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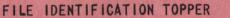
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QMGMO 293 McLean, Aloysious J., Pvt. S. N. 36 042 935

TO: CO, Mil Pers Rec Cen, TAGO FROM: OQMG DATE: 30 Dec 53 Comment No. 2 St. Louis, No. Memorial Division Mr. Kerscher/54309

Information quoted in letter to the next of kin pertaining to the death of Private Moysious J. McLean was received from the Overseas Command with the non-recoverable board findings. A careful review of the file indicates that this statement is in error. The letter to the next of kin should have stated "since he was reported missing on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Alt-Drewitz, Poland". All references in this letter pertaining to death or being killed are in error.

STOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

R. J. THOMAS, Lt. Colonel, QMC / Memorial Division

NAME: Mc LEAN, Aloysious J.

RANK: Pvt

ASN: 36 042 935

MAP SHEET: POLAND

15 Feb 52

# DEFERRED SEARCH



- erred Search Agenda. Decedents name is currently
- Request all action be suspended until otherwise notified by Liaison Office.

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lst. Lt. - QMC Chief Nonrecoverability Section Identification Branch

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L. A. CAUFFMAN

Deferred Search Unit Nonrecoverability Section

Identification Branch

AGRC-GS 201 McLean, Aloysious J. 36 042 935 (4 Dec 53)

The Quartermaster General of the Army

Casualty Status

CO, Mil Pers Rec Cen, TAGO St. Louis 20, Mo.

23 Dec 53 Mr. Medley/ob/774

- 1. The records show that Aloysious J. McLean, 36 042 935, was reported missing in action 4 October 1944, and based on information received through PMGO, records were amended 16 March 1945 to show that he was a German prisoner of war. He failed to return to military control after liberation of Stalag III-C, Altdrewitz, Poland, by Russian troops on 31 January 1945 and his status was officially changed to MIA on that date. His death was presumed to have occurred 1 March 1946, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons' Act (PL 490, 77th Cong).
- 2. The records show that on 6 June 1949 a review of the circumstances surrounding EM's disappearance was made and it was concluded that there was insufficient information available to justify issuance of an official report of death in his case.
- 3. There is on file a copy of TQMGO letter to the mother of this former EM, dated 22 November 1949, file reference QMGMF 293, McLean, Aloysious J, SN 36 042 935, in which it is stated that he died on 31 January 1945. It is requested that this office be furnished a report on which this statement was based.
- 4. It is further requested that reply be expedited since action on a priority case is pending.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

H. H. Newman Colonel, AGO

Adjutant General



3/4. CRS - EUROPEAN

SUBJECT: Deferred Search Roster, Poland

THRU: Commander-in-Chief

United States Army, Europe APO 403, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

TO: Commarding Officer

7770 USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment

APO 757, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

1. Recent review of files for decedents listed on the Deferred Search Roster, Poland resulted in the deletion of fifty-five (55) names. Inclosed is a listing of the deleted names.

2. All of subject cases are reinstated as nonrecoverables with the exception of Miller, Richard G., Z-412941 (civilian), which is considered closed by administrative decision. Public Law 383 has expired and there are no funds available to the Department of the Army to effect disposition of these remains.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

l Incl Listing /s/ J. C. MacFARLAND
J. C. MacFARLAND
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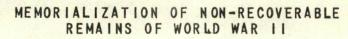
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BREWER, Robert R.	S/Sgt	14 163 552
BROWN, Frederick H.	S/Sgt	12 209 075
BURKLUND, Joel	Sgt	16 118 932
CAPUTO, Carl G.	S/Sgt	13 092 084
CURRAN, Joseph J.	T/Sgt	12 009 163
DAVIS, Otto S.	S/Sgt	18 118 499
EHRET, Clinton L.	2/Lt	0 742 186
ERICKSON, Bernard G.	Pvt	37 021 176
FARMER, Pat	Pvt	18 031 779
FOREMAN, Harry W., Jr	Sgt	33 562 898
FRY, William D.	Cp1	33 916 793
GILMORE, John H., Jr	2/Lt	0 682 109
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KESSEY, Clarence S.	S/Sgt	39 275 833
KIBBEE, Forrest H.	S/Sgt	6 143 557
KING, Theodore C.	1/Lt	0 820 033
LANGLEY, Theodore C.	T/Sgt	32 625 944
LUNETTA, Salvatore J.	Pfc	12 043 320
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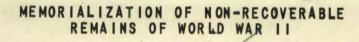
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REMARKS

TO: Chief, Investigation Section

SUBJECT: Deletion From Deferred Search Roster - Poland

McLEAN, Aloysious J., PVT., 36 042 935, Co. "A", 17th Tank Bn.

- 1. Nonrecoverable Findings for the above listed decedent were approved 20 October 1949. The next of kin has been advised of nonrecoverability.
- 2. Pvt McLean was reported missing in action in Holland as of 4 October 1944. He was reported a prisoner of war at Stalag III-C, Germany by US 2900 thru PMG-IRC Germany POW #77 (not found in files in this Office). Records indicate that Pvt McLean was the subject of a special investigation as the result of a Congressional inquiry.
- 3. There is no reference to Pvt McLean in German Records, however the mother of Pvt McLean sent several letters to the Adjutant General's Office which had been sent to her by men who knew Pvt McLean in Stalag III-C. One signed "Vernon" (believed to be Vernon Mugerditchian, 16011834, who filled in a casualty questionnaire on S/Sgt Cletis P. Shipe, 6944175) and dated 6 Dec 45 states that he had discussed efforts to escape with McLean and that they had agreed to make an attempt if they had the opportunity. "Vernon" further stated that when the Russians started to fire on the column, he and Pvt McLean threw themselves to the ground and he heard McLean say, "Nows our chance". After that he did not see Pvt McLean as they became separated in the confusion. Vernon joined the group that ran over to the Russian Troops and he is certain that Pvt McLean was not in that group. (Ref. AGO Memorandum dated 6 June 1949 - in 293 file) Statements by liberated prisoners (from Stalag III-C) reveal that shortly after the prisoners were forced to leave the camp on 31 January 1945, they were caught between Russian and German cross fire which resulted in injury or death to many of the men.
- 4. Information on file indicates that thorough investigations have been conducted by AGRS in an attempt to recover the remains of U.S. personnel believed to be buried near Stalag III-C campsite. Because of the limitations imposed by the Polish Government on AGRC Search and Recovery activities it has not been possible to exhume all remains from large mass graves or unmarked graves. Remains recovered from the area in question have either been identified, or are carried as unidentifiable because of insufficient identifying media.
- 5. All 1944's which show recovery of remains from pertinent areas have been screened for possible association with Pvt McLean with negative results.
- 6. Findings of nonrecoverability have been approved for the other nine (9) EM listed on Board Findings with Pvt McLean. The case of Paul J. Wisniewski, 32605898 has been approved for retention on the Deferred Search Roster inasmuch

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as German Records indicate a specific burial location in the cemetery at Alt-Drewitz, Poland. The other eight (8) cases are being submitted under separate cover for deletion from the Deferred Search Roster.

