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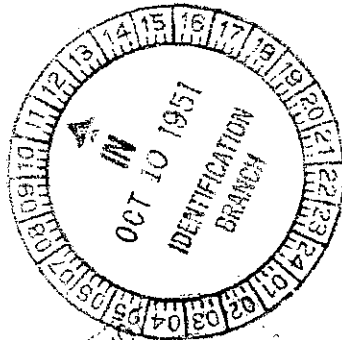
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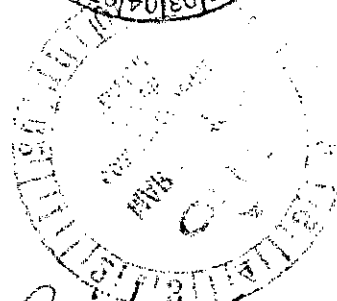
ARMY UNCO 5129 NEWVILLE WITH RICHARD A BRIGGS 32939009 CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIATED BY
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Basic ltr, Dept of the Army, OQMG, QMGMT 293, Unknown X-5429, Neuville, Belgium, Subject: Identification of World War II Deceased, dated 9 February 1951.

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Hq, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, Operations Division, APO 757 (Liege), U S Army, 8 March 1951.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to basic communication.
2. Forwarded herewith are anthropological findings, pertaining to the remains designated Unknown X-5429, USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.
3. The case, referred to, will be held in suspense, pending reply from your Office.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

C. W. Steinsiek
 C. W. STEINSIEK
 Capt, QMC
 Operations Division

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- 2. QMC Form 1044 (X-5429)

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IN REPLY REFER TO
OQMG 293

Unknown X-5429
(Neuville) Belgium

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

9 February 1951

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO: Commanding Officer
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Report of Burial, dated 20 May 1947, and to Certificate of Unidentifiability, which was approved by this Office, 9 September 1949, for Unknown X-5429, USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.

2. Remains designated X-5429 may now be associated with Pfc. Richard A. Meech, 32939009, a member of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry, KIA 6 November 1944, for reasons outlined below:

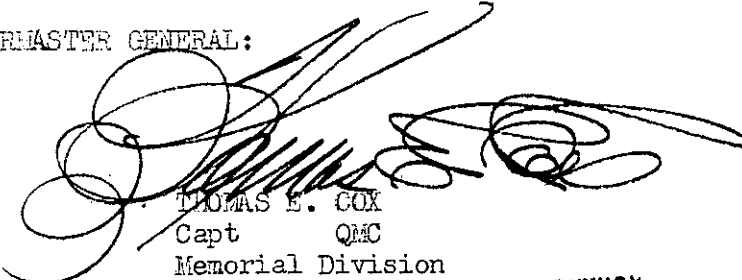
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- b. Estimated height is favorable.
- c. Dental chart accomplished for the remains compares favorably with Army dental records for the deceased.

3. Forwarded herewith is Revised OQMG Form 371 with 1 Form 79 for Pfc. Richard A. Meech, 32939009.

4. It is requested that reprocessing be accomplished by an accredited anthropologist, and that findings be forwarded to this Office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
OQMG Form 371
w/1 Form 79 (Meech)


THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMG
Memorial Division

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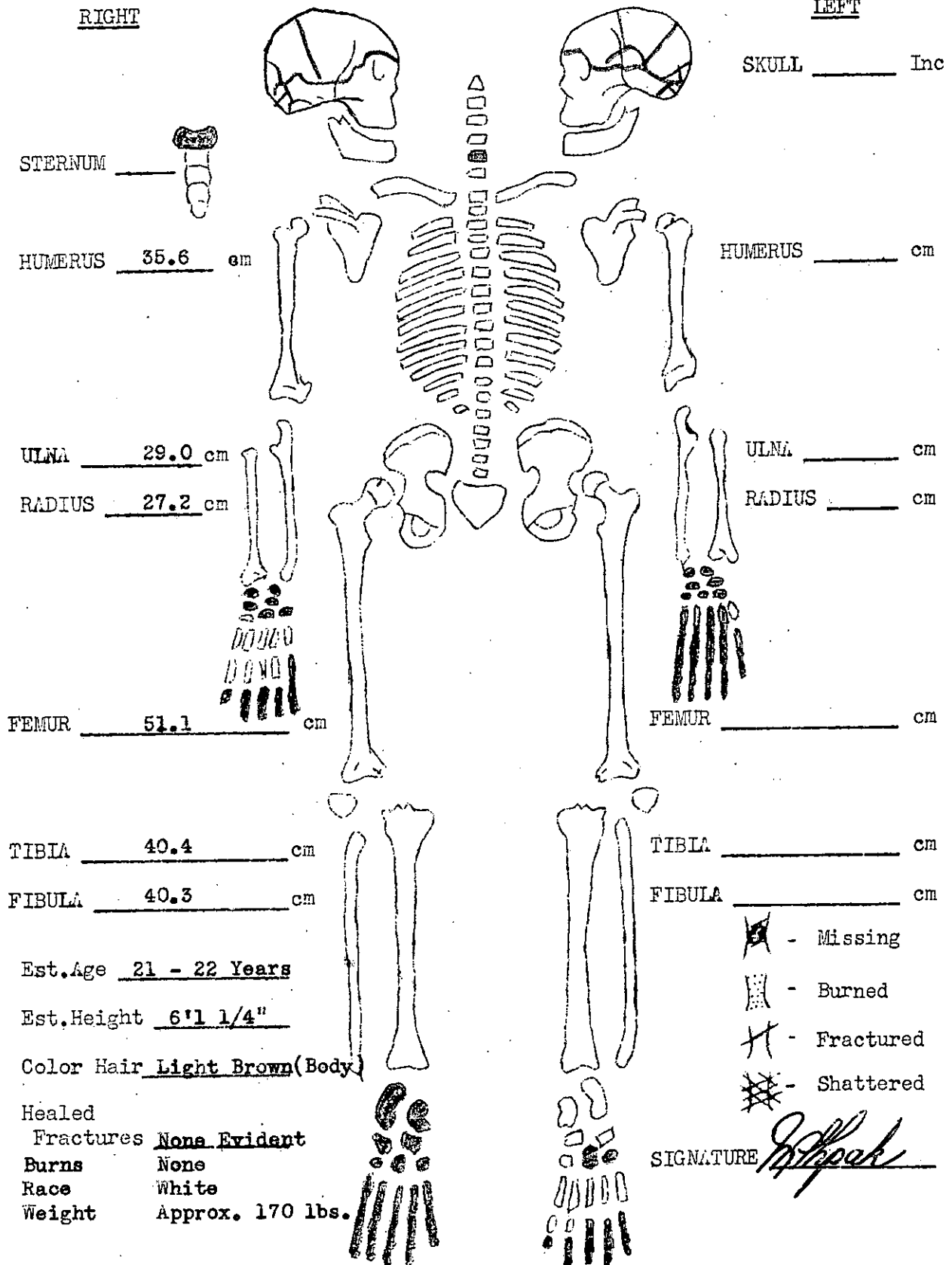
R.O. # 3617 (Priority)		IDENTIFICATION DATA			
1. Remains of Unknown		2. Date of report			
Unknown X-5429		5 March 1951			
3. Name of Cemetery		4. Plot	5. Row	6. Grave	7. Date of:
USMC Neuville-en-Condroz (POC Location: C-21-13)		V	11	251	Disint- erment
					XXXX
8. Est. Age		9. Est. Height		10. Color of hair	
21-22		6'1 1/4"		Light brown (body)	
				White	
12. Give description of any official identification found with remains					
Embossed plate received pinned to blanket containing remains					
13. Give description of tattoos or scars on body and/or such information obtained from other sources					
None					
14. Was body burned? To what extent?					
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
15. Was body mangled? To what extent?					
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
16. Describe evidence of healed fractures and bone malformations.					
None evident					
17. List every item of clothing, equipment and personal effects found, showing the type, color, size, markings, service, etc. (If laundry marks are indistinct, such notation should be made and specimens forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area):					
None					

Incl

SKELETAL CHART

CHART "A-1"

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)



NARRATIVE

Remains received as Unknown X-5429 has been reprocessed this date and the following findings submitted herewith.

	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Shoe size</u>
X-5429 (Remains)	21-22	6'1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Approx 170	Lt. brown (body)	White	10 C-D 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ C
MEECH (371)	31	5'11"	184	Grey	White	2

Remains are in skeletal state and almost complete. The teeth recovered with this remains are not contradictory with dental data on Form 371 for MEECH. Mandible articulates with the skull and the skull with the vertebral column. The 5th cervical vertebra is missing. Estimated age was based on the closure of all the skull sutures, closure of the epiphysial lines of all the bones and the pubic symphysis.

