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PILOT: C ROW: 20 GR: 18  
Date of Burial: 2 Sept. 1949  
Verified by GRS Officer  
E.N. HEISEY, 1/LT OMC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED  
DIRECTIVE NUMBER: 1260 01863  
DATE: 15 08 49  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME: UNKNOWNX-005427  
SERIAL NUMBER: UNKNOWNX-005427  
GRADE: UNKNOWN  
ARM: J  
RACE: 0  
RELIGION: 6

CEMETERY: NEUVILLE BELGIUM  
PLOT: W ROW: 11 GRAVE: 258  
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: 1202 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: UNKNOWN  
SERIAL NUMBER: UNKNOWN  
GRADE: UNKNOWN  
DATE OF DEATH: UNKNOWN  
DATE DISTINTERRED: UNKNOWN  
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON:  REMAINS  MARKER  
ORGANIZATION: UNKNOWN  
RELIGION: UNKNOWN  
IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY: UNKNOWN  
NAME AND TITLE: UNKNOWN

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL: UNKNOWN  
CONDITION OF REMAINS: UNKNOWN  
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION: UNKNOWN

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET  
DATE: BY: EMBALMER (Signature):  
CASKET SEALED BY: SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY:  
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: NOTE: REMAINS ARE UNIDENTIFIABLE:  
*[Handwritten Signature]*

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DISINTERMENT OPERATIONS RECORD

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME SERIAL NUMBER GRADE ARM RACE RELIGION UNKNOWN X-005427 1

CEMETERY PLOT ROW GRAVE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS NEUVILLE BELGIUM W 11 258

CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SERIAL NUMBER GRADE DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED UNKNOWN X-005427 X-5427 UNK 17 DEC 48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ORGANIZATION RELIGION IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY REMAINS R.O.B. MARKER GRS UNK ROBERT W GANSEL, 1/LT QMC

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL CONDITION OF REMAINS MATTRESS COVER SKOLETAL FORM. ALL BONES MISSING WITH EXCEPTION OF R/TIBIA, R/FIBULA AND R/FOOT.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION NONE

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

NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET TRANSFER BOX:

DATE 21 DEC 48 BY GEORGE J SCHWADENER, EMBALMER

CASKET SEALED BY HERBERT D FREDREGILL EMBALMER (Signature) HERBERT D FREDREGILL, LIC EMBALMER

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED HENRY B RYDER JR TAGS, MARKINGS, PLATES VERIFIED BY: ROBERT W GANSEL, 1/LT QMC DATE 28 FEB 49 BY CLEFK RECORDER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. /EXCEPT CASNETING

ROBERT W GANSEL, 1/LT QMC SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

I certify that the entries on this form are true copies of the entries on Copy Number 4 of the Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed hereon.

Raymond J Rodriguez CWOUSA

293 ~~Deck~~ - Neuville X-5427

~~293 ~~Deck~~ Belgium (miss) Neuville Condry~~

X-5427 X-5428 X-5453

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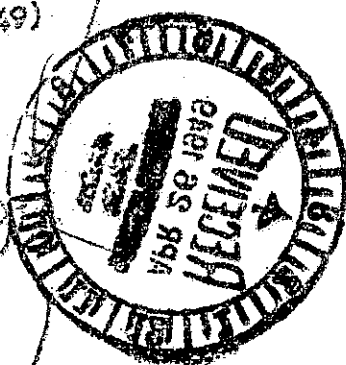
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J. G. HOLLONAE  
LT COL, QMGR DIV

(X-5427 X-5428 X-5453)

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVES NOT RECEIVED FOR FOLLOWING UNIDENTIFIABLE REMAINS

CLN USMC NEUVILLE CLN XRAY DASH FIVE FOUR TWO SEVEN CMA XRAY DASH  
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FIVE FOUR TWO EIGHT AND XRAY DASH FIVE FOUR FIVE THREE PD REQUEST

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE FOR ABOVE UNKNOWN BE FORWARDED SOONEST POSSIBLE

END AGRRE PECKHAM

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*July 10 1949*

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X-5428 - W-11-266  
~~X-5429~~  
X-5453 - W-11-272

