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6 August 1951

SUBJECT: Reports of Burial

Transmittal Letter # 6321

TO:

The Quartermaster General

Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Memorial Division

Forwarded herewith are three (3) Reports of Burial, together with associated case papers for the remains listed below:

Unknown No.	Cemetery	Grave		
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CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 9045 , Plot -

Grave 46 , US. CAGRS MAUSOLEUM, Liege, Belgium , have been re-
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quarters, dated 10 April 1951, that sufficient evidence is not available to
establish the identity of the deceased concerned, and it is recommended these
remains be classified as unidentifiable.
2. Report of reprocessing of remains was forwarded to the Office of The
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CASE HISTORY

Unknown X-9045

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Unknown X-9045 was recovered from Section 91 of the Hurtgen Forest, Germany, while search was being conducted for the isolated grave of T/Sgt Cliffe H. WOLFE, Co "A" 109th Infantry reported killed in action, on 27 November 1944 in this area.

The former Commanding Officer of Co "A" personally supervised the burial of T/Sgt Wolfe with identification tags around the neck and a cross over the grave. Through aerial photographs marked by him, our investigator was able to locate the former grave site. The cross no longer existed, no doubt having been destroyed by successive forest fires. Scattered around the vicinity, human remains were found, which were designated Unknown X-9045. Not far from where the remains were located a deep shell or bomb crater was found. It is believed that this bomb or shell explosion struck the former grave site and scattered the remains nearby.

Processing of subject remains revealed a mass burial of at least two individuals. Two Partial mandibles were found, # 1 is not contradictory to dental data for T/Sgt Wolfe; # 2 compares negatively with data for all unresolved casualties reported missing in action in Murtgen Forest.

Since as far as can be determined, no other American deceased was ever removed from Section 91 of the forest, and because of evidence listed above, it is believed that partial remains of T/Sgt Wolfe are among the remains of X-9045. However, due to the lack of conclusive identifying media and the fact this mass burial is involved, individual segregation and identification is not possible.

In view of the above circumstances, it is believed that Unknown X-9045 should be considered Unidentifiable.

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

21 June 1951

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY:

In compliance with the instructions contained in Investigation Directive # 793, dated 8 June 1951, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of Hirtgen (3/F-O3) Germany for the purpose of recovering the remains of T/Sgt Cliffe H. WOLFE, 36 506 694, reported killed in action in this area.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Aerial photographs attached to ID # 793 show the approximate grave site of T/Sgt Wolfe, Co "A", 109th Inf Regt, as indicated by the former Commanding Officer of that organization. Detailed circumstances surrounding the death and burial of Sgt Wolfe are not given.

III. FINDINGS:

A visit was made to the town of Hurtgen, and with the aid of the attached photographs and a map, LENDERSDORF, Sheet 5204, the area was located. This proved to be South West of the town of Hurtgen, in Section 91 of the Hurtgen forest. The exact area indicated is now a large open field, dotted with charred stumps of trees and overgrown with grass, weeds and brush. The forest itself in this area was totally destroyed by the fighting in this region and by subsequent fires in 1946 and 1947. Since the last fire in 1947, salvage operations have been conducted to recover as much as possible of the failen timber and approximately a year ago, the area was reforested with seedling pines. Demining operations were attempted in this area also, but due to the number of mines planted here and the difficulty of the terrain, they were abandoned some time ago. The area is posted with a warming sign (see photo # 1) and is not certified as completely clear of mines and other explosives.

After determining the exact location of the grave site, as shown by the aerial photos, a foot by foot search was made of the area. All foxholes, shell craters etc, were examined and all mounds or other places which indicated that the ground might have been disturbed were opened and checked. A small fragment of a human skull was discovered near the base of a charred tree stump. (See photo # 2). Careful

Narrative of Investigation (cont'd)

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search of the ground in the vicinity of this stump revealed the badly shattered fragments of an almost complete human remains. The remains had apparently been lying above ground and were overgrown with several inches of grass and moss. Portions of these remains were recovered from an area approximately fifteen (15) feet square, by removing grass and moss and sifting the layer of top soil to a depth of six inches. There were no teeth found and no Identification Tag could be located. A small portion of an O.D. blanket, the screw top (plastic) of an American canteen and a small plastic container containing grease, part of a rifle cleaning kit, were found on the site from which the remains were recovered. (See photo # 3).

