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In a week where the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the invasion of Normandy are being remembered and celebrated all around the world, Carolee Cox and her family received the news of a lifetime. Her cousin, Pfc Marvin E. Dickson, was killed in WWII, during the Battle of the Hürtgen Forest. Marvin was an Indianapolis native and graduate of Arsenal Technical High School. He has relatives in Montgomery County, many buried in Shannondale Cemetery.

Dickson's remains were found in 1947 but remained unidentified, buried in Neuville American Cemetery in Neuville, Belgium, until 2017.

Army officials were then notified by members of Defense POW / MIA Accounting Agency that the remains buried in a grave under code X-5406 were potentially Dickson's remains. After disinterring the remains, it was confirmed on Sept. 27, 2018 that it was Dickson.

His next of kin was informed, at which point his cousin, Carolee Cox, said she was, "very surprised. I really had no idea the army was doing aside from they called me about a year before and said they were trying to identify remains and there was a possibility it could be him [Marvin]." Cox said that, for the family, the news was, "pretty shocking after all these years, and very exciting."

A service will be held on Saturday at Hunt & Sons Funeral Home. A procession will take Dickson to Shannondale Cemetery to be buried with full military honors.

Dickson was a member of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. He was, according to DPAA's website, "tasked with facilitating communications among various battle elements by laying telephone wire between headquarters and outposts in the Hürtgen Forest in Germany." He was reportedly killed on the morning of Nov. 13, 1944 while he and his fellow soldiers were laying telephone wire to replace segments broken in the conflict.

