

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER	293
SUBJECT	Unk. Greisheim main Maus X-9148

QMC FORM 1121
1 Aug 45

GPO 891270

OFFICE THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Resol Sec Regis Br Mem Div	Chief Dispos Sec Regis Br Mem Div	25 Nov 55	<p>SUBJECT: Non-American Remains</p> <p>1. Unknown X-9148, Griesheim/Main Mausoleum has been transferred to the German War Graves Service as non-American remains.</p> <p>2. Attached 293 files (2) and case papers are forwarded for any action deemed necessary.</p>
3	Incls			<p>ALBERA 73880</p> <p><i>h</i></p> <p>MANN 73880</p>
				<p>1. Ltr dtd 7 Nov 55</p> <p>2. Case Papers</p> <p>3. 293 file-X-9148, Griesheim/ Main Mausoleum</p>

*Not
File
25 Nov 55
Whittaker
Regis Br*

HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757, NEW YORK, N. Y.

MTS 293.9 GR

7 November 1955

SUBJECT: Release of Remains

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

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S. Gibbs

Incl
Receipt, dtd 1 Nov 55
w/case papers

S. GIBBS
Maj QMC
Commanding

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FILE
RECORDS ANNOTATED
DATE 25 Nov 55
NAME W. [unclear]
[unclear] BR. REG. DIV.

HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH AU
APO 757 US ARMY

Date 1 Nov 1955

CUSTODIAL TRANSFER OF REMAINS
(UEBERGABEBESCHEINIGUNG VON STERBLICHEN UEBERRESTEN)

Designation: Partial Remains overlooked in original dis-
interment of German Section of Nettuno Cemetery.


Date of Removal: August 1955

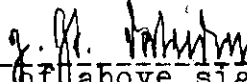
Reference: Ltr. German War Graves Service, Kassel
Ltr. German War Graves Service, Rinntal, dtd 27 Oct.55

To be reinterred at: German Military Cemetery Daleiden

I hereby acknowledge receipt this day 3 November 1955 of the
above remains from HQ USAREUR QM MORT SVC DET, 7770TH AU, APO
757, US ARMY (Frankfurt/Main, Germany).


(Signature of Person Receiving Remains)


(Signature of Officer
or other person re-
leasing Remains)


(Address of above signature)

USAREUR QM MORTUARY
SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770AU,
APO 757, US Army
(Organization of above
signature)

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FILE

RECORDS ANNOTATED

DATE 25 Nov 55

BY William
Platt BIV.

Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfuersorge e. V.
Bundesgeschäftsstelle
(German War Graves Service)
(Federal Headquarters)

Mr. L. Schaefer
Headquarters
USAF MILITARY CEMETERY SERVICE DET
7770TH ARMY UNIT US ARMY
APO 977

(16) CASSEL, 22 October 1955
Standplatz 2
Tp 12596-97

(16) Frankfurt / M.
Homburger Landstrasse 75

In Reply refer to:
B/ST/K

Subject: Interment of Remains of German Soldiers

Dear Mr. Schaefer,

In accordance with your desire we are willing to make space available in the comrades' grave of the Military Cemetery Daleiden/Kr. Pruem for the interment of subject remains of German decedents which were subsequently recovered during the re-modeling of USMC Nettuno.

We would appreciate it if you would contact the chief of our team, Mr. Otto ALBRECHT, temporary address Rinnthal near Annweiler/Palatinate, c/o Sawmill Owner Schumann, Tp. 352, in advance. Either Mr. Albrecht himself will be present for the burial or he will dispatch a representative who will indicate the correct location.

We repeat the agreement according to which outside labor will not be utilized for the interments. The American graves service, rather, will have all necessary work accomplished by its own labor. It is requested not to contact labor from Daleiden for these interments.

We would appreciate it further if you would take precautions during excavations in Daleiden to keep virgin soil to the side so it will be top layer again after the grave has been filled. The top edge of the casket will have to be 80 cm below surface. The loose soil will have to be carefully and solidly rammed in order to eliminate a possible later depression and/or an elevation above the grave.

We hope to meet with this agreement the expressed desires of the American Graves Registration Service.

With highest esteem,

German War Graves Service, Inc.

/s/ Stiebeling
/t/(Stiebeling)

Section Chief

22 Oct 55
W. Schaefer
Reg. 2
U.S. WAR. BIV.

HEADQUARTERS
USARFUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757 US ARMY

25 October 1955

Mr. Otto Albrecht
Team Chief, German War Graves Service
Rinnthal/Pfalz

Dear Mr. Albrecht,

We wish to draw your attention to the attached copy of letter received.

We are prepared to comply with the therein stated wishes of your Headquarters. We will be at the German Military Cemetery during the morning hours of 2nd November 1955 to inter the remains under your supervision.

Will you kindly confirm receipt of this letter in order that we can make our final arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Enc

S. GIBBS
Maj QMC
Commanding

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23 NOV 55
W. G. GIBBS
Maj QMC

T R A N S L A T I O N

Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgraeberfuersorge e. V.
(German War Graves Service)
Disinterring and Reburial Group Albrecht

Rinnthal/Palatinate, 27 October 1955

Graves Registration Section
US Army
F r a n k f u r t - Main
Homburger Landstrasse 75

Subject: Additional Burials in Daleiden/Eifel
Reference: Your letter dated 25 October 1955

With reference to your kind letter as referenced above, please be advised of the following:

According to directives received, the planned burial is to take place quietly under such circumstances that no other persons except the actual participants will have knowledge thereof.

