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FROM: C ROW: 2 GR: 15
Date of Burial: Sept. 1949
Verified by GRS Officer **DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE**
E.N.HEISEY, 1/LT QMC

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 01868	DATE 15 08 49 DAY MONTH YEAR	
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWNX-005428	GRADE	ARM J	RACE 0
CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM	PLOT W 11	ROW 266	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)
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SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION
SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET
DATE _____ BY _____

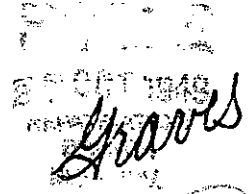
CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
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CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE _____ BY _____	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
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I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
NOTE: REMAINS UNIDENTIFIABLE.





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DISINTERMENT OPERATIONS RECORD

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER		DATE		
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	ARM	DAY MONTH YEAR
CEMETERY		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS	
NEUVILLE BELGIUM		W	11	266	1	
					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-005428			7 DECEMBER 1948
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON	ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY	
REMAINS MARKER EMB		UNK	SHERMAN D. MULHOLLAN 1ST LT, ORD. NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
MATTRESS COVER.	ABOUT 1/2 LB. OF BONES.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

2 EMBOSSED PLATES WITH REMAINS UNK X-5428.
REPORT OF BURIAL WITH REMAINS READS UNK X-5428.

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

NONE.

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASE~~ TRANSFER BOX

DATE 17 DECEMBER 1948	BY WILLIAM R. BAILEY, EMBALMER
CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
GEORGE R. REED	GEORGE R. REED, LICENSED EMBALMER
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING TAGS, PLATES, MARKINGS
PVT DONALD L. GREGORY	VERIFIED BY:
DATE 1 FEB 49 BY	ROGER E. LEWIS, CAPT, CAV.

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

SHERMAN D. MULHOLLAN, 1ST LT, ORD.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

I CERTIFY that the typed names appearing above are the same as the original signatures on the No. 4 copy of F-1194 concerned

Raymond G Johnson 1ST LT INF

QMC FORM 26 MAR. 48 1258

INDICATE RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER ON REVERSE SIDE

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SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: TEL

3. DATE: 26 Apr 49

4. FROM: OQMG, MEM DIV

5. TO: CG, AGRC PARIS FRANCE

6. SUBJECT: WCL - 34951

DISINT DIRS FOR RQSTD UNKNS WILL BE BURNISHED UPON APPROVAL
OF CASE IN THIS OFFICE

AGRC 2591 IS MC IN NO 56221 (18 APR 49)

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RRE Form #43
20 Sep 48

293 New-Neuville X-5428

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

UNIDENTIFIABLE X - 5428			(Temp.: NEUVILLE)	
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United States Military Cemetery USMC NEUVILLE-en-CONDROU, Belgium

Incl #

STATE FILE

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

Holland 8434
Evac. No. IZ-1287

1 May 1947
(Date)

Case Number IZ-1287
Name Unknown X-5428 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? _____
If so, state the following information:

a. NAME DNA RANK DNA ASN DNA
b. ORGANIZATION DNA

2. Was partial identification established? No If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME DNA RANK DNA ASN DNA
b. ORGANIZATION DNA

3. Names of other deceased buried in immediate vicinity Many Unknown isolated burials and unknown IZ-1288

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

a. Date of above burials Late 1944 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 NE GROESBEEK, HOLLAND
Coordinates MS 2A & 3A, E75, 1/250,000
- b. Is sketch attached? YES
NO
- c. Is area mined? _____
8. How is grave marked? PLAIN PIECE OF WOOD
9. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon NO CROSS, NO MARKINGS
- a. From what source was this information obtained? DNA
(Identification Tags, Personal effects, etc.)
10. Where are the cemetery records? BURGOMASTER'S OFFICE
(Town Hall, Cemetery, Burgomasters Office)
- a. What information was contained thereon? NOTHING ON ABOVE BURIAL
11. What is the date of death? SEPT. OR OCT. 1944
- a. Give basis PEOPLE EVACUATED DURING BATTLE, REMAINS WERE BURIED BEFORE THEY RETURNED
12. What is the cause of death? PLANE CRASH
- a. Give basis REMAINS FOUND IN BURNED C-47
13. What is the date of burial? NONE
- a. Give basis REMAINS WERE FOUND IN AND AROUND PLANE
14. What was the place of death? ABOUT 3MI. EAST OF GROESBEEK, Holland
Coordinates MS 2A & 3A, E75, 1/250,000
15. Where were the remains found? 3 Mi. East of Groesbeek, Holland in plane
Coordinates MS 2A & 3A, E 75, 1/250,000
16. Was casket used? no Who furnished the casket? DNA
17. Who made the burial? Nobody
(Civilians, American military, German military, etc.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? DNA
- b. Are certificates and statements attached? DNA

