

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

AMERSON, LEONARD C

RANK

TEC 5

SERIAL NUMBER

34263729

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

5 OCT 45

AREA OF DEATH

HOLLAND

NAME OF AUDITOR

M. COX

DATE

30 JAN 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

BOWMAN

DATE

30 JAN 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

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AMERSON, Leonard C.		T/5	34 263 729
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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER 14901 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Amerson, Leonard G;

RANK

T/5

SERIAL NUMBER

34 263 729

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Individual Case

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	ABK	a. CREATOR OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	ABK
A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN 3. U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	ABK	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	ABK
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	ABK	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UN- KNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	ABK
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		ABK

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

See Tab-A for result of comparisons with Unknowns associated with this decedent.

NAB
File

JAN 25 1951

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

Identification Branch

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

25 Oct 50

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

#14901

Proceeding of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO 108, headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 17 OCT 50. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE No.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
	AMERSON, Leonard C.	T/5	34 263 729

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, O-41448 TC

JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Maj. O-1576321 QMC

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. O-1289071 QMC

CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311 QMC

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

GRGP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following case:

NAME: AMERSON, Leonard C. T/5 34 263 729

ORGANIZATION: Company "A", 17th Tank Bn, 7th
Armd, Div.

DATE OF DEATH: 4 October 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of St Anthonis, Holland

SYNOPSIS: The above named casualty was reported in the Casualty Clearance Plan Report, dated 28 August 1945, as missing in action on the date cited above. Referenced report indicates he was a crew member of a tank which was struck by anti-tank fire southeast of St Anthonis, Holland, after having been surrounded by enemy forces.

Tank crew member S/Sgt Frank E. Wolfe, in a statement, dated 18 August 1945 states: "I was car commander of the tank in which T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34262729 was my driver. My platoon leader was 2/Lt Dwight W. Rappleye. Our company was the assault company and my platoon was the assault platoon. The attack moved out over swampy, ravined, and wooded terrain. We moved to within approximately 500 yards of our final objective, when the company was met by intense anti-tank, artillery and mortar fire. My tank was hit by an anti-tank gun across the right fender. Thinking the tank was immobilized, the crew abandoned the tank all except the gunner. The gunner, Pfc Denton C. Stroud drove the tank around and the rest of the dismounted crew, except T/5 Amerson, got back into the tank and rode it out of the enemy line of fire."

GROP 293.9
SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

Four (4) of the crew members S/Sgt Frank E. Wolfe, Cpl Romie D. Holcomb, Pfc Denton C. Stroud and Pvt Robert S. Roman were returned to US military control.

No further information is on file at this headquarters or OQMG Washington, D. C., concerning the subject casualty, although T/5 Amerson was last seen uninjured and outside of the tank he was never reported as a prisoner of war by any source official or unofficial.

Field Investigation conducted on 10 June 1947, failed to locate the remains or provide clues as to ultimate disposition. All attempts to associate recovered unknowns with subject casualty proved negative.

In view of the above facts presented, it can only be concluded that T/5 Leonard C. Amerson was killed by the enemy and his remains disposed of in an unknown manner and location which precludes recovery or identification.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; Casualty Clearance Plan dated 28 August 1945 with statement S/Sgt Frank E. Wolfe; Narrative Report of Field Investigation dated 10 June 1947; On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

2. It is recommended that the remains based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK *TL*
Captain, OMC

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

SPECIAL ORDERS)

29 August 1950

NUMBER 108)

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2. PAC, Ltr WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

LT COL ROBERT D. MILLER,	TC.,	O 41 448,	President
MAJOR JAMES C. MAC FARLAND,	QMC.,	O 1 576 321	
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr.,	QMC.,	O 1 289 071	
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK,	QMC.,	O 1 040 311	
CWO HENRY F. MYERS,	USA,	W 2 104 778	

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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MULVANITY:

ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ ROBERT K. COLE,
CWO USA,
Asst Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY

Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

Margraten

X- 1201 Identified
X- 1209 Comparison not favorable
X- 1212 Identified
X- 1215 Identified
X- 1217 Identified
X- 1228 Identified
X- 1230 Comparison not favorable
X- 1231 Remains Fragmentary
X- 1234 Remains Fragmentary
X- 1243 Identified
X- 1929 Identified
X- 2065 Identified
X- 2164 Identified
X- 2775 Identified
X- 2795 Identified
X- 2797 Identified
X- 2798 Identified
X- 2799 Remains fragmentary
X- 2800 Comparison not favorable

Neuville-en-Condroz

X- 125 No such grave
X- 3314 Comparison not favorable
X- 3323 Comparison not favorable
X- 3330 Group burial- Identified
X- 3367 Comparison not favorable

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

ORRE 293.9

Leonard C. Emerson
Request for information

34263729
2 August 1950

SUBJECT: Request for information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 and 293 file, your office, pertaining to T/5 Leonard C. AMERSON, 34263729.