The 1st and 2d day of November are religious holidays which are strictly observed in the Eifel Mountains. Numerous relatives of the decedents visit the cemeteries on those days to care for and decorate the graves of their fallen heroes. Therefore it would be impossible to conduct a burial in the matter directed.

In view of the above I would be grateful if the burial could be postponed to the 3d of November 1955. On that day I would be staying at the Gasthof Mareite (opposite the Office of the Buergermeister) during the time from 1000 to 1300 hours and await your arrival.

In the event that you could not agree to my request, I would appreciate if you would let me know by letter telegram.

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ Albrecht
/t/ (Albrecht)

29 Oct 55
Albrecht
Reg. B.

FROM CO 7770 AF USAH FKFT GER
DTG 170945Z Aug
ACTION QMC
IN NO 632852

FM HQ USAFDR HQ COM MILIT SVC DET 7770TH AF USA HOSP FRANKFURT GER
TO DEPTAR WASH DC DA GNC

FOR QM PD REF YR MSG DA 538889 PD THIS MSG IN NINE PARTS PD PART ONE QM
ACTION INITIATED TO IDENTIFY X-9186 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS AS ONE SLASH LIEUT
ALFRED D M USSETTE PD X-9187 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS TO BE PROCEEDED FOR POSSIBLE
ELIMINATION OF PART OR ALL PORTIONS WITH IDENTIFIED REMAINS OF FOX SLASH
GUY EDWARD J LAHAYE CMM PREVIOUSLY X-717 ST ANDRE CMM N.W. PAC ST LAURENT
PD THIS ACTION DEEMED ADVISABLE TO CLARIFY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AVAILABLE
SKELETAL CHARTS FOR X-717 PD TENTATIVE FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING
X-716 CMM X-719 ST ANDRE CMM AND X-9188 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS WILL BE FWD
ALONG WITH BOARD FINDINGS OF IDENT FOR USSETTE PD PART TWO QM

REF 538889 X-9186 X-9187 X-717 X-717 X-716 X-719 X-9188

PAGE TWO USFC 34R

SUGAR R. OBR 710 ASSOCIATED WITH X-6853 ST AVOLD RECOVERED FR RAKANDORF CMM
AUSTRIA PD REVIEW OF RECORDS OF AIRCRAFT LOGS IN AUSTRIA SUGGESTS
REMAINS ARE THOSE OF SGT WILLARD S KENDALL CMM HOWEVER NOT CONSIDERED
CONCLUSIVE PD CURRENT FIELD INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY CRASH SITE PD RESULTS MAY BE EXPECTED SOON SEPT PD PART THREE QM
X-9118 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS TO BE RETURNED TO ORIGINAL BURIAL SITE AS
NON-AMERICAN REMAINS PD ACTION PENDING RE-ENTRY INT. DEPARTED SEARCH AREAS
PD PART FOUR QM CMM X-9210 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS CURRENTLY SUBJ OF OFFICE
RESEARCH TO EFFORT ASSOCIATION WITH UNRESOLVED CASUALTY PD RESULTS MAY BE
EXPECTED ONE SEPT PD PART FIVE QM X-7000 CMM X-70060 GRIESHEIM MAIN
PARENT AND UNPARENTED MAUS SUBJ OF CURRENT OFFICE RESEARCH PD FINDING TO
BE FWD NO LATER THAN ONE SEPT PD PART SIX QM X-70061 GRIESHEIM MAIN
PARENT AND UNPARENTED MAUS PD OFFICE RESEARCH FAILED TO PROVIDE FAVORABLE
ASSOCIATION PD RESULTS WILL BE FWD TWO SEPT PD PART SEVEN QM BOARD
FINDINGS OF IDENT FOR TANG SLASH FIVE THURSTON B HOLLAR ASN 14000635 CMM
FWD YOUR OFFICE TRANS LETTER NR 6528 10 FIVE AUG FIVE FOUR PD PART EIGHT
QM JOHN R. SIMONETTI CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION PD RESULTS MAY BE
EXPECTED TEN SEPT PD PART NINE QM DONALD WEST ASN 0-886088 CMM PENDING
ACTION WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES PD REPRESENTATIVE THIS HQ SCHEDULED TO
CONTACT BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE ONE EIGHT AUG TO DETERMINE CURRENT STATUS
YOUR OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED LATEST RESULTS TWO THREE AUG PD SGT MEYRICK

KPNX-853 X-9118 X-9210 X-70060 X-70061 14 000 6/5 6528 0-886088
817/1010Z

*File NAT
0 220
Reg. 100
27 Aug 53*

5 Ident Br Regist Br 3 Apr
Inves Sec: Corr Sec 1953
Mem Div Mem Div

The 293 file for Sgt Pritchard is returned herewith
for letter of acknowledgment to reply from NOK dated
9 March 1953.

