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17 September 1953

SUBJECT: Deferred Search Roster, Poland

THRU: Commander-in-Chief
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer
7770 USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Recent review of files for decedents listed on the Deferred Search Roster, Poland resulted in the deletion of fifty-five (55) names. Inclosed is a listing of the deleted names.

2. All of subject cases are reinstated as nonrecoverables with the exception of Miller, Richard G., Z-412941 (civilian), which is considered closed by administrative decision. Public Law 383 has expired and there are no funds available to the Department of the Army to effect disposition of these remains.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
Listing

/s/ J. C. MacFARLAND
/t/ J. C. MacFARLAND
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

Copy sent 293, GHO, Edward W. 36831090

DELETION DEFERRED SEARCH CASES - POLAND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>
AHO, Edward W.	Sgt	36 831 090
ANDERSON, Frank	T/Sgt	19 101 445
ARBOGAST, Linn S.	Sgt	37 537 640
BAILEY, Walter A.	T/Sgt	13 094 692
BANIS, Paul P. C.	T/Sgt	11 057 199
BATES, Cecil R.	1/Lt	0 796 282
BEIMBRINK, William J.	2/Lt	0 715 691
BREWER, Robert R.	S/Sgt	14 163 552
BROWN, Frederick H.	S/Sgt	12 209 075
BURKLUND, Joel	Sgt	16 118 932
CAPUTO, Carl G.	S/Sgt	13 092 084
CURRAN, Joseph J.	T/Sgt	12 009 163
DAVIS, Otto S.	S/Sgt	18 118 499
EHRET, Clinton L.	2/Lt	0 742 186
ERICKSON, Bernard G.	Pvt	37 021 176
FARMER, Pat	Pvt	18 031 779
FOREMAN, Harry W., Jr	Sgt	33 562 898
FRY, William D.	Cpl	33 916 793
GILMORE, John H., Jr	2/Lt	0 682 109
GRAPEY, Sidney S.	1/Lt	0 719 850
HEIMBUEGER, John A.	S/Sgt	32 731 239
HILGER, James W.	2/Lt	02 060 988
KERLEY, Herman L.	Pvt	15 055 640
KESSEY, Clarence S.	S/Sgt	39 275 833
KIBBEE, Forrest H.	S/Sgt	6 143 557
KING, Theodore C.	1/Lt	0 820 033
LANGLEY, Theodore C.	T/Sgt	32 625 944
LUNETTA, Salvatore J.	Pfc	12 043 320
MASSIE, John, Jr.	Sgt	35 649 870
MAZUR, Michael F.	Sgt	32 120 824
McLEAN, Aloysious J.	Pvt	36 042 935
MERCER, Melvin A.	2/Lt	0 750 813
MILCZEWSKI, Edmund J.	T/Sgt	35 288 051
MILLER, Howard G.	S/Sgt	37 539 423
MILLER, Richard G.	M/Seaman	2 412 941

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>
MOORE, Lamoine C.	S/Sgt	15 714 587
MULLINS, James S.	1/Lt	0 805 517
MUNOZ, Ralph	2/Lt	0 757 018
MURRAY, Wallace C.	1/Lt	0 821 535
NAVINS, William G.	1/Lt	0 557 995
OFFER, Carl G.	Pfc	35 550 126
PETERSON, Donald P.	2/Lt	0 686 134
POPE, Donald E.	S/Sgt	13 127 857
SASACKA, Itsumu	S/Sgt	30 101 548
SCHAMS, Bernard W.	1/Lt	0 824 910
SHAFER, Lukey C.	S/Sgt	18 219 607
SHIPE, Cletis P.	S/Sgt	6 944 175
SPANO, Frank	S/Sgt	16 025 333
SUMMEY, Bennie	Sgt	34 013 087
TRAUTMAN, Dale E.	T/Sgt	19 148 230
VICKERY, Joe P.	1/Lt	0 706 472
WALKER, Robert K.	2/Lt	0 754 396
WILLIAMS, Glenn A.	S/Sgt	20 813 905
WOOD, James N.	S/Sgt	35 320 174
ZIRN, Richard H.	T/5	35 289 235

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

AS
AHO, EDWARD W.

RANK

SGT

SERIAL NUMBER

36831090

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

1 MAR. 46

AREA OF DEATH

POLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

KATZ

DATE

17 SEP 53

NAME OF REVIEWER

M. DANT

DATE

18 SEP 53

REMARKS

File
M. Dant
21 Sep 53

TO: Chief, Investigation Section

SUBJECT: Deletion from Poland Deferred Search Roster

AHO, Edward W.

Sergeant

SN 36 831 090

1. Nonrecoverable Findings for Sergeant Edward W. Aho, 36 831 090, were approved on 20 October 1949. The next of kin was notified of the findings on 22 November 1949.

2. Battle Casualty Report (Tab A) indicates that Sergeant Aho became missing in action on 9 October 1944 in France and the Finding of Death of Missing Person (Tab B) reveals that Sergeant Aho was last known to be a prisoner of war of the German government at Stalag III-C until 31 January 1945. A message from the International Red Cross (Tab C) also discloses that subject decedent was a prisoner of war of the German government. Just before the capture of Stalag III-C by the Russians on 31 January 1945, the Germans forcefully evacuated all prisoners of war from Stalag III-C. Statements obtained from several survivors reveal that during the evacuation, the prisoners had marched only a short distance when they were caught between German and Russian cross fire, resulting in wounds and death to many of the prisoners. (See Tab D for results of investigation at Alt-Drewitz.)

