

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER
<i>Unit 293 A Gds Greidheim/Min, Maus, Germany X-9236</i>
SUBJECT

QMC FORM 1121
1 Aug 45

GPO 83-14180

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WW II CEMETERY NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ

PLOT B ROW 7 GRAVE 13

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

DATE OF BURIAL: Jan 55

VERIFIED BY: [Signature]

Griesheim Main Maus X-9236

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

1200

16 December 1955

NAME: UNKNOWN X*9236 SERIAL NUMBER: GRADE: ARM: RACE: RELIGION:

CEMETERY: Griesheim/Main Mausoleum PLOT: ROW: GRAVE: 238 DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: 1202 CODE 80 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: Administrative Decision

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME: SERIAL NUMBER: GRADE: DATE OF DEATH: DATE DISTINTERRED:

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON: ORGANIZATION: RELIGION: IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY: NAME AND TITLE:

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL: CONDITION OF REMAINS: 7 cervical and 1st 5 thoracic vertebrae right scapula 1st 5 left ribs right and left hand

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION:

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

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET: DATE 22 December 1955 BY W.A. Neep

CASKET SEALED BY: Joe R Caldwell, Capt, OMC

EMBALMER (Signature): [Signature]

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED: DATE 28 Dec 55 John O Smith

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY: Joe R Caldwell, Capt, OMC

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. JOE R CALDWELL, Capt, OMC SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: X-9236 Approved Unidentifiable

NAN [Signature] 27 Jan 56

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

FROM		AGRS MAUSOLEUM FRANKFURT	
TO		USMC NEWVILLE-EN-CONDROZ	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		TRUCK	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER		<i>Joe B Caldwell</i>	
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DATE 5 JAN 1956



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Att. 2
9/16/55

IN REPLY REFER TO
QMME-R 293

16 December 1955

SUBJECT: Disinterment Directives

Unknown Griesheim Main Mausoleum X-9236

TO: Commanding Officer
USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment
7770th Army Unit
APO 757, New York New York

1. Transmitted herewith are copies 1-4 of Disinterment Directives for Unknown X-9236 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum.
2. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Carl R. Allbee
CARL R. ALLBEE
Memorial Division

1 Incl
Disinterment Directive
(in quad)

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Headquarters, USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770th Army Unit, APO 757, US Army, 28 December 1955

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

Receipt acknowledged.

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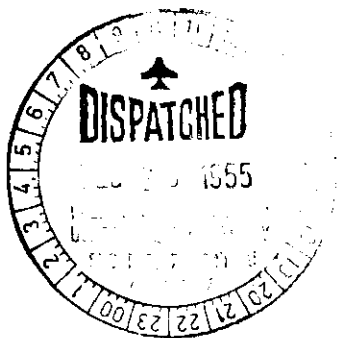
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Memorial Division

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INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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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	2 Dec 55	<p><i>X-9-56</i></p> <p>SUBJECT: Determination of Unidentifiability</p> <p>1. The following determined unidentifiable:</p> <p>X-9236 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum X-70073 Frankfurt Mausoleum (MED) X-70074 Frankfurt Mausoleum (MED)</p> <p>2. All action required of Resolution Section has been completed.</p> <p>3. Forwarded for any other action deemed necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mann</i></p> <p>ALBERA 73880 L MANN 73880</p>
2	Disp. Pec Rec Unit	Disp Pec ATTN: Galway	12 DEC 55	<p>FORWARDED FOR CONTINUATION OF ACTION. ALL ACTION NECESSARY AT THIS TIME HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THIS UNIT</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>W. S. [Signature]</i></p>

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

293 Hick-Griesheim Main Maus 1-92

SECTION A

NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

1800

DATE

16 December 1988
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME UNKNOWN X-9236	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
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CEMETERY Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE 238	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1802 CODE	80 DIST. CTR.
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SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

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

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
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CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
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DATE 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
X-9236 Approved Unidentifiable

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


CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X 9236 , Plot ,
Row , Grave 238 , USMC Griesheim/Mausoleum have been
reviewed in accordance with par 159, SR-830-110-5, DA dated 3 March 1949,
and it is the opinion of the Board of Review appointed by par 9, SO 33,
Headquarters, USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770th Army Unit,
dated 19 May 1955, that sufficient evidence is not available to establish
the identity of the deceased concerned, and it is recommended these re-
mains be classified as unidentifiable.

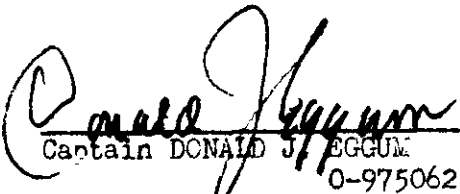
2. Report of reprocessing of remains was forwarded to the Office
of The Quartermaster General by Transmittal Letter No. 6533 dated
27 February 1956.

3. Remarks.

See attached case history.

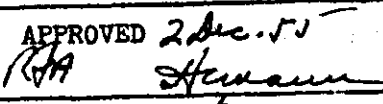

Major S. GIBBS, O-1584255 QMC
(President)


Captain JOE L. CALDWELL
O-2037259 QMC


Captain DONALD J. EGGUM
O-975062 QMC

1st Lt WILLIAM N. LOY
O-2003473 QMC

APPROVED UNIDENTIFIABLE

APPROVED 2 Dec 55 
R. F. ALBERA Captain, QMC Registration Branch Memorial Division, OQMG.