2 Incl
Added 1 Incl
2. Ltr fr NOK dtd 9 Mar 53

MacFARLAND
76059

JACKS
73880

Davis/wrh
Clements
Salser

S U M M A R Y

PRITCHARD, Willis C. Sgt. 38 297 394
Company I, 335th Inf Regt, 84th Inf. Div
PDD 24 Apr 46 - Area of Peversdorf, Germ.

Asso. with: Unknown X-9148 - Grave #150
Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

1. According to AGO "MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD" dated 25 October 1949, the above-named soldier was a member of a squad which departed from a house in Peversdorf, Germany, on 23 April 1945, on a mission to hold the town. The last known whereabouts was a house in Peversdorf, Germany.

Statement by Joseph B. Anetrella, dated 18 February 1946, revealed that a thorough search of the area was made the following morning, but all he found was five (5) helmets by the Elbe River. They belonged to: Sgt. Pritchard, Pfc's Bakerman, Cortez, Bowling and Courtney. (Peversdorf is located on the Elbe River approximately 70 miles southeast of Hamburg.)

2. Searches made by AGRS personnel in the Peversdorf area on 13 March 1947 and 25 October 1948 in an effort to recover the remains of Sgt. Pritchard proved negative. Efforts to associate subject deceased with unknown recoveries interred in USMC and reported isolated burials also proved negative. Therefore, nonrecoverable findings were submitted for Sgt Pritchard and approved by this Office on 18 May 1949; however, the NOK were not advised.

3. On 3 September 1952 AGRS authorities accepted six (6) remains recovered from FRIESACK (Soviet Zone) as possible American deceased from local authorities. These remains were originally interred in a forest near FRIESACK and were atrocity victims, according to local authorities. After cessation of hostilities the remains were exhumed on order of a Soviet Officer and a total of eight (8) remains were transferred to the Community Cemetery of FRIESACK for burial.

4. Identification tags of four (4) of the above-mentioned deceased were obtained from the police of FRIESACK. Names appearing on identification tags mentioned are as follows:

1. EDWARD J. PROCTOR	36676950
2. JAMES E. COURTNEY	35089683
3. RALEIGH BOWLING	15339301
4. HAROLD P. BAKERMAN	32891540

5. Records indicate that the above-mentioned personnel, in addition to Sgt's Pritchard and Garrison, disappeared in the area of PEVERSDORF (M-54), Germany, approximately 50 - 100 kilometers northwest of FRIESACK.

6. The six remains were designated Unknowns X-9144 thru X-9149, and identifications were established and approved as follows: X-9144 - Pfc CORTEZ; X-9145 - Pfc BAKERMAN; X-9146 - Pfc COURTNEY; X-9147 - Pfc BOWLING; X-9149 - Cpl PROCTOR.

Summary (cont'd)

PRITCHARD, Willis C. Sgt 38 297 394

7. According to the IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT dated 29 October 1952, a tentative association was established for X-9148 with Sgt Pritchard through favorable media other than dental comparison (the condition of the teeth for X-9148 indicated non-American). In view of the six (6) favorable factors for subject case, it was recommended that additional dental data be obtained from civilian sources to aid in the determination of whether the mandibular teeth of X-9148 are favorable or non-favorable for Sgt Pritchard.

8. A letter was dispatched to the widow of Sgt Pritchard on 14 January 1953 requesting civilian dental data. Reply dated 9 March 1953 from the widow of subject deceased failed to contain any dental information; the family dentist had no record of work performed for Sgt Pritchard and the widow did not have any knowledge of any dental work being performed before he went into service.

9. In view of the foregoing, it may be reasonably determined that Unknown X-9148 is non-American, as efforts to prove otherwise have met with negative results.

CONCLUSION:

1. Since eight (8) remains were originally transferred from a nearby forest by order of a Soviet Officer and buried in the Friesack Community Cemetery and the fact that we accepted six (6) as possible American deceased (one of which determined to be non-American), it is believed that the other two (2) remains left in the FRIESACK Cemetery may be those of Sgt PRITCHARD and Sgt John GARRISON, 12 010 655, section leader of the mortar squads.

RECOMMENDATION:

That negotiations be made with the proper authorities, if considered feasible, to accomplish the following:

(a) Return X-9148 to local authorities at FRIESACK as a foreign national.

(b) That grave side examination of the two remains left in the FRIESACK Community Cemetery be accomplished to determine if subject remains are those of Sgt's Pritchard & Garrison. That if the examination proves favorable, efforts be made to obtain custody of subject deceased.

Dorothy L. Davis
Dorothy L. Davis
Investigator - Unit #1
20 MAR 1953

CONCURRENCES:

Mary Alice Clements
Mary Alice Clements
Supervisor - Unit #1

Clarence C. Salser
Clarence C. Salser
Section Supervisor

John L. Jacks, Jr.
Major, QMC
Chief, Invest. Section

Call for ~~Friesack~~

Classified recovery file
and let's attempt to get
a reflection as to why the
other 3 of the 8 bodies
were not recovered. J.P.D.

