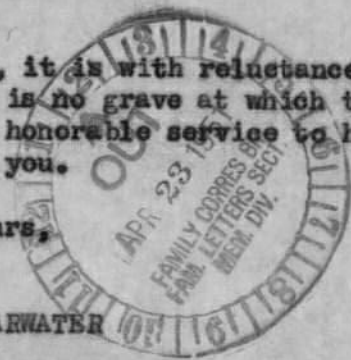
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Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, OMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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Cmo
CMC

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

RRE 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.

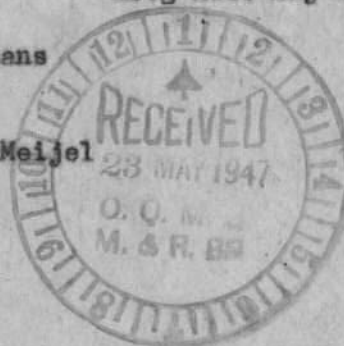
3. Inclosed herewith copy of negative report of investigation pertaining to the above deceased.

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



MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL
DATE: 23 MAY 1947
BY: W. B. MORROW
SUBJECT: RRE 293.9 (IB)

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

DATE

M. Cox 27 APR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

KINKEAD 27 APR 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME ANDRAKO, William	GRADE Pfc	SERIAL NO. 32 227 000
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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. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REPORT d. DETERMINATION DUX	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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IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST
Vincent A. Thomas, cwt

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

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

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.
Rcn. 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.

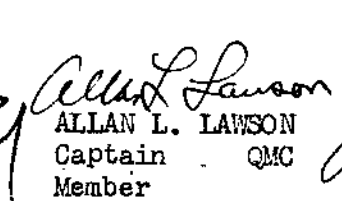
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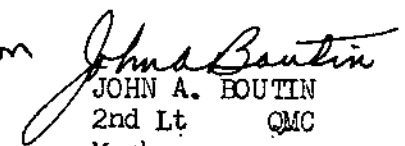
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d. Reference is also made to: Narrative Reports of Field Investigations, dated 27 July 1947 and 21 August 1950; Correspondence with the British, 30 August 1950-6 December 1950; Attached.

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


GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.
Major QMC
Member


ALLAN L. LAWSON
Captain QMC
Member


JOHN A. BOUTIN
2nd Lt QMC
Member

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.	

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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.	Iaar " " "	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

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

21 August 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. 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.

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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

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 Andrake, 32 227 000.</p>		
1 Incl Cy Narrative of Investigation, dtd 23 Jul 47		/s/t/ DONALD H. FRITZ, DAC Chief, Casualty Clearance Branch

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.

Reference : - NWED/41362/R

Head Office
Imperial War Graves Commission
3, rue de Toulouse,
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

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
			^C 12) J.95475	P/O	YUNSKO	- do -
			¹ 13) R.196196	F/Sgt	BOTTERILL	- do -
IV	E.	11	J. 88163	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.

DISPOSITION FORM -----		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any) UNCLASSIFIED
FILE NO.	SUBJECT: Nederweert British Military Cemetery, Holland	
TO: Chief, Cas Cl Br	FROM: H.P. Masse, Flt/Lt	DATE 6/12 50
COMMENT NO. 1		
<p>1. I attach hereto replies received from I.W.G.C. dated 28 Sep 50 and the Air Ministry, dtd 13 November 1950.</p> <p>2. From this it will be seen that all the casualties have been positively identified or, identified as Unknown R.A.F.</p> <p>3. Exhumations, therefore, cannot be undertaken regarding these burials.</p>		
<p>/s/t/ H.P. MASSE, Flt. Lt. RAF. L.O., AGRC, EA</p>		

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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/CEN/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

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 139)

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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.,

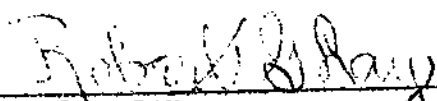
BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT S. LAY

Identification Section
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade
ANDRAKO	WILLIAM		32227000	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 atchd or asgd (Give complete designation)				
Co "F" 87 th Cav. Rcn Sq 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
Hq. 1222 Recept Center Cp. Upton N.Y.	17 Mar. 42
7 th ARMD Div Cp. Polk, La	20 Mar 42 — 27 Oct 44

Fractures and/or Breaks	Tattoos and/or Birth marks

DENTAL CHART 13 Mar. 42

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Upper Right	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Upper Left
15 14 13 12 11 10 9 Lower Right	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 Lower Left

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:

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POOLE ROGERS
Captain, GIC
Memorial Division

HOLLAND
5874

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:

