

7887 GRAVES DETACHMENT

APO 757

943 unk St. Avold X-3438 *ms*

Attached hereto are case papers for an approved unidentifiable case which are considered to be of investigative importance. Records of this headquarters indicate these case papers were not previously forwarded to OQMG for:

UNKNOWN X - 3438 St Avold

(POC) ST AVOLD

*File  
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26 Feb 51*

Grave of eight American soldiers in Cemetery in the town of SERRIG, Ger.

SERRIG, Ger.

Map: 1:250,000 Sheet K-50

Trier Coord: WL 1808

Location: Cemetery in SERRIG, Ger.

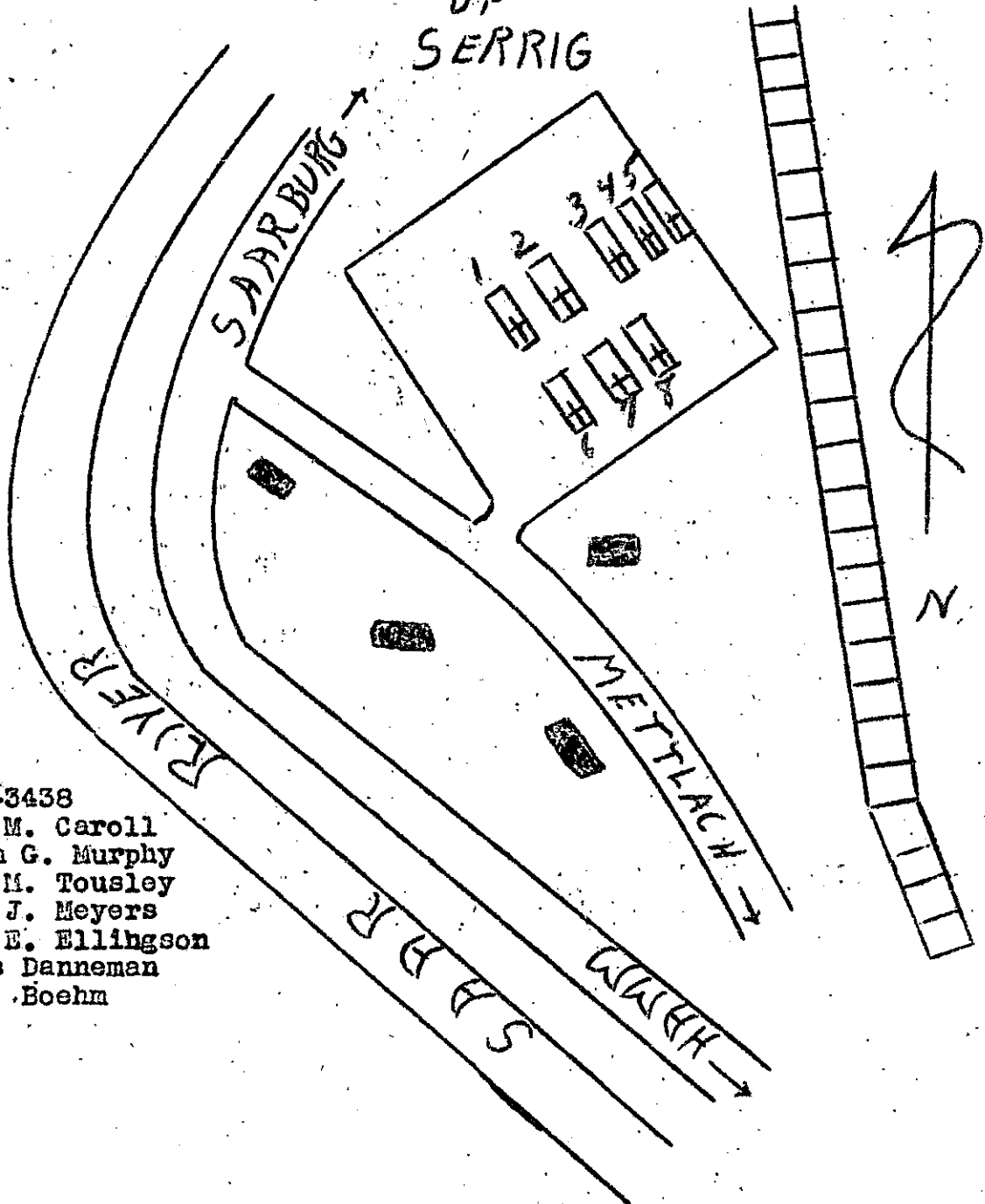
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Date: 26 Feb. 1948