M-54



N-53-2-27 Russian name
close to Berlin

FRIESACK - $52^{\circ}45'E$
 $12^{\circ}34'30''E$

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE															
1	Mem Div Ident Br Adm & Con- trol Office	Regist Br Rec Sec Mem Div	4 Dec 1952	<p>SUBJECT: New Cases</p> <p>Attached Reports of Burial with associated case papers for the following Unknowns forwarded for any action deemed necessary and return to Adm & Control Office:</p> <p><u>AGRS MAUS., GRIESHEIM/MAIN, GERMANY</u></p> <table data-bbox="651 656 1105 819"> <tr><td>X-9144</td><td>Grave</td><td>146</td></tr> <tr><td>X-9145</td><td>"</td><td>147</td></tr> <tr><td>X-9146</td><td>"</td><td>148</td></tr> <tr><td>X-9147</td><td>"</td><td>149</td></tr> <tr><td>X-9148</td><td>"</td><td>150</td></tr> </table> <p>6 Incls a/s</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Lewis</i> 52462</p>	X-9144	Grave	146	X-9145	"	147	X-9146	"	148	X-9147	"	149	X-9148	"	150
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2.	Regis Br. Rec Sec. Mem. Div.	Mem. Div. Ident Br. Adm & Con- trol Office	8 Dec 1952	<p>Necessary action taken in this Office, and ROI's with associated case papers returned as requested above.</p> <p>6 Incls n/c</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mc Morris for</i> LAY 54276</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>McMorris</i> McMORRIS 55395</p>															

HEADQUARTERS
7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757 US ARMY

MTS 293.9 GR

10 November 1952

SUBJECT: Report of Burial
Transmittal Letter #6424

THRU: Chief, Quartermaster Division, USAREUR
APO 403, US Army
ATTN: Field Service Branch

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Memorial Division

1. Forwarded herewith are six (6) Reports of Burial, together with associated case papers, pertaining to the following remains:

Unknown No.	Cemetery	Grave
X-9144	Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	
X-9145	" "	"
X-9146	" "	"
X-9147	" "	"
X-9148	" "	"
X-9149	" "	"

2. Also, submitted herewith for your review are corrected Reports of Burial, including confirmatory Board Findings for the following casualties identified by this detachment:

CORTEZ, Daniel	Pfc	38 674 356
BAKERMAN, Harold P	Pfc	32 891 540
COURTNEY, James E.	Pfc	35 089 683
BOWLING, Raleigh	Pfc	15 339 301
PROCTOR, Edward J.	Cpl	36 676 950

These reports represent cases previously designated Unknown X-9144, X-9145, X-9146, X-9147 and X-9149 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum respectively.

MTS 293.9 GR
SUBJECT: Report of Burial

10 November 1952

3. It is recommended that the above identifications be approved by your Office and this detachment advised accordingly.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/t/ WALTON MEYRICK
DA DIV
Graves Registration Branch

11 Incl
1-6 Rpts of Burial
w/allied papers
7-11 Corr Rpts of Burial
w/Bd Fdgs

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HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Incl
Receipt, dtd 1 Nov 55
w/case papers

S. GIBBS
Maj QMC
Commanding

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FILE
RECORDS ANNOTATED
DATE 25 Nov 55
NAME Requester REG. DIV.

9 AUG 54

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QOM DEPTAR WASH DC
CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY

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Pass to CG 7770 USAREUR QM Svc Det From QOMT

Rept curr status inves and aprx date results may be expected for fol cases:

X-716, 719 St. Andre; Sargar Roger 710, X-9118, 9186, 9187, 9188, 9210 Griesheim/Main

X-70060, 700/1 Griesheim/Main (Mediterranean); Thurston Hellar 1400635; John R.

Simonetti 32081788; Donald West 0886088

CCS

Clements/moh

JCM

Unclassified

Clarence C. Salsar

QOMT-299

GRS - EUROPEAN

73880

LIVER L. PARKER, LT COL, JMC
Memorial Division

*File - NAT
V. P. ...
15 (NA)*

AIRMAIL

OSST 273
OM: European

3 April 1953

OSST OFF: Identification of World War II Deceased

FROM: Commander-in-Chief
United States Army, Europe
APO 13, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer
7770 USARMC Mortuary Service Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Unknown X-9118, Friesack/Main Hausen, associated by your detachment with Sgt. Willis C. Fritchard, 37 297 39L.

2. Efforts by the Office of the Quartermaster General to obtain civilian dental data from the NOK in order to verify the mandibular teeth of X-9118 with like data for Sgt Fritchard have met with negative results. Based upon the analysis set forth in the Identification Laboratory Report and failure by OSST to arrive at a positive determination that X-9118 is identifiable as either Sgt Fritchard or Sgt John Garrison, 12 010 655, it is concluded that X-9118 is non-American and should be disposed of accordingly. (Available records indicate that Sgt John Garrison, section leader of the mortar squad, also disappeared in the Ferversdorf area on the same date and mission as Sgt Fritchard and five others - Bakeman, Proctor, Norton, Rowling and Courtney.)

3. Review and consideration of the facts and circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Sgt's Fritchard and Garrison and the recent recovery of six (6) remains from the FRIESACK Civilian Cemetery (five of whom have been identified) leads to the belief that the two (2) remains left in the Friesack Cemetery may be those of Sgt's Fritchard and Garrison.