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THE GRAN STREET

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*26 Apr 49*  
*M. Harman*

*5427, 5428, 5453*  
*Belgium*  
*Neuville*

1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Unk. Belgium (Misc.) ( Neuville-en-Condroz) ( X-5427,  
X-5428, X-5453)

### SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: TELETYPE 3. DATE: 26 Apr 49  
4. FROM: OQMG, MEM. DIV.  
5. TO: CG AGRC PARIS FRANCE  
6. SUBJECT: WCL - 34951

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OF CASE IN THIS OFFICE  
AGRC 2591 IS MC IN NO 56221 ( 18 APR 49)

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

13 April 1949  
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

The records pertaining to Unknown X- 5427, Plot W,  
Row 11, Grave 258, USMC NEUVILLE, Belgium,  
have been reviewed and it is the opinion of this Office that sufficient  
evidence is not available at the present time to establish the identity  
of the deceased concerned. The remains concerned should be classified  
as unidentifiable at the present time.

Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to your Office  
by Transmittal Ltr. No. 2343, dated 1-7-47.

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Roger Berger  
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Maj. Roger BERGER, O-251736    CRD    Capt Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297    QMC

Edward E. Stout  
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Capt. Edward F. PRICE, Jr. O-1588236    QMC    1/Lt Edward E. STOUT, O-1594512    CE

Ernest J. Oglesby  
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1/Lt. Ernest J. OGLESBY, O-449004,    Cav

Received 27 Apr 49  
Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available

QOMG

Incl #3

### IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X-5427  
Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium  
Plot ..... Row ..... Grave .....

- Date processed:**
1. Arrived at cemetery 9 May 1947  
(Hour) (Date)
  2. Place of death: Unknown remains washed ashore Saur River, Steinheim,  
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)  
L03 Sh: 6 1/250,000 Luxemburg.  
(Sheet, scale and serials used)
  3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 4527 QM Service CO (AG)  
(Name and organization)
  4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point, Margraten,  
(Name and organization) Holland.
  5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings color, wear, tear, repairs, etc.
* Headgear	<u>None</u>		
	(Type)		
Raincoat	<u>None</u>		
Overcoat	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Field	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Combat	<u>None</u>		
Mackinaw	<u>None</u>		
Sweater	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>None</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		



Belt, web ..... **None** .....

Drawers, wool ..... **None** .....

Drawers, cotton ..... **None** .....

Leggings, wool ..... **None** .....

Socks, ~~wool~~ **wool** **one (1) right** .....

\* Shoes **combat, one (1) shoe** (type) **right, size 10-D** .....

Overshoes ..... **one (1) right arctic.** .....

Web Equipment ..... **None** ..... (type) .....

(Other item) ..... **None** .....

(Other item) ..... **None** .....

\* 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?

**Believed to be Ground Forces**

6. Description of Remains :

Age ..... **Utd** ..... Height <sup>Est.</sup> **5'11<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>** ..... Weight ..... **Utd** ..... Description of wounds ..... **Utd** .....

Bandages or dressings ..... **Utd** ..... Scars ..... **Utd** .....  
(Length, width, location)

..... **Utd** ..... Tattoos  
(Number, location — illustrate on separate page)

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks ..... **Utd** .....  
(Yes-no; description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face ..... **Utd** .....

Complexion ..... **Utd** .....  
(Light, medium, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles)

Build ..... **Utd** .....  
(Large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair ..... **Utd** .....  
(Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

Hair ..... **Utd** .....  
(Baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns ..... **Utd** ..... Mustache ..... **Utd** ..... Beard or ..... **Utd** .....  
(Color, setting, shape) (Color, size, shape) (Length, heavy)

Goatee ..... **Utd**  
 (Light, color, extent)

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

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

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

Teeth ..... **No teeth recovered**  
 (White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw ..... **Utd** ..... Circumference of head in inches ..... **Utd**  
 (Large, small, normal) (Hat band)

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

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

Hands ..... **Utd**

Fingers ..... **Utd**  
 (Short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

(Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

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

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

Back ..... **Utd** ..... Circumcision ..... **Utd** ..... Pubic Hair ..... **Utd**  
 (Quantity and extent of hair) (Yes-no) (Color)

Hernioplasty ..... **Utd**  
 (Yes-no; location)

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

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

Evidence of healed fractures ..... **Utd**  
 (Nose, arms, legs, etc.)

