

I then contacted Capt Carter, Bitburg AB Mortuary Affairs Officer, and briefed him on the status and I also called the Security Police Desk Sergeant whom I briefed. Mr. Condiff, OSI Agent, who was passing down the hall by our office was informed by me of the findings.

STATUS OF REMAINS FINDING:

Remains #1:

Remains had been removed from the hole and assembled on the edge of the bank by Mr. Becker and Mr. Lascak (at first they were believed to be remains of a German soldier). The following listed remains were missing: right fore arm, head and both feet. Mr. Becker advised us that the remains were found lying face down with left arm bent slightly behind his back, legs slightly raised at the knee and body slightly bent in a right hand direction. Along with the remains, the following items were found: 1 medicine bottle, canteen cup, mess kit fork, comb-partial, tooth brush, remains of a billfold, change (money), buttons from uniform, buttons and miscellaneous parts from web-belt, approximately 75 rounds of M-1 ammunition and 1 first aid kit bandage. Remains are at the Bitburg AB Hospital Morgue. Ammunition removed by base ammunition experts at 0845 hrs, 6 June 1979.

REMARKS: Area should be excavated for possible location of more remains.

Remains #2:

These remains were located approximately 1 km from site where remains #1 were found. Apparently the GI was sitting with his poncho over his head in his foxhole for protection when he was killed. Helmet with 2 pieces of skull located over top of shoes. Findings: both lower half of boots with galoshes over them with all bones below ankle still inside, possible upper arm bones, skull (top parts), in 2 pieces, helmet, helmet liner (broken in half), parts of tent or poncho, canteen with cup, both upper boot leathers, approximately 25 rounds M-1 ammunition, possible leather gloves (1 ea), and miscellaneous pieces of material. Remains moved to the Bitburg AB Hospital Morgue. Ammunition removed by base ammunition experts at 0845 hrs, 6 June 1979.

REMARKS: Location and area should be excavated for possible findings of more remains.

ACTIONS TAKEN 6 JUNE 1979:

Mrs. Laub obtained verbal permission to do excavation in county-owned woods by Wallendorf. We also checked with Lt Col Brothers, Staff Judge Advocate, about any legal problems which he might foresee. He said there were none unless we were unable to obtain verbal permission. I also updated Mr. Condiff, OSI Agent. Mr. Rogers from Army Mortuary Frankfurt asked us not to return to the site until next day when he and his team can go along. We complied with his request.