RECOMMEND deletion from the Deferred Search Roster.

E. T. Fenwick - Investigator Investigation Unit #3

CONCURRENCES:

C. J. Moyer - Supervisor Investigation Unit #3 Mary alice Clemento

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JOHN L. JACKS, JR. Major QMC

Chief, Investigation Section

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## TESTIMONY OF AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

Testimony of S/Sgt Othold, S/Sgt Udvardy, Sgt Coletti and Cpl Vavro
"Details of Evacuation of Stalag 3C and death of Cpl Hall"

The Germans, realizing that the Russian forces were close, made two attempts to get the prisoners out of the stalag. Both attempts were unsuccessful because before the column had gone three (3) miles, the Russians had fired at the head of the column with their tanks. The Germans then left and we were soon under control of the Russian forces. All this occurred on January 31, 1945. We left the camp in a body and went to a town called Zorndorff on Feb. 3, 1945.

We left Zorndorff in small bodies on Feb. 5 and our mission was to reach Landsberg where we hoped to get help from the American Consul. We reached Landsberg on Feb 9. We were delayed at Neudamm by the Russians for 3 days. We then learned we would receive help at Friedberg. We arrived at Friedberg on Feb 17 staying at small towns on the way. We lived in civilian homes and traveled by trucks and foot. Finding no help there we made our way to Gnesen, Poland. We arrived there on Feb. 23, staying at civilian homes as before and the Polish civilians were very good to us. We stayed at the Red Cross for 4 days at Gnesen. On the 27th we left for Warsaw which we arrived at on March 1. On the way we passed the towns of Wrzesmiz, Kolo, Sohogen, and Praga. We left Warsaw March 2, and arrived in Lublin the same day.

Cpl Hall slept in the same room with me at the Stalag. On Feb. 2, around 3:30 P.M. he left the barracks, saying that he was going to walk around the compound. At 4:30 P.M. German planes attacked the Russians who were outside the camp. The German planes strafed and bombed; some of the bombs landed in the camp. The next morning we found out that he had been hit by a butterfly bomb, which was dropped by a German plane the day before Feb. 2. He was hit in the back of the neck and head. We buried him in the corner of our compound. He was buriee with prayers and as well a funeral as we could give him. His grave is marked by a cross.

Copied from 293 file of Francis R. Hall, CPL, 38021715

TESTIMONY

Translation:

16 December 1947 Kostrzyn (Kustrin)

To the American Military Mission of Exhumation in Warsaw.

The Town Administration states that the town Kostrzyn is destroyed 98% and therefore it is impossible to locate American graves, especially because there are about 50,000 graves in our territory, including the Camp of Drezewice (Alt-Drewitz), Stalag III C - and in one common grave in the forest near Drzewice where the prisoners of war were buried.

It is stated that the prisoners of war were buried in common graves without clothing and the graves were not marked

with crosses nor plates.

When the American Mission arrived here, thanks to the report in the possession of this Mission we found five American graves. Two graves were found in the area of Stalag III C.

One American grave was found in the German cemetery (the territory was mined by Germans) in the forest "Waldfriedhof". The grave was located between the graves of French POWs and marked with a cross with a plate with the inscription which read the first and second name of the deceased. There was also an American flag.

Besides that there were two American graves at Zicher found after the information which was given by the local people. One grave was marked with a plate with Russian inscription which read that "here lays an American airman". The second grave was not marked although the local population told us that there was a plate before, giving the information that the remains were that of an American citizen.

In spite of a thorough search conducted by myself and by Lt. Lapinski we were unable to find more American graves.

If the Administration of the Town is able to get some additional information we shall immediately call the American Military Mission, Hotel Bristol, Warsaw.

(SEAL)

/t/ Kazimierz Reszka
Burgermeister of Kostrzyn

NOTE: The above Testimony copied from 293 file of LUNETTA, Salvator J. PFC, 12 043 320

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AGRX - 293.9 1st Ind. PDIAND DETACHMENT, FFC, AGRS, APO-742, US ARMY

12 May 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, First Field Command, AGRS, APO-62, US Army

- 1. The attached case has been partially solved with three or four deceased remaining unrecovered.
- 2. Cpl Francis R. Hall and Pvt William C. Calhoun were found in the compound of Stalag III C and shipped to CIP as identified under evacuation number IF-10, 151 and IF-10, 152 respectively. Stalag III C is located at Alt-Drewitz (0-53/V-66) Poland.
- 3. S/Sgt Robert J. Abney was recovered from Zicher (0-53/V-77) Poland with one unknown and shipped to CIP as IF-10, 155.
- 4. No trace of the three listed in para la was found or any indication of a positive burial during the two investigations that were conducted at Kustrin. A large number of unknown graves were opened in Kustrin and vicinity on both investigations but no American dead were found.
- 5. Attached as Incl. 2 is a burgermeister's statement from Kustrin. He has conducted a supplementary search for American graves in Kustrin and vicinity for the last four months without results.
- 6. One unknown was found at Zicher near S/Sgt Abney and shipped to the CIP as IF-10, 154. All findings should be reexamined to compare him with S/Sgt Herman Curley listed in 1d basis. If the body is not that of Curley he must be considered unrecoverable.

/s/ Charles J. Jorgensen /t/ CHARLES J. JORGENSEN Maj FA Detachment Commander

NOTE: The above was copied from 293 file of LUNETTA, Salvatore J. 12043320

Mr.

CARRY 293 McLean, Aloysious J. SN 36 042 935

22 November 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Aloysious McLean Route #2 Morrisonville, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McLean:

More than four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II which cost the life of your son, the late Private Aloysious J. McLean, and it is with reluctance that I am writing to you, for I must furnish information which may bring added sorrow.

