Video 8 Traces of the war in Luxembourg



1. Match the corresponding pictures and information ...











Lawrence E.Beckwith

Private First Class

452 AAA AW BN

was one of the roughly 125000 Afro-American soldiers in the U.S. Army and served in an antiaircraft unit.

Day G. Turner

Staff Sergeant

319 INF 80 DIV

Hymen H. Stein

1st Sergeant

2 INF 5 DIV

**Georges Patton** General of the 3rd US Army

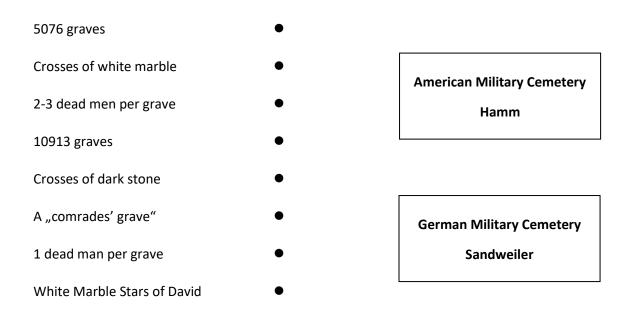
> Nancy J. Leo 2nd Lieutenant 216 GEN HOSP

died in a car accident on the 21st of December 1945.

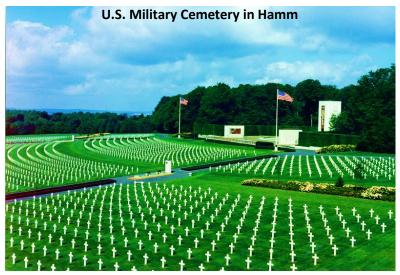
was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic bravery in combat.

is the only woman to be buried at the Military Cemetery in Luxembourg/Hamm.

was one of the roughly 550000 Jewish soldiers who served in the U.S. Army during the Second World War. 2. The U.S. Military Cemetery Hamm vs. German Military Cemetery Sandweiler Match the information to the correct cemetery.



What are your impressions of the respective cemeteries? Discuss them together...





## 3. Arboglyphs

What was carved into this tree on a plateau near Hoesdorf?



On the 24th of September 1944, shortly after the Liberation of Luxembourg, GI Elmer Hiott carved his name into this beech tree. The tree had to be felled, but thanks to the excellent cooperation with the Nature and Forest Agency and the Reisdorf Commune, the carving was saved and brought to the Museum (MNHM).

# How long did Elmer Hiott survive after he had carved this arboglyph?

\_\_\_\_\_ days

## Arboglyphs in Luxembourg

During the Battle of the Bulge, many soldiers left traces on trees. Using their combat knives, they carved their names or the country they were fighting for into the wood. For many of them, it will have been a pasttime between bursts of combat. Some of these so-called 'arboglyphs' can still be seen to this day. So far, 120 trees with carvings by soldiers have been catalogued.



Cpl. Elmer J. Hiott

Cpl. Elmer J. Hiott died of wounds received in action in Luxembourg Oct. 2, his brother, Jessie H. Hiott, of Plant City, has been notified. He entered service in March, 1942.

He entered service in March, 1942, and went overseas in February of this year.

Survivors are four other brothers, W. M., J. C., and H. H. Hiott, of Plant City, and W. S. Hiott, of Belle Glade, and his stepfather, D. K. Crosby, of Plant City. 4. Leftover munitions remain a great danger after every war .

The Demining Service of the Luxembourgish Army still carries out about 350 operations a year, clearing away between 3 and 5 tons of explosives and ammunition.



On the 10th of January 1946, a tragedy occurred. What happened?



#### Choose the correct answer.

- $\Box$  5 children were killed by a mine.
- $\Box$  5 children lost their lives because of an exploding grenade.
- $\Box$  5 children were kidnapped by the *Wehrmacht*.
- $\Box$  5 children lost their lives because of an explosive trap.
- $\Box$  5 children were killed by poisonous gas.

### 5. The Reconstruction

After the war, all the destruction had to be cleared away and repaired. Many buildings, bridges etc. had to be rebuilt. This reconstruction took about 10 years.

Which project was considered to be the symbolic end of the Reconstruction?

Choose the correct answer.



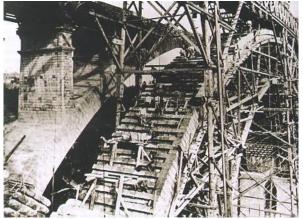
□ the reconstruction of the Clervaux monastery.



 $\Box \quad \text{the reconstruction of the } Basilika \text{ in } Echternach.}$ 



□ the reconstruction of Ettelbruck's railway station.



□ the reconstruction of the *Pont Adolphe* in Luxembourg City.



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