

INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

AG 201 Goldstein, Harry PC-0 116068

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

3 May 1946

Mrs. Ethel Cohen 214 Avon Avenue Newark 8, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Cohen:

I am writing you relative to my previous letter in which you were regretfully informed that a Finding of Death had been made in the case of your brother; Sergeant Harry Goldstein, 12,038,179, Air Corps, and that the presumptive date of his death had been established as 16 August 1945.

An official report based on information obtained from captured German reports from the Interrogation Center at Dulag Luft, has now been received which states that he was killed in action on 6 March 1944 near Werder, Germany, 18 miles southwest of Berlin. The report further states that his body was washed ashore near Werder, Germany on 7 July 1944 and his identification was made possible by his identification tags.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, 7 March 1942 as amended, official reports will now be issued by the War Department which will indicate the actual date of his death as that shown above. The issuance of this official Report of Death will not affect any payment or settlement of accounts which has been made on the basis of the Finding of Death.

My continued sympathy is with you in the great loss you have sustained.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL

Major General

The Adjutant General of the Army

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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WAR DEPARTMENT FEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

	RTANT: This report will be complied in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 46 hours or the time on aircraft is officially reported missing.
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	(2) COLUMN PROTEAU, Francis Oliver 2d Lt 0 811 665 RTD
	(3) Navigator HIGHTOWER, John Stanford 2d Lt 0 811 665 KIA
	(4) Bombr ROOT, Joseph Stout Jr F/O T-1545 KIA
	(5) R/O SMITH, Leroy (NMI) S/Sgt 32 391 659 KIA
	(6) TTG FIEBIGER, Raymond Charles S/Sgt 19 087 765 KIA
	(7) BTG Y LADEMAN, Marvin James Sgt 16 160 272 KIA
	(B) RWG . MORROW, Virgil Oliver Sgt 37 231 073 KIA

MEMORALDUM FOR: Chief, Registration Branch

SUBJECT: Deletion from Deferred Search Roster, N-53 Germany

GCLDSTEIM, Harry LADEMAN, Marvin J.

Sgt 12 038 179 Sgt 16 160 272

Reference is made to paragraph 3, inclosed letter, dated 13 Feb 56 from Headquarters, USAREUR, OH Mortuary Service Detachment, Subject: Results of Investigation and attached Report of Investigation in which the field requests advice as to whether the above decedents should be removed from the Deferred Search Agenda.

Sgt Goldstein and Sgt Lademan are the only unresolved casualty crew members of A/C B-24, 42-52515 which crashed on 6 March 1944 into the Glindowsee, near Werder-Havel, Germany. Two of the crew parachuted to safety and eventually returned to military control. The identified remains of six crew members were recovered from cemeteries in Petzow and Werder, Germany. No bodies were disinterred which could be associated with either Goldstein or Lademan.

Mon-recoverable Findings for Sgt Goldstein were approved by this Office on 16 Oct 51 and Mon-recoverable Findings for Sgt Lademan were approved on 24 Aug 50. German Records indicate that the remains of Goldstein were washed ashore from the lake and interred in the Werder Cemetery on 7 Jul 14. Sgt Lademan is also mentioned in German Records; however, no status or burial location is shown for him. Decedents were placed on Deferred Search Roster, Germany N-53 pending a re-investigation of the crash site area for possible recovery of their remains.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the negative Report of Investigation conducted on 15th and 16th Dec 1955 at the city of Werdel-Havel and surrounding area, it is recommended that the names of Sgt Harry Goldstein, 12 038 179 and Sgt Marvin J. Lademan, 16 160 272 be deleted from the Deferred Search Roster, Germany N-53 and that approved nonrecoverable status for both decedents be reinstated and the field advised accordingly.

Supervisor, Unit #1

Resolution Section

Approved

Chief, Registration Branch

HEADQUARTERS

USAREUR OM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT APO 757

NEW YORK

MTS 293 GR

13 February 1956.

SUBJECT: Results of Investigation

TO:

The Quartermaster General Washington 25, D. C.

- 1. Reference is made to 293 Files, your Office, pertaining to <u>Sgt Harry Goldstein</u>, 12038179 and Sgt Marvin J Lademan, 16 160 272 whose names appear on line 9 and 18 respectively, Map Sheet N-53, Deferred Search Agenda.
- 2. Forwarded herewith are results of investigation conducted at Werder-Havel (N53/Z53) Germany, for your review and file.
- 3. In view of the negative findings, advise is requested, if names of subject decedents can be removed from the Deferred Search Agenda.