Full consideration has been given to all available information pertaining to your son since he was reported killed on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Alt-Drewitz, Poland. According to the reports received from our Overseas Command and Department of the Army records, the German Prisoner of War Camp Stalag III-C was liberated on 31 January 1945 by the Russians. At that time your son, and other Prisoners of War were forced to evacuate the camp. All of the prisoners, according to statements obtained from several of the survivors, had marched only a short distance when they were caught between Russian and German cross fire and were forced to find what protection they could in the open field, where the skirmish took place. When the fighting ceased there were many Prisoners of War dead and wounded, and your son was one of the dead.

Subsequent to the reported death of your son, units of the American Graves Registration Service thoroughly searched the area in which he was known to have been killed, however, no trace could be found of his remains. In order to determine whether your son's remains had been recovered, a check was made of the records of all the cemeteries throughout the vicinity of which he was reported killed, but no information pertaining to the location of his remains was found. A further centact was made with the Bussian authorities in the hope that they might have records of American prisoners released by them, but they state there are no such records in Potsdam or Berlin.

In view of the fact that the extensive investigations conducted by our forces in the field failed to reveal any trace of your son's remains, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

OMCEF 293 McLean, Aloysious J. SN 36 042 935

22 November 1949

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

Co: AGO Sinest

Lt. Colonel, OMC Memorial Division

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## INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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1	Chief Repat Br Cor Sec Mem Div	Chief Liaison Office Mem Div	22 Nov 49	Subject: Non-Recoverable Case No. 11495  1. In view of previous Congressional interest, attached herewith for your information are copies of letter to NOK of the following decedent:
2	Liaison Office 6 Mem Div.	NOV 1949  M & R BY  Admin Div	23 Nov 1949	Pvt. Aloysious J. McLean, 36 042 935.  2. Similar letters have been sent to NOK of other decedents listed in this case.  3. 293 files may be sent to Mail and Records when necessary action has been taken.  1 Incl 293 file  QMCML 293, McLean, Aloysious J., SN 36 042 935  1. File.
				2. No Congressional action necessary. Senator C. Wayland Brooks who was interested in the case is no longer in office.
				3. Cy of NOK letter withdrawn for Liaison Office files.  1 Incl n/c 3708

# NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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McLEAN, Aloysious J.

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36 042 935

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.)

The above decedent and nine (9) others.

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.

1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)  2. a. FINDING OF DEATH C. STATUS BEY 15W & DETERMINATION  C. STATUS BEY 15W & DETERMINATION			
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NONE

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: ATTACHED STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION.

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CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Br - Correspondence Sec.

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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W.R. DeWEESE, 1st Lt QMC

by G.W.ROGERS, Capt QMC

20 out 1949

## STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

18 October 1949

The ten (10) decedents referred to in the attached Board Findings are believed to have been killed by gun-fire from Russian tanks on the 31 January 1945 during the evacuation of a German Prisoner of War Camp, Stalag III-C, near the village of Alt-Drewitz, Poland.

Information extracted from the Adjutant General's Casualty files reveals that the German guards forced the American and Russian Prisoners of War to leave Stalag III-C. They had marched only a short distance when they were caught between Russian and German Cross fire.

An investigation revealed that Stalag III-C had been burned to the ground when the Russians liberated it. No records could be found and it is believed that they were lost in the fire.

At the Community Cemetery which is very large, the American Graves Registration Service made a search and found many unmarked single graves. Since the old German population had been completely evacuated, the people now living in the village have no idea who are buried in these graves. The 293 file of Paul Wisniewski contains a German burial card showing the Community Cemetery at Alt-Drewitz as his burial place. Possibly he is in this group of unmarked graves.

An extensive exhumation of unmarked graves in this town and vicinity was unsuccessful. The American Graves Registration Officials found that most of the bodies exhumed were without clothing or other identification and they were unable to identify any one of them as American by comparing the tooth charts on OQMG Forms # 371.

At Forest Cemetery a visual check was made. There is a large plot of French Prisoner of War Graves but they all have names and the French Colors on the crosses and were buried during 1940 and 1941. There were no graves that could possibly be those of Americans.

No unknowns recovered from this area can be associated with subject decedents.

All information secured confirms the Findings and substantiates the recommendations made by the Overseas Board.

A.KENNEDY 7

# HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN CRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN AREA APO 58 U S ARMY

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Proceedings 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 4, SO No.33, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, U.S. Army, 22 March 1948, as amended by par 1, SO 43, Hq ACRC dated 19 April 1949 and par 4, SO 92, Hq ACRC dated 17 August 49, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on 13 SFP 1949 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 American Graves Registration Command, 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	ASN	CRADE
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	FOREMAN, Harry W. Jr.	33562398	Set
	SUBEY, Bennie	34013087	Sgt
	Cunsan, Joseph J.	12009163	278gt
	ZIRN, Richard H.	35289235	3/5
	WISHISMSKI, Paul J.	32605898	1/5
	OFFER, Gard G.	355501.26	Pfo
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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.

JACK C. HAYES, Capt. QMC

GAYLORD E. LUTZ. 1 Lt. QMC

E. D. MULVANITY, Lt Col. QMC

H. P. HENRY, Colonel, OMC

### HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN AREA APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board ACRC

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

NAME: SASACKA, Itsumi S/Sgt 30101548 ORGANIZATION: Co "A" 100th Bn 442 Inf Rgt

NAME: SHIPE, Cletis P. S/Sgt 6944175 ORGANIZATION: Co. "G" 60th Inf. Rgt.

