

OMGMT 293  
GRS European  
~~(Neuville) Belgium~~

14 June 1950

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 toothcharts for Unknowns X-5536 and X-5549, Neuville, Belgium, Plots U and V, Row 12, Graves 295 and 296 respectively.

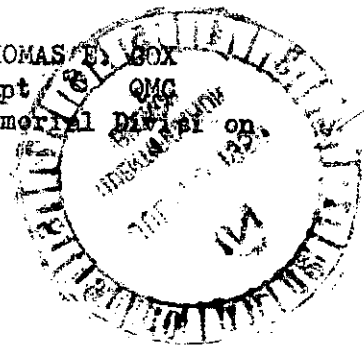
2. According to Anthropological Report dated 25 May 1949, submitted with Unknown X-5537 (identified as JOHNSEY, William O., 38537730), teeth previously charted as X-5536 and X-5537 were re-charted and numbered "Charts 1 thru 4". Charts 1 and 2 were consolidated and placed with remains identified as Johnsey. Chart number 3 was to remain with X-5536 and Chart number 4 was to be placed with remains of X-5449.

3. The corrected tooth charts for X-5536 and X-5449 have not been received in this Office indicating these changes, therefore, it is requested that they be forwarded in order that our records may be completed.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

emr/MARTIN  
Farmer

THOMAS E. COX  
Capt  
OMC  
Memorial Division



REB

JMN

493 111102  
Neuville, Belgium  
X-5449

PILOT: 0 ROW: 21 GR: 1  
 Date of Burial: 2 sept. 1948  
 Verified by GRS Officer **DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE**  
 E.N. HEISEY, 1/Lt OMC

**1**  
 SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED  
 DIRECTIVE NUMBER **1260 01553**  
 DATE **15 08 48**  
 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME **UNKNOWN** SERIAL NUMBER **X-005449** GRADE **UNKNOWN** ARM **0**  
 RACE **0** RELIGION **6**

CEMETERY **NEUVILLE BELGIUM** PLOT **U** ROW **12** GRAVE **295**  
 DISPOSITION OF REMAINS **1202 80**  
 CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN  
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE **NEUVILLE -EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM**  
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN **(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)**

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION  
 NAME **UNKNOWN X-005449** SERIAL NUMBER **X-005449** GRADE **UNKNOWN** DATE OF DEATH **26 NOV 1948**  
 DATE DISTINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON  REMAINS **EMB** ORGANIZATION **UNKNOWN** RELIGION **UNK** IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY **VERNON N HOYT 1st Lt INF**  
 MARKER **EMB**

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT  
 NATURE OF BURIAL **MATTRESS COVER** CONDITION OF REMAINS **FRACTURED SKULL, MAXILLA, R/HUMERUS, R/RADIUS, FEMUR AND TIBIA-L/TIBIA AND FIBULA, PROXIMAL END L/FEMUR L/HUMERUS. MISSING R/CLAVICLE AT SCAPULA, DISTAL 2/3 of R/HUMERUS MISSING R/ULNA, L/ULNA AND RADIUS, R/L PELVIS, SACRUM AND MANDIBLE MISSING.**  
 OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION **ROB INDICATES X-5449**

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report OMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)  
**NONE**

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ **TRANSFER CASE**  
 DATE **13 DEC 1948** BY **THOMAS T HATCHER EMBALMER**

CASKET SEALED BY **CALVIN WATSON** EMBALMER (Signature) **CALVIN WATSON EMBALMER**

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED **STANLEY E GAJEWSKI** ALL TAGS, MARKINGS AND PLATES VERIFIED BY: **FRANKLIN J ST CLAIR 1st Lt INF**  
 DATE **20 DEC 48** BY **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**  
**JAMES M FORESTER 1st Lt OMC**  
 SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS  
 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 here.  
**Raymond Rodriguez CW2 USA**

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

29 June 1949

(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 5449, Plot U  
Row 12, Grave 295, USMC NEUVILLE, Belgium,  
have been reviewed and it is the opinion of this Office that sufficient  
evidence is not available at the present time to establish the identity  
of the deceased concerned. The remains concerned should be classified as  
unidentifiable at the present time.

2. Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to your  
Office by Transmittal Letter No. 2368, dated 21-7-47.

3. Remarks:

Received 4005-319 June 1949 OQMG  
Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Col. H.P. HENRY, O-12589

QMC

Lt. Col. E.D. MULVANY, O-359598

QMC

Major R. BERGER, O-251736

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Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297

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Capt. E.F. PRICE, Jr. O-1588236

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1/Lt. Edward E. STOUT, O-1594512

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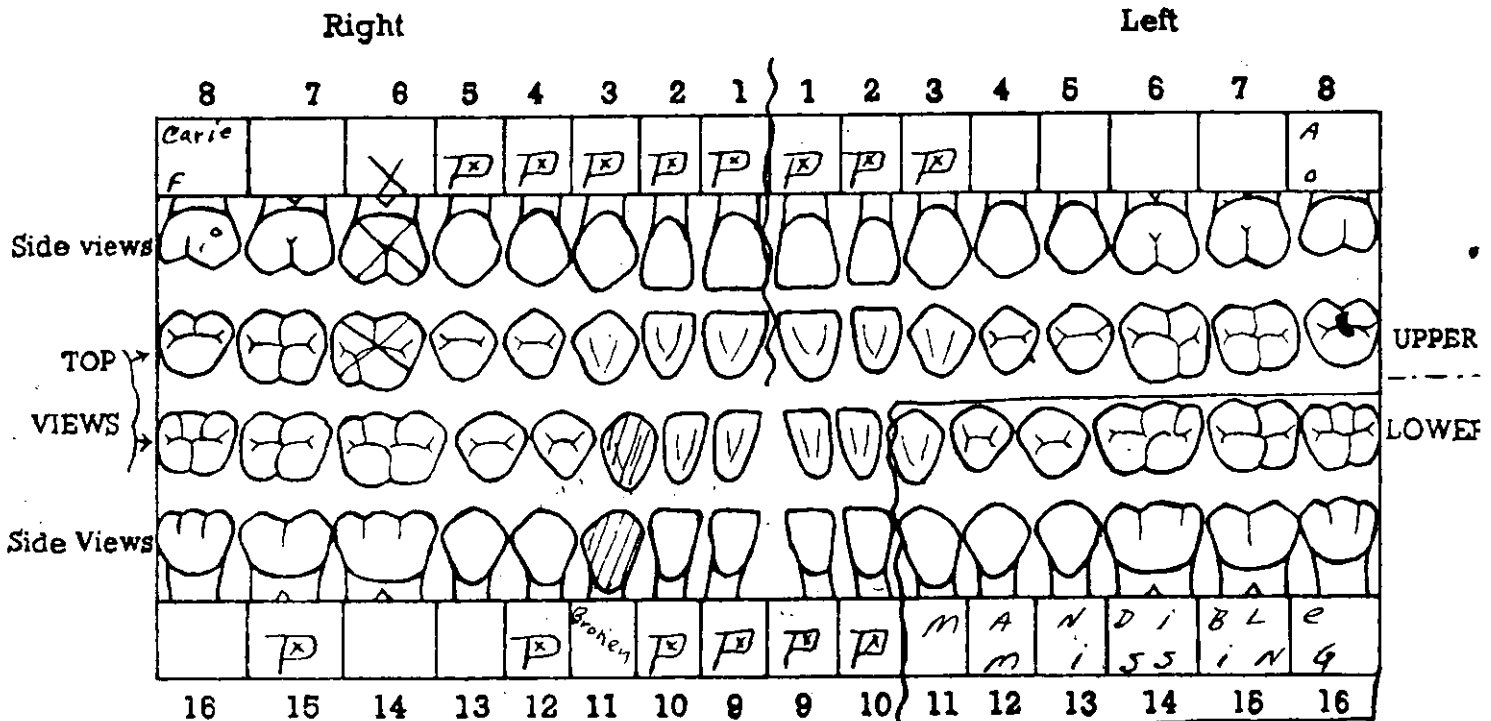
V-5449  
 Neuville 4-12-295

