

USMC Neuville-en-Condroz
 Plot: C Row 6 Gr: 31
 Date of Burial: 18 Apr 50 **DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE**
 Verified by GRS Officer
 M.R. Swart, Capt QMC

SECTION A — *M. Swart*
 NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED
 DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 02459
 DATE 15 08 48
 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME
 SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWNX-005575
 GRADE
 ARM J
 RACE
 RELIGION 6

CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM
 PLOT ROW GRAVE AA 8 183
 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-9 Jan 50)

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME UNKNOWNX
 SERIAL NUMBER X-5575
 GRADE UNK
 DATE OF DEATH
 DATE DISTINTERRED 3 DEC 48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON
 REMAINS
 MARKER EMB
 ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN
 RELIGION UNK
 IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY FRITZ J. TOLTZIEN 1/LT MI
 NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL MATTRESS COVER & UNIFORM
 OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION REPORT OF BURIAL READS X-5575.
 CONDITION OF REMAINS REMAINS CONSIST OF FRACTURED: L/ULNA, L/FEMUR, L/TIBIA, PART OF PEI VIC GIRDLE, L/FIBULA. ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION.

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

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ TRANSFER BOX
 DATE 10 JAN 49 BY FERRARS D, STEWART EMBALMER
 CASKET SEALED BY HOUSTON R. WOMACK
 EMBALMER (Signature)
 HOUSTON R. WOMACK LICENSED EMBALMER
 ALL TAGS, PLATES AND MARKINGS VERIFIED BY:
 ROGER E. LEWIS CAPT GAV.

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
 ALBERT S. KIMBERLIN 1/LT INF.
 SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
 I CERTIFY that the typed names appearing above are the same as the original signatures on the No. 4 copy of F-1194 concerned.
Raymond S. Johnson, 1st Lt. Inf.

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1250 02459	DATE 15 08 48		
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
590 UNKNOWNX - 005575			✓	0	0
CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM	PLOT A A	ROW B	GRAVE 103	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)
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
CASKET SEALED BY		
DATE	BY	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED		

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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AIRMAIL

3146
~~QMCHT 299~~

← 1st Ind

CRS European

SUBJECT: ~~Identification Check Lists~~
Transmittal Letter #4659

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, QMCG, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 20 January 1950

TO: Chief, Registration Division, 7867 Graves Registration Detachment,
APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Identification Check Lists for Unknowns
X-2206 and X-2739 in preceding correspondence.

2. The Check Lists for above unknowns, referred to tooth charts
which were not received in this Office. It is therefore requested that
tooth charts for Unknowns X-2206 and X-2739 be submitted at the earliest
practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

14 Incls.
w/d

Cy furnished: Adm Sec
rar/Toyabo
N. Farmer
REB

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

X-293
Wade Bergman
X-55575
(Newark, NJ)

REE
TEC

AIRMAIL

AIRMAIL

314.6

QMGMT ~~223~~
GRS European (TL 4675) 1st Ind
(Neuville) Belgium

SUBJECT: Certificates of Unidentifiability of Remains
Transmittal Letter #4675

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, OQMG, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 17 January 1950

TO: Chief, Registration Division, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment,
APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

This Office approves the classification of the Unknowns listed
on basic communication as Unidentifiable.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

6 Incls.
w/d

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, OMC
Memorial Division

Cy furnished: Adm Sec
rar/Rowinski
N. Farmer
REB

298 Under Registration - 5575 (Neuville)

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293

3 January 1950
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 5575, Plot AA,
* Row 9, Grave 183, USMC NEUVILLE, Belgium,
have been reviewed and it is the opinion of the Board of Review, this
headquarters, that sufficient evidence is not available to establish
the identity of the deceased concerned, therefore, these remains should
be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to the Office
of The Quartermaster General by Transmittal Letter No. 4653, dated
3-1-50.

3. Remarks:

*Should be Rm'd.
Checked with
Nolan
18 May 50

See Case History attached.

Received 4675
Not identifiable from
information presently
available

5 Jan 50

OQMG

11 Jan 50

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Col. H. *[Signature]* HENRY, O-12589

JMC

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

JMC

Maj. Charles REYNOLDS, O-182639

TC

Maj. Gerald SWARTHOUT, Sr., O-267451

CE

[Signature]
Capt. Edward F. PRICE, Jr., O-1588236

JMC

1st Lt. Frederick S. DAVID, O-1826041

CAV

CWO Frank GEER, W-2102925

USA

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USA

[Signature]
CWO LEODORE GOUDREAU, W-2113434

Incl #3

CASE HISTORY

UNKNOWN NO X-5575

USMC CEMETERY Neuville-en-Condroz

UNIDENTIFIABLE

28 December 1949

Remains of X-5575 were recovered from British Military Cemetery Schoonselhof, Antwerp, Belgium, Plot 4A, Row 5, Grave 198. All the bodies buried in Plot 4A, Schoonselhof Military Cemetery, were formerly interred at Borsbeek, Fort III, Antwerp. In December 1945, the graves were exhumed by the British G. R. and reinterred in Schoonselhof.