Incls
Cy Ltr Hq First Zone
551st QM Group, AGRC

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

WAR V RECORDS SEARCH
G O M S

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Cmndr
William
(32227000)*

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

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In Reply Refer To
QMCG 293
Andrako, William
SN 32 227 000

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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

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

NEGATIVE REPORT

Martin G. Riley
11-15-47

1 Incl - Par 2

MARTIN G. RILEY

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

21 October 1946

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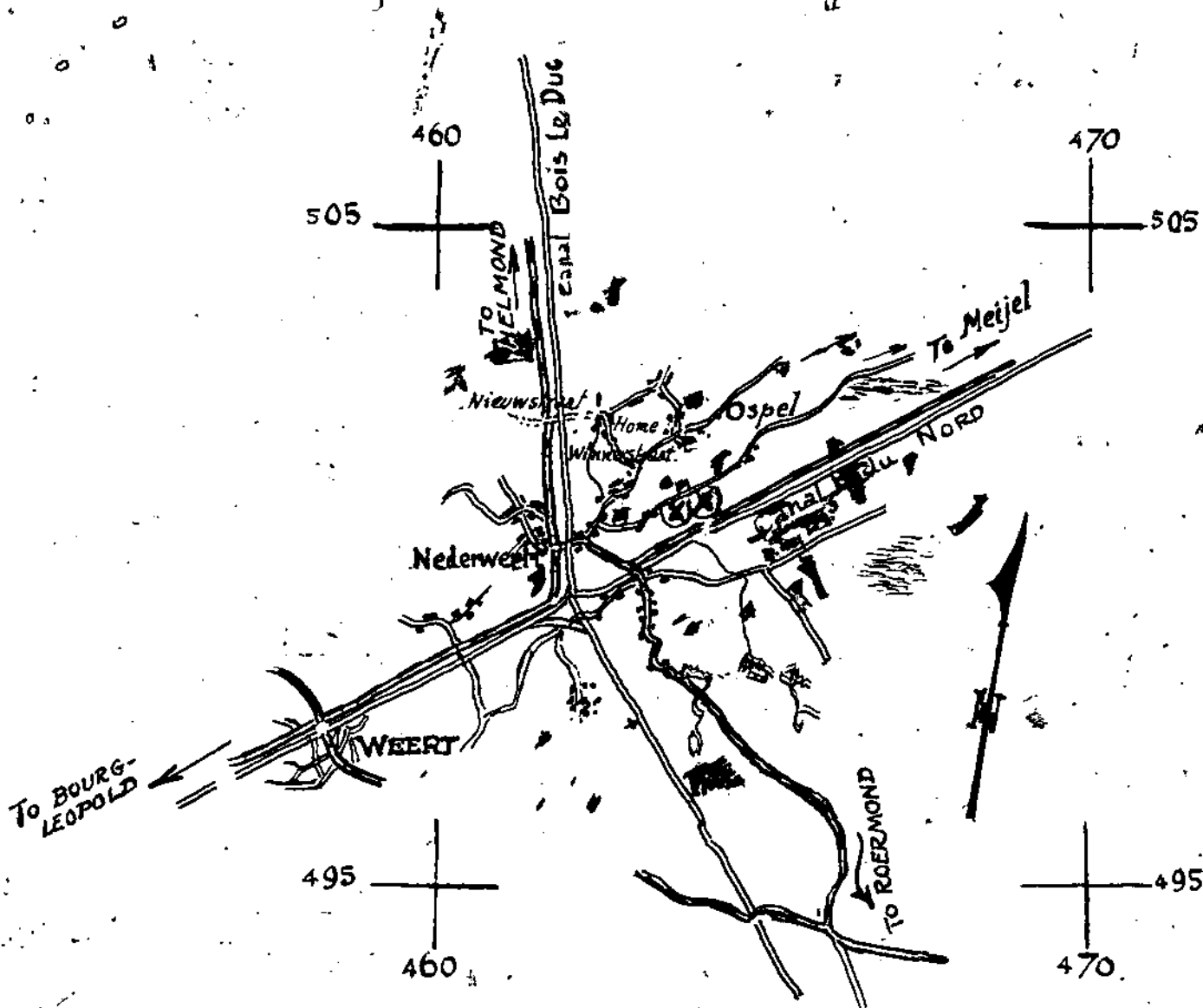
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Andrako, William			Pfc	32 227 000	
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Co. "B" 87th Cav. Hon Sq. Mea 7Arm. Div.		White	Greek Catholic		
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27 Oct 44	Killed in action		Holland		
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Holland 5874



