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SUBJ: IDENTIFICATION/DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

A. AEUMS-CDR LTR DTD 19 OCT 77, SUBJ: LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

1. REF LTR FORWARDED LABORATORY PROCESSING DOCUMENTS FOR UNKNOWN WW II CASUALTY X-9440 (S/R-5125).

2. ON 5 DEC 77, A BOARD OF OFFICERS APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF X-9440 AS PVT DELFORD W. BARKER, 38556426, USA.

3. NOK HAS REQUESTED BURIAL IN ARDENNES AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL, NEUVILLE-EN-CONOROZ, BELGIUM, WITH MILITARY HONORS. YOU WILL BE ADVISED WHEN PERMISSION IS RECEIVED FROM ABMC.

4. NOK HAS REQUESTED THE TWO RINGS AND ONE ID TAG BE RELEASED TO HER CUSTODY. SAO REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE SENT TO HIM BY REGISTERED

16 JAN 78 02 05

H. T. HELGESEN, DAC, PLANNING SPEC
{GR&D}, DAAG-PED, X31064 16 JAN 78

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

WORLD WAR II CASUALTY - HOLLAND

A World War II decedent has been identified as Private Delford W. Barker, 38 556 426, a former member of Company E, 401st Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

Private Barker was killed in action on 3 October 1944 near Middelaar, Holland, when he was shot through the neck by enemy machine gun fire. Aid men were prevented from reaching him all that day due to the tactical situation, and he was not evacuated before the unit was forced to withdraw later that night. Field investigations were conducted in the area to determine the fate of Private Barker, however, no trace was found. When search and recovery missions, conducted by American Graves Registration Service in the area after the war, met with negative results, the remains of Private Barker were officially declared Nonrecoverable. Because there was no grave to pay homage, our Government authorized the American Battle Monuments Commission to perpetuate his memory by inscribing his name on the "Walls of the Missing" at the Netherlands Cemetery and Memorial, Margraten, Holland.

His status remained unchanged until recently when the Army was informed of the discovery of human remains with two (2) identification tags for DELBERT W. BARKER, 38 556 426. The remains had been discovered by a survey team while conducting a routine geographic survey in the area of Middelaar, Netherlands. After completing appropriate arrangements with Netherlands officials, the Army obtained custody of the remains for transfer to the Identification Laboratory, U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, for further examination and verification of identity.

Identification was based on the place of recovery which is the geographic area where Private Barker was reported missing; presence of identification tags for BARKER; favorable comparison of dental and physical characteristics; the recovery of US type equipment and personal effects; and the absence of any contradictory evidence.

The findings of the U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, were forwarded to the Personal Affairs Directorate, Washington, D. C., for final evaluation of all facts pertaining to the recovery and identification. A Board of Officers concurred in the findings of individual identification.

Summary of Events

Final arrangements are incomplete pending notification of surviving next of kin and obtaining wishes for final disposition of remains.

DECEMBER 1977

MEMORIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20314

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, TAGCEN
MEMORIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20314

A Board of Officers appointed by Letter Orders, DAAG-ZX, dated 16 September 1976 (Tab A) convened _____ 1977, and after consideration of the factors presented, approved the identification of Unknown X-9440 (S&R 5125), U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, as the remains of:

PRIVATE DELFORD W. BARKER, 38 556 426

1. Private Delford W. Barker, 38 556 426, a former member of Company E, 401st Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, was killed in action in Holland on 3 October 1944. According to a Memorandum dated 3 June 1949 (Tab B), Private Barker was digging in position near Middelaar, Holland, when the enemy opened fire with machine guns, and Private Barker was shot through the neck. The tactical situation prevented aid men from reaching him all that day and he was not evacuated before the unit was forced to withdraw later that night.

2. Following the end of the war, the areas of combat were thoroughly searched by US Graves Registration search and recovery teams, and those remains recovered were removed to US Military Cemeteries for interment. However, numerous casualties still remained unaccounted for. The final field search was conducted in August 1950 with negative results. Accordingly, Nonrecoverable Findings were submitted for Private Barker and 45 others. Individual findings for subject decedent were officially approved on 31 October 1950.