2. It is requested that 2/Lt Dwight W. RAPPELBYE, O1016209, who was the leader of the platoon of which T/5 Amerson was the leader, and who was captured in the same incident in which T/5 Amerson was missing in action, be contacted for information as to whether T/5 Amerson was also a POW or killed in action and whether any grave location can be ascertained.

3. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR.
Major, OMC
Registration Division

OQMGMS 293
Amerson, Leonard C.
ASN 34263729

1st Ind 10 1050

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D.C., 6 September 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7667 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, Liege, Belgium

Copy from report of Rappelye simply states that he is unable to furnish any information pertaining to subject.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

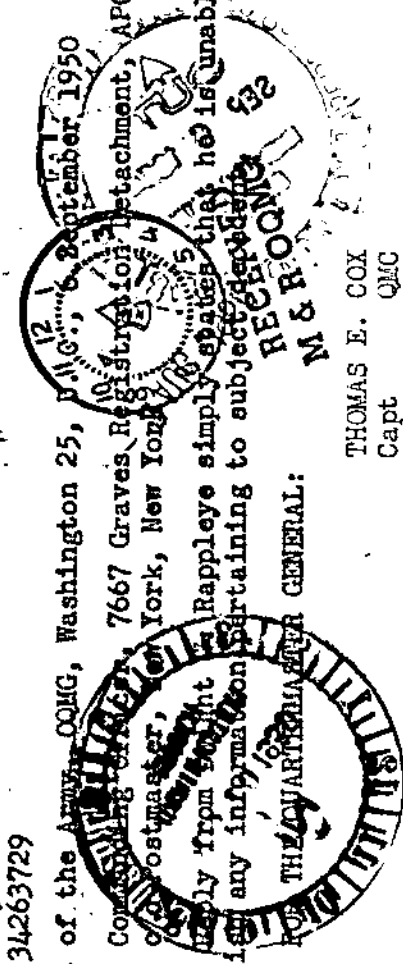
THOMAS E. COX
Capt OMC
Memorial Division

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE <i>15 August 1950</i>	
FROM (Branch and Section) Ident Br., Search Info Sec.	REQUESTED BY Hospel	TEL. EXT. 72000	ROOM NO. 1534-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) Amerson, Leonard C.	RANK T/5	SERIAL NUMBER 34263729	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Request current mailing address of:

Happle, Dwight W. 2/Lt. 0-1016209

Ltr #854

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Address: 5050 Ledge Avenue
Burbank, California

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMS 293

Amerson, Leonard C.

SN 34 263 729

21 August 1950

Mr. Dwight W. Rappleye
5050 Ledge Avenue
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Rappleye:

The Graves Registration Service in Europe has requested that you be contacted for all possible information surrounding the death of T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, who was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can furnish any information relative to the following questions:

1. When and where did you last see T/5 Amerson?
2. Do you know whether or not he was taken prisoner?
3. Do you have any knowledge as to how he was killed, the place of death and grave location?

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Penalty Envelope

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
Memorial Division

THOMAS E. COX
Capt. QMC

Dear Sir:

I regret that I am unable to give you information

AIRMAIL

QMMS 293
GRS European
SUBJECT: Request for Information

1st Ind

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 19 September 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Inclosed herewith are photostatic copies of all dental information available for the following:

Aiello, Michael	16055052
Barker, Delford W.	38556426
Barras, James J.	38264750
Bonds, Howard T.	34272642
Dew, Robert G.	17067016
Donals, Robert L.	32471788
Dover, Roland V., Jr.	O-481609
Matus, Rudolph W.	38433558
Mueller, William W.	37514904
Pease, Carl E.	11014727
Richardson, Jeff B.	38381542
Sercha, John P.	37580467
Slade, Melvin H.	36752091
Spector, Sidney M.	42057879
Tompkins, Tom T.	38356901
Wiening, Paul G.	O-520508
Yonner, Thomas R.	O-2056513

2. Dental information for the following individuals is as submitted on OQMG Form 371. There are no Forms 79 available for these individuals:

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Alfonso, Jafet	32002285
Amerson, Leonard C.	34263729
Clemson, Harry A.	19106858
Collier, Garland W.	39849456
Davenport, William G.	35456698
Haag, Edward J.	18023866

3. Reference is made to letter this Office dated 28 July 1949, file QMMS 293 GRS European, subject: Additional information for dental information on Biondo, Anthony P., 35610513 and Martin, James O., O-686649.

