

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

29 June 1949

(Date)

W. West. Belgium (Neuville) X-5536

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS.

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 5536, Plot V
Row 12, Grave 286, 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. 2378, dated 28-7-47.

3. Remarks:

Received 0078-30 June 49
Not identifiable from
information presently
available *QMG*

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Col. H.P. HENRY, O-12589

QMG

E.D. Mulvanity
Lt. Col. E.D. MULVANITY, O-359598

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Roger Berger
Major R. BERGER, O-251736

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Edward E. Stout
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Incl #7

IF-1468-(A),B.

(Attached sheet to Form 1042)

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The teeth and cotton socks were put with remains of case A. Tooth Charts are inclosed with case A papers.

One of seven American bodies found on plateau near Serrig, Germany by German forest ranger. Fighting took place in that area around March 1945 area was heavily mined.

As processing at CIP revealed no positive identifying clues, this Case is classified " Unknown ".

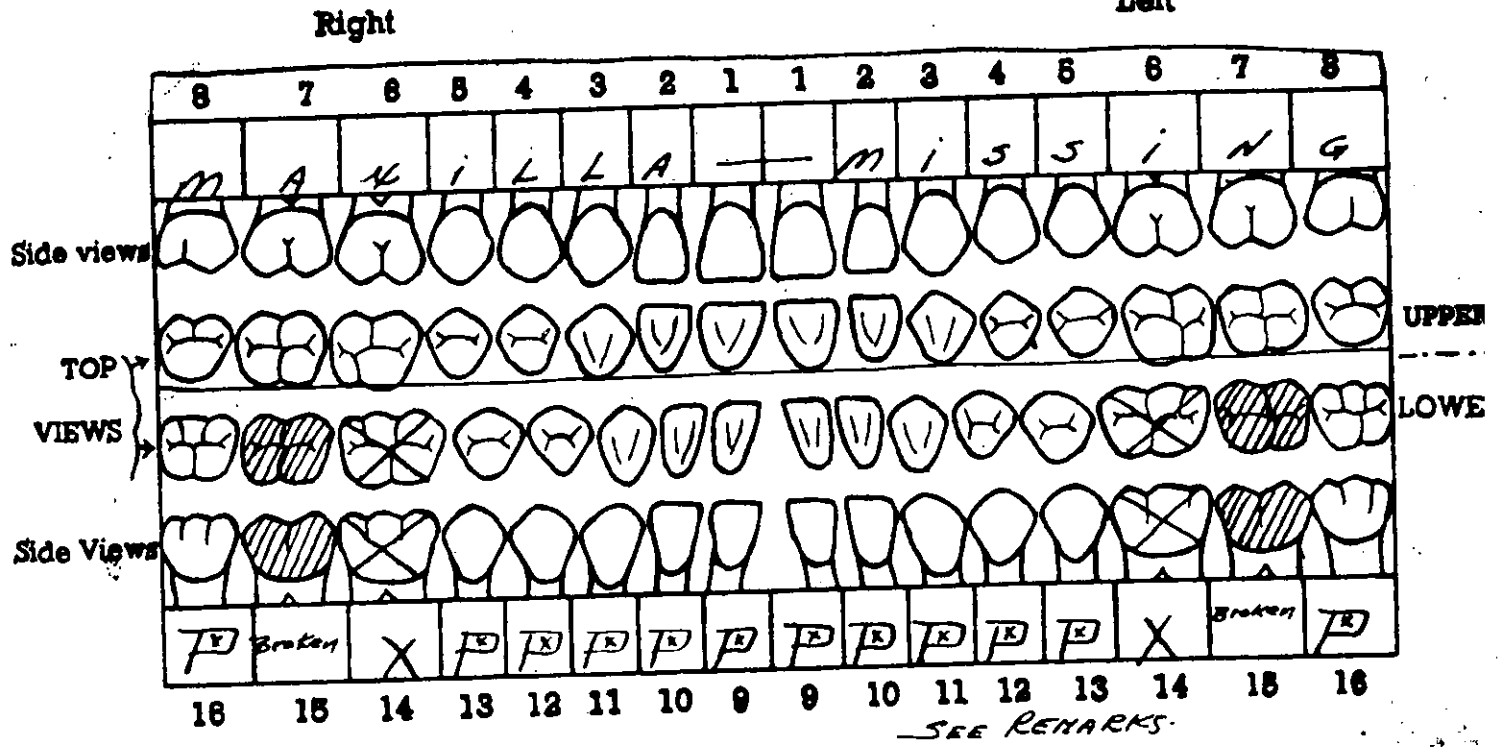
X-5536
 Duville V-12-286

TOOTH CHART

25 May 49
 Date

(Remarks: X-5536)

