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# **NOTE-"Dishonored" Dead Plot**

According to p. 41 of "The Execution of Eddie Slovik," <u>After the Battle</u> (No 32, 1981), the U.S. Army executed 96 soldiers in the ETO for crimes. Originally buried individually near the site of their executions, the remains were all re-buried (ca 1949) in a special "dishonored" plot adjacent to, but outside the U.S. WWI cemetery at Oise-Aisne, France. Public visitation to this plot is not generally encouraged.