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(Neuvilles) Belgium

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SUBJECT: Certificates of Unidentifiability of Remains
Transmittal Letter #4675

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, OCMG, 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:

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w/d

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

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

RRE 293

893 unk Neville C/L # 4720
3 January 1950 (Date)

793 unk Belgium (Neville) X-7473

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 7473, Plot JJ, Row 2, Grave 49, USMC NEVILLE, 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. 2937, dated 30-7-48.

3. Remarks:

CANCELLED
95 Cancelled
1 Mar 51
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

See Case History attached.

Received 4675 5 Jan 50 OQMG
Not available from
documentation presently
available. *JLR 11 Jan 50*

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

- [Signature]* Col. H. P. HENRY, O-12589 QMC
- Lt. Col. E. D. MULVANY, O-359598 QMC
- 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 GERR, W-2102925 USA
- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
[Signature] CWO LEODORE GOUDREAU, W-2113434

Incl #4

UNKNOWN NO X-7473

U.S. Military Cemetery Neuville

CASE HISTORY

Remains of X-7473 were disinterred from the Eastern Cemetery at Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

Physical and dental records of all casualties (United States Forces) known to have died in the territory embraced by Map-Sheet K-52, which includes the area of Gelsenkirchen, have been accumulated and these records have been compared with dental and physical records (recorded on skeletal and tooth charts) for all cases representing unknown decedents recovered from the area here mentioned. It was impossible to obtain a tooth chart for these remains as only portions of the parietal bone remained of the skull. The height is given as approximately 5'10 3/4", however, that evidence is not sufficient to sustain an identification when there is a lack of supporting evidence.

Records of interments in the Gelsenkirchen Cemetery were seriously maladjusted according to information uncovered during the investigation of remains interred there, therefore clues (recorded grave location) that were originally thought to be authentic had to be eliminated as evidence and further complicated the possibility of establishing group burials.

In view of the negative result of the investigation referred to above, it is recommended that this case be declared UNIDENTIFIABLE.

T. J. MURPHY

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USMC Neuville en Condroz
Plot: C Row: 13 : 33
Date of Burial: 4 May 50
Verified by GRS Officer
M.P. Swart, Capt QMC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

243 Unk Neuville C/L# 4720
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 09660
DATE 15 10 48

SECTION A NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	NAME UNKNOWN	SERIAL NUMBER X-007473	GRADE	ARM Q	DAY 0	MONTH 0	YEAR 6
CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM	PLOT JJ	ROW 2	GRAVE 49	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 (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION) These remains are unidentifiable and are to be permanently interred. (Hq. AGRC-9 Jan 50)
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME UNKNOWN	SERIAL NUMBER X-007473	GRADE UNK	DATE OF DEATH 7 DEC 48
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS R.O.B. <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER EMB	ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN	RELIGION UNK	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY A.C. BECK, 1/LT INF NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL MATTRESS COVER	CONDITION OF REMAINS PARTS PRESENT: FRAGMENT OF SKULL, R/UINA DISTAL END 1/2 R/REMUR, R/TIBIA TIBULA, CALCANEUS TALUS OF R/FOOT.
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION REPORT OF BURIAL UNK X-7473 IT 1798.	

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

NONE
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ TRANSFER BOX: CLARENCE R. JOLKINS, EMBALMER

DATE 6 JAN 49	BY GEORGE R REED	EMBALMER (Signature) GEORGE R REED, LIC. EMBALMER
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DATE 8 FEB 49	BY D. I. GREGORY CLERK RECORDER	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY TAGS, MARKINGS, PLATES VERIFIED BY: ROGER E LEWIS, CAPT. CAV.
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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 J. LOCHHEAD, 1ST LT CAV
SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