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



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), bicuspids (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.

58314
 Spent
 10 kg
 32 kg
 Harold S. Heuler
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

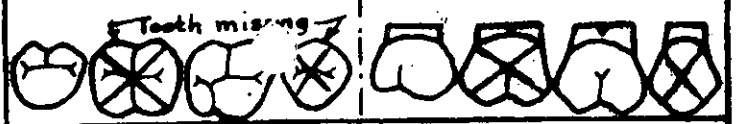
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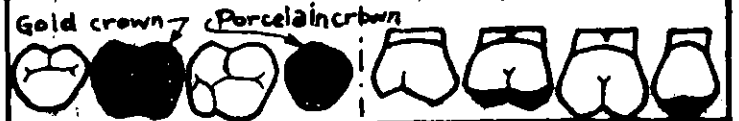
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MISSING TEETH... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X"ed out and labeled, thus:



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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

Complete mandible, excepting the right coronal process is missing.
 all teeth missing.
 Spaces R14, None ; L14, None
 R13 (socket) rotated mesially 30°
 R9 and L9 each rotated mesially 15°
 L13 rotated mesially 90°

Incl 2

(21/3) 4

EO 1998

25 May 1949

John O. Tohill
X-5537 X-5536 X-5537 and X-5449 *John O. Tohill*

Doctor Frans Vandervael, professor of Anatomy at the University of Liege was called to give opinion in regards to this case.

The teeth recovered in cases X-5536, X-5537 and X-5449 have been segregated, in accord with Dr. Vandervael, and disposed of as follows:

The maxilla, intact in the skull, of JOHNSKY, William O. 38537780 and the mandible on chart X-5536, X-5537 #1 have been consolidated and now placed with case X-5537, case X-5537 being the smaller of the two (see E.O.) The partial mandible suggested in the E.O. as possibly belonging to JOHNSKY does not articulate with the skull for JOHNSKY, whereas the mandible now with case X-5537 does articulate with the skull.

The partial mandible, H16 - L10, chart X-5536, X-5537 #4 has been consolidated with the maxilla from case X-5449. While the maxilla has been fractured from the skull, the union of the fracture is perfect with the skull of case X-5449. These teeth remain with case X-5449.

The remaining complete mandible, not being identified, has been placed with case X-5536, rather than with case X-5537, which is believed to be Lt. BARTLE.

No teeth were recovered with the remains of X-5537.

A Certified True Copy:

/s/ Harold D. Wheeler

Don O. Tohill
DON O. TOHILL

1st Lt FA

Mel B

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IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X -5536
 Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium
 Plot _____ Row _____ Grave _____

Date processed:

1. ~~Recovery location~~ 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 164 th QM Bn.
 (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 **Remnants of.**

* Shoes **None** (type)

Overshoes **None**

Web Equipment (type) **None**

(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?

UTD BTB: AGF (See case papers)

6. Description of Remains:

Age **UTD** Height **Est. 5' 10"** 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 Charts (See Remarks)**
 (White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw **UTD** Circumference of head in inches **21 1/2 inches**
 (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 **Missing**

Fingers **Missing**
 (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 found**
 (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)

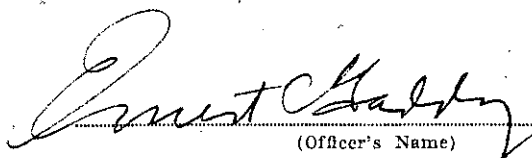
If not, explain Hands missing

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

9. Remarks; Estimated weight of remains: 25 Lbs.
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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)

The teeth and cotton socks were put with remains of case A. Tooth Charts are inclosed with case A papers.

Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.

Fluoroscopic Examination: Unnecessary.

As processing at CIP revealed no positive identifying clues, this case is classified " Unknown ".

IF-1468-(A), B.
Neuville-en-Condroz,
Belgium
Unknown X-5536

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

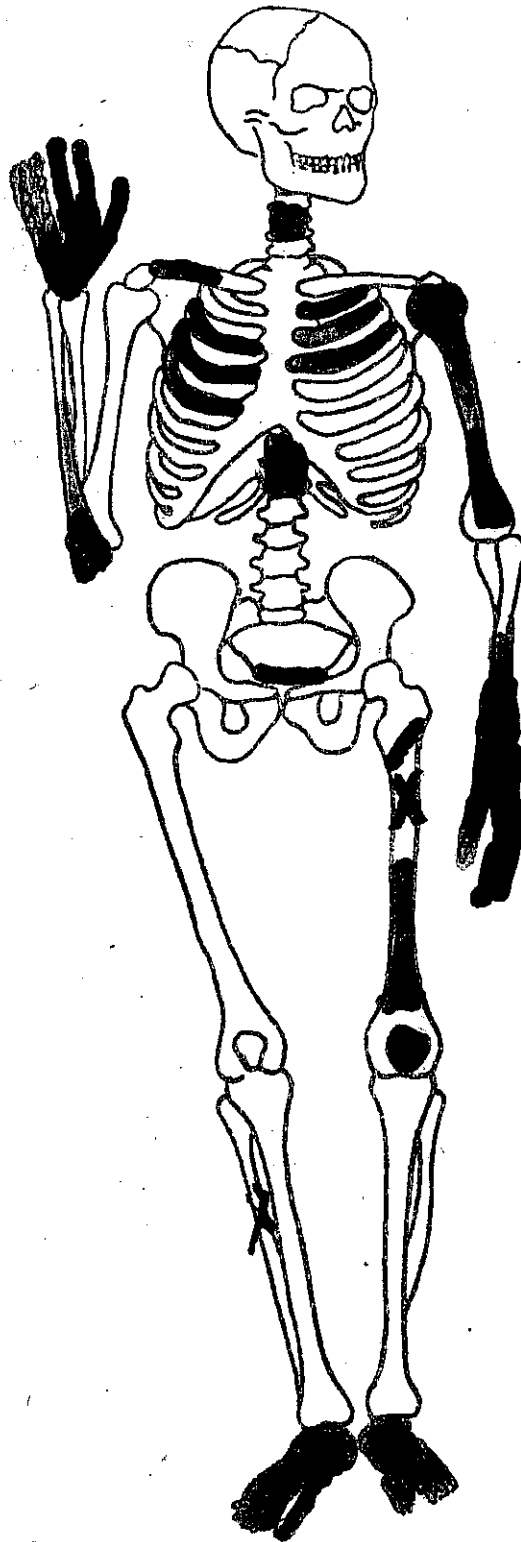


CHART "A"

Jim MMM

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USMC Neuville en Condroz
Plot: C Row: (Gr: 23
Date of Burial: 10 Apr 50
Verified by GRS Officer
M.R. Swart, Capt QMC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 01727
DATE 15 08 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME UNKNOWN X-005536
SERIAL NUMBER GRADE ARM J RACE 0 RELIGION 6

CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM
PLOT V ROW 12 GRAVE 286 DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1202 80
CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN NO FLAG SENT
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN These remains are unidentifiable and are to be permanently interred. HQ, AGRC -
(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION) 14 Dec 48

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION
NAME UNKNOWN X-005536 SERIAL NUMBER GRADE DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED 26 NOV 1948
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN RELIGION UNK IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY ERNEST C GADDY CWO USA

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT
NATURE OF BURIAL MATTRESS COVER CONDITION OF REMAINS FRACT: L/FEMUR, FIBULA, L/RADIUS, ULNA; L/HUMERUS. MISSING. FRACT: R/RADIUS. R/ULNA MISSING. MANDIBLE FRACTURED.
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION NONE

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)
NONE
NAT. FILE RECORDS ANNOTATED DATE 8 June 50
NAME R. J. Johnson
Repat. BR. MEM. DIV.

