

IF-1277
Neuville en Gondroz,
Belgium (VK-390187)
Unknown X-5405

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT. PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

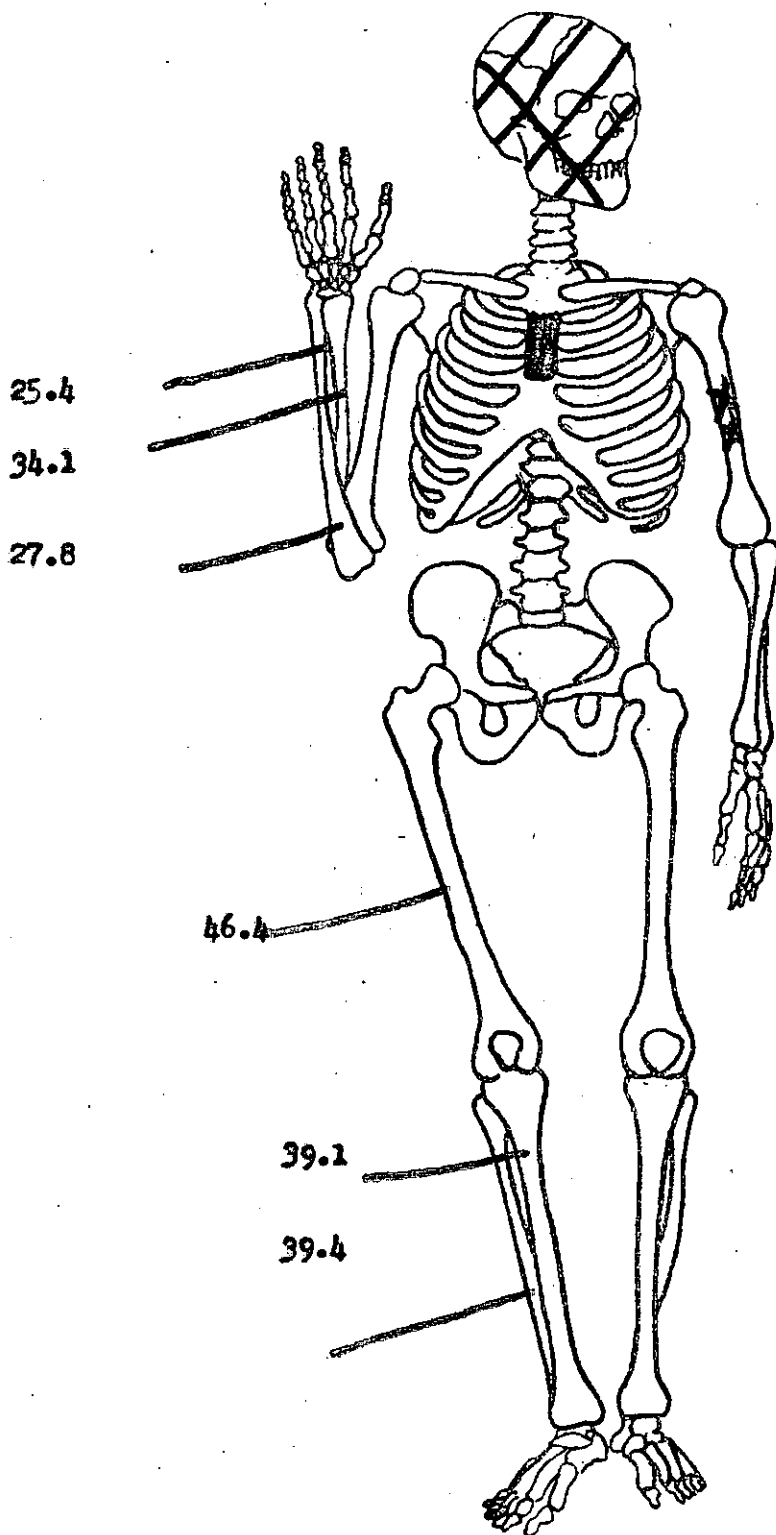


CHART "A"

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- a. What information was contained thereon? _____
- b. Where was the information obtained? _____
- c. By whom? _____
12. What is the date of death? Estimated to be November 1944
- a. Give basis Fighting took place at that time
13. What is the cause of death? Assumed to be mines or artillery
- b. Give basis Area was mined and forest is destroyed by artillery
14. What is the date of burial? Not buried
- a. Give basis Remains were found on top of the ground
15. What was the place of death? Hurtgen Forest District # 88 ^{Coords} WF-0233
- b. Give basis Remains were found there
16. Where were the remains found? Hurtgen Forest District # 88 ^{Coords} WF-0233
- a. By whom? Ludwig Pfaffe, Germeter house # 9
- b. Is sketch attached? Yes
17. Was a casket used? Not buried Who furnished the casket? _____
Type of casket _____ How marked? _____
18. Who made the burial Not buried
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? _____

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? DOES NOT APPLY
- 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? _____
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).
- a. Type of Plane _____
- b. Markings and/or name on plane _____
- c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: _____
21. How did crash occur? _____ Anti-aircraft
Enemy Planes? _____ Collision? _____
22. Did plane explode in the air? _____ On ground? _____
23. Did plane burn in the air? _____ On ground? _____
24. What was the direction of the flight? _____
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? _____

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

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? DOES NOT APPLY
 - 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?