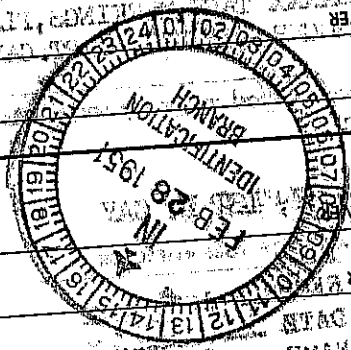
REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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 G. Johnson 1ST LT INF
BR. MEM. DIV.
3864

QMC FORM REV 11 FEB 48 1194

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER		DATE		SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER		DATE	
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FROM		TO		TO		DATE	
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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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213unk Newville C/L# 4720

SECTION A NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1.250 02500	DATE 13 10 40		
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWN - 007473	GRADE	ARM 0	RACE 0	RELIGION 0
CEMETERY NEWVILLE BELGIUM	PLOT JJ	ROW 2	GRAVE 48	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1.204 80 CODE DIST. CTR.	

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

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION				
NAME	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
CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

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

E.O.# 3460 PRIORITY

IDENTIFICATION DATA

C/I # 4720

1. Remains of Unknown

2. Date of report

UNKNOWN X-7473

27 NOV.1950

3. Name of Cemetery

4. Plot

5. Row

6. Grave

7. Date of:

C/I 4720

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USMC NEUVILLE (POC)

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8. Est. Weight

9. Est. Height

10. Color of Hair

11. Race

////// N-O-T A-P-P-L-I-C-A-B-L-E ////

12. Give Description of any official identification found with remains

EMBOSSD PLATE RECEIVED PINNED TO BLANKET CONTAINING REMAINS

13. Give description of tatoos or scars on body and/or such information obtained from other sources

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14. Was body burned?

To what extent.

Yes No

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15. Was body mangled?

To what extent.

Yes No

16. Describe evidence of healed fractures and bone malformations.

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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).

THIS CASE ELIMINATED THROUGH CONSOLIDATION AND C.I.L.

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FILE

RECORDS ANNOTATED

DATE

NAME

TR. MEM. DIV.