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Holland 8434, Evac. No. IZ-1777
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? **Yes**
a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed
near the front side of plane
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front side of plane)
Near wreckage? **no**
19. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).
a. Type of plane **C-47**
b. Markings and/or name of plane **none - plane burnt**
c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment:
**none found as above equipment has been removed or burnt
beyond recognition**
20. How did crash occur? **unk** Anti-Aircraft? **DNA**
Enemy Planes? **DNA** Collision? **DNA**
21. Did plane explode in the air? **unknown** On ground? **unknown**
22. Did plane burn in the air? **probably** On ground? **yes**
23. What was the direction of the flight? **unknown**
24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? **Nijmegen, as it was
a troop carrier and our paratroopers were fighting at the time**
25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? **unknown**
26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with the date of death of above-named deceased?
approximately same time of month and year
27. Number of planes in formation prior to the crash? **unk**
28. State precise time and date of plane crash **unk**
(Night? Day?)
29. Were parachutists seen? **unk** How many? **DNA**
Escaped? **DNA** Prisoners? **DNA**

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

SECTION E — GENERAL
(To be completed by investigation in all cases)

40. Were personal effects recovered by the investigation team? No
If not, state reason Everything was burnt
- 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? unknown
- d. Did cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? DNA
41. Was deceased given first aid? unk If so, where? DNA
By whom? DNA Are statements from the medical people attached?
DNA
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?
Burnt - only a few bones found
(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? unknown By whom? DNA
When? DNA

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

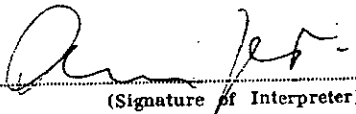
Burgomaster of Groesbeek, Holland.
L. Laner, H. Hermsen, H. G. Derks, Groesbeek, Holland.

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?
yes

50. Was investigation preceded by advance publicity? **yes**
(If special investigation, give case number) Holland 8434

51. Give brief narrative remains may be cpl. Wm. Armstrong as he was a crew member of a C-47 which came down in this area
(Use attached sheets if necessary)


(Signature of Interpreter)

A, MEYER

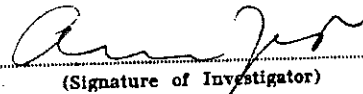
Investigator

Rank

ASN

4527 QM Serv Co (AC)

(Organization)


(Signature of Investigator)

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April 14, 1947

N A R R A T I V E

At Groesbeek the town-hall reports that known American deceased have been removed from that area on 5 March 1946 and no other discoveries have been made although announcements have been made by the local newspapers in that vicinity. They, the town-hall stated that on 17th of September 1944 hundreds of American, English and Canadian planes and gliders came in that area, a good number landed in Germany, for the border is only a short distance from Groesbeek. All planes and gliders have since that time been removed by various persons unknown. Since the glider in question landed app. 3 miles NE of Groesbeek, this would put the location at about 5 Km which is in the direction of Wyler and ending across the German border. The following farmers living on the way to Wyler were contacted:

Mr. Hermsen
Mr. H.G. Derks
Mr. H.A. Kuypers
Mr. G.J. Kuypers
Mr. L. Lamers

Farms being at strategic located places in the Wyler direction. All report no soldiers having been found with the exception of German and English graves. A map of the location of these graves has been forward previously with other basic communications pertaining to this area.

Suggest further investigation be carried on the German side of the border.

L. W. Bladow
Mr. L.W. Bladow
WD Civilian
Investigator.

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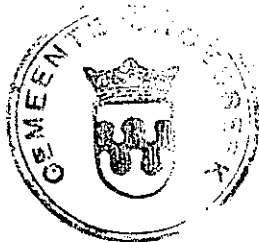
N A R R A T I V E

While investigating the wreckage of a C-47 near Groesbeek, Holland, a few dry charred bones were discovered. Civilians say the plane crashed in 1944 and 3 bodies were previously removed from the wreckage vicinity by an American unit. Near the few bones, we found a burned map and a burned novel. It is possible that the remains belonged to the navigator.