About fifteen or twenty feet away from the spot where the remains were located a deep shell or bomb crater was found, also there are several smaller shell craters nearby. This investigator believes that the remains recovered were previously buried on the spot where this shell or bomb exploded and were disinterred and scattered by this explosion. (See photo # 4 and # 5). This would account for the fact that no trace of the grave was ever found by previous searching teams or mine sweepers, foresters and others working in this area. The fragmented condition of the skeletal remains recovered would also explain why the body had not been previously seen and reported. The remains are also badly charred which would indicate that a portion may also have been destroyed by the fires which twice swept the area and that the remaining charred flesh could have lain above ground without detection. The remains recovered as a result of this investigation were evacuated to CIP Morgue, Lido Area, Liege Beigium under SR # 686, BTB Cliffe H. WOLFE.

A visit was also made to the German Military Cemeteries at Hurtgen and Germeter and contact was made with Mr. Julius Erasmus, cemetery director at Germeter. In his company, a visit was made to Mr. BECO-GHINA-Dominicos, in charge of the Hurtgen cemetery. Mr. Bego-GHINA stated that he had been connected with search and recovery of the remains of German deceased from this area for several years, but had no knowledge of any remains ever being recovered from the particular area in question in Section 91. (See statement Incl # 1).

A visit was next made to the office of the district burgomaster at Gey and records on file there were examined. Copies were made of these records and are attached. (See Incl #2). These records indicate that no American remains were reported as recovered from this area in Section 91. A statement was secured from the secretary at this office. (See Incl #3). Narrative of Investigation (cont'd)

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IV. CONCLUSION:

Remains were recovered from almost the exact geographical location indicated on aerial photographs as place of burial of T/Sgt Wolfe. (See photo # 6 and # 7).

Condition of remains indicates that body was disinterred after burial by a direct shell or bomb hit and the remains disarticulated and scattered.

Charred condition of remains further indicates that the body was burned.

Items of American equipment found indicate that deceased was an American soldier.

There is no record of the remains of other American or German deceased having been recovered from the area indicated as the place of burial of Sgt Wolfe.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That every effort be made to establish the identity of the remains recovered by this investigation as that of the subject casualty.

HAROLD E. WARNER Da Civ, D-046899 Investigator

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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CRS-GZ Form No. 8

Date 21 June 1951

The below listed U.S. deceased personnel have this date been disinterred from the location as shown and have been evacuated to CIP MORGUE LIDO AREA, LIEGE-BELGIUM for Processing.

ID # 793 - Case Ger-3-5497-SR-686

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Remains recovered from area indicated on photos attached to case as place of burial of Sgt Woife.

Haroid E. WARNER
(Officer of NCO in charge of Disinter ment)

Vossenack by Duren, 20 June 1951 STATEMENT . The undersigned certify hereby that he accompanied to day an American Graves Commission to the Burgomaster for the district of Gey. At my presence, present records were checked. thought they were no other one present.

The Office of the Burgomaster could not give other information

Further we went to the Eilitary Cemetery of Hurtgen in order to contact the Cemetery Caretaker Mr. Dominikus BEGC-GHINA, Brandenberg Haus Brandt. Who took care of all the extumations in Hurtgen.

He certified that no remains was ever taken out of the district 91, Forest District of Hurtgen.

"SEAL"

(Signature)

Julius Erasmus.

Certified a True Translation /s/ Bruno Grava.