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

14 November 1955

CASE HISTORY

Unknown X-9236

Griesheim/Main Mausoleum
Grave # 238

Unknown X-9236 was recovered by segregation from a mass burial of some 16 deceased (1 US and 15 German). This mass grave was recently opened by a German Graves Registration team at which time evidence of an American decedent was uncovered at Greimerath Civilian Cemetery.

Initial evidence of the presence of American remains was indicated by the discovery of U.S. shoe-pac with lower extremities of a deceased. Also recovered with the remains were remnants of a field jacket (zipper type) and a helmet liner. No marking were apparent other than a "9-W" on the boots.

Other portions of this deceased were located among the collective mass disinterred from the local cemetery by German Graves personnel and, further, by re-excavation of the original burial site. This group was first buried along side a road, approximately three kilometers southwest of Greimerath and 300 meters from the present German-Saarland boundary. According to local residents, a German aid-station was located in the immediate vicinity of the original burial site.


The recovered remains is essentially complete except for the absence of all cervical and several thoracic vertebrae and thereby precluding post cranial articulation. From among the skulls examined, it could not be determined which one of two skulls with teeth actually belong to the deceased. However, dental charts labeled #1 and #2 were prepared for each skull, but only one (tooth chart #1) was placed tentatively with the case. This skull was selected as the most favorable for association based on the excellent state of dental repair which is in keeping with that afforded U.S. Armed Forces personnel. Also taken in consideration were the shattered

Unknown X-9236 (cont'd)

portions of two other skulls without teeth which could not be eliminated as possibilities for association with the deceased.

A review of records of known casualties lost in the area surrounding place of recovery and covered by map sheet Germany K-50 has disclosed no favorable comparison between unrecovered casualties and Unknown X-9236.

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that Unknown X-9236 be declared unidentifiable.


WALTON MEYRICK
US DAC GS-7
Operations Officer

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COMMUNIST REBELS ORG

Pass to GO 7770 USARMC QM Mart Ave Det from QMONT

For Unidentifiables approved: L-9236 Oriskany/Main Mausoleum,

L-70073 Frankfurt Mausoleum (MSD) and L-70074 Frankfurt Mausoleum
(MSD)

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WALTER P. SCOGGINS
Colonel, JG
Memorial Division

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

MTS 293.9 GR

18 November 1955

SUBJECT: Certificate of Unidentifiability
Transmittal Letter #6588

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

Forwarded herewith are three (3) Certificates of Unidentifiability for the following remains which were declared unidentifiable by this headquarters:

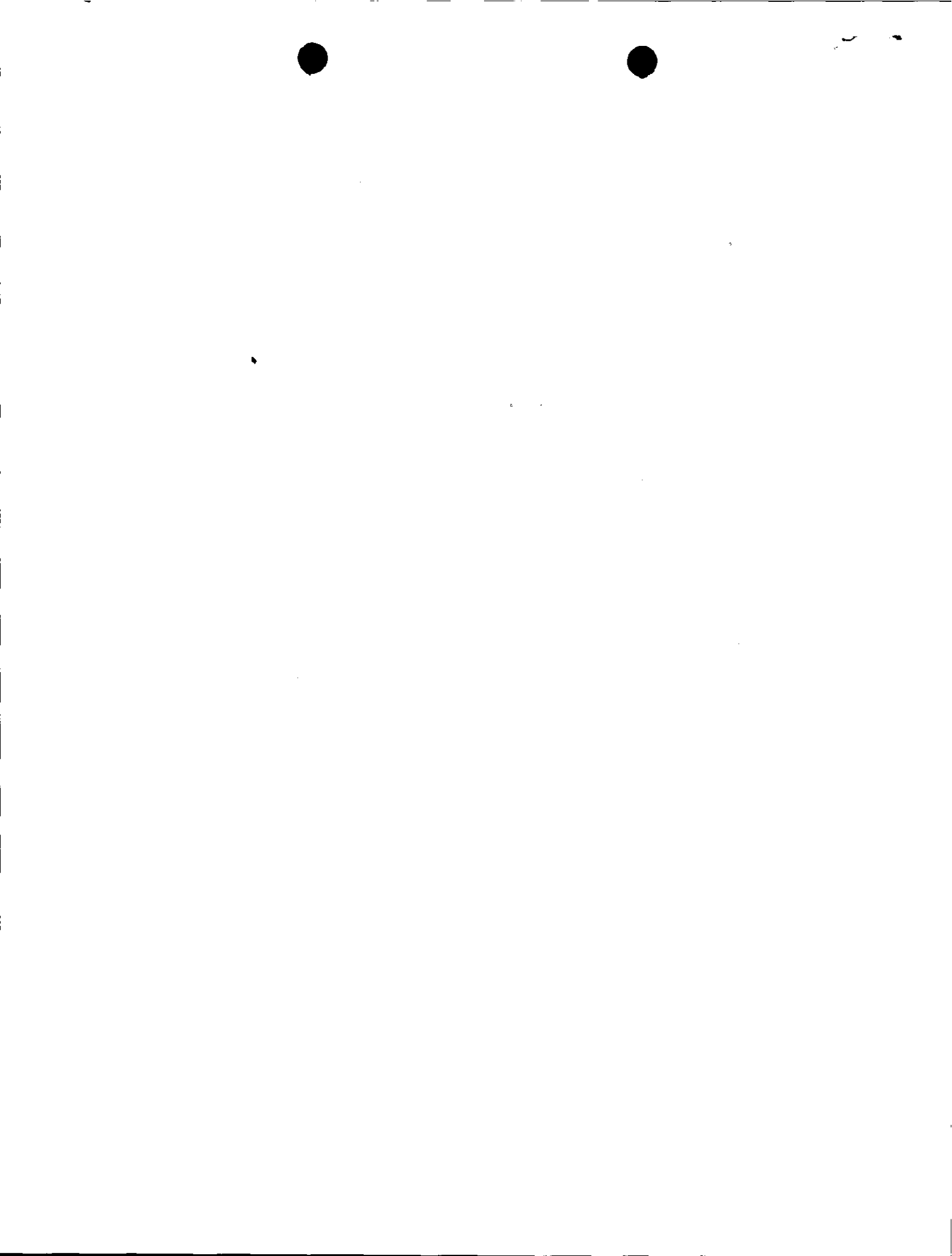
<u>UNKNOWN NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>GRAVE LOCATION</u>
<i>293</i> X-9236	Gries/Main Maus	238
X-70073	Frankfurt Maus (MED)	75
X-70074	Frankfurt Maus (MED)	76