NAME: AHO, Edward W. Sgt 36831090

ORGANIZATION: Co. "D" 134 Inf Rgt

NAME: FOREMAN, Harry W. Jr. Sgt 33562898

ORGANIZATION: Hq Co. 117th Inf Rgt 30 Inf Div

NAME: SUMMEY, Bennie Sgt 34013087 ORGANIZATION: Co. "A" 117 Inf Rgt 30 Inf Div

NAME: CURRAN, Joseph J. T/Sgt 12009163 ORGANIZATION: Co. "K" 18 Inf Rgt 1 Inf Div

NAME: ZIRN, Richard H. T/5 35289235 ORGANIZATION: Hq Co. 401 Glider Inf. NAME:

WISNIEWSKI, Paul J. T/5 32605898

ORGANIZATION: Med. Det. 115 Inf Rgt 29 Inf Div

OPFER, Carl G. Pfc 35550126 NAME:

ORGANIZATION: Co. "C" 508 Paracht Inf

NAME: McLEAN, Aloysious J. Pvt 36042935

ORGANIZATION: Co. "A" 17 Tank Bn

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Alt-Drewitz, Poland

DATE OF DEATH: 31 January 1945

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above ten men were killed on 31 January 1945 during the evacuation of Stalag III C. by fire from Russian tanks. The following information was extracted from AG Casualty files: " We were told by our German guards that we were to prepare to leave the camp. At the time we did not want to leave so we tried our best to stall as long as we could. We were supposed to leave at 7 o'clock and finally at 11 in the morning they made us leave by force. We started out marching. About 3 or 4 kilometers from the camp, Russian tanks at a distance of about 600-800 yards opened fire at the front of the column. There were about 25 to 35 men killed at the time and quite a few wounded. After that happened we were all disorganized. - - We had not marched long before we were caught between Russian and German cross fire. We were forced to find what protection we could in the open field where the skirmish took place. When the fighting ceased there were many dead and wounded. The wounded we took to a Russian Aid Station. At that point we were told to make our way, the best way we could to Warsaw. I wish that I could give more definite information concerning these men, but each of us was thrown upon his own, and the struggle to get across Poland and down to Odessa, occupied each man individually." "G-l assigned an officer to the investigation and after obtaining a Russian permit that officer proceeded to Alt-Drewitz where he contacted the Russian authorities. He found that Stalag III C had been burned to the ground at the time the Russian Army liberated it. This had been done by the freed American and Russian prisoners of War and Polish civilians. The Russians have no records pertaining to the camp and it is assumed they were lost in the fire. There are quite a number of dead buried there in a common grave, but there is no way to identify them and to distinguish the Americans from the Russians. A further contact was made with the Russian authorities in the hope that they might have records of the American prisoners released by them, but they stated that there were no such records in Potzdam or Berlin." Two thorough investigations have been conducted on this case with negative results. Extensive exhumations of unmarked graves in Alt-Drewitz and vicinity was unsuccessful. Most of the bodies were found to be without clothing or identification. In Poland AGRC has been limited to one exhumation team, therefore it has been impossible to work on large mass graves or on all unmarked graves in localities where they were extremely numerous. All graves that were suspected were opened. The village is practically deserted due to almost total destruction and there are no residents left who were there during the war. There is no question that the burials of the dead listed above occurred, however, no clues were found to substantiate this supposition. In view of the fact that it is unlikely that Graves Registration teams will be permitted to re-enter this area for further investigations, it is suggested that the case of subject ten deceased be closed.

Reference is made to OQMG Forms 371 (ten men); Narrative, 13 July 1948; Letter FFC, 12 May 1948; Narrative, 23 April 1948.

- 2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records in file headquarters American Graves Registration Command.
- 3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

JOHN M. NEFT CAC

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED						
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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 26

Last known to be a prisoner in Stalag 3C, Germany on 31 Jan 45. Gunner on medium tank whose mission was to attack enemy held woods north and east of Overloon, Holland. Tank was hit by antitank fire; burst into flames and burned;

\*\* Induction record dated 21 July 1941 indicates R-6 missing and R-5 perfect; L-13 also shown as a missing tooth. It is apparent that an error was made in charting at one time or the other.

# BERLIN DETACHMENT (PROV) FIRST FIELD COMMAND AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN AREA BERLIN GERMANY

APO 742-A 13 July 1948

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION Seefeld, Germany (N 53/V 06; 1:250.000)

The undersigned, with S/Sgt Koch, interpreter, T/5 Mike Zuber, interpreter, and a Russian escort officer, arrived in SEEFEID at 1900 hours, to investigate AGRC Case # 4064.

We talked with Herr Zeimer, the Burgermeister, and the chief of police. The chief of police said he had been in Bonn during the war. However, Herr Zeimer said he had lived in Seefeld during the entire war.

According to Herr Zeimer, statement attached, only the headquarters to Stalag III C came to Seefeld during the month of February 1945. The camp and the prisoners of war were moved from Kuestrin, now in territory claimed and occupied by Poland, during the latter part of January and the first part of February. No records remained in the town.

The incident of the shooting of American POW's during the interception of a forced march by the Russians occurred on 31 January 1945. This is mentioned in connection with cases 4064 and 5255, and the cases involving Harry W. Foreman, Jr., Itsumi Sasacka, Bennie Summey, and Carl S. Opfer. The above dates correspond with this story.

The Russians did not arrive in Seefeld until April 21 of that year so it is hardly possible that they intercepted a forced march of prisoners in January on that year in this vicinity.

The Burgermeister also states that the prisoners were not brought to Seefeld but were transported to Luckenwalde Map sheet N 53/Y 07. He was also unfamiliar with any incident involving Americans in this town but said all allied dead were buried in a military cemetery in WERNEUCHEN Map sheet N 53/V o6. This unit had disinterred five (5) deceased airmen from that town in September 1947.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of deceased recovered in POLAND in the vicinity of KUESTRIN be compared with the physical records of these believed to have been killed in this incident. The date of the incident places it beyond doubt on the eastern side of the Oder-River.

OWEN L. NEATHERY
1st Lt INF
Investigating Officer

# POLAND DETACHMENT FIRST FIELD COMMAND AGRC US MILITARY ATTACHE WARSAW, POLAND

12 May 1948

SUBJECT: Unrecovered Remains

TO: Commanding Officer, First Field Command, AGRC, EA, APO 62, US Army.

- 1. Transmitted herewith are basic reporting documents for AGRC Case # 3390 which we have been unable to solve.
- 2. Two investigations by this detachment at Alt-Drewitz (Drzewice) (0-53/V-66) Poland and vicinity failed to disclose any information that would aid in locating the graves of these dead.
- 3. Extensive exhumation of unmarked graves in this town and vicinity was also unsuccessful. Most of the bodies exhumed were found to be without clothing or identification and we were unable to identify anyone of them as American by comparing the tooth charts on OQMG Forms # 371. In Poland we have been limited by the Polish Government to one exhumation team and have not, therefore, been able to work on large mass graves or on all unmarked graves in localities where they were extremely numerous. All graves that were suspected were opened.
- 4. The village is practically deserted due to almost total destruction and there are no residents who were there during the war. This is not unusual in that part of Poland, but is more true here than elsewhere as it is only 2 km from the German frontier and the old German population has been throughly evacuated.
- 5. There is no question that the burials of the dead listed on the attached cases occurred but we have found no clues and must close them as unrecoverable. If any former prisoner of war from Stalag III C can be located who can say precisely where any of these men are buried it is just possible that a special re-entry into Poland to recover the bodies could be arranged.

CHARLES J. JORGENSEN
Major FA
Detachment Commander

- l. Alt-Drewitz (Drzewice) 0-53/V-66, Poland is a village which is practically deserted due to the damage caused by artillery fire during the war. We went to the Burgermeister's home and asked Grzegorz Torbiczuk if he knew about any American deceased or burial place. He states that he has only been here for the past two years and that there are no burial records. We tried to get the name and addresses of some of the old Germans who were here during the war but he states that they have all left and most of them are in Germany.
- 2. We then started asking every civilian on the street if they knew of the burial place of any American prisoners of war who died in the Stalag Camp here. They all gave the same answer that they have only been here a short time. We tried to locate some of the old Germans who were in this area during the war but there are none living here at the present time. We drove to the forest cemetery where we made a thorough visual check with negative results. There is a large plot of French Prisoners of War graves but they all have names and the French colors on the crosses. There were no graves that we thought could be possibly American. The French were buried in 1940 and 1941.
- 3. At the Community Cemetery we made a search of the cemetery and found many unmarked single graves. The people of the village have no idea who are buried in these graves. We have a German green burial card showing the community cemetery Alt-Drewitz as the burial place of Paul Wisniewski, possibly he is in this group of unmarked graves. Started opening the graves from one end of the unmarked rows. We found the deceased all buried without clothing and in coffins. As we opened each coffin we checked the teeth with each form 371 on the men we have missing in this area. We have been unable to find dental work which corresponds with any of the form 371. There is possitively no information as to who is buried and since the deceased have no clothing the only thing we have to depend on is the dental work. To-morrow we will return and continue our exhumations.

24 April 1948

- 4. We went to the Community Cemetery and continued uncovering the unmarked graves. Many unmarked graves were uncovered but nothing was found to indicate American remains.
- 5. The Community Cemetery here is very large. One big section has no mounds at all and it is possible that there may be some burials there with the dirt just leveled off even with the ground. It would be impossible to dig up this complete area in a few weeks or months. The complete absence of mounds made any effective work impossible.

T/Sgt Wilmer C. Fason Investigator AGRC Poland Detachment

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6 June 1949

#### MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. The following personnel were determined to be missing in action on 31 January 1945 when they failed to return to military control after the liberation of Stalag 3C, Altdrewitz, Poland, on 31 January 1945, by Russian troops:

	T Sgt	Curran, Joseph J.	12009163
	S Sgt	Sasaoka, Itsumu	30101548
	S Sgt	Shipe, Cletis P.	69 44175
	Sgt	Aho. Edward W.	36831090
	Sgt	Foreman, Harry W., Jr.	33562898
	Sgt	Summey, Bennie	34013087
No.	Pfc	Opfer, Carl G.	35550126
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Under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, a Finding of Death was issued for each of these men, showing the presumed date of death as 1 March 1946 (SR&D No. 5506).

- 2. Inquiries were addressed to personnel known to have been at Stalag 3C in an effort to determine the status of these men. The pertinent portions of the replies received are quoted below:
- a. About T Sgt Joseph J. Curran former T Sgt Frank Hegedus, 12014540, Infantry, furnished the following statement in a letter dated 17 October 1945:
  - "When the Germans evacuated the Americans out of camp, they ran into a Russian patrol, the Russians open fire, and few Americans were killed, T/Sgt. Curran was one of them. I didn't see T/Sgt. Curran body, but friends of mine say that they saw him dead."
- b. About S Sgt Itsumu Sasaoka S Sgt Michael M. Tokunaga, 30101011, furnished the following information in a letter dated 12 December 1945:
  - "\* \* \* Sgt Sasaoka lived with me in the same barracks and on the morning of Jan. 31st, moved out together under German orders \* \* \*.

    Approximately 2½ to 3 miles out of the camp, we were suddenly fired upon by Russians who had mistaken the identity of the marching column. \*\*\*

    Sgt. Sasaoka was alive at this moment. \*\*\* I crossed the road and lay down behind a tree. After that I did not see Sgt. Sasaoka \* \* \*.

    I made my way back to the camp with the aid of two friends. I was separated from another Japanese-American boy, Sgt. Harry Kamikawa, the only one in this camp besides Sgt. Sasaoka and myself. This boy went with a group of approximately 300 to be immediately rescued by the Russians. We each thought that Sgt. Sasaoka was with the other. About

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two weeks later, I met Sgt Kamikawa in a small Polish town near the German border and was surprised to find that Sgt. Sasaoka was not with him. I did not personally see the wounded or dead, the result of Jan. 31st. I inquired but could not locate Sgt. Sasaoka or learn of his fate. I do know that some bodies became unidentifiable due to the shell fire and the result of Russian tanks crushing bodies. \* \* \*

"If Sgt. Sasaoka was among those killed when fired upon by the Russians, there is every reason to believe that the Russians could have identified him by means if his dog tags other than a German prisoner identification tag, both of which I definitely know he had on his person. \*\*\*

"I cannot say that I saw the body of Sgt. Sasaoka or saw him wounded but \*\*\* I believe that he is now dead \* \* \*"

In a letter dated 10 December 1945 Sgt Harry Kamikawa, 30104450, gave this version of the incident during which Sergeant Sasaoka disappeared:

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"I last saw him on the morning of the 31st Jan 1945 about 10:00, as we were being marched out of our P.W. camp, Stalag III C near Kurstin, Germany \*\*\* we were ambushed by the Russian Tanks, and fired upon. \* \* \* The Russian Tanks kept on firing until a American soldier went up to them explaining that we were Americans, in that firing by the Russians a few of our boys got killed and a few wounded \*\*\*. The Russians called us toward them, and about three hundred of us ran toward them, by then the German guards gathered up the rest of the boys and marched them back to camp, taking them as hostages, in all that excitement I did not see where Sgt. Sasaoka went to, but I know for sure he wasn't one of the three hundred that ran toward the Russians because I was in that group and I asked all the boys if they had seen him and the answer was no. The following day the rest of the boys that were marched back to camp were liberated, except about two hundred that were taken as hostages by the Germans and were marched in the direction of the town of Kurstin. I asked the boys that were liberated the following day if they had seen Sgt. Sasaoka, and the enswer was no again and no one could tell me if he was one of the two hundred that were taken as hostages to Kurstin \*\*\*.