4. All dental information on Biggs, Cecil W., O-671490 was forwarded by letter this Office dated 2 February 1949, file QMMS 293 Biggs, Cecil W., O-671490, subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

5. Cloud, William S., 35357679, is not a casualty according to records of this Office. Report of Death for subject individual was cancelled 27 November 1943.
6. For dental information for Collins, Richard K., O-393514, see letter this Office dated 17 May 1949, file QMMS 293 GRS European, subject: Additional Information.
7. For dental information on Collette, William H., O-669424 see 1st Indorsement this Office dated 3 February 1949, file QMMS 293 Collette, William H., O-669424, subject: Request for Information.
8. All available dental information for Johnson, Nathan Jr., 35654663 and Rosenkrantz, David 39018039 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement dated 4 March 1949, file QMMS 293 GRS (European), subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased.
9. There are no Forms 79 available for Kelly, Raymond P., 36379533. DSS Form 221 dated 4 September 1943 shows teeth missing R-16, L-8, 16.
10. All available dental information for Lillard, Thomas J., O-1319902 was forwarded your headquarters by letter dated 15 June 1949, file QMMS 293 Lillard, Thomas J., O-1319902, subject: Investigation for Recovery of Remains.
11. Information requested on Melandez, Timoteo G., 38441216 will be forwarded your headquarters in reply to cable 4404 dated 29 June 1949.
12. All available dental information for Miller, Harry L., 6279215 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement this Office dated 30 March 1949, file QMMS 293 Miller, Harry L., 6279215.
13. All available dental information for Sweat, Ellis J., 34531017 was submitted your headquarters by 1st Indorsement this Office dated 24 February 1949, file QMMS 293 Sweat, Ellis J., 34531017.
14. For all available dental information for Weber, Norman L., O-1314983 reference is made to letter this Office dated 13 April 1949, file QMMS 293 GRS (European), subject: Additional Information.
15. Dental report for Buren, Clifford L., 39312844 and Shaw, Robert W., O-887922 is incomplete. If any additional dental is received in this Office it will be forwarded your headquarters.

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

16. Records of Demals, Robert L., 52471788 indicates an old fracture of nose.

17. Records for Pease, Carl E., 11014727 indicates fracture upper third right fibula, simple, complete.

18. Records of Dover, Roland V. Jr., O-481608 indicates fracture left arm - lower one-third.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

17 Incls:
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Dental Records

T. H. METZ
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>MBL</i> AMERSON, LEONARD C.		GRADE <i>a</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34263729
ORGANIZATION	RACE <i>W</i>	CREED <i>Baptist Protestant</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT <i>5 ft 10 3/4</i>	WEIGHT <i>142</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>
			SHOE SIZE <i>9-C</i>
DENTAL CHART ✓ <i>9 Mar 1946</i>			
UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9		LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
X = Extracted		O = Carious	
		I = Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None</i>		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <i>None</i>	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			

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CMGMS 293

Amerson, Leonard C.
SN 34 263 729

21 August 1950



Mr. Dwight W. Rappleye
5050 Ledge Avenue
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Rappleye:

The Graves Registration Service in Europe has requested that you be contacted for all possible information surrounding the death of F/5 Leonard C. Amerson, Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, who was reported missing in action in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland on 4 October 1944.

It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you can furnish any information relative to the following questions:

1. When and where did you last see F/5 Amerson?
2. Do you know whether or not he was taken prisoner?
3. Do you have any knowledge as to how he was killed, the place of death and grave location?

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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ECK:vmt

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., CMC
Memorial Division



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Aug 21 1950

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AG 201 Amerson, Leonard C.
34263729 (25 Oct 49)

LEM/mmh/10676/10471

25 October 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance
of T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34263729.