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN TRANSFER CASE
DATE 20 DEC 1948 BY DESSE H JOHNSON EMBALMER

CASKET SEALED BY THOMAS H JAMES EMBALMER (Signature) THOMAS H JAMES EMBALMER

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED WILLIAM MOROSOFF ALL TAGS, MARKINGS AND PLATES VERIFIED BY: FRANKLIN J ST CLAIR 1st Lt INF

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
ERNEST C GADDY CWO USA
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

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MASS BURIAL

BONE LIST

RIGHT		LEFT
Skull Present	:	
Mandible	:	
Cervical vertebrae 16/17 laterally	:	Present
Clavicle Present	:	Clavicle Present
Scapula missing	:	Scapula
Ribs Missing	:	
Sternum Present	:	Missing except for trochlea
Humerus Present	:	Humerus distal end missing
Radius proximal end missing	:	Radius distal end missing
Ulna Missing	:	Ulna Missing
Hand Bones	:	Hand Bones
Dorsal vertebrae (12) Present	:	
Lumbar vertebrae Missing	:	
Sacrum Present	:	Present
Pelvic Bone Present	:	Pelvic Bone fractured - 9 pieces condyles fractured
Femur Present	:	Femur missing
Patella Present	:	Patella Present
Tibia Present Fractured	:	Tibia Present
Fibula Missing	:	Fibula Missing

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QMOMT 293
GRS European *Ident*
~~(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:

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Farmer

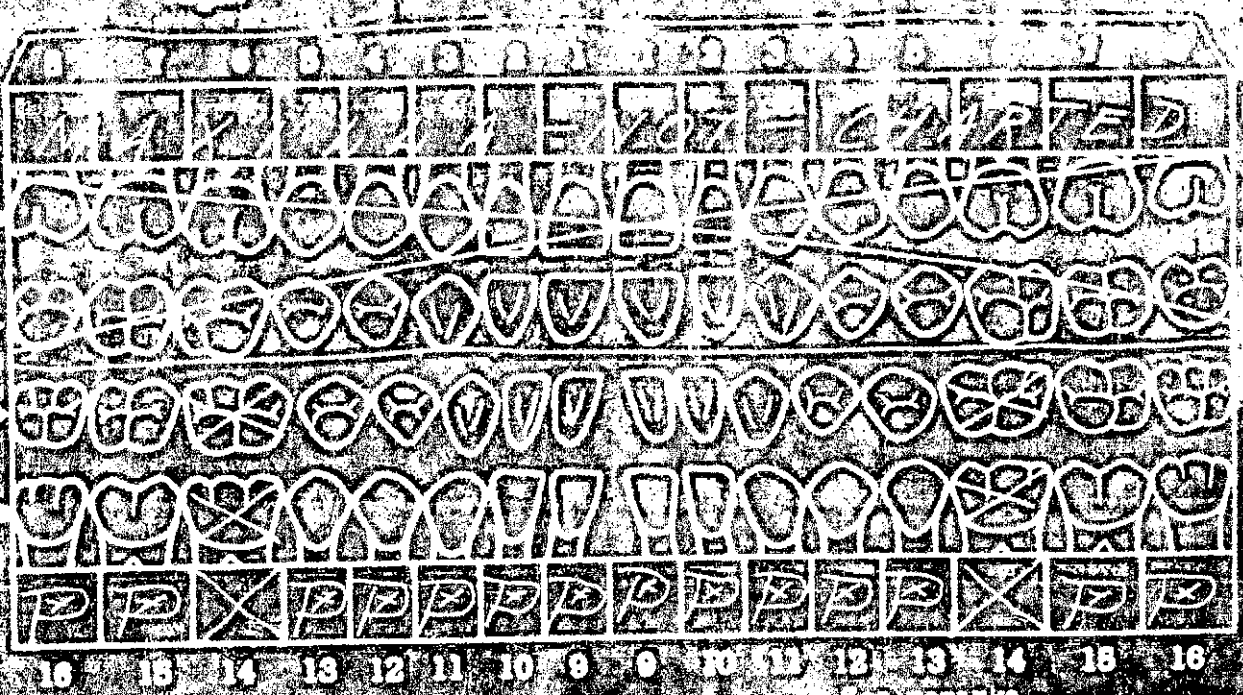
THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

REB

JMN

X 293 with 1st Appendix, Neuville X 5-5-56

17242 ... South Germany ...