- c. S Sgt Cletis P. Shipe was the subject of a special investigation as the result of his family's inquiries when he failed to return home at the end of hostilities. The European Theater informed this office that efforts to search for personnel in the area were hampered because it was in the Russian Zone. The only information on file concerning Sergeant Shipe is a casualty questionnaire filled in by Vernon Mugerditchian, 16011834, which states that he does not know for sure that Shipe was dead, but the Stalag was bombed and Sergeant Shipe was hit.
- d. No definite information was received to our inquiries about Sgt
  Edward W. Aho. Sgt Michael Badis, 33171289, replied that he did not know Sergeant
  Aho, but furnished the information that two soldiers were killed in Odessa, Russia,
  when a wall collapsed on them and that they were buried there in Odessa.
- e. No information concerning Sergeant Harry W. Foreman, Jr., 33562898, has been received other than that he was known to have been alive on 31 January 1945.

- f. An inquiry to the field regarding Sgt Bennie Summey, 34013087, produced a negative report. Sgt Leroy Coleman, 31091507, stated in a letter dated 27 November 1945 in reply to an inquiry from this office dated 21 November 1945 (file AG 704) that Sergeant Summey was badly wounded by shrapnel in both legs on 31 January and was left behind in the care of Tec 5 Arthur H. Huard, 11038185, and Tec 5 Jesse W. Moore, 38400057, who have returned since to the United States.
- g. In the case of Pfc Cerl G. Opfer, 35550126, Sergeant Coleman stated in the same letter referred to in (f) that Private Opfer was wounded in the back at the same time and was left behind with Corporal LaVerne V. Johannesen, 37324473, and John A. Blakeman, 38002791, who have since returned to the United States. The mother of Private Opfer stated in a letter to this office that Clifford E. Dennis, 35317084, had informed her that her son was killed when the Russians fired on this column of prisoners.
- h. The mother of Pvt Aloysious J. McLean, 36042935, sent several letters to the office which had been sent her by men who knew Private McLean in Stalag IIIC. One, signed "Vernon", and dated 6 December 1945, states that he had discussed efforts to escape with McLean and they had agreed to make the attempt if they had the opportunity. "Vernon" goes on to state that, when the Russians started to fire on the column, he and Private McLean threw themselves to the ground and he heard McLean say, "Now's our chance." After that he did not see Private McLean as they became separated in the confusion. Vernon joined the group that ran over to the Russian troops and he is certain that Private McLean was not in that group.
- 3. On 17 October 1945 Major George B. Wood, Chaplain of the 82d Airborne, wrote Mrs. Gernett Opfer the following information concerning the liberation of Stalag III-C:

"After a month and a half of investigation I regret to inform you that the Division has been unable to find out anything further about your son. G-l assigned an officer to the investigation, and after obtaining a permit that officer proceeded to Altdrewitz, Poland, where he contacted the Russian authorities. He found that Staleg III-C had been burned to the ground at the time the Russian Army had liberated it. This had been done by the freed American and Russian prisoners and Polish civilians. The Russians have no records pertaining to the camp, and it is assumed they were lost in the fire. There are quite a number of dead buried there in a common grave, but there is no way to identify them and to distinguish the Americans from the Russians. I give you this summary in the words of the official report which was made to our chief of staff.

"A further contact was made with the Russian authorities in the hope that they might have records of American prisoners released by them, but they state there are no such records in Potsdam or Berlin." 4. Since the foregoing constitutes all the information available concerning these men, it is concluded that in no instance can a report of death under the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, be justified until further information, such as a report from The Quartermaster General that a burial report is on file, is received. Such facts as are at hand give no basis for stating where, when, and under what circumstances these men died.

July May Lybrook
Investigator

CONCUR:

JAMES A. FRIX Captain, AGD

Asst. OIC, Determination Unit

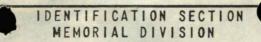
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Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

COPY FOR: Central Files

AG 201 and 293 file of each individual named in par. 1.

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of T Sgt Joseph J. Curran, 12009163, unless otherwise indicated.



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CHOMIL 293 McLean, Aloysious J. ASN 36 042 935

18 October 1948

Honorable C. Wayland Brooks

United States Senate

Dear Senator Brooks:

This is a further reply to your inquiry in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysious McLean of Morrisonville. Illinois. regarding the recovery of the remains of their con, the late Private Aloysious J. McLean.

The investigation of which we wrote you in our last letter was not successful. Although extensive searches were conducted in the area where the decedent was reported to have lost his life, we were unable to identify any of the remains recovered from that area as those of Private McLean. It may be possible that his remains are among those that have been recovered but because of the absence of identification are presently classified as Unknown. However before final burial of all those remains in the latter category they are re-examined by our specially trained personnel with the aid of complete laboratory facilities in a final effort to establish identification.

If further investigation establishes that his remains connot be recovered or identified, such determination will be made by a board of officers after a study of all available data, and Mr. and Mrs. McLeen will be promptly notified. MEMORIAL DIVISION notification the case is considered an open one.

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Sincerely yours,

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MDWARD D. COMM Lt. Colonel, CMC Executive Officer



## OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

## INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

				DUE, HOUR AND DATE
No.	FROM-	TO-	DATE	MESSAGE MESSAGE
1	Ident Br Final Det Sec Mem Div	Liaison Office Mem Div	12 Oct 1948	1. Ferwarded for your information and any action desired.  2. Upon receipt of findings of non-recoverability from the European Area, covering Pvt. McLean's remains, expedited action will be taken to have same processed for approval by the Chief of the Division.
				1 Incl Ltr fm EA, dtd 19 Aug 48 74059 7347 re McLean w/Incls
2	Chief Mem Div	Exec Of:	f18 Oct 1948	QMGML 293 McLean, Aloysious J., SN 36 042 935
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# HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN AREA APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

19 August 1948

SUBJECT: Burial Information

TO:

The Quartermaster General Washington 25 D. C.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

19 August 1948

SUBJECT: Burial Information

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Poland Detachment First Field Command AGRO US Military Attache Warsaw, Poland SUBJECT: Unrecovered Remains TO : Commanding Officer, First Field Command, AGRC, APO-62, US Army. Case # 3970 which we have been unable to solve.

