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2/Lt. Walter K. Higgins, ASN 0-749 242 Plot C, Row 25, Grave 60 Headstone: Cross St. Avold (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mr. Walter B. Higgins 11862 - 16th Avenue, South Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Higgins:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.



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16 April 1947

Mrs. Mary B. Higgins 7406 28th Street, Morthwest Beattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Higgins:

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The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the latest information regarding the buriel location of your husband, the late Second Lieutement Walter E. Higgins, A.S.N. 0 749 242.

The records of this office disclose that his remains were originally interred in a temporary cometery established near the place where he met his death, but were later moved to a more suitable site where constant care of the grave can be assured by our Forces in the field.

The records further disclose that his remains are now interred in the U. S. Military Cometary St. Avold, plot 1866, row 12, grave 282, located twenty-three miles sast of Metz, France.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this effice will, without may action on your part, provide all legal next of kin with full information and solicit their detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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Mrs. Mary 3. Riggins 7406 SOth Street, Burthport Seattle, Weskington

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the people of the United States, through the Congress here extherized the distintument and Simil buriel of the heavie dead of Unit Un II. The Quarter-marker Seasons of the Amy has been extracted with this season responsibility to the heavest Sund. The presents of the Unr Department indicate that you my be the represent substitute of the above-much decreased, the pure his life in the parties of his country.

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If you should elect Option 2, it is abrised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be unto until you are further notified by this office.

Mill you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Bounds" and smil in the enclosed self-addressed careleys, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by your Its prompt return will armid unsecondary follows.

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Colonel, QMC Memorial Division

NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT (Avis d'Exhumation)

GRS-GZ Form No 8

Date 20 Sept. 1946

The below listed U.S. deceased personnel have this date been disinterred from the location as shown and have been evacuated to U.S. Military Cometery St. Avold, France for reburial.

La personne Américaine décedée, ci-dessous indiquée, a été, à cette dâte, exhumée du lieu indiqué et a été evacuée dans un cimetière américain a pour être re-entérrée.

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/t/ ALEXANDER ALTMAN SGT.
/s/ ALEXANDER ALTMAN SGT.

(Officer of NCO in charge of disinterment)

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Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

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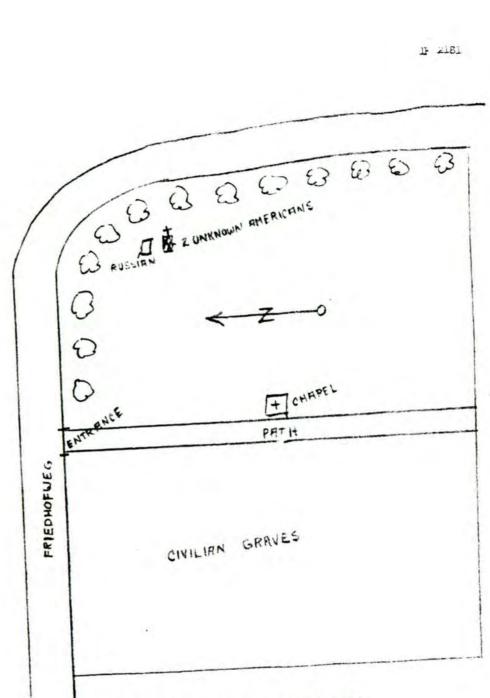
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26.	Had bombs been released prior the crash? Unknown
27.	Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? Unknown
	Number of planes in formation prior to crash Unknown
	State precise time and date of plane crash Unknown (Night?) (Day?)
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30.	Were parachutists seen? Unknown How many? Escaped? Prisoners?
	CTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).
31.	Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? This section does not apply
	a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed
	(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or front, side, or back)
	b. Near wreckage?
32.	Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
	a. Type of tank
	b. Markings and/or name of tank
	c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc
33.	What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?
34.	Did tank explode? Burn?
35.	Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement
36.	Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
37	Precise time and date of destruction of tank (Night?) (Day?)
	Did any of the crew members escape? Prisoners?
SEC	CTION D — OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable).
39.	Did death occur from any other means? (i. e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire)
	If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
	a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?
40.	State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased
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SEC	CTION E — GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)
41.	Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team?
	If not, state reason All lpapers and personal effects taken by German army
	a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Unknown
	Where? By whom?
	Present disposition Unknown
,	If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form unti- final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned.