3. In August 1977, officials at the US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, were notified by the Netherlands Army Graves Unit that they had in their possession a skeletal remains believed to be an American soldier from World War II, based on identification tags for DELFORD W. BARKER found with the remains (Tab C - Case Papers). The remains had been discovered by a survey team while conducting a routine geographic survey in the area of Middelaar, Netherlands. The following additional items were found with the remains:

(Unknown X-9440, USA Mem Aff Actv, Eur, Frankfurt, Ger)

- One (1) Silver ring with initial "D" on the face, and initials "FLH" hand cut on inside
- One (1) Plastic hand made ring, light tan in color, no markings
- Remnants of:
 - Wool clothing
 - One (1) Combat helmet with liner
 - One (1) Entrenching tool
 - One (1) Canteen with cup, aluminum
 - One (1) Rubber comb
 - One (1) Toothbrush
 - One (1) Pr. combat shoes, size 9½C
 - One (1) Brass belt buckle
 - 16 Rounds M-1 rifle ammunition

The remains and articles were released to American custody and removed to the Frankfurt Mortuary for processing.

4. Upon receipt at the Mortuary, the remains were designated Unknown X-9440 (S&R 5125). The skeletal portions were processed and arranged in anatomical order. According to the Record of Identification Processing, the unknown skeletal remains are those of an adult Caucasoid male of slight muscularity, with an estimated height of 72.4" (F&T-73.3"). The age is estimated between 18 and 20 years. No evidence of healed fractures or bone malformations was found.

CONCLUSION:

The association of Unknown X-9440 with Private Delford W. Barker, tentatively established through recovery of two ID tags, is supported by laboratory findings that reveal physical and dental characteristics which compare very favorably with recorded data for Private Barker (Tab D - Physical and Dental Comparison Chart). The remains were recovered in the vicinity of Middelaar, Netherlands which is the same geographic area where Private Barker was reported missing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the comparison of physical and dental characteristics, recovery of two identification tags for BARKER, and circumstances surrounding the location and recovery of this remains, it is recommended that identification of remains designated Unknown X-9440 (S&R 5125), US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, be approved as those of Private Delford W. Barker, 38 556 426, and that Findings of Nonrecoverability be cancelled.

(Unknown X-9440, USA Mem Aff Actv, Eur, Frankfurt, Ger)

Submitted by

Mary J Jones
M. T. JONES

Identification Technician
Memorial Affairs Division

CONCURRENCE:

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APPROVED:

Date: 5 DEC 77

ELLSWORTH S. CLARKE
LTC, GS
Acting Director, Personal Affairs

STATEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION
(AR 638-40)

19 October 1977

- INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Prepare in triplicate and distribute as follows:
 a. Original to OCoFSpTS, Attn: Memorial Division
 b. Copy to Army Command
 c. Copy retained at preparing installation.
2. This statement will be supplemented by signed copies of appropriate Records of Identification Processing (DD Forms 890 thru 894).

NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle)	GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER
UNKNOWN-X-9440 Barker, Delford W.	PVT	38 556 426

BRANCH OF SERVICE	ORGANIZATION AND BASE
S/R-5125	Co E, 401st Glider Inf Regt, 101st Abn Div

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
WW II 3 Oct 1944	Stone Marker Number 463 near Middelaar, Netherlands

CONDITION OF REMAINS (Describe Briefly in Remarks)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognizable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of Decomposition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Recognizable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mangled or Mutilated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comingled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of Burns

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (Check all Appropriate Boxes and Indicate Appropriate Inclosures Specify Supporting Date in Remarks)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Identification Tags	Two	<input type="checkbox"/>	INCLOSURES
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Effects		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DD Form 890
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dental Comparison		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DD Form 891 and SF 603
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Skeletal and Anatomical Comparison		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DD Form 892 and/or DD Form 893
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fingerprints		<input type="checkbox"/>	DD Form 894
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual Recognition		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify in Remarks)		<input type="checkbox"/>	

REMARKS (If additional space is required, continue on separate sheet)

CIRCUMSTANCES:

While conducting a routine geographic survey in the area of Middelaar, Netherlands. The survey team discovered the remains of a BTB: American soldier from World War II. The skeletal remains was buried approximately 9 inches deep, at the base of stone marker number 463. Upon discovery of the skeletal remains the survey team, notified the local police, who in turn notified the Netherlands Army Graves Registration team who recovered the skeletal remains.

