

ACTIONS TAKEN 7 JUNE 1979:

Mr. Rogers and his team arrived at approximately 1130 hrs at Bitburg. He was briefed on the status and I took him over to the Hospital morgue to look at the remains already recovered. We then proceeded to the site and started to excavate site #1. Several more items were located and removed from location :

6 pennies, 3 buttons, 3 vertebrae, 1 hand grenade, pieces of socks, clips snaps from combat gear, uniform material, a red and black pen like item.

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I contacted EOD at Spangdahlem for them to accompany us to site to remove the hand grenade. Sgt George, EOD, checked and was refused permission to respond. I contacted Lt Col Steadman, briefed him on the situation and he stated that he would take a look at the problem and see if he could get EOD to respond. Lt Col Steadman called back and advised us that Colonel Lukens, Wing Commander, Spangdahlem AB, refused permission for the EOD team to respond. About 1100 hrs, Mr. Rogers called, and asked what had happened to our team as they were not out at the site. I then briefed him on the problem of EOD and told him the team would be out there soon. He stated that the first excavation had been completed and they were waiting for the team to show him the location of the second site.

At 1430, Lt Col Steadman called and stated that the Office Instructions were still being researched at EOD but no results as of yet.

At 1630, the S&R team returned to the office and briefed about the findings. Mr. Rogers and his team are concluding their search. Mr. Rogers will give an outbriefing on 9 June 1979, at 1000 hrs. **

At approximately 1745 hrs, Lt Col Steadman contacted me at home and informed me that the EOD would like to remove the grenades from the sites and would I go along to show them the location. I agreed. At approximately 1815, Security Police (SPI) contacted me and informed me that the EOD will be over at Bitburg at about 1900 hrs and would I meet them and go along to the sites. I agreed. At 1920 we departed Bitburg AB and en route picked up Mr. Rogers. We located the first grenade found during the 7 June 1979 diggings but were unable to locate number 2. We returned to Bitburg AB where I tried to notify Lt Col Steadman but was unable to.

** Findings at Site #2: About 20 rounds M-1 ammunition, tobacco box, metal, 1 piece of bone from behind the ear, 1 metal fork, 1/2 of mess kit knife, part of C-ration bag, part of rain gear, buttons, another grenade.

REMARKS: There seems to be conflict as to who should perform EOD at that location. Air Force says the German EOD should respond, (German EOD was contacted, however they are not available, they departed for a field problem reported to them); the German EOD says the Air Force should respond in this case.