1. T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34263729, Company A, 17th Tank Battalion, was reported missing in action in Holland on 4 October 1944 by ETO Ship-ment No. 219. Under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act, a finding of death was made in this case, which showed the presumed date of death as 5 October 1945 (S. R. & D. No. 4266).
2. The AG 201 file of T/5 Amerson contains a 7th Indorsement, dated 1 September 1945, from the Commanding General, European Theater, transmitting a report of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Corporal Amerson. The report states that Corporal Amerson was a driver of a tank which was ordered to support infantry units in an attack on Overloon, Holland, on 4 October 1944. The following named men comprised the remainder of the 5-man crew:

S Sgt	Frank E. Wolfe	36 037 345	Tank Commander
Pvt	Robert S. Roman	39 114 738	
Cpl	Romeo D. Holcomb	35 264 989	Assistant Driver
Pfc	Denton C. Stroud	35 280 789	Cannoneer Gunner

Company A had the mission of attacking a wooded section southeast of St. Antonis, Holland, and securing it. While in the vicinity of Overloon, the tank sustained a hit from enemy anti-tank fire and the crew, with the exception of PFC Stroud, evacuated the tank. PFC Stroud re-started the tank and turned it around. All members of the crew, except Corporal Amerson, got back into the tank, and rode it out of the enemy line of fire. Corporal Amerson was last seen by the tank commander when they were both on the ground outside the tank. Another tank in the platoon was disabled by anti-tank fire and the platoon leader was captured. The survivors expressed the belief that Corporal Amerson had been captured since the platoon commander was captured, and the platoon had by-passed enemy infantry toward the rear before the platoon was fired upon. They were unable to regain the lost ground and, therefore, had no opportunity to search for casualties. The enemy artillery and anti-tank fire had been intense, and Company A lost 8 out of 12 tanks which were in the attack.

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AG 201 Amerson, Leonard C.
34263729 (25 Oct 49)

3. There is no further information available regarding Corporal Amerson. He was never reported a prisoner of war, nor can any reference to him be found in captured German records. There is no burial report for him on file in the office of The Quartermaster General.
4. Inasmuch as it cannot be determined whether Corporal Amerson was killed in action or was captured and died at a later date, it is concluded that the circumstances do not warrant the issuance of a report of death under the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

L. H. Munroster
Investigator



CONCUR:

JAMES A. FRIX
Captain, AGD
Asst. OIC, Det. & Review Unit
Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

COPY FOR:
OCMG, Memorial Div.

NARRATIVE REPORT10 June 1947

Investigations in the St. Antonis and Overloon Areas revealed that a total number of 26 tanks still remained in these communities as a result of the battles there in October 1944.

Below is a list of these tanks, giving location, serial numbers, names, and the investigator's findings on each one. This list is compiled from information received from the town halls of St. Antonis and Overloon, and from various individuals contacted.

1. Two tanks, American model in British Service:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
T 148021	Not applicable	Not applicable
T 263186	" "	" "

These tanks put out of action in September 1944 at Onloo, Community of St. Antonis.

2. Two tanks, American, located Peeltant, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036782	7/ 40/ A5	Able Abe
USA 3033668	7/ 40/ A16	Not visible

3. Four tanks, American, located in Vortum, Overloon:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
-----22871*	7/ 31/ B15	Not visible
USA 3033274	7/ 31/ B7	Boomerang
USA 3022896	7/ 31/ B6	Ball-Dog, Radio 528
USA 3022891	7/ 434 F Hq 23	Paper Doll

Search of tank USA 3033274 revealed the possible presence of human remains. Search of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

*Number not totally visible---probably USA 302287 1.

COMMUNITY OF VIERLINGSBEEK

Holland 5767

Vierlingsbeek, 11 March 1947

The Burgomaster of the Community of Vierlingsbeek declares that there are no data at the Town Hall here concerning the location of the grave in this community of:

Tec/5 Leonard C. ANDERSON, 34263729.

He further declares that at least 13 destroyed tanks of American type are lying in the Community of Vierlingsbeek, to which six other villages belong. The location of these 13 tanks is as follows:

1. 2 tanks at Overloon, district of Peelkant;
2. 4 tanks at Vortum;
3. 2 tanks in the War Museum at Overloon;
4. 1 tank at the border of the "Duivenbosch" at Overloon;
5. 1 tank at the Fritterscheweg at Overloon;
6. 3 tanks Heikantsveld at Overloon (of which 1 tank on the field of J. Koenen, and 2 tanks on the field of M. van Mill).