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


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

If not, explain No fingers recovered

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

9. Remarks All flesh decomposed. Only bones of right leg (lower) and right foot. Bones of the right foot were recovered in the right sock and shoe. Estimated weight of remains processed: 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  pounds. Fluoroscopic Examination negative. Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination. As processing at Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland revealed no positive identifying clues, this case is classified "UNKNOWN".  
Bones used to compute height: 5'11 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". Tibia 40.1cm; Fibula 39.4cm.

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.



ERNEST C. GADDY

(Officer's Name)

CWO

Rank

USA

Service

Central Identification Point.

(Organization)

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Neuville en Condroz, Belg  
Unknown X-5427

# SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

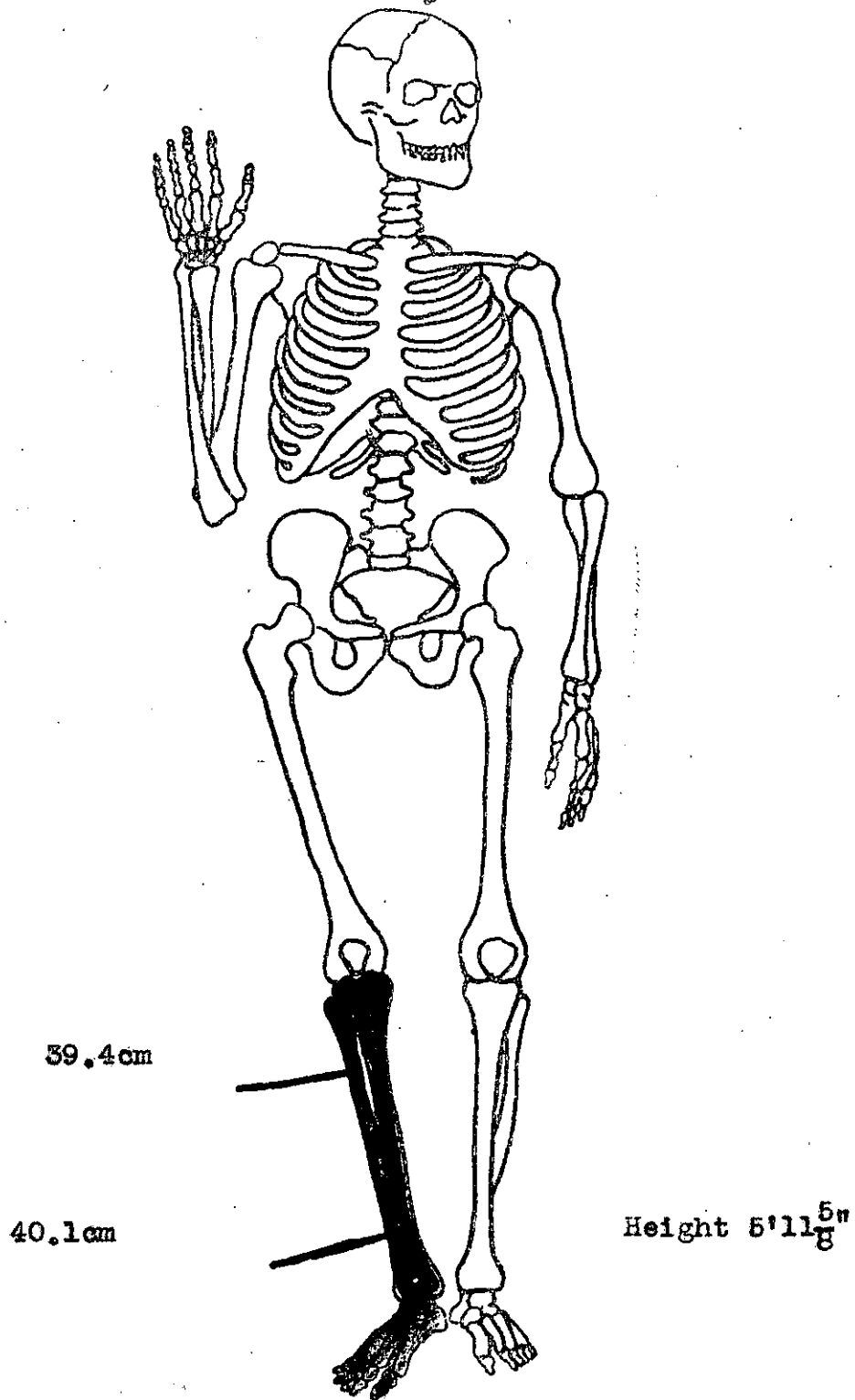


CHART "A"

