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## MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

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Hawkins, George 32 249 518 1 September 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted for (Tracer)

THRU:

Commanding Officer

Headquarters, 70th Heavy Tank Battalion

Fort Knox, Kentucky

TO:

Captain Robert B. Hutchins, Ol 019 175 Headquarters, 70th Heavy Tank Battalion

Fort Knox, Kentucky

- Reference is made to inclosed copy of letter from this office,
   concerning T/4 George Hawkins, 32 249 518.
- It is requested that the information desired be furnished this
  office at the earliest possible date.

FOR THE QUARTERLASTER GENERAL:

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Dept. of the Army, CCC, Cashington 25, D. C., 12 October 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, c/o Postaneter, New York, New York

- 1. There is no record of the complete crew listing for the tank in which Cpl Marvin F. Trandez, 37321935 and Pfo Russell L. Marden, 36192235 lost their lives.
- 2. Dates of death for T/A George Hawkins, 32249518 and Sgt. John A. Ostertund, 37046443 are not in agreement with those of Cpl Trandsm and I fo Carden. It is therefore improbable that they were crew members of the same tank.

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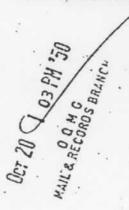
- 1. Reference to made to Proceedings of Loard of Officers that convened at your headquarters and determined that the remains of the decedent, Fashins, George, T/4, SH 32 249 518, are nonrecoverable.
- 2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on the decedent whose name appears in paragraph 1, above.
- 3. It is required that all records of your headquarters pertaining to the deceased to amended to read MIMMU HOLLEDWINGHIA.

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17 July 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

THED: Commanding Officer
Headquarters, 70th Heavy Tank Battalion
Fort Knox, Kentucky

TO' : Capt. Robert E. Hutchins, O-1 019 175
Headquarters, 70th Heavy Pank Battalion
Fort Knox, Kentucky

- 1. This Office is conducting an investigation in an effort to recover the remains of T/4 George (NMI) Hawkins, 32 249 518, a member of Co. "B", 31st Tank Pattalion, who was killed in action on 25 December 1944, while participating in an attack on the town of Manhay, Belgium.
- 2. A letter signed by you and addressed to a friend of T/4 Hawkins, copy inclosed, contains the following statement:

"He was buried with a service of his church in our Army Cemetery in Belgium".

Information is therefore requested as to whether you can possibly recall this occasion and furnish this Office with the name of the cemetery, location of grave or any other information that will assist in locating or ascertaining the disposition of the remains of T/4 Hawkins.

3. It is requested that your reply be made at the earliest possible date as recovery and identification of the remains of T/4 Hawkins may possibly be effected by the information which you may be able to furnish.

HE QUARTERIASTER GENERAL:

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Memorial Division

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#### Hawkins, George

#### STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

- 1. This case pertains to the nonrecoverability of the remains of T/4 George Hawkins, 32 249 518, Company "B", 31st Tank Battalion, reported killed in action 25 December 1944 near the town of Manhay. Belgium.
- 2. The after action report for 25 December 1944 indicates that three tanks of Company "B" were knocked out of action by enemy antitank guns and lists the decedent as the only casualty. His commanding officer notified the next of kin that T/4 Hawkins was buried in an United States Army Cemetery in Belgium. However, this office contacted this officer and he states that this communication was prepared by the personnel officer and he did not know subject decedent or the details of his death and burial.
- 3. A Field Investigation was conducted in the area in which T/4 Hawkins lost his life, no remains were recovered which could be associated with the decedent. Unknowns X-5 and X-4726, Neuville were recovered from this area but no association could be made with subject casualty.
- 4. The AGRS search and recovery teams have made every effort to correlate this case with records pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results have been negative. No information has been found to indicate that the remains of the decedent have been recovered or buried.