With reference to no. 1: we were informed that parts of a human body still are in the tank. We supposed it to be one of the crew members.

With reference to no. 2: it is very possible that there still are remains in one of the tanks. No remains are found in the other three tanks. All four were destroyed on 3 October 1944 during the fights near Overloon.

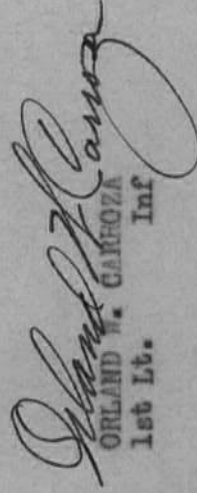
With reference to No. 5: in February 1945 the remains of one of the crew members were found and buried in the immediate vicinity. Some time later a second body was found which also was buried near the tank. The first grave (of the first deceased) was marked with a wooden cross of which the inscription is not known anymore at the Town Hall. The grave of the second deceased was also marked with a cross on which the inscription: "Unknown American Driver 3011069. In June 1945 these bodies were disinterred by American soldiers and removed to Mergraten.

With reference to No. 6: These three tanks were destroyed in the beginning of October 1944, during the Battle of Overloon. No trace of any remains of the occupants was found in these tanks.

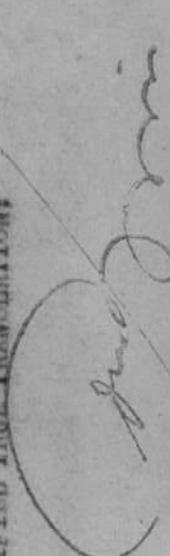
THE BURGOMASTER OF VIERLINGSBEEK
s/t/ H. van Daal.

Clerk at the Registrar's office.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


ORLANDO W. GARFOZA
1st Lt. Inf.

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:


PETER J. F. du BOIS
Investigator
4527 (M Serv Co(AC))

COMMUNITY OF OPLOO

St. Anthonis, 27 Febr. 1947

The burgomaster of Oplooo declares, that the remains of the American soldier MERSON, Leonard, killed on 4 October 1944 in this Community, not is buried here.

It is known, that the soldiers, who got killed between the front at Oplooo and Overloon, were brought together in a Cemetery at Oplooo, were they were buried. Afterwards, already in 1945, all bodies were disinterred and removed to the Cemeteries of Margraten, (the Americans) and Mierlo (the English).

The Burgomaster of Oplooo
For him

/s/ A. Verschuren.

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Dorell B. Hartman
DORRILL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

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E. de Rijs,
4527 QM Service Co.

STATEMENT

The undersigned declares, that the soldier Leonard C. AMERSON, never was buried in the Cemetery of St. Antonius.

St. Antonius, Feb '47

/s/ A. van Delft
Priest

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Quell B. Van Lan
Quell B. Van Lan
Let 16. Infantry

Certified True Translation

Euler

E. de Wijs,
4527 Q.L. Service Co.

Group State Police
Post St. Anthonis

St. Anthonis 28-2-1947

S T A T E M E N T

I, the undersigned, Gerardus Hendrikus Maria Vervoort, Sergeant of the State Police, belonging to above mentioned Group, herewith declare, that I cannot give any information concerning Leonard C. AMESON, 34263729, Co. "A" 17th Tank Bn 7th Arm, Div., who probably got killed on 4 Oct. 1944 in the vicinity of the Community of Overloon.

The Sergeant
/s/ G. VERVOORT.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Duane B. Stanton
DUANE B. STANTON
1st "B" Infantry

Certified True Translation

E. de Wijs

E. de Wijs,
4527 OH Service Co.

STATE POLICE OF
OVERLOON

Hand 5767

Over Loon, 12 March 1947

S T A T E M E N T

Undersigned, W.H. Hoymans, Sergeant 1st Class of the State Police at Overloon, declares, that he does not know anything about the body of Leonard C. Amerson, 34 263 729

Sergeant 1st Class
/s/ W.H. Hoymans

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Dorell B. Hartman
DORRELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

E. de Wajs
E. de Wajs
4527 OH Service Co.

Overloon, 21 March 1947

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, declare that on my property about 30 meters from my house is located the wreckage of an American tank. This tank was destroyed by War-actions between 2 October and 6 October 1944. On 19 October 1944 I noticed pieces of clothing around the tank, which were burned and scattered around. I personally have not seen any sign of human remains, neither during the time of the battle, nor some time later.