CERTIFICATES OF RELEVAL

Date, 12 February 1946

This is to certify that -1 - American bodies which were located in Gey have been removed by the 6890 G.R. Co. to Manderscheid for final disposition to St. Avold.

s/ Alex T. GRINCEUNT

Lt. Fragier R. STARR 0-760176

27 May 1946

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s/ Cpl. KLOEPFER 33985344

24 May 1946

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s/ Pfc. KOPEC.

INCL. # 2

AREA SEATCH CERTIFICATE

8 September 1947

1 deceased

Floyd Heckathorne Cpl. 33 923 333 164 CM. Bn. Aachen.

Reverse

Unk. Unk. Unk. American Strass Joseph, Bergheim, Gey.

8 September 1947

Neuville-en-Condroz

Unk.

Unk.

Unk.

Strass, Ger.

Time: 1100 hrs.

Cpl. Floyd HECKATHORNE 164-QM. Bn. Aachen.

AREA SEARCH CERITIFICATE

18 September 1947

Gey

Duren .

English

-1- one - deceased

Floyd HECKATHORNE Cpl. 33923333 164 QM. Bn.

On Reverse

Unk. Unk. Unk.

American in Forest Johan about 2 km Veith N.W. of Gey, Duren.

18 September 1947

Unk.

Unk.

Unk. Gey, Germany.

Dis. 1130 hrs.

Cpl. Floyd HECKATHCRNE 164 QM. Bn. AACHEN Det. APO 403.

1 October 1947

Neuville

Unk Unk Unk

USA-30100298 From tank in street of Gey.

Pfc. Haurice J. TALON 164 QM. Bn.

1 October 1947

Neuville

Unk. Unk.

Unk. From tank 3022927 in Field at Schon near Gey.

Pfc. Maurice J. TAYLOR 164 QM. Bn.

13 October 1947

Neuville

Unit. Unit. Unk

Tron Tank on hill near Cey.

No Signature Hq & Hq. Det. 164 QM Bn.

15 October 1947

Neuville

Unk. Unk.

Unk.

From tank at Gey.

T/5 Maurice F. TALON Hq & Hq. Det. 164 CM Bn.

23 April 1948

Neuville

1. Unk. Unk. Woods South East of Gey, Germany.

W. B. ADAMS T/5 AAC. Det. F.F.C. A.G.R.C. Administration for the district: STRASS-BERGSTEIN

(22C) Gey, June 20th, 1951 by Duren Tel. Duren - 2625.

<u>CERTIFICATE</u>

This is to certify that they are no records presents other than those that were checked to day by an American Graves Commission.

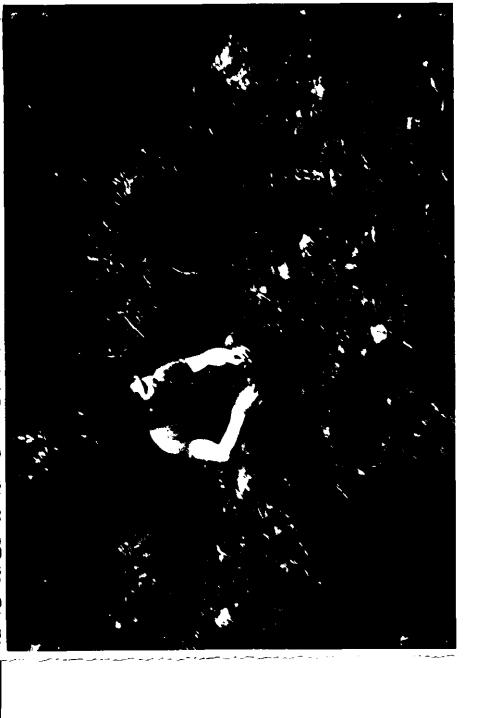
Other information concerning Graves and especially American remains is not known.

SEAL

Signature (Thiemonds)

Certified a true translation
/s/ BRUNO CRAVA.









Shell Crater

Spot where first fragment of remains was discovered.