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

## AREA SEARCH

14 May 1947  
~~30 April 1947~~

(Date)

Case Number 12-1286  
Name Unknown X-5427 Rank Unknown ASN Unknown  
Means of Identification None

### SECTION A — GENERAL

(To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? No

..... If so, state the following information:

a. NAME Unknown RANK Unknown ASN Unknown  
b. ORGANIZATION Unknown

2. Was partial identification established? Yes If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME John A. Raynor, Jr. RANK S/Sgt ASN 33794270  
b. ORGANIZATION Co. G, 329 Inf.  
PC.

3. Names of other deceased buried in immediate vicinity No

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

a. Date of above burials Unknown Common graves? No

4. Name and type of Cemetery Isolated Burial  
(Military or civilian)

5. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery DNA

a. Town DNA Country DNA

6. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains:

a. Section DNA Row DNA Grave DNA

b. Is sketch attached? DNA

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7. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.  
 a. Town Steinheim, Luxembourg.  
 Coordinates Sheet 6, I03, 1/250,000  
 b. Is sketch attached? Yes  
 c. Is area mined? No
8. How is grave marked? Steel Helmet On Grave
9. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon Not marked with cross
- a. From what source was this information obtained? DNA  
 (Identification Tags, Personal effects, etc.)
10. Where are the cemetery records? DNA  
 (Town Hall, Cemetery, Burgomasters Office)
- a. What information was contained thereon? DNA
11. What is the date of death? Remains Washed Ashore Saur River  
 a. Give basis Statement Mathieu Elsen.
12. What is the cause of death? Unknocwn  
 a. Give basis DNA
13. What is the date of burial? Unknown  
 a. Give basis DNA
14. What was the place of death? Body Washed Ashore Saur River, Steinheim, Luxemb.  
 Coordinates DNA
15. Where were the remains found? Steinheim, Luxembourg.  
 Coordinates L-03, Sheet 6, 1/250,000
16. Was casket used? No Who furnished the casket? DNA
17. Who made the burial? Civilians  
 (Civilians, American military, German military, etc.)  
 a. What are the names and addresses? Mathieu Elsen, Steinheim, Luxembourg.  
 b. Are certificates and statements attached? Yes

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SECTION B — AIR CORPS DECEASED

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

18. Were remains found in the plane wreckage?.....

a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed .....

(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front side of plane)

Near wreckage? .....

19. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).

a. Type of plane .....

b. Markings and/or name of plane .....

c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment:.....

DOES NOT APPLY

20. How did crash occur?..... Anti-Aircraft?.....

Enemy Planes?..... Collision?.....

21. Did plane explode in the air?..... On ground?.....

22. Did plane burn in the air?..... On ground?.....

23. What was the direction of the flight? .....

24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? .....

25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash?.....

26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with the date of death of above-named deceased? .....

27. Number of planes in formation prior to the crash? .....

28. State precise time and date of plane crash.....

(Night? Day?)

29. Were parachutists seen?..... How many? .....

Escaped?..... Prisoners?.....

SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED

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

30. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? .....

a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed: .....

(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or ..... front, side or back)

b. Near wreckage? .....

31. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)

a. Type of tank .....

b. Markings and/or name of tank .....

c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc. ....

DOES NOT APPLY

32. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? .....

33. Did tank explode? ..... Burn? .....

34. Numbers of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement? .....

35. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above-named deceased? .....