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HQ'S FIRST ZONE
 AGRC
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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, Eind 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 uniform, 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

GRU 293.9-0

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE, 551ST QM GROUP, AGRC, APO 58 (Liege)
US ARMY

TO: 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:

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
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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- 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	

27 July 1947

NARRATIVE

This case pertains to Pfc. William ANDRAKO, 32227000, originally reported as missing in action in the vicinity of KREIJEL, HOLLAND. A subsequent basic communication dated 3 June 1947, lists the following localities as places where death might have occurred: Nederweert, Weert, Bosch, Maarheze, Budel, Someren, Kreijel, Nieuw en Wimmerstraat, 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 Wimmerstraat
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 Wimmerstraat - 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- BILLIE,

J. unit 7Δ 60Δ 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.	Kesht " " "	Negative
e.	Zwarthroek " " "	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. BUDDEL:-

Investigations in Budel as follows:

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

4. MAARHESSE:-

Investigations in Maarhesse 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	

6. ASTEN:-

Results of investigations in Asten as follows:

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

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

P. Chatelain
P. CHATELAIN
US WD Civilian
Investigator

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	RHOCE	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 identified German airtors.
2. At Saers, Harik, 1 German Grave
3. At Berben, 1 German Grave
4. At Knapar, 1 German Grave
5. At Meulen, 1 German Grave
6. At Suijers, 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. Weckers, 3 German Graves
12. At Greymans, Unknown Mass Grave
13. At Post 60- Zuid-Willemsvaart (B. de Goey), 1 German

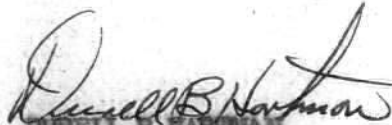
14. At Tullemans (H. Driessen), 2 German Graves
15. At Bruckers (Kraan), 1 German
16. At Widow Verdonschot Schoor, 1 German

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.

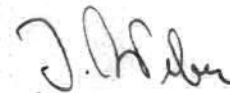
5. And further that nothing is known, neither at the town-hall, nor at the Secretary of the War Graves Commission, concerning Pfc. William ANIRAKO, 32227000.

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

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DARRELL 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

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

GRU 293.9

S: 15 April 1947
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 MEIJEL, 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 Andrako.

3. It is further requested that report of investigation be expedited 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:

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

Certified True Translation:

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)

MELJEL, 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.

SEAL

The Burgomaster before mentioned:
s/ (Illegible)

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 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.

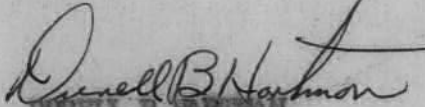
Nederweert, 23 July 1947

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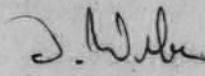
I, the undersigned, certify that Pfc. William ANDREAS,
32227000, is not buried in the Cemetery of the Church of St.
Lambertus, Nederweert.

/s/ G. Krijns
Pastor

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DUELL B. HARRISON
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

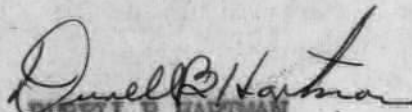
Aspel-Nederweert, 23 July 1947

STATEMENT

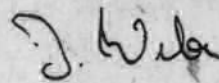
I, the undersigned declare, that there are no Military graves in the Cemetery of the Church of Aspel-Nederweert, except those of two identified Dutch soldiers.

/s/ Fr. op 't Root
Sexton

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DANIEL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


L. Weber
Translator

Leveroy-Nederweert, 23 July 1947

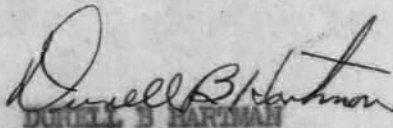
STATEMENT

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

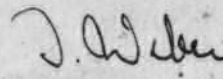
There is a group of 39 German military graves, of which it can be said with certainty, that their nationality is German.

/s/ H. Schippers
Pastor

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DANIEL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


J. Weber
Translator

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. Hermans (M.J.)
Sexton

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Durcell B. Hartman
DURCELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

J. Weber
L. Weber
Translator

Holland 5874

Nederweert, 9 July 1947

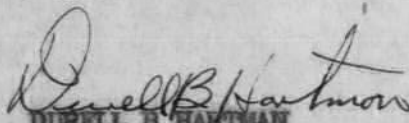
STATEMENT

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.

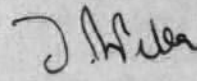
Prior to his last place of burial this German was buried on side of the now existing grave, in a depression of 12 inches. Later he has been disinterred and reinterred in a place about 1 meter from the old grave. I was present at the disinterment and observed the German uniform and boots.