# TOOTH CHART

25 May 49  
 Date

(See Narrative for former locations)

Last Name	First	Initial	Grade	Serial No.
Unit		Organization		
Place of Death	Date of Death		Cause of Death	



See Remarks

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.

Corrected chart

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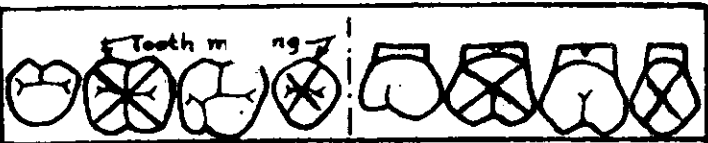
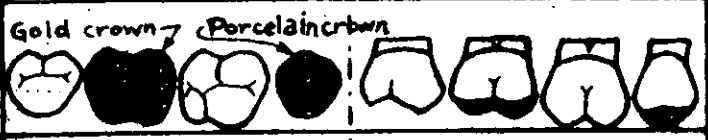
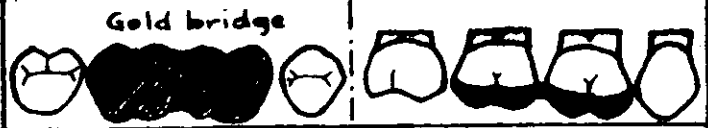

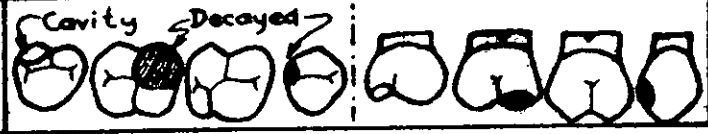
10 1  
 328  
 104  
 Surgical  
 manual  
 Harold S. A. Keller

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

Incl 1  
 ET FORM 1-22 (29 AUG. 46)  
 (OLD GRAVE REGISTRATION FORM 1-A)

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 AGL (3) 10-46-50M-691

<p><b>MISSING TEETH...</b> All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X"ed out and labeled, thus:</p>	
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH...</b> Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK...</b> Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS...</b> Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES).</b> 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 - ivory*  
*Posthumously missing - R 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 15;*  
*L 1, 2, 3, 9, 10.*  
*Spaces - 46, est. 6mm.*  
*R 13 rotated mesially 15°*  
*Other alignment good.*

*Jul 1,*

(20/2)

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According to Anthropological Reported dated 25  
May 1949 submitted with X-5537 ( identified as  
JOHNSEY, William O., 38537730., these teeth  
should be placed with X-5449.

*Chart #4*

~~7~~ = Identified as Johnsey, William O.  
38537730

*Chart #4*

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**FILLINGS** ... Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



**CARIES (CAVITIES)** ... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



**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**

The teeth here charted were found in a mass burial which has been segregated. Teeth and charts are with case ID-1468-A.  
 Posthumously missing, R 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and L 9, 10.  
 Rotated mesially 1/8 turn, R 13.  
 Medium sized teeth have turned slightly pink.  
 No fillings in teeth present.

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G. R. & E. DIV.  
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER  
 HQ. COM. ZONE, ETOUSA

IF-1469  
 Neuville-on-Candres, Belgium

# TOOTH CHART

7 May 1947

Unknown X-5449

Unknown

Date  
 Unknown

Last Name Unknown

First

Initial

Rank

BTB: AGF

Serial No.