I don't know if there are any survivors of this tank.

/s/ G.Jacobs
C 253 Overloon.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY


DURRELL B HARTMAN

1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation



A. Cobben
457 QM Service Co.

S T A T E M E N T

Undersigned declares that there are no soldiers buried in the cemetery and that to his knowledge Leonard G. Amerson never has been discovered by people in Overloon. (Comm. of Vierlingsbeek,).

Overloon, 12 March 1947

/s/ Illegible Priest.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Donald B. Hartman
DONALD B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

E. de Wijs
E. de Wijs
4527 QA Service Co. (AC)

(Holland Case # 767, Narrative Mr. Chatelain c. d.)

8. Four tanks, on the Oplooische Dijk, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036640 S	7/ 40/ B4	Not visible
This tank is on property of J. Hubers.		
USA -----86	7/ 40/ B5	Not visible
First five numbers not visible. This tank on property of G. Jacobs.		
USA 3099821	7/ 40/ B11	Big Boy 2
This tank on property of Widow v. Dainhoven.		
USA 3099908	7/ 31/ C3	Not visible

9. Five tanks in the district of Etert, Vierlingsbeek, all on the property of Jager. Three of these tanks have been totally blown up and the greater parts have been removed by scrap-iron dealers. Due to this it is impossible to obtain any identification numbers, however it can be said with certainty that these were American tanks by the parts left behind. Of the other two tanks the following information is available.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 30100099	7/ 17/ A31	Not visible
USA 3099846	Not visible	Not visible

10. One tank in the district Taut-Reesch, Vierlingsbeek, on the property of Deenen.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3039158	7/ 17/ B9	

Statements were obtained from the town halls, local police, and parish priests, certifying that there are no records or knowledge of the interment or whereabouts of above mentioned deceased in the communities of St. Antonis and Overloon.

NB. Reference is made to Holland Case # 5733 for results of action taken on the four remains found in the tank numbers: USA 3036782, USA 3033274, USA 3011069, and USA _____.

P. CHATELAIN
WD Civilian
Investigator

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Identification Section
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade	
Amerson	Leonard	C	134 26 37 29	T/5	
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size	Date of Death
5 Ft 10 in	142	Brown	Brown	9-C	6 Oct 45
Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)					

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

Overboos, Holland, 18 mi. Southeast of Nijmegen.

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION	DATES
Camp Polk, La - - -	Mar. 42 to May 42
Ft. Benning, Ga - - -	May 42 to Sept 43.

AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH

NO RECORDS ON FILE

Fractures and/or Breaks	Tattoos and/or Birth marks

DENTAL CHART

AS of Mar. 9, 1942

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Upper Right

Upper Left

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 (13)

Lower Right

Lower Left

(Holland)
5167

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293 Amerson, Leonard C.

342-63-729

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

15 September 1947

SUBJECT: Burial Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to First Indorsement, this headquarters, dated 26 May 1947, concerning T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34263729. 293
2. Inclosed herewith all documents pertaining to negative report from the field on above mentioned enlisted man.
3. Further action on this case is being taken by Unidentified Deceased Branch, this headquarters.
4. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incls
Form 371 & inclosures.

Walter B. Morrow
WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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21 Apr 48
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QMGMM 293 Amerson, Leonard O. 2nd Ind.
EN 34 263 729

WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C. 21 JUL 1947

TO: **Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area**
APO 58, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

1. Reference is made to preceding correspondence.
2. Forwarded for processing in accordance with AG Letter, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 47)D-M, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl: n/c

POOLE ROGERS
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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O. Q. M. G.
& RECORDS BRANCH

RECORDS BRANCH
JUL 21 10 05 AM '47
MEMORIAL DIVISION

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) AMERSON, Leonard C.		GRADE Tec 5	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 34 253 729	
ORGANIZATION Co "A" 17th Tank Bn 7th Armd Div	RACE White	CREED Protestant	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 4 Oct 44	CAUSE OF DEATH Finding of Death		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Overloon, Holland	
DATE OF FOD 5 Oct 45				
HEIGHT 5' 10"	WEIGHT 142	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 9C

D E N T A L C H A R T
9 Mar 42

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
X = Extracted O = Cavious I = Cavious Non Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS NO RECORD	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 26

He got out of a damaged tank while under enemy small arm and artillery fire Overloon, 18 miles S.E.Nijmegen, Holland.