36. Precise time and date of destruction of tank ..... (Night? Day?)

37. Did any of the crew members escape? ..... Prisoners? .....

SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH

(To be filled out if B & C are not applicable)

38. Did death occur from any other means? (Truck, jeep, mines, or small arms fire) .....

Unknown

If so, give complete and thorough results of the investigation ..... DNA

a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? ..... Yes

39. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased ..... Unknown

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(To be completed by investigation in all cases)

40. Were personal effects recovered by the investigation team? No  
If not, state reason Not Available  
a. Were Identification Tags found at the time of death? No  
Where? DNA By whom? DNA  
Present disposition? DNA  
b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? No  
Where? DNA By whom? DNA  
Present disposition? DNA  
c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? NO  
d. Did cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? DNA
41. Was deceased given first aid? No If so, where? DNA  
By whom? DNA Are statements from the medical people attached?  
No
42. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No  
Where? DNA Names of people concerned DNA
43. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? No
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains?  
Yes, Only Bones From One Foot Recovered  
(Burnt, decapitated, etc.)
45. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No  
a. If so, give basis for positive assumption. DNA  
b. If so, has higher Headquarters been notified? DNA
46. Was case previously investigated? Yes By whom? Amer. Investigator  
Mr. Arak. When? March 1947

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47. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed: .....

.....  
Mathieu Elsen, Steinheim, Luxembourg  
.....  
Josef Poss, Steinheim, Luxembourg  
.....

48. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached?  
.....  
Yes

49. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity?  
.....  
No

50. Was investigation preceded by advance publicity? ..... Yes  
(If special investigation, give case number) ..... Luxembourg 6 -5158

51. Give brief narrative ..... attached

(Use attached sheets if necessary)

.....  
(Signature of Interpreter)  
Danial K. Arak  
US WD Civ. Investigator  
.....  
Rank .....  
ASN  
B-309329

.....  
(Signature of Investigator)  
Danial K. Arak  
US WD Civ. Investigator  
.....  
Rank .....  
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B-309329

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Hq. 1st Zone - Liege, APO 58.  
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(Organization)

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Luxembourg 5158  
FVAC. No. 12-1286

N A R R A T I V E

30 April 1947

Report on Disinterment at Village of Steinheim, Luxembourg. I contacted the Secretary of the Village of Steinheim, and was escorted to the spot where he had interred a foot, part of a combat boot, and overshoe. He said that it had washed up on shore some time previously. In my estimation, this is not part of the remains of Staff Sergeant John A. Raynor, Jr., 33794870. On the Missing in Acting Report on S/Sgt Raynor, it states that he was last seen unconscious by a bullet wound. The top of the combat boot and approximately half of the rubber overshoe was gone. The overshoe looked very ragged as though it had been done by an explosion of a shell or mine.

*Herman O. Hillyegerdes*  
Herman O. Hillyegerdes *owc*  
US WD Civ. D - 433321.

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Luxembourg 5158  
~~Commune de Rosport~~  
19 March 1947.

NARRATIVE

Investigation of case #5158, villages of STEINHEIM, DICKWEILER in the Community of ROSPORT, Luxembourg.

On arriving at the village of STEINHEIM on the banks of the SAUR river, I contacted the Secretary of the village through the help of the sister of the Priest. The priest was not in at the time, his sister told me that as far as she knew there were no Americans interred in the village.

Mr. ELSEN, the Secretary of the village, was very helpful to the fact that he helped the Americans pick up the dead during the fighting and after the fighting when they washed up on the banks of the river. He did not know of any Americans being interred in the village proper, or its outskirts. He did know of an American foot being washed up on to the banks. I went to look at the foot and found it to be that of an American, my calculations were based on the shoe having the American heel and sole, and the rubber overshoes. I covered up the foot after ~~being~~ burying it and placed an American helmet on a stick over it. I searched the area for human bones and found a few lying about mixed with animal bones. Mr. ELSEN stated that the bones lying about could be German as well as American. The location of the foot can be gotten from Mr. ELSEN. He also told me that he found an American bracelet in the woods while hunting about a year ago and that he turned it in to the ~~the~~ Town Major at Luxembourg city, he does not remember the number that was on the bracelet. In the year that he has been hunting he has never found any remains of Americans or other war dead.

Mr. POSS, friend of Mr. ELSEN, only knew of this foot lying near the bank of the river and he also stated that he has never found or seen any dead Americans or other remains in the vicinity of the village. He also helped the American Army evacuate the dead from the banks when they attacked Germany across the river. The German frontier at this location is only about one-hundred and fifty yards across the SAUR river.

After getting the statements from these three people I then proceeded on to the village of DICKWEILER and interrogated the Village Secretary whose statement was the same that he did not know of any Americans being found or interred in the village or vicinity.

