

7887 GRAVES DETACHMENT

... APO 757

43662 Neville X-6371

Attached hereto are case papers for an approved unidentifiable case which are considered to be of investigative importance. Records of this headquarters indicate these case papers were not previously forwarded to OQMG for:

UNKNOWN X - 6371 Neville

(POC) NEUVILLE

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE  
531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 (NANCY) US ARMY

GRW

5 September 1947

SUBJECT: Unreported Isolated Burial Case # 669 this Headquarters.

TO : Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,  
EA, APO 58, US Army.

1. Attention is invited to attached letter from the 539 QM Sv Co, dtd 5 Sept 47 relative to the discovery of remains presumed to be those of an American soldier in Junghurst Forest, Guemar, Haut-Rhin, France.

2. No means of identification were available and remains were evacuated to SIP # 2 at Neuville en Condrez under Evacuation # 3 2 - 123 for further processing.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Lawrence A. Hayes*

LAWRENCE A. HAYES  
Capt AGD  
Adjutant

Incl: a/s

Tel : Nancy 8415  
Ext 49



NEUVILLE EN CONDRONZ

X-6371

ORIGINAL

Evac No 3Z-123

Case #669

539 QM SERVICE COMPANY (AC) THIRD ZONE  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

10383

5 Sep 47

SUBJECT: Isolated Burial in Junghurst Forest, Guemar (Haut-Rhin)  
France.

TO : Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, APO 58, US Army.

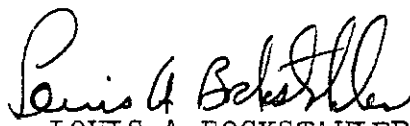
ATTN : Operations Officer.

1. Subject burial was originally discovered by Mr Georges Gander, a guard in the forest of Junghurst on 14 February 1945, and subsequently reported to the Mayor of Guemar, who recently relayed the information to an Investigating Team from this headquarters.

2. In June of the same year the subject remains was disinterred by Mr Gander and French demining workers and was identified as an American by the uniform. This information was furnished in a statement by Mr Gander.

3. Disinterment and evacuation to this headquarters was carried out on 21 August 1947. Despite an exhaustive search no identification tags or personal effects were found on or near the remains. The Investigating Team could not obtain any information which could be of aid in deciding the cause, or the circumstances and date of death.

4. Evacuation and transportation to SIP #2, Neuville-en-Condroz Belgium, was accomplished on 4 September 1947.

  
LOUIS A BOCKSTAHLER  
1st Lt Inf  
Commanding

1 Incl:  
Copy of Waybill.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE  
531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 (NANCY) US ARMY

GRW

24 September 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation on Unreported Isolated Burial (this HQ # 701).

TO : Commanding General,  
American Graves Registration Command, EA,  
APO 58, US Army.

1. Attention is invited to attached form from the 539 QM Sv Co, dtd 23 Sept 47, statement and extract of diary relative to investigation conducted on subject case.

2. Results of investigation were negative, as remains have been previously removed on the 25 August 47, and evacuated to the SIP # 2 at Margraten, Holland, under Evacuation # 3 Z - 123.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



*Roy F. Johnston*  
ROY F. JOHNSTON  
1st Lt QMC  
Ass't Adjutant

Incl: a/s

Tel : Nancy 8415  
Ext 49

#. 32-123

NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT

GRS-GZ Form No. 8

Date 21 August 1947

The below listed U.S. deceased personnel have this date been disinterred from the location as shown and have been evacuated to U.S. Military Cemetery, SIP # 2 Neuville -en-Condroz, Belgium for reburial.

<u>UNKNOWN</u> (NAME)	<u>UNK</u> (RANK)	<u>UNK</u> (AGE)	<u>Junghurst Forest, Guemar</u> <u>(Haut-Rhin) France</u> (PLACE OF DISINTERMENT) If communal cemetery show Plot, Row and Grave No, if available.
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This case is classified Unknown X-6371.

*Alvin J. Michel*  
ALVIN J. MICHEL, Col.  
 (Officer or NCO in charge of Disinterment)

539 QM Service Co (AC)  
 (Organization)

539 SERVICE COMPANY (AC) THIRD ZONE  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

23 September 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Case Local source 701

TO : Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, APO 58, US Army  
ATTN: Operations Officer

1. Transmitted herewith are results of the Investigation of Case Local Source 701 in Guemar and vicinity.

Reprted grave was evacuated before.

2. Your attention is invited to pertinent statements and transcript of the Investigator's Diary in triplicate, which are included with the basic communication.

*Louis A. Bockstahler*  
LOUIS A. BOCKSTÄHLER  
1st Lt Inf  
Commanding

Incls.:  
1 Statement  
1 Extract of diary.

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

## AREA SEARCH

. 26 Sept. 1947  
(Date)

Case Number 3Z-123  
Name Unknown Y-6371 Rank Unknown ASN Unknown  
Means of Identification None

### SECTION A — GENERAL

(To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? NO  
If so, state the following information:

a. NAME NA RANK NA ASN NA  
b. ORGANIZATION NA

2. Was partial identification established? NO If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME UNK RANK UNK ASN UNK  
b. ORGANIZATION UNK

3. Names of other deceased buried in immediate vicinity None

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

a. Date of above burials NA Common graves? NA

4. Name and type of Cemetery No cemetery  
(Military or civilian)

5. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery NA

a. Town NA Country NA

6. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains:

a. Section NA Row NA Grave NA  
b. Is sketch attached? NA

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7. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.
- a. Town JUNGHURST Forest, Guemar, HAUT-RHIN, France  
 Coordinates K 49/V 75
- b. Is sketch attached? Yes
- c. Is area mined? No
8. How is grave marked? Wooden Cross
9. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon No markings
- a. From what source was this information obtained? NA  
 (Identification Tags, Personal effects, etc.)
10. Where are the cemetery records? NA  
 (Town Hall, Cemetery, Burgomasters Office)
- a. What information was contained thereon? NA
11. What is the date of death? UNKNOWN
- a. Give basis Information not available
12. What is the cause of death? UNKNOWN
- a. Give basis Inforamtion not available
13. What is the date of burial? UNKNOWN
- a. Give basis Information not obtainable
14. What was the place of death? Presumed JUNGHURST forest, Guemar  
 Coordinates K 49/V 75
15. Where were the remains found? JUNGHURST forest, Guemar, Haut-Rhing France  
 Coordinates K 49/V 75
16. Was casket used? No Who furnished the casket? NA
17. Who made the burial? UNK  
 (Civilians, American military, German military, etc.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? NA
- b. Are certificates and statements attached? NA

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SECTION B - AIR CORPS DECEASED

(To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the A.A.F.)