4. Information is requested if the initial recovery at FRIESACK indicated the two remains left in the cemetery were non-Americans. In the event this determination was not accomplished, request OSST be advised of the feasibility of obtaining custody of the two remains for possible association with Sgt's Fritchard and Garrison, provided graveside examination indicates the deceased to be American.

AIRMAIL

ANTHONY PAUL

FORM 273

Serial 1/53

II. European

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

5. Additional dental data obtained for Sgt Garrison is set forth on inclosed dental comparison chart (DD Form 1961) extracted from Form 79 dated August 1941.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER OFFICER:

1 Incl
DD Form 1961
(Garrison)

J. C. MacPHERLAND
Lt Col MC
Memorial Division

JLJ

Davis/id
Clements
Salser

DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

UNKNOWN			NAME		
X-9148, Griesheim/Main, aus.			FRITCHARD, Willis C. Sgt. 38 297 394		
R-8			R-8		
R-7			R-7	oA	
R-6			R-6	oA	
R-5			R-5		
R-4			R-4		
R-3	MAXILLA MISSING		R-3		
R-2			R-2		
R-1			R-1		
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L-1			L-1		
L-2			L-2		
L-3			L-3		
L-4			L-4		
L-5	MAXILLA MISSING		L-5		
L-6			L-6	oA	
L-7			L-7		
L-8			L-8		
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R-16	(decayed)	oA	R-16		
R-15		* Roots only	R-15		
R-14			R-14		
R-13		oA	R-13		
R-12			R-12		
R-11			R-11		
R-10			R-10		
R-9			R-9		
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L-9			L-9		
L-10			L-10		
L-11			L-11		
L-12			L-12		
L-13			L-13		
L-14		X	L-14		
L-15	(decayed dist. surf.)	oA oA	L-15		
L-16		X	L-16		
ESTIMATED HEIGHT			HEIGHT		
5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "			6' 0"		
ESTIMATED WEIGHT			WEIGHT		
150-170 lbs			177		
ESTIMATED AGE			AGE		
30-35 yrs			MIA: 23 Apr 1945 30 yrs 3 mo 19 da DOB: 4 Jan 1915		
HAIR	Race:	Shoe:	HAIR	Race:	Shoe:
None found	White	None found	Brown	White	No record
REMARKS			Dental: From 70, dtd 2 Feb 44: occlusion - good		
Teeth: Spaces- R15 - 8mm; L14 - 6mm;			History of slight deformity of right little		
* Snag roots are the only trace of			finger.		
R-15. R-16 & L-15 severely decayed.					
Size: Large, average; alignment - good.					
No evidence of healed fractures and/or					
bone malformations.					

SR 370

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN X-9148			2. DATE OF REPORT 2 October 1952		
3. NAME OF CEMETERY Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE 150	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT REINTERMENT	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED AGE AGE 30-35	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT 5' - 8 1/2"	10. COLOR OF HAIR None found	11. RACE White
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12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS

None

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES

None

14. WAS BODY BURNED? TO WHAT EXTENT?

YES NO

15. WAS BODY MANGLED? TO WHAT EXTENT?

YES NO Head wounds only. See attached skeletal chart.

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

None noted

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)

REMNANTS OF: Sweater, wool OD
Trousers, wool OD
Belt, web, waist w/officer type buckle
Jacket, field, M-41
Jacket, field, M-43