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#### HE. DOU. WITERS 7887 GREATER PERSONNEL DETACHDENT MIGIST LITIUS DIVISION APO 757 (Liege) US ANY Y

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with Letter .G.C-S 293.9 (27 Har 47), D-H, Mar Dopt, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, so # 66, Headquarters, American Gr\_vos Registration Detachment; APO 757, US Army, 14 June . 1950, at Liego, Belgium on 9 3 JUN. 1950 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 witnesses and other papers, contained in the files of .merican Graves Registration Detachment, E., perteining to the case of the following names casualty/ casualties, the rowins of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

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HAWKINS, George (MMI)

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

RECOMMEDITION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Vifice of The Quartermoster General for final approval.

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

GRRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: The Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAME: HAWKINS George (NMI) T/4 32 249 518

ORGANIZATION: Co. "B", 31 Tank Battalion

DATE OF DEATH: 25 December 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Manhay, Belgium

SYNOPSIS: The above mentioned unresolved casualty was reported as Killed in Action participating in an attack on the town of Manhay, Belgium on 25 December 1944. Information contained in After ... Action Report indicates that three tanks of Co."B", 31 Tank Battalion were knocked out of action by an enemy anti-tank gun, and lists T/4 Hawkins as the only casualty of the incident. A Field Investigation was conducted in the appropriate area in July 1949, and revealed that of the tanks that were knocked out in the vicinity of Manhay, they were later dismantled and . taken away. Unknowns X-5 and X-4726, Neuville en Condroz, Belgium, were recovered from the area but no association could be made with the subject casualty. It is logical to conclude that T/4 George (NMI) Hawkins was killed when the tank in which he was a crew member, was knocked out by anti-tank fire, and that his remains were reduced by the ensuing fire to a state that

CRRE 293.9 (IB) SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

precludes recovery and identification. The fact that Field Investigation was negative and that association with unknown deceased recovered from the area could not be effected, would tend to substantiate that conclusion. It is, therefore, recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; "AFTER ACTION RE-PORT", Undated: On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation dated July 1949.

- 2: All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file headquarters American Graves Registration Command.
- 3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative,
- 4. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

C.W. Sterrick C.M. STEINSIEK TO Captain MC

#### NARRATIVE

7 July 1949

As directed in basic communication, a search for the remains of T/4 George Hawkins 32249518 was conducted in the Manhay area.

Mr. A. Croiselet, burgomaster of Manhay - Vaux - Chavannes certified that to the best of his knowledge there are no American remains on the territory of his community. The inhabitants of the villages have searched the woods numerous times for deceased personnel, the American remains found were turned over to the authorities concerned. All tanks, knocked out on the territory of the community, have been dismantled and taken away.

Mr. Victor Pirson, forest guard of the community of Grand-Menil, which comprises the villages of La Fosse and Chene-al-Pierre, declared that to the best of his knowledge there are no American remains in his area. All American tanks knocked out in this region have been dismentled and subsequently taken away.

CONCLUSION: Attached after action report states that Co. B, 31 TK. BN. of which T/4 Hawkins was a member lost three tanks in the initial attack on Manhay. Same report also states that "personnel in excess of number necessary to man tanks were organized as infantry".

If Sgt. Hawkins was a member of a tank crew it ean be assumed that his remains are non-recoverable.

Unknowns X-4726 USMC Neuville (S-12-285) recovered from Fosse, community of Grand-Menil (6P/48) and X-5 USMC Neuville (A-7-169) recovered from Malempre (6P/58) could be associated with this.

Burial report of X-4726 states that deceased was member

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of Airborne troops, because he was waaring paratrooper boots. I'd like to remark that during the Battle of the Bulge, no units of the 101 AB Div. ever fought N. of Noville, Belgium and that, in my opinion X-4726 is either a dismounted tanker or a plain infantry man.

/s/t/ HENDRICK L. VEIGH D-150596 Investigator B/Ltr: 'fr Department of the Army, office of the Quartermaster General, dtd 1 Sep 50. Subj: Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted for (Tracer)

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HQ SCH TRFS, The Armd Sch, Fort Knox, Ky, 5 Sep 50

TO: Commanding Officer, 70th Tank Bn, APO 660, San Fransisco, Calif. Attn: Capt Hutchins

- 1. Attention invited to basic letter and inclosure
- 2. If any information can be furnished reply direct to the Quartermaster General.