- 18. Were remains found in the plane wreckage?.....
  - a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed.....  
 .....  
 (Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front side of plane)
  - Near wreckage?.....
- 19. 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 of plane.....
  - c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment:.....  
 .....
- 20. How did crash occur?.....Anti-Aircraft?.....  
 Enemy Planes?.....Collision?.....
- 21. Did plane explode in the air?.....On ground?.....
- 22. Did plane burn in the air?.....On ground?.....
- 23. What was the direction of the flight?.....
- 24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane?.....  
 .....
- 25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash?.....
- 26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with the date of death of above-named deceased?.....
- 27. Number of planes in formation prior to the crash?.....
- 28. State precise time and date of plane crash.....  
 (Night? Day?)
- 29. Were parachutists seen?..... How many?.....  
 Escaped?.....Prisoners?.....

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SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED

(To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Corps)

- 30. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?.....
  - a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed!.....  
 .....  
 (Radio man, driver, assistant driver of,..... front, side or back)
  - b. Near wreckage?.....
- 31. 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.....  
 .....
- 32. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?  
 .....
- 33. Did tank explode?.....Burn?.....
- 34. Numbers of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement?.....  
 .....
- 35. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above-named deceased?.....
- 36. Precise time and date of destruction of tank.....  
 (Night? Day?)
- 37. Did any of the crew members escape?.....Prisoners?.....

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

- 38. Did death occur from any other means? (Truck, jeep, mines, or small arms fire)..... UNK.....  
 If so, give complete and thorough results of the investigation.....  
 ..... NA.....
- a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?..... YES.....
- 39. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased.....  
 ..... SEE ATTACHED STATEMENTS.....

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SECTION E -- GENERAL

(To be completed by investigation in all cases)

40. Were personal effects recovered by the investigation team?..NO.....  
If not, state reason.....None found.....  
a. Were Identification Tags found at the time of death?..UNK.....  
Where?.....NA.....By whom?.....NA.....  
Present disposition?.....UNK.....  
b. Were personal effects found at the time of death?.....UNK.....  
Where?.....NA.....By whom?.....NA.....  
Present disposition?.....UNK.....  
c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of  
death?.....UNK.....  
d. Did cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot?..NO.....  
41. Was deceased given first aid?..UNK.....If so, where?..NA.....  
By whom?.....NA.....Are statements from the medical  
people attached?.....NA.....  
42. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital?..UNK.....  
Where?.....NA.....Names of people concerned.....NA.....  
.....  
43. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources  
a physical description of the deceased?.....No.....  
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources  
the condition of the remains?.....Badly decomposed.....  
(Burnt, decapitated, etc.)  
45. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity  
case?.....NO.....  
a. If so, give basis for positive assumption.....NA.....  
.....  
b. If so, has higher Headquarters been notified?.....NA.....  
7 46. Was case previously investigated?..UNK..By whom?.....NA.....  
.....When?.....NA.....

47. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed: Mr. Paul RASSER, Secretary of Mairie, Guemar(Haut-Rhin) France  
 .. Mr. Georges GANDER, Forest-guard. Guemar  
 .....  
 .....
48. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached?..... Yes
49. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity?..... No
50. Was investigation preceded by advance publicity?..... Yes  
 (If special investigation, give case number)..... NA
51. Give brief narrative..... SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE  
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Koumnon Piranian  
 KOUMNON PIRANIAN  
 (Signature of Interpreter)

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 KOUMNON PIRANIAN  
 (Signature of Investigator)

French Indigenous Civilian  
 Rank ASN  
539 QM Sv Co (AC) 3rd Zone  
 (Organization)

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 Rank ASN  
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 (Organization)

NARRATIVE

Mr. Georges GANDER, forester-guard, upon resuming his duty after returning from evacuation, found the grave of an unknown soldier in the Eastern part of the Guemar Forest, on 14 Feb. 1945. The grave was opened in presence of members of the Gaining unit and the remains were shown as being dressed in American uniform.

Upon disinterment, no identification tags or documents were found on the remains, in spite of a extensive search.

No one could give any information regarding the cause, circumstances or date of the death. No one had any knowledge of the presence of the grave before its discovery

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VILLE DE GUÉMAR



ARRONDISSEMENT de RIBEAUVILLÉ (HAUT-RHIN)

Je soussigné Paul Desser, secrétaire de la mairie déclare qu'il y a une tombe de jours ~~de~~ M. Sander Georges et son nous se trouvait la présence d'une tombe dans la forêt de LUNGHURST.

Cependant lui en présence ou représenté au service de sépulture américain nous avons ouvert la tombe et nous avons retiré un corps sans l'uniforme qu'il portait c'était un américain le corps a été ramené par le dit service contre nous et son certificat d'exhumation. Je en faire affirmé s'il s'agit du soldat Moeller Philip la plaque d'identité militaire n'est pas fait trouvé.



*Paul Desser*

Evac. # 3Z-123

Case # 669

FRENCH REPUBLIC

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TOWN OF GUEMAR

-  
District of Ribeauville  
(Haut Rhin)

Guemar, 21 August 1947

I, the undersigned, Paul Rosser, a secretary for the Town Hall, state that approximately 10 days ago Mr. Gauder Georges came to notify us of a grave in the woods of Junghurst.

To-day in the presence of a representative of the American Graves Registration we opened the grave and dugged out a body which was identified as being an American soldier's owing to the uniform it was wearing. The body was taken away by the said organization upon presentation of a certificate of disinterment. I cannot state whether it was the body of the American soldier Miller Philip since the identification tags could not be found.

/s/ Rosser

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

*Jean P. Diter*  
JEAN P. DITER  
French civilian  
Translator.