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	d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indic	ate the immunization shot?	
42.	Was Deceased given first gid?	nknown If so, where?	
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	Are	statements from the medical people attached?	***************************************
43.	Was deceased evacuated to a German	civilian hospital? Unknown	
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45	is it possible on surface investigation to ob	tain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased?	No
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AAF 201 - (5177) <u>Higgins, Walter K</u>, (EU 1933) 0-749242 (AY 1083)

Mrs. Walter E. Higgins 7406 28th Street, Berthrest Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Higgins:

I am writing to you in reference to your husband who gave his life in the service of his Country during the European conflict.

In an effort to furnish the next of kin with all available details concerning casualties among our personnel, the Army Air Person recently completed the translation of several volumes of captured German records.

In regard to Second Lieutement Walter E. Higgins, these records indicate that he was killed when his plane grashed 24 May 1944, at 11:18 a.m., near Hienderf, Germany. Hienderf is approximately seven miles southeast of Rostock (54° 51' H, 12° 8' E). These records further state that interment was made in the Kessin Community Cometery, 25 May 1944.

The Quartermester General in his capacity as Chief, American Graves Registration Service, is charged with the responsibility of notifying the legal next of kin concerning grave locations of members of the military forces who are killed or die outside the continental limits of the United States. If the report of your husband's burial has not been confirmed and you have not been notified by the Quartermester General, that official will furnish you definite information issediately upon receipt of the official report of interment from the Commanding General of the Theater economical.

May the knowledge of your husband's valuable contribution to our cause sustain you in your bereavement.

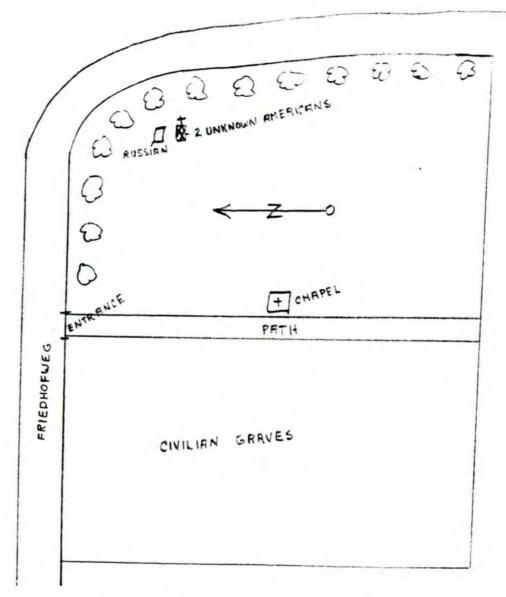
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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25. D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 24 May 1944 until such absence was terminated on 29 Oct 1944, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the German Government through the International Red Cross.

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GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

2nd Lt Welter E. Higgins, 0 749 242

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20 October 1947

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2nd Lt Walter E. Higgins, 0 749 242 Plot 1999, Row 12, Grave 282, United States Military Cemetery St. Avold, France

16 February 1948

Mr. Walter B. Higgins 11862 16th Avenue, South Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Higgins:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the herois deed of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Deed," and "American Comsteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Deed," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

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Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN Major General The Quarternaster General

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MRS MARY B ELOGINS 7406 28TH MORTHWEST SEATTLE WASHINGTON

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR HUSBAND SECOND LIEUTENANT HALFER & HIGGIES HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE TWENTY FOUR MAY OVER GERMANY IP PUNTHER DETAILS ON OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECRIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

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Dear Mrs. Higgins:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your husband, Lieutenant Walter K. Higgins.

This property, contained in one envelope, is being sent you for distribution. If, for some reason, it has not been received within the next thirty days, this Bureau should be informed so that tracer may be instituted.

Tours very truly,

D. S. JOHNSTON 2nd Lt., QMC Ohief, Adm. Division 9

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As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

Extending every sympathy, I am

Sincerely yours,

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

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I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that effects were shipped to Effects QM. ETOUSA, APO 507, G-14, U.S. army by delivering to Station on 12 June 1944

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	Name Mrs. Mary B. Higgins		
	Street 7406 28th Street, North	nwest	-
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Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

HIGGINS WALTER K 2 LT 0-749242

(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United States Military Cemetery ____ ST AVOLD

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10 October 1946

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MALE: Higgins, Walter K.

GRADE: 2nd Lt.

0-749 242

DATE OF DEATH: 24 May 1944.

The following information has been received in this office, and is forwarded for aid in recovering this deceased.

PLACE OF DEATH: Hear Hiendorf-Polchow/Rostock, Germany.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Community Cometery at Buchhols/Restock, Germany.