/s/ J. Soers
D 60
Horik
Nederweert

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DURELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

Holland 5874

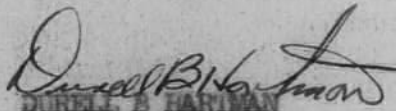
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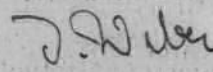
I, the undersigned, declare that at approximately 20 meters from my house, D 18, Winnerstraat, is located the grave of a German military. I knew this soldier personally and I can declare that he was a German doctor. His name is unknown to me. He was killed in the beginning of November 1944 and buried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

/s/ J. Knapen
D 18
Winnerstraat
Nederweert

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DUANE B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

Nederweert, 9 July 1947

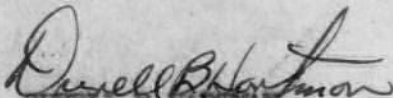
STATEMENT

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.

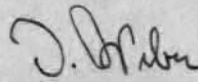
Military Authorities disinterred this grave previously and nationality was definitely established as German.

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

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DUELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


J. Weber
Translator

Holland 5874

Nederweert, 10 July 1947

STATEMENT

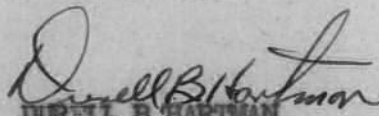
I, the undersigned, certify that at approximately 150 meters from my house, # 27 Budschop, the grave of a German soldier is located. He was buried on 22 September 1944.

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

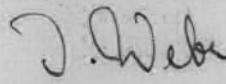
According to the inscription on the cross, which was previously on the grave, he was a Pole in German service.

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

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1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


L. Weber
Translator

Nederweert, 10 July 1947

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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Durcell B Hartman
DURCELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

J. Weber
J. Weber
Translator

Nederweert, 10 July 1947

STATEMENT

Undersigned, certifies the following:

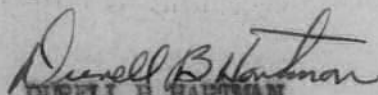
After returning from evacuation on 14 November 1944, I discovered the grave of an unknown military, at about 100 meters from my house, along the mainroad.

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

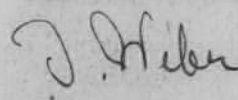
The grave has never been investigated for establishing the exact nationality.

/s/ N. Willekens
Hoeve G 14
Nederweert

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DURELL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


J. Weber
Translator

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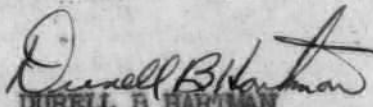
STATEMENT

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.

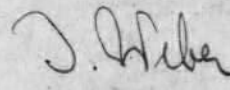
He was buried on 15 November 1944 and it can be said with certainty that he is a German, as my son was present at the burial.

/s/ H. WANDERS
G 20 Hoeve
Nederweert

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DURESS B. HARMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

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 Hilsen.

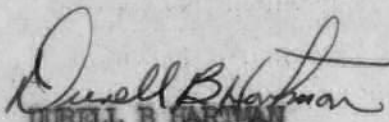
At present the grave is not marked with a cross and the grave is almost invisible.

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.

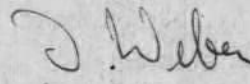
I was evacuated at that time and I only know that he was killed in November 1944.

/s/ J. Everaerts
Hoeve G 13
Hilsen
Nederweert

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DUELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


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Translator

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Kind, Community of Nederwoert,

15 July 1947

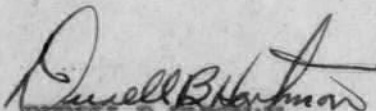
STATEMENT

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/ P. BIELEN
Kind G 118
Nederwoert

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PURCELL B. HANKMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


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Eind, Community of Nederweert

15 July 1947

STATEMENT

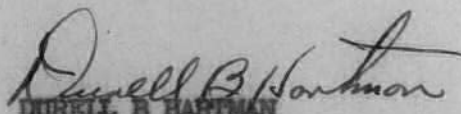
I, the undersigned, certify that, close to my house there are graves of three German soldiers, who were buried there during the evacuation of my family.

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

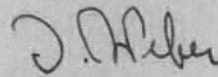
These graves were discovered after returning from evacuation.

