

# U.S. soldier buried at Ardennes

Story and Photo

by  
Patricia Butler

He was an American soldier who died in World War II. He was Caucasian, medium build, and approximately 70 inches tall. The words "Here rests in honored glory a comrade in arms, known but to God," are inscribed on the white marble cross that marks his grave at Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial near Liege, Belgium.

Belgian veterans, schoolchildren, embassy representatives, and American officials attended the military burial of this unknown soldier Nov. 8. His casket, draped with a U.S. flag, was carried from the Ardennes memorial by six uniformed, white-gloved pallbearers to a hearse and then driven to the burial site. Because he was unknown, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish clergymen offered prayers at the graveside service.

A squad from the U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, (USAMAAE), fired three seven-shot volleys. Taps were played as pallbearers held the flag steady over the coffin. After folding it neatly, the flag was presented to Maj. Gen. Lawrence M. Jones, Jr., commander of the 21st Support Command. Jones saluted the colors in remembrance and accepted the flag on behalf of the dead soldier's family. Representatives of numerous veterans' groups filed by, lowering their regimental banners in tribute. Belgian citizens knelt in prayer at the grave. A small schoolboy placed a three-flower bouquet by the cross.

Last Jan. 14, a German citizen looking for WWII souvenirs found the soldier's remains and some war artifacts in the forest at Losheimer Grassen, Belgium. Using a



**Six USAMAAE soldiers participate in funeral services for an unknown American soldier recently buried in Belgium. (Butler)**

metal detector the man also uncovered an American helmet, part of a mine detector, and a segment of an American sub-machine gun. He informed German authorities, who told American officials of the discovery. Two weeks later, the remains were turned over to a recovery team from USAMAAE. A snowstorm ended an effort to search the forest for additional remains and artifacts, and the attempt was re-

scheduled for April.

On their second attempt, the team, supervised by Capt. Michael Willson, commander, USAMAAE, and John G. Rogers, mortuary officer, was successful. After searching a 100-meter area, they retrieved pieces of weapons, landmines, and tankers. Further identifying data and remains were not found.

Being unable to identify the remains,

USAMAAE informed its headquarters in Washington, D.C. that the remains were believed to be those of a U.S. soldier. They requested war records be researched to see if any man was listed as missing in that area of Belgium. Washington couldn't associate a name with the remains and directed USAMAAE, located in Frankfurt, to bury him as an unknown American soldier.

The seven-man firing squad (Sp4's William Butts, Greg Johnson, Scott Griffin, James Ziegelman, Harry Abbott, Greg Walker, and Henry Harbison, Jr.) and six pallbearers (Sgt. s Michael Chines and Nora Avendano, and Sp4's Lyle Hedges, Arthur Gant, Frank Napoleon, and Margaret Mead) participating in the ceremony were soldiers assigned to USAMAAE. A total of 24 soldiers are assigned to the unit. All hold the MOS 57 F (Graves Registration Specialist) and attended an eight-week course at Ft. Lee, Va., where they received instruction in search and recovery of remains, body identification techniques, and procedures for shipping remains from Europe to the U.S. Supplemental duties include acting as pallbearers and firing squads at burial ceremonies for American soldiers. "I was very pleased with their performance at the ceremony," Maj. Gen. Jones commented.

Of the unknown soldier, Jones said, "He was probably tired, terrified, cold and hungry. Nobody knew where he was, so he died alone. Thirty years later, he was found where he fell. The grace for soldiers prepared to give their lives for their country, and asks citizens and those in senior positions to be worthy of this sacrifice. It's a sobering thought. . . WW II was a holocaust in which several million died, and it should never happen again."

OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF: JANUARY 1980  
 (FRANKFURT AND KAISERSLAUTERN MORTUARY)

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SUBJ: INTERMENT OF WW II REMAINS

A. YOUR MSG 261900Z SEP 78, SAB(U)

1. IAW REF A, FUNERAL SERVICES WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS FOR UNKNOWN WW II AMERICAN CASUALTY X-9443 WERE CONDUCTED ON 08 NOV 78 IN THE ARDENNES AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL, NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM

2. SERVICES WERE ATTENDED BY MG LAWRENCE M JONES JR, CDR, 21ST SUPCOM, KAISERSLAUTERN AND APPROX 250 BELGIAN VETERANS, SCHOOL STUDENTS AND INTERESTED CITIZENS

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SUBJ: INTERMENT OF WORLD WAR II REMAINS

1. THE SECTY, ABMC, WASH DC HAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO INTER THE REMAINS OF A WORLD WAR II UNKNOWN DESIGNATED AS X-9443 IN THE ARDENNES AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL, NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM.
2. REQUEST YOU COORDINATE BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH OIC, ABMC, PARIS, FRANCE AND ADVISE THIS OFFICE DATE INTERMENT WAS ACCOMPLISHED.
3. FURTHER REQ ITEMS RECOVERED WITH REMAINS BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT POLICY