Unit

Organization

Plateau near Serrig, Germany. Est. March 1945

BTB: Small arms fire

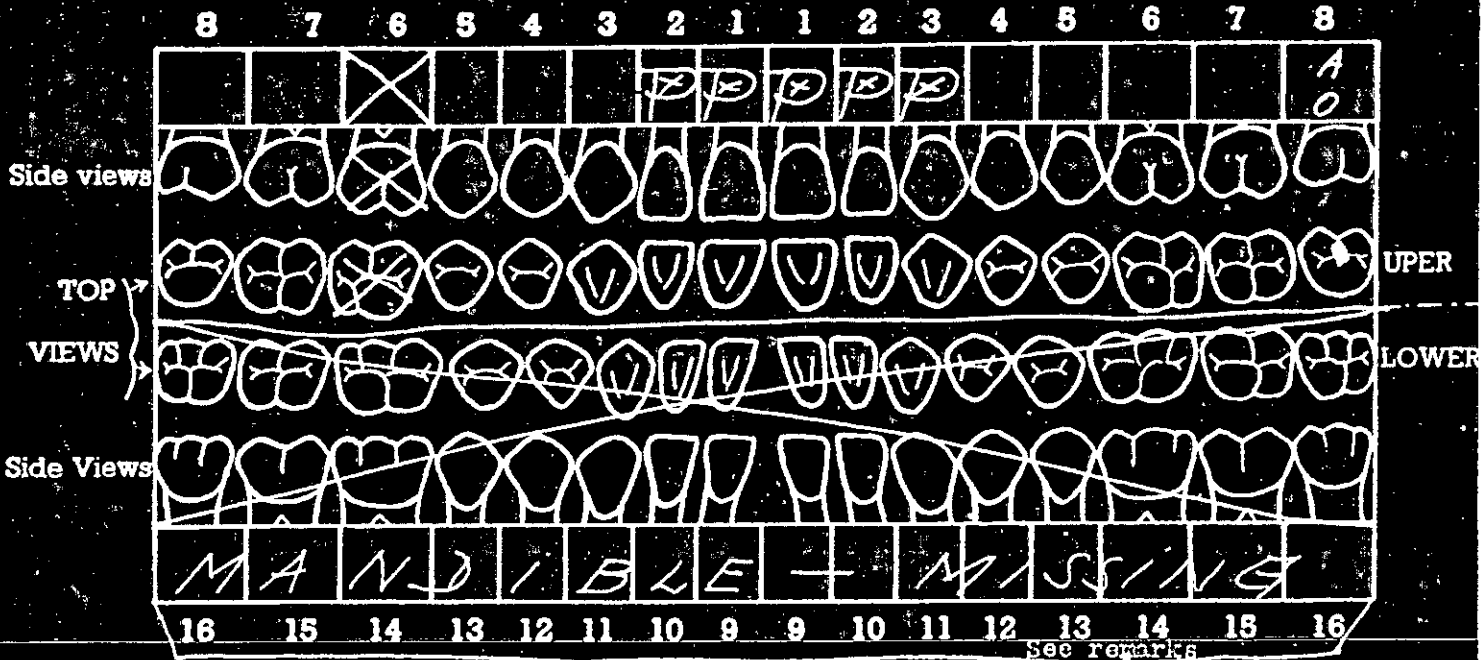
Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

Right

Left



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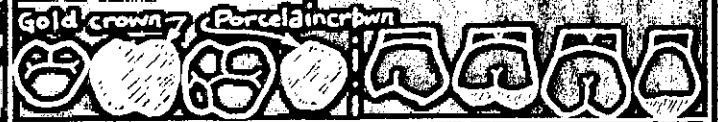
*Edward Sebastian* M.D.  
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

*Ernest C. Gaddy*  
 Verified by G. R. S. Officer  
 Ernest C. Gaddy CWO USA CIP

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**ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS**

Posthumously missing - R 1, 2 and L 1, 2, 3.

Spaces: R 5-7, 8mm.

Medium sized teeth in good alignment have been bleached white.

The left half of the maxilla was found with case IF-1468, fitting perfectly with the right half.

