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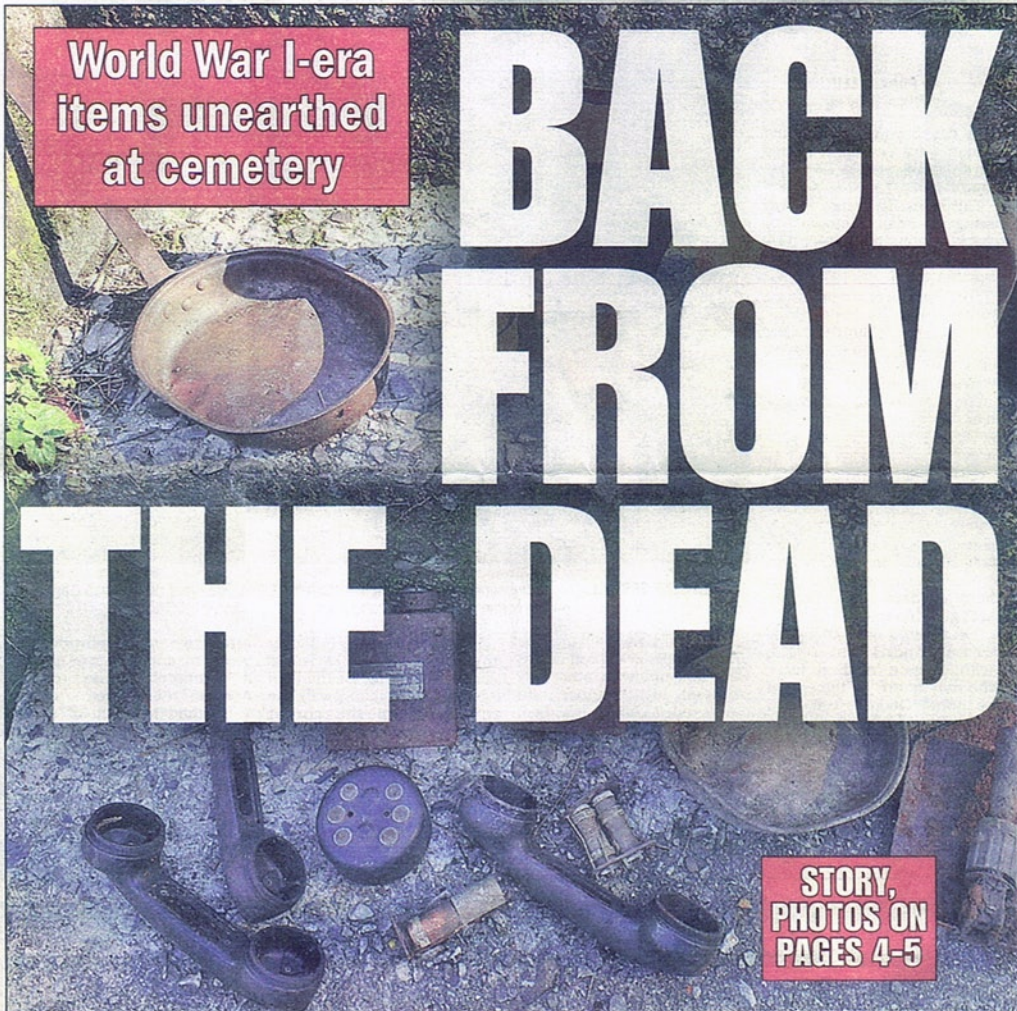
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DOORWAY TO WHAT cemetery officials believe is a crypt that was found by volunteers during a cleanup.

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PRESIDENT OF THE Jersey City-Harsimus Cemetery Eileen Markenstein holds part of what is believed to be a military boot from World War I that was found at the cemetery on Newark Avenue.



TOMBSTONES that were discovered when volunteers cleared weeds.

Harsimus cleanup unearths military

By PAUL KOEPP
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The Jersey City-Harsimus Cemetery and the Newark Avenue slopes it was built on have a rich history linking them to the United States military as far back as the Revolutionary War.

That much seems certain, but other legends, such as the existence of tunnels leading to Dickinson High School and forming part of the Underground Railroad, have also become part of

the graveyard's lore.

Now, its new caretakers want to separate fact from fiction as they clean up the cemetery, which dates back to 1829 and was recently abandoned and left overgrown.

Some startling discoveries have already been made. Volunteers clearing brush at the north end of the graveyard, below the apartment buildings on Waldo Avenue, found entrances to crypts and what they believe to be an artillery depot.

Strewn on the thickly wooded

hillside nearby were military supplies, such as collapsible shovels and frying pans, boots and communications equipment.

Eileen Markenstein, president of the new cemetery board of trustees, which was formed in June, said her research indicates soldiers were trained on the site during World War I.

"We couldn't believe our eyes," she said. "It's such an amazing place, and these are truly remarkable things we're coming across."