See remarks

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#3 remains with 45536
(S)

Ernest C. Gaddy
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Ernest C. Gaddy
 Verified by G. I. C. Officer
 Ernest C. Gaddy CWO USA C.I.P.

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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 IF-1468-A.

This intact mandible does not match the intact maxilla with this case, it is believed that this mandible may belong with case IF-1469 as a section of maxilla found with case IF-1468 matched the maxilla with case IF-1469.

Posthumously missing, R 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and L 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.

Spaces: R 13-15, 2mm. est; L 13-15, 2mm. est.

Socket of R 13 rotated 1/8 turn mesially.

Socket of L 13 rotated 1/4 turn mesially.

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- 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? _____

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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) 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.

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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? 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) _____

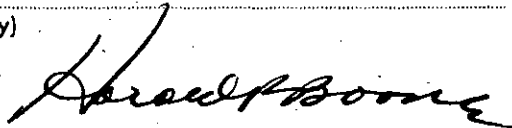
52. Give Brief Narrative (See attached narrative)

(Use attached, sheets if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

Rank ASN

Organization



HAROLD P. BOONE
Signature of Investigator

US CIV SPL INV.
Rank ASN

164th QM Bn., APO 403
Organization

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N A R R A T I V E

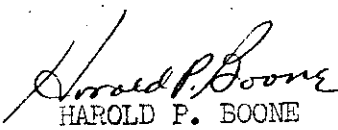
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16 April 1947

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

2. Sixteen (16) remains have previously been disinterred from this plateau in midsummer 1946. Wasser informed the disinterring 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 disinterring for identification with negative results.


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

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Baptist Wasser
Saarhölzbach
Haus Nr.29

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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 lägen. 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 sechzehn (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.

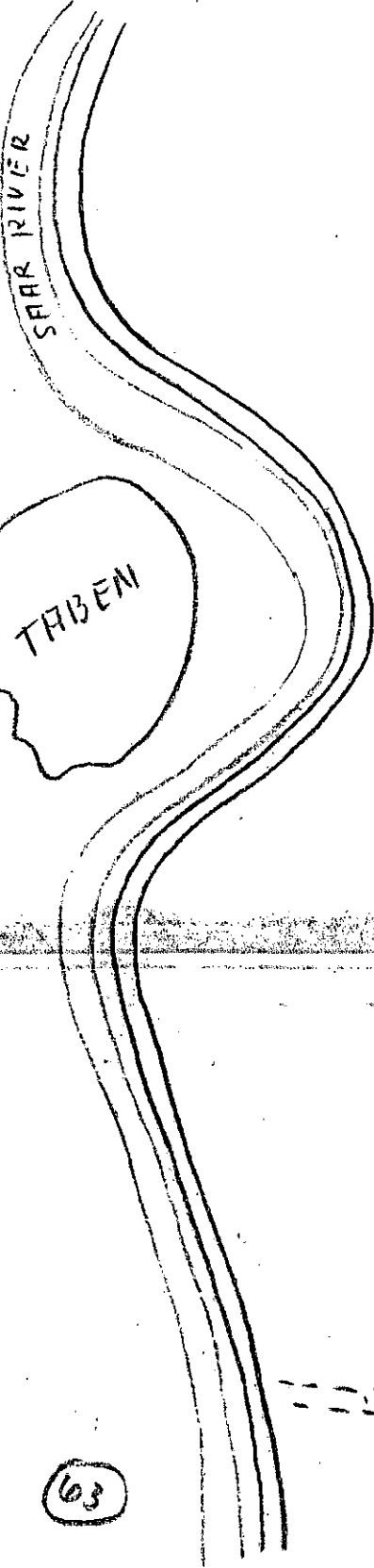
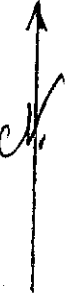
I certify that this is a true translation
of the above to the best of my ability.

Hilde Böhler
HILDE BOHLER
Interpreter

A TRUE COPY:


RICHARD W. SECOR
Capt Inf
Operations Officer

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WILKINS HARRY C. DR.
36 41 43 23
HUNTERS LODGE

WACKELSFELS
(Forest)

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KOHD-Steep-Hill

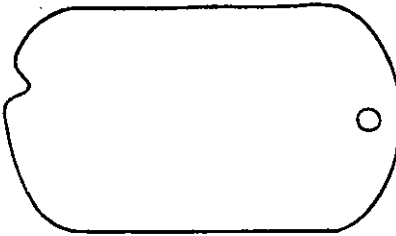
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WD QMC FORM 1042 (Rev. 1 Apr. 1946) (Supersedes GRS Form 1)		REPORT OF INTERMENT (AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)				DATE OF REPORT 9 June 1947	
Imprint Identification Tag If Possible DO NOT TYPE 		Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.				SERIAL No.	
		NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X-5536				Unknown	
		GRADE Unknown		ORGANIZATION Unknown		BRANCH OF SERVICE (See case BTB:AGF 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 ETB: Small arms fire			DATE OF DEATH Est. March 1945		
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) None							
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 Meuville-en-Condroz, Belgium (VK-390 187)							
DATE OF BURIAL 9 June 1947	HOUR 1500	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Casket	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Temp. wooden cross	PLOT No. V	ROW No. 12	GRAVE No. 286	
WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) No	IF A REBURIAL, 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) Unknown X-5522			RANK Unk	SERIAL No. Unk	ORGANIZATION Unk	GRAVE No. 287	
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X-5445			RANK Unk	SERIAL No. Unk	ORGANIZATION Unk	GRAVE No. 285	
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT Ernest G. Gaddy CWO USA C.I.P.			SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT Raymond G. Johnson 1st Lt, Inf, C.I.P.				
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U. S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.							

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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.


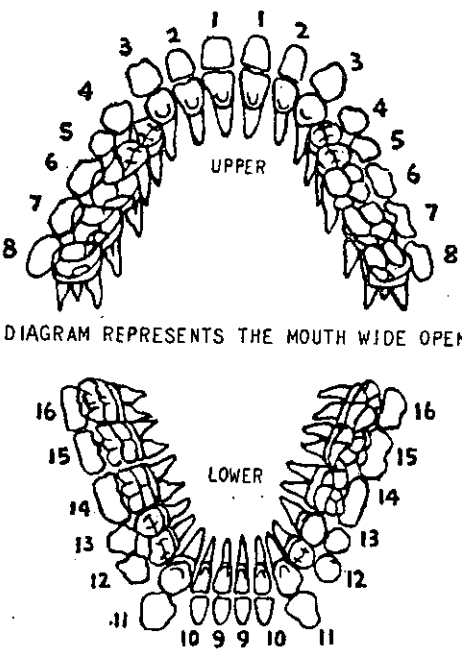




(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth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

HEIGHT Est. 5' 10"	WEIGHT UTD	COLOR OF EYES UTD	COLOR OF HAIR None	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS UTD
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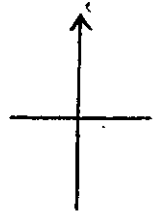
WEAPON AND SERIAL NO. None	LAUNDRY MARKS None	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND Serrig, Germany.
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OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

(See attached sheet)

FILLINGS	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>	 <p>UPPER</p> <p>DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN</p> <p>LOWER</p>
CAVITIES	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED</p>	
MISSING TEETH	 <p>TOOTH MISSING</p>	
CROWNED TEETH	 <p>PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>	
BRIDGE WORK	 <p>GOLD BRIDGE</p>	

FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY



REMARKS: Form 11, Identification Check List and Form 1A, Tooth Chart accomplished.

Unable to obtain Fingerprints because of missing portions.
Estimated weight of remains: 25 Lbs.