GPO-0-47-754879

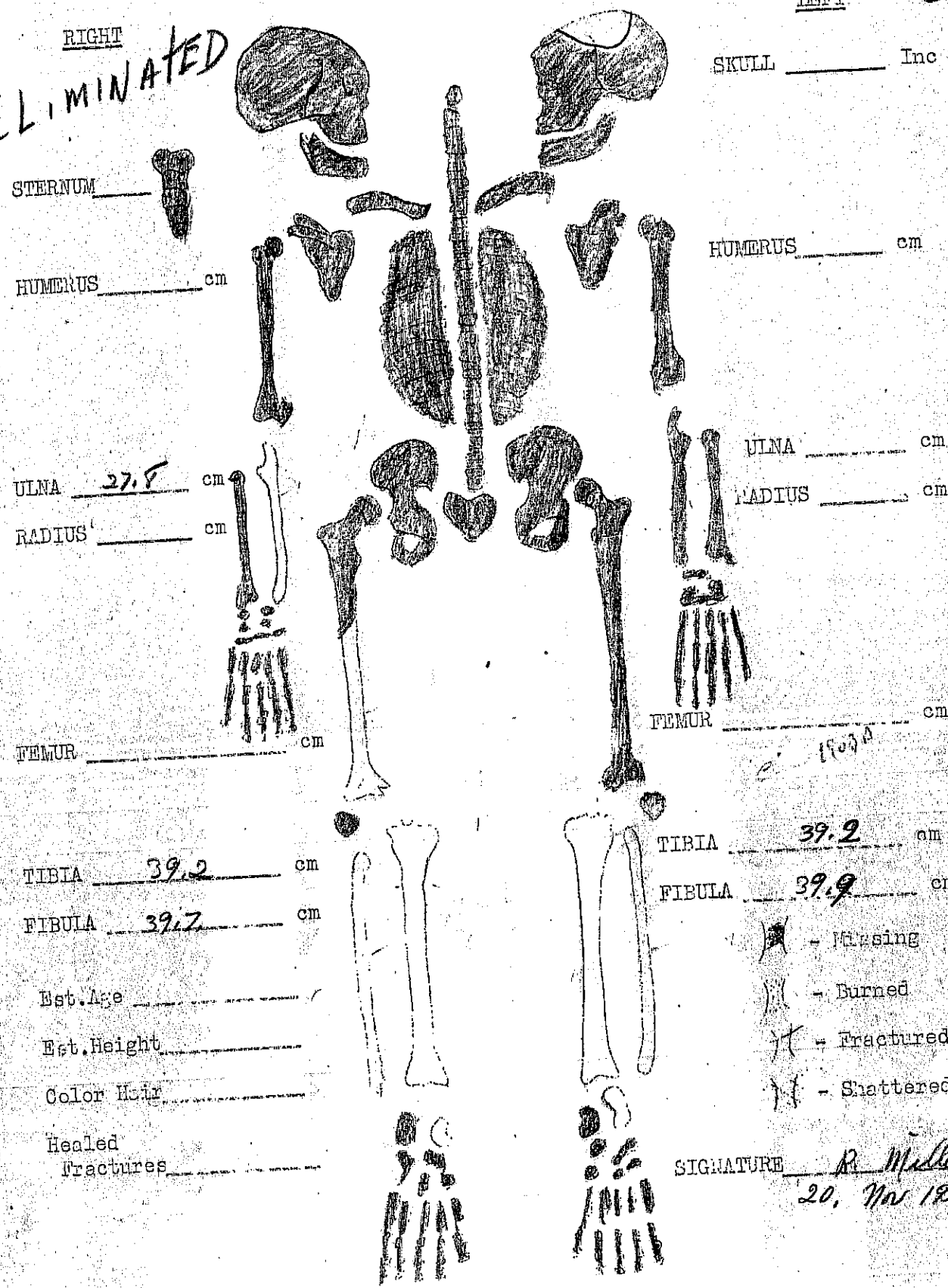
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CHART "A-1" (BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

X7473
NEUVILLE
C-13-33
LEFT POC

RIGHT
ELIMINATED



SKULL _____ Inc

STERNUM _____

HUMERUS _____ cm

ULNA 27.8 cm

RADIUS _____ cm

FEMUR _____ cm

TIBIA 39.2 cm

FIBULA 39.7 cm

Est. Age _____

Est. Height _____

Color Hair _____

Healed Fractures _____

HUMERUS _____ cm

ULNA _____ cm

RADIUS _____ cm

FEMUR _____ cm

TIBIA 39.2 cm

FIBULA 39.7 cm

★ - Missing

○ - Burned

✕ - Fractured

□ - Shattered

SIGNATURE R. Miller

20, Nov 1950.

BEFORE CONSOLIDATION.

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

943-unk Newville C/L# 4780 *ms*

Unknown X X-7473
 Cemetery Newville on Condron Belgium
 Plot 55 Row 2 Grave 19

1. Date processed June 23, 1948
 Arrived at cemetery June 23, 1948
(Hour) (Date)

2. Place of death Unknown
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

X-52/A-12
(Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by reprocessed by I.S. First Zone
(Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by _____
(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	None <small>(Type)</small>		
Raincoat	None		
Overcoat	None		
Jacket, Field	None		
Jacket, Combat	None		
Mackinaw	None		
Sweater	None		
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, cotton None
 * Shoes None (type)
 Overshoes None
 Web Equipment None (type)
 (Other item) None

(Other item) Remnants of electrically heated flying suit
 * 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? None **A.A.F.**

6. Description of Remains: R. Ulna 27.9
 R. Tibia 39.2
 R. Fibula 39.8

Age UFD Height 5'10 3/4" Weight UFD Description of wounds UFD
 Bandages or dressings None Scars UFD
 (Length, width, location)

Tattoos
 (Number, location — illustrate on separate page)