Two bodies, believed to be German, were disinterred within about 300-400 yards of the wreckage. Upon further interrogation it was disclosed that the civilians had no reason to believe them to be German as no one was actually present when they were killed or buried. Upon disinterment, it was discovered that one was German and the other remains were found to have only a few small scraps of clothing. The bones were charred; an indication that they originally came from a burning plane or tank, as burnt clothing will not char bones. A small piece of clothing was discovered that resembled the weave of an American Officer's uniform. The body was incomplete as there was no head, feet, or lower legs, and was not placed in the grave properly.

Robert C Long
ROBERT C LONG
1st Lt. Infantry
Disinterring Officer

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GEMEENTE GROESBEEK

Groesbeek, 11 April 1947.

Ik ondergeteekende verklaar dat op de 17e en 18e September 1944 honderde vliegtuigen en zweefvliegtuigen zijn neergekomen in deze streek. o.a. Amerikanen, Engelschen Canadeezen. Het Grootste gedeelte van de bevolking was geëvacueerd of bevond zich in schuilkelders. Ook zijn er vliegtuigen en zweefvliegtuigen neergekomen in Duitschland. De mogelijkheid bestaat dat het vliegtuig waarover U informeert is neergekomen 5 KM. van hier in de richting Wyler wat al reeds Duitsch grondgebied is. De vliegtuigen en zweefvliegtuigen zijn al reeds gedemonteerd en door verschillende personen weggehaald. Alle Amerikaansche soldaten die bekend waren zijn al reeds weggehaald door :

3059 QM Gr. Reg. Co. 2 Plt.

Op de 5 Maart 1946.

We hebben in de couranten vaak genoeg gepubliceerd alle informaties direct door te geven ter gemeente secretarie alhier doch tot op heden geen informaties aangaande Amerikaansche soldaten kunnen ontvangen.

Ik heb al reeds een kaart gestuurd waarop alle gegevens zijn aangebracht omtrent de graven die zich hier nog bevinden en nog niet opgegraven zijn.

De mogelijkheid bestaat dat onder deze zich nog Amerikanen bevinden.

De bosschen zijn geheel mijnenvrij, allen het grenstrookgebied is nog niet geheel gezuiverd. Tot nu toe zijn aldaar nog geen Amerikaansche lijken gevonden. Uitgesloten van de Amerikanen die al reeds naar Margraten zijn overgebracht zijn alhier geen Amerikanen meer aanwezig.

De Burgemeester van Groesbeek.

11 april 1947

X 5428 Kerwilt

Groningen

HOLLAND. 8434
EVAC # 12-1287

Ik verhaal dat op de 17 sept. 1944 ik was
 in de helde met de rest van mijn familie.
 Bij mijn beste weten zou ik niet kunnen verklaren
 of er nog Amerikanen hier op mijn land aan-
 werking zijn en tot nu toe heb ik nog geen
 horen spreken over lijken van Amerikanen die
 nog niet zijn opgegraven.

Het graf dat zich op mijn land bevindt
 is ~~keuze~~ Duitsers en ik heb het gementie eurs
 dien van op de hoogte gebracht.

L. LAMERS



X-5-428 Kerville 11 April 1947
HOLLAND 8434
EVAC NO 12-1287

Ik verklaar dat op 17 sept ik en mijn familie mij
bevond in de schuilbelden van of 1945-1 april bevestig
ik mijn land afgeven van de G. Kuypers die te nog
begraaven liggen rijk en geen spere-gevorde van
Amerikanen

G. J. Kuypers

G. J. KUYPERS

X-5428 herwilt 11 april 1947

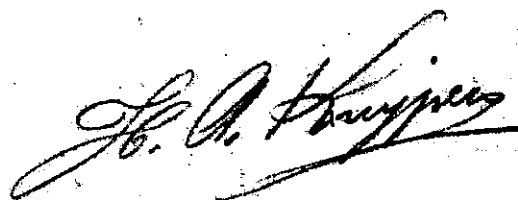
Groesbeek

HOLLAND 8434

EVAC. # 12-1287

Ik verklaar dat op den 17 sept. 1944 ik en mijn familie mijn bewind in de schuilkelder vanaf 1945 bewerkt ik mijn land. Tot op heden heb ik nog geen spore van lijen kunnen ontdekken. afgezien van de duikers die opgehaald zijn.

H. A. KUIJPERS.



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Heerwilt

Holland Case # 8434 11 April 1947

Genoesbeek

HOLLAND 8434

EVAC. No 12-1287

Ik verklaar dat er op mijn terrein geen
Amerikanen meer begraven wel zijn er 2
duizend begraven. 5 Dweeftoertelle zijn op
mijn terrein neergekomen. de Amerikanen
welke verongeluk zijn. zijn een jaar geleden
opgehaald.