FOR THE COLMANDING OFFICER:

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2nd Ind

Robert E. Hutchins, Capt., Inf., 01019175, Hq 70th Tank Bn (Hv), APO 660, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif, 20 Sept 1950

TO: Department of the Army, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Memorial Division

- 1. Regret that I cannot furnish the information desired in basic letter.
- 2. The letter referred to in par 2, basic communication, was premared by the personnel officer after I assumed command of Co. "B" onportaboutr29 Decn1914. I was transferred to Co "B" from another Company, consequently I didnot know T/4 Hawkins or the details of his death and burial.
- 3. For the information requested, I refer you to 1st Lt. Emanuel N. Capeda, who commanded the company and led the tank attack on Manhay. Lt Capeda lived in Ocala, Florida, and it is believed that he was relieved from active duty after the war.

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

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THOMAS E. COX

Capt QMC

Memorial Division

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Cy ltr addressed to
Mr. Oscar Walker

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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ROBERT E. HUTCHINS Capt Inf

## OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

#### INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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	Search Info Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Repat Br Mem Div ATTN: Capt Vogl	4 Oct 50	l. Attached 293 file and copies of two letters written by this Office are forwarded for follow-up action by your Office.  2. If telephone contact is made with Captain Hutchins, request that he be further queried as to crew members of tank in which T/4 George Hawkins became a casualty. ACRS Europe is attempting to associate the following individuals as members of the san tank crew:				
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	Capt Vogl Repat Br Mem Div	Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div	9 Oct 50	SUBJECT: Hawkins, George T/4 32249518  The current address of Captain Hutchins is APO 660, San Francisco, California and has been for several months. In order to make necessary telephone inquiries to determine members of T/4 Hawkins's tank crew, it is recommended that you obtain the names and addresses of company officers as well as the name and address of the 1st Sgt. Upon receipt of this information, I will then complete the necessary telephone inquiries.				
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COMPANY "B", THIRTY FIRST TANK BATTALION APO 257, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Mr. Oscar Walker 1908 North Mervine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Walker:

It is with the greatest personal sorrow that I write to express our sense of loss in the death of your friend and our comrade, Technician Fourth Grade George Hawkins, 32 249 518.

He was killed in action on 25 December 1944 while we were engaged in a particularly hazardous undertaking in Belgium. During the course of the engagement fierce enemy resistance was encountered and the lives of many of our soldiers endangered. Technician Fourth Grade Hawkins, by his heroic actions on that occasion contributed materially to the success of our mission and in so doing lost his life.

Those of us who knew your friend always respected him and admired him for his courage and devotion to duty. Your sorros and ours on his loss is something beyond writing and speech. We can say only this: We are proud to have known him and we will always remember him with affection. He died for his country.

You will, I am sure, be glad to know that the rites of his religion were extended to him by an Army chaplain before he entered battle. He was buried with a service of his church in our Army cemetery in Belgium.

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT E. HUTCHINS 2nd Lt., Inf. Commanding

#### AFTER ACTION REPORT

#### 24 December 1944

At 0900 Battalion Commander was called to CC "B" and informed that

an immediate move to FAYS was immiment.

At 1030 all officers and lst Sgts assembled at Battalion C.P. where they were oriented on the situation. Personnel in excess of number necessary to man tanks were organized as infantry to be fiven the Inf Bns to bolster their forces. Every cook, mechanic and clerk was armed and indoctrinated with the spirit that they would hold wherever committed regardless of odds.

At 1304 Battalion statted move to FAYS, closed in at 1545.

At 1815 a Company Commanders meeting was held at which time it was announced that the unit was in Corps Reserve.

#### 25 December 1944

At 0200 all companies were alerted for movement after a warning order had been received from CC "B".

At 1030 Co Commanders, "A" and "B" made personal reconnaissance for

assembly areas to launch an attack on the town of MANHAY.

At 1400 the attack was launched. "A" Co, the west column, was halted by road blocks in the form of trees that had been felled by a friendly force. Several of these trees were removed by blowing them out of the way with nitro-starch on prepared road blocks in the vicinity but it was at once evident that Co "A" would not be able to clear the blocks in time to attack.