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

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face UFD

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

Build UFD
 (Large, fat, thin, muscular)

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

Hair UFD
 (Baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

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

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

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

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

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

Teeth **NONE FOUND**
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw **UD** Circumference of head in inches **FRACTURED - MISSING**
(Large, small, normal) (hat band)

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

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

Hands **UD**

Fingers **Missing and/or too deformed**
(Short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

(Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

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

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

Back **UD** Circumcision **UD** Pubic Hair **NONE FOUND**
(Quantity and extent of hair) (Yes-no) (Color)

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

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

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

Evidence of healed fractures **None evident** (Nose, arms, legs, etc.)

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

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

If not, explain Missing and/or too decomposed

8. Has tooth chart been prepared? No (Yes-no) If not, explain None found

9. Remarks Remains received in skeletal form. Small remnants of clothing found in debris. No markings, No teeth recovered. No evidence of any healed fractures or amputations. Estimated weight of reprocessed remains is 5 lbs. Fluoroscopic examination not necessary. Estimated height 5' 10 3/4"

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.

/s/ Thomas W. Turner
(Officer's Name)

D.A.C.
Rank Service

H.Q. First Zone (Organization) Ident. Sec.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Clyde V. Carlson
CLYDE V. CARLSON
WOJG USA
~~THOMAS W. TURNER~~
~~CAPT. TRN.~~

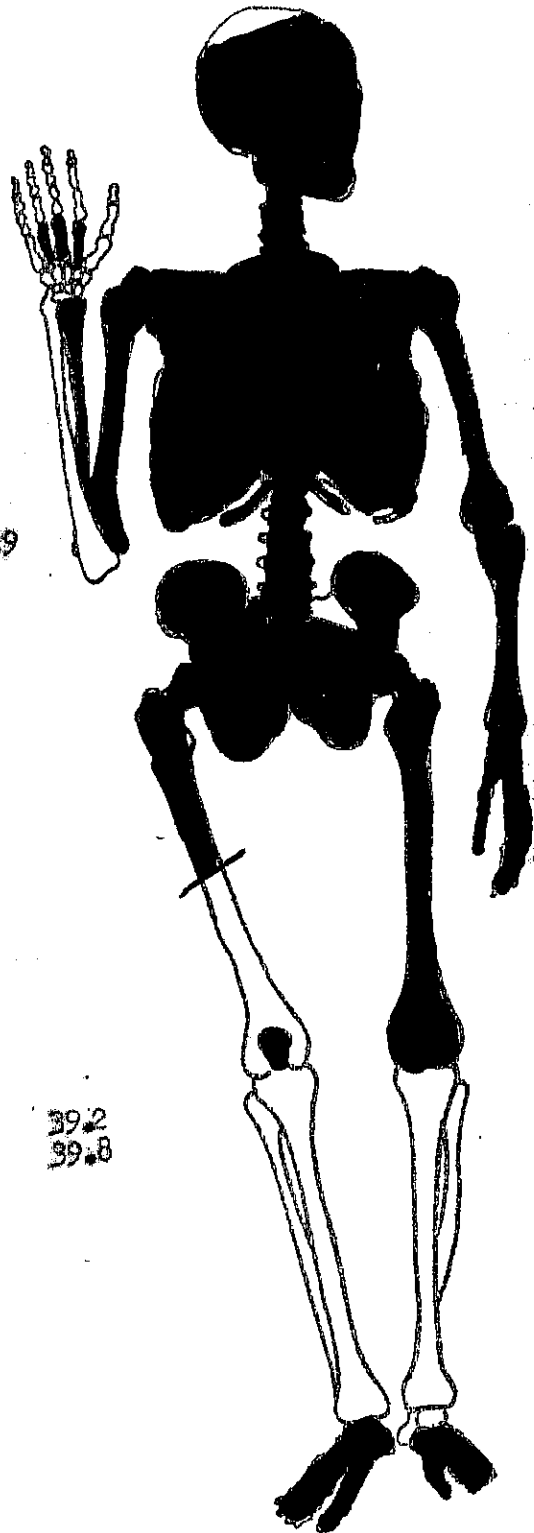
June 23, 1948
X-7473
Neurville en Condroz