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

3 Incl
1-3 Cert of Unident
w/case histories

/s/ JOE R. CALDWELL
/t/ JOE R. CALDWELL
Captain, QMC
Chief, Admin Svc Br

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

MTS 293.9 GR

17 February 1955

SUBJECT: Report of Burial
Transmittal Letter # 6559

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

Forwarded herewith is one (1) Report of Burial together with associated case papers pertaining to the following remains:

<u>UNKNOWN NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>
X-9236	Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	238

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MTS 293.9 GR

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

14 February 1955

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : 1205
PROCESSING DIRECTIVE : 298
REMAINS PROCESSED : SR # 591 (X-9236)

IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT

1. Search and Recovery Case # 591 pertains to the remains of one (1) Unknown U.S. casualty recovered from a group burial with fifteen (15) German casualties at Greimerath (K-50/L-20), Germany. The lower legs were found in a pair of U.S. Shoe-pacs with heavy wool cushion-sole socks. Also found with this remains were remnants of a M-41 Field jacket with zipper and a U.S. helmet liner. No markings were found on any of this clothing and equipment except the boot size "9 - W".

2. Pending association and possible identification this casualty has been assigned an Unknown "X" number as follows:

SR # 591 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9236
Griesheim/Main Mausoleum
Grave 238

3. The physical characteristics of subject deceased are as shown below:

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>	<u>BOOT</u>
X-9236	28 - 30	69 3/4"	150 - 170	None	9 - W

Post cranial articulation is not possible as the first twelve (12) vertebrae are missing. The damaged lateral tip of the left clavicle and the missing first five (5) left ribs indicate the left shoulder area was probably damaged accounting for the absence of the left scapula. A bullet passed through the right ulna, the head of the right femur, the acetabulum of the right pelvis and lodged in the left pelvis. It is noted that two (2) skulls with teeth were considered as possibly belonging with this deceased. Both have age factors in agreement with subject casualty. The skull presently with this remains (see tooth chart # 1) has been considered as the better possibility of the two because of the excellent state of dental repair and the generally clean condition of the teeth which is in keeping with the oral care given U.S. Service personnel. The second (2d) skull (see tooth chart # 2) also has age factors in agreement with subject casualty but there is no evidence of dental repair by which a comparison could

(Identification Laboratory Report dated 14 February 1955, cont'd)

be made with U.S. dental practices. In addition, there were shattered portions of two (2) additional skulls found with the group of sixteen (16) which did not have any teeth but did have age factors indicating a possible association with subject deceased.

4. CAUSE OF DEATH: The shattered right ulna, pelvis region and left shoulder are the apparent cause of death.

Wesley A. Neep
WESLEY A. NEEP
US DAC GS-7
Identification Technician

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E. BREITINGER
Professor, Institute of Anthropology
University of Frankfurt
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

SR # 591

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN X-9236				2. DATE OF REPORT 14 Feb 55			
3. NAME OF CEMETERY Griesheim/Main Mausoleum			4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE 238	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT REINTERMENT	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION							
8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT Age 28 - 30		9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT 69 3/4"		10. COLOR OF HAIR None		11. RACE (skull) White	
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? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?					
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?					
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS None							
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)							
1. Liner, Helmet, - (broken) 1 Pair U.S. Shoe-pacs w/in-soles-size 9 - W 1 Zipper and Remnants of Jacket, Field M-41 Remnants of 1 pair socks, wool c/sole 1 small piece of leather strap							
Technician: W. A. NEEP				Anthropologist: Prof. S. BREITINGER			