Jeune de St. August 47

## Déclaration

Je soussigné Georges Gaudet, garde forestier de la forêt privée JUNGHURST déclare par une mon retour après évacuation à mon service par ~~un~~ découverte une tombe dans la forêt Est de la forêt, au coin, à la date du 14 février 1945. Quelque mois plus tard au mois de juin de la même année en présence de service de déminage français nous avons ouvert la tombe et d'après l'uniforme par lequel portait le corps, il s'agissait d'un militaire américain. La déclaration de la découverte de cette tombe j'en ai fait à l'époque au troupier américain commandant chez moi et j'ai ainsi que au garde champêtre. Je ne sais par qui a été enterré le corps. Moi-même j'en ai marqué la place par une croix de bois.

Georges Gaudet.

Case # 669

Guemar, 31 August 1947

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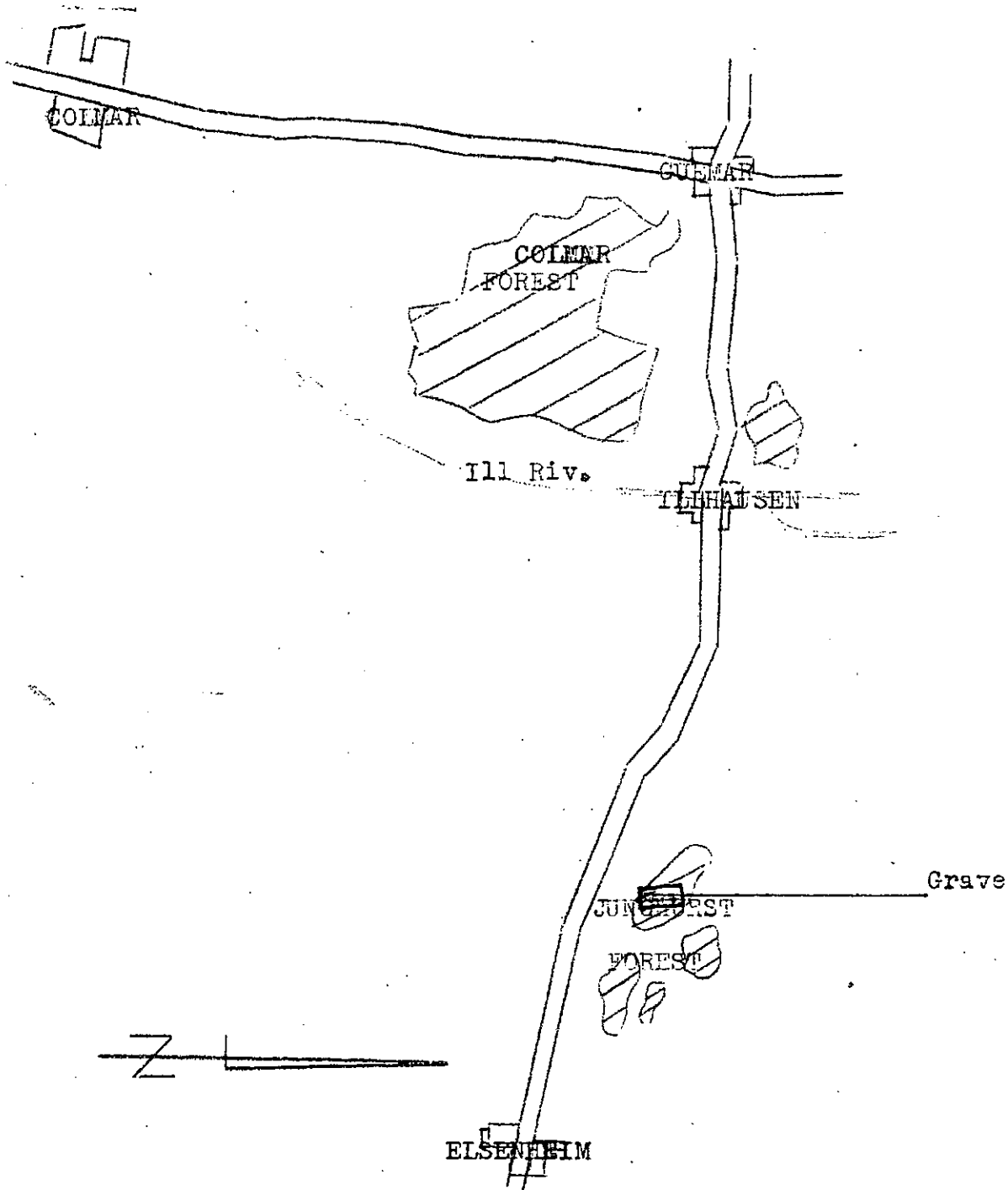
I, the undersigned, Georges Gauder, a forester guard for the Private forest called Junghurst state that upon returning to my duty after being evacuated I found a grave in the Eastern corner of the forest on the 14th of February 1945. A few months later, in the month of June of the same year, and in the presence of the French Demining Service, we opened the grave and owing to the uniform it was wearing the body was that of an American soldier. I had informed the American troops of my discovery while they were stationed at my home, and also the town-keeper. I do not know who buried this body. I had marked the place with a wooden cross.

/s/ Gauder Georges

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

*Jean P. Diter*  
JEAN P. DITER  
French Civilian  
Translator.





Case # 701

(Haut-Rhin)

18 September 1947

D I A R Y - E X T R A C T

Left Strasbourg 0845;Hours.  
Arrived Guemar 1000;hours.

Contacted the Secretary of the Mayor about case 701. The grave of an American soldier was found in the territory of the Commune and reported to the Headquarters by a letter dated 18 August 1947. The Secretary told us that the body has been removed by the American Authorities. In the Town-Hall we found the notice of disinterment left by Cpl Alvin Michel. The body has been sent to the cemetery of Neuville en Condroz.

Left Guemar 1145:hours.

Certified a true copy of  
Mr. Correard's diary.

*Louis A. Bockstahler*  
Louis A. Bockstahler  
1st. Lt.                      Inf.

des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre

HG, 111

du Haut-Rhin

13, Rue Edouard Béné, 13

COLMAR

Téléphone 21 01

COLMAR, le 10 SEPT 1947

701

Le DIRECTEUR DÉPARTEMENTAL

à Monsieur le Capitaine

A. BINON

" French Liaison Offices "

Hq. Sect. III E.F.

A.G.R.Cd. APO. 164 U.S.A.

