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SOLDIER MISSING IN ACTION FROM WWII IDENTIFIED

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Army Pfc. Victor P. Corsini, 23, of Girard, Kan., will be buried on July 28 in Las Vegas. On Dec. 10, 1944, Corsini's unit, the 414th Infantry Regiment, was driving east along the Roer River when an intense battle erupted near the town of Pier, Germany. Corsini was killed the next day when an enemy artillery shell burst in the treetops above him. The ongoing German counterattack prevented his remains from being recovered.

Following World War II, the Army Graves Registration Service conducted investigations and searches for the remains of U.S. servicemen lost throughout Europe. In 1951, after several extensive searches of the area, concluded his remains were unrecoverable.

In May 2010, a German power company excavating near Pier, Germany, uncovered human remains and U.S. military equipment including a military identification tag bearing Corsini's name. The German War Graves Commission facilitated the transfer of the remains to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC used dental comparisons in the identification of Corsini's remains.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died. At the end of the war, the U.S. government was unable to recover and identify approximately 79,000 Americans. Today, more than 73,000 are unaccounted-for from the conflict.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.

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