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS No. 27

Unknowns X-1212 & 1215, both of the 7th Armored Division, were recovered from the area of St.-Antonis (E-63) and Overloon (E-73) but cannot be associated with the above deceased.

Direct investigation be conducted at the above area for the recovery of the remains.



Amer. R. Leonard
~~To Clinical Records Branch~~

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Station Hosp Co Polk, La	28 Apr 42	2 May 42	13439
Station Hosp Co Polk, La	15 Dec 42	15 Dec 42	27270 1/2
Station Hosp Ft. Benning, Ga	15 Mar 44	21 Mar 44	216935

White 28 May 46 DPRB
Clerk Date Branch

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

31 October 1946

In Reply Refer To
QMCG 293

Amerson, Leonard C.
SN 34 263 729

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and
Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMCG 314.6, Subject:
Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving
Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946,

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate, is OCMG Form 371 for the following
deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identi-
fied:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Amerson, Leonard C.	T/5	34 263 729

3. The attached OCMG Form 371 contains all information available
from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the
AG Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Clinical Records Branch, St.
Louis, Missouri, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, and captured enemy docu-
ments, and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this
office to your headquarters.

4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to
locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your in-
vestigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by
indorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl. - Par 2

MARTIN G. RILEY

MEMORANDUM
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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Amerson, Leonard C.			Tec 5	34 263 729	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co. "A" 17th Tank Bn 7th Arm'd Div.		White	Protestant		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
4 Oct 1944	Finding of Death		Overloon, Holland		
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<p>X = Extracted O = Cavious I = Cavious Non-Restorable</p>					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
NO RECORD			NO RECORD		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
<p>AGE: 26</p> <p>He got out of a damaged tank while under enemy small arm and artillery fire Overloon, 18 Miles S.E. Eijmegen, Holland.</p>					

(Holland 5767)

GRU 293.9

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE, 551ST QM Gp. AGRC, APO 58, (LIEGE)
US ARMY 26 June 1947

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 58, (Paris) US Army

1. Investigation conducted in the Overloon-St. Antonis area failed to locate the remains of T/S Leonard C. Amerson, 34263729.
2. Remains of four (4) unknowns have been recently disinterred from the Groesbeek-Overloon area and evacuated to Subordinate Identification Point # 2, USMC, Margraten, Holland, under evacuation numbers IZ-1416, IZ-1407, IZ-1408 and IZ-1406.
3. The following unknowns have been previously recovered from the above area but cannot be associated with subject deceased.

Unknowns X-1201, X-1209, X-1228, X-1231, X-1234, X-1230, X-1217,
X-1243, X-1229, X-2164, X-2795, X-2775, X-2797, X-2798, X-2799,
X-2800, X-2065, X-1215, USMC, Margraten, Holland

Unknowns X-3323, X-3330, X-125, X-3314, X-3367, HSMC Neuville
En Condrez, Belgium.

4. Reports of investigation and attached statements pertaining to subject case are inclosed herewith.

8 Incl: added

1. Statement (Vierlingbeek)
2. Statement (Ophoe)
3. Statement (Van Delft)
4. Statement (Vervoort)
5. Statement (Priest, Vierlingsbeek)
6. Statement (Wetman)
7. Statement (Jacobs)
8. Narrative Report (Chalain)

(Holland)
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(Basic Ltr OQMG, QM(MR) 293 Amerson, Leonard C. SN 34 263 729,
dtd 31 Oct 1946).

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Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Theater Area,
APO 58, U S Army, 26 May 1947.

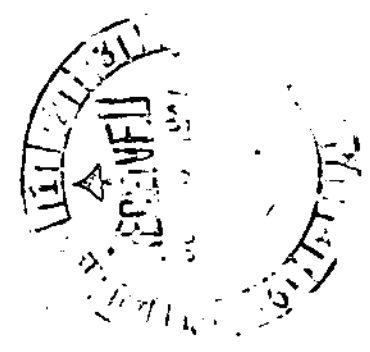
TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of a report received from Headquarters First Zone, AGRG, dated 16 May 1947 concerning investigation being conducted for the recovery of the remains of T/5 Leonard C. Amerson, 34263729.
2. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
a/s

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen



(Holland 5767)

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE
51ST QM GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 58 (LIEGE) US ARMY

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61 May 1947

GRU 293.9

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 58, US Army

1. OQMG Form 371 pertaining to Tec/5 Leonard C. AMERSON, 34263729, has been forwarded to the field 20 February 1947 for necessary action.

