

#### **HEADQUARTERS** DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

SPTS-MH 7/402

Trandem, Marvin F.

SN 37 321 935

26 August 1964

Mr. Robert Trandem 1210 South Cedar Street Owatonna, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Trandem:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date concerning your application for a Government flat bronze marker for placement in the Danish Lutheran Cemetery, Steele County, Minnesota, in memory of your late brother.

The available records show your brother's date of birth as 28 April 1922; however, your application indicates it as 22 April 1964. Please clarify below the date to be shown on the marker.

DATE OF BIRTH: APRIL 28 1922 (or) APRIL 22 1922

The date of death may be shown in either manner listed below; therefore, your preference is requested.

DEC 23 1944 X (Missing in Action Date)

(or)

DEC 24 1945

(Presumptive Date of Death)

The additional lettering you desire does not form a part of the inscription authorized at Government expense; however, MISSING IN ACTION may be shown below the dates of birth and death, at private expense. To provide sufficient space, it will be necessary to omit the name of the state. Please advise us your wishes in this matter.

MISSING IN ACTION (at private expense) YES

Your Signature ( //

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Sincerely yours,

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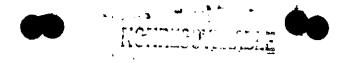
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## OWATONNA LUMBER CO., INC.

William W. Eastling

Robert D. Trandem

One Mile North of Owatonna

Highway 3 Shopping Center

Phone 451-3350

OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

August 18, 1964

James C. MacFarland Celonel of M.C.-Chief, Memorial Division Headquarters Dept. of the Army Office of the Chief of Support Services Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the papers sent to me about the application for a Marker.

Being that my father passed away in 1949 and the situation being as is, it is not possible for my mother to handle the above application.

Also, Marvin F. Trandem was not married. In lieu of the above, I, Rebert Trandem brother of the deceased am taking full responsibility for receiving this marker and having it errected.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary-Treasurer

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SFTS-MA Sturm, Anton H. Trandem, Marvin F. SN 37 321 935

Mr. Bernard H. Gollinger Chief of Contact The American Legion 1608 K Street, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gollinger:

This is in reply to your letter dated 29 June 1964 with which you forwarded two applications for markers in the names of Anton H. Sturm and Marvin F. Trandem.

The Sturm application is now being processed and will be the subject of a later communication.

The Act of 1 July 1948 (62 Stat. 1215) as amended (24 USC 279 a-d) authorizes the Secretary of the Army, among other things, to furnish appropriate headstones or markers for the unmarked graves of members or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States whose last active service terminated honorably, and to furnish memorial markers to commemorate members of the Armed Forces of the United States dying in the service whose remains have not been recovered and identified. The law also authorizes the Secretary to prescribe such rules about submission of applications as may be necessary. While any interested person may apply for a headstone or marker for an unmarked grave of an eligible decedent, the approved regulations require that an applicant for a memorial marker must be the next of kin and must be no more distantly related to a decedent than his widow, if she has not remarried, adult children, father, mother, adult brothers, adult sisters, or grandparents. The list indicates the order in which relatives are recognized as the next of kin.

Under the above authority, Corporal Trandem is eligible for a memorial marker, if one is requested by his next of kin. Army records at the time of the soldier's death indicated that he was survived by his mother and father. Since the application which we have received is signed by the brother, we have placed it without action in our files

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Sincerely yours,

l Incl DD Form 1330 JAMES C. MacFARLAND Colonel, QMC Chief, Memorial Division SPTS-MA 7/402 Sturm, Anton H. SN 837 788

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Mr. Bernard W. Gollinger Chief of Contact The American Legion 1608 K Street, W. W. Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Fr. Gollinger:

Further reference is made to your letter of 29 June 1964 with which you forwarded applications for markers in the cases of two decedents. In my earlier reply you were given a report on the Marvin F. Trandem application and were informed that the form on Anton H. Sturm would be the subject of a later communication.

The administrative work on the Sturm application has now been completed. On 7 August 1964 an order for a bronze marker was placed with Willard Industries, Inc., Graham, North Carolina. The marker will be mailed via parcel post to Mrs. Elsie Sturm, 415 South Cedar Street, Owatonna, Himmesota 55060, in accordance with her instructions.

It is expected that the marker will be fabricated and mailed by the contractor in about 30 days.

Sincerely yours,

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### THE AMERICAN LEGION

REHABILITATION COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS

June 29, 1964

Chief of Support Services Headquarters, Department of the Army ATTN: Memorial Division Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: Mrs. Braid

RE: STURM, Anton H.

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TRANDEM, Marvin F. SN 37 321 935

#### Gentlemen:

A few weeks ago I spoke with you concerning a check on an application submitted for a grave marker for Anton H. Sturm. At that time you advised me that you would keep a look out for this DD-1330, apparently it has not been received to date.