/s/ L. WEEKERS
Eind, G 108
Nederweert

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DURELL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

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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. GRIJMANS
Eind G 94
Nederweert

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DUELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

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Nederweert, 23 July 1947

STATEMENT

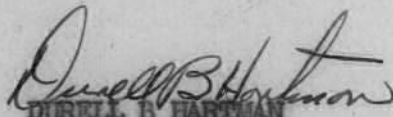
I, the undersigned, certify that there is a grave of a German soldier along the canal the Zuid-Willemsvaart.

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

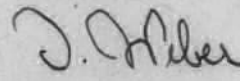
I was present at the burial at this same time.

/s/ P. de GOEY
Nederweert
Paal 60

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1st Lt. Infantry

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Nederweert, 23 July 1947

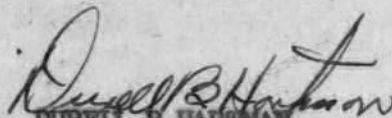
STATEMENT

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.

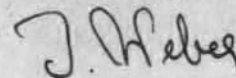
These soldiers were buried by American Military in the beginning of November 1944, and they told me that these graves contained Germans.

/s/ H. DRIESSEN
Roeven H/1
Nederweert

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DURRELL B. HARTMAN
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
DURRELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

J. Weber
J. Weber
Translator

Schoor, Nederweert, 23 July 47

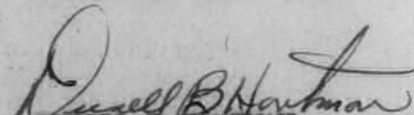
STATEMENT

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.

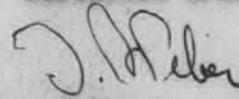
This soldier was buried in November 1944 and my son, Jan Verdonschot, was present at the burial and he says with certainty that the grave is that of a German soldier.

/s/ Wed. Verdonschot
Schoor, h 17

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1st Lt. Infantry

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Zwartbroek - Weert,

24 July 1947

STATEMENT

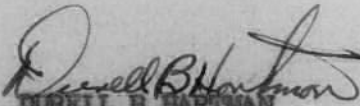
I, the undersigned, certify that there are 53 military graves, of which 52 are English and 1 German, in the cemetery of the Church of St. Cornelius, Zwartbroek - Weert.

Further that there are no Americans buried in this cemetery.

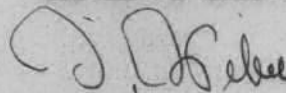
Further I don't know anything concerning William Andrake, 32227000.

/s/ A. Franssen
Pastor

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DUELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

Nederweert, 13 June 1947

STATEMENT

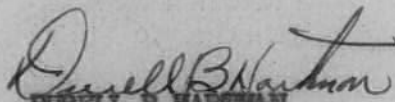
Undersigned certifies, that in the beginning of November 1944, during battle activities in this vicinity, an American tank has been destroyed by German artillery on my yard, about 10 meters from my house.

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.

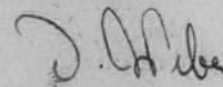
The number of this tank is USA 3036897 S, the name is Billet, and the unit numbers are: 7A 60AB3.

/s/ L. NIES
Nederweert
Meyelsche Dijk E 155

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DUELL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


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Translator

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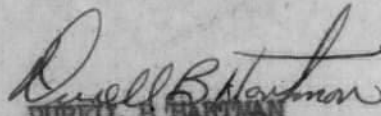
Vrakker-Weert, 24 July 1947

STATEMENT

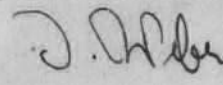
I, the undersigned, certify that there are no military buried in the cemetery of the Church of St. Oda (Parish of Vrakker, Boshoven, Hushoven).

/s/ Th. FOL
Pastor

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DUELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


L. Weber
Translator

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Altweerttheide - Weert,

24 July 1947

STATEMENT

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

Certified True Translation:

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Laar-Weert, 24 July 1947

STATEMENT

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

/s/ J. DENKERS
Pastor

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Duane B. Hartman
DURUELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

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Tungelroy - Weert

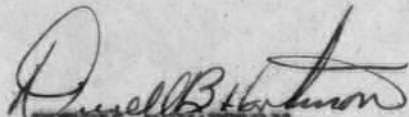
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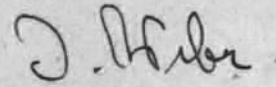
I, the undersigned, declares that I don't know anything concerning William Andrako, 32227000, nor is he buried in the cemetery of the Church of St. Barbara, Tungelroy - Weert.

/s/ J.P.G. FOMT
Pastor

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DURRELL B. HARIMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

COMMUNITY OF BUDÉL

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.

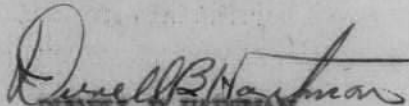
He certifies that only four English and approximately 6 Germans are buried within this Community. These are burials of which nationality has been established.