A thorough search of the area was conducted by the GR unit for any additional remains, this search proved negative.

The American representative^s were notified by the Netherlands Army Graves Unit that they had in there possession a BTB: American Soldier from World War II. Upon examining the equipment and the skeletal remains it was determined that the remains was a World War II casualty.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made herein are correct & true.

TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF IDENTIFYING OFFICER

FOR USE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALISTS ONLY

SUMMARY

The remains was processed and arranged in anatomical order. The skeletal remains was designated UNKNOWN X-9440, S/R-5125. The recovered anatomical portions were still undergoing progressive erosion caused by prolonged natural weathering. (approx. 33 years)

REMARKS

This skeletal remains was received as UNKNOWN American soldier from World War II, and was designated UNKNOWN X-9440.

Two identification tags were found during the recovery of the remains and reads:

BARKER, DELFORD W.
38556426 T-44 O
P

The above named individual is listed in the Register of World War II Dead, as missing in action on 3 October 1944 and was assigned to the 401st Glider Infantry, 101st Air Borne Division.

Comparison between the following postmortem physical characteristics and the available data is recorded.

	UNKNOWN X-9440	DELFORD W. BARKER
Age:	18-20 Years	19 Yrs, 4 Mos, 23 Days
Height:	T = 72.4 Inches	73 Inches
	F&T = 73.3 Inches	
Race:	Caucasoid	Caucasoid
Muscularity:	Slight	138 Pounds
Dental:	---- Good Agreement ----	
Shoe Size:	9 1/2 C	10 B

RECOMMENDATIONS

A thorough examination of the remnants of clothing, military equipment and two identification tags (see DD-890) found with the remains, reveals that this skeletal remains is an American servicemember missing from World War II.

The skeletal remains of UNKNOWN X-9440, be designated as PVT DELFORD W. BARKER 38556426, US Army. This finding is based upon the comparison of the physical and dental characteristics, recovery of two identification tags, and circumstances surrounding the location and recovery of this remains.

RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED

19 Oct 77 (Date)	TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST
	CARL J. WITZEL, Supervisory Mortuary Officer/ID
	SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Carl J. Witzel

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION

USA Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, APO New York 09757

RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED

**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
SKELETAL CHART**

19 October 1977

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)
 UNKNOWN - X - 0440
 Barker, Delford W.

GRADE: PVT SERVICE NUMBER: 38 556 426

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER
 S/R - 5125

ESTIMATED AGE (Years): 18-20 ESTIMATED HEIGHT
 T = 72.4 Inches
 F&T = 73.3 Inches

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)			
SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	RIGHT	LEFT
SKULL			
HUMERUS	OSTEOMETRIC BOARD (OB)	35.6	35.6
ULNA	OB	29.4	29.3
RADIUS	OB	27.6	27.5
FEMUR	OB	51.4	51.8
TIBIA	OB	42.6	42.6
FIBULA	OB	41.8	42.2