H.G. DERKS.

H.G. Derks

X-0928

11 APRIL 1947

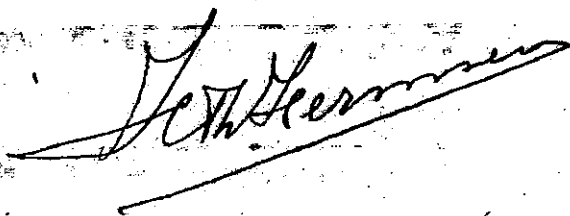
Arvill

GROESBEEK

HOLLAND 8434
EVAC. No. 1Z-1287

Ik verklaar dat op den 17 sept. 44 ik en mijn familie mij bevond in de kelder. Zo ik weet niet wat er eigenlijk gebeurd is. Ik heb op mijn land gewerkt sedert 1944 en heb tot nu toe geen lyken gevonden, tenzij 2 Duitsers S.S.

H. HERMSEN



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- 5428, Plot W,
Row 11, Grave 266, 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

Maj. Roger BERGER, O-251736

ORD. Capt Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297

QMC

Edward F. Price, Jr.

Capt. Edward F. PRICE, Jr. O-1588236

QMC 1/Lt Edward E. STOUT, O-1594512

CE

Ernest J. Oglesby

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

3748-1464
Not identifiable from
information presently
available

Inc 1 # 4

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X-5428

Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium

Plot _____ Row _____ Grave _____

1. Arrived at cemetery Date processed, 2 May 1947
(Hour) (Date)
2. Place of death About 3 Miles East of Groesbeek, Holland NS-2A & 3A E 75 1/250.000
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

(Sheet, scale and serials used)
3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 1527 QM. Sv. Co. (AC)
(Name and organization)
4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland
(Name and organization)
5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings color, wear, tear, repairs, etc.
* Headgear	<u>NO CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT FOUND.</u> (Type)		
Raincoat			
Overcoat			
Jacket, Field			
Jacket, Combat			
Mackinaw			
Sweater			
Jacket, HBT			
* Shirt, Wool OD			
Undershirt, Wool			
Undershirt, Cotton			
Trousers, HBT			
* Trousers, Wool OD			

NO CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT

Belt, web
 Drawers, wool
 Drawers, cotton
 Leggings, wool
 Socks, cotton
 * Shoes (type)
 Overshoes
 Web Equipment (type)
 (Other item)
 (Other item)
 * If body is nude, sizes of these items should be computed by measuring the remains
 Chevrons or Insignia
 (Type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch

Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Force?

BTE: AAF. (See case papers)

6. Description of Remains :

Age **UTD** Height **UTD** 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 found**
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw **UTD** Circumference of head in inches **Missing**
(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)

UTD
(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 **Fingers missing**

8. Has tooth chart been prepared? **No** (Yes-no) If not, explain **Teeth missing**

9. Remarks **Case consists of few bone fragments. Height estimation not possible. Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination. Fluoroscopic Examination not necessary. Estimated weight of processed remains, 1 lb. Processing revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore this case is classified "UNKNOWN".**

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. USA.

Rank

Service

Central Identification point

(Organization)