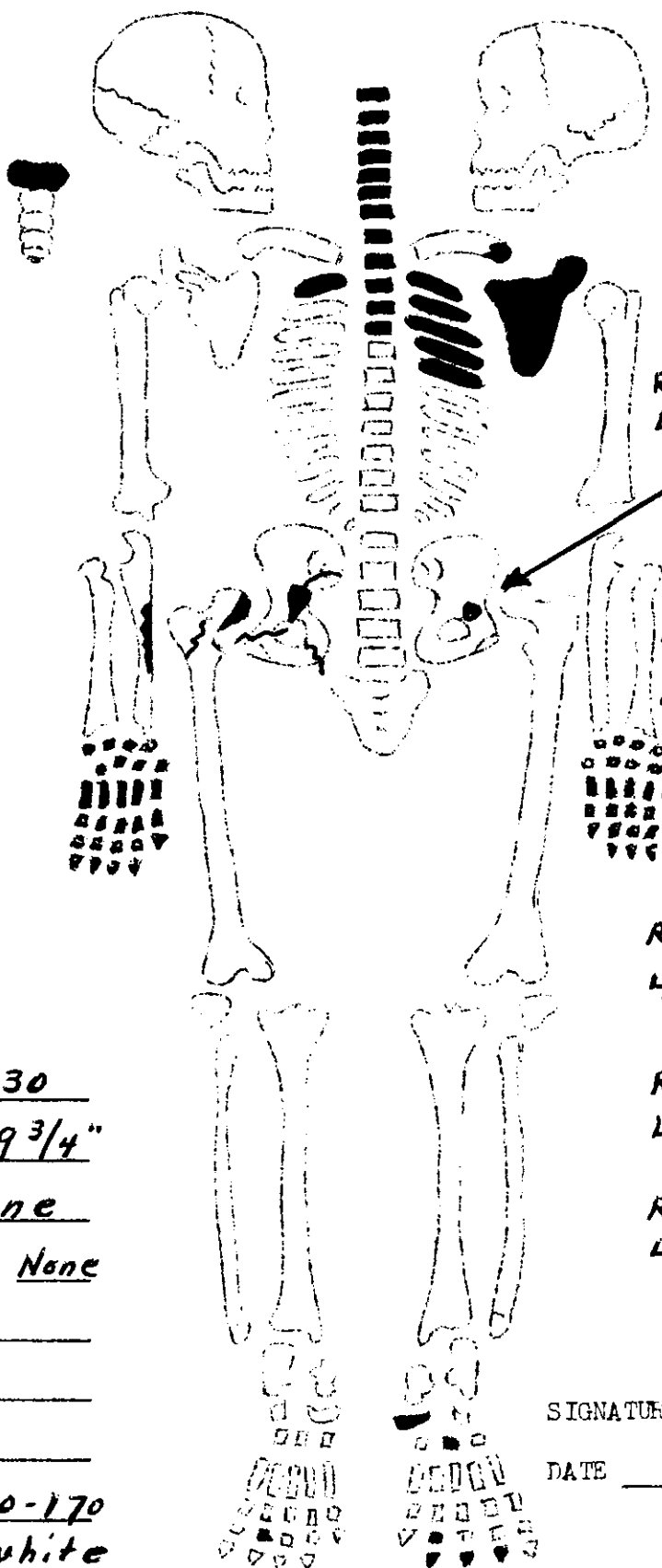
SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT PRESENT)

SR 591

X-9236

Griesheim/M
Grave 238



R/Humerus 34.4
L/HUMERUS 34.4 CM

Bullet embedded
in left pelvis

R/Ulna 29.1
L/ULNA 29.1 CM

R/RADIUS 26.5 CM
L/Radius 26.5

R/FEMUR 47.9 CM
L/Femor 47.6

R/TIBIA 39.2 CM
L/Tibia 39.1

R/FIBULA 39.1 CM
L/Fibula 39.0

EST. AGE 28-30

EST. HEIGHT 69 3/4"

COLOR HAIR None

HEALED FRACTURES None

FLESH None

BURNED No

EST. WEIGHT 150-170

Race (skull) white

Shoe-pacs - size 9-W

SIGNATURE M.A. Neep

DATE 14 February 55

TOOTH CHART

#1

SR 591

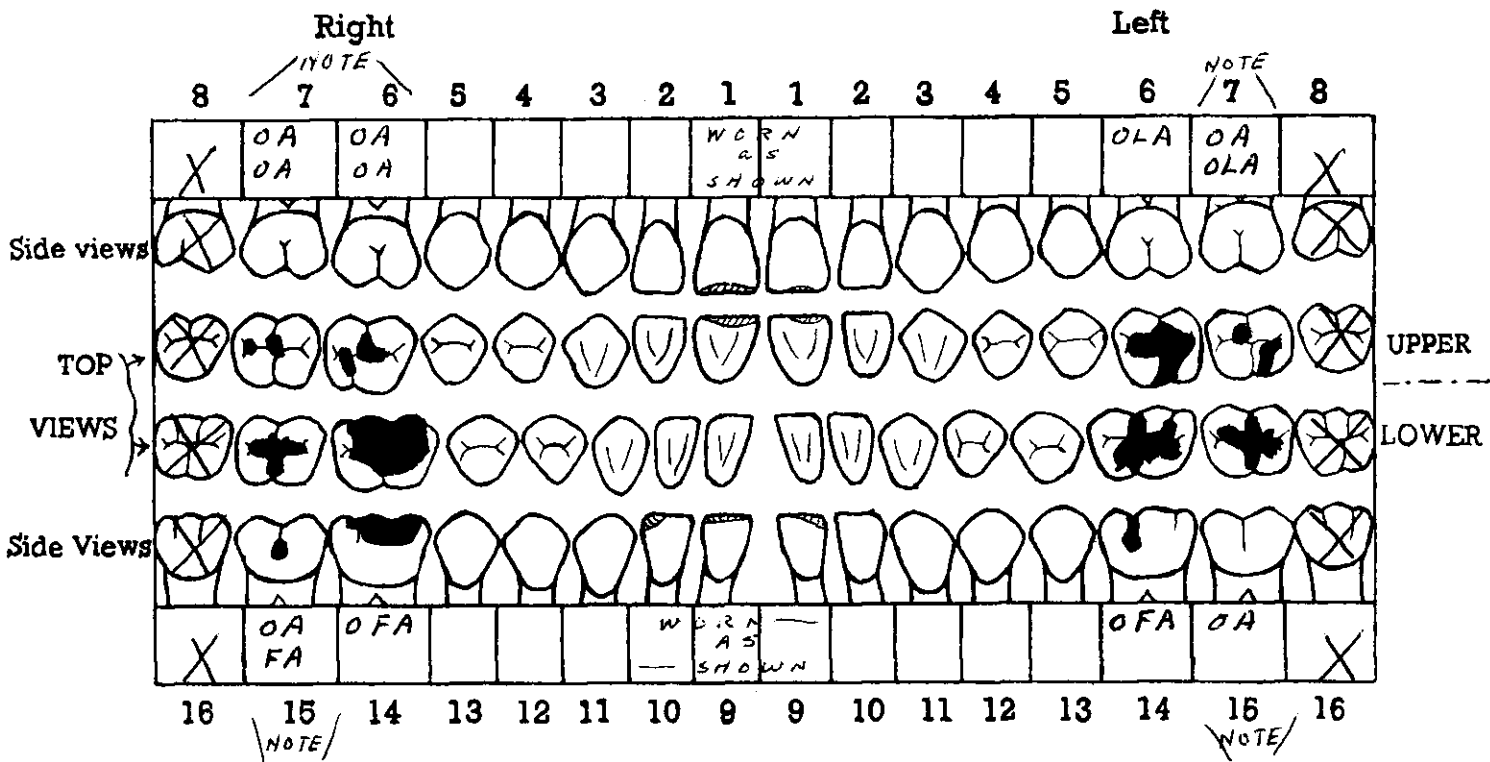
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Griesheim / M MAUS.
Grave 238