Today we received two completed forms one for Anton H. Sturm and an additional form for a relative of the deceased's wife.

Your attention to these forms would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BERNARD H. GOLLINGER Chief of Contact

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The Roster received from Field Board is filed in 293 file of S/Sgt William W. Allen, 13 184 989.

## ROSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY

30 November 1950

#### Belgium

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

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

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1. The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 30 November 1950.

#### 2. Members present:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, QMC

C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC

JOHN A BOUTIN, 2nd Lt., QMC .

- 3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of the remains of world war II dead lost in the geographical area described below:
  - a. BELGIUM.

#### 4. FINDINGS:

- a. General and/or individual Area Search and Recovery operations have been completed in the above area from May 1945 to September 1950.
- b. List of persons lost in subject area whose remains are determined non-recoverable is attached as Exhibit "A". This list contains sixty-eight (68) names.
- c. It has not been possible to associate definitely any of the persons listed in Exhibit "A" with any of the unknown remains recovered in the area.
- d. Reference is made to OQMG Forms 371, After Action Reports, Missing Reports, Status Review and Determination Reports, Statements of Survivors and Witnesses, Narrative Reports of Field Investigations, previously forwarded: On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings cont'd

- e. Reference is also made to Narrative Report of Field Investigation, dated 28 September 1950: Attached.
- 5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedents listed in Exhibit "A" be determined non-recoverable.

s/ James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major QMC
Member

s/ C. W. Steinsiek C. W. STEINSIEK Captain QMC Member John A. Boutin
JOHN A. BOUTIN
2nd Lt. QMC
Member

A TRUE COPY:

C. C. WASSON
Capt QMC

NOTE: The Narrative Report of Field Investigation, dated 28 September 1950 referred to above is filed in the 293 file of S/Sgt William W. Allen, 13 184 989. It substantiates general area search in the locality where the decedents are believed to have been lost.

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

15 November 1950

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

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, 0 359 598, QMC., President MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, 0 1 576 321, QMC., MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., 0 1 289 071, INF/QMC., CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, 0 1 040 311, QMC., CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, 0 1 543 042, MSC/QMC., CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, 0 1 055 924, QMC., CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, 0 1 288 075, QMC., 1ST LT ROBERT W. GAMSEL, 0 1 599 085, QMC., 2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, 0 947 298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr., CAPT:, QMC, Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

A TRUE COPY:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE. Jr., CAPT., QMG Adjutant.

ROBERT S. LAY

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BELGIUM # 9974

> NAN File 22 april 1952 Bias Id. Br.

#### NARRATIVE

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Surface investigation for the finding of Cpl. Marvin F. Trandem. PDD 24 December 1945, proved negative.

In the city of St. Vith and immediate vicinity, all tanks, American and German, have been removed. They having been removed by an unknown firm. Deceased Americans which have been found, have previously been removed by AGRC. Deceased Germans which were found have been identified being as such and removed by the Belgian Army.

Six isolated graves in the woods near St. Vith were discovered recently. The graves will, be opened and the bodies disinterred by the Belgian Army in the near future. If remains are found to be American this Readquarters will be notified by the Belgian Army Graves Service.

A search was made on the main and secondary roads in the surrounding area of St. Vith. Few American tanks were found. All having been 70% removed and in the parts left, no present of human remains were found.

St. Vith and surroundings have been de-mined. However, there is a possibility that some mines exist for detailed and complete coverage of all ground cannot be guaranteed.

LW Bladow

L.W. Bladow US WD Civilian Investigator



#### Belgium 6 - 10021

Guth-Eidt-Wallerode, 25 September 47

#### STATEMENT

The undersigned, Roskamp, Johan, herewith declares:

- that he has been evacuated during the Offensive;
- 2. that the war actions took phace here from 17 December 1944 until 23 January 1945;
- that he found four bodies which bodies were already buried, 3. and who were later identified by the Belgian Army as being Germans and were also removed by the Belgian Army;
- that he searched his whole land;
- 5.
- that his land is 60 (sixty) acres; that he lives 1 (one) kilometer east from St. Vith; 6.
- that there were no tanks on his property; 7.
- that he never heard anything else from his neighbours. 8.