3. A check of Poland files failed to reveal any information which might aid in the recovery or identification of Sergeant Aho.

4. All available 1944's from pertinent areas were screened for possible association with Sergeant Aho with negative results.

5. Inasmuch as there are no records of graves for nine of these ten prisoners of war listed on Board Findings (Tab E), summaries recommending deletion of eight of these nine prisoners of war from the Deferred Search Agenda were submitted and approved under separate cover. Sergeant Aho is the ninth prisoner of war on subject list, and Tec 5 Paul J. Wisniewski, 32-605 898, the tenth prisoner of war on the list, was approved for retention on the Deferred Search Roster, 13 July 1953.

RECOMMEND deletion from Deferred Search Agenda.

APPROVED 21 Aug 53

T. A. Fields
for T. A. Fields

CONCURRENCES:

J. C. MacFARLAND Investigator

Lt. Col. QMC

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Memorial Division, OCMG

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Section Supervisor

John G. Jacks, Jr.

JOHN G. JACKS, JR.
Major, QMC
Chief, Investigation Section

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Jensen
24 Aug 53*

DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

UNKNOWN X-	NAME AHO, Edward W., SGT., 36 831 090 Co. D., 134th Inf. Regt., 35th Div.		
R-8	R-8		
R-7	R-7		
R-6	R-6		
R-5	R-5	FULL	FULL
R-4	R-4	FULL	FULL
R-3	R-3	UPPER	UPPER
R-2	R-2	UPPER	UPPER
R-1	R-1	UPPER	UPPER
L-1	L-1	DENTURE	DENTURE
L-2	L-2	DENTURE	DENTURE
L-3	L-3	DENTURE	DENTURE
L-4	L-4	DENTURE	DENTURE
L-5	L-5		
L-6	L-6		
L-7	L-7		
L-8	L-8		
R-16	R-16	oA	
R-15	R-15	moA	
R-14	R-14	X	X
R-13	R-13	moA	Carious
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R-10	R-10		
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L-12	L-12		
L-13	L-13	X	X
L-14	L-14	oA, oA	
L-15	L-15	moA	Carious
L-16	L-16	oA	
ESTIMATED HEIGHT	HEIGHT	(1)	(2)
		5'9"	
ESTIMATED WEIGHT	WEIGHT	146 lbs	
ESTIMATED AGE	AGE	38 years, 3 mos, 20 days at MIA	
HAIR	HAIR	Brown	SHOE SIZE 9D
			RACE White

REMARKS

MIA 31 January 1945
DOB 11 October 1906

(1) Form 79, dated 13 October 1943
(2) Dental Chart (Form 371) dated 16 August 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD ONLY:

19 August 1953

The 201 file for Sergeant Edward W. Aho, 36 831 090, was ordered from Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, AGO, St. Louis, Missouri, by Quartermaster Casualty Research Section for this Branch. Screening of this file revealed that the following items filed therein substantiated the fact that subject decedent was a prisoner of war #77519 at Stalag III-C and was last known to be imprisoned there: Battle Casualty Reports, message from the International Red Cross (US 2894 not available in files), and miscellaneous photostatic copies of correspondence from subject decedent while a prisoner of war at Stalag XII-A and Stalag III-C.

Fields
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CASUALTY MESSAGE
TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS - GOVERNMENT RATES
SPXPG-N

AG 201 AHO, EDWARD W SGT 1 MAR 45 064170-9-3 20 MARCH 1945
ASN 36 831 090 SON _____ DATE

MRS ANNA AHO
339 JACKSON ST
MARQUETTE MICHIGAN

REPORT JUST RECEIVED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS STATES THAT YOUR

SON SERGEANT EDWARD W AHO

(RELATIONSHIP) (GRADE) (NAME)

IS A PRISONER OF WAR OF THE

GERMAN GOVERNMENT LETTER OF INFORMATION FOLLOWS FROM PROVOST

MARSHAL GENERAL

OFFICIAL:

J. A. ULIO
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

/s/
ADJUTANT GENERAL

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE COPY

COPY

Handwritten signature and date:
20 Sep 45

2013
NAME AHO, Edward W.
RANK Sgt.
ASN 36831090

MAP SHEET POLAND

17 Oct 1951

DEFERRED SEARCH CASE

1. Decedent's name is currently on Deferred Search Agenda.
2. Request all action be suspended until otherwise notified by Liaison Office.

CANCELLED
24 August 1953
Sweet Sea
Mary A. Edwards
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

MARY A. EDWARDS
1st Lt. QMC
Chief Nonrecoverability Section
Identification Branch

FILE NAME

J. H. Cauffman
CAUFFMAN

Nonrecoverable Section
Deferred Search Unit
Identification Branch
Memorial Division

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH <p style="text-align: center;">Germany</p>	CASE NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Poland</i></p>
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <p style="text-align: center;">Aho, Edward W.</p>	RANK <p style="text-align: center;">Sgt</p>
SERIAL NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;">3 6831090</p>	

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

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

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

REMARKS

293 Files Tab "A" - Line

Identification data for the above-mentioned decedent has been compared with QMC Forms 1944 for all Unidentified WW II Deceased recovered from the vicinity of POW Stalag IIIIC, with negative results.