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

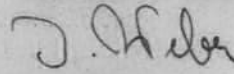
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The Secretary above mentioned,
/s/ F. KERS

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1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


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Budel, 8 July 1947

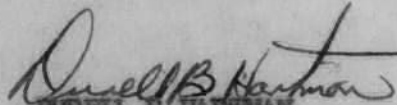
STATEMENT

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.

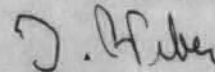
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/s/ A. Panis
Pastor

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1st Lt. Infantry

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L. Weber
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STATEMENT

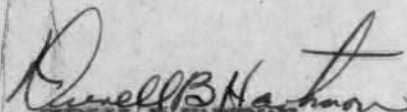
To whom it may concern:

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

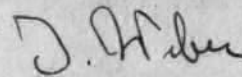
Dorplein N.Br 15 July 1947

/s/ H. van Laarhoven
Rector

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1st Lt. Infantry

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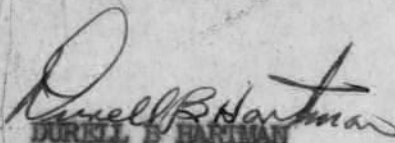
Budelschoot, 22 July 1947

STATEMENT

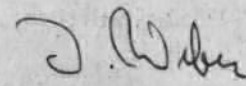
The undersigned declares, that Pfc. William Andreko is not buried in the cemetery of the Church of Maria Visitatie, and I further declare that there are no military buried in this cemetery.

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

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DURELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

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Soerendonk, 15 July 1947

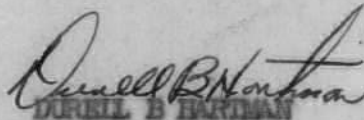
STATEMENT

To whom it may concern:

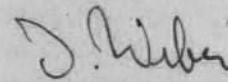
Undersigned declares that William Andrake
is not known here and there are no Allied soldiers
buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery of this town.

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

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DARRELL B. BARMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


L. Weber
Translator

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 Andrake, 92227000.
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.

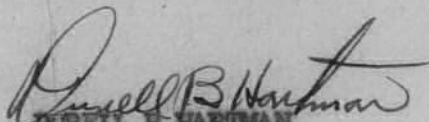
The Secretary of the community of Maarheze,

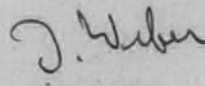
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DURELL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry


L. Weber
Translator

Maarheze, 15 July 1947

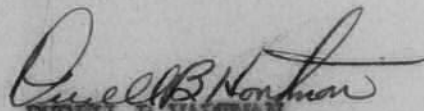
STATEMENT

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

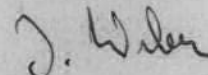
No Allied military are buried in this cemetery.

/s/ E. Grijs
Pastor
Maarheze

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DURRELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

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 Hieron:

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.

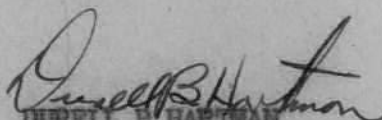
The Secretary of the Community
of Someren,

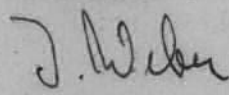
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DUELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry


I. Weber
Translator

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

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

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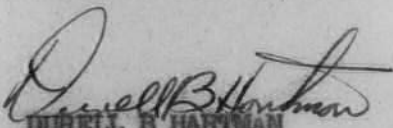
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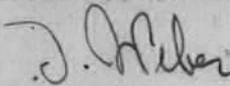
Undersigned declares that there are no military graves in the cemetery of the St. Lambertus Church and there have never been any.

/s/ A. Smits

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1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


J. Weber
Translator

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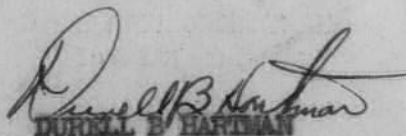
Samerenheide, 22 July 1947

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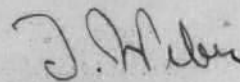
Undersigned declares that there never have been any American soldiers or other military buried in the cemetery of the St. Jozef Church.

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

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DUROLL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

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Sameren Licrop, 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 21 September 1946, the only American who was ever
buried here, was removed to G.I.P. - AGEC Hargroten by American
Authorities.