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

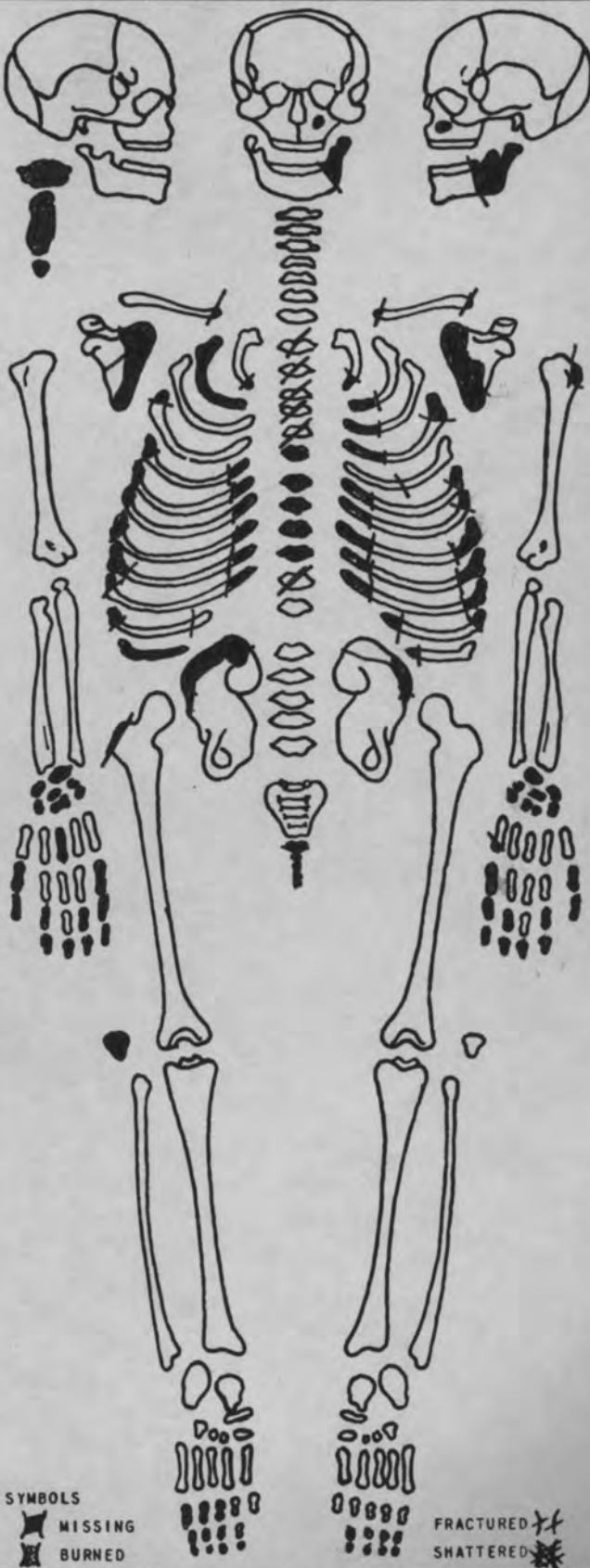
Remains of a tall man of slight muscularity. The skull is medium in size and oval in shape. The forehead is of medium height and presents a slightly sloping profile. The lower borders of the nasal aperture are sharp. The mandible is average in size, of normal width and structure, forming a rounded straight chin.

THE PARTS PRESENT AS INDICATED ON THIS SKELETAL CHART REPRESENTS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL

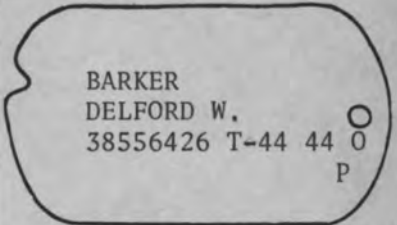
PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)
 CARL J. WITZEL

SIGNATURE


BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



SYMBOLS
 * MISSING
 X BURNED
 // FRACTURED
 * SHATTERED

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING (Effects and Physical Data)			DATE
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Or unknown number) UNKNOWN-X-9440 Barker, Delford W.			19 October 1977
GRADE PVT	SERVICE NUMBER 38 556 426	CIL CASE NUMBER (If applicable)	
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER S/R-5125		PLOT	ROW GRAVE
RECEIVED FROM Stone Marker #463 near Village of Middelaar, Netherlands		IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG	
OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification) Two Identification Tags with chain found with remains, reads: One ring, silver, with initial "D" on face of ring. Initials hand cut on inside of ring read "FLH". One ring, plastic, hand made, light tan in color. No markings.			
ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)			
Remnants of: Wool clothing 1-Helmet, combat with linear 1-Entrenching tool 1-Canteen with cup, aluminium 1-Comb, rubber 1-Toothbrush 1 Pr Shoes, combat Size 9 1/2 C 1-Belt Buckle, Brass 16-Rounds M-1, Rifle Ammunition			
FINGERPRINTS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		X-RAYS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		FLUROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
		ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION EST AGE: 18-20			
ESTIMATED HEIGHT T = 72.4 Inches F&T = 73.3 Inches	MUSCULARITY Slight	COLOR OF HAIR None found	RACE OR NATIVITY Caucasoid
TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY None found			
EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS None found			
WOUNDS OR INJURIES None found			
I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.			
NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12, USA Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, APO New York 09757		SIGNATURE 	

**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
DENTAL CHART**

19 October 1977

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)

~~UNKNOWN--X-9440~~ Barker, Delford W.