Hôtel Excelsior

à NANCY

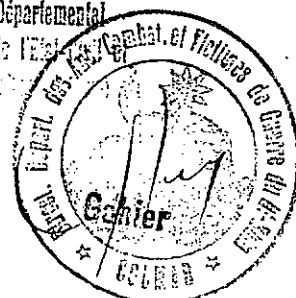
(Meurthe et Moselle)

n° 4455 DD/ECK

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire parvenir copie d'une lettre du Maire de GUBELAR (Haut-Rhin) signalant la découverte d'une sépulture Américaine sur le territoire de sa commune.

Veillez agréer, mon Capitaine, l'assurance de mes sentiments distingués.

Pour le Directeur Départemental  
Le Chef de Secteur de l'Etat  
des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de Guerre



VILLE DE GUELLAR

-:-:-:-

Arrondissement

de

RIBEAUVILLE

(Haut-Rhin)

n° 1093

GUELLAR, le 18 AOUT 1947

à Monsieur le Commandant  
de la Place de  
COLLAR

COPIE

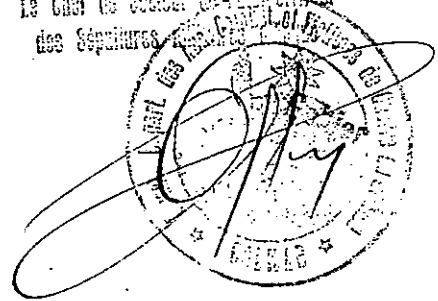
J'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaître que nous avons de nouveau constaté une tombe d'un soldat Américain sur le territoire de notre commune auprès de la maison Forestière JUNGHURST.

Le Maire :  
Signé: Illisible.

Four copie conforme :

COLLAR, le 10 SEPT 1947

Pour le Directeur Départemental  
Le Chef de Service de l'Etat civil et  
des sépultures



Case # 701

(Haut-Rhin)

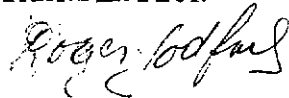
Town-Hall  
of  
GUEMAR  
Ribeauville District  
Haut-Rhin Department.

Guemar, 18 August 1947

I beg to inform you that we have found the grave of  
an American soldier in the territory of our Commune near the "Mai-  
son Forestiere Junghurst.

The Mayor:  
/s/ Illegible

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION



ROGER GODFARD  
FRENCH CIVILIAN  
TRANSLATOR

Je soussigné Paul Rosses, secrétaire  
de mairie de la commune de Guémenat  
déclare que le corps du soldat américain  
se trouvant dans la forêt de la commune  
de Guémenat a été exhumé par le Service  
américain vers le 25 août 1947 près  
de la maison Fungbours ou il a été  
enterré.

Guémenat le 18 Sept. 1947

Rosses



Case # 701

(Haut-Rhin)

S T A T E M E N T


I, the undersigned Paul Rosser Secretary of the Mayor of the Commune of Guemar declare that the American soldier buried near the "Maison Forestiere Junghurst" has been evacuated by the American Authorities toward the 25 August 1947.

Guemar 18 September 1947.

Mayor's seal

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/s/ Paul Rosser.

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION

  
ROGER GODFARD  
FRENCH CIVILIAN  
TRANSLATOR

**AIRMAIL**

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1st Ind

GRS European

~~(Newville) Belgium~~

SUBJECT: ~~Certificates of Unidentifiability of Remains~~  
Transmittal Letter #4739

Department of the Army, TAG, Washington 25, D. C. 8 February 1950

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

1. This Office approves the classification of the Unknowns listed  
in basic communication as Unidentifiable, with the following exceptions:

US Military Cemetery HIEVILLE-EN-COMEROZ, Belgium

X-4642	Plot T	Row 12	Grave 293	(Reprocessing Report not rec'd)
X-8208-A	Plot G	Row 6	Grave 144	(B/R not rec'd.)
X-8208-B	Plot G	Row 12	Grave 278	(B/R not rec'd.)

2. The Unknowns listed above will be the subject of a separate communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

13 Incls  
w/a

T. H. HOFF  
Lt. Colonel, TAG  
Memorial Division

Cy furnished: Adm Sec  
ror/Farmer  
REB

295 - 11/11/50  
7-63911 (Newville)

JIM  
TEK

**AIRMAIL**



HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 757 US ARMY

RRE 293

24 January 1950  
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 6371, Plot BB, Row 5, Grave 122, 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 2512, dated 20-10-47.

3. Remarks :

See Case History attached.

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review :

Col. H. P. HENRY, O-12589 QMC

*E. D. Mulvanity*  
Lt Col. E. D. MULVANY, O-359598 QMC

*Edward F. Pace, Jr.*  
Capt. Edward F. PACE, Jr., O-1588236 QMC

1st Lt. Gaylord E. LUTZ, O-1595665 QMC

*Leodore Gaudreau*  
CWO Leodore GOUDREAU, W-2113434 USA

Received 4939-26 Jan  
Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available OQMG  
*7/2/50*

Incl #8

Case History

UNKNOWN NO. X-637I

U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY

Neuville-en-Condroz.

(Location)

1. The remains of X-637I were originally recovered from an isolated grave in the Junghurst forest, Guemer, Haut-Rhin, France.
2. The clothing found on the remains of X-637I indicates that these remains were a ground force casualty.
3. Markings (S-I432, G-2978, G-689I) found with the remains of X-637I have been checked in the World Casualty Book with negative results.
4. The tooth chart for the remains of X-637I has been compared with the form 37I's available for unresolved casualties associated with this area with negative results.
5. Therefore, due to the lack of Individual Identity clues for the remains of X-637I it is recommended that these remains be declared Unidentifiable.