Johann Rosskamp Guth-Eidt-Wallerode

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Certified True Translation:

DURELL B HARTMAN 1st Lt. Infantry

Belgi4

Schönberg, 25 September 1947

#### STATEMENT

The undersigned, Burgomaster of the Community of Schonberg herewith declares:

1. that all bodies of American soldiers have been removed from here;

2. that this removal was in the months of February and March 1946;

3. that altogether two American soldiers have been removed;

4. that no isolated single graves of American or other soldiers can be found;

5. that the Belgian Authorities disinterred and removed the German soldiers - deceased;

6. that about 100 German soldiers - deceased, have been removed;

7. that the Offensive von Rundstedt lasted in this town from 16.12.1944 until 31.1.1945;

8. that there are still about 10 German adn American tanks in this community. A great part of the tanks which were here, have been removed and well by unknown firms;

9. that the Community of Schönberg includes the following villages:
a) Schönberg; b) Alfersteg; c) Rödgen; d) Amelscheid; e) Andler;

f) Eimerscheid; g) Medendorf;

10. that there are still mines in the woods and fields;

11. that the inhabitants of the Community of Schonberg have been evacuated during the Offensive, by order of the Occupation Authorities;

12. that the inhabitants have been instructed by official announcement to inform the communal authorities of any finding of military bodies;

13. that the Police Authorities searched the whole territory of the Community for the presence of bodies and ammunition.

For the Burgomaster,

/s/t/ KOHNEN

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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DURELL B HARTMAN

1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

Wallerode, 25 September 1947

#### STATEMENT

The undersigned, Wiesemes Leo, herewith declares the

1. that he was evacuated during the offensive;

the battle took place from 17 December 1944 until 2. 23 January 1945.

that I found four bodies and that these bodies were already 3. buried;

- that these bodies have all been identified as being Germans by the Belgian Army and also that the Belgian Army removed them:
- 5. that I searched my whole land;

that my land is 7 (seven) acres;

that my property is half a kilometer from St. Vith:

that I never found any tanks on my land; 8.

that I never heard any rumors from my neighbours. 9.

> /s/ Leo Wiesemes Wallerode-Eith

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Lavell B Hartman DURELL B HARTMAN

1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

#### STATEMENT

The whole border territory of St. Vith has been searched in order to find deceased of the American Army. Many bodies have been found. The American bodies which are found are immediately reported to the cemetery of Henri-Chapelle. The bodies are then removed by American soldiers to mentioned cemetery.

The German deceased soldiers have been removed by

the Belgian Army to an unknown destination.

On the territory of the districts of St. Vith are still many mines, which, until this date, have not been found. Most of the mines are in hedges or bushes and invisible.

The district of St. Vith consists of the following communitites: St. Vith, Crombach, Thommen, Reuland, Lommersp weiler, Schoenberg and Manderfeld.

St. Vith, 25 September 1947

The Chief Quartermaster LENTZ, secretary of the district of St. Vith.

SEAL

/s/ Lentz

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

DURELL B HARTMAN

DURELL B HARTMAN 1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

Hunningen, 25 September 1947

#### STATEMENT

The undersigned, Muller Martin, herewith declares:

1.	that he has never been evacuated;
2.	that the Offensive lasted here from 17 December 1944
	until 23 January 1945;
3.	that he never found any bodies on his land but that
17.0	he did find some war graves;
4.	that these have all been identified as being German
•	by the Belgian Army and that they have been removed;
5.	that he searched his property and that he never found
	anything else;
6.	that his property is about one kilometer;
.7.	that his land is situated about 3 (three) kilometers
	north from St. Vith;
8.	that only one German tank has been on his land;
9.	that he never heard any rumors from his neighbours.
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/s/ Martin Müller Hunningen (Crombach)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

durell B Hartman

DURELL B HAFTMAN 1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

#### Belgrum 6 - 10021

#### Hunningen, 25 September 1947

#### STATEMENT

The undersigned, Krings Nich, herewith declares:

1.	that he has been evacuated to Germany during the
	von Rundstedt Offensive;
2.	that he does not know how long the Offensive
•	lasted;
<b>3.</b>	that he never found any bodies on his land and
	also no war graves;
4.	that he searched his land and never found anything;
5.	that his land is about 13 (thirteen) acres;
6.	that his property is about & (half a ) kilometer
	north from St. Vith;
7.	that there was only one tank, of German nationality,
,	on his land;
8.	that he never heard anything special from his neighbours.

/s/ Nich Krings Hunningen

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DUPELL B HARTMAN 18t Lt. Infantry Certified True Translation:

Mayrode, 25 September 1947

#### STATEMENT

The undersigned, August Commeyne, declares that he only lives in Mayrode since the 1st of August 1947. He lives opposite the "Eidterbach", but never heard that people in the neighbourhood found bodies or war graves.

I, meself also never found anything. I can't declare anything else as we only live here since a short time and also don't know our neighbours yet.