MARY JONES/PS/30327

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R. BERRY, DAC, DISP SPEC 31268

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SUBJECT: Permission to Inter World War II Remains in ABMC Cemetery

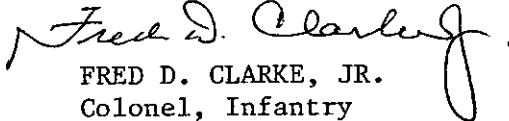
American Battle Monuments Commission, 4C014 Forrestal Building,  
Washington, DC 20314 22 September 1978

TO: Office of the Adjutant General, DAAG-PED, Washington, DC 20314

1. Permission is granted to inter the remains of the World War II Unknown (X-9443) in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neupre (Neuville-en-Condroz), Belgium.

2. Please have the Commander, U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany coordinate burial arrangements with the Officer-in-Charge, ABMC European Office, Paris, France.

FOR THE SECRETARY:



FRED D. CLARKE, JR.  
Colonel, Infantry  
Director of Personnel  
and Administration

DAAG-PED-D

20 September 1978

SUBJECT: Permission to Inter World War II Remains in ABMC Cemetery


Secretary  
American Battle Monuments Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20314

1. Recently, the remains of a World War II casualty were recovered from a wooded area in Belgium near Losheimer Graben. No identification tags or other identifying media were found with the remains, however, the recovery of US type equipment led to the conclusion that these are the remains of a US casualty. Efforts to associate the Unknown remains with unresolved casualties of World War II met with negative results. and the remains were approved by a Board of Officers as Unidentifiable. A copy of the Board Proceedings is inclosed.
2. Request permission to inter the remains, designated Unknown X-9443, in an ABMC cemetery in Europe. Upon receipt of your approval, the Commander, US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, will be instructed to coordinate with the Superintendent of the cemetery in completing burial arrangements.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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# DISPOSITION FORM

For use of this form, see AR 340-15, the proponent agency is TAGCEN.

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SUBJECT

Board Proceedings - Unknown X-9443 (Belgium), US Army  
Mem Aff Actv, Eur, Frankfurt, Ger

TO Board of Review

FROM Chief, Mem Aff Div

DATE 11 Sep 1978

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Mrs. Jones/30896

Under provisions of Letter Orders DAAG-ZX, dated 16 September 1976, the inclosed case is forwarded for Board of Review action.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20314

A Board of Officers appointed by Letter Orders, DAAG-ZX, dated 16 September 1976 (Tab A) convened 19 SEPTEMBER 1978, and after consideration of the factors presented, approved the Unidentifiability of Unknown X-9443 (S&R 5127), U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany.

1. Case papers received from the US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, indicate that portions of skeletal remains had been recovered from a wooded area in Belgium near Losheimer Graben which is on the German/Belgian border. The remains had been recovered by a German citizen who resides in Cologne, West Germany. No identification tags were found, however, parts of an American type mine detector with inscription "HOLT", as well as an American helmet with the number "5007" painted on the inside, were found.
2. A search team from the Frankfurt Mortuary visited Cologne in February 1978, examined the recovered portions, and determined they were insufficient for positive identification. They requested the German citizen to direct them to the recovery site, however, when heavy snow in the area forced them to turn back, the team returned to Frankfurt with the recovered remains and equipment. In April 1978, the team returned to Cologne and traveled to the recovery site. After a thorough search of the site, no additional remains or ID media were found.
3. Upon examination of the remains, designated Unknown X-9443 (S&R 5127), it was determined that these are portions of an adult male of average muscularity with an estimated height of 70.1" (left tibia). Paucity of the recovered portions preclude racial determination or more precise age estimation. The mandible and maxilla are missing and no loose teeth were found.
4. According to available Outline History of US Army Divisions, elements of the 9th Infantry Division were committed to the Losheim area. The only direct reference to Losheim appears in the Order of Battle Series of the 9th Division "... the 9th crossed the Marne 28 Aug (44), swept through Saarlautern, and in Nov and Dec held defensive positions from Monschau to Losheim."



## A Real Swinger

Maj. Horace Worthy (third from left) is the Chief of Storage at the 21st Support Command Depot in Caerwent, South Wales. Worthy recently participated in the Pro-Am segment of the Dunlop Masters Golf Tournament at St. Pierre Golf and Country Club in England. The Dunlop is the most prestigious British tournament (after the British open) and is limited to the top 40 professionals on the European Order of Merit plus ten overseas visitors. Worthy, a one-handed capper and member of the St. Pierre club, was selected to participate in the Masters by virtue of his having won the St. Pierre Match-Play Cham-

pionship earlier in the year. During the Masters competition, Worthy was paired with Ken Brown (right), a British professional, and played in a foursome which included Roger Malbie (second from left) of the U.S. PGA tour. Worthy and Brown finished six under par on the demanding St. Pierre course which will be the site of the 1980 Curtis Cup matches. Their finish was strong enough to capture third place in the Pro-Am and Worthy contributed four birdies enroute to an individual score of one over par 72. (Malbie's partner (left) was not identified.)