SKELETAL CHART

17-1267
Neuville en Condroz,
Belgium
Unknown X-5428

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

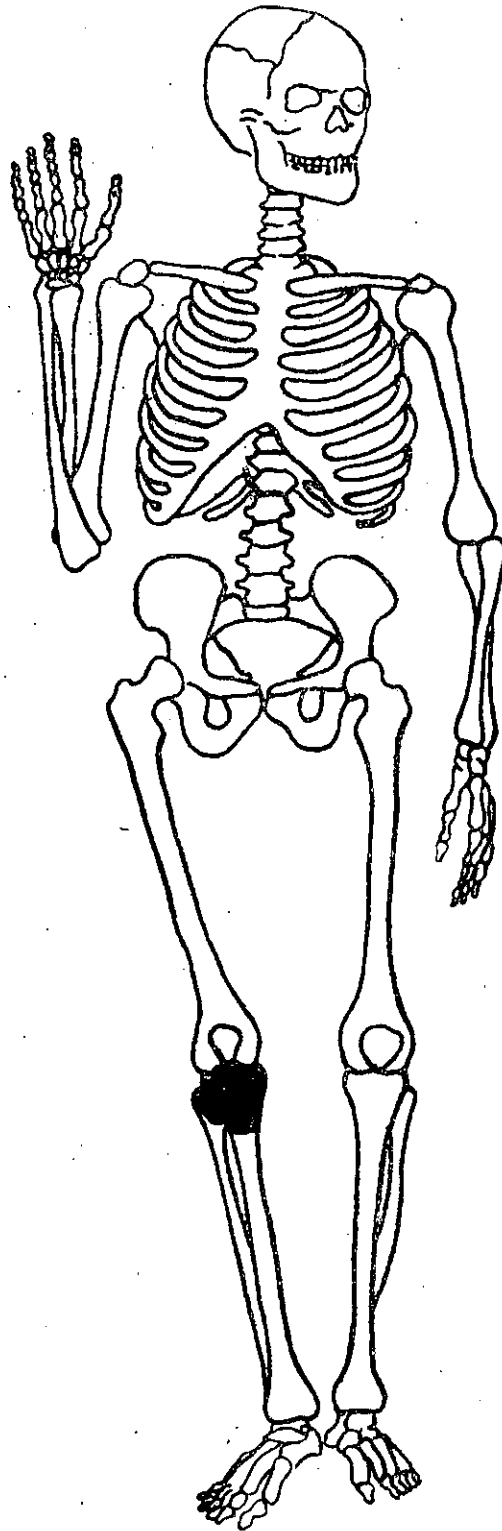


CHART "A"

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

Holland 8434
Evac. No. 12-1287

1 May 1947

Case Number 12-1287
Name Unknown X-5428 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?
..... If so, state the following information:
a. NAME DNA RANK DNA ASN DNA
b. ORGANIZATION DNA
2. Was partial identification established? No If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:
a. NAME DNA RANK DNA ASN DNA
b. ORGANIZATION DNA
3. Names of other deceased buried in immediate vicinity Many Unknown isolated burials, and unknown 12-1287
(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)
a. Date of above burials Late 1944 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 NE GROESBEK, HOLLAND
Coordinates NS 2A & 3A, E75, 1/250,000
- b. Is sketch attached? YES
- c. Is area mined? NO
8. How is grave marked? PLAIN PIECE OF WOOD
9. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon NO CROSS, NO MARKINGS
- a. From what source was this information obtained? DNA
(Identification Tags, Personal effects, etc.)
10. Where are the cemetery records? BURGMASTERS OFFICE
(Town Hall, Cemetery, Burgomasters Office)
- a. What information was contained thereon? NOTHING ON ABOVE BURIAL
11. What is the date of death? SEPT. OR OCT. 1944
- a. Give basis PEOPLE EVACUATED DURING BATTLE, REMAINS WERE BURIED BEFORE THEY RETURNED
12. What is the cause of death? PLANE CRASH
- a. Give basis REMAINS FOUND IN BURNED C-47
13. What is the date of burial? NONE
- a. Give basis REMAINS WERE FOUND IN AND AROUND PLANE
14. What was the place of death? ABOUT 3MI. EAS. OF GROESBEK, Holland
Coordinates NS 2A & 3A, E75, 1/250,000
15. Where were the remains found? 3 MI. eas of Groesbeek, Holland in plane
Coordinates NS 2A & 3A, E 75, 1/250,000
16. Was casket used? no Who furnished the casket? DNA
17. Who made the burial? Nobody
(Civilians, American military, German military, etc.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? DNA
- b. Are certificates and statements attached? DNA

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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? Yes
- a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed _____
near the front side of plane
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front side of plane)
- Near wreckage? no
19. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom):
- a. Type of plane C-47
- b. Markings and/or name of plane none - plane burnt
- c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: _____
none found as above equipment has been removed or burnt
beyond recognition
20. How did crash occur? unk Anti-Aircraft? DNA
 Enemy Planes? DNA Collision? DNA
21. Did plane explode in the air? unknown On ground? unknown
22. Did plane burn in the air? probably On ground? yes
23. What was the direction of the flight? unknown
24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? Nijmegen, as it was
a troop carrier and our paratroopers were fighting at the time
25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? unknown
26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with the date of death of above-named deceased?
approximately same time of month and year
27. Number of planes in formation prior to the crash? unk
28. State precise time and date of plane crash _____ unk
(Night? Day?)
29. Were parachutists seen? unk How many? DNA
 Escaped? DNA Prisoners? DNA

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.