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

RIGHT

LEFT



Ulna 27.9

Tibia 39.2
Fibula 39.8

CHART "A"

Estimated Height 5' 10 3/4 "

- a. What information was contained thereon? **TWELVE (12) UNKNOWN AMERICAN FLIERS IN GRAVES #110 TO #116**
- b. Where was the information obtained? **IDENTIFIED AS AMERICANS AFTER EXHUMATION BY 39 G.C.U. AND 4 M.R.E.U. R.A.F.**
- c. By whom? **CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR MR. PANZER**
- 12. What is the date of death? **UNKNOWN**
- a. Give basis **NOT SHOWN IN CEMETERY RECORDS**
- 13. What is the cause of death? **UNKNOWN**
- b. Give basis
- 14. What is the date of burial? **UNKNOWN**
- a. Give basis **REMAINS WERE BROUGHT IN BY GERMAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL**
- 15. What was the place of death? **UNKNOWN** Coords
- b. Give basis
- 16. Where were the remains found? **EAST CEMETERY GELSENKIRCHEN** Coords **K-52/A-42**
- a. By whom? **KENNETH PETERSEN, SGT, RA-16202193**
- 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 **GERMAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL**
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? **UNKNOWN**

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? **UNKNOWN**
- 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? **UNKNOWN**
- 20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of Plane **UNKNOWN**
- b. Markings and/or name on plane **UNKNOWN**
- c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: **UNKNOWN**
- 21. How did crash occur? **UNKNOWN** Anti-aircraft
- Enemy Planes? Collision?
- 22. Did plane explode in the air? **UNKNOWN** On ground?
- 23. Did plane burn in the air? **UNKNOWN** On ground?
- 24. What was the direction of the flight? **UNKNOWN**
- 25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? **UNKNOWN**

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

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? **NOT APPLICABLE**
 - 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? **NOT APPLICABLE**

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)
 - If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
- 40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased

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 **NONE COULD BE FOUND**
 - a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? **UNKNOWN**
 - Where? **UNKNOWN**
 - By whom?
 - Present disposition
- 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 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? **UNKNOWN**

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? **UNKNOWN**
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? **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. _____

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 **MR. PANZER, HULLEN 51
CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR * CAPT. H. BUTCHER, 39 G.C.U. RHEINBERG - MR. CHRISTI
AN BOJARZIN, GELSENKIRCHEN, BLACKSTR. 55 - MR. FRITZ ZAMORRA, GELSENKIRCHEN
BULMCKERSTR. 146**

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

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

51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? **YES**
(If special investigation, give case number) _____

52. Give Brief Narrative **SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVES**
(Use attached sheets if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

Rank ASN

Organization

Kenneth Petersen
Kenneth Petersen
Signature of Investigator
Sgt. RA-16202193
Rank ASN
Aachen Detachment
First Field Command
Organization

NARRATIVE OF DISINTERMENT
AT GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY
COORDINATES K-52/A-42
ON 27 APRIL 1948

During exhumation proceedings undertaken in the Gelsenkirchen-Hullen East Cemetery in an effort to locate the remains of JOHN H. FRIEDHABER, 2nd Lt., O-826907, and HENRY E. BALL, Sgt., 31417304, all doubtful graves in plot 45 K (graves # 51 to # 116) were re-opened.

Upon reaching the hard bottom of grave # 115, the incomplete and somewhat scattered remains were found which are believed to be the remainder of an American soldier formerly buried in this grave. No clothing or other means of identification were found on or about the remains.