Technician : W. A. Neep

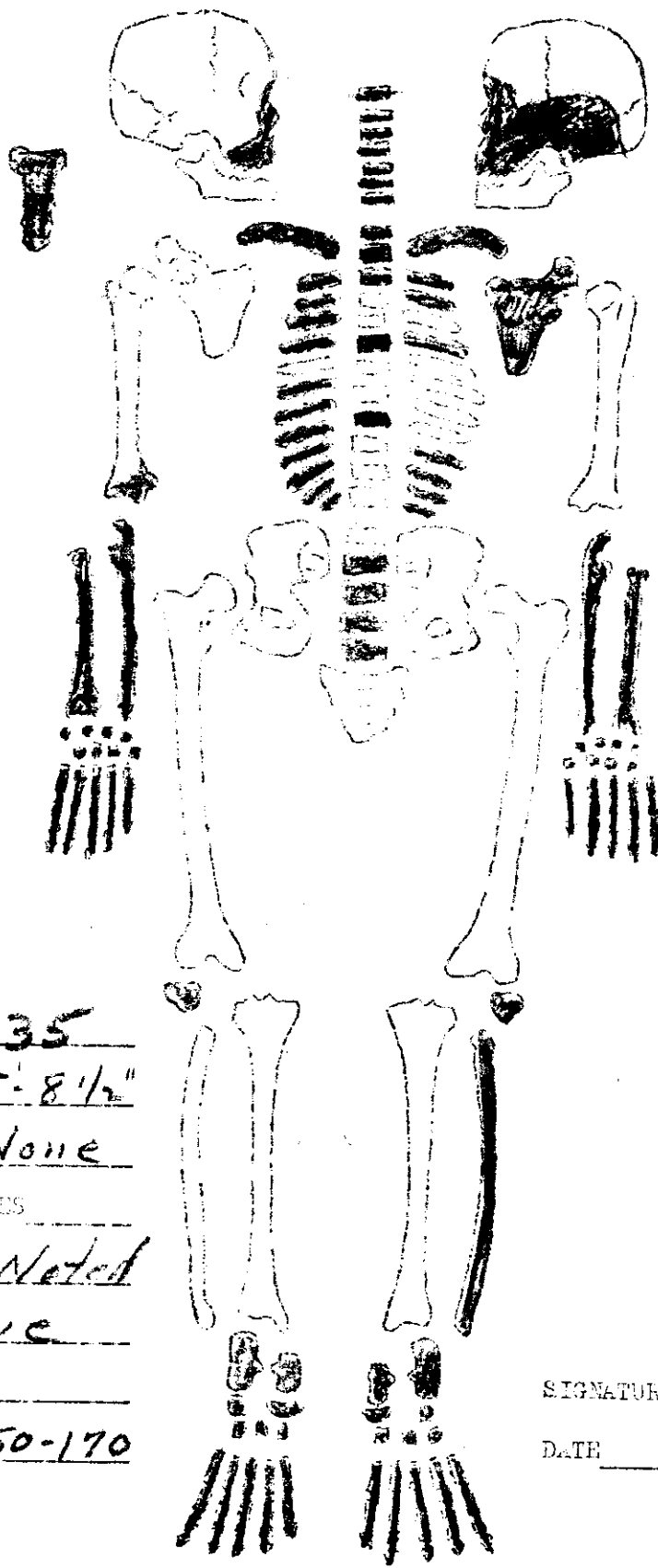
Anthropologist : Prof. E. Bräitinger

SKELETAL CHART
(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT PRESENT)

SR 370

X-9148

Griesheim/M
Grave 150



HUMERUS 33.6 cm

ULNA _____ cm

RADIUS _____ cm

PELVIS 47.8 cm

FIBULA 37.9 cm

FIBULA 32.1 cm

EST. AGE 30-35

EST. HEIGHT 5'-8 1/2"

COLOR HAIR None

HEALED FRACTURES _____

None Noted

PIGMENT None

BURNED No

EST. WEIGHT 150-170

SIGNATURE W. A. J. J. J.

DATE 15 Sept. 52

SR 370

X-9148

Griesheim, Main Maus.
Grave 150

TOOTH CHART

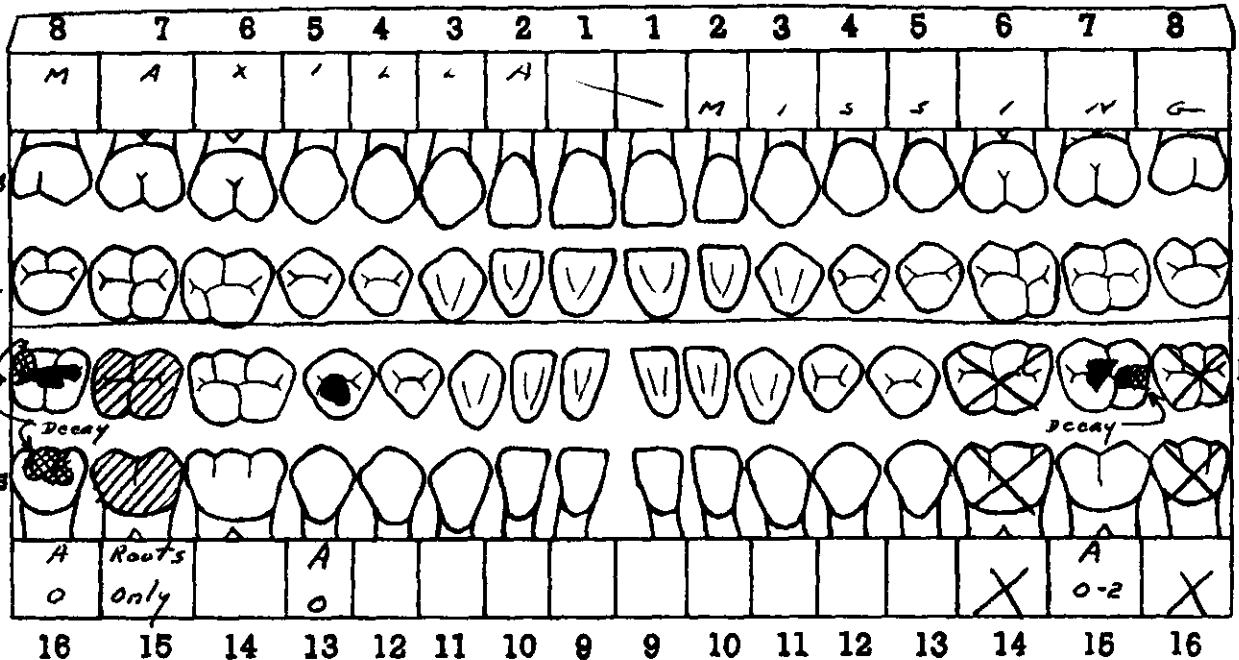
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Last Name	First	Initial	Grade	Serial No.
Unit			Organisation	

Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
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Right

Left



This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

Size - large average

Color - Dull ivory

spaces - R15 8 mm
L14 6 mm

Alignment - Good.

Calculus - Heavy

Note: "Snag" roots are the only trace of R15. R16 and L15 are severely decayed.