> /s/ August Commeyne Eidterbach 42 Mayrode

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

alwell B. Hartman DURELL B HARTMAN

1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:

6 - 10021

Saint-Vith, 24 September 1947

#### STATEMENT

The undersigned, Burgomaster of the City of St. Vith herewith declares:

- that all papers and documents of the City of St. Vith have 1. been destroyed by war acts:
  - that all bodies of American soldiers have been removed; 2.
- this removal was in the months of February, March and June 1946; 3.
- 4. that altogether 5 American soldiers have been removed;
- that there are still 6 single graves in the woods; 5...
- 6. that it is unknown of which nationality these soldiers are:
- 7. that the von Rundstedt Offensive lasted in this Community from 17.12.1944 until 25.1.1945;
- 8. that all American tanks have been removed from here;
- that it is unknown which firm removed these tanks: 9.
- 10. that to the Community of St. Vith only belongs the City of St. Vith without any other districts;
- 11. that there are still mines in the woods and fields;
- 12. that the inhabitants of the City of St. Vith have not been evacuated, however, they left the City during the Offensive and some of them did not yet return at this date.

The Burgomaster

/8/t/ FRERES

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Certified True Translation:

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Translator

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, ONG, Washington 25, D. C., 12 October 1950

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C., 2 June 1950

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

- 1. Submitted herewith is a copy of Memoraneum for Record dated 3 April 1950 covering all information available surrounding the disappearance of Corporal Marvin F. Trandem, 37371935.
- 2. Also attached are photostat copies of three (8) Forms 79 for Cpl Trandem not previously forwarded your headquarters. His date of birth was 28 April 1922.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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1. Cy Memo for Record

2. Photo Cpys Forms 79

THOMAS E. COX Capt., CMC Memorial Division

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

GRRE 293.9 (IB)

9 May 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO:

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

1. Reference is made to OQKG Form 371 pertaining to Cpl. Marvin F. TRANDEM, 37 371 935. MIA 23 December 1944.

- 2. It is requested that all available data contained in records your office, including Status Review and Determination Report, After Action Report and a crew listing of tank crew members and current status, be forwarded this headquarters as a possible aid in resolving this case.
- 3. Further action withheld pending receipt of additional information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major QMC
Registration Division



AG 704 (24 Dec 45)

S April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Regarding Personnel Presumed Dead.

1. TO Casualty Shipment No. 005 reported that the following Infantry personnel, members of Company A, 31st Tank Battalion, were missing in action in Belgium on 25 December 1944:

Cpl 243 Trandem, Marvin F. 37321935 26"
Pfc Warden, Russell L. 54192235

Under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, a Finding of Death was issued for Corporal Trandem and Private Warden, setting the presumed date of their death as 24 December 1945 (SR&D No. 4973).

- 2. Missing Report, dated 24 December 1944, submitted for Corporal Trandem, stated that Corporal Trandem was last seen in the woods of mile north of St. Vith, Belgium, on 25 December 1944 during the defense of St. Vith. During an enemy artillery barrage, his tank was knocked out and the crew had to dismount. The enemy counter-attacked and infiltrated through our lines, took the ground on which the tanks were located and the whereabouts of the crew was therefore unknown.
- 3. USFET Casualty Form No. 5, dated 30 August 1945, forwarded to this office by 1st indersement dated 11 February 1946, file AG 201 Trandem, contains the information that Corporal Trandem was the gumner on his crew, that Pfc Russell L. Marden, 34192235, was the cannoncer, and that no further information than that given above was known concerning the personnel of the tank crew or their casualty status.

The area where the tank was disabled is stated to have been subjected to heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Three members of the crew are supposed to have escaped from the tank and to have been accounted for. The probable fate of Corporal Trandem is given as prisoner of war.

4. Beither of the men was ever reported as a prisoner of war by any source, official or unofficial. The Office of The Quartermaster General has no burial information associated with Corporal Trandem and Private Warden on file at the present time.

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AG 704 (24 Dec 45)

5. The information available concerning the disappearance of the two men in question is so meager and such a strong possibility exists that they were captured that a report of death under the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act cannot be justified at this time.

Lulu May Lybrook Investigator

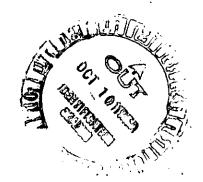
CONCUR:

N. B. STARR
Captain, AGD
Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit
Casualty Section
PA Branch, AGO

COPY FOR:

OQMO, Mem. Div. (one copy for each individual named in part 1.)
AG 201 file of each individual named in part 1.

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of Cpl Marvin F. Trandem, 37321935, unless otherwise indicated.



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Form prescribed by Comptroller General, U.S. 7 October 1944

#### WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7	March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th
Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The	Secretary of War, The Chief,
Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds	Corporal Marvin F. Trandem,

Army Serial Number 37, 321, 935, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the of December 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have ocday of December , 1945. 24th curred on the

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Circumstances of Disappearance: Subject soldier became missing in action when his tank was knocked out by an enemy artillery parrage in the vicinity of St. Vith,

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Mr. Christ Trandem