11 February 55
Date

Last Name	First	Initial	Grade	Serial No.
Unit		Organization		

Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
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This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), 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 - Average
 Color - mottled ivory
 NOTES - Fillings in R6, 7, 15; L7, 15 are recent fillings.
 Occlusion - Poor; severe overbite
 wear - Moderate
 calculus - Light

N. A. Zeepe
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

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>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</p>	<p>Gold 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>Gold bridge</p>	<p>BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>
<p>Silver filling</p>	<p>Silver filling</p>	<p>FILLINGS... Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>
<p>Cavity</p>	<p>Cavity</p>	<p>CARIES (CAVITIES)... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>

TOOTH CHART

#2

#2 of Two skulls
possibly American

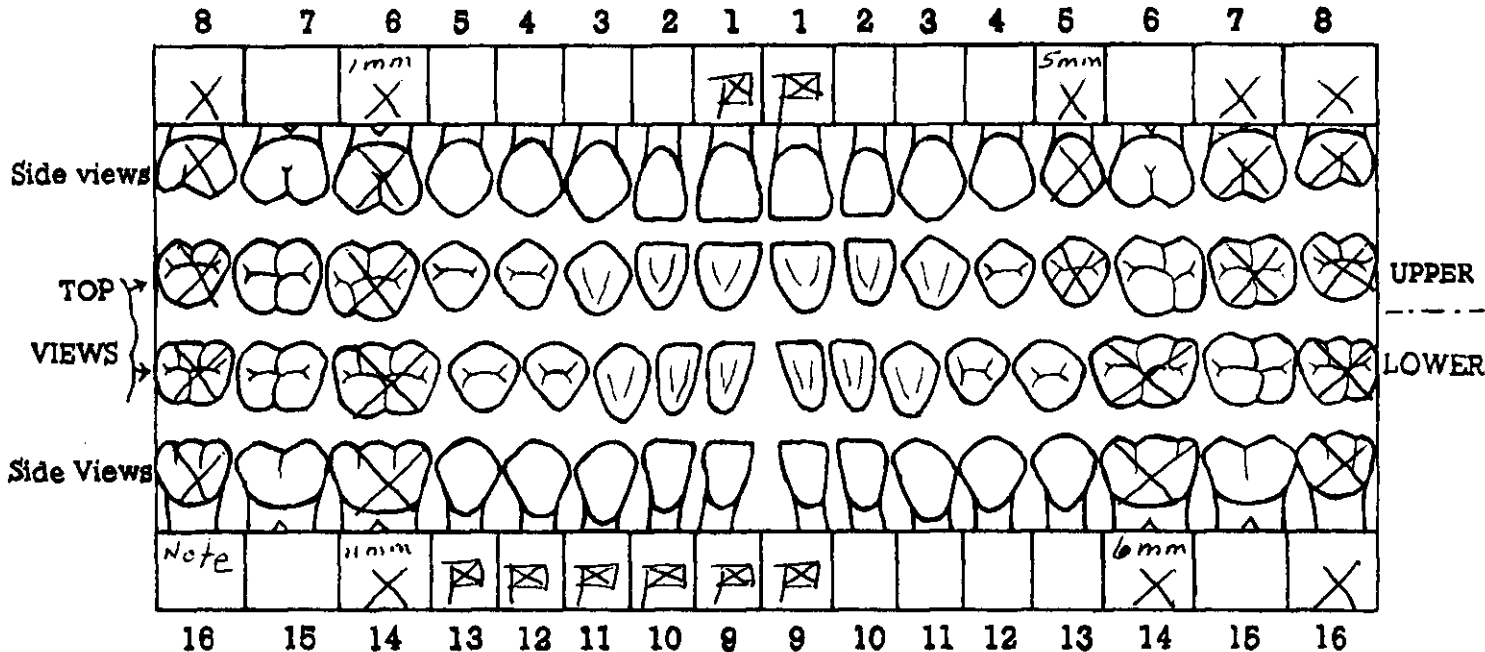
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Date

Last Name	First	Initial	Grade	Serial No.
Unit			Organization	

Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death

Right

Left



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Size - Average
 Color - Dull ivory
 Posthumously
 Missing - R1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13; L1, 9.
 Spaces - As shown above
 NOTE - R16 unerupted, impacted.
 Calculus - Moderate
 Occlusion - Normal.