## Running the distance

Sp4 David S. Taylor, Jr., a rigger for the 5th Quartermaster Detachment (AD), Kaiserslautern, hits full stride during the recent USAREUR Combat Cross-Country finals at Grafenwöhr. 5th QM won the 21st SUPCOM final in the event, which places a premium on strength as well as stamina. (Mark Swearengen)

(Unknown X-9443, US Army Mem Aff Actv, Eur, Frankfurt, Ger)

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Submitted by M. T. Jones  
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APPROVED: W. J. Winter, Jr. LTC  
Date: 19 SEP 78 W. J. WINTER, JR.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL CENTER  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

DAAG-ZX

16 September 1976

SUBJECT: Duty Appointment

TO: Ellsworth S. Clarke      142-22-9645      LTC      GSWT  
Mr. William M. Annetti      016-16-1884      DAC      GS-14  
Mr. Oren Womack      579-38-7399      DAC      GS-13  
Mr. H. Thorne Helgesen      477-28-5283      DAC      GS-12  
Mr. John F. Manning      101-28-4597      DAC      GS-12  
(Assigned: TAGCEN (3XYAAA) DA Wash, DC 20314)

1. Following individuals APPOINTED as indicated.

Authority: AR 15-6

Appointed as: Board of Officers

Period: Indefinite

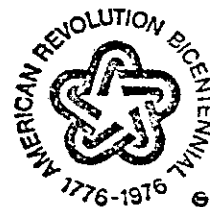
Purpose: To assist the Director, Personal Affairs Directorate, TAGCEN, in the resolution of special cases which involve the identifiability, or non-identifiability, or nonrecoverability of the remains of deceased persons (except for Vietnam related).

Effective date: 6 August 1976

VOCG date cfm: 6 August 1976

Special Instructions: The senior member present will serve as president of the Board. One member, as designated by the president will act as recorder for the Board and will be responsible for the documentation of the findings of the Board. A majority of the members of the Board will constitute a quorum. In the resolution of all cases, the Board will serve as the reviewing channel between the operating Division and the Director, DAAG-PE. The Board is authorized to review all such cases as are referred through it to the Director. After documentation of its findings, the Board will recommend the report be approved by the Director or his designated representative or return the case to the operating Division for reconsideration of its determinations. The Board is charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

a. Establish a set of standards and procedures to determine the adequacy, authenticity, and completeness of records which serve as an operating basis for the Board.





DAAG-ZX

16 September 1976

SUBJECT: Duty Appointment

b. Review case history reports concerning the identifiability of recovered remains as submitted by the operating Division.

c. Review case history reports concerning the nonidentifiability of individual recovered remains and the nonidentifiability of individual remains or group recoveries.

d. Review case history reports concerning the nonrecoverability of remains of persons in the following categories:

(1) Persons for whom the Adjutant General has issued presumptive findings of death.

(2) Persons known to be in a KIA status, whose remains, because of the circumstances of death, are determined to be non-recoverable.

(3) Persons whose remains are officially reported lost at sea.

e. Based upon its findings, either recommend the report be approved by the Director, or return the case to the Operating Division for further reconsideration of the case.

2. Letter Orders, DAAG-AMO, OTAG, dated 28 January 1976 and 13 February 1976, subject Duty Appointment, are rescinded effective 6 August 1976.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

*Edward J. Murphy, Jr.*  
EDWARD J. MURPHY, JR.

LTC, GS

Director, Personnel & Administration  
Directorate

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE  
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9 May 1978

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

Director  
Personal Affairs Directorate  
ATTN: DAAG-PED (Mr. Helgesen)  
Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314


1. Forwarded herewith for your review are original processing documents and narrative of the Supervisory Mortuary Officer/ID concerning the following remains

Unknown X-9443, S & R #5127

2. Laboratory photographs and other related documents were forwarded to you under a separate letter of transmittal dated 2 March 1978.

3. These remains can not be associated with any specific American casualties still MIA from WW II. It is therefore recommended they be designated as Unknown American WW II soldier X-9443 and interred in the Ardennes American cemetery, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium with full military honors.