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>T.D.</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>G.E. Newbaker</i>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt., QMC	FEB 7 1951

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE

REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

Name (Last, First, Middle)

AHO, EDWARD W

Rank

SGT

Serial Number

36831090

Arm of Service

ARMY

Date of Death

1 MAR 46

Area of Death

GERMANY

Name of Auditor

M. COX

Date

1 SEPT 58

Name of Reviewer

BOWMAN

Date

7 SEPT 58

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Aho, Edward W.	GRADE Sgt.	SERIAL NO. 368 31 090
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DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:

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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 11495	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 293 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION. ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

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OMGMF 293
Aho, Edward W.
SN 36 831 090

22 November 1949

Mrs. Anna Aho
339 Jackson Street
Marquette, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Aho:

More than four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II which cost the life of your son, the late Sergeant Edward W. Aho, and it is with reluctance that I am writing to you, for I must furnish information which may bring added sorrow.

Full consideration has been given to all available information pertaining to your son since he was reported killed on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Alt-Drewitz, Poland. According to the reports received from our Overseas Command and Department of the Army records, the German Prisoner of War Camp Stalag III-C was liberated on 31 January 1945 by the Russians. At that time your son, with other Prisoners of War were forced to evacuate the camp. All of the prisoners, according to statements obtained from several of the survivors, had marched only a short distance when they were caught between Russian and German cross fire and were forced to find what protection they could in the open field, where the skirmish took place. When the fighting ceased there were many Prisoners of War dead and wounded, and your son was one of the dead.

Subsequent to the reported death of your son, units of the American Graves Registration Service thoroughly searched the area in which he was known to have been killed, however, no trace could be found of his remains. In order to determine whether your son's remains had been recovered, a check was made of the records of all the cemeteries throughout the vicinity of which he was reported killed, but no information pertaining to the location of his remains was found. A further contact was made with the Russian authorities in the hope that they might have records of American prisoners released by them, but they state there are no such records in Potsdam or Berlin.

In view of the fact that the extensive investigations conducted by our forces in the field failed to reveal any trace of your son's remains, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

QMCMF 293
Aho, Edward W.
SN 36 831 090

22 November 1949

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult 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,

HLW/bc
cc:AGO

mailed direct

L. W. ALLEN
Lt. Colonel, OMC
Memorial Division

LWA



Nov 22 4 10 PM '49
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



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

FILE NUMBER
11 495 (10)
AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) AHO, Edward W.	RANK Sgt.	SERIAL NUMBER 36 831 090
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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.)

The above decedent and nine (9) others.

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

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

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

SEE: ATTACHED STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION.

NAME OF CASE ANALYST A. Kennedy/vmw	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Br - Correspondence Sec. FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W.A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W.R. Dewiese</i> W.R. DEWIESE, 1st Lt QMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>G.W. Rogers</i> by G.W. ROGERS, Capt QMC
		20 Oct 1949

STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

18 October 1949

The ten (10) decedents referred to in the attached Board Findings are believed to have been killed by gun-fire from Russian tanks on the 31 January 1945 during the evacuation of a German Prisoner of War Camp, Stalag III-C, near the village of Alt-Drewitz, Poland.

Information extracted from the Adjutant General's Casualty files reveals that the German guards forced the American and Russian Prisoners of War to leave Stalag III-C. They had marched only a short distance when they were caught between Russian and German cross fire.

An investigation revealed that Stalag III-C had been burned to the ground when the Russians liberated it. No records could be found and it is believed that they were lost in the fire.

At the Community Cemetery which is very large, the American Graves Registration Service made a search and found many unmarked single graves. Since the old German population had been completely evacuated, the people now living in the village have no idea who are buried in these graves. The 293 file of Paul Wisniewski contains a German burial card showing the Community Cemetery at Alt-Drewitz as his burial place. Possibly he is in this group of unmarked graves.

An extensive exhumation of unmarked graves in this town and vicinity was unsuccessful. The American Graves Registration Officials found that most of the bodies exhumed were without clothing or other identification and they were unable to identify any one of them as American by comparing the tooth charts on OQMG Forms # 371.

At Forest Cemetery a visual check was made. There is a large plot of French Prisoner of War Graves but they all have names and the French Colors on the crosses and were buried during 1940 and 1941. There were no graves that could possibly be those of Americans.

No unknowns recovered from this area can be associated with subject decedents.

All information secured confirms the Findings and substantiates the recommendations made by the Overseas Board.