M.A. Zee
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

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	<p>Cavity, Decayed</p>	<p>CARIES (CAVITIES)... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>

SR # 591
ID # 105
Case # Ger K-50/8711/
98L7/10932 App N/R

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

7 February 1955

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

In accordance with instructions set forth in Investigation Directive # 1205, this headquarters, dated 26 January 1955, an investigation was made in the vicinities of Luenebach Ger 6/L07 and Greimerath K-50/L-20, Germany concerning the reported finding of an American casualty amongst eighteen (18) German soldiers during disinterment operations by the German War Graves Service at Greimerath.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

On the 25 January 1955 this headquarters received a telephone communication from Mr. Endler, in charge of a German War Graves disinterment group, stating that within a group burial of eighteen (18) German casualties removed from the cemetery at Greimerath the presence of one (1) U.S. casualty was indicated. He further stated the American had been removed separately but it was impossible to determine which of the nineteen (19) skulls was that of the American. Mr. Endler requested the presence of representatives of the American Graves Registration Service to assist in determining which skull belonged with the American remains and to take custody of subject casualty. Mr. Endler was to be contacted at Luenebach for full particulars.

III. FINDINGS:

On the 27 January 1955 the undersigned investigators proceeded to Luenebach (Ger 6/L-07), Germany where the team of Mr. Endler was conducting a disinterment operation at the local cemetery. It was disclosed that all remains from subject group burial at Greimerath had been placed in moisture-proof sacks and were in the German unit vehicle at Luenebach. One (1) sack contained all that had been found of the American by careful disinterment following the discovery of U.S. boots (Shoe-Pacs) a U.S. helmet liner and zipper. A second sack contained all of the skulls and four (4) other sacks contained the remaining portions recovered from the group burial.

A preliminary examination was made of the remains believed to be an American and the portions were determined to be for one and the same deceased. The U.S. shoe-pacs were verified as having been worn by this deceased

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as the right tibia and fibula were still enclosed within the upper portion of the right Shoe-Pac. Articulation with the foot bones in the bottom portion of the right boot was not possible as the talus was missing. The left tibia and fibula were noted as being mates of those found in the upper portion of the right shoe-pac. The left tibia and fibula were then associated by proper articulation with the complete tarsal bones contained in the left boot.

It was noted that the seven (7) cervical and first four (4) thoracic vertebrae were missing along with the clavicle, left scapula, left humerus, both ulnae-radii, hand bones and right falus.

With the assistance of Mr. Endler the use of the local fire house was obtained for the purpose of laying out portions to assist in determining which skull was for the American and to aid in recovering the other missing portions.

The next two (2) days (Friday and Saturday) were spent in cleaning up all portions and arranging them to determine how many casualties were actually represented. Skulls, pelvic groups and femora indicated the presence of only sixteen (16) casualties instead of the previously reported nineteen (19). A study of the smaller skeletal parts showed a lesser representation in direct ratio to the size of the portions involved.

The missing left humerus was located amongst the eleven (11) left humeri present but no trace of the missing fore arms could be found amongst the few ulnae and radii present. Fourteen (14) of the sixteen (16) skulls had teeth and it was definite that only three skulls with teeth could be considered as being American. Two (2) other partial skulls without teeth had age factors in agreement with the estimated age of the remains recovered as an American. Insufficient vertebrae prevented the articulation of any skulls with remains.

A discussion with Mr. Endler and his assistant Mr. Reger revealed they had carefully removed all portions from the grave site in the cemetery but information received from the Greimerath officials indicated this group of casualties had been previously buried near a bunker in the vicinity of Greimerath. The remains had been removed from the original place of burial in 1947 and placed in the group grave at the cemetery by local citizens. According to Mr. Endler, the remains were found in an intermingled condition during the recent disinterment.

It was explained by the undersigned that both burial locations should be examined to recover additional missing portions, clothing remnants, a U.S. steel helmet (believed present as indicated by the heavy rust stain on the helmet liner) and possibly an ID tag. The Buergermeister

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at Luenebach agreed to allow the remains to be left in the arranged condition in the fire station while an attempt was made to recover the vital missing portions in Greimerath.

On Monday, the 31 Jan 55, Mr. Kirsch in Saarburg was contacted and arrangements were made for the undersigned to disinter the previous group burial sites in Greimerath. Proceeding to the recent disinterment site at the cemetery the undersigned and two (2) hired laborers screened the contents of the grave from which the sixteen (16) casualties had been recently removed (see sketch of cemetery Exhibit "A"). A few vertebrae and several hand bones were the only portions recovered from this grave.

Mr. Bauer the local Buergermeister and another local resident pointed out the approximate original burial sites beside a road near a destroyed bunker located three (3) kms southwest of Greimerath, near the German-Saar border crossing (see sketch Exhibit "B"). Probing and digging revealed three (3) distinct graves containing large quantities of partial remains, clothing, equipment, personal effects and three (3) German ID tags. In the middle grave of this group fragments of U.S. wool O.D. shirt and sweater were found as additional evidence that an American casualty had been buried with the Germans.

Digging in a northerly direction a fourth grave was located containing three (3) complete remains. These were carefully disinterred and kept separate with their proper German ID tags.

