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MEMO FOR RECORD

Actions taken on 5 June 1979 by SSgt Scheidt, Ingrid Laub, Secretary, and SrA Tilley and A1C Beagle, Search and Recovery Team members.

Mrs. Laub was contacted at approximately 1615 hrs by the German Police, Bitburg that skeletal remains were found by Wallendorf, Germany, by a Mr. Norbert LASCAC, # 5 Sauertalstr., 5529 Wallendorf. Mr. Becker, Secretary of the War-Remains-Recovery Group, Rhine-Hessia-Pfalz and a German specialist for skeletal remains was at the scene and stated that he believed the remains to be American from WWII. I notified Frankfurt Mortuary, Mr. Zega, who advised me to make a sketch of the area and remove the remains. I notified USAFE Mortuary Affairs, Capt Christensen, and briefed her on the status. Then I contacted the Deputy Base Commander, Lt Col Steadman and after briefing him on the status, requested permission to have a photographer to accompany the team out and to get a vehicle to go to the scene. Security Police contacted me and stated they were going to send an investigator and an OSI agent along.

We all met at the Services Division Office and left at 1740 hrs for the scene. Shortly after we left the base, the car with the Security Police men and the OSI agent turned around and returned to the base. We proceeded to Wallendorf. After arriving there, we talked to Mr. Lascak and Mr. Becker. After a 30 minute wait, I called back to the base and asked Security Police desk about the status on their people. I was then informed that the remains had been recovered and they were not needed. I informed the desk sergeant that no Americans other than ourselves had been out there and the remains were still in place. The desk sergeant stated that he would assemble the team again and send them out. At this point, we proceeded up the mountain about 2 km from Wallendorf to where the remains were located, lead by Mr. Becker and Mr. Lascak.

After arriving at the site (1900 hrs), I sent SrA Tilley back to the main road to wait for the Security Police car. We proceeded down the hill to where the remains were located. After surveying the area, we waited for approximately 45 minutes for the arrival of the Security Police and then decided to move on to the next site about 1 km away from the first site. We checked out the location and findings and returned to the first site where we bagged the remains due to darkness. Mr. Laub, who was accompanying his wife, went down and had our driver with the truck return to the site. Recovered remains from the first site were loaded and we then moved to the second location where we bagged those remains. We returned to the base at approximately 2230 hrs.