A. Kennedy
A. KENNEDY
Analyst

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

13 SEPT 1949

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

The board convened pursuant to par 4, SO No.33, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U.S. Army, 22 March 1948, as amended by par 1, SO 43, Hq AGRC dated 19 April 1949 and par 4, SO 92, Hq AGRC dated 17 August 49, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on 13 SEPT 1949. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE NO	NAME	ASN	GRADE
<i>Approved deletion</i>	SASACKA, Itsumi	30101548	S/Sgt
"	SHIPE, Cletis P.	6944175	S/Sgt
"	AHO, Edward W.	36831090	Sgt
"	FOREMAN, Harry W. Jr.	33562898	Sgt
"	SUMMEY, Bennie	34013087	Sgt
<i>Approved deletion</i>	CURRAN, Joseph J.	12009163	T/Sgt
"	ZIRN, Richard H.	35289235	T/5
<i>Approved Retention</i>	WISNIEWSKI, Paul J.	32605898	T/5
" <i>Deletion</i>	OPFER, Carl G.	35550126	Pfc
"	McLEAN, Aloysius J.	36042935	Pvt

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

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

JACK C. HAYES, Capt. QMC

GAYLORD E. LUTZ, 1 Lt., QMC

E. D. MULVANITY, Lt Col. QMC

H. P. HENRY, Colonel, QMC

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board AGRC

1. It is recommended that the board take action on the following case:

NAME: SASACKA, Itsumi S/Sgt 30101548
ORGANIZATION: Co "A" 100th Bn 442 Inf Rgt

NAME: SHIPE, Cletis P. S/Sgt 6944175
ORGANIZATION: Co. "G" 60th Inf. Rgt.

NAME: AHO, Edward W. Sgt 36831090
ORGANIZATION: Co. "D" 134 Inf Rgt

NAME: FOREMAN, Harry W. Jr. Sgt 33562898
ORGANIZATION: Hq Co. 117th Inf Rgt 30 Inf Div

NAME: SUMMEY, Bennie Sgt 34013087
ORGANIZATION: Co. "A" 117 Inf Rgt 30 Inf Div

NAME: CURRAN, Joseph J. T/Sgt 12009163
ORGANIZATION: Co. "K" 18 Inf Rgt 1 Inf Div

NAME: ZIRN, Richard H. T/5 35289235
ORGANIZATION: Hq Co. 401 Glider Inf.

NAME: WISNIEWSKI, Paul J. T/5 32605898
ORGANIZATION: Med. Det. 115 Inf Rgt 29 Inf Div

NAME: OFFER, Carl G. Pfc 35550126
ORGANIZATION: Co. "C" 508 Paracht Inf

NAME: McLEAN, Aloysious J. Pvt 36042935
ORGANIZATION: Co. "A" 17 Tank Bn

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Alt-Drewitz, Poland


DATE OF DEATH: 31 January 1945

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above ten men were killed on 31 January 1945 during the evacuation of Stalag III C, by fire from Russian tanks. The following information was extracted from AG Casualty files: " We were told by our German guards that we were to prepare to leave the camp. At the time we did not want to leave so we tried our best to stall as long as we could. We were supposed to leave at 7 o'clock and finally at 11 in the morning they made us leave by force. We started out marching. About 3 or 4 kilometers from the camp, Russian tanks at a distance of about 600-800 yards opened fire at the front of the column. There were about 25 to 35 men killed at the time and quite a few wounded. After that happened we were all disorganized. -- We had not marched long before we were caught between Russian and German cross fire. We were forced to find what protection we could in the open field where the skirmish took place. When the fighting ceased there were many dead and wounded. The wounded we took to a Russian Aid Station. At that point we were told to make our way, the best way we could to Warsaw. I wish that I could give more definite information concerning these men, but each of us was thrown upon his own, and the struggle to get across Poland and down to Odessa, occupied each man individually." "G-1 assigned an officer to the investigation and after obtaining a Russian permit that officer proceeded to Alt-Drewitz where he contacted the Russian authorities. He found that Stalag III C had been burned to the ground at the time the Russian Army liberated it. This had been done by the freed American and Russian prisoners of War and Polish civilians. The Russians have no records pertaining to the camp and it is assumed they were lost in the fire. There are quite a number of dead buried there in a common grave, but there is no way to identify them and to distinguish the Americans from the Russians. A further contact was made with the Russian authorities in the hope that they might have records of the American prisoners released by them, but they stated that there were no such records in Potzdam or Berlin." Two thorough investigations have been conducted on this case with negative results. Extensive exhumations of unmarked graves in Alt-Drewitz and vicinity was unsuccessful. Most of the bodies were found to be without clothing or identification. In Poland AGRC has been limited to one exhumation team, therefore it has been impossible to work on large mass graves or on all unmarked graves in localities where they were extremely numerous. All graves that were suspected were opened. The village is practically deserted due to almost total destruction and there are no residents left who were there during the war. There is no question that the burials of the dead listed above occurred, however, no clues were found to substantiate this supposition. In view of the fact that it is unlikely that Graves Registration teams will be permitted to re-enter this area for further investigations, it is suggested that the case of subject ten deceased be closed.

Reference is made to OQMG Forms 371 (ten men); Narrative, 13 July 1948; Letter FFC, 12 May 1948; Narrative, 23 April 1948.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records in file headquarters American Graves Registration Command.

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


JOHN M. NEFF
Capt. CAC

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) AHO, Edward W.		GRADE Sergeant	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 36 831 090
ORGANIZATION Co. D. 134 Inf Regt 35 Div.		RACE White	CREED Protestant
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 31 Jan 1945	CAUSE OF DEATH Finding of Death	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Stalag III C	
DATE OF FOD 1 Mar 1946			
HEIGHT 5' 9"	WEIGHT 146	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Brown
SHOE SIZE 9D			

DENTAL CHART 16 August 1943

UPPER RIGHT	FULL UPPER DENTURE								UPPER LEFT
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1									1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT	X	O							
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9									9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
X = Extracted			O = Carious			1 = Carious Non-Restorable			

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS No Record	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK No Record
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BERLIN DETACHMENT (PROV)
FIRST FIELD COMMAND
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
BERLIN GERMANY

APO 742-A
13 July 1948

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION
Seefeld, Germany
(N 53/V 06; 1:250.000)

The undersigned, with S/Sgt Koch, interpreter, T/5 Mike Zuber, interpreter, and a Russian escort officer, arrived in SEEFELD at 1900 hours, to investigate AGRC Case # 4064.