Since twelve (12) American deceased had formerly been buried in graves # 110 to # 116, and since it is known that five (5) unknown and one (1) known (Lt. WALTER SCOTT) of these twelve (12) were previously found in graves # 94 and # 95, the investigator submits the incomplete remains for a possible association with JOHN H. FRIEDHABER, 2nd Lt., O-826907, or HENRY E. BALL, 31417304, or both.

Kenneth Petersen
Kenneth Petersen
Sgt. RA-16202193

NARRATIVE

The following is the result of reprocessing the remains shown on L.O. 3460 for the purpose of:

Ver. FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER	<i>Frank Merrill CIL# 4720</i>
SUBJECT	

QMC FORM 1121
1 Aug 45

51 12250

vertebrae MALFORMED.

SMITH (Remains)	approx 24	5'6 1/2"	approx 140	Brown
SMITH (371)	23	5'8"	134	Brown

Identity confirmed. Articulation between the teeth, skull and first cervical vertebra was established. The vertebral column is not continuous after the first cervical vertebra because of missing parts.

STONE (Remains)	approx 26	5'7 1/4"	approx 160	Brown (pubic)
STONE (371)	25	5'7"	165	Dark brown

Identity confirmed. Articulation between the teeth and skull was established but no further because of missing vertebrae. It is noted that an abnormal closure of the skull sutures exist.

McVAY (Remains)	20-21	5'8"	approx 140	Brown
McVAY (371)	20	5'7"	138	Brown

Identity confirmed. The teeth for McVAY were found herewith, however, no articulation established because of missing portions.

BRADFUTE (Remains)	approx 22	5'10 3/4"	approx 180	Brown
BRADFUTE (371)	21	5'9 1/2"	175	Brown

Identity confirmed. The teeth for BRADFUTE were found herewith, however, no articulation was established because of missing portions. Evidence of injury appears on the lower third of the left tibia.

X-6045 (Remains)	19-20	5'10 1/4"	approx 175	Brown
CONNOR (371)	19	5'10"	162	Brown

The teeth for CONNOR were found herewith. Articulation between the teeth, skull and vertebral column was established, however, the vertebral column is not continuous after the second cervical vertebra. These remains are more favorable for CONNOR than the remains designated as CONNOR. Recommend that these remains be designated as CONNOR.

CONNOR (Remains)	18-19	5'10 3/4"	approx 160	Brown
BALL (371)	19	5'8"	151	Brown

The remains designated as CONNOR are more favorable for BALL. The teeth for BALL were found with Unknown X-7446 and articulation between the teeth and skull (the skull found herewith) was established. No further articulation was established because of missing portions. Recommend that these remains be redesignated as BALL.

X-6071 (Remains)	approx 24	5'10 1/2"	approx 175	Brown (pubic)
BISKOP (371)	24	5'11"	171	Brown

The teeth for BISKOP were found with CIL 1029 and were placed herewith, however, no articulation was established because of missing portions.

	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Hair</u>
X-6070 (Remains)	approx 24	5'9 1/4"	approx 150	Brown
FRIEDHABER (371)	24	5'9 1/2"	141	Not recorded

No teeth recovered for FRIEDHABER. Evidence of a healed fracture was found at the middle one third of the left fibula. An abnormal closure of the skull sutures exist.

X-7446 (Remains)	approx 26	5'6 3/4"	approx 155	None found
RUSSOLINO (371)	26	5'6 1/2"	147	Brown

No teeth recovered for RUSSOLINO. This association is based on favorable age, height and weight estimations and the process of elimination.

Unknown X-7473 was eliminated through partial consolidation and portions which could not be consolidated were given CIL numbers.

The right radius from CIL 1903 A was consolidated with the remains of SMITH (see corrected copy of CIL).

CIL 1903 B was not eliminated.

Excess portions including teeth were found within the group and were CIL cleared (4720, 4721, 4722, 4718 A and B and 4719).

The above CIL's are believed to be portions of remains that are not included on E.O. or portions of non American soldiers.

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