GRADE

PVT

SERVICE NO./SOCIAL SECURITY ACCT NO.

38 556 426

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER

S/R - 5125

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

MARKING ABBREVIATIONS:

F-Facial
L-Lingual

O-Occlusal
M-Mesial

D-Distal
I-Incisal

A^l-Amalgam
CR-Crown

-Fill-Filling
Plas-Plastic

Porc-Porcelain
Sil-Silicate

Back-Backing
Fac-Facing

CARIES																	CARIES
RESTORATIONS																	RESTORATIONS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
UPPER RIGHT	<p align="center">#7 slightly overlaps #8</p>																UPPER LEFT
LOWER RIGHT	<p align="right">Fx Missing</p>																LOWER LEFT
RESTORATIONS	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	RESTORATIONS
CARIES	UNERUPTED																CARIES

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL BE INDICATED IF PRESENT (Describe in detail in Remarks section)

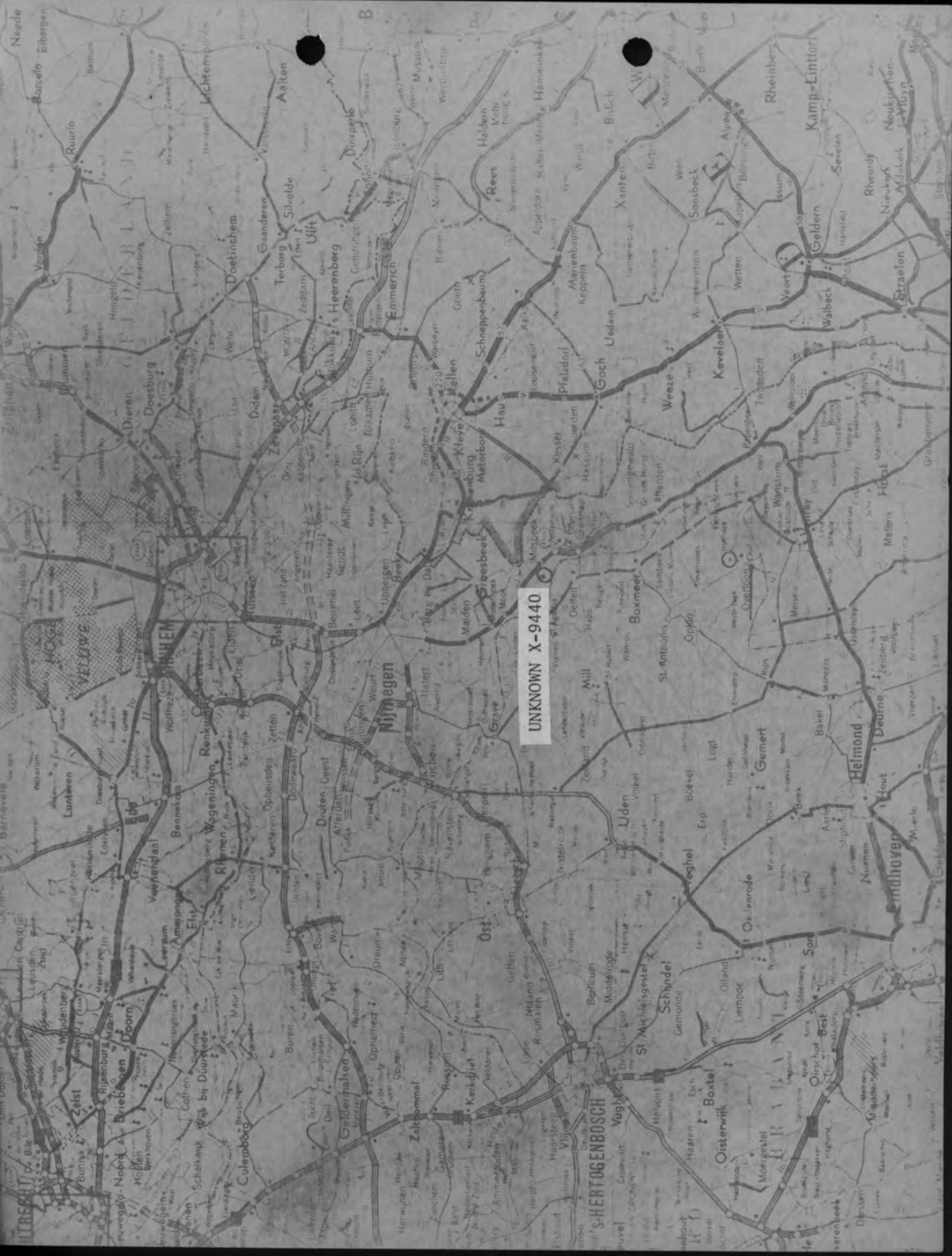
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EROSION	MALOCCLUSION	RETAINED DECIDUOUS TEETH	UNUSUAL APPLIANCES
ABRASION	SUPERNUMERARY TEETH	ABNORMAL INTERDENTAL SPACES	MALPOSED TEETH