We talked with Herr Zeimer, the Burgermeister, and the chief of police. The chief of police said he had been in Bonn during the war. However, Herr Zeimer said he had lived in Seefeld during the entire war.

According to Herr Zeimer, statement attached, only the headquarters to Stalag III C came to Seefeld during the month of February 1945. The camp and the prisoners of war were moved from Kuestrin, now in territory claimed and occupied by Poland, during the latter part of January and the first part of February. No records remained in the town.

The incident of the shooting of American POW's during the interception of a forced march by the Russians occurred on 31 January 1945. This is mentioned in connection with cases 4064 and 5255, and the cases involving Harry W. Foreman, Jr., Itsumi Sasacka, Bennie Summey, and Carl S. Opfer. The above dates correspond with this story.

The Russians did not arrive in Seefeld until April 21 of that year so it is hardly possible that they intercepted a forced march of prisoners in January on that year in this vicinity.

The Burgermeister also states that the prisoners were not brought to Seefeld but were transported to Luckenwalde Map sheet N 53/Y 07. He was also unfamiliar with any incident involving Americans in this town but said all allied dead were buried in a military cemetery in WERNEUCHEN Map sheet N 53/V 06. This unit had disinterred five (5) deceased airmen from that town in September 1947.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of deceased recovered in POLAND in the vicinity of KUESTRIN be compared with the physical records of these believed to have been killed in this incident. The date of the incident places it beyond doubt on the eastern side of the Oder-River.

OWEN L. NEATHERY
1st Lt INF
Investigating Officer

POLAND DETACHMENT
FIRST FIELD COMMAND
AGRC
US MILITARY ATTACHE WARSAW, POLAND

12 May 1948

SUBJECT: Unrecovered Remains

TO : Commanding Officer, First Field Command, AGRC,
EA, APO 62, US Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are basic reporting documents for AGRC Case # 3390 which we have been unable to solve.
2. Two investigations by this detachment at Alt-Drewitz (Drzewice) (O-53/V-66) Poland and vicinity failed to disclose any information that would aid in locating the graves of these dead.
3. Extensive exhumation of unmarked graves in this town and vicinity was also unsuccessful. Most of the bodies exhumed were found to be without clothing or identification and we were unable to identify anyone of them as American by comparing the tooth charts on OQMG Forms # 371. In Poland we have been limited by the Polish Government to one exhumation team and have not, therefore, been able to work on large mass graves or on all unmarked graves in localities where they were extremely numerous. All graves that were suspected were opened.
4. The village is practically deserted due to almost total destruction and there are no residents who were there during the war. This is not unusual in that part of Poland, but is more true here than elsewhere as it is only 2 km from the German frontier and the old German population has been thoroughly evacuated.
5. There is no question that the burials of the dead listed on the attached cases occurred but we have found no clues and must close them as unrecoverable. If any former prisoner of war from Stalag III C can be located who can say precisely where any of these men are buried it is just possible that a special re-entry into Poland to recover the bodies could be arranged.

CHARLES J. JORGENSEN
Major FA
Detachment Commander

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

23 April 1948

1. Alt-Drewitz (Drzewice) O-53/V-66, Poland is a village which is practically deserted due to the damage caused by artillery fire during the war. We went to the Burgermeister's home and asked Grzegorz Torbiczuk if he knew about any American deceased or burial place. He states that he has only been here for the past two years and that there are no burial records. We tried to get the name and addresses of some of the old Germans who were here during the war but he states that they have all left and most of them are in Germany.

2. We then started asking every civilian on the street if they knew of the burial place of any American prisoners of war who died in the Stalag Camp here. They all gave the same answer that they have only been here a short time. We tried to locate some of the old Germans who were in this area during the war but there are none living here at the present time. We drove to the forest cemetery where we made a thorough visual check with negative results. There is a large plot of French Prisoners of War graves but they all have names and the French colors on the crosses. There were no graves that we thought could be possibly American. The French were buried in 1940 and 1941.

3. At the Community Cemetery we made a search of the cemetery and found many unmarked single graves. The people of the village have no idea who are buried in these graves. We have a German green burial card showing the community cemetery Alt-Drewitz as the burial place of Paul Wisniewski, possibly he is in this group of unmarked graves. Started opening the graves from one end of the unmarked rows. We found the deceased all buried without clothing and in coffins. As we opened each coffin we checked the teeth with each form 371 on the men we have missing in this area. We have been unable to find dental work which corresponds with any of the form 371. There is positively no information as to who is buried and since the deceased have no clothing the only thing we have to depend on is the dental work. To-morrow we will return and continue our exhumations.

24 April 1948

4. We went to the Community Cemetery and continued uncovering the unmarked graves. Many unmarked graves were uncovered but nothing was found to indicate American remains.