/s/ A. Rubbens
Pastor

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Duwell B Hartman
DUWELL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

J. Weber
J. Weber
Translator

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 Omsel and Heusden:

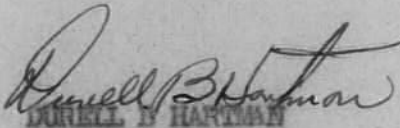
1. That as far as he knows, nothing is known concerning Pfc. William Andrack, No. 32227000;
2. That there are no graves of American nationality in above mentioned church villages;
3. That there are about 50 German military buried at places which can only be indicated with difficulty;
4. That, as far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

The Secretary of the Community
of Asten,

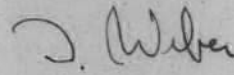
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DUANE B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

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Asten, 22 July 1947

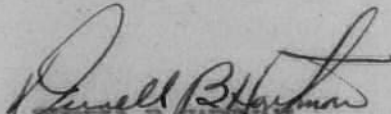
STATEMENT

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

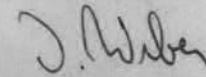
Further I declare that there are no military buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Holy Mother Presentatie at Omsel or in the cemetery of the Church of St. Antonius at Heusden.

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

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DUANE B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


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Translator

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Asten, 22 July 1947

STATEMENT

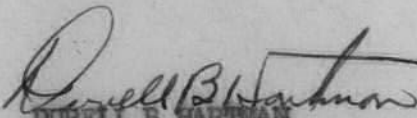
The undersigned, Chief of the Underground and Special Assistant of the American 7th Armored division, declares that he does not know anything concerning Pfc. William Andrako, 32227000, in the area of Asten.

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.

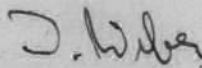
Further I can declare, that there are no more American tanks in this area.

/s/ Piet Hoefnagels
21a Wilhelminastraat

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DUELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

Holland 5874

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 CH Service Co. (AC)

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:

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

Certified True Translation:

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

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Holland 5874

Weert, 12 June 1947

STATEMENT

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
Goenraad Abelstraat 2
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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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:

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

Certified True Translation:

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

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Basic file 1-31-47
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(Basic: Msgf. OCMG, 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.

RRE 293.9 (IB)

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.: OCMG

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, OCMG, 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 Bidschop, and Kreijel Nieuw en Winnerstrat, all in the vicinity of Nederweert.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

J. B. COLSON
Colonel, QMGM
Memorial Division

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31 JAN 1947

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QMEMR 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, QMG
Assistant

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QMGYG 295 Andrako, William SN 52 227 000 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. FRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

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Andrako, William
SN 82 227 000

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

29 July 1948

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, 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.

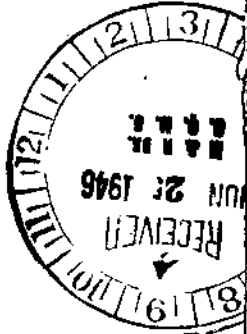
He is P. F. C. William
Andrako of the 7th Armored
division, killed in action
October 27, 1944 in Holland.

Any further information

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Mrs. Madeline Andrako
54 Van Cortlandt Pl. Ave.
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QMGYC 314.6 T/O European *M.S. misc* 2nd Ind.
(Reports of Enternent)
ASF, OCSO, 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 QUARTEMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

- 4 Incls.
- Ltr dtd 31 Jan 46
- Ltr dtd 2 feb 46
- V/Ind dtd 24 Apr 46
- W/Ind dtd 10 May 46

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Quartermaster, William (Office) 32 227 0000

Andrako, William, N. 32 227-000

SUBJECT: Reports of Interment.

ACRRE

1st Ind

REJ/WHF/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:~~

GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
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JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

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SPQYG 314.6 T/O European *U.S. Misc* 1st W/Ind
(Reports of Internment)
ASE, OCMG, 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

MEMORIAL DIVISION

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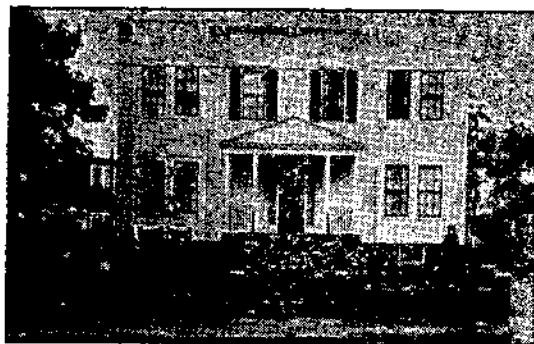
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MAIN OFFICE:
111 YONKERS AVENUE
TEL. YONKERS 3-6121



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 Andrako²⁹³, 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
her A.D.