One of the mandibles with case IF-1468 probably belongs with this case also, the full mandible with all teeth posthumously missing being the most probable.



## IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X - 5449  
Cemetery Heuville-en-Cendras, Belgium  
Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave \_\_\_\_\_

**Date processed:**

1. ~~AGRC at cemetery~~ 7 May 1947  
(Hour) (Date)
2. Place of death Plateau near Serrig, Germany.  
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)  
WL-1906  
(Sheet, scale and serials used)
3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 164th QM Bn. AGRC  
(Name and organization)
4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Central Identification Point, Strasbourg, France.  
(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>None</u>		
Jacket, Field	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Combat	<u>None</u>		
Mackinaw	<u>None</u>		
Sweater	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>None</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		

Belt, web None

Drawers, wool None

Drawers, cotton None

Leggings, wool None

Socks, cotton very small remnant of one.

\* 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?

**BTB: AGF ( See case papers )**

6. Description of Remains: **Est.**  
Age UTD Height 5'11 5/8" 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 UTD  
(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 Teeth Chart**  
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw **UTD** Circumference of head in inches **UTD** Skull crushed **UTD**  
(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)

**UTD**

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 **None**  
(Nose, arms, legs, etc.)

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

See anatomical chart

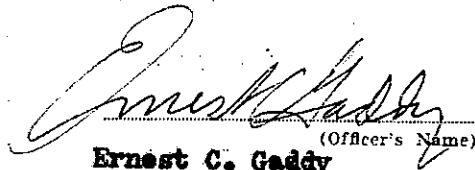
7. Have finger prints been placed on Report of Interment? **No** (Yes-no)

If not, explain **No fingers**

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

9. Remarks : **Remains received in mattress cover in skeletal form.**  
**No flesh.**  
**Bones bleached.**  
**Estimated weight of remains: 8 Lbs.**  
**Estimated height by one bone measurement 5'11 5/8".**  
**Fluorescopic Examination not necessary.**  
**Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.**  
**Processing revealed no positive identification clues, therefore, this case is classified " Unknown ".**

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**  
**CWO USA**

Rank

Service

**Central Identification Point.**

(Organization)