Co. "B" boldly launched their attack with the six remaining tanks in the Company. Three tanks were knocked out by an anti-tank gun located in the edge of the town. Co "B" was ordered to continue the attack with its three remaining tanks and were prepared to do so until ordered by the Div Comdr to hold up and at 1730 returned to the Bn area. The attack launched simultaneously by the 23 A.I. Bn was partially successful, the leading elements succeeding in reaching the ourskirts of MANHAY.

HAWKINS, George

Technician Fourth Grade

32249518 KIA 25 Dec 44

Company "B"

31st Tank Battalion

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G. W. ROGERS
Capt., QMC
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#### HEADQUARTERS . AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COLLIAND EUROPEAN AREA APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

14 February 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO:

The Quartermaster General Washington 25 D. C.

Reference is made to OQHG Form 371 for Tec 4 George Hawkins, 32 249 518.

It is requested that Form 79, Determination of Status Report and any additional information which may aid in resolving this casualty, be forwarded this headquarters.

. FOR THE COLMANDING OFFICER:

E. D. MULVANITY Lt Col ONC. Actg Asst Adj Gen

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Hawkins, George SN-32 249 518

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 13 April 1949

1st Ind

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

forwarded herewith are photostat copies of Forms 79 and all available information in the Casualty and Historical Ties concerning the death of T/4 George Hawkins, SN-32 249 518.

OR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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RTB:JFH:mw September 10, 1945

Mr. William Hawkins 1908 North Mervine Street Philadelphia 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your brother, Technician Fourth Grade George Hawkins.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one cariona

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your brother.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB lst Lt., QMC / Officer-in-Charge SJ Branch

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In reference to 376987

Gentleman:

In reply to your letter of August 23 conserning the personal property of Sergeant Hawkins , This is the full information of his family. He was not married, has no children, both mother and father deceased. He has two brothers and one sister living. The brothers names are: William and James Hawkins, the sister Beather Walker All of the same address.

Very truly yours, Oscar Walker

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(S-9-11-45) RTB:GC:fh August 23, 1945

Mr. Oscar Walker 1908 Mervine Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Walkers

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of Technician Fourth Grade George Hawkins.

To make proper disposition of this property, it is necessary that we have certain information regarding his family. I would like to know whether he was married and, if so, the name and address of his widow; also, the name and address of his father, if he is living.

If Sergeant Hawkins left a Will which has been probated please furnish the original or a certified copy of the Letters. Testamentary. Any papers submitted will be returned to you as soon as possible.

Please mail your reply in the inclosed solf-addressed envelope which needs no postage, as this will accelerate delivery of the property.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY NIEMIEC 2nd Lt., QMC Chief, Correspondence Branch

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JRM: JFH:mw Simmary Court-Martial ARMY SERVICE FORCES KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT Caso No. 601 Hardesty Avenue Kansas City 1, Miscouri Date SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of late a George Hawkins LIMY Sorial Number (Name of decupsed) who died (Grade) (Organization, Army or Service) , 1944 , at European Area day of : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C. 1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summery Court-Martial, convoned at Kansus City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hg., KCOM Dopot, dated 25 Soptember 1945, for the purpose of disposing of the offects of the above-numed soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that: a. No local representative or widow of decedent being present at decodents camp or quarters, offects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial. , of which the sum of . b. Local dobtors owed decodent's cutato \$ none \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. . c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of § which has been paid by the Summary Court-Marticl from runds of decedent. inclosed receipt . Incl. d. Disposition of decodent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Courtermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING bolow) FINDING : Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, Cont. 4 pursuant to Special Orders 200, Houdquarters 6 September 1945 MCOM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of for the effects of the above-nemed de-William Hawkins coased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered; Whoroupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of William: Hawkins A.W. 112, (Name of person found brtitled) State of 1908 North Mervine Street . Philadelphia 22 (City, Town or Village) (Number, Street or Avenue)

above-named decodent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

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(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, QMC (Name, Rank, Organization) SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

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