*ajg*

<b>1</b>	USMC Neuville en Condroz Plot: C Row: Gr: 30 Date of Burial: 21 Apr 50 Verified by GRS Officer M.R. Swart, Capt QMC					
	SECTION A <i>M.R. Swart</i> NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED			DIRECTIVE NUMBER <b>1260 02586</b>		DATE <b>15 08 48</b> DAY MONTH YEAR
NAME <b>UNKNOWNX-006371</b>		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
CEMETERY <b>NEUVILLE BELGIUM</b>		PLLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS	
		<b>BB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>80</b>
					CODE	DIST. CTR.
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN						NO FLAG SENT
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <b>NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM</b>			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <b>(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)</b> These remains are unidentifiable and are to be permanently interred. (Hq. AGRC-26 Jan 50)			
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION						
NAME <b>UNKNOWN</b>		SERIAL NUMBER <b>X-006371</b>	GRADE <b>UNK.</b>	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED <b>1-DEC-48</b>	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <b>EMB.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER <b>EMB.</b>		ORGANIZATION <b>UNKNOWN</b>	RELIGION <b>UNK.</b>	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY <b>EDWARD E STOUT</b> <b>1/LT CE.</b> NAME AND TITLE		
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT						
NATURE OF BURIAL <b>CLOTHING</b>		CONDITION OF REMAINS <b>CONSISTS OF SKULL &amp; MANDIBLE R/L SCAPULA 12" R/HUMERUS L, RADIUS &amp; FRACTURED R/ULNA FRACTURED R/ILIUM 3" R/FEMUR SKELETAL FORM.</b>				
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION <b>REPORT OF BURIAL</b>						
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies) <b>NONE</b>		<b>RECORDS ANNOTATED</b> DATE <i>7 June '50</i> NAME <i>R. J. Johns</i> <i>Repat. BR. MEM. DIV.</i>				
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN <del>CASKET</del> <b>XXXXX TRANSFER BOX</b>						
DATE <b>12-JAN-49</b>		BY <b>THOMAS T HATCHER EMBALMER.</b>				
CASKET SEALED BY <b>HENRY F PERGANDE</b>		EMBALMER (Signature) <b>HENRY F PERGANDE EMBALMER</b>				
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED <b>13-JAN-49 HOWARD B FREEMAN.</b>		DATE <b>13-JAN-49</b> BY <b>IDENT TECH.</b>				
		MARKINGS VERIFIED BY <b>ROGER E LEWIS CAPT CAV.</b>				
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations/were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. <b>EXCEPT CASKETING</b>						
<b>JAMES M FORESTER 1/LT QMC</b> 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 G. Johnson, 1st Lt, Inf*

*Mc 26*

# TOOTH CHART

11 Sept. 1947  
 Date

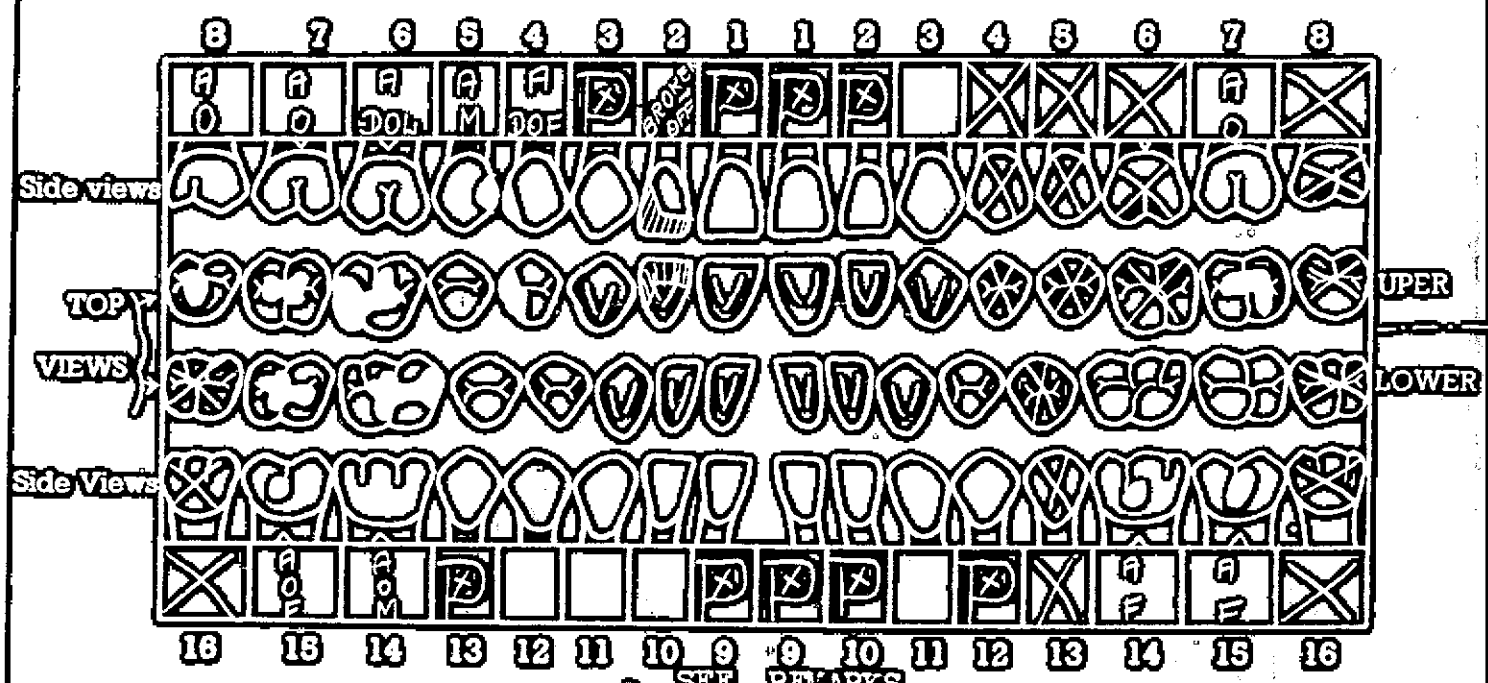
Unknown X-6371      Unknown      Unknown  
 Last Name      First      Initial      Rank      A.C.F.      Serial No.

BTB-8 Junghurst Forest,      Unknown      Unknown  
 Place of Death      Date of Death      Cause of Death

Guemar, France.

Right

Left



SEE REPAIRS

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.

*Louise De Shaw M.D.*  
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

*Ernest Caddy*  
 Verified by G.I.R.S. Officer  
 BTB-8 M. C. CADDY  
 C/O 1st ID USA A.C.F.



**MISSING TEETH...** All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X"ed 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**

**P** = Posthumously missing

Spaces: I-3-7, 25mm; I-12-14, est. 5mm.

Teeth are medium size and in good alignment. Color is a clean white ivory.