5. The Community Cemetery here is very large. One big section has no mounds at all and it is possible that there may be some burials there with the dirt just leveled off even with the ground. It would be impossible to dig up this complete area in a few weeks or months. The complete absence of mounds made any effective work impossible.

T/Sgt Wilmer C. Fason
Investigator AGRC
Poland Detachment

6 June 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance
of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. The following personnel were determined to be missing in action on 31 January 1945 when they failed to return to military control after the liberation of Stalag 3C, Altdrewitz, Poland, on 31 January 1945, by Russian troops:

T Sgt	1	Curran, Joseph J.	12009163
S Sgt	5	Sasaoka, Itsumu	30101548
S Sgt	6	Shipe, Cletis P.	6944175
Sgt		Aho, Edward W.	36831090
Sgt	2	Foreman, Harry W., Jr.	33562898
Sgt	7	Summey, Bennie	34013087
Pfc	4	Opfer, Carl G.	35550126
Pvt	3	McLean, Aloysious J.	36042935

Under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, a Finding of Death was issued for each of these men, showing the presumed date of death as 1 March 1946 (SR&D No. 5506).

2. Inquiries were addressed to personnel known to have been at Stalag 3C in an effort to determine the status of these men. The pertinent portions of the replies received are quoted below:

a. About T Sgt Joseph J. Curran former T Sgt Frank Hegedus, 12014540, Infantry, furnished the following statement in a letter dated 17 October 1945:

"* * *

"When the Germans evacuated the Americans out of camp, they ran into a Russian patrol, the Russians open fire, and few Americans were killed, T/Sgt. Curran was one of them. I didn't see T/Sgt. Curran body, but friends of mine say that they saw him dead."

b. About S Sgt Itsumu Sasaoka S Sgt Michael M. Tokunaga, 30101011, furnished the following information in a letter dated 12 December 1945:

"* * * Sgt Sasaoka lived with me in the same barracks and on the morning of Jan. 31st, moved out together under German orders * * *. Approximately 2½ to 3 miles out of the camp, we were suddenly fired upon by Russians who had mistaken the identity of the marching column.*** Sgt. Sasaoka was alive at this moment. *** I crossed the road and lay down behind a tree. After that I did not see Sgt. Sasaoka * * *. I made my way back to the camp with the aid of two friends. I was separated from another Japanese-American boy, Sgt. Harry Kamikawa, the only one in this camp besides Sgt. Sasaoka and myself. This boy went with a group of approximately 300 to be immediately rescued by the Russians. We each thought that Sgt. Sasaoka was with the other. About

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G. W. Rogers
Capt., QMC
Director General

two weeks later, I met Sgt Kamikawa in a small Polish town near the German border and was surprised to find that Sgt. Sasaoka was not with him. I did not personally see the wounded or dead, the result of Jan. 31st. I inquired but could not locate Sgt. Sasaoka or learn of his fate. I do know that some bodies became unidentifiable due to the shell fire and the result of Russian tanks crushing bodies. * * *

"If Sgt. Sasaoka was among those killed when fired upon by the Russians, there is every reason to believe that the Russians could have identified him by means of his dog tags other than a German prisoner identification tag, both of which I definitely know he had on his person.***

"I cannot say that I saw the body of Sgt. Sasaoka or saw him wounded but *** I believe that he is now dead * * *"

In a letter dated 10 December 1945 Sgt Harry Kamikawa, 30104450, gave this version of the incident during which Sergeant Sasaoka disappeared:

"* * *

"I last saw him on the morning of the 31st Jan 1945 about 10:00, as we were being marched out of our P.W. camp, Stalag III C near Kurstin, Germany *** we were ambushed by the Russian Tanks, and fired upon. * * * The Russian Tanks kept on firing until a American soldier went up to them explaining that we were Americans, in that firing by the Russians a few of our boys got killed and a few wounded ***. The Russians called us toward them, and about three hundred of us ran toward them, by then the German guards gathered up the rest of the boys and marched them back to camp, taking them as hostages, in all that excitement I did not see where Sgt. Sasaoka went to, but I know for sure he wasn't one of the three hundred that ran toward the Russians because I was in that group and I asked all the boys if they had seen him and the answer was no. The following day the rest of the boys that were marched back to camp were liberated, except about two hundred that were taken as hostages by the Germans and were marched in the direction of the town of Kurstin. I asked the boys that were liberated the following day if they had seen Sgt. Sasaoka, and the answer was no again and no one could tell me if he was one of the two hundred that were taken as hostages to Kurstin ***."

c. S Sgt Cletis P. Shipe was the subject of a special investigation as the result of his family's inquiries when he failed to return home at the end of hostilities. The European Theater informed this office that efforts to search for personnel in the area were hampered because it was in the Russian Zone. The only information on file concerning Sergeant Shipe is a casualty questionnaire filled in by Vernon Mugerditchian, 16011834, which states that he does not know for sure that Shipe was dead, but the Stalag was bombed and Sergeant Shipe was hit,

d. No definite information was received to our inquiries about Sgt Edward W. Aho. Sgt Michael Badis, 33171289, replied that he did not know Sergeant Aho, but furnished the information that two soldiers were killed in Odessa, Russia, when a wall collapsed on them and that they were buried there in Odessa.