IF-1469  
ouville-en-Cendres, Belgium  
Unknown X-5449

# SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

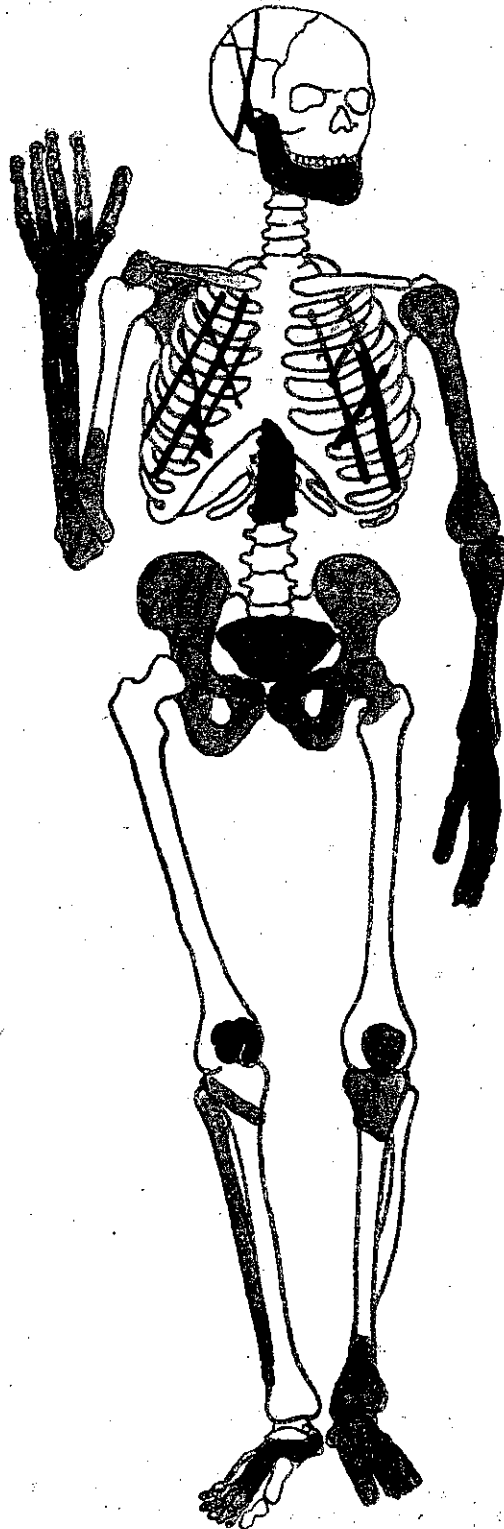


CHART "A"





- a. What information was contained thereon? **No records**
- b. Where was the information obtained? **No records**
- c. By whom?
- 12. What is the date of death? **Est: March 1945**
  - a. Give basis **Fighting took place there at that time**
- 13. What is the cause of death? **Est: Small arms fire**
  - b. Give basis **Close fighting took place in this area**
- 14. What is the date of burial? **Not buried**
  - a. Give basis
- 15. What was the place of death? **Plateau near Serrig, Ger.** Coords **WL-1906**
  - b. Give basis **Remains found there**
- 16. Where were the remains found? **Plateau near Serrig, Ger.** Coords **WL-1906**
  - a. By whom? **Baptiste Wasser, #29 Saarholzbach, Ger.**
  - b. Is sketch attached? **Yes**
- 17. Was a casket used? **No** Who furnished the casket?
   
Type of casket How marked?
- 18. Who made the burial **Not buried**
  
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
  - a. What are the names and addresses?

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?

- 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) **Est: Small arms fire**  
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 ..... **(see attached narrative)**

**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 ..... **Could not be found**
  - 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.

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? No

d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No

42. Was Deceased given first aid? Unknown 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
Remains decomposed  
(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 Baptiste Wasser,  
#29 Saarholzbach, Germany

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? Yes

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)

*Harold P. Boone*

HAROLD P. BOONE

Signature of Investigator

Signature of Interpreter

US CIV SPL INV.

Rank ASN

Rank ASN

164th QM Bn., APO 403

Organization

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NARRATIVE

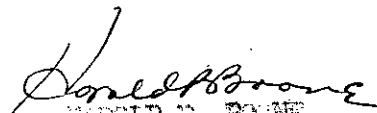
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16 April 1947

1. Baptist Wasser, # 29 Saarholzbach, Germany, found seven (7) remains in the Wackelfels district near Serzig, Germany, (WI-1906) while executing his duties as an assistant forest ranger. Wasser found the remains in April 1946 and informed the French Military Government.

2. Thirteen (13) remains have previously been disinterred from this plateau in midsummer 1946. Wasser informed the disintererring teams of the remaining seven (7) deceased, but the teams refused to enter the area as it was believed to be mined at that time. This area was completely cleared of mines in July, August 1946. Fighting took place in this area in March 1945. It is believed by Wasser that the soldiers were killed by small arms fire from SS troops which fought in this area. The remains were not buried and were completely decomposed.

3. A thorough search was made during disintererring for identification with negative results.

  
HAROLD P. BOONE  
U.S. Civ. Spl. Inv.  
ACMG

Baptist Wasser  
Saarhölzbach  
Haus Nr. 29

hb.  
Saarhölzbach, 14. April 1947

A U S S A G E

Im April 1946 wurde mir mitgeteilt, dass auf Wackelsberg zahlreiche Tote von den Kämpfen her lagen. Als Forstgehilfe ging ich dienstlich in die angegebene Gegend und fand viele Leichen in Minenfeldern, darunter auch die sieben (7) amerikanischen Soldaten.