After leaving DICKWEILER I went to the Commune of ROSPORT which these two villages are a part of. The Mayor and the priest did not know of any Americans or other dead being found or interred in the Commune, the Commune takes in the Villages of DICKWEILER, GIRST, HINKEL, GIRSTERKLAUS, OSWEILER, and STEINHEIM.

My presumption is that the soldier in question has either been drowned or interred by the German army.

*Daniel K. Arak*  
DANIEL K. ARAK  
US WE Civilian  
Investigator

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19. III 1947

Certificat

Le soussigné Elsen Mass. de Genève  
certifie d'avoir trouvé au lieu : "Jeu de  
Hère", au bord de la Lise une pioche  
avec des bords américains.

J'ai euturé et mesuré <sup>me</sup> une casquette en acier.

Genève le 19. III. 1947

Elsen Mass.

Luxembourg 5158  
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STEINHEIM, 19.3.47

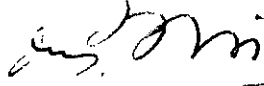
STATEMENT

The undersigned ELSEN Mathieu of STEINHEIM certifies to have found in the "Gemeinde Wiese" on the banks of the SAUR river a leg with American boots. I buried it and marked it with a steel helmet.

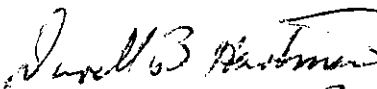
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PETER J. F. du BOIS  
Investigator  
4527 QM Serv Co (AC)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

  
DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Inf

Steinbrunn le 19. III. 1941

Certificat

Le sous-maire Jos. Josef de Steinbrunn  
Commune de Pörsdorf, Grand Duché  
Luxembourgy certifie qu'il ne se  
trouve plus d'enterrément de soldats  
américains sur le territoire de la  
Section de Steinbrunn

Jos. Poss.

Statement

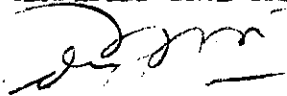
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STEINHEIM, 19.3.47

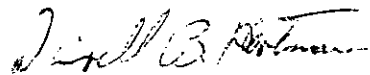
The undersigned POSS Josef of STEINHEIM,  
Community of ROSPORT, Grand Duche de Luxembourg, cer-  
tify that there are no American soldiers buried on the  
territory of the sectio STEINHEIM.

s/ Jos.POSS

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Investigator  
4527QM Serv Co (AC)

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DURELL B. HARTMAN *R*  
1st Lt. Inf



# Certificat.

Je soussigné' G. H. Becker de Sickweiler  
déclare ne rien savoir d'une tombe d'un  
soldat américain sur le territoire de Sick-  
weiler.

Sickweiler, le 19. III. 47

G. H. Becker

Luxembourg 5158  
*avec 10.6-1276*

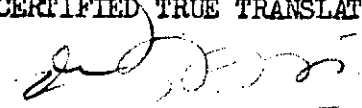
Statement

I the undersigned J. Math. BECKER of DICKWEILER  
declare not to know anything about a grave of an American  
soldier on the territory of DICKWEILER.

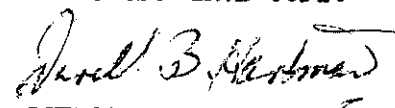
DICKWEILER, 19.3.47.

s/ J.M.BECKER

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DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Inf

Certificat.

Je soussigné déclare par la  
présente qu'il n'y a pas de secrets  
Américains, contenus dans le territoire  
de Rapot.

Rapot 19.3.1947

J. Planant



Statement

Luxembourg 5158  
CC. No. 128


I, The undersigned, herewith declare that there  
are no American soldiers buried on the territory  
of ROSPORT.

ROSPORT, 19.3.47.

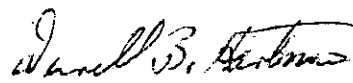
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DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Inf

Steinheim le 19-3-47

Je soussigné et déclare qu'il  
n'y a pas de Militaire Américain  
entré sur le territoire de  
Steinheim.