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) Unknown
 - If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
 - a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? Yes
- 40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased See question # 48

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? By whom?
 - Present disposition On remains

If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned.

- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death?
 Where? By whom?
 Present disposition Unknown
- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death?
- d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot?
42. Was Deceased given first aid? If so, where?
 By whom? Are statements from the medical people attached?
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No
 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? Yes
Remains consist of dry bones
 (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? Yes By whom?
 When?
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed
Ludwig Pfaffe, Germeter, house # 9
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?
51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? Yes
 (If special investigation, give case number)
52. Give Brief Narrative See attached narrative
 (Use attached, sheets if necessary)

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 Signature of Interpreter

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 Rank ASN

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 Organization

William B. Adams
 Signature of Investigator

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 Tec 5 RA-6382982
 Rank ASN

Hq & Hq Det 164 CM BN
 Organization

NARRATIVE
ON GERMETER, GERMANY CASE

On 8 April 1947 we proceeded to the Hurtgen Forest Distr. # 88 to disinter the remains of an american deceased, found by forester LUDWIG PFAFFE GERMETER # 9.

LUDWIG PFAFFE found the remains on his regular course as a forester of this district.

The remains consisted of dry bones and remaining G.I. equipment. The deceased was recovered in the vicinity of a German Mine-Belt leading through this district. Wild animals had access to the remains.

One I.D. tag of JOSEF B. WICKHAM A.S.N. 39905055 was found on remains, but there were also two (2) I.D. tags of the same soldier found on remains twenty (20) yards away, those remains were evacuated with evacuation Number IF - 1271.

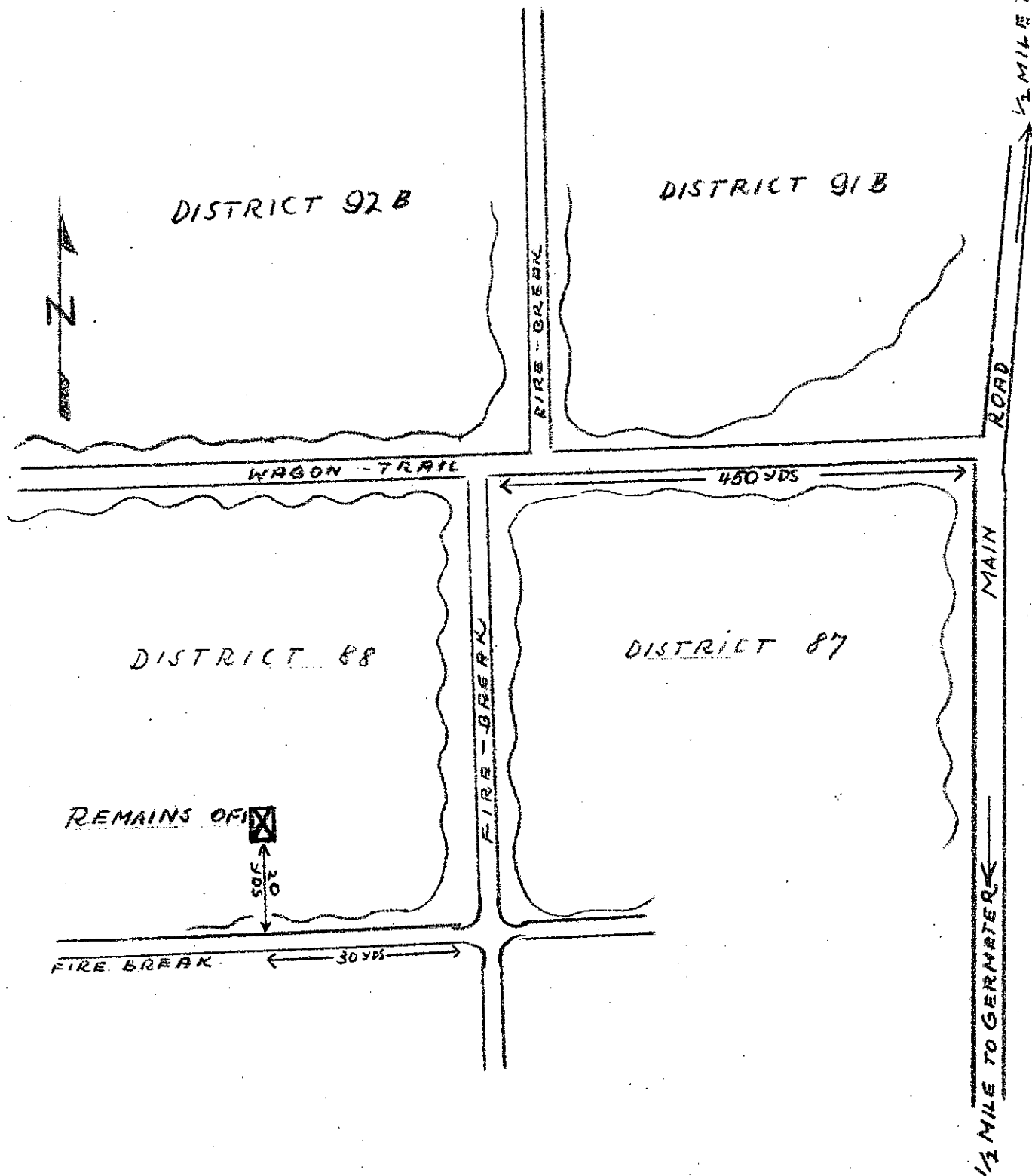
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*Identified
according to
records*