Ich meldete dies sofort der französischen Militärregierung und den deutschen Behörden. Daraufhin kamen auch zuerst französische Soldaten, dann im August Amerikaner, die jedoch wegen der Minengefahr nichts zur Entfernung unternahmen.

Nachdem ich mit deutschen Gefangenen und einem französischen Offizier die grösste Minengefahr beseitigt hatte, kamen im August nochmals etwa 15 amerikanische Soldaten mit 2 Wagen und entfernten sechszehn (16) amerikanische Leichen. Wohin sie diese gebracht haben, ist mir nicht bekannt. Anschliessend fand ich dann noch diese anderen sieben (7) amerikanischen Leichen, was ich auch sofort meldete. Erst jetzt kam aus Karlsruhe ein amerikanischer Offizier und nahm sich dieses Falles an.

gez. Baptist Wasser.

Baptist Wasser  
Saarholzbach  
House # 29

Saarholzbach, 14 April 1947

S T A T E M E N T

In April 1946 I was informed that on the mountain called "Wackelsberg" numerous deceased soldiers who were killed during the fighting in this area were lying about. As a forester's assistant I went on duty to the given location and found many bodies in mine fields. Among the bodies were seven (7) American soldiers.

I informed the French Military Government and the German authorities immediately. As a result, French soldiers came and then in August Americans who could not take any steps to remove the bodies because the area was heavily mined.

After the area was swept of mines by German POW's and a French officer, a team of 15 American soldiers came with two cars and evacuated sixteen (16) American deceased. I do not know where the bodies were taken. Just after this I found those other above mentioned seven (7) bodies that I reported immediately. At present an American officer came from Karlsruhe and took over the bodies.

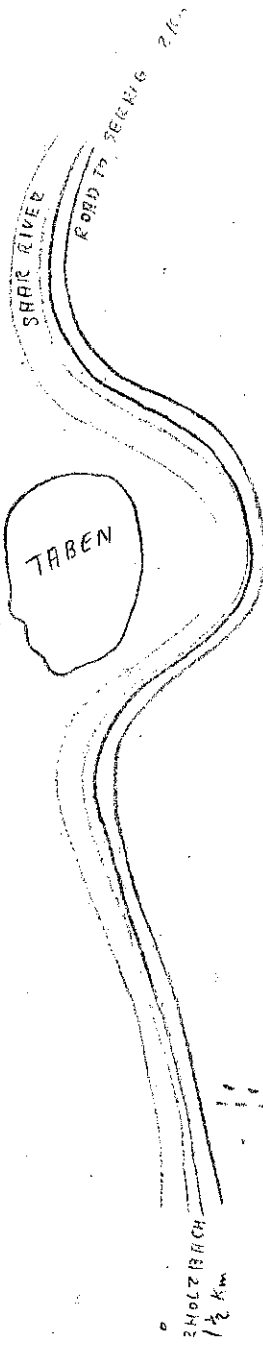
s/ Baptist Wasser.

I certify that this is a true translation of the above to the best of my ability.

*Hilde Böhler*  
HILDE BOHLER

A TRUE COPY:

*Richard W. Secor*  
RICHARD W. SECOR  
Capt Inf  
Operations Officer



J.F. - 1469  
-1467 ✓  
-1466 ✓

J.F. - 1440  
WILLIAMS HARRY C. DR.  
SE 51 4373  
HUNTERS LODGE

WICKELSFELS  
(Forest)

J.F. - 1465  
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TO GRENZBURG

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QMGMT 293  
GRS European  
(Neuville) Belgium

12 June 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

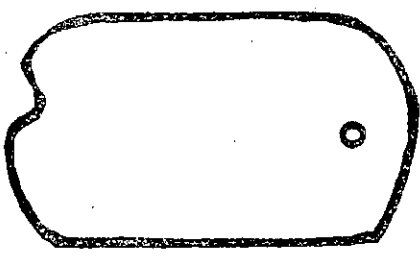
1. Reference is made to toothcharts for Unknowns X-5536 and X-5549, Neuville, Belgium, Plots U and V, Row 12, Graves 295 and 296 respectively.