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as

  
MICHAEL P. WILLSON  
CPT, QMC  
Commanding

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE  
APO NEW YORK 09757

8 May 1978

SUBJECT: Recovery of suspected WW II remains, CASE NO. Unknown X-9443,  
S & R #5127

1. CIRCUMSTANCES OF RECOVERY AND INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT REMAINS:

a. On 17 January 1978, this office received a telephone call from Mr. Reinhard Scholtis, a German citizen residing in Cologne, West Germany with the following information: "On 14 Jan 78, I recovered human bones minus the head of an BTB/American in wooded area in Belgium near to Losheimer Graben which is on the German/Belgian border. No ID tag was found. I found parts of an American type, mine detector with inscription "HOLT" on it and an American helmet with the number "5007" painted on the inside, therefore I believe these to be remains of an American Soldier from WW II".

b. On 1 and 2 February 1978, the undersigned and two enlisted GR Specialists went to Cologne to investigate the recovery made by Mr. Scholtis.

I examined the recovered portions and determined they were insufficient for positive identification and requested Mr. Scholtis direct us to the recovery site for an attempt to recover additional portions and/or ID media. On 2 Feb 78, we drove to the German/Belgian border and had to turn back due to heavy snow in the area. We returned to the Frankfurt Mortuary with the recovered remains and equipment and promised Mr. Scholtis we would return after the spring thaw for another search of the recovery site.

c. On 30 April 78, the undersigned and two enlisted personnel (one was fluent in German) went to Cologne, picked up Mr. Scholtis and drove to the border. The following morning we departed for the recovery site and spent the whole day searching an approximate 100 square meter area around the site where he previously recovered the remains. Rusted and tattered remnants of hundreds of American and German WW II combat artifacts were observed. This included boots, clothing, food containers, vehicle and weapon parts, ammunition, etc., none of which could be associated with subject remains. In addition, several partially filled foxholes in the immediate recovery area were excavated by the team with negative results. No additional remains or ID media were found.

d. Through our interpreter (SSG Booth) I discussed Mr. Scholtis' previous recovery of remains and equipment on 14 January 1978. He stated at this time that all remains and equipment were recovered on the ground surface, scattered within approximately a 30 square meter area.

e. There was evidence that the entire forrest area we searched had been previously searched by many war souvenir hunters and the lower branches of most trees had been cut off by Forresters to thin it out for better growth.

8 May 78

SUBJECT: Recovery of suspected WW II remains, CASE NO. Unknown X-9443,  
S & R #5127

2. RESEARCH OF REGISTER OF WW II MISSING AND DEAD:

There are 56 "HOLT" names listed in the Register of WW II personnel, 26 of whom are still listed as MIA. The numbers in the helmet, "5007", do not correlate in any way with the recorded serial numbers of any of the 56 listed "HOLT's".

3. CONCLUSION:

a. These remains were recovered with several American manufactured items of clothing and equipment.

b. There are many American soldiers from WW II still MIA in the vicinity of where these remains were recovered.

c. Paucity of remains precludes association with any specific US, WW II casualty still MIA in that area.

*John G. Rogers*

JOHN G. ROGERS

GS-12

Supervisory Mortuary Officer/ID

**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING**  
(Effects and Physical Data)

DATE

1 March 1978

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Or unknown number)	GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER	CIL CASE NUMBER (If applicable)
UNKNOWN X-9443			

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
S&R No. 5127			

RECEIVED FROM (vic) LOSHEIMER GRABEN, BELGIUM	IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG
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OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)	
None	

ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)

- American made WW II type steel helmet with No. 5007 painted inside and some illegible red paint on outside front.
- One switch and bell with name "HOLT" painted on it and the following number engraved on "T-46" and M-356-E. Possibly part of mine detector.
- One .45 magazine from burp gun (rusty).

FINGERPRINTS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	X-RAYS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	FLUROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
ESTIMATED HEIGHT	MUSCULARITY	COLOR OF HAIR	RACE OR NATIVITY
Left tibia: 70.1"	Average	None recovered	UTD

TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY

NA

EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

None evident

WOUNDS OR INJURIES

Massive trauma

I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION	SIGNATURE
JOHN G. ROGERS, GS-12, USA Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, APO NY 09757	<i>John G. Rogers</i>

# RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESS DENTAL CHART

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number) <b>UNKNOWN X-9443</b>	GRADE	SERVICE NO./SOCIAL SECURITY ACCT NO.
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER <b>S&amp;R No. 5127</b>	PLOT	ROW GRAVE

MARKING ABBREVIATIONS:

<i>F-Facial</i>	<i>O-Occlusal</i>	<i>D-Distal</i>	<i>A'-Amalgam</i>	<i>-Fill-Filling</i>	<i>Porc-Porcelain</i>	<i>Back-Backing</i>
<i>L-Lingual</i>	<i>M-Mesial</i>	<i>I-Incisal</i>	<i>CR-Crown</i>	<i>Plas-Plastic</i>	<i>Sil-Silicate</i>	<i>Pac-Facing</i>