Condition of teeth is NON FAVORABLE
for a U.S. serviceman.

MA Neef
Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart






Verified by G. R. C. Officer

ET FORM 1-22 (29 AUG. 46)

(OLD GRAVE REGISTRATION FORM I-A)

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

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"

 <p>Teeth missing</p>	<p>MISSING TEETH... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :</p>
 <p>Gold crown, Porcelain crown</p>	<p>CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, silver or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>
 <p>Gold bridge</p>	<p>BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>
 <p>Gold filling, Silver filling</p>	<p>FILLINGS... Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>
 <p>Cavity, Decayed</p>	<p>CAVIES (CAVITIES)... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>

HEADQUARTERS
7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757 US ARMY

29 October 1952

IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : Deferred Search (Cases M-54/5245 & 11126)
PROCESSING DIRECTIVE : 182
SEARCH AND RECOVERY CASES : 366, 367, 368, 369, 370 & 371

1. Remains received as Search and Recovery Cases # 366 thru 371 were recovered recently from the communal cemetery at FRIESACK (M-53/2-27), Germany. The local authorities state that these remains were atrocity victims and were originally recovered in a forest near FRIESACK. Identification tags for four (4) of the deceased were released by the local police during the disinterment. These ID tags are for four (4) of seven (7) unrecovered casualties last seen some 100 kilometers NW of FRIESACK. Clothing found on and with subject deceased is of US infantry issue.

2. The following tentative "X" numbers for Griesheim/Main Mausoleum have been assigned pending approval of identifications by OQMO:

SR 366	is now designated	UNKNOWN X-9144	Grave 146
SR 367	is now designated	UNKNOWN X-9145	Grave 147
SR 368	is now designated	UNKNOWN X-9146	Grave 148
SR 369	is now designated	UNKNOWN X-9147	Grave 149
SR 370	is now designated	UNKNOWN X-9148	Grave 150
SR 371	is now designated	UNKNOWN X-9149	Grave 151

3. Physical characteristics of the above listed remains have been compared with all available information as shown on OQMO Forms 371 and MD Forms 79 with resultant individual associations as follows:

		AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	SHOE
X-9144	(Remains)	19 - 20 Yrs	5' - 4 1/8"	120-140 lbs	Dk Brown	7 1/2-C
Pfc CONTEZ	(Pm. 371)	19 3/12 Yrs	5' - 5"	135 lbs	Black	-

This remains was received with the torso completely intact and a wool OD shirt found on the remains which bore the marking "C 4356". This marking compares with the initial and last four (4) digits of serial number for Pfc CONTEZ. Shoe size "7 1/2 C", shirt size "13 1/2 - 32" and trouser size "waist 30 - inseam 29" are all in agreement for the height and weight given for Pfc CONTEZ. Teeth in this case favorable for Pfc CONTEZ. The skull is partially shattered but teeth and separate portions can be united with the skull. The skull articulates with the complete vertebral column.

The shoes (size 7 1/2 C) were found on the feet and the feet can be articulated with the legs.

X-91145	(Remains)	Approx 2 1/4 Yrs	5' - 8 3/4"	140-160 lbs	Lt Brown
Pfc BAKERMAN	(Fm. 371)	22 - 8/12 Yrs	5' - 9"	157 lbs	Brown

Teeth with this remains compare excellently with dental data for Pfc BAKERMAN. The skull articulates with the first cervical vertebra but the absence of several succeeding vertebrae prevents actual articulation of the skull with the remains. The nasal bone of this skull is highly arched (high nose bridge).

X-91146	(Remains)	19 Yrs	5' - 4"	100-120 lbs	None found
Pfc CONNERY	(Fm. 371)	19 Yrs	5' - 3"	117 lbs	Brown

There is no mandible present with this case but the maxilla is in agreement with dental data for Pfc CONNERY. Articulation of the skull with the remains is not possible because all but four vertebrae are missing.

X-91147	(Remains)	21 - 23 Yrs	5' - 5"	120-140 lbs	Brown
Pfc BOWLING	(Fm. 371)	20 8/12 Yrs	5' - 4"	120 lbs	Brown

Teeth with this case are favorable with dental data for Pfc BOWLING. Articulation of the skull with the remains is not possible because of the large number of missing vertebrae.

X-91148	(Remains)	30 - 35 Yrs	5' - 8 1/2"	150-170 lbs	None found
Sgt PRITCHARD	(Fm. 371)	30 3/12 Yrs	6' - 0"	177 lbs	Brown

Teeth with this case are in a very bad condition which is an indication that this remains is non-American. Form 371, however, for Sgt PRITCHARD indicates his teeth were in Class II condition as of 2 February 1944. It seems doubtful that Sgt PRITCHARD could have been permitted to leave his teeth unattended during the period from 2 February 1944 to the date of death (23 Apr 45). In contrast to the apparent discrepancy involving dental condition there are several indications which favor a possible association of this remains with Sgt PRITCHARD as follows:

- (1) Several items of US Infantry clothing were found with this remains.
- (2) This remains was recovered from a row of six (6) isolated graves containing five (5) US casualties.
- (3) All six (6) of these casualties died from head wounds.
- (4) Age and weight estimates are favorable for Sgt PRITCHARD.
- (5) The height estimate (5' - 8 1/2") based on four (4) bone measurements only appears to be too short for the given height of Sgt PRITCHARD (6' - 0") but must still be considered as being within the accepted limits of variation in height estimation.