2. According to Anthropological Report dated 25 May 1949, submitted with Unknown X-5537 (identified as JOHNSEY, William O., 38537730), teeth previously charted as X-5536 and X-5537 were re-charted and numbered "Charts 1 thru 4". Charts 1 and 2 were consolidated and placed with remains identified as Johnsey. Chart number 3 was to remain with X-5536 and Chart number 4 was to be placed with remains of X-5449.

3. The corrected tooth charts for X-5536 and X-5449 have not been received in this Office indicating these changes, therefore, it is requested that they be forwarded in order that our records may be completed.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

WD QMC FORM 1042 Rev 1 Apr. 1945 (Supersedes GRS Form 1)		REPORT OF INTERMENT (AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)			Date of report 9 June 1947		
Imprint Identification Tag if Possible DO NOT TYPE 		SECTION I. IDENTIFICATION					
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Unknown X-5449		Serial number Unknown					
Grade Unknown		Organization Unknown		Branch of service (See BTB:AGF case papers)			
Race Unknown		Religion Unknown		If other than U. S. dead, Give name of country.			
Place of death Plateau near Serrig, Germany.		Cause of death BTB: Small arms fire		Date of death Est. March 1945			
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 US Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condraz, Belgium (VK-390 487)							
Date of burial 9 June 1947		Hour 1500	Buried in (Schroud, Blanket, or name of other) Casket	Type of grave marker Temp. wooden cross	Plot no. U	Row no. 12	Grave no. 295
Was this a re-burial (Yes or No) No		If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location of grave Remains found on ground on Plateau near Serrig, Germany. WL- 1906			Plot no. -	Row no. -	Grave no. -
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 Report of Burial			
Identification tag buried with body (Yes or No) No		Identification tag attached to marker (Yes or No) GRS					
Body buried on deceased left, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Rist, Vincent		Rank Sgt.	Serial number 7009362	Organization 411 Inf	Grave No. 296		
Body buried on deceased right, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Unknown X-5537		Rank Unk	Serial number Unk	Organization Unk	Grave No. 294		
Signature of person preparing report Ernest C. Gaddy CWO USA C.I.P. Ernest Gaddy			Signature of GRS officer verifying report Raymond G. Johnson 1st Lt. Inf. C.I.P. 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.

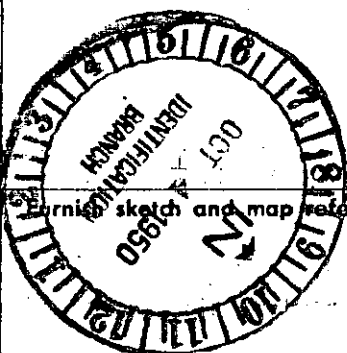
Height Est.	Weight	Color of eyes	Color of hair	Birthmarks, scars or tattoos
5:11 5/8"	UTD	UTD	UTD	UTD

Weapon and serial number	Laundry marks	Where body was buried or found
None	None	Plateau near Serrig, Germany.

For tooth chart see attached Form I-A.

**REMARKS** : This deceased consisting of skeletal form is one of seven bodies found by a civilian in the Wackelfels district near Serrig, Germany. Remains were not buried and deceased is believed to have been killed by small arms fire from SS troops, who fought in that area March 1945. Processing at CIP, Strasbourg, France revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore, this case is classified "Unknown".

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



**Remarks** : Form 11, Check List of Unknowns, Form 1A, Teeth chart accomplished. Unable to obtain fingerprints because of missing portions. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 8 Lbs.

Little Finger Left  
Ring Finger Left  
Middle Finger Left  
Index Finger Left  
Thumb Left  
Thumb Right  
Index Finger Right  
Middle Finger Right  
Ring Finger Right  
Little Finger Right