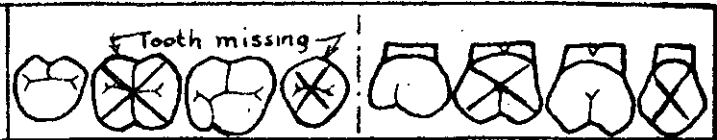
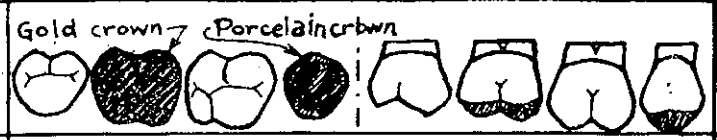

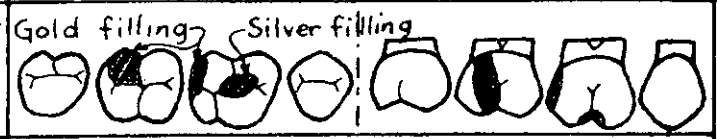
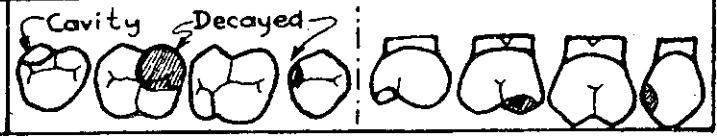
The skeletal parts graphically represented on chart A-1 are those of one and the same individual.

Cause of death: The broken condition of the skull indicates that the decedent was struck by some sort of missile.

Recommendation: In view of the fact that the recorded age and the estimated ^{AGE} are not in agreement, it is recommended that the recorded age on Form 79 (31 years) be further confirmed.

Michael Shpak
MICHAEL SHPAK
Lab. Ident. Tech.

Alexander Tardy
DR. ALEXANDER TARDY
M.D., D.A., G.S.D., O.S.D.
Member of the American
Anthropological Ass'n.

<p>MISSING TEETH... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :</p>	
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<p>FILLINGS... Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES). Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	

DENTURES (PLATES)... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

Size average
Color yellow-ivory
Posthumously missing R3, 2, 1, 9, 10, 11, 13; L1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 13
Note: R8 unerupted prior to death.
L11 rotated mesially 45°.

OSMANT 293

9 February 1951

Unknown X-5429
(Neuville) Belgium

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THOMAS E. COE
Capt QMG
Memorial Division

32939009

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Cy furnished: Adm Sec

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1	PLOT: C ROW: 2 GR: 13 Date of Burial: 1 Sept. 1948 Verified by GRS Officer E.N. HEISEY, 1/LT QMC				DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE			
	SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED			DIRECTIVE NUMBER		DATE		
			1260 01708		15 08 48 DAY MONTH YEAR			
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION	
UNKNOWN		X-005429			J	O	6	
CEMETERY			PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS		
NEUVILLE BELGIUM			V	11	251	1202 80 CODE DIST. CTR.		
SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN								
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE				NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN				
NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM				(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)				
SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION								
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	DATE OF DEATH		DATE DISTINTERRED	
UNKNOWN X-005429							26 NOV 1948	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON		ORGANIZATION		RELIGION		IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY		
<input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER EMB		UNKNOWN		UNK		WILLARD B OWEN CAPT INF NAME AND TITLE		
SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT								
NATURE OF BURIAL				CONDITION OF REMAINS				
UNIFORM AND MATTRESS COVER				ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION. BODY COMPLETE				
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION								
2ND EMBOSSED PLATE FOUND ON REMAINS DURING PROCESSING. EMBOSSED PLATE READS UNKNOWN X-5429 and IF 1339. ROB READS THE SAME.								
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)								
NONE								
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET TRANSFER CASE								
DATE		BY						
20 DEC 1948				JOHN T NICHOLSON EMBALMER				
CASKET SEALED BY				EMBALMER (Signature)				
THOMAS H JAMES				THOMAS H JAMES EMBALMER				
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED				XXXXXX ALL TAGS, MARKINGS AND PLATES VERIFIED BY:				
WILLIAM MOROSOFF				FRANKLIN J ST CLAIR 1st Lt INF				
DATE		BY						
20 DEC 48		CLERK RECORDER						
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. /EXCEPT CASKETING								
WILLARD B OWEN CAPT INF SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR								
REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS								
I certify that the entries on this form are true copies of the entries on Copy Number 4 of this Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed hereon.								
Raymond J. Rodriguez CWO USA								

28 OCT 1948
 REPAIR DIVISION
 BRANCH
 AGRS. DIV.

TOOTH CHART

2 May 1947

Unknown X-5429

Unknown

Unknown

Last Name Unknown

Initial

Rank

A.G.F.

Serial No.

Hurtgen Forest, District # 90, Est. November 1944, Organization: Artillery fire.