2. Current information received in this headquarters concerning subject case indicates that the OVERLOON area contains a heavy concentration of allied and enemy isolated burials which are being disinterred for verification.

3. Your headquarters will be furnished complete details upon completion of investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

TRUMAN D ECKOLS
Major Inf
Asst. Chief of Operations

Tel: Liege 19526

WAR DEPARTMENT
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4 FEB 1947

QMCAR 293
Amerson, Leonard C., T/5
ASN 34 263 729

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For.

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to VD, O383 Letter, file and subject as above, dated 31 October 1946, for which there is no record of receipt of a reply in this office.
2. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement on the above referred to letter within 20 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

(Holland Case # 167, Narrative Mr. Chatelein co. I.)

4. One tank, American model in British Service, locate on Community property, Duivenbosch, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
T 148039	Not applicable	Not applicable

5. Four tanks, American, locate near the house of J.A. Hendriks, C 167, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3011069	7/ 17/ C15	Catherine-St-----
USA 339520	Not visible	Charger
USA 3099781	7/ 434/ F HQ 22	Tiger Ann 2
Not visible	7/ 17/ C12	Not visible. Gun Number: 75mm M3 4130 4 EMP CRD CORP 898 lbs 1942 Insp. D. M. G.

Inspection of tank USA 3011069 revealed the presence of human remains. However it was learned from the town hall that two bodies had previously been removed from this tank and buried near the wreckage. These were later disinterred by American authorities and reburied to Margraten as unknown soldiers. Remains found in the tank on this investigation consisted of small bones and parts of the skull. Inspection of the other three tanks resulted in negative findings.

6. One tank, American, located on property of G. Gerrits, C 237, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA-----	Not visible	Carouse

Inspection of this tank revealed the presence of human remains. Statement of G. Gerrits certifies that in the immediate vicinity of the tank the remains of one or more of the crew members of this tank are buried. Grave is unmarked and exact location is not known.

7. Two tanks, American, located in War Museum, Overloon:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3022601		
USA 3033401		

Overseas inventory indicates property prepared for shipment to this Bureau. However, due to length of time involved, property presumably lost in transit, or shipped direct to the next of kin.

For Kathryn H. McClure
H. O. CALDWELL
Effects Quartermaster

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Technician Fifth Grade Leonard C. Amerson, Army Serial Number 34,263,729, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 4th day of October 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 5th day of October, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Herbert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
2 Oct 1918	Manchester, Georgia	9 Mar 1942	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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REMARKS

Circumstances of disappearance: He got out of a damaged tank while it was under enemy artillery and small arms fire in the vicinity of Overloon, Holland.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
AMERSON LEONARD C		34263729		TEC5	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR			
HOLLAND9	04	OCT	44		MIA	219

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MR GRADY A AMERSON	BROTHER	23 OCT. 44. mab
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
10 HILL STREET MANCHESTER, GEORGIA		

REMARKS:

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ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED _____ FORM 48 _____ AG 201 REQ _____

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO _____ YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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FORWARDED TO SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRES. S. R. & O. CERTIF. M. & M. NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 48 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE _____ CHECKED BY _____ REVIEWED BY *R. J. Sullivan*

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE				COMP	RACE									
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REMARKS

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
10 HILL STREET MANCHESTER, GEORGIA		

REMARKS:

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*Person to be notified in lieu of EA.



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REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE CHECKED BY *Wright 23 Oct 44* REVIEWED BY *P. Wallace*

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ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE		COMP	RACE											
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SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Amerson Leonard C. T/5 34263729
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 257
US Army

The above named individual of

17th TANK BN

(Unit)

COA
(Organization)

was reported

MIA

(Status-Killed, MIA,

about

4 Oct

1944

Hospitalized, etc.)

(Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Mr. Grady Amerson

10 Hill St., Manchester, Ga.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Duffle Bag

stored in

DIU QM.

R E S T R I C T E D

Money in the amount of None has been turned into

Form WDFD 38

(Name of finance officer and symbol number)

enclosed.

None
Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be

carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects,
secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were for-
warded to the Effects Depot by _____ on
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

_____ 194__.

Name Samuel H. O'Connell

Rank & ASN 1st Lt 0-1012895

Organization Co A 17th T.R.

Any additional pertinent information: