

NARRATIVE REPORT

9 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 locations, 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>
F 148021	Not applicable	Not applicable
T 263186	" "	" "

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

2. Two tanks, American, located in Peelkant, Overloon:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3036782	7/ 40/ A5	Able Abe
USA 3033368	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	Bull 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 3022871.

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4. One tank, American model in British service, located 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, located near the house of J.A. Hendriks, C 167, Overloon.

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
USA 3011089	7/ 17/ C15	Catherine-St-----
USA 329520	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 IMP ORD CORP
		393 lbs 1942
		Insp. D. N. G.

Inspection of tank USA 3011089 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 removed to Margraten as unknown soldiers. Remains found in 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 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		

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8. Four tanks on the Opleosche Dijk, Overloon.

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

9. Five tanks in the district of Hatert, 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 30100099n	7/ 17/ A31.	Not visible
USA 3099846	Not visible	Not visible

10. One tank in the district of Trut-Heesch, 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 the above mentioned deceased in the communities of St. Antonis and Overloon.

NB: Reference is made to Hollane Case #5738 for results of action taken on the four remains found in tank numbers : USA 3036782, USA 3033274, USA 3011089, and USA _____.

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