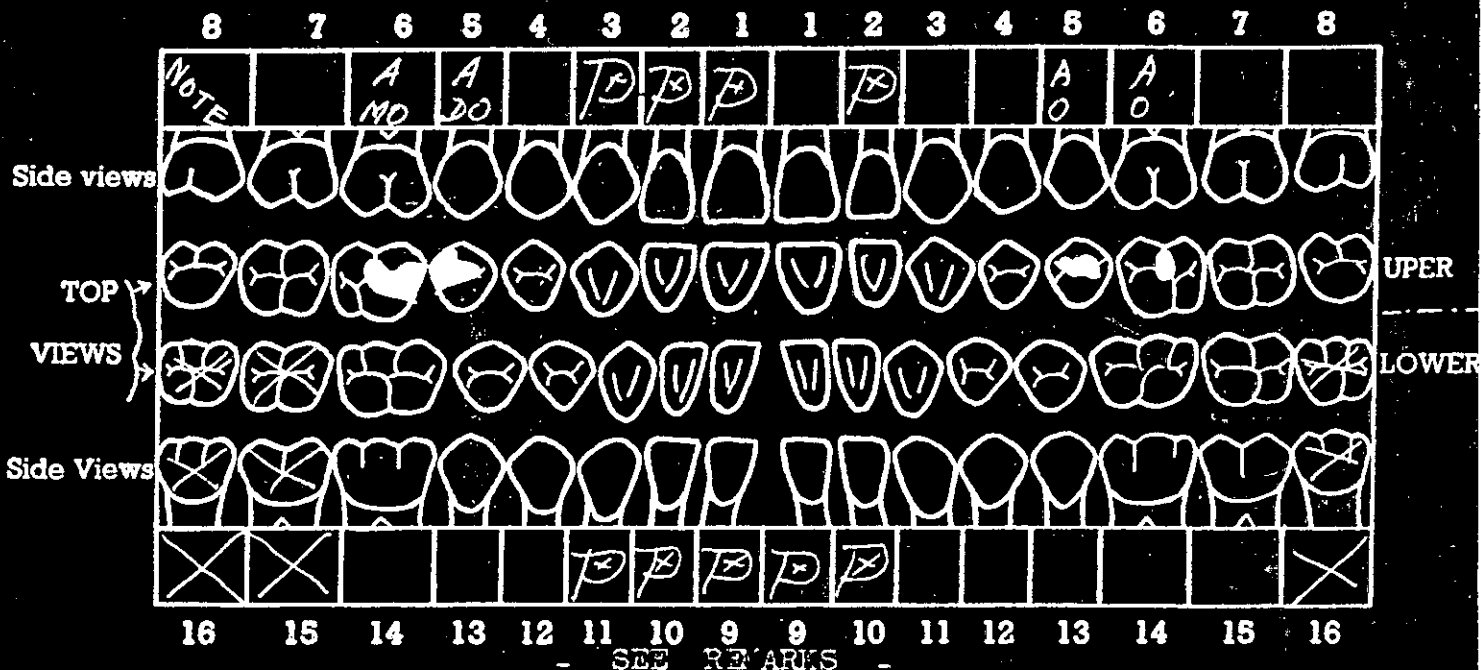
Place of Death Germany

Date of Death

Cause of Death

Right

Left



This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

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Harold J. Wheeler

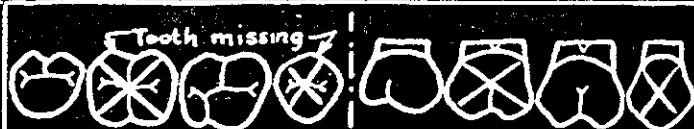
Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Ernest C. Gaddy

Verified by G. R. S. Officer

ERNEST C. GADDY
 C/O USA C.I.P.

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DENTURES (PLATES) . . . Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp".

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

Medium size teeth, bleached white from exposure.
 R-8 unerupted before death
 Posthumously missing: R-1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11;
 L-2, 9, 10
 L-11 rotated mesially 1/8 turn
 Light calculus.

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JOHN GIBB

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

(To be completely filled out and attached to each copy
of Report of Interment WD QMC Form 1042)

Unknown X - 5429
Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium
Plot _____ Row _____ Grave _____

Date processed: 2 May 1947.

1. ~~Arrived at cemetery~~ _____
(Hour) (Date)
2. Place of death Hurtgen Forest, Germany, District # 90
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)
WF-0234
(Sheet, scale and serials used)
3. Remains recovered or disinterred by Hq & Hq Det. 164 QM Bn
(Name and organization)
4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland
(Name and organization)
5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings color, wear, tear, repairs, etc.
* Headgear	<u>none</u>		
	(Type)		
Raincoat	<u>none</u>		
Overcoat	<u>Remnants of one (1) E.M. Type</u>		
Jacket, Field	<u>none</u>		
Jacket, Combat	<u>Remnants of one (1)</u>		
Mackinaw	<u>none</u>		
Sweater	<u>none</u>		
Jacket, HBT	<u>none</u>		
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>Remnants of one (1)</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>Remnants of one (1)</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>none</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>none</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>Remnants of one (1) pair</u>		

Belt, web Remnants of one (1)

Drawers, wool Remnants of one (1)

Drawers, cotton none

Leggings, ~~wool~~ Remnants of one (1) canvas

Socks, cotton none

* Shoes none (type)

Overshoes none

Web Equipment none (type)

(Other item) none

(Other item) none

*If body is nude, sizes of these items should be computed by measuring the remains

Chevrons or Insignia none
(Type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch none

Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Force?
Ground Forces

6. Description of Remains: **Est.**

Age Utd Height 6'4" Weight Utd Description of wounds Utd

Bandages or dressings Utd Scars Utd
(Length, width, location)

Utd Tattoos
(Number, location — illustrate on separate page)

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks Utd
(Yes-no; description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face Utd

Complexion Utd
(Light, medium, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles)

Build Utd
(Large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair None found
(Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

Hair None found
(Baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns Utd Mustache Utd Beard or Utd
(Color, setting, shape) (Color, size, shape) (Length, heavy)

Goatee **Utd**
(Light, color, extent)

Eyes **Utd** Eyebrows **Utd**
(Color, setting, shape) (Color, bushiness, extent across nose)

Nose **Utd** Ears **Utd**
(Size, shape, straight) (Size, set close to or far from head)

Mouth **Utd** Lips **Utd**
(Large, medium, small) (Small, large, full)

Teeth **See Tooth Chart**
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

Chin **Prominent**
(Prominent, receding, pointed, dimples, double)

Jaw **Normal** Circumference of head in inches **Head crushed**
(Large, small, normal) (Hat band)

Neck **Utd** Larynx **Utd**
(Size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) (Prominent, normal)

Shoulders **Utd** Arms **Utd**
(Broad, straight, small, rounded) (Length, muscular, color, extent and quantity of hair)

.....

Hands **Utd**

Fingers **Utd**
(Short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

..... **Utd**
(Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest **Utd**
(Size of nipples, color, quantity and extent of hair, large, small, normal)

Waist **Utd**
(Size of navel, appendectomy, amount, quantity, and color of hair)

Back **Utd** Circumcision **Utd** Pubic Hair **None found**
(Quantity and extent of hair) (Yes-no) (Color)

Hernioplasty **Utd**
(Yes-no; location)

Legs **Utd**
(Inseam, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color and extent of hair)

Feet **Utd** Toes **Utd**
(Size, corns, callouses, flat) (Slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures **Utd**
(Nose, arms, legs, etc.)

NOTE: Use attached charts "A" and "B" to indicate parts not received.

7. Have finger prints been placed on Report of Interment? No

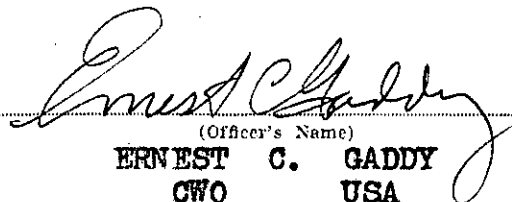
(Yes-no)

If not, explain Hands missing

8. Has tooth chart been prepared? Yes If not, explain _____
(Yes-no)

9. Remarks E.M. Tag found. Only dried bones of remains found, badly disarticulated. Height (6'4") determined by measuring: Humerus 36,1 cm; Radius 26,9 cm; Ulna 28,5 cm; Femur 51,6 cm; Tibia 41,0 cm; Fibula 40,7 cm. Clothing with body. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 12 Lbs. Fluoroscopic Examination: Negative. Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.

I certify that I have personally viewed the remains of subject deceased and all resulting information has been recorded to the best of my knowledge.