Schoonselhof Cemetery records indicate that subject grave #198 is part of a collective burial of the following deceased:

Snowden, J. A.	Sgt.	RAF	2209521
Dowden, M. E.	1st Lt.	?	0886262
Davies, R.I.H.	F/O	RAF	156998

Casualty records indicate 1st Lt. Max E. Dowden, C-886262, who was on detached service with the 625th RAF Squadron from the 12th Replacement Control Depot, was the pilot of Lancaster aircraft #LM 513, which was reported missing in action on a mission to Duisburg, Germany, on the night of 21/22 May 1944.

On 29 May 1947, an investigation was conducted in the British Military Cemetery Schoonselhof by AGRC investigator, Mr. Ernest Hanzlik, D-165640, to locate the remains of 1st Lt. Max E. Dowden. A surface investigation confirmed the fact that Sgt. Francis H. Moody, 2206935, RAF, a fellow crew member of Lt. Dowden, was buried in grave #200 at Schoonselhof.

Disinterment of grave #198 in the presence of Capt. Madden, 89th GCU, British, revealed that this grave contained fragments of an American type uniform and therefore evacuated to USMC Neuville (X-5575) as BTB 1st Lt. Max E. Dowden.

However, it is noted that the remark on the processed check list for X-5575 accomplished at the CIL on 11 June 1947, reads in part, "Clothing found is believed to be of British make and type." No teeth or positive identifying clues were found during processing of the subject remains.

In view of the fact that processing of X-5575 revealed no physical or identifying media, the presumption that these remains are actually those of 1st Lt. Max E. Dowden cannot be substantiated by valid evidence and therefore the subject Unknown is being classified as Unidentifiable.

Ans *Jed*

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X - 5575
Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium
Plot _____ Row _____ Grave _____

- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Date processed: **11 June 1947.**
1. Arrived at cemetery _____
(Hour) _____ (Date) _____
Unknown
2. Place of death _____
(Name of closest town) _____ (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps) _____
Unknown
(Sheet, scale and serials used) _____
3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 4527th ~~QM~~ Service Co. (AC)
(Name and organization)
4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point Neuville en
(Name and organization) Condroz, Belgium
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	none		
Raincoat	none		
Overcoat	none		
Jacket, Field	Flying, Remnants of one (1) Fleece lined		
Jacket, Combat	none		
Mackinaw	none		
Sweater	Remnants of one (1) non-regulation		
Jacket, HBT	none		
* Shirt, Wool OD	none		
Undershirt, Wool	none		
Undershirt, Cotton	none		
Trousers, HBT	none		
* Trousers, Wool OD	none		

Belt, web none

Drawers, wool none

Drawers, cotton none

Leggings, wool none

Socks, ~~wool~~ wool, long, B.T.B.: British

* Shoes none (type)

Overshoes none

Web Equipment none (type)

(Other item) Remnants of one (1) electrically heated flying suit,

B.T.B.: British. Remnants of Mae West. British grave
(Other item) marker: 73 G.R.U. Row 6 Gr. 198 - On front "KA" - 23-5-44.

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

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

Shoulder Patch none

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

6. Description of Remains:

Age Utd Height Utd 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 Utd
(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 **No teeth found**
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw **Utd** Circumference of head in inches **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 **Utd**
(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.

See attached chart.

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

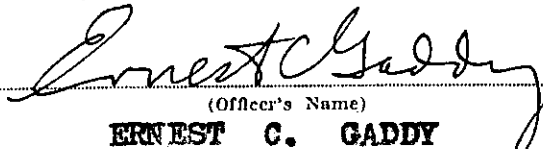
(Yes-no)

If not, explain **fingers missing**

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

9. Remarks **Case consists of badly fractured body, Clothing remnants and debris. Clothing found in debris. No teeth found. Height estimation not possible, all long bones either fractured or missing. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 5 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
CWO USA

Rank

Service

Central Identification Point

(Organization)

Processing of this deceased at Subordinate Identification Point # 2 Margraten, Holland, revealed no positive identifying clues. The clothing was found in the debris. The clothing found is believed to be of British make and type. A metal British marker was inscribed as follows: "K.A." 23-5-44. On the back "73 GRU Row 6 - Grave 198". Four (4) metal tabs were found. Tab No 1 was marked "198". No 2 was marked "206", No 3 "206" and No 4 "203".

In view of insufficient evidence this case is classified "Unknown".

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SKELETAL CHART UNKNOWN X-5575
Cemetery Neuville en
Candroz, Belgium(VK-390187)

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

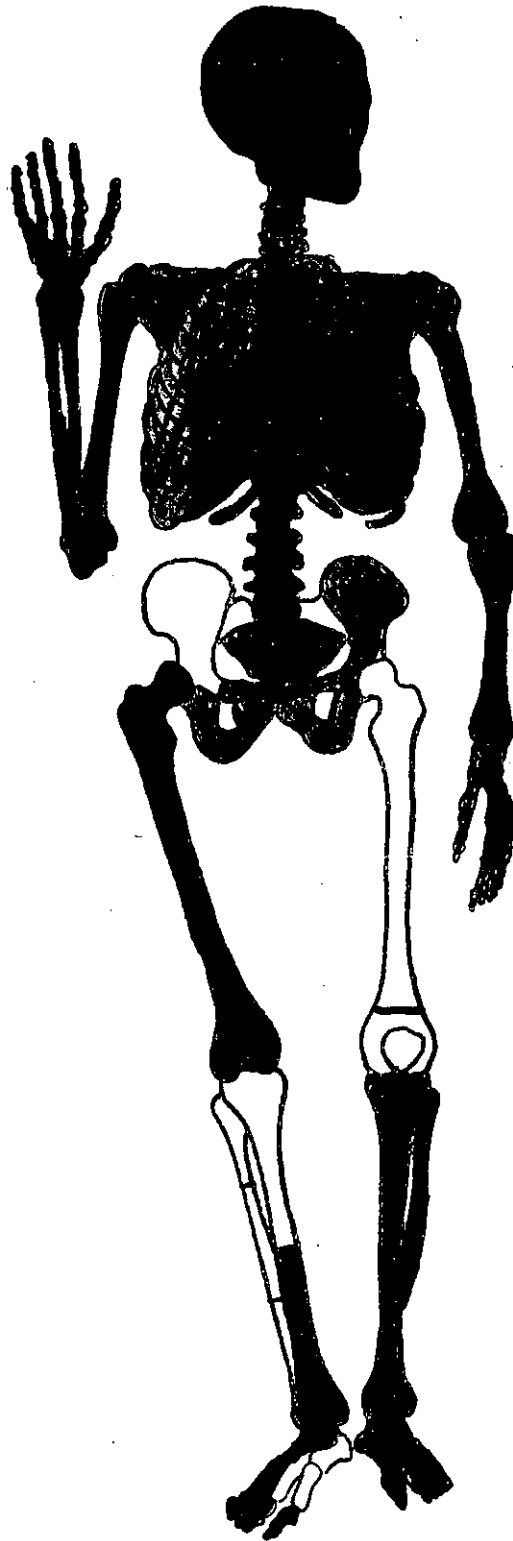


CHART "A"

111-REG: DW AGRC FOR USE IN CASUALTY CLEARANCE

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

Belgium 1235
IZ-1415

AGRC Form # 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946.

19 May 1947

Date

NAME Unknown X-5575 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

ORGANIZATION Unknown A.A.F.

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

(All statements above this line will be completed, upon final processing, by the clerical staff at the unit processing point.)

SECTION A - GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)

- 1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation?
If so, state the following information :
 - a. NAME DOWDEN, Max E. RANK 1st Lt. ASN 0-826262
 - b. ORGANIZATION 625th RAF SQ
- 2. Was partial identification established? DNA If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be :
 - a. NAME DNA RANK DNA ASN DNA
 - b. ORGANIZATION DNA
- 3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY Grave 197
Davies, R I H 156998 RAF, Grave 199 Fullum, R 189530 RAF

(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MAGR)

a. Date of above burials 23-5-44 Common Graves? No (Collective Cross)

See attached narrative.

5. Name and Type of Cemetery British Military, Schoonselhof, Antwerp
(Military or Civilian)
6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery 8/J69 - 1:250,000
- a. Town Antwerp Country Belgium
7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.
- a. Section 4A Row 5 Grave 198
- b. Is Sketch attached? No
8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.
- a. Town DNA Coordinates DNA
- b. Is sketch attached? DNA
- c. Is area mined? DNA
9. How is the grave marked? CROSS (British Military Type)
10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon K/A 23-5-44
(Collective Cross markings, see narrative)
- a. From what source was this information obtained? German Report
(Identification tags, personal effects)
- b. By Whom British Military (73 GRU)
Cemetery (Schoonselhof)
11. Where are the cemetery records? _____
(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)
- a. What information was contained thereon? 1st Lt. Dowden, MS 0-886262
K/A 23-5-44
- b. Where was the information obtained? German Report, Fort III, Antwerp
- c. By Whom? British Graves Registration Service (73 GRU)
12. What is the date of death? 22 May 1944
- a. Give basis Casualty Report and British Report
13. What is the cause of death? killed in plane crash
- b. Give basis German Report & British Report
14. What is the date of burial? 23 May 1944
- a. Give basis Cemetery Records, German Report

15. Where was the place of death? _____ Coords _____
 Give basis DNA
16. Where were the remains found? _____ Coords _____ DNA
 a. By Whom? _____ DNA
 b. Is sketch attached? _____ DNA
17. Was a casket used? Yes Who furnished the casket? German Military
 Type of casket Wooden (Plain) How marked? No. 198
18. Who made the burial German Military
 (Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
 a. What are the names and addresses? Not available
 b. Are certificates and statements attached? _____ DNA

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? _____ UNK
 a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed _____ UNK
 (Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side, of plane)
 b. Near wreckage? _____ UNK
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of Investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).
 a. Type of Plane _____ UNK
 b. Markings and/or name on plane _____ UNK
 c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: _____
 _____ UNK
21. How did crash occur? _____ UNK Anti-aircraft _____ UNK
 Enemy Planes? _____ UNK Collision? _____ UNK

22. Did plane explode in the air? UNK On ground? UNK
23. Did plane burn in the air? UNK On ground? UNK
24. What was the direction of the flight? UNK
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? UNK
26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? UNK
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? DNA
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash UNK
29. State precise time and date of plane crash UNK (Night? Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? UNK How many? UNK Escaped? UNK
Prisoners? UNK

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? DNA
- a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed. DNA
DNA
(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or... front, side, or back)
- b. Near wreckage? DNA
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of tank DNA
- b. Markings and/or name of tank DNA
- c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc DNA
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? DNA
34. Did tank explode? DNA Burn? DNA

- 35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement DNA
- 36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased? DNA
- 37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank DNA
(Night? Day?)
- 38. Did any of the crew members escape? DNA Prisoners? DNA

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) DNA
It so, give, complete and thorough results of the interrogation. DNA
- a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? DNA
- 40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased DNA

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 Original burial by German Military
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Unk
Where? DNA By Whom? DNA
Present disposition Unk
- 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? Unk, original burial by German Military
Where? DNA By Whom? DNA
Present disposition UNK

- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? Yes
see attached narrative
- d. Did Cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No
42. Was Deceased given first aid? DNK If so, where? DNA
 By whom? DNA Are statements from the medical people attached? DNA
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? NO
 WHERE? DNA Names of people concerned DNA
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?
NO
 (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 DNA
 b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? DNA
47. Was case previously investigated? NO By Whom? DNA
 When? DNA
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed
Mr. L. Brusselairs, Schoonsehof Cemetery
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? No

(If special investigation, give case number) Belgium 1235

52. Give Brief Narrative see Attached Narrative Report

(Use attached sheets, if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

Rank ASN

Organization

Ernest Hanzlik
ERNEST HANZLIK

Signature of Investigator

US WDC D-165640

Rank ASN

Hq. First Zone, AGRC

Organization

Belgium 1235
12-1415

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE
561ST AM GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 58 (LINK) US ARMY

29 May 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT

1. Investigation conducted in the British Military Cemetery, Schoonselhof, Antwerp revealed that the remains of an American airman, 1st Lt. Max E. Dowden, O-226262, 625th RAF Sq were interred in Plot 4A, Row 5, Grave 197 or 198.

2. Records in this Headquarters show that Lt. Dowden was the only American crew member of a British plane which crashed near Antwerp, 28 May 1944.

3. Attention is invited to inclosed copy of case letter, Belgium 1235, dated 12 July 45 which pertains to subject deceased.

4. Surface investigation confirmed that Sgt. Frances H. Moody, 2208033 a fellow crew member of Dowden's is interred in grave 200 at Schoonselhof.

5. Disinterment of graves 197 and 198 in the presence of Captain Madden, 89th GOR, British revealed that remains in grave 198 contained fragments of an American type uniform.

6. Disinterment showed that there were two (2) separate remains only in graves 197 and 198 contrary to cross marking indicating three (3) remains. Remains were confined separately.

7. Tooth chart for deceased in grave 197 is submitted herewith as additional information to this case.

8. Remains in grave 198 were disinterred and evacuated to Subordinate Identification Point #2, WMSG Margraten under evacuation # 12-1415.

9. Statement obtained from L. Brusnelairs, Director of Schoonselhof Cemetery is inclosed.

3 Incls: a/s

Ernest Hanzlik
ERNEST HANZLIK
US WDC D-165640
Investigator
Hq. First Zone, AGRG

R E S T R I C T E D

Belgium 1235
IZ-1415

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES
EUROPEAN THEATER
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE COMMAND
APO 227

CEB/lml

(S:11 Aug 45)
12 July 1945

Q-CRS 223.2

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO : Graves Registration Officer, Chanor Base Section
APO 228, US Army

3. A message has been received from the War Department referring to DOWDEN, Max E., 1st Lt., O-266362, who was on detached service with the 625th RAF Squadron from the 12th Replacement Control Depot and pilot of the plane which crashed 22 May 1944. The balance of the crew was British.

4. Part of a statement by one of the surviving crew members is as follows:

"--- Tom and I met Mac (Sgt. McILROY) our Canadian rear-gunner on reaching here and he confirmed the death of our pilot and Engineer (1st Lt. Max E. DOWDEN and Sgt. Francis Harold MOODY) --- Mac had ridden in a lorry with their battered bodies --- Sgt McIlroy stated that Lt. Bowden and Sgt. Moody were buried near Antwerp and I know through a friend that the grave containing the body of Sgt. Moody has been found. It is highly possible that Lt. Dowden's body was buried in an unmarked grave near that of Sgt. Moody.-----"

5. Reports at this office show that Sgt. Moody, 2203503, is buried in grave number 200 in Fort #3 Cemetery at Antwerp. In the record of two hundred nine (209) graves on file, names are shown, in the group 150 - 209, with the exception of the following for which no names appear: Graves 151, 156, 163, 166, 169, 173, 174, 176, 177, 180, 181, 182, 183, 187, 195, 197, 198, 202, 203, and 206.

6. When this cemetery was investigated, was it determined that the remains in these graves, especially those near number 200, were British? The report received does not state that Lt. Dowden was wearing a British uniform but it is possible he was wearing English outer-garments and may have been determined a member of the RAF from this clue. It is requested the graves, especially those of unknowns in the vicinity of grave #200 be examined to

discover whether one of those identified as British, is in reality Lt. Dowden. The British may be of some assistance and before disinterments are actually made, they will be contacted and requested to have a representative present in as much as the remains were previously interred under their supervision and for their record.

7. As this is a War Department inquiry, request the case be expedited and CR Form #1 and/or report of investigation be returned by intercession hereon.

For the Chief, Graves Registration Service Command:

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

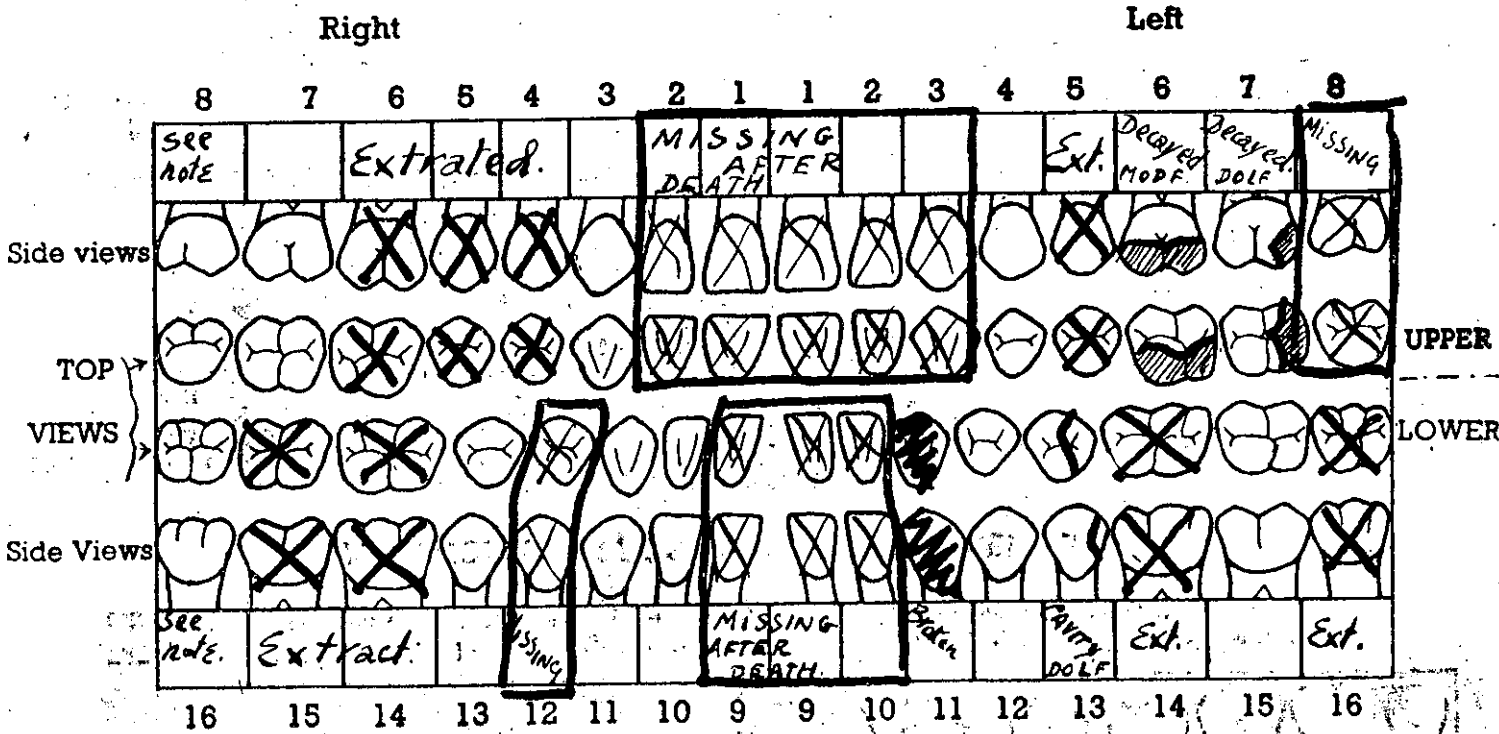
UNKNOWN
KIA 23 May 1944
Plot 4A, Row 5, Grave 197
Schoonselhof Cemetery
Antwerp, Belgium
29 May 1949
Date

TOOTH CHART

Belgium 1235

Last Name	First	Initial	Rank	Serial No.
Unit			Organization	

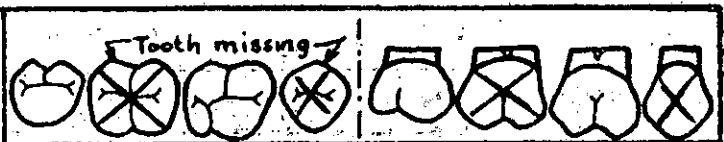
Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
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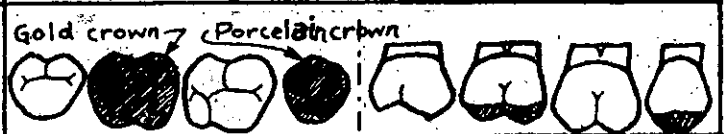
This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), 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.

HAROLD B. STELLER
Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart
US CDC subordinate identification
Verified by G. R. S. Officer
Point 2E, Camp Margraten

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



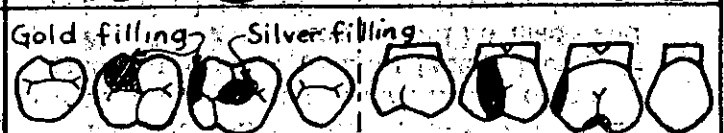
CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :



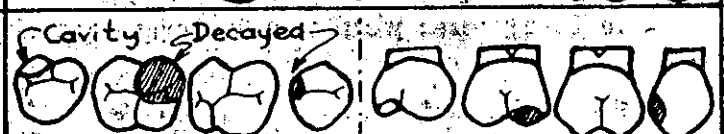
BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



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

Medium sized white teeth
 Posthumously missing - 21, 22, 23, 10; 11, 12, 3, 6, 9, 10
 Unerupted before death - 18, 19
 Spaces - 17, 20, 21, 4-6, none; 11-13, 20, 21
 (18-19, cat. 11, 12, 13 unerupted before death.)
 #18 rotated labially - 1/8 turn
 Large decayed cavities 1, 18, 6, 7
 Mesial version 1, 18
 Brown lingual stain
 Calculus - slight
 No fillings

STAD ANTWERPEN
GEMEENTEBESTUUR

DIENST DER BEGRAAFPLAATSEN
Telefoonnummer Kiel 757.10
" Schoonselhof 757.13

CONCERNING: Military Cemetery,
Schoonselhof, plot 4A
(Airmen exhumed at Borsbeek-Fort 3-)

VOORWERP:

B.L.

I, BRUSSELLAIRS, I-Director of the Military Cemetery Schoonselhof-Antwerp - hereby certify that:

1-/the name of T/Sgt BROWN, Norman, -USAAF. T43-10601604, is noted in the registers of the cemetery mentioned above,
plot 4A, row 2, grave 78.

2-/the records of the grave, row 2, nr. 75 of the same plot are:

UNKNOWN (Air Gunner)---- 59280902

3-/that grave nr. 198, row 5, is part of a collective grave, bearing the records:

♦ 23/5/44 SNOWDEN, J.A. Sgt RAF 2209521
" " DOWDEN, M.E. 1st Lt. --?-- 0886262
" " DAVIES, R.I.H. F/O RAF 156998

All these bodies now buried on Schoonselhof-Mil. Cem., plot 4A, were Airmen shot down during the occupation and brought to Borsbeek-Fort III by the Germans. They were exhumed there by the British C.R. in December '45.

With no responsibility on our part, the records being provided by the British Registration,

Antwerp, 29th of May 1947.

/s/ L. Brusselairs,
L. Brusselairs,
Director of the M.C. "Schoonsel"
Antwerp

A TRUE COPY

Truman D Eckols
TRUMAN D ECKOLS
Major Inf

Belgium 1235
12-1415

HEADQUARTERS
4527 ON SERVICE CO. (AG), FIRST ZONE
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 58 (Maastricht) US ARMY

ODS/ew

GRU 293.9

4 June 1947

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO : Commanding Officer
First Zone, AGRC
APO 58 (Liege) US Army

1. An investigation was conducted in the ANTWERP area in an effort to locate the remains of 1st Lt. Max E. DOWDEN, O-586262.

2. A disinterment was made in Plot 4A, Row 5, Graves 197 and 198, British Military Cemetery, Schoonselhof, Antwerp, and remains from Grave 198 were forwarded to Subordinate Identification Point # 2, US Military Cemetery, Margraten, under Evacuation Number 12-1415 for processing under existing regulations.

THEODORE C. THOMAS
Captain, Infantry
Commanding

Incls: 7 added

Form # 10

Form # 8

Form # 52 b

Letter - Hqs USFET, GRSO, dtd 12 July 45

Narrative - Mr. Hanzlik

Tooth Chart - Plot 4A, Row 5, Grave 197

Statement - Brussels

Telephones:
Maastricht 4033, 4333

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN <i>unknown X-5573</i>			2. DATE OF REPORT <i>4 April 1949</i>			
3. NAME OF CEMETERY <i>Kenilworth</i>		4. PLOT <i>AA</i>	5. ROW <i>8</i>	6. GRAVE <i>183</i>	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT /	8. DATE OF REINTERMENT /

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
9. ESTIMATED WEIGHT <i>mt d.</i>	10. ESTIMATED HEIGHT <i>mt d.</i>	11. COLOR OF HAIR <i>None found</i>	12. RACE <i>mt d.</i>

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS
None found

14. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES
None found

14. WAS BODY BURNED? TO WHAT EXTENT?
 YES NO

15. WAS BODY MANGLED? TO WHAT EXTENT?
 YES NO *see skeletal chart*

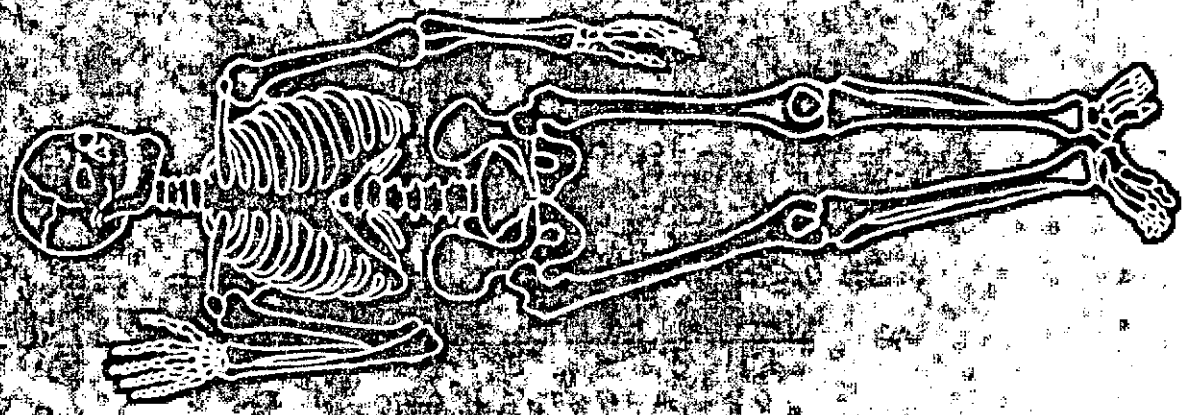
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS
None found

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 specimen forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area)
No clothing found.

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1967-75

19. BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT COVERED



20. MASS BURIAL CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE)
(Wherein segregation in whole or parts is impossible)

I CERTIFY THAT THE GROUP REMAINS CONSIST OF PARTS OF _____ DECEDENTS BASED ON THE PRESENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ANATOMICAL PARTS: _____ NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Remains received identified as flesh.
No teeth found no clothing found.
Throat of jawbone found unrecognizable.
eye socket plate bearing 5576 found
pinned to blanket also portion of jawbone plate
repaired to blanket containing remains.
Est height: not D
Est age: not D

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I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF DECEASED AND THAT ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

TYPED NAME, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE AND ORGANIZATION
Robert L. Lawrence

SIGNATURE
Bernard H. [Signature]

LVN 1595
44
MA 919

SKELETAL CHART.

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

RIGHT

LEFT

SKULL

TOOTH

HUMERUS

HUMERUS

ULNA

ULNA

RADIUS

RADIUS

FEMUR

FEMUR

TIBIA

TIBIA

FIBULA

FRAGMENTED

SHATTERED

MISSING

BURNED

signature

ESTIMATED HEIGHT

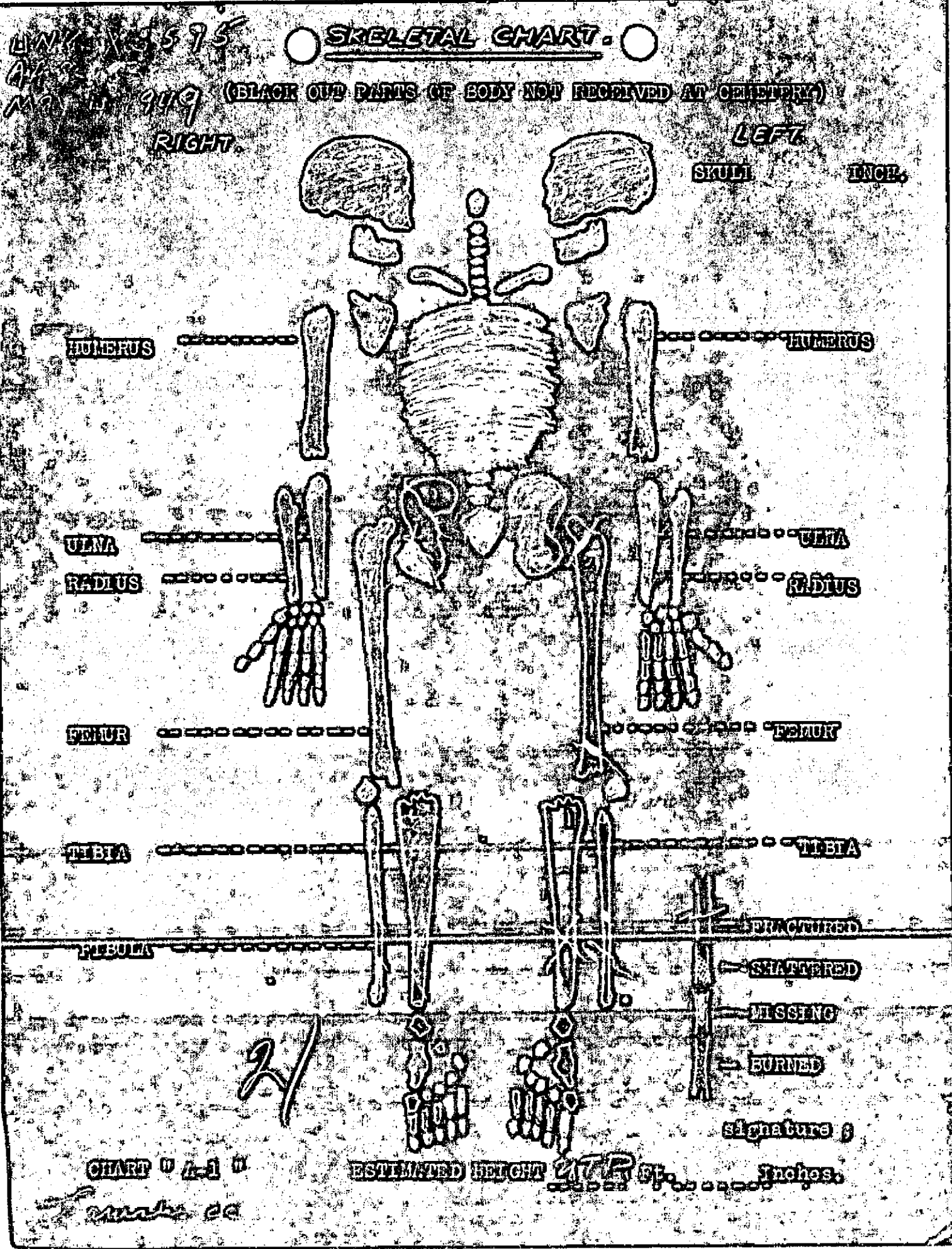
21 1/2

Inches

CHART # 4-1

ma 919

2/




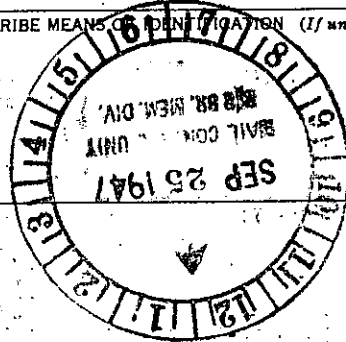
Remains of X-557 were recovered from ^{RAF Highgate} ~~RAF Highgate~~ ^{RAF Highgate} ~~RAF Highgate~~
British Military Cemetery at Schoonselweg, Belgium.
Subject for the Century Bureau exhibits ^{which} ~~which~~
from was a collection from having accounts of
J.A. number of the

at the time being a detailed program with
the 625 the first time from the in British Central
Defeat, was the pilot of a ^{L 1751's} ~~RAF Highgate~~ ^{L 1751's} ~~RAF Highgate~~
was reported missing as a result of operations in Denmark,
reference on the night of 21/22 May 1944.
As a result of an investigation by the Royal Air
Force Service & Enquiry at operations that led to
British aircraft

On 29 May 1947 an investigation was conducted
by A.C. 117

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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 25 Aug. 1947		
Imprint Identification Tag if Possible. DO NOT TYPE 		Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.					
		NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X-5575			SERIAL NO. Unknown		
		GRADE Unknown	ORGANIZATION Unknown		BRANCH OF SERVICE A.A.F.		
		RACE Unknown	RELIGION Unknown		IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY		
PLACE OF DEATH Unknown remains recovered from British Mil. Cem. Schoonselhof, Belg.			CAUSE OF DEATH Plane crash		DATE OF DEATH Estimated 22 May 1944		
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 (VK-390187)							
DATE OF BURIAL 26 Aug. 1947	HOUR 1500	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Casket		TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Temp. wooden cross	PLOT NO. AA	ROW NO. 8	GRAVE NO. 183
WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) Yes	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE British Military Cemetery Schoonselhof, Belgium 3/J 69 1/250.000						
TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY General	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES J. W. Sartman Capt. O. A. Rusher Rabbi Lepchivcher		IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY One copy WD QMC form #1042 placed in burial bottle and buried with remains.				
IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) No		IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) No					
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT. NAME (Last, first, middle initial) X-6104			RANK Unk.	SERIAL NO. Unk.	ORGANIZATION Unk.	GRAVE NO. 184	
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT. NAME (Last, first, middle initial) X-6103			RANK Unk.	SERIAL NO. Unk.	ORGANIZATION Unk.	GRAVE NO. 182	
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT ERNEST C. GADDY CWO USA C.I.P.			SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT IVOR J. FOSMO 2nd. Lt. Inf. CIP.				
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.							

Section 3.—UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.

INSTRUCTIONS:


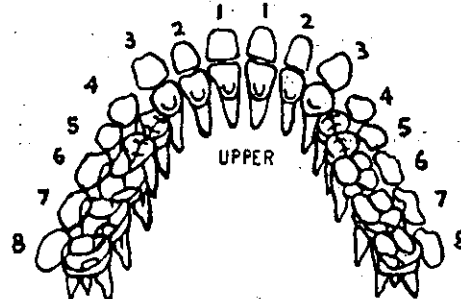




(a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other," such as shoe size, social security number; position of body found in airplanes, vehicles, and tanks; and serial numbers 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	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS
Utd.	Utd.	Utd.	Utd.	Utd.
WEAPON AND SERIAL No.		LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND	
None		See Check List.	Schoonselhof, Germany	

OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

For means of possible identification see Form 11 Check List.

FILLINGS	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>	 <p align="center">UPPER</p> <p align="center">DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN</p> <p align="center">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 Check List of Unknowns and Form 10 Report of Investigation Area Search completed. Unable to obtain fingerprints and Form 1A Tooth Chart because of missing portions. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 5 Lbs.