CARIES	← MAXILLAE AND TEETH NOT RECOVERED →																CARIES
RESTORATIONS																	RESTORATIONS
UPPER RIGHT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	UPPER LEFT
LOWER RIGHT	← MANDIBLE AND TEETH NOT RECOVERED →																LOWER LEFT
RESTORATIONS																	RESTORATIONS
CARIES																	CARIES
	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL BE INDICATED IF PRESENT (Describe in detail in Remarks section)

MOTTLED ENAMEL	ROTATION	FRACTURED ENAMEL	IRREGULARITY OF ALIGNMENT
ENAMEL HYPOPLASIA	UNERUPTED TEETH	FRACTURES OF TEETH	UNUSUAL RESTORATIONS
EROSION	MALOCCLUSION	RETAINED DECIDUOUS TEETH	UNUSUAL APPLIANCES
ABRASION	SUPERNUMERARY TEETH	ABNORMAL INTERDENTAL SPACES	MALPOSED TEETH

PREPARED BY (Typed Name and Signature) <i>John G. Rogers</i> JOHN G. ROGERS, ODAC	VERIFIED BY (Typed Name and Signature) <i>John G. Rogers</i> JOHN G. ROGERS, DAC
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**ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL SLIP**

Date

20 Dec 78

TO: (Name, office symbol, room number, building, Agency/Post)	Initials	Date
1. Mr. William M. Annetti		
2.	<i>F. J. [initials]</i>	<i>26 Dec 78</i>
3.		
4.		
5.		

Action	File	Note and Return
Approval	For Clearance	Per Conversation
As Requested	For Correction	Prepare Reply
Circulate	For Your Information	See Me
Comment	Investigate	Signature
Coordination	Justify	

**REMARKS**

Dear Bill,

Inclosed are the only available news and photo coverage of the funeral for Unknown X-9443 that was conducted in the Ardennes Cemetery on 8 Nov. 78.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and the family.

*John*

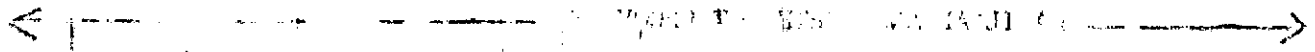
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FROM: (Name, org. symbol, Agency/Post)	Room No.—Bldg.
	Phone No.

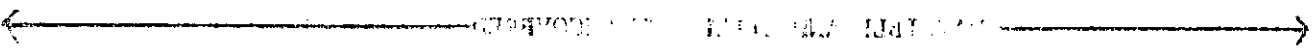
John G. Rogers

DENTURES (Plates): DESCRIBE DENTURE INCLUDING NATURAL TEETH REPLACED AND TEETH WHICH HAVE RETAINING CLASPS. (For example: Lower Acrylic Partial Denture with Lingual Bar, replacing Teeth nos. 17, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32. Clasp on natural teeth nos. 20 and 29) SHOW ANY NUMBERS OR LETTERS APPEARING ON DENTURE.

7851-100-01  
7017-100-01



REMARKS (If no abnormalities are found make notation to that effect)



EXAMPLE METHOD OF PREPARATION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
UPPER RIGHT																	UPPER LEFT
	1. O-AM	2. DOL-AM; F-AM	3. MOD GOLD FILL	4. F-GOLD FILL; ML-AM	5. MO-AM	6. ML-GOLD FILL	7. 3/4 GOLD CR	8. D-PORC FILL	9. PORC-CR	10. F-PORC FILL; L-AM	11. MF-PORC FILL	12. PX-POSTHUMOUSLY MISSING	13. GOLD-CR	14. MISSING	15. MO-AM; L-AM	16. MODL-AM	



**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING  
SKELETAL CHART**

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)  
UNKNOWN X-9443

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER  
S&R No. 5127

PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED AGE (Years) \_\_\_\_\_ ESTIMATED HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult \_\_\_\_\_ L/Tibia: 70.1"

**SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)**

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)	
		RIGHT	LEFT
SKULL			
HUMERUS		--	--
ULNA		--	--
RADIUS		--	--
FEMUR		--	--
TIBIA		--	39.4
FIBULA		--	--

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

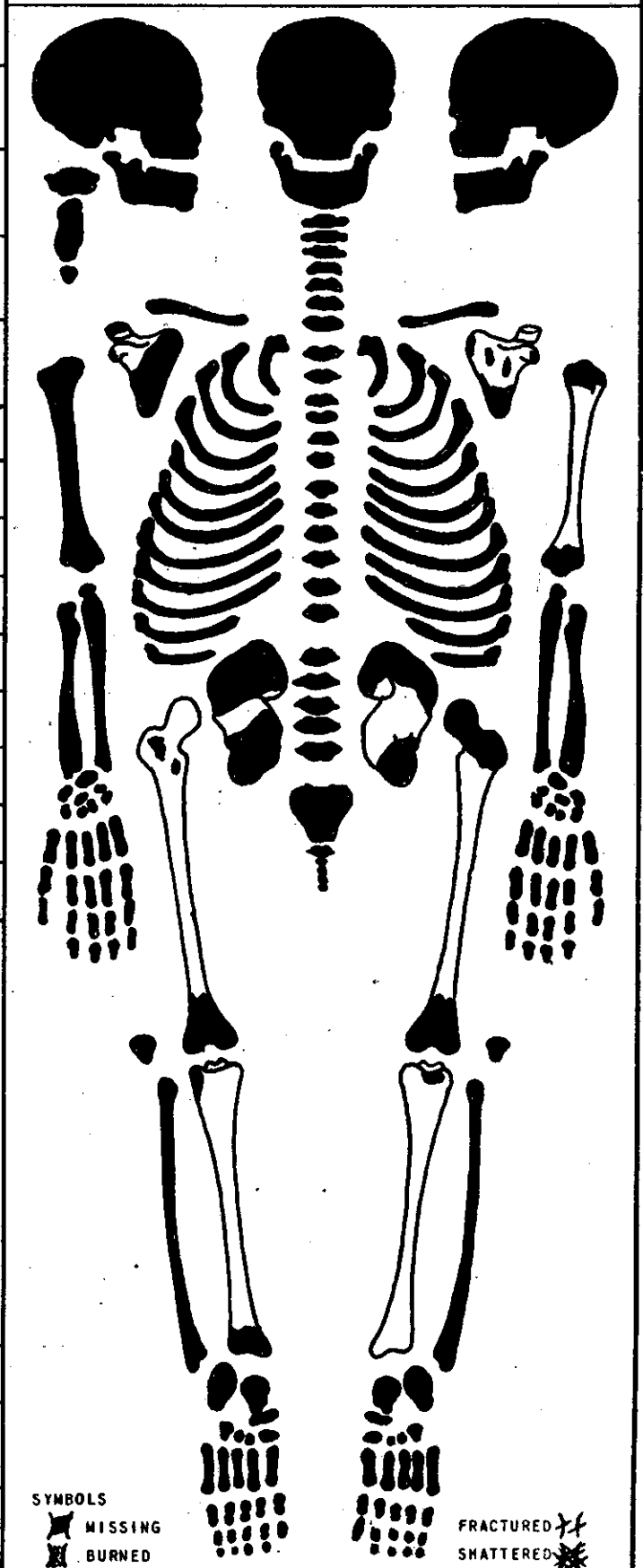
These are the skeletal remains of an adult male of average muscularity. Paucity of recovered portions preclude racial determination or more precise age estimation.

THE PARTS PRESENT AS INDICATED ON THIS SKELETAL CHART REPRESENTS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)  
JOHN G. ROGERS, DAC

SIGNATURE  
*John G. Rogers*

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



SYMBOLS  
 ✖ MISSING  
 ✖ BURNED  
 ✖ FRACTURED  
 ✖ SHATTERED







← APPROX. LOCATION OF GRAVE SITE IS CIRCLED IN RED.

Palastkapelle  
Hochdorf von  
102: Schloß  
späbarock, mit  
Maare 10 St.  
Maar. Im 7. Ja

groß und 38 m tief. Giltenfeld (10 St.) 2 km östl.  
des Pulvermaars, der tiefste Eifelsee (35 ha groß,  
74 m tief, im pulverartigen schwarzen Sand.  
Köln (10 St.) Dom, ein Meisterwerk der Hoch-  
gotik (1248 begonnen, 1842-80 vollendet), mit  
dem Goldenen Dreiecksgesamten, dem berühm-  
ten Dombild Stephan Lechner und schönwies  
Schetzlammers; Stadtplan Müllerscheid  
(10 St.) Überragt von zwei meterhohen Burg-  
türmen 4 km westl. der 11. - - - - -  
erhalten; Hillevulkan Nürburgring (10 St.) Groß-  
artige Kraftfahrweg-Rennstrecke, 1925-27 ent-



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE  
APO NEW YORK 09757

AERAF-AS

2 March 1978

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

Director  
Personal Affairs Directorate  
ATTN: DAAG-PED  
Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Forwarded herewith are copies of laboratory photographs, and processing documents concerning the receipt and laboratory processing of the following remains:


UNKNOWN REMAINS X-9443, S&R # 5127

2. A mortuary S&R team went to Cologne on 1 Feb 78 and met Mr. Scholtis who made the initial recovery. Remains in his custody were examined by the ID Specialist and determined to be insufficient for positive identification. Mr. Scholtis agreed to lead the S&R team to the grave site the next morning.

On 2 Feb 78 the team departed Cologne for the grave site. About 20 Km from the German/Belgian border, heavy snow started falling. The border guard said nearly two meters of snow had accumulated in the area over a two week period. The S&R team then returned to Cologne, picked up the remains at Mr. Scholtis' home and returned to Frankfurt.