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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 - 6371  
 Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium  
 Plot BB Row 5 Grave 122

1. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Date Processed: 4 Sept. 1947.  
(Hour) (Date)
2. Place of death BTB.: Junghurst Forest, Guemar, France  
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)  
K-49/V-75  
(Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 539th QM Serv. Co. (AC)  
(Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point # 2 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	<u>One (1) steel helmet</u> <small>(Type)</small>	<u>marked "S-1432"</u>	<u>and helmet liner</u> <u>marked "G-2978"</u>
Raincoat	<u>none</u>		
Overcoat	<u>none</u>		
Jacket, Field	<u>Remnants of (1943)</u>		
Jacket, Combat	<u>none</u>		
Mackinaw	<u>none</u>		
Sweater	<u>none</u>		
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> Jacket, HBT	<u>Shirt,</u>	<u>Remnants of khaki</u>	
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>Remnants of,</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>none</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>Remnants of,</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>none</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>Remnants of,</u>		

Belt, web none  
Drawers, wool none  
Drawers, cotton none  
Leggings, wool none  
Socks, cotton none  
\* Shoes Remnants of one (1) (type) Combat

Overshoes none  
Web Equipment Remnants of (type) one (1) Infantry cartridge belt marked ("G-689" three (3) times.)  
(Other item) Remnants of one (1) Olympic glove, size 9". Knit OD hat.  
(Other item) Remnants of camouflage net; Remnants of wool.

\* 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?  
A.G.F.

6. Description of Remains: Radius 25,7  
Age Utd Est. Height 6'2" Weight Utd Description of wounds Utd

Bandages or dressings None 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 Tooth Chart**  
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw **Utd** Circumference of head in inches **21½" est.**  
(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 **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 **Utd**  
(Nose, arms, legs, etc.)

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

**See attached chart.**



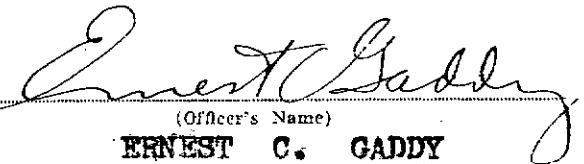
7. Have finger prints been placed on Report of Interment? No  
(Yes-no)

If not, explain fingers missing

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

9. Remarks Remains received in a skeleton form wrapped in a mattress cover. No clothing markings found. Clothing found in debris. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 6 lbs. Fluoroscopic Examination: Negative. Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination. Processing revealed no positive identifying 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)

**NOTE:** Upon comparison of the case papers and the evidence found on processing cases 37-123 and 33-124, it is believed that the numbers on the burial boxes, E.M. T. Tags and case papers have been transposed.

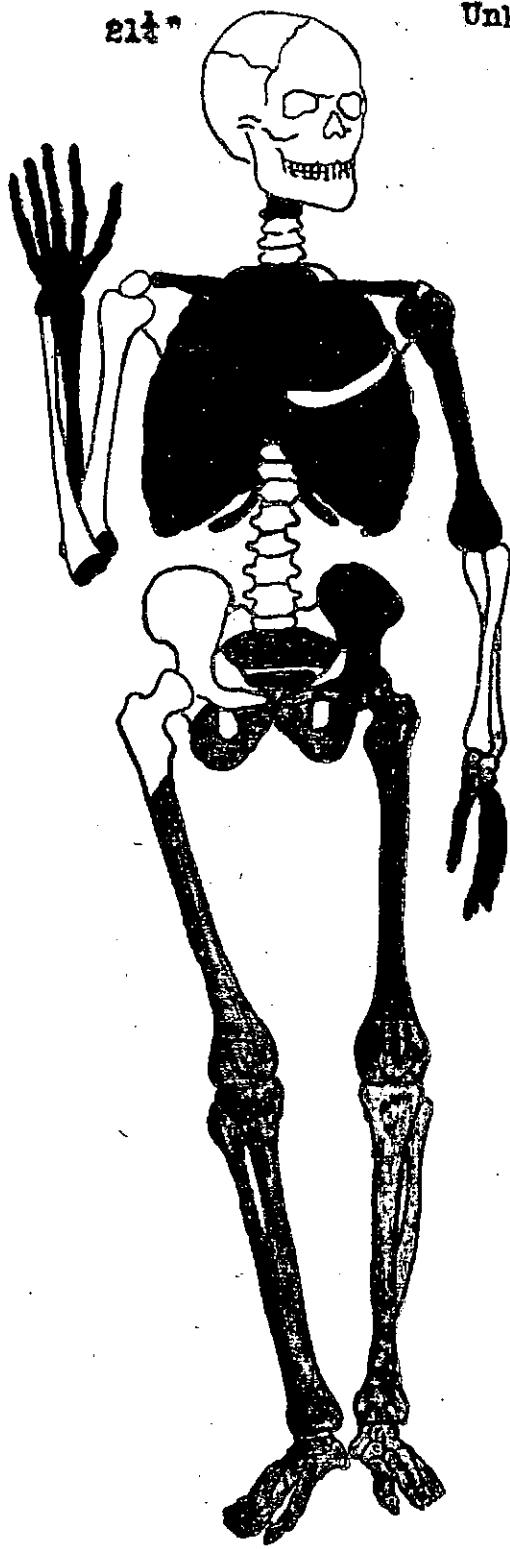
3Z-123  
Case No. 669  
Cemetery Neuville en  
Condroz, Belgium  
Plot BB, Row 5, Grave, 122

# SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

21 1/2"

Unknown X-6371



Radius 27,5

Est. Height: 6'2"

CASUALTY  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**AREA SEARCH**

26 Sept. 1947  
(Date)

Case Number 32-123  
Name Unknown X-6371 Rank Unknown ASN Unknown  
Means of Identification None

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

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? NO  
If so, state the following information:  
a. NAME NA RANK NA ASN NA  
b. ORGANIZATION NA
2. Was partial identification established? IC If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:  
a. NAME UNK RANK UNK ASN UNK  
b. ORGANIZATION UNK
3. Names of other deceased buried in immediate vicinity None  
(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)  
a. Date of above burials NA Common graves? NA
4. Name and type of Cemetery No cemetery  
(Military or civilian)
5. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery NA  
a. Town NA Country NA
6. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains:  
a. Section NA Row NA Grave NA  
b. Is sketch attached? NA

7. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.
- a. Town JUNGHURST Forest, Guemar, HAUT-RHIN, France  
 Coordinates R 49/V 75
- b. Is sketch attached? Yes
- c. Is area mined? No
8. How is grave marked? Wooden Cross
9. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon No markings
- a. From what source was this information obtained? NA  
 (Identification Tags, Personal effects, etc.)
10. Where are the cemetery records? NA  
 (Town Hall, Cemetery, Burgomasters Office)
- a. What information was contained thereon? NA
11. What is the date of death? UNKNOWN
- a. Give basis Information not available
12. What is the cause of death? UNKNOWN
- a. Give basis Information not available
13. What is the date of burial? UNKNOWN
- a. Give basis Information not obtainable
14. What was the place of death? Presumed JUNGHURST Forest, Guemar  
 Coordinates R 49/V 75
15. Where were the remains found? JUNGHURST forest, Guemar, Haut-Rhin France  
 Coordinates R 49/V 75
16. Was casket used? No Who furnished the casket? NA
17. Who made the burial? UNK  
 (Civilians, American military, German military, etc.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? NA
- b. Are certificates and statements attached? NA

SECTION B -- AIR CORPS DECEASED

(To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the A.A.F.)

- 18. Were remains found in the plane wreckage?.....
  - a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed.....  
.....  
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front side of plane)  
Near wreckage?.....
- 19. 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 of plane.....
  - c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment:.....  
.....
- 20. How did crash occur?.....Anti-Aircraft?.....  
.....Energy Planes?.....Collision?.....
- 21. Did plane explode in the air?.....On ground?.....
- 22. Did plane burn in the air?.....On ground?.....
- 23. What was the direction of the flight?.....
- 24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane?.....  
.....
- 25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash?.....
- 26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with the date of death of above-named deceased?.....
- 27. Number of planes in formation prior to the crash?.....
- 28. State precise time and date of plane crash.....  
(Night? Day?)
- 29. Were parachutists seen?..... How many?.....  
Escaped?.....Prisoners?.....

NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION C -- ARMORED CORPS DECEASED

(To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Corps)

- 30. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?.....
  - a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed:.....  
 .....  
 (Radio man, driver, assistant driver of..... front, side or back)
  - b. Near wreckage?.....
- 31. 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.....  
 .....
- 32. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?  
 .....
- 33. Did tank explode?.....Burn?.....
- 34. Numbers of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement?.....  
 .....
- 35. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above-named deceased?.....
- 36. Precise time and date of destruction of tank.....  
 (Night? Day?)
- 37. Did any of the crew members escape?.....Prisoners?.....

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

- 38. Did death occur from any other means? (Truck, jeep, mines, or small arms fire).....  
 If so, give complete and thorough results of the investigation.....  
 .....  
 a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?.....  
 .....  
 39. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased.....  
 .....

~~SEE ATTACHED SERIALS~~

SECTION E -- GENERAL

(To be completed by investigation in all cases)

40. Were personal effects recovered by the investigation team? **NO**  
If not, state reason. **None found**  
a. Were Identification Tags found at the time of death? **UNK**  
Where? **NA** By whom? **NA**  
Present disposition? **UNK**  
b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? **UNK**  
Where? **NA** By whom? **NA**  
Present disposition? **UNK**  
c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? **UNK**  
d. Did cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? **NO**
41. Was deceased given first aid? **UNK** If so, where? **NA**  
By whom? **NA** Are statements from the medical people attached? **NA**
42. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? **UNK**  
Where? **NA** Names of people concerned. **NA**
43. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? **No**
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? **Badly decomposed**  
(Burnt, decapitated, etc.)
45. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? **NO**  
If so, give basis for positive assumption. **NA**  
b. If so, has higher Headquarters been notified? **NA**
46. Was case previously investigated? **UNK** By whom? **NA**  
When? **NA**

47. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed: Mr. Paul BASSER, Secretary of Mairie, Guemar (Haut-Rhin) France  
Mr. Georges GANDER, Forest-guard, Guemar  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 48. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached?..... Yes  
 49. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity?..... No  
 50. Was investigation preceded by advance publicity?..... Yes  
 (If special investigation, give case number)..... NA  
 51. Give brief narrative..... SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....

*Kourkon Piranian*

KOURKON PIRANIAN  
 (Signature of Interpreter)

French Indigenous Civilian  
 Rank ASN

539 QM Sv Co (AC) 3rd Zone  
 (Organization)

*Kourkon Piranian*

KOURKON PIRANIAN  
 (Signature of Investigator)