- 32. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?
 DOES NOT APPLY
- 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)

 If so, give complete and thorough results of the investigation
 a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?

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

SECTION E — GENERAL

(To be completed by investigation in all cases)

40. Were personal effects recovered by the investigation team? NO
 If not, state reason Everything was burnt
 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? UNKNOWN
 d. Did cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? DNA
41. Was deceased given first aid? unk If so, where? DNA
 By whom? DNA Are statements from the medical people attached?
DNA
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?
Burnt - only a few bones found
 (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? unknown By whom? DNA
 When? DNA

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

~~Burgomaster of Groesbeek, Holland.~~
~~L. Lamer, H. Hermson, H. G. Derke, Groesbeek, Holland.~~

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?

yes

50. Was investigation preceded by advance publicity?
(If special investigation, give case number)

yes

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51. Give brief narrative
~~remains may be op. in, Armstrong as he was a crew~~
~~member of a C-47 which came down in this area~~
(Use attached sheets if necessary)

(Signature of Interpreter)

A. MEYER

Investigator

Rank

ASN

4527 4th Serv Co (AC)

(Organization)

(Signature of Investigator)

A. MEYER

Investigator

Rank

ASN

4527 4th Serv Co (AC)

(Organization)

April 14, 1947

NARRATIVE

At Groesbeck the town-hall reports that known American deceased have been removed from that area on 5 March 1946 and no other discoveries have been made although announcements have been made by the local newspapers in that vicinity. They, the town-hall stated that on 17th of September 1944 hundreds of American, English and Canadian planes and gliders came in that area, a good number landed in Germany, for the border is only a short distance from Groesbeck. All planes and gliders have since that time been removed by various persons unknown. Since the glider in question landed app. 3 miles NE of Groesbeck, this would put the location at about 5 Km which is in the direction of Nylar and ending across the German border. The following farmers living on the way to Nylar were contacted:

Mr. Hermsen
Mr. H.G. Derks
Mr. H.A. Kuypers
Mr. C.J. Kuypers
Mr. L. Langers

Farms being at strategic located places in the Nylar direction. All report no soldiers having been found with the exception of German and English graves. A map of the location of these graves has been forward previously with other basic communications pertaining to this area.

Suggest further investigation be carried on the German side of the border.

L. W. Bladow
Mr. L. W. Bladow
WD Civilian
Investigator.

30 April 1947

EVAC No 12-128

N A R R A T I V E

While investigating the wreckage of a C-47 near Groesbeek, Holland, a few dry charred bones were discovered. Civilians say the plane crashed in 1944 and 3 bodies were previously removed from the wreckage vicinity by an American unit. Near the few bones, we found a burned map and a burned novel. It is possible that the remains belonged to the navigator.

Two bodies, believed to be German, were disinterred within about 300-400 yards of the wreckage. Upon further interrogation it was disclosed that the civilians had no reason to believe them to be German as no one was actually present when they were killed or buried. Upon disinterment, it was discovered that one was German and the other remains were found to have only a few small scraps of clothing. The bones were charred; an indication that they originally came from a burning plane or tank, as burnt clothing will not char bones. A small piece of clothing was discovered that resembled the weave of an American Officer's uniform. The body was incomplete as there was no head, feet, or lower legs, and was not placed in the grave properly.

Robert C. Long
ROBERT C. LONG
1st Lt. Infantry
Disinterming Officer

Grossbeak, 11 April 1947.

S T A T E M E N T

I, the undersigned, declare that on 17 and 18 September 1944, hundreds of planes and gliders came down in this district a.o. Americans, English and Canadians. The greater part of the inhabitants were evacuated or in shelters. Many planes and gliders came also down in Germany. There is a possibility that the planes, of which you want information, came down 5 kilometers from here in the direction of ~~Wider~~, which is already German territory. The planes and gliders have already been disassembled and removed by various people. All Americans who were known, have been removed by: 3059 QM Gr. Reg. Co. 2 Flt. on 5 March 1946.

We have often published in the newspapers to forward all information to the town-hall of this town, but up till now, no information concerning American soldiers has been received. I sent already a card with all information concerning the graves which are still here and have not yet been disinterred. There is a possibility that there are still Americans among these, who have not been disinterred.

There are no mines in the woods, only the territory near the border is not quite clear. Up till now, no American bodies have been found there. Except the Americans who have been removed to Margraten, there are no Americans here any more.

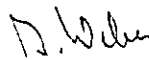
The Burgomaster of Grossbeak,

/s/ Illegible.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DURRELL B. HARDMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
4527 US Service Co.