Another grave associated with the group of sixteen (16) was next located down the road near the border control offices. Excavation here resulted in the recovery of additional portions for four (4) German deceased and two (2) German ID tags. The border control building had been a German Aid Station during the war so a search was made in the fields in back of the building for evidence of other graves. Four (4) possible grave locations were examined but these proved to be trash pits used by the Aid Station personnel.

Returning to Luenebach all partial remains were cleaned for study and association with the previously recovered remains and the three (3) complete remains were released to the German War Graves unit. Additional portions for the U.S. casualty were located including the complete right clavicle and damaged left clavicle; both right and left ulnae and radii and the right talus. No additional vertebrae could be isolated as belonging to the American deceased nor could the left scapula be found among the fifteen left scapulae present. Of the three (3) skulls originally considered as possibly American one was now eliminated by association with the grave containing four (4) German deceased located across from the Border Control Offices at Greimerath.

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One of the two remaining skulls with teeth was placed with the American casualty on the basis of having dental repair most like American dentistry (see tooth chart Exhibit "C"). The reasons for selecting this particular skull were explained to the German War Graves representatives Mr. Endler, Mr. Sembritzki, Mr. Caspary and Mr. Reger. It was further explained that possibly the second skull (see tooth chart Exhibit "D") may be the actual one for the American casualty. The second skull has teeth but there is no evidence of dental repair. It was requested of the German War Graves representatives that the location be recorded where the skulls will be interred at the Castel Memorial Cemetery near Saarburg as office research may prove the second skull (Exhibit "D") to be the proper one for the American casualty. If this proves so then this unit will return the skull presently with the American remains (Exhibit "C") for exchange with proper skull.

IV. CONCLUSION:

All of the German casualties were taken into custody by the German War Graves personnel for burial in a "Comrades Grave" at the Memorial Cemetery in Castel, Germany. ID tags and personal effects recovered by the undersigned were presented followed by a discussion concerning the recognition of physical characteristics.

A group of four (4) enlisted men from the 311th QM Graves Registration Co. had been present during all operations for the purpose of observing and on-the-job training. These men exhibited a serious interest in the work and proved very helpful in the recovery operations.

The remains of the American casualty was properly wrapped and evacuated as SR # 591 to the Central Identification Laboratory in Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SR # 591 remains be processed for comparison with all unrecovered U.S. casualties lost in the regions surrounding the recovery site at Greimerath, Germany. It is also recommended that both tooth charts (Exhibits "C" and "D") be considered in an effort to determine which skull actually belongs with subject deceased. It is further recommended that the attached bill for 61.20 DM be forwarded to the French War Graves Services in Bad Ems, Germany so the Saarburg officials can be reimbursed for labor provided at Greimerath.

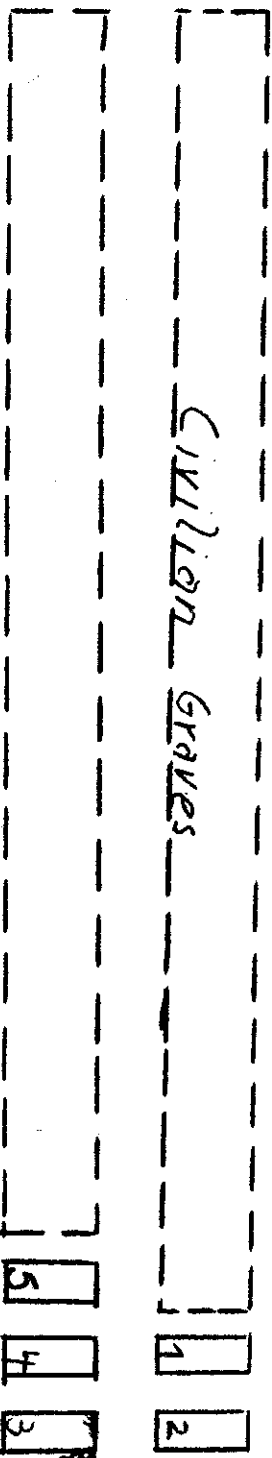
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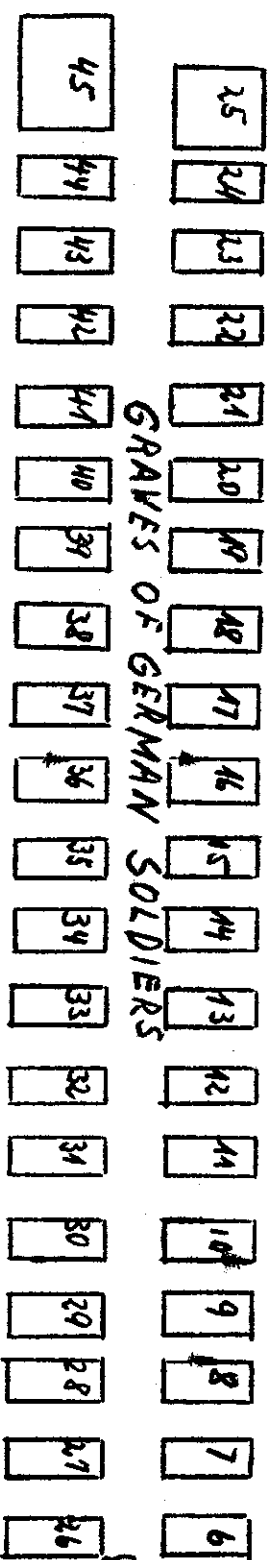
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GRAVES OF GERMAN SOLDIERS



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PATH

REMAINS OF:
 SR-591

Civilian Cemetery

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Exhibit "A"

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-430 AND AM 9-1915

14 Feb 55
Date

Unknown X-9236		Unk		Unk	
Last Name		First		Serial No.	
Unk		Unk		Unk	
Unit		Organization		Cause of Death	
Vicinity of Greimerath, Germany		Unk		Shattered r/ulna and pelvis	
Place of Death		Date of Death		Cause of Death	
1600 Hrs 14 Feb 55		Griesheim/Main Mausoleum			
Time and Date of Burial		Name of Cemetery		Name or Coordinates of Location	
238		Plot Number		Type of Marker	
Grave Number		Row 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?