12 May 1948

- 1. Transmitted herewith are basic reporting documents for AGRC
- 2. Two investigations by this detachment at Alt-Drewitz (Drzewice) (0-53/V-66) Poland and vicinity failed to disclose any information that would aid in locating the graves of these dead. See Incls 6 and 7.
- 3. Extensive exhumation of unmarked graves in this town and vicinity was also unsuccessful. Most of the bodies exhumed were found to be without clothing or identification and we were unable to identify any one of them as American by comparing the tooth charts on OQMG forms 371. In Poland we have been limited by the Polish government to one exhumation team and have not, therefore, been able to work on large mass graves or on all unmarked graves in localities where they were extremely numerous. All graves that were suspected were opened.
- 4. The village is practically deserted due to almost total destruction and there are no residents who were there during the war. This is not unusual in that part of Poland, but is more true here than elsewhere as it is only 2 km. from the German frontier and the old German population has been thoroughly evacuated.
- 5. There is no question that the burials of the dead listed in the attached case occured but we have found no clues and must close it as unrecoverable. If any former prisoner of war from Stalag III C can be located who can say precisely where any of these men are buried it is just possible that a special reentry into Poland to recover the bodies could be arranged.

CHARLES J. JORGENSEN Detachment Commander

Incls: 1. HQAGRC Case # 3970

Narrative of Investigation, Sgt. Dzubnar Narrative of Investigation, T/Sgt.Fason

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### NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

15 December 1947

- 1. At Alt-Drewitz (Drzewice) (0-53/V-66) Poland we searched for graves of US deceased near Stalag III C.
- 2. Uncovered six (6) unknown graves but upon disinternment we found the remains to be Russian. They all wore Russian clothing; we checked the teeth of deceased and they all had Russian dentures.
- 3. We are having a hard time locating US graves in this area, as nobody knows where the graves could be and very few people live here now who were here during the war.
- 4. We went to the Landrat's office andtried to obtain information about US graves. He said that he does not know where the graves could be as he has no records in his office. The records were destroyed by the Russian in 1945.
- 5. Extensive searching was done in both Alt-Drewitz and Kustrin. We checked all cemeteries and uncovered many graves along the road near the Prison Camp Stalag III C, but found no Americans.
- 6. We questined many civilians as they come along, hoping that they would know where the US dead were buried but no one seems to know.

Steven D.Dzubnar 6PX6 Investigator ACRC

FFC Poland Detachment

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7 November 1947

Honorable C. Wayland Brooks United States Senate Dear Senator Brooks:

This is in reference to our letter of 8 October in which you were advised that as soon as a reply to our radiogram to the European Area regarding the recovery of the remains of the late Private Aloysious J. McLean was received you would be notified.

A reply has been received to our radiogram and Mr. and
Mrs. McLean have been advised of the information contained therein. A copy of the letter is inclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD D. COMM Lt. Colonel, GMG Executive Officer

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QMOMR 293 McLean, Aloysious J. SN 36 042 935

23 October 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Aloysious McLean Route #2 Morrisonville, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McLean:

The Quartermaster General is desirous of furnishing you information concerning the search for the remains of your son, the late Private Aloysious J. McLean.

It is with regret I must advise you that information pertaining to the death and burial of your son has not been received at the present time. Inasmuch as the latest information received in this office indicates that he was a prisoner of war in Stalag III C, Germany, a radiogram was dispatched to the American Graves Registration Command requesting that searching operations be conducted in that vicinity in an effort to obtain any information regarding your son.

In reply to this inquiry, a radiogram has been received which discloses that this area is in Polish territory and searching operations will commence in the very near future. You may be assured that no effort is spared by our forces in the field to locate the remains of our honored dead, and such effort continues until every possible resource has been exhausted. Upon receipt of information pertaining to your son, you will be notified without delay.

Please accept my deepest sympathy in your great loss.

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Sincerely yours,

R. M. BAUKNIGHT Lt. Colonel, MO Memorial Divisier AMF GMS

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6 October 1947

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

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

1. There is attached hereto CQMC Form 371 (covering &l eveilable information in the office of the Quartermaster General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your head-quarters) for the following deceased individual:

MAKE

GRADE

SERIAL NO.

McLean, Aleysious J.

Private

36 042 935

2. It is requested that information on the above decedent be furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter. The Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-S 293.9. (27 Mar 47) D-M. Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

A Congressional inquiry has been received.

FOR THE QUANTERMASTER GENERAL:

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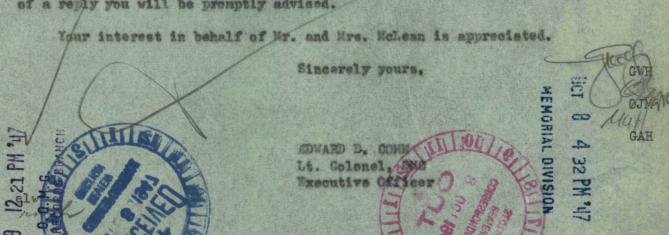
8 October 1947

Honorable C. Wayland Brooks
United States Senate
Dear Senator Brooks:

The Adjutant General has referred a copy of your letter of 4.

September 1947 to this office for reply regarding the recovery of the remains of the late Private Aloysious J. Melican.

Unfortunately, a report of burial for Private McLean has not as yet been received. However, in an effort to obtain this information a radiogram has been dispatched to the American Graves Registration Command in the European Area requesting that all available information concerning the decedent be furnished this office. Upon the receipt of a reply you will be promptly advised.



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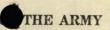
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# INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEFT

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1 NO.	FROM—	TO—	DATE	MESSAGE
1	Liaison Branch Mem Div	R&R Br Cong Uni Mem Div	25 Sept	Request current status of case - radio to field. Return to Liaison Branch for congressional reply.
				JOHNSON 3708
2	Cong Sec RR Br	c Liaison Br	3 Oct 147	1. Reference is made to attached copy of radiogram and 371 letter dispatched to the field pertaining to the search and recovery of subject decedent.
				2. Request that upon completion of action by your Branch, file be returned for suspense.  FOLAROS (5641)
3	Mem Div	I Executive Officer OQMG II M&R Br.	8 Oct 1947	QMGML 293 McLean, Aloysious J., ASN 36042935  I. For signature and dispatch.  II. Correspondence referred to in Comment No. 2 has been withdrawn. After dispatch of letter return file to R & R Branch, Mem. Div. as requested in Commen No. 2.
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				THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

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# **DISPOSITION FORM**

FILE No.