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S. GIBBS Maj OMC Commanding HEADQUARTERS "

USAREUR OM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHEMT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT APO 757 US ARMY

10 February 1956

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTER ENVESTIGATED

Pursuant to orders issued the undersigned proceeded to the city of Werder-Havel (N-53/Z53) Germany 15th and loth of December 1955, in an effort to recover the remains of HARRY GOLDSTEIN, Sgt., 12 038 179 and MARVIN J LADEMAN, Sgt., 16 160 272 unresolved crew members of A/C # 42-52515.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

Subject aircraft failed to return from a bombing mission to Berlin, Germany on 6 March 1944. German Dulag record KU-1082 reports that subject aircraft crashed into the Glindow See. Two (2) members of the crew were eventually returned to military control, six (6) deceased crew members were recovered and individually identified from Werder-Havel cemetery. German Dulag records reflect that the body of CCLDSTEIN washed ashore 7 July 1944 in Lake Glindow 4 km South of Werder and was interred in the new Werder-Havel cemetery. There are no records regarding LADEMAN.

III. FINDINGS

Accompanied by Soviet escort officers we interviewed the cemetery superintendent at Werder-Havel. This person stated that all allied remains had been removed from the cemetery. The cemetery records were searched and the name GCLDSTERI could not be found. Permission was granted us to open the grave site where Americans had been recovered and to extend in both directions from that site. An excavation 65 feet in length by 5 feet was opened. A careful search of these graves was made. That area where Americans had been interred revealed nothing, initial recoveries were evidently complete. Virgin ground was reached to the left of these grave sites showing that no burials were ever made in that direction. The excavation to the right of the American graves revealed several skeletal remains. These were examined closely and were proved to be not U.S. deceased. Dental and examination for age showed this to be a fact. The cemetery record showed that a unknown flier was interred in the German soldiers plot. Fermission was obtained and this grave was opened. Although no remains were found there was evidence of German equipment. Mo explanation could be given for the lack of remains

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in this grave. There is a possibility that at time of interment some flesh was intermingled with the equipment. In this cemetery there are interred thirty-six (36) Russian soldiers, these soldiers were disinterred from the foreigners plot and concentrated in what now is a Russian memorial. Among these thirty-six (36) are seven (7) unknowns. The thought comes to mind that CCLDSTEL could by error be interred here. It is not possible under present circumstances to examine these unknowns.

Even though the cemetery at Werder-Havel is designated as the New Jemetery there are no other cemeteries in this town.

A visit was made to the cemetery at Petzow and at Glindow. Careful examination of cemetery records, interviews with Buergermeisters and examination of the cemeteries proved negative. Cur findings at these two cemeteries could warrant no excavation search.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

On the basis of comprehensive investigation conducted it is to be concluded that Sgt GCLDSTEIN and Sgt LADMMAN cannot be located.

V. RECONCEMBATION

That the remains of subject decedents be declared non-recoverable.

Investigator

TO:

Chief, Investigation Section

SUBJECT: Retention on Deferred Search Roster, N-53 Germany

LADEMAN, Marvin J Sgt 16 160 272

- 1. Monrecoverable Findings for referenced decedent were approved 24 August 1950. NOK has not been advised of nonrecoverability.
- 2. Original Monrecoverable Findings included the name of Sgt Harry Goldstein, 12 038 179; however, Nonrecoverable Findings for Sgt Goldstein were cancelled 23 June 1950. Nonrecoverable Findings for Sgt Goldstein were resubmitted by the Field and approved 16 October 1951, based on a certificate obtained from a gardener of the Cemetery of Werder and a letter from the Imperial War Graves Commission. Case of Sgt Harry Goldstein is being simultaneously submitted with case of Sgt LADEMAN with recommendation that case be re-opened and placed on deferred search roster.
- 3. Sgt LADEMAN was a crew member of aircraft B-24H, 42-52515, which failed to return from a combat mission to Berlin, Germany. Aircraft was last sighted 6 March 1944 over enemy territory. Ten men comprised the crew; 2 survived. The remains of 6 crew members have been recovered and identified. (See MACR).
- 4. Available records indicate that aircraft crashed into the Glindower See (Lake) near Petzow, Germany, and remained submerged for about 3 weeks. After this time the Germans salvaged the wreckage from the lake, removed the remains of 3 crew members from the aircraft and buried these in the Cemetery of Petzow, 18 March 1944. The remains of the 3 other crew members had washed ashore from the Glindower See and were buried in the Cemetery of Werder. (It will be noted that Nonrecoverable Findings indicate that these 6 crew members were interred in the Cemetery of Werder, which does not agree with records available to this Office).
- 5. All 1944's for remains recovered from pertinent area were screened for possible association with Sgt Lademan with negative results.
- 6. The Germans recorded the names of Sgt LADELAN and Sgt Goldstein (KU 1082), indicating that the remains of Goldstein washed ashore and were buried in the Cemetery of Werder on 7 July 1944. KU 1082 also records 4 Unknowns as having been interred in Werder. However, it cannot be determined from available records that all 4 remains interred as Unknowns have been recovered as the crosses were removed from the graves prior to disinterment.

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