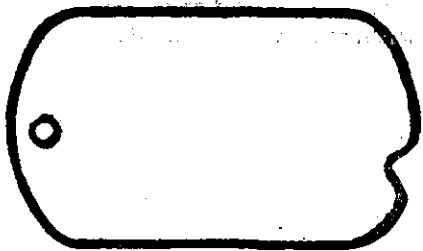
What means of identification were buried with the body?

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.
Deceased's Left :	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organisation 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 # 591 from a group burial of one (1) U.S. and fifteen (15) German casualties adjacent to road # 268 approximately 2½ Kms West of Greimerath (K-50/L-20) Germany.

William M. Loy
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

WILLIAM M. LOY, 1/Lt OMC
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

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

(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.

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

Left Hand

4
3
2
1
Thumb

Right Hand

4
3
2
1
Thumb

TOOTH CHART

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

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ○; locking 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.

SR # 591
ID # 120
Case # GOLF K-50/5711/9817/10932
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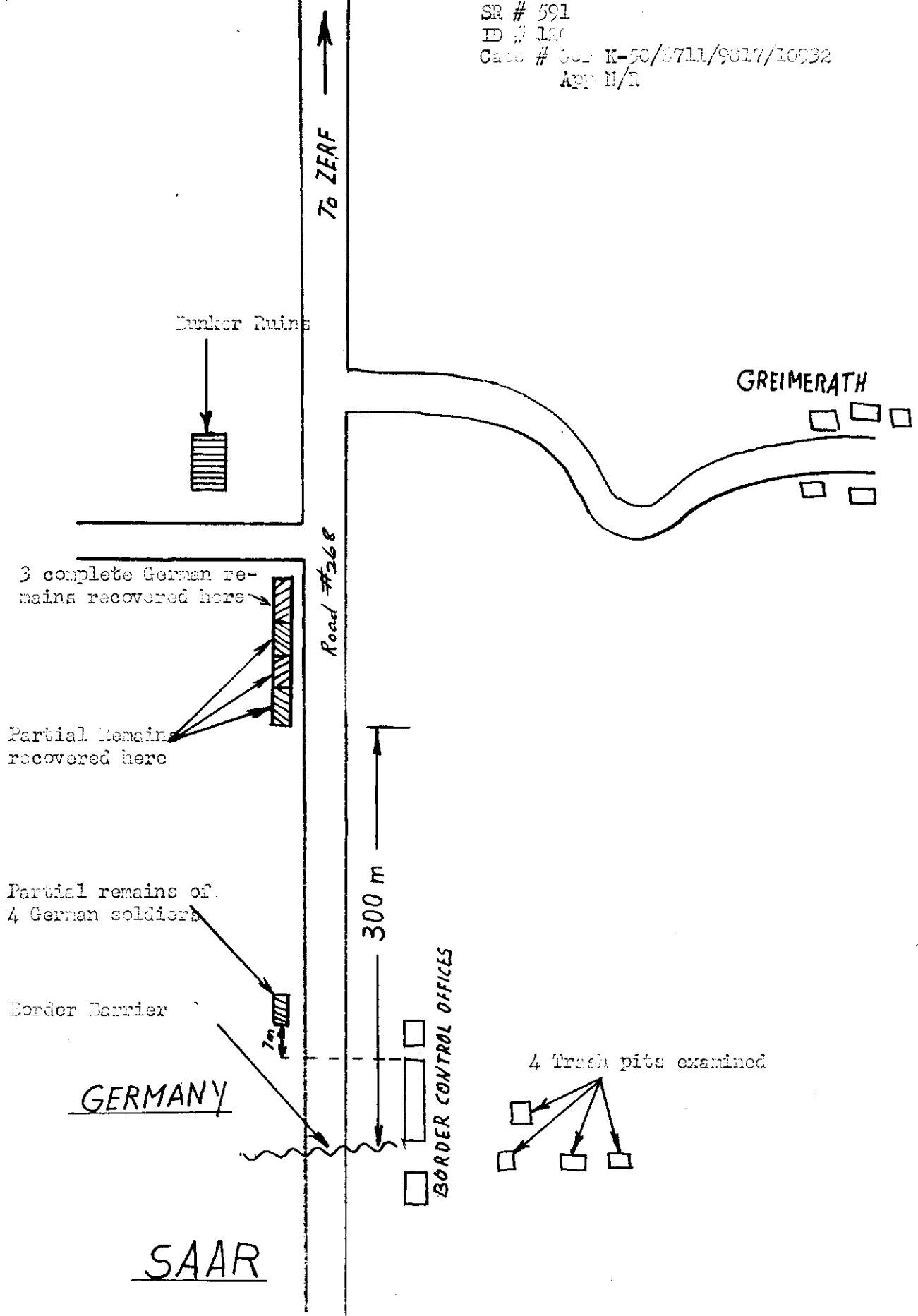


EXHIBIT B