- (6) The last trace of the seven unrecovered casualties following action at Povestorf was the finding of steel helmets along the shore of the Elbe River which belonged to CORTIZ, BAKERMAN, ROWLING, COURTNEY and PRITCHARD. This indicates that this group of five (5) were together when captured and were probably killed as a group.

Circumstances indicate these men were taken prisoner and were being transported in the direction of Berlin. The site of recovery at FRIEDACK is on a railroad line running directly to Berlin and is approximately 100 kilometers SE of PAVASTORF. Additional dental data from civilian sources would aid in the determination of whether the mandibular teeth in this case are favorable or non-favorable for Sgt PRITCHARD.

X-91149	(Remains)	19 - 20 Yrs	5' - 7 3/8"	140-160 Lbs	None found
Cpl PECTOR	(Pa. 371)	20 7/12 Yrs	5' - 10"	175 Lbs	Brown

Teeth with this case unite with the skull and are very favorable with dental data for Cpl PECTOR. Articulation can not be made between the skull and the remains as the first four (4) cervical vertebrae are missing. The right femur and tibia are still intact.

4. CAUSE OF DEATH: Each of these six (6) casualties have evidence of head wounds and no other evidence of injury except in the cases of X-91147 (BORLENE) with a bullet hole through the proximal portion of the left humerus and X-91148 (possibly PRITCHARD) with a shattered distal tip of the right humerus which is in addition to head injuries.

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9 September 1952

REPORT OF RECOVERY

On 3 September 1952, the undersigned accepted six (6) boxes containing remains recovered from FRIESACK (M-53/2-27), Germany as possible American deceased.

According to local authorities, these remains were originally interred in forest near FRIESACK and were atrocity victims. After cessation of hostilities the remains were exhumed on order of a Soviet officer and reinterred in community cemetery, FRIESACK.

Identification tags of four (4) of the above mentioned deceased were released to our agent upon examination by the police of FRIESACK. Names appearing on identification tags mentioned are as follows:

1. EDWARD J. PROCTOR, 36676950
2. JAMES E. COURTNEY, 35089683
3. RALIEGH BOWLING, 15339301
4. HAROLD P. BAKERMAN, 32891540

Records indicate above mentioned personnel disappeared in the area of PEVESTORF (M-54/T-40), Germany approximately 50 kilometers northwest of place of internment.

HUGO A. SCHAEFER
US DAC
Investigator

5 Incls:

- 1 - ID Tag (EDWARD J. PROCTOR)
- 2 - ID Tag (JAMES E. COURTNEY)
- 3 - ID TAG (RALIEGH BOWLING)
- 4 - ID Tag (HAROLD P. BAKERMAN)
- 5 - Damaged silver pocket watch

Six (6) boxes cited in paragraph 1 above have been assigned SR # 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371.

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

12 Sep 52

Date

UNKNOWN X-9148

Last Name UNK		First	Initial	Rank UNK	Serial No.
Unit UNK		Organization UNK		Cause of Death Head wounds	
Place of Death 1630 Hrs 12 Sep 52		Date of Death		Name of Cemetery Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	
Time and Date of Burial		Name of Coordinates of Location Frankfurt/Main, Germany			
Grave Number 150	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?

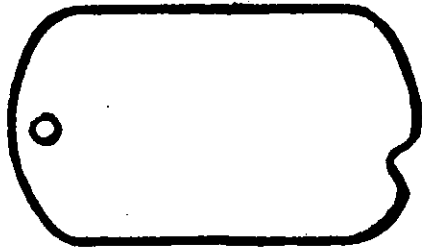
To determine Right or Left use **Deceased's** Right and Left.

Who is buried on :

Deceased's Right :	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
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Deceased's Left :	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
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Signature or Name, Rank and if 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 Name

Address

Religion

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

Recovered as SR 370 from the communal cemetery (Grave #5) at FRIESACK (N-53/Z-27) Germany.

Reported as originally recovered from a nearby forest following the cessation of hostilities by a Soviet officer and a French POW doctor who transferred a total of eight (8) remains to the communal cemetery.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
THEODORE R. PETERSON
1st Lt.
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

Handwritten notes:
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Transmittal Letter # 64-100

Department of the Army, OQMD, Washington 25, D. C., 13 January 1953

THRU: Commander-in-Chief, United States Army, Europe, APO 403,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer, 7770 USAREUR QM Mortuary Service
Detachment, APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to paragraph 2, basic communication, and to Field Board Findings for Pfc Bowling and Pfc Courtney.

2. Review of identifying data submitted with subject Field Board Findings by this Office reveals that the physical characteristics recorded for the remains and that for subject deceased compare favorably; however, the dental pattern for X-9116 is more comparable to like data for Pfc Bowling and same for X-9117 and Pfc Courtney.

3. In view of the above, it is requested that subject remains be re-examined to verify proper segregation.

4. Subject cases will remain in suspense pending completion of action by your detachment.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

11 Incl w/d

J. C. MacFARLAND
Lt Col QMC
Memorial Division