e. No information concerning Sergeant Harry W. Foreman, Jr., 33562898, has been received other than that he was known to have been alive on 31 January 1945.

f. An inquiry to the field regarding Sgt Bennie Summey, 34013087, produced a negative report. Sgt Leroy Coleman, 31091507, stated in a letter dated 27 November 1945 in reply to an inquiry from this office dated 21 November 1945 (file AG 704) that Sergeant Summey was badly wounded by shrapnel in both legs on 31 January and was left behind in the care of Tec 5 Arthur H. Huard, 11038185, and Tec 5 Jesse W. Moore, 38400057, who have returned since to the United States.

g. In the case of Pfc Carl G. Opfer, 35550126, Sergeant Coleman stated in the same letter referred to in (f) that Private Opfer was wounded in the back at the same time and was left behind with Corporal LaVerne V. Johannesen, 37324473, and John A. Blakeman, 38002791, who have since returned to the United States. The mother of Private Opfer stated in a letter to this office that Clifford E. Dennis, 35317084, had informed her that her son was killed when the Russians fired on this column of prisoners.

h. The mother of Pvt Aloysius J. McLean, 36042935, sent several letters to the office which had been sent her by men who knew Private McLean in Stalag III-C. One, signed "Vernon", and dated 6 December 1945, states that he had discussed efforts to escape with McLean and they had agreed to make the attempt if they had the opportunity. "Vernon" goes on to state that, when the Russians started to fire on the column, he and Private McLean threw themselves to the ground and he heard McLean say, "Now's our chance." After that he did not see Private McLean as they became separated in the confusion. Vernon joined the group that ran over to the Russian troops and he is certain that Private McLean was not in that group.

3. On 17 October 1945 Major George B. Wood, Chaplain of the 82d Airborne, wrote Mrs. Garnett Opfer the following information concerning the liberation of Stalag III-C:

"After a month and a half of investigation I regret to inform you that the Division has been unable to find out anything further about your son. G-1 assigned an officer to the investigation, and after obtaining a permit that officer proceeded to Altdrewitz, Poland, where he contacted the Russian authorities. He found that Stalag III-C had been burned to the ground at the time the Russian Army had liberated it. This had been done by the freed American and Russian prisoners and Polish civilians. The Russians have no records pertaining to the camp, and it is assumed they were lost in the fire. There are quite a number of dead buried there in a common grave, but there is no way to identify them and to distinguish the Americans from the Russians. I give you this summary in the words of the official report which was made to our chief of staff.

"A further contact was made with the Russian authorities in the hope that they might have records of American prisoners released by them, but they state there are no such records in Potsdam or Berlin."

4. Since the foregoing constitutes all the information available concerning these men, it is concluded that in no instance can a report of death under the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, be justified until further information, such as a report from The Quartermaster General that a burial report is on file, is received. Such facts as are at hand give no basis for stating where, when, and under what circumstances these men died.

Lulu May Lybrook
Lulu May Lybrook
Investigator

CONCUR:

James A. Frix
JAMES A. FRIX
Captain, AGD
Asst. OIC, Determination Unit
Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

COPY FOR: Central Files

AG 201 and 293 file of each individual named in par. 1.

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of T Sgt Joseph J. Curran, 12009163, unless otherwise indicated.

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Aho, Edward W.

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

sq 3 Aho, Edward W.

The Records show medical treatment as follows

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
<i>Sta. Hosp Camp Grant, Ill</i>	<i>7 Sept 43</i>	<i>11 Sept 43</i>	<i>37964</i>
<i>Sta Hosp Camp Van Dorn, Miss.</i>	<i>22 Dec 43</i>	<i>25 Dec 43</i>	<i>22223</i>
<i>Sta Hosp Cp. Van Dorn, Miss.</i>	<i>21 Feb 44</i>	<i>22 Feb 44</i>	<i>22223 - 24972</i>

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Date

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Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade	
Aho	Edward	W.	36831090	Sgt.	
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Show Size	Date of Death
5ft. 9 in.	146	Blue	Brown	9 D.	Presumed 1 MAR 46

Last Organization to which atchd or asgd (Give complete designation)

C. D. 134th Inf

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

P.O.W. #77519 Sgt 3 C

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

Camp Grant, STATION Ill,
Camp Van Dorn, Miss.
Ft. Meade, Md.

Sept 43 DATES
Sept 43 - Apr 44
Apr 44 - May 44

Fractures and/or Breaks	Tattoos and/or Birth marks
none shown	none shown

DENTAL CHART ← 16 Aug 43

FULL UPPER DENTURE

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Upper Right								Upper Left							
16	15	X	(13)	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	X	14	(15)	16
Lower Right								Lower Left							

X - Extracted O - Carious / - Carious non-restorable

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown

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REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

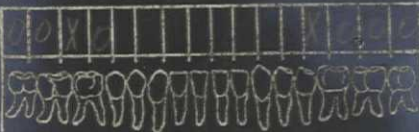
UPPER TEETH

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



LOWER TEETH

Right Left
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Occlusion no: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia no

Dental foci suspected: Yes no

Other conditions no

Date 10/13, 1943
H. G. Bennett
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
Missing natural teeth by X 258

Teeth replaced by dentures (horizontal line)

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

X	D
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Aho. Edward H. 36 831 090

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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

D.C.#1 Camp Van Dorn 36831090

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME

Aho, Edward W.