French Indigenous Civilian  
 Rank ASN

539 QM Sv Co (AC) 3rd Zone  
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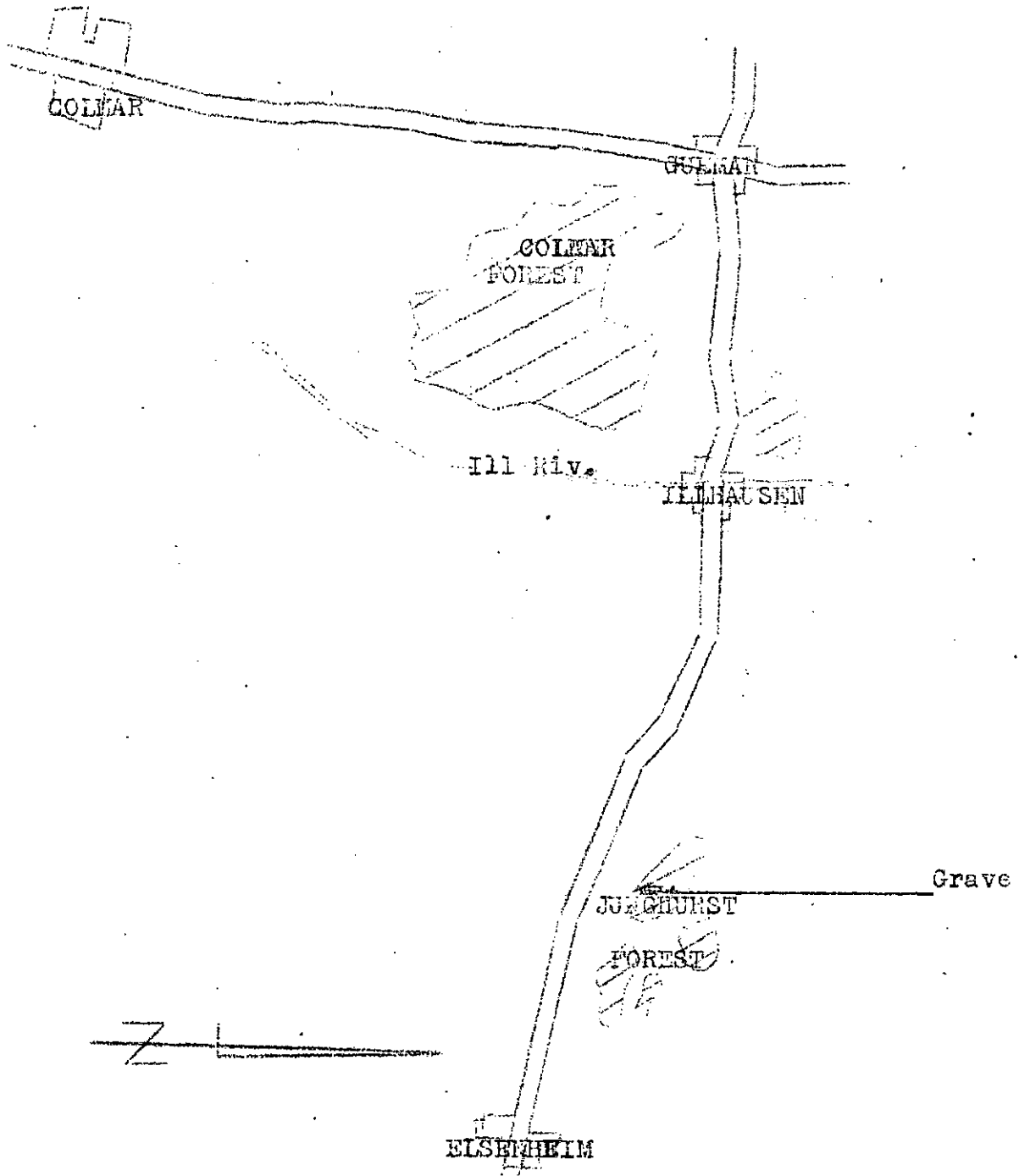
NARRATIVE

Mr. Georges GANDER, Forester-guard, upon resuming his duty after returning from evacuation, found the grave of an unknown soldier in the Eastern part of the Guemar Forest, on 14 Feb. 1945. The grave was opened in presence of members of the demining unit and the remains were shown as being dressed in American uniform.

Upon disinterment, no identification tags or documents were found on the remains, in spite of a extensive search.

No one could give any information regarding the cause, circumstances or date of the death. No one had any knowledge of the presence of the grave before its discovery





Evac. # 32-123

Case # 669

FRENCH REPUBLIC

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TOWN OF GUENAR

-  
District of Ribeauville  
(Haut Rhin)

Guemar, 21 August 1947

I, the undersigned, Paul Rosser, a secretary for the Town Hall, state that approximately 10 days ago Mr. Gauder Georges came to notify us of a grave in the woods of Junghurst.

To-day in the presence of a representative of the American Graves Registration we opened the grave and dugged out a body which was identified as being an American soldier's owing to the uniform it was wearing. The body was taken away by the said organization upon presentation of a certificate of disinterment. I cannot state whether it was the body of the American soldier Miller Philip since the identification tags could not be found.

/s/ Rosser

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

*Jean P. Diter*  
JEAN P. DITER  
French civilian  
Translator.

Case # 669

Guemar, 31 August 1947

S T A T E M E N T

I, the undersigned, Georges Gauder, a forester guard for the Private forest called Jungharst state that upon returning to my duty after being evacuated I found a grave in the Eastern corner of the forest on the 14th of February 1945. A few months later, in the month of June of the same year, and in the presence of the French Demining Service, we opened the grave and owing to the uniform it was wearing the body was that of an American soldier. I had informed the American troops of my discovery while they were stationed at my home, and also the town-keeper. I do not know who buried this body. I had marked the place with a wooden cross.

/s/ Grandeur Georges

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

*Jean P. Diter*  
JEAN P. DITER  
French Civilian  
Translator.

Graves Registration  
Form No. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

# REPORT OF BURIAL

15 Sept. 1947

Unknown X- 6371

Unknown

Unknown

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

Unknown

Unknown

AGF

BTB: Junghurst

Unit

Organization

Forest, Guemar, France

Place of Death

Unknown

Unknown

1500 17 Sept. 1947

USMC, Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (VK 390187)

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name for Coordinates of Location

122

5

BB

Temp. Wooden Cross

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags : Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on

Deceased's Right

X- 6370  
Name

Unknown  
Serial No.

Unknown  
Rank

Unknown  
Organization

121  
Grave No.

Deceased's Left

X- 6372  
Name

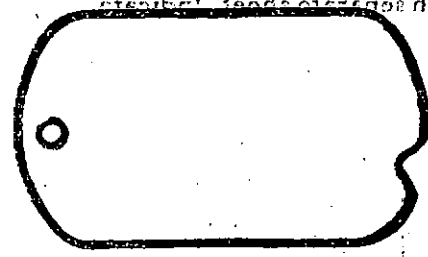
Unknown  
Serial No.

Unknown  
Rank

Unknown  
Organization

123  
Grave No.

Signature, Name, Rank and possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial:



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee: Unknown

Name: Unknown

Address: Unknown

Religion: Unknown

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

None

*Carlyle D. Johnson Jr.*  
CARLYLE D. JOHNSON Jr.  
USWD Civ CIP

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial:

*Ivor J. Fosmo*  
IVOR J. FOSMO  
2nd Lt Inf CIP

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

**IF A DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED**

**Take Fingerprints of Both Hands.** If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

- Height :
- Weight :
- Color of Eyes :
- Color of Hair :
- Race :
- Laundry Marks :
- Number of Rifle :
- Wear Glasses ?
- Is Tooth Chart Attached ?

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

SEE CHECK LIST

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.

SEE CHECK LIST

Left Hand

4

3

2

1

Thumb

Right Hand

4

3

2

1

Thumb

**TOOTH CHART**

Deceased's Right	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper																
Lower																

Indicate missing natural teeth by X ; crowns by O ; fillings by □ ; Bridges by C linking anchor teeth ; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics

Other Data

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.



Previously buried in Junghurst Forest in Cuemar, (Haut-Rhin)

Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave \_\_\_\_\_ France