Above information has been obtained from: Captured German Record.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)	20 Sept. 1946 Date			
1 January 1946 NAME Unknown X-7783 Unk	RANK Unk ASN Unk			
ORGANIZATION				
MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None				
(All statements above this line would processing point.)	vill be completed, upon final) processing, by the clerical staff at the			
SECTION A — GENERAL (To be completed by investi	igators in all cases) through the surface investigation? If so, state			
 Was positive identity acquired for the deceased the following information: 	through the surface investigation?			
a. NAME	RANK			
b. ORGANIZATION				
2. Was partial identification established? Yes a. NAME SITTH, ROBERT F.	. RANK Cpl. ASN 38074381			
b. ORGANIZATION 381 Bomb Gr				
3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMM HIGGINS, WALTER	R K.			
(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from	+4 Common Graves? NO			
5. Name and Type of Cemetery New Civil	lian cemetery			
6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery M 54	T 71 1/250,000			
c. Town Buchholz Country German	ny .			
7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.	nknown Grave Unknown			
b. Is sketch attached? Yes				
8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give e	exact location.			
a. Town Coordinates				
b. Is Sketch attached?) Does not apply			
c Is area mined?	······································			
9. How is the grave marked? Not ma				
10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact marking	gs thereon Does not apply			
a. From what source was this information obtained	ed? Does not apply			
(Identification tags, personal effects)				
1 By whom	Does not apply			
11. Where are the cemetery records?	Burgermeister's office			
11. Where are the centerery records?	(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)			

	· Jo	nknown		
b. Where was the information obta	Unkno	wn ·		
c. By whom?	24 May	1944		
What is the date of death?	German	burial card		
a. Give basis What is the cause of death?	IIn known			
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b. Give basis		25 Nov 1944		
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a. Give basis	Gern	en burrar	- 41 54 I	71
What was the place of death?	Folchow	,Ger.	1/250,	000
b. Give basis	German	burial card		
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a. By whom?	Unknown			
b. Is sketch attached?	No			
. Was a casket used?	Unimown	Who furnished the casket?	Unknow	(XX
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	Unknovn			
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27 Does specific time and date of crash corres	pond with date of dealth o
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash	
29. State precise time and date of plane crash	Unknown (Night?) (Day?)
29. State precise fille and design	How many? Escaped?
30. Were parachutists seen? Unknown	
Prisoners?	be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).
SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To	the Armored Force).
31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?	This section does not unily
31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tanks	deceased was removed
a. Give specific position in tank from which	
(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or	, front, side, or back
32 location of destroyed tank must be investig	ated. Give complete results of investigation. If removed, state when
and by whom)	
a. Type of tank	
b. Markings and/or name of tank	instruments, etc.
c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, amm	onnion,
the state of	sulted in the tank's disablement?
33. What was the type of enemy action that re	·
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34. Did tank explode?	time of disablement
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36. Does specific time and done of	
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tan	k (Night?) (Day?)
	Prisoners?
38. Did any of the crew members escape? SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH (To be filled	d out if B & C are not applicable).
SECTION D - OTHER BRANCH (10 De Inici	e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire
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If so, give complete and thorough results	cople who possessed knowledge of the case attached?
a. Are all certificates and statements of pe	were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed
deceased	
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SECTION E — GENERAL (To be completed b	by investigation in all cases)
41. Were personal effects recovered by the inv	estigating teams
If not, state reason All papers	and personal elicob
a. Were identification tags found at the	time of deality
Where?	By whom?
Present disposition Unknown	fects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until
If deceased is not identified, personal ef final identification is made, or investigation	n is abandoned.
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b. Were personal effects found at the time of death?

Unknow

Where?

By whom?

Present disposition

Unknown

c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? No

- d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot?
- 42. Was Deceased given first aid?

Unknown

If so, where?

By whom?

Are statements from the medical people attached?

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital?

Unknown

Where?

Names of people concerned

- 44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased?
- 45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains?

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Decapitated? etc) (Burnt?

- 46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? I.O.
 - a. If so, give basis for positive assumption
 - b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified?
- 47. Was case previously investigated?

By whom?

When?

- 48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed Hans Wessendorf, Buchholz, Germany, Burgermeister
- 49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached?
- 50. Has any information been given conterning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? 1.0
- 51. Was investigation preceded by anvanced publicity?

No, Soviet Zone

(If special investigation, give case number)

52. Give Brief Narrative The Burgermeister is new and the only information was ileale were the records in his office that two American soldiers ware in the cemetery. (Use attached, sheets if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

Signature of Investigator

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Rank

lst Lt. 0-1597188 ASN

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ASN

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Organization

Organization Note: These cases were investigated by an officer now redeployed and this headquarters can assume no responsibility their correctness and completeness

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