Crossbeck, LI April 1947

STATEMENT

I declare that on 17 September 1944, I and my family were in the cellar, so I don't know what really happened. I worked on my field since 1944 and up till now never found any bodies except those of two Germans (S.S.).

/s/ H. Hertzgen.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Dwight B. Hartman
DURELL B HARTMAN *over*
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

J. Weber
I. Weber
4527 OH Service Co.

Elland Case # 6434
EVAC. # 12-1287

Grosbeck, 1. April 1947.

S T A T E M E N T

I declare that no Americans are on my ground any more,
there are only buried two Germans.

Five gliders came down on my ground. The Americans, who
met with the disaster, have been removed a few years ago.

/s/ H.G. Derks.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Durrell B. Hartman
DURRELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation

J. Weber

I. Weber
4527 3M Service Co.

Holland Case # 6434
EVAC # 12-1287

Groesbeek, 11 April 1947

STATEMENT

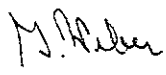
I declare that on 17 September 1944, I and my family were in the shelter. I work on my field since 1945 and up till now, never found any bodies, except those of the Germans, which have been removed.

/s/ H.A. Kuypers.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


RUSSELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry.

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
#527 OM Service Co.

Holland Case # 8434

EVAC. #12-1287

11 April 1947.

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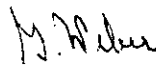
I declare that on 17 September, I and my family, were in the shelter. Since 1 April 1945 I work in my field. There are no Americans buried on my field except 9 Germans.

/s/ G.J. Kuypers.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DURRELL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
4527 CB Service Co.

Groasbeck, 11 April 1947


S T A T E M E N T

I declare that on 17 September 1944, I and my family, were in the cellar. To the best of my knowledge I could not declare if there are Americans on my field and up till now I did not hear anybody speaking about bodies of Americans, which have not yet been disinterred.

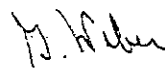
The grave being on my field belongs to two Germans and I gave all information to the Town-Hall.

/s/ L. Laners.

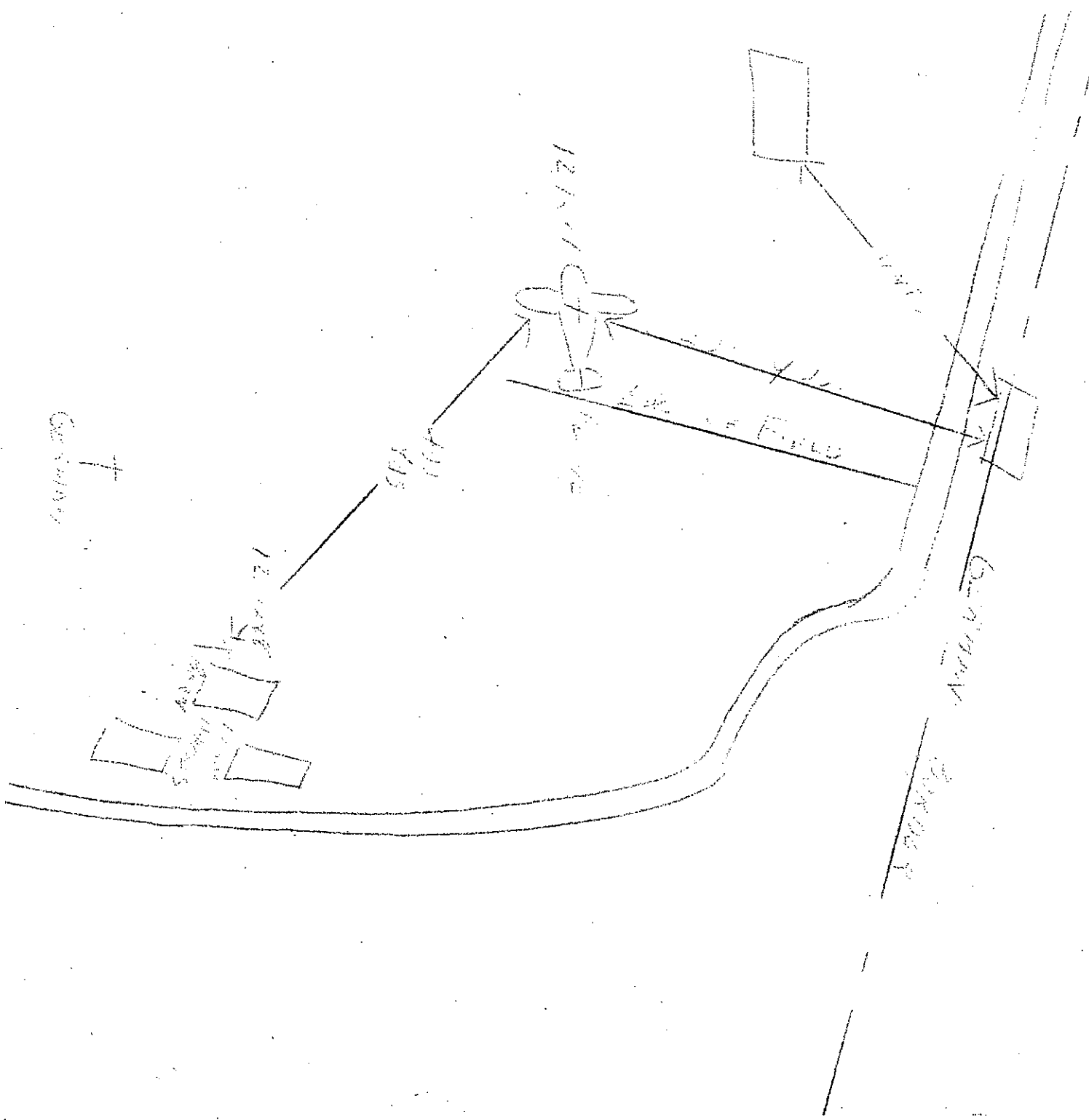
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DURELL B. HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
4527 GM Service Co.