(Officer's Name)
ERNEST C. GADDY

Rank

Service

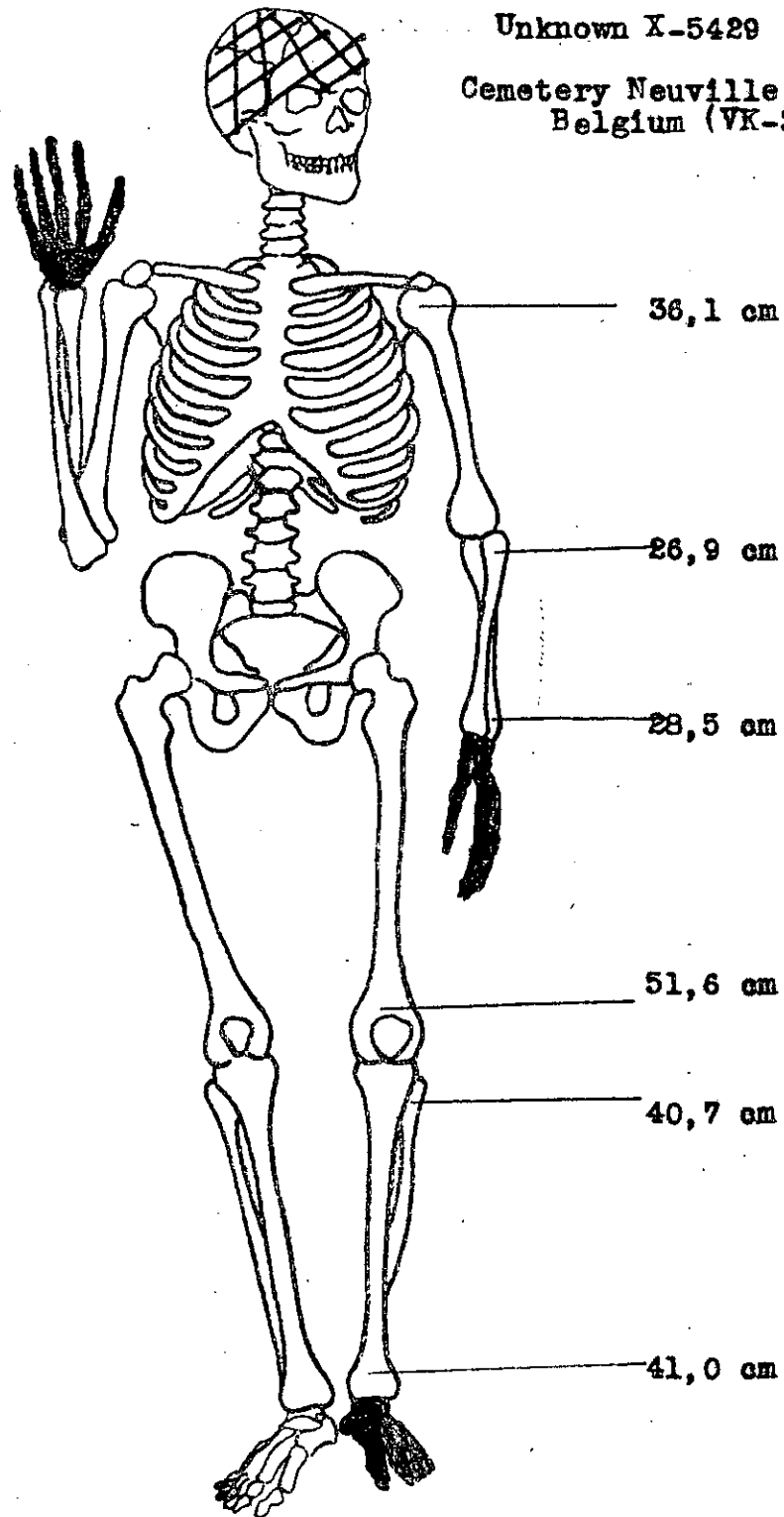
Central Identification Point

(Organization)

As processing at Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland revealed no positive identifying clues, this case is classified "Unknown".

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)



6'3/4"

- a. What information was contained thereon? REMAINS NOT BURIED
- b. Where was the information obtained? _____
- c. By whom? _____
12. What is the date of death? ESTIMATED NOVEMBER 1944
 a. Give basis FIGHTING TOOK PLACE AT THAT TIME
13. What is the cause of death? PRESUMED TO BE ARTILLERY
 b. Give basis FOREST DESTROYED BY ARTILLERY FIRE
14. What is the date of burial? REMAINS NOT BURIED
 a. Give basis REMAINS WERE FOUND LYING ON TOP OF THE GROUND
15. What was the place of death? HURTGEN FOREST, DISTRICT # 90 Coords WF-0234
 b. Give basis REMAINS WERE FOUND LYING ON TOP OF THE GROUND
16. Where were the remains found? HURTGEN FOREST, DISTRICT # 90 Coords WF-0234
 a. By whom? EWALD BURGHARD, GERMETER, IN DER BARACKE,
 b. Is sketch attached? YES
17. Was a casket used? REMAINS NOT BURIED Who furnished the casket? _____
 Type of casket _____ How marked? _____
18. Who made the burial REMAINS NOT BURIED
 (Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
 a. What are the names and addresses? REMAINS NOT BURIED

SECTION B — AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the AAF).

19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? DOES NOT APPLY
 a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed _____
 (Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
 b. Near wreckage? _____
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).
 a. Type of Plane _____
 b. Markings and/or name on plane _____
 c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: _____
21. How did crash occur? _____ Anti-aircraft _____
 Enemy Planes? _____ Collision? _____
22. Did plane explode in the air? _____ On ground? _____
23. Did plane burn in the air? _____ On ground? _____
24. What was the direction of the flight? _____
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? _____

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26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash?
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash
29. State precise time and date of plane crash.....
(Night?) (Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen?..... How many?..... Escaped?.....
Prisoners?.....

SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? **DOES NOT APPLY**
a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed
.....
(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or . . . front, side, or back)
b. Near wreckage?
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
a. Type of tank
- b. Markings and/or name of tank
- c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc.
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?
34. Did tank explode?..... Burn?.....
35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank
- (Night?) (Day?)
38. Did any of the crew members escape?..... Prisoners?

SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable).

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i. e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire)..... **NO**
If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?..... **YES**
40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased
EWALD BURGHARD, GERMETER, IN DER BARACKE

SECTION E — GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team?
- NO**
If not, state reason
- NOTHING COULD BE FOUND WITH THE REMAINS**
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death?
- UNKNOWN**
Where?..... By whom?.....
Present disposition
- UNKNOWN**

If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned.

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b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? **UNKNOWN**

Where?..... By whom?.....

Present disposition **UNKNOWN**

c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death?.....

d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? **REMAINS NOT BURIED**

42. Was Deceased given first aid? **NO** If so, where?.....

By whom?..... Are statements from the medical people attached?.....

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? **NO**

Where?..... Names of people concerned.....

44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? **NO**

45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? **YES**

REMAINS CONSIST OF DRY BONES
(Burnt? Decapitated? etc.)

46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? **NO**

a. If so, give basis for positive assumption.....

b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified?.....

47. Was case previously investigated? **NO** By whom?.....

When?.....

48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed.....

EWALD BURGHARD, GERMETER, IN DER BARACKE

49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? **YES**

50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? **NO**

51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? **YES**

(If special investigation, give case number).....

52. Give Brief Narrative **SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE**

(Use attached, sheets if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

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Signature of Investigator

Rank ASN

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Rank ASN

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Organization

Hq & Hq Det 164, QM. Bn.
Organization

NARRATIVE
OF VOSSENACK, GERMANY CASE

On 23 April 1947 an investigation-team proceeded to the Hurtgen-Forest, District # 90, to locate and disinter the remains of an unburied American soldier. The information was received from Ewald Burghard, Germeter, in der Baracke, who found the remains in the above mentioned district.

The investigation-team recovered the remains lying on the surface of the ground. The remains consisted of dry bones and G.I. equipment.

The deceased is believed to be killed by Artillery, since the woods around the place of death are shattered by Artillery. The month of death seems to be November 1944 when the heaviest fighting took place in the Hurtgen-Forest.

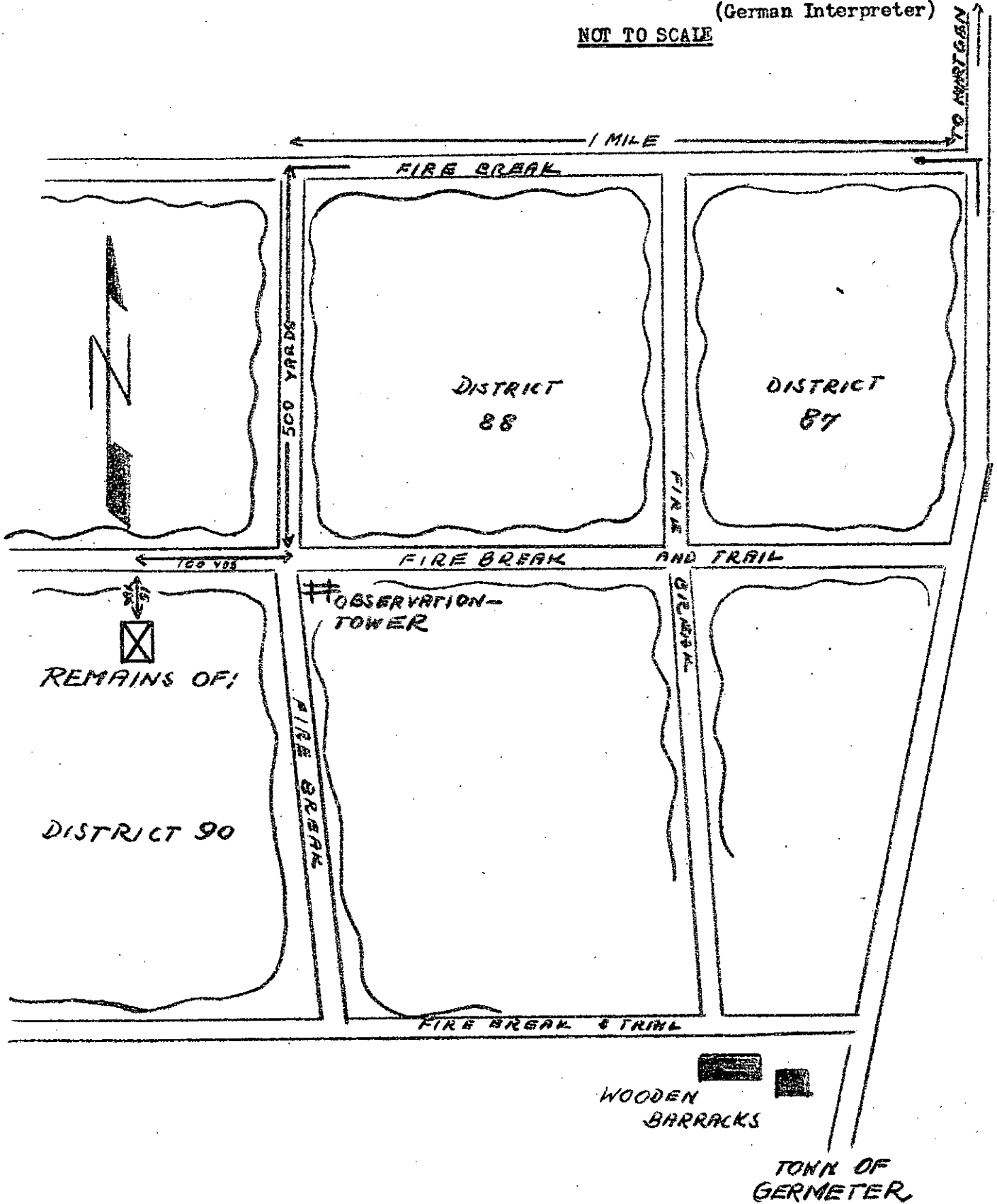
No Identification tags could be found on the remains.