PREPARED BY (Typed Name and Signature)
Adrian A. Tolzmann
 ADRIAN A. TOLZMANN, DAC

VERIFIED BY (Typed Name and Signature)
Carl J. Witzel
 CARL J. WITZEL, DAC

DD FORM 891
1 FEB 56

REPLACES DD FORM 889, 1 SEP 51, WHICH IS OBSOLETE (for Army use only).



UNKNOWN X-9440

PHYSICAL AND DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

Remains of UNKNOWN X-9440 S/R - 5125	Name BARKER, DELFORD W. PVT 38 556 426
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1		1	X
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5	PX	5	
6		6	
7	45° Rotation overlaps #8	7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
11		11	
12	PX	12	
13		13	
14		14	
15		15	
16		16	X
17	Missing	17	X
18	Fractured	18	
19		19	
20		20	
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23		23	
24		24	
25		25	
26		26	
27		27	
28		28	
29		29	
30		30	X
31		31	
32	Unerupted	32	

Estimated height TROTTER= 72.4 Inches F&T = 73.3 Inches	Height 73"
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Estimated weight Slight Stature	Weight 138
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Estimated age 18-20	Age 19 yrs 4 mos 23 days DOD 3 Oct 44 DOB 10 May 25
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Hair None found	Hair Brown Race: Caucasian Shoe size: 10B
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Remarks Race - Caucasian Shoesize - 9 1/2 C	Dental: Fm 79 dtd 10-21-43 (Incl) KIA: near Middelaar, Holland Religion: Baptist
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OPEN ALLOTMENT COST DATA SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1977
 (FRANKFURT, KAISERSLAUTERN & NUERNBERG MORTUARY)

NAME OF DECEASED/ CASE NUMBER	C A T E G O R Y O F E X P E N S E S							INTERMEDIARY AND TRAVEL W AR 8-40
	SHIPPING CONTAINER	TDY RELATED TO CASE	LOCALLY PROCURED CASKETS	CREMATION FEE	RECOVERY & RELATED MORTUARY SVCS/SUPPLIES	TRANSP. OF REMAINS FURNISHED BY LOCAL SOURCES	INTERMEDIARY ALLOWANCE PAID TO NOK	
STUTH, depn son 0476-10-77	90.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
● BAYLOR, depn son 0418-08-77	reported previously	84.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOBY, depn dau 0491-10-77	125.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WARDEN, depn son 0504-10-77	90.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TDY to Vicenza Mortuary One person - Preparation of current deceased	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300.00
WW II Recovery in Holland Two persons in Sep 77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131.66
● WW II Recovery in England Two persons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	367.40
TOTAL:	\$ 1,750.00	84.00	571.62	183.96	-	453.05	-	799.00
*ELEMENT OF EXPENSE CODE (EOE)	(2610)	(2110)	(2572)	(2572)	(2572)	(2200)	(2572)	(211)

FUND CITE: 2182020 32-22 P878716-* (See EOE above) S999999GY GRAND TOTAL: \$ 3,841.69

AG 201 Barker, Delford W.
38 556 426 (3 Jun 49)