(3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
 Pvt. Serv. 253 Inf.

(6) AGE YEARS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE YEARS
 37 W Mich. 1/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, REQUIRE, ETC.	(11) DATE AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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Julius Seidel, Lt Col.
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16 FEB 1947

QMGMR 293
Aho, Edward W., Sgt.
ASN 36 831 090

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

In Reply Refer To
QMGYG 293

24 October 1946

Aho, Edward W.
SN 36 831 090

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 letter this office, QMGYG 314.6 Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate, is OQMG Form 371 and one copy of Dental Chart for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Aho, Edward W.	Sgt	36 831 090

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

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

FOR THE QUARTEMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, OMC
Assistant

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
Aho, Edward W.		Sergeant	36 831 090
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
Co. D. 134 Inf Regt 35 Div.	White	Protestant	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
31 Jan 1945	Finding of Death	Stalag III C	
DATE OF FOD			
1 Mar 1946			
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
51 9"	146	Blue	Brown
			SHOE SIZE
			9D

DENTAL CHART

16 August 1943

UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
FULL UPPER DENTURE	
LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
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*X = Extracted**O = Cavious**1 = Cavious Non-Restorable*

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
No Record	No Record

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
Casualty Branch
Status Review and Determination Section

26 Sep 45

Date

MEMORANDUM TO:

Officers Branch, Records Section
Office Quartermaster General, Memorial Branch
Prisoner of War Bureau

REFERENCE: Section III, Bulletin 14, W. D. 1942, and Section II, Bulletin 2, W. D. 1943, (Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended).

In order to aid in determining the status of

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Aho, Edward W.

36831090

Sgt

(Name)

(Serial Number)

(Org., or Arm of Service)

who was reported ~~missing (location) as of~~ a prisoner of war of the German Government and has not been returned to military control

in _____, it is requested that you furnish information as indicated below.

S. Dickter, SR & D Sec. Casualty Br.
AGO, Room 4605, Munitions Bldg.

According to latest record of this office dated _____,
the status of the person named above is _____
as shown by* _____

Date

*Enter nature of record such as
Report of Change, Status Card,
Prisoner of War List, etc.

Return to Status Review and Determination Section
Casualty Branch, A.G.O.
Munitions Building

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by the Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Sergeant Edward W. Aho Army Serial Number 36,831,090, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 31st day of January 1945. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 1st day of March, 1946.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George M. Weir

ADJUTANT GENERAL
Acting CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENC AUTH'D
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Edward Aho, Junior - Half Share	Son	
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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by the Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Sergeant Edward W. Aho, Army Serial Number 36,831,090, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 31st day of January 1945. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 1st day of March, 1946.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George M. Weir
ADJUTANT GENERAL
Acting CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

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—**BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**—

NAME AHO EDWARD W			SERIAL NUMBER 36831090	GRADE SGT	ARM OR SERVICE INF	REPORTING THEATRE ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY FRANCE 9		DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR 09 OCT 44		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT U	TYPE OF CASUALTY MIA	SHIPMENT NUMBER 228

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 MRS ANNA AHO	RELATIONSHIP MOTHER	DATE NOTIFIED 1 NOV 44 amb
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE 339 JACKSON STREET MARQUETTE MICHIGAN		

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

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO DATE

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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

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

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March 8, 1946

Dear Sir,

I was informed yesterday
of my son's presumptive
death.

I was wondering
if you could have any
of his personal things
which he could have
left.

He was reported as
missing in action in
October 1944 in February

1945 we got word he
was a prisoner of war
in Germany.

Yesterday he was
reported as dead.

I would appreciate
anything you could find
out for me.

Thank you kindly,

Mrs. Anna Aho

339 Jackson St.

Marquette, Michigan

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

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INQUIRY CLERK

The inclosed letter received from you does not mention the name or Army serial number of the soldier about whom you are writing.

In order that we may take the necessary action, I shall appreciate your filling in the information requested below, and returning this form to us with your letter.

For your convenience there is inclosed a self-addressed return envelope which needs no postage.

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

SOLDIER'S NAME Abso Edward William
(Last) (First) (Middle initial)

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 36831090

If we have had previous correspondence with you, show reference number which appeared on our letters: No.

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KANSAS CITY DISTRICT OFFICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



The enclosed letter received from you has not reached the
office of this Bureau of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
at Kansas City, Missouri, and I am sorry to hear of
its loss. In order that you may be able to retrace the
steps of the letter, I am enclosing a copy of the
letterhead and return address which were on the
original letter. If you have any further information
concerning this letter, please advise this Bureau.

VERY TRULY YOURS

(Name)

(Title)

If you have any further information concerning this letter,
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KANSAS CITY, MO.

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April 1, 1946

Dear Mrs. Aho:

This refers to your recent inquiry regarding the personal effects of your son, Sergeant Edward W. Aho.

I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of his property. It is reasonable to assume, however, that his belongings ultimately will reach here, as all War Department agencies have instructions to forward the personal effects of military personnel to this Bureau for disposition. Transportation delays generally are encountered in delivery of effects, and considerable time should be allowed for the return of property from overseas.

Promptly upon receipt here of any of your son's belongings, disposal action will be taken.

Yours very truly,

D. S. JOHNSTON
2nd Lt., QMC
Assistant

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