3. This headquarters will hold these remains pending an additional S&R to the grave site after the spring thaw.

1 Incl  
as

  
MICHAEL P. WILLSON  
CPT, QMC  
Commanding



TELEPHONE OR VERBAL CONVERSATION RECORD  
(AR 340-15)

DATE

17 Jan 78

SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION

Recovery of Human Bones BTB American - WW II

INCOMING CALL

PERSON CALLING	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER AND EXTENSION
Mr. Scholtis	Herta Strasse Koeln-Zollstock	(0221)-37 38 51
PERSON CALLED	OFFICE	PHONE NUMBER AND EXTENSION
Ms. Gerhold	USA Mem Aff Acty, Eur	2312-7623

OUTGOING CALL

PERSON CALLING	OFFICE	PHONE NUMBER AND EXTENSION
PERSON CALLED	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER AND EXTENSION

SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION

INFORMATION FOR MR. ROGERS

The following informations were furnished by Mr. Scholtis:

On 14 Jan 78 he found portions of human bones believed to be American soldier from WW II in a wooden area nearby village Losheim (Ardenes/Eifel) near the Belgium border. No ID tag found. Remains WITHOUT HEAD. Mr. Scholtis believes that he (the remains) was a former member of a mine detector team. He found parts of the detector with the inscription - HOLT. Further he found a helmet with the number 5007 and marked with a flower-pot in red paint.

The recovered portions are held by Mr. Scholtis in Koeln.

PS: Mr. Scholtis has dealt with us before, he recovered other remains, he is a "hobby searcher".

I told Mr. Scholtis that I will call him to let him know what action we will take in this case. He will take you to the recovery site if you want to.

Telecon on 24 Jan 78 between Ms Gerhold/Mr Scholtis: The helmet he found is of American origin. The recovery site is approx. 100 Km away from Koeln. Mr. Scholtis is willing to accompany our team to the recovery site for additional searching (head).

*Anna M. Gerhold*  
Anna M. Gerhold

OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1978  
(FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S							OTHER TDY AND TRAVEL IAW AR 638-40
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	T D Y RELATED TO CASE	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP.OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	
SCOTT, depn dau 0080-02-78	5.00				37.00			1,100.00 (estimated)
SVOBODA, Francis G. SSG 0476-09-76 - Additional Charges					161.00			
WW II interment in Belgium PVT Delford W. BARKER					21.00			378.00
Opening/Closing of Grave- site PVT BARKER-WW II								
Religious Services PVT BARKER - WW II								
✓ WW II recovery in Koeln, Germany								
TOTAL:	\$ 432.50				219.00	1,128.80		1,478.00
*ELEMENT OF EXPENSE CODE (EOE)	(2610)	(2110)	(2572)	(2572)	(2572)	(2200)	(2572)	(2110)

FUND CITE: 2182020 32-22 P878716-\* (See EOE above) S999999GY GRAND TOTAL: \$ 3,258.30

OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1978  
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S							OTHER TDY AND TRAVEL IAW AR 638-40
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	TDY RELATED TO CASE	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP.OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	
JOHNSON, depn son 0073-02-78	7.50							
LOCKHART, depn son 0075-02-78	5.00							
LYNCH, depn dau 0078-02-78	5.00							
MOENCK, depn dau 0046-01-78	7.50							
MYERS, II, depn son 0059-02-78	5.00							
PICKETT, depn dau 0067-02-78	5.00							
POLK, depn son 0091-02-78	90.00							
RIVERS, depn dau 0048-02-78	7.50							
ROBBRECHT, depn son 0106-02-78	5.00							



OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1978  
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	SHIPPING CONTAINER	T D Y RELATED TO CASE	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP. OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	OTHER TDY AND TRAVEL IAW AR 638-40
AUSTIN, depn dau 0063-02-78	7.50							
CLICK, Jr, depn son 0057-02-78	90.00							
COX, depn dau 0049-02-78	5.00							
EDMONDS, depn dau 0060-02-78	5.00							
FELLNER, depn dau 0623-12-77 Transportation of remains from Vienna, Austria to Nuernbergm Germany						1,128.80		
FORTIER-SERRANO, depn dau 0064-02-78	5.00							
HAGAN, depn dau 0052-02-78	170.00							
JEFFERSON, depn son 0077-02-78	7.50							





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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE**  
**APO NEW YORK 09757**

AERAF-Cdr


2 March 1978

SUBJECT: Open Allotment Costs Data

Director  
Personal Affairs Directorate  
ATTN: DAAG-PED-D  
Forrestal Bldg  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Reference: Your Unclas Msg DAAG-PED-D, DTG P241800Z MAR 77, subject as above,
2. IAW cited message, attached is Open Allotment Costs Data Sheet for the month of FEBRUARY 1978m covering actual costs which were not recorded on DD Form 2775,
3. A separate report will be furnished by the Vicenza Mortuary.