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Armstrong, William H.

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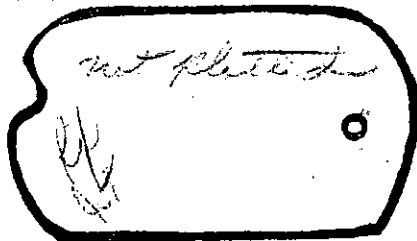
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REPORT OF INTERMENT
? 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

Date of report

22 May 1947

SECTION I. IDENTIFICATION



NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Unknown X-5428

Serial number

Unknown

Grade

Unknown

Organization

Unknown

Branch of service
BTB; AAF. (See
case papers)

Race

Unknown

Religion

Unknown

If other than U. S. dead,
Give name of country.

Place of death
About 3 miles east of
GROESBEEK, Holland

Cause of death
Plane Crash

Date of death Est.
September or
October 1944

Emergency addressee (Name, Relationship and Address.)

Unknown

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

None

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	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	wdn, cross	W	11	266

Was this a re-burial (Yes or No)	If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location of grave Remains found in and around plane	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
No	about 3 miles east of Groesbeek, Holland MS 2A & 3A, E75, 1/250,000			

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	Chaplain Risher Saatman & Lepchivcher	

Identification tag buried with body (Yes or No)	Identification tag attached to marker (Yes or No)
No	GRS

Report of Burial

Body buried on deceased left, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
Unknown X-5441	Unk	Unk	Unk	267

Body buried on deceased right, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
Unknown X-5438	Unk	Unk	Unk	265

Signature of person preparing report
ERNEST C. GADDY
CWO. USA. C.I.P.

Ernest Gaddy

Signature of GRS officer verifying report
RAYMOND G. JOHNSON
1st Lt. Inf. C.I.P.

Raymond G. Johnson

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 UTD	Weight UTD	Color of eyes UTD	Color of hair UTD	Birthmarks, scars or tattoos UTD
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Weapon and serial number None	Laundry marks None	Where body was buried or found About 3 miles east of Groesbeek, Holland
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For tooth chart see attached Form I-A.

REMARKS

An investigation was conducted to recover the remains of Cpl. WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, 38435990, reported as KIA on OQMG form 371.

Remains were located in and around a C-47 3 miles east of Groesbeek near the German border and consisted of a few bone fragments. Plane was burned through out and had no identifying numbers.

It is possible that this deceased is "ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM H., Cpl. 39435990" as listed on MACR No. 9913, 49TH TC. Squadron, 313th TC. Group, listing C-47 A, Serial No. 43-16049 as missing on 17 September 1944.

Processing at Subordinate Identification Point Margraten, Holland revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore this case is classified Unknown.

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



Remarks Form II Checklist of Unknowns accomplished. Unable to obtain Form IA Tooth chart because of missing teeth. Unable to obtain fingerprints because of missing portions. Estimated weight of remains recovered; 1/2 lb.