EVACUATION NUMBER IF-1277

Map : Germany 1/250000
Sheet : S I
Coord : (WF-0233)
Town : Germeter, Germany
Sketch by : George Geist,
(German Interpreter)

NOT TO SCALE



WD QMC FORM 1042 Rev 1 Apr. 1945 (Supersedes GRS Form 1)		REPORT OF INTERMENT (AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)			Date of report 19 May 1947		
Imprint Identification Tag if Possible DO NOT TYPE 		SECTION I. IDENTIFICATION					
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Unknown X-5405		Serial number Unknown					
Grade Unknown		Organization Unknown		Branch of service AGF.			
Race Unknown		Religion Unknown		If other than U. S. dead, Give name of country.			
Place of death Hurtgen Forest District #88 Germany		Cause of death BTB; Mines or artillery fire		Date of death Estimated: November 1944			
Emergency addressee (Name, Relationship and Address.) Unknown							
Identification tags found on body (1, 2, or None) One (1) see remarks		If no tags found on body, describe means of identification. If unidentified fill in section 3 on reverse.					
Were substitute tags provided (Yes or No) Yes							
List personal effects found on body and disposition of same None							
SECTION 2. BURIAL If other than in established cemetery furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.							
Name, Number, Coordinates and location of cemetery US. Military Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (VK-390187)							
Date of burial 19 May 1947		Hour 1500	Buried in (Shroud, Blanket, or name of other) Casket	Type of grave marker temp. wdn. cross	Plot no. U	Row no. 11	Grave no. 268
Was this a re-burial (Yes or No) No		If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location of grave Body found on ground in Hurtgen Forest - District #88 Germany			Plot no. -	Row no. -	Grave no. -
Type of religious ceremony Joint P, C & H		Person conducting burial rites Chaplains Risher, Saatman & Lepchivcher		If identification tags not used, describe identification data and containers buried with body			
Identification tag buried with body (Yes or No) No		Identification tag attached to marker (Yes or No) GRS		Report of Burial			
Body buried on deceased left, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Unknown X-5402		Rank Unk	Serial number Unk	Organization Unk	Grave No. 269		
Body buried on deceased right, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Stump, Eldo L.		Rank Pfc.	Serial number 39240125	Organization 109 Inf	Grave No. 267		
Signature of person preparing report ERNEST C. GADDY CWO. USA. C.I.P.		Signature of GRS officer verifying report RAYMOND G. JOHNSON 1st Lt. Inf. C.I.P.					
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for US and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Hdq. GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.							

SECTION 3. UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other" such as shoe size, social security number; position of body, found in airplanes, vehicles and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles and tanks.

(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprints or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.

Height Est.	Weight	Color of eyes	Color of hair	Birthmarks, scars or tattoos
5'10"	UTD	UTD	UTD	UTD

Weapon and serial number	Laundry marks	Where body was buried or found
None	See below	Hurtgen Forest District #88 Germany

For tooth chart see attached Form I-A.

RKEMARS

One (1) canteen cup marked; "J. SUESS - 36835463" found with remains. Remains consisting of dry bones and remnants of G.I. equipment were recovered in Hurtgen Forest in vicinity of German mine-belt.

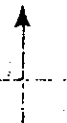
One (1) identification tag inscribed; "WICKHAM, JOSEPH B. 39905055" was found by disinterring team and came with debris to Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland.

Narrative also states that two other identification tags bearing same name were found on another body lying twenty yards away. These two (2) identification tags were found on latter body while processing at Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland and the remains were evacuated with number 1F-1271 and identified as:

"WICKHAM, JOSEPH B., Pfc., 39905055".

In view of the above information this case is classified "UNKNOWN". Identification tag found in the debris with this deceased is forwarded with case papers.

Furnish sketch and map reference and coordinates for burial in other than established cemetery.



Remarks Form 11 Checklist of Unknowns and Form 1A Tooth chart accomplished. Unable to obtain fingerprints because of decomposition. Estimated weight of remains recovered; 20 Lbs.