158015

LHM/jb/1B739/10460

3 June 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section,
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Private Delford W. Barker, 38 556 426, Company E, 401st Glider Infantry, was reported seriously wounded in action in Holland on 3 October 1944 by ETO Shipment No. 226. His status was changed to missing in action in Holland on 3 October 1944, by ETO Shipment No. 77. Under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, a finding of death was made in the case of Private Barker, which finding indicated that he was presumed dead as of 4 October 1945 (S. R. & D. No. 4250, file AG 704 Dead 4 Oct 45). Private Barker was entitled to additional pay for participation in glider flights, per VOGG 82d A/B Div. 25 Mar 44, confirmed by G.O. #53, Hq. 82d A/B Div. 5 Sep 44.
2. The AG 201 file of Private Barker contains a statement, dated 15 March 1946, of the circumstances under which he became missing. This report states that Private Barker was digging in position near Middelaar, Holland, when the enemy opened fire with machine guns, and Private Barker was shot through the neck. It was the opinion of all members of his unit that he had been killed. The tactical situation prevented aid men reaching him all that day and he was not evacuated. The enemy made a strong counter-attack at dark and the company withdrew at about 2130 hours. Middelaar is located about thirteen miles south of Nijmegen, Holland.
3. No information has been received concerning Private Barker since he was first reported missing in action. He was never reported a prisoner of war, nor can any reference to him be found in captured German records. A search of the files of the office of The Quartermaster General reveals no information relative to him.
4. The circumstances outlined above furnish reasonably conclusive evidence of the death of Private Barker on 3 October 1944. From the fact that he was known to have been seriously wounded in the neck, and did not receive medical aid, it appears that no logical conclusion can be drawn but that he was killed in action. The Germans were meticulous in reporting prisoners of war, and had he been captured, a report to that effect would in all probability have been made. The circumstances outlined above furnish reasonably conclusive evidence of the death of Private Barker on 3 October 1944 in Holland.
5. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that Private Delford W. Barker, 38 556 426, Infantry, was killed in action on 3 October 1944 in Holland, and that he was entitled to additional pay for participation in glider flights. Private Barker was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge (Post) per Circular 151, WD 1945. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2b, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

JUL 11 1949
G. A. [unclear]
Capt., GAC
[unclear]

Identification Section
Memorial Division

91651
✓

Identification Data

Last Name	First	Initial	ASN	Grade
BARKER	DeFord	W.	38556424	Pvt.
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size
6 Ft. 10 in	138	GRAY	Brown	10B
Date of Death				
3 Oct 44.				

Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)

Co. E 401st Gl. Inf.

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

Killed in action near Middle ARK Holland. Due to enemy action body could not be evacuated. Death date 30 Oct 44

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

STATION

Fort Sam Houston Texas
Cp. Fannin, Texas
Cp. Atherbury Ind.
Ft. Geo. Ct. Mead. MD.

DATES

Oct 43 -
Oct 43 - April 44
May 44 - June 44
June 44. —

Fractures and/or Breaks	Tattoos and/or Birth marks

DENTAL CHART 10 Sept. 43.

X	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X
Upper Right							Upper Left								
X	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	X
Lower Right							Lower Left								

X - Extracted O - Carious / - Carious non-restorable

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown

C. P.

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

GRADE

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

RACE

CREED

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR SHOE SIZE

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT

X
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 X

LOWER RIGHT

X
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 X

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 19

10 May 25

44-10-93
25-5-10
19-4-23

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

REPORT OF DEATH *slt*/LB724

DATE 16 June 1949

FULL NAME Barker, Delford W.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 556 426		GRADE Pvt	
HOME ADDRESS Tivoli, Texas		ARM OR SERVICE INF.		DATE OF BIRTH 10 May 1925	
PLACE OF DEATH Holland		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 3 Oct 1944	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 1 Oct 1943		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Margaret Barker, mother, Box 171, Tivoli, Texas					
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Margaret Barker, mother, same as above. Mr. Henry R. Barker, father, Box 171, Tivoli, Texas					
INVESTIGATION MADE		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
				YES	NO
IN LINE OF DUTY		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below) YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT Combat Infantryman. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE					
*Soldier entitled to additional pay for participation in glider flights, per VCG 82d A/B Div. 25 Mar 44, confirmed by G.O. #53, Hq. 82d A/B Div., 5 Sep 44.					
Finding of death has been issued previously under Sec 5, Public Law 490, 7 Mar 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 4 October 1945. This Report of death based on information received since that date, is issued in accordance with Sec 9, of said Act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Sec 9.					
<p>File 25 Jun 49 CS</p> <p>BY ORDER OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY: <i>James A. [Signature]</i> ADJUTANT GENERAL</p>					