SUBJECT

AGPO-CG 201

Private Aloysious J. McLean, 36042935

TO

FROM

DATE

COMMENT No. 1

Director, Memorial Division OQMG, Rm 2035, Tempo B Washington, D. C.

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22 Sep 47

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For further direct reply to the foregoing copy of communication from the Honorable C. Wayland Brooks, United States Senate, who has been advised of this reference, relative to the recovery of the body of the late Private Aloysious J. McLean, 36042935.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

2 Incls
Cpy ltr 4 Sep 47
Cpy reply, this office

CLARK MARSHALL, Maj, AGD Ex Off, Cas Sec, PAB AGPO-CG 201 McLean, Aloysious J. (4 Sep 47) 36042935

22 September 1947

Honorable C. Wayland Brooks United States Senate

Dear Senator Brooks:

I am replying further to your letter of 4 September 1947, requesting information in behalf of the parents of the late Private Aloysious J. McLean.

It would be gratifying indeed to be able to encourage Mr. and Mrs. McLean in the hope for their son's survival, but I regret that I cannot share their hope. The records show that the initial casualty message received reported Private McLean missing in action in Holland as of 4 October 1944. Additional information submitted disclosed that he was the gunner of a medium tank whose mission it was to attack enemy held woods north and east of Overloon, Holland. The tank was hit by enemy anti-tank fire, burst into flames and burned. It was believed that the crew evacuated the tank and since the area was in enemy territory it was impossible to make a further search. When Private McLean's whereabouts could not be ascertained following this action, he was reported missing in action as of 4 October 1944. A subsequent report received from the German Government, through the International Red Cross, stated that Private McLean was a prisoner of war at Stalag III C, Germany. This prison camp was liberated on 51 January 1945 and since Private McLean was not among those reported liberated, this office found it necessary to change his status to missing in action as of 31 January 1945.

Public Law 490, 77th Comgress, as amended, provides that a review and determination of status will be made in the case of each person who has been missing or missing in action in excess of twelve months. Accordingly, all information concerning Private Molean was carefully reviewed and considered and this resulted in the termination of his absence by an official finding of death, with 1 March 1946 being set as the presumed date of his death. You may be certain that in considering any case under the cited law, the Department of the Army does not deem it sound policy to make a finding of death while any reasonable ground remains for presuming that the person may still be alive.

Special investigating teams, composed of Graves Registration personnel and members of other technical services, as required, have been conducting

Honorable C. Wayland Brooks

searches in all overseas areas which may be productive of casualty data. All bits of information are being carefully checked with a view of obtaining further facts relative to the mashers of our Army in the same category as Private McLean. Mr. and Mrs. McLean must realize of course, that the task of accomplishing this vital mission may take a long time; however, these investigations will continue until every conceivable means of securing casualty data has been explored. If any information is brought to light concerning Private McLean, his family will be notified immediately.

With reference to the inquiry of Mr. and Mrs. McLean regarding the recovery of their son's remains, permit me to explain that The Quarter-master General, this city, who is concerned with matters of this nature, has been saked to reply further to you in this respect.

Your assistance in the interest of Mr. and Mrs. McLean is most considerate and they have my deep sympathy in the loss of their son.

Sincerely yours,

ADWARD F. WITSELL

EDWARD F. WITSELL Major General The Adjutant General

UNITED STATES SENATE Committee On Rules and Administration September 4, 1947 Major General Edward F. Witsell The Adjutant General War Department Washington, D. C. Dear General Witsell: Reference is made to your communication of 3 August 1945 (file AGPC-G 201 McLean, Aloysious J. 36042935) in which you very kindly furnished me with certain information relative to Corporal McLean's whereabouts. Since he was stated to have been a prisoner of the German Government at that time, no definite information could be obtained. The parents of this boy have contacted me again, indicating that their last word from the War Department was dated March 1, 1946, stating that Corporal McLean was presumed dead as of that date. Mr. and Mrs. McLean do, of course, still maintain the hope that their boy may be alive. However, it will be appreciated if I might be informed whether or not there have been any further developments in the case, particularly with regard to the possibility of recovery of the remains of Corporal McLean. Yours very truly, /s/ C. Wayland Brooks C. Wayland Brooks CWB:C 0 P

McLEAN, Aloysious J., 36042935. 29 Sept 47

Records of this office fail to reveal any burial information pertaining to subject deceased.

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# WAR DEPARTMENT

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

## 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 Private Aloysious J. McLean,

Army Serial Number 36,042,935, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the January 1945. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the lst day of March , 1946.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George M. Weir
Acting CHIEF. CASUALTY BRANCH

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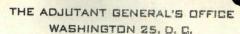
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Acting CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

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Ans

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: 278442

(S-11-10-45) RTB:JS:eb October 9, 1945

Mrs., Mary McLean Route 2 Morrisonville, Illinois

Dear Mrs. McLean:

Reference is male to our letter dated July 28, 1945 reporting snipment of the personal property belonging to your son, Corporal Aloysious J. McLean.

If you have received this property, I will appreciate your acknowledging delivery in accordance with the above mentioned letter. Should that communication have been misplaced, you may acknowledge receipt by signing in the space provided below and returning one copy of this communication to the army Effects Bureau.

In the event the property has not been received, please so advise, and tracer action will be instituted by this Bureau.

Although I prefer to have your acknowledgment, unless we hear from you within a month from this date, I shall assume that satisfactory delivery was made and that no further action on our part is necessary.

For your convenience in replying, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

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HARRY NIEMIEC

2nd Lt., QMC

Chief, Correspondence Branch

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## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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1	Cong Sec RR Br	Liaison Br	24 Oct 1947	McLEAN, ALOYSIOUS J. (PVT)
				1. Reference is made to attached copy of incoming radiogram received from the field in reference to current status as to search and recovery of subject decedent. In addition, note attached copy of letter forwarded to the parents of subject decedent advising them of this status.
				2. Request that upon completion of action by your Branch, file be returned for suspense.
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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 Private Aloysious J. McLean,

Army Serial Number 36,042,935, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the January 1945. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the lst day of March , 1946.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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