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 31 July 1945 jmm/2

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

COPIES FURNISHED:

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

FILE
2-1945

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

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)

RM 4-5-48

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Madeline Andrako

SHIP TO:

54 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue

Pfc William Andrako

Yonkers, New York

Effects of:

Name

32227000

ASN

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Case No.

Wt.

DATE 28 July 1945

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FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check
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 Amount
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 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

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 Films removed
 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

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✓ Warehouse Division
2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

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NAME A. W. P. ... RANK P. S. C. ASSN. ...

SHOWN ON COMMISSIONERS T.O. NO. ...

ORGANIZATION ...

DATE 17-18th DEC. CASE 57587 PARCEL ... BY S. S. ...

ITEMS	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS

INVENTORIED BY S. S. ...

NAME ANDRAGO, WILLIAM PRC 70008

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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)

TD: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 871
US Army

The above named individual of 87th Cav. Rcn. Sq. Meez., 7th Armd Div.
(Unit)

Company "P" 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, markeman 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 ea Garrison OR ✓

RESTRICTED

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 for-
warded to the Effects Depot by Truck on
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

7 November 1944.


Name MALCOLM A. MCKELLAR

Rank & ASN 1st Lieut. O-1012150

Organization Hq. 87th Cav. Ren. Sq. Meo₂
APO #257, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Any additional pertinent information:

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

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REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 31 July 1945 jmm/

FULL NAME Andrako, William		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 32 227-090	GRADE Pfc.			
HOME ADDRESS Yonkers, New York		ARM OR SERVICE Calvary	DATE OF BIRTH 25 Aug 1918			
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 27 Oct 1944			
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 13 Mar 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS			
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Madeline Andrako, mother, 54 Van Cortlandt Park Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.						
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Madeline Andrako, mother, address above Miss Anne Andrako, sister, same address as mother's						
INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS	OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	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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—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	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
	27	OCT	44	MIA	237

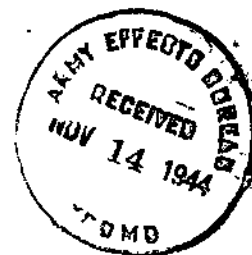
NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM 48 AG 201 REC

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO DATE

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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

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

REPORT NOT VERIFIED NO FORM 48 NO CAS. BR. FILE CHECKED BY *DAWSON* REVIEWED BY *DAWSON*

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ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	ORIG. POS.	RESIDENCE		CITY	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	STATE	COUNTY								
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY														
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

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(S-10-5-45)
RTB:AG:mw
July 28, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Andrako:

son, Private First Class William Andrako:

1 carton and contents.

son.

Yours very truly,

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

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

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Form 4

NAME	: ANDRAKO, William.	ASN	32227000
RANK	: Pfc.		
UNIT	:		
STATUS	: MIA	CASE NO.	57527
REMARKS	: Not Inv. 17-18.12.44		289,953
	Ctn		

Shipping List No: MIA 290
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Destination : KC.

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DECEASED	
MISSING	X
P.O.W.	
ABANDONED	
TALLY NO.	9447
INV. DATE	13-july-45
ORIG. NO.	1
OF PKGS.	
BOX NO.	47
SHEET	110
CF. SHEETS	
ORGANIZATION	87th CAJ. Rcn. Sg. MECZ. 7th ARMD Div, CO F.

NAME WILLIAM ANDERSON
A.S. # 32 227 000 RANK Pfc

Belt	X	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS		RINGS
BELT MONEY (NO MONEY)	X	CLOTHING cap		BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, wash		BRACELET IDENT.		BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)
Coats		Brushes		Case
Footwear, Pr.		CAMERAS		Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.		Glasses	2	KIT, SBN, TLT, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs		Knives	X	BOOKS
Headwear		Lighters		Books, Address
Jackets	X	MISC.		Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats		Pen, fountain		DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
Scarfs		Pencil, Mechanical		FILMS
Shirts		Pipes		Letters
Socks, Pr.		RELIGIOUS ARTICLES		Papers, Personal
Ties	X	RIBBONS, DECORATION		Photos
Towels		Rings		Shoe shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.		Tobacco		SHORT SHORTER
Trunks, Pr.		Toilet articles		SOUVENIRS
Underwear		WATCH		SOUVENIR MONEY
				Stationery
				TESTAMENTS
				U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS *no information requested*

ATTACHMENTS *Inventory*

WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	SHORTAGE OR REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
DATE SHIPPED	LOCKED STORAGE
AUG 4 1945	LAUNDRY REMOVED
	FILM REMOVED

C.A.T. *none*

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PACKED BY *[Signature]*

CHECKED BY *[Signature]*

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