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CPT, QMC  
Commanding

CF: Cdr, 21st SUPCOM  
ATTN: AERRM-B  
APO 09325



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE  
APO NEW YORK 09757

AERAF-Cdr


5 June 1978

SUBJECT: Open Allotment Costs Data

Director  
Personal Affairs Directorate  
ATTN: DAAG-PED  
Forrestal Bldg  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Reference: Your Unclas Msg DAAG-PED, DTG P241800Z MAR 77, subject as above.
2. IAW cited reference above, attached is Open Allotment Costs Data Sheet for the month of MAY 1978, covering actual costs which were not recorded on DD Form 2775.
3. A separate report will be furnished by the Vicenza Mortuary.

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CPT, QMC  
Commanding

OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1978  
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S						INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	OTHER TDY AND TRAVEL IAW AR 638-40
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	T D Y RELATED TO CASE	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/ SUPPLIES	TRANSP. OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES		
AF SULLIVAN, depn dau 0251-05-78	9.00							
AF SULLIVAN, depn dau 0276-05-78	5.00							
<i>Wichow</i> V TICHOW, depn dau 0284-05-78	5.00							
AF VITAL, James SM2, US Navy 0229-04-78		199.00						
AF WRIGHT, depn son 0278-05-78	5.00							
Search & Recovery of WW II remains in Belgium								369.00
TOTAL:	\$ 228.00	199.00	-0-	-0-	1,956.00	-0-	-0-	369.00
*ELEMENT OF EXPENSE CODE (EOE)	(2610)	(2110)	(2572)	(2572)	(2572)	(2200)	(2572)	(2110)

FUND CITE: 2182020 32-22 P878716, -\* (See EOE above) S99999GY GRAND TOTAL: \$ 2,752.00



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7-9443

Director  
Personal Affairs Directorate  
ATTN: DAAG-PED (MR. ANNETTI)  
Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314



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UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE  
APO NEW YORK 09757

AERAF-Cdr


6 December 1978

SUBJECT: Open Allotment Costs Data

Director  
Personal Affairs Directorate  
ATTN: DAAG-PED  
Forrestal Bldg  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Reference: Your Unclas Msg DAAG-PED, DTG P241800Z MAR 77, subject as above.
2. IAW cited reference above, attached is Open Allotment Costs Data Sheet for the month of NOVEMBER 1978, covering actual costs which were not recorded on DD Form 2065.

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MICHAEL P. WILLSON  
CPT, QMC  
Commanding

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OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1978  
(FRANKFURT AND KAISERSLAUTERN MORTUARY)

C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S								INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	TDY/TVL RELATED TO CASE	OTHER TDY/TVL	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORT SVCS FURN BY LOCAL SOURCES	TRANSP. OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMENT ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	
✓ MEERS, depn. dau 0562-10-78 <i>Edward M.</i>	9.00								
✓ NAFFER, depn. son 0564-10-78 <i>Richard C. Jr.</i>	5.00								
✓ PENNINGTON, depn dau 0579-11-78 <i>Marianne</i>	5.00								
✓ PUGH, depn dau 0569-11-78 <i>Joseph</i>	5.00								
✓ SENGER, depn dau 0577-11-78 <i>Nicholas R.</i>	5.00								
✓ SUMRALL, depn dau 0563-10-78 <i>Sheep H.</i>	5.00								
✓ MOOD, depn dau 0560-10-78 <i>Michael S.</i>	5.00								
✓ WORKMAN, depn dau 0585-11-78 <i>Herbert R.</i>	5.00								
Interment Unknown X-9443 in Belgium (WW II)		XXXXXX 1,935.00				264.00 (Open & Closing of Gravesite)			
*ELEMENT OF EXPENSE CODE (EOE)	2610	2111- 2130/2190	2111- 2130/2190	2610	2572	2572	2200	2572	2572
TOTAL:	\$ 83.00	1,935.00	-0-	-0-	333.00	264.00	116.00	-0-	-0-

FUND CITE: 2192020 32-22 P878716-\*See EOE above, S999999Y GRAND TOTAL: \$ 2,731.00



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE**  
**APO NEW YORK 09757**

AERAF-Chief

4 February 1980

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

Director  
Casualty and Memorial Affairs Directorate  
ATTN: DAAG-PED  
Forrestal Bldg  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314

Forwarded herewith is Open Allotment Data Sheet for the month of JANUARY 80 covering actual known costs which were not recorded on DD Form 2065.

1 Incl  
as

*John G. Rogers*  
JOHN G. ROGERS  
DAC  
Supv Mortuary Officer/ID

Photos WWII Remains