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Map : Germany 1/250000
Sheet : S I
Coord : (WF-0234)
Town : Vossenack, Germany
Sketch by : George Geist
(German Interpreter)

NOT TO SCALE



Imprint Identification Tag if Possible
DO NOT TYPE



SECTION I. IDENTIFICATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Unknown X-5426		Serial number Unknown
Grade Unknown	Organization Unknown	Branch of service A.C.F.
Race Unknown	Religion Unknown	If other than U. S. dead, Give name of country.

Place of death Furtgen Forest, Germany District # 90	Cause of death BTR.: Artillery fire.	Date of death Estimated November 1944
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Emergency addressee (Name, Relationship and Address.)
Unknown

Identification tags found on body (1, 2, or None) **None** If no tags found on body, describe means of identification. If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse.

Were substitute tags provided (Yes or No) **Yes**

List personal effects found on body and disposition of same

None

SECTION 2. BURIAL If other than in established cemetery furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

Name, Number, Coordinates and location of cemetery

U.S. Military Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (W-890187)

Date of burial 20 May 1947	Hour 1500	Buried in (Shroud, Blanket, or name of other) Casket	Type of grave marker Wooden cross	Plot no. V	Row no. 11	Grave no. 251
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Was this a re-burial (Yes or No) No	If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location Remains found on ground in Furtgen Forest, District # 90, Germany, W-0234	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
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Type of religious ceremony
Joint P, C & H

Person conducting burial rites
Chaplains Rusher, Saatman & Lepchivcher

If identification tags not used, describe identification data and containers buried with body

Identification tag buried with body (Yes or No) **No**
Identification tag attached to marker (Yes or No) **GRS**

Report of Burial

Body buried on deceased left, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Unknown X-5426	Rank Unk	Serial number Unk	Organization Unk	Grave No. 252
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Body buried on deceased right, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) (First in Row)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
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Signature of person preparing report

ERNEST C. GADDY
CWO USA C.I.F. *Ernest Gaddy*

Signature of GRS officer verifying report

RAYMOND G. JOHNSON
1st Lt. Inf. C.I.F. *Raymond G. Johnson*

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for US and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Hdq. GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

SECTION 3. UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other" such as shoe size, social security number; position of body, found in airplanes, vehicles and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles and tanks.

(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprints or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.

Height Est. 6'3/4"	Weight Utd	Color of eyes Utd	Color of hair Utd	Birthmarks, scars or tattoos Utd
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Weapon and serial number None	Laundry marks None	Where body was buried or found. Hurtgen Forest, Germany
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For tooth chart see attached Form I-A.

REMARKS

Remains consisting of dry bones and G.I. equipment were found lying on ground in Hurtgen Forest, Germany, where heavy fighting took place in November 1944.

As processing at Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland revealed no positive identifying clues, this case is classified "Unknown".

Furnish sketch and map reference and coordinates for burial in other than established cemetery.

Remarks

Form 11 Check List of Unknowns, Form 1A Tooth Chart accomplished. Unable to obtain fingerprints because of missing portions. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 12 lbs.