Monsieur Mathias Elen a  
monté au porteur de ce billet  
les restes d'un soldat que  
sa sœur a ramené sur ses  
rives lors de l'inondation  
pour M<sup>re</sup> le Curé

Max Chastel



Statement

Luxembourg 5153

*Joseph Elsen*

STEINHEIM, 19.3.47

I the undersigned declare that there are no American military buried on the territory of STEINHEIM. Mr. Mathias ELSÉN showed to bearer of this certificate the remains of a soldier which the SAUE washed ashore during ~~the~~ the inundation for the priest.

s/ (Illegible)

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

*Peter J. F. du Bois*  
PETER J. F. du BOIS  
Investigator  
4527 QM Serv Co (AC)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Durell B. Hartman*  
DURELL B. HARTMAN  
1st Lt. Inf

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DESTROYED  
BRIDGE

SÄUR RIVER

TRASH  
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STEIN HEIM

MR. EISEN  
SECRETARY OF  
TOWN

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ROSPORT →

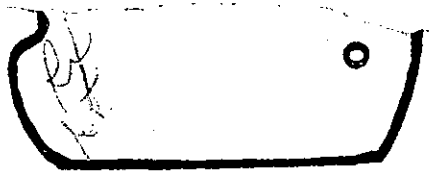
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**REPORT OF INTERMENT**  
(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

Date of report  
22 May 1947

**SECTION I. IDENTIFICATION**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		Serial number
UNKNOWN X-5427		Unknown
Grade	Organization	Branch of service
Unknown	Unknown	EDF: A.G.F.
Race	Religion	If other than U. S. dead, Give name of country.
Unknown	Unknown	



Place of death	Unknown	Cause of death	Unknown	Date of death	Unknown
washed ashore Saur River Steinheim, Luxembourg.					

Emergency addressee (Name, Relationship and Address.)

Unknown

Identification tags found on body (1, 2, or None) None

Were substitute tags provided (Yes or No) Yes

If no tags found on body, describe means of identification. If unidentified fill in section 3 on reverse.

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

U.S. Military Cemetery, Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (VF-390187)

Date of burial	Hour	Buried in (Shroud, Blanket, or name of other)	Type of grave marker temp.	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
22 May 1947	1500	Casket	Wood Cross	W	11	258

Was this a re-burial (Yes or No)	If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
Yes	Steinheim Luxembourg, Sheet 6, LOS, 1/250.000			Isolated grave

Type of religious ceremony	Person conducting burial rites	If identification tags not used, describe identification data and containers buried with body
Joint P, C & H	Chaplains Rusher, Saatman & Lepchivcher	Report of Burial
Identification tag buried with body (Yes or No)	Identification tag attached to marker (Yes or No)	
No	GRS	

Body buried on deceased left, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
Unknown X-5468	Unk	Unk	Unk	259

Body buried on deceased right, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
Phillips, R. L.	T/Sgt.	16080941	305 Bomb	257

Signature of person preparing report	Signature of GRS officer verifying report
ERNEST C. GADBY CWO USA C.I.F.	RAYMOND G. JOHNSON 1st Lt. Inf. C.I.F.

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 Utd.	Color of eyes Utd.	Color of hair Utd.	Birthmarks, scars or tattoos Utd.
5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "				

Weapon and serial number	Laundry marks	Where body was buried or found
None	None	Steinheim, Luxemburg.

For tooth chart see attached Form I-A.

REMARKS

Remains consisting of one foot, part of a combat boot and overshoe were washed ashore at SAUR River and buried in Village Steinheim, Luxemburg.

According to information gathered from witnesses by dis-interring team, there are no other American soldiers buried in the territory of Steinheim. All casualties were picked up by Americans during and after the fighting was over.

Letter from Hq A.G.R.C. believed remains to be those of Raynor, John A., Jr., S/Sgt., 33794870 from Co G., 329th Infantry reported missing in Action on 27 November 1944 during a night patrol in direction of Steinheim.

S/Sgt Raynor was last seen unconscious with a bullet wound. Because overshoe found on these remains was ragged and looked as though it had been made so by an explosion of a shell or mine and no evidence of a bullet wound was found, it does not seem probable that these remains are those of "Raynor".

As processing at Subordinate Identification Point, Har-graten, Holland, revealed no identifying clues whatsoever, this case is classified "UNKNOWN".

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



Remarks  
 Form 11 checklist of Unknowns accomplished.  
 Unable to obtain Form 1A Tooth Chart and fingerprints because of missing portions.  
 Estimated weight of remains recovered: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  Lbs.