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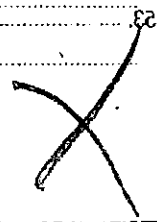
- (1) Unk. X-3438
- (2) Thomas M. Carroll
- (3) William G. Murphy
- (4) Jasper M. Tousley
- (5) Norman J. Meyers
- (6) Harold E. Ellingson
- (7) Andrews Danneman
- (8) John A. Boehm

St Arnold

X  
1-3438

# CHECK LIST FOR UNKNOWN

	Color	Size	Clothing Markings	Item
1. Unknown	<b>St. Avold, France.</b>		<b>coll. Ft. Homburg, Germany</b>	<b>3/5</b>
2. If remains were disinterred, attach Check List for Disinterments.	<b>U.S. Military Cemetery No. ....</b>			
3. Arrived at cemetery	<b>1400, 21. Feb. 1946</b>		<b>6606 Q.L.G.R.Co. Homburg, Germany</b>	
4. Place of death	<b>St. Avold, Germany</b>	<b>map: 1:250,000</b>	<b>sheet: E-50, Frier, Ger.</b>	
5. ....	<b>coords: 1609.</b>			
6. Remains recovered by	<b>3/5 Bagaline 606 Q.L.G.R.Co.</b>			
7. Evacuated to cemetery by	<b>3/5 Bagaline 606 Q.L.G.R.Co.</b>			
8. Is load list attached	<b>no</b>			
9. Are names of deceased found in same area as this Unknown started	<b>yes</b>			
10. Are circumstances described which may indicate organization of the deceased	<b>no</b>			
11. If only part of body was received, was a careful search made for other parts of Unknown	<b>yes</b>			
12. If remains come from vehicle, plane, etc:	<b>unknown</b>			
13. ....				
14. Crew list	<b>unknown</b>			
15. ....				
16. ....				
17. If a tank, which hatches were free and available for escape use	<b>not applicable</b>			
18. If organization to which vehicle or plane was assigned or if names of all other deceased	<b>are not known</b>			
19. ....				
20. ....	<b>unknown</b>			
21. ....	<b>unknown (if any)</b>			
22. detailed description of personal effects	<b>no P.R.</b>			
23. ....				
24. ....				
25. ....				
26. ....				



# CHECK LIST FOR UNKNOWN

Serial: 3438      **St. AVOID, France.**      (name of soldier processing remains) **T/5 Burns**  
U.S. Military Cemetery No. **Coll Ft. Homburg, Germany**

1. Unknown  **3438** ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **U.S. Military Cemetery No. Coll Ft. Homburg, Germany**

2. If remains were disinterred, attach Check List for Disinterments.

3. Arrived at cemetery **1400, 21. Feb. 1946** From **6606 QM.G.R.Co. Homburg, Germany**  
hour date

4. Place of death **SE RIC, Germany** Map: **1,250,000** sheet: **K-50, Trier, Ger.**  
name coordinates and landmarks: **coords: WQ 1609.**

5.

6. Remains recovered by **T/5 Bagaline 606 QM.G.R.Co.**  
name and organization

7. Evacuated to cemetery by **T/5 Bagaline 606 QM.G.R.Co.**  
name and organization

8. Is load list attached **no**  
yes-no

9. Are names of deceased found in same area as this Unknown started **yes**  
yes-no

10. Are circumstances described which may indicate organization of the deceased **no**  
yes-no

11. If only part of body was received, was a careful search made for other parts of Unknown **yes**  
yes-no

12. If remains come from vehicle, plane, etc.: **unknown**  
type of vehicle or plane, nick name, serial number, organization or symbols

13.

14. Crew list **unknown**  
names of other deceased and positions in which found

15.

16.

17. If a tank, which hatches were free and available for escape use **not applicable**

18. If organization to which vehicle or plane was assigned or if names of all other deceased are not known, give detailed information concerning vehicle or plane  
parts of markings or symbols    burned    pierced by shell fire - where

19.

20. **unknown**  
found in town field by road etc.    damaged by mine explosion

21. **unknown (if any)**  
names of men who escaped    description of other vehicles or planes in same area

22. detailed description of personal effects **NO P.E.**  
Indicate exact pocket or part of body where found

23.

24.

25.

26.



**Description of clothing and equipment: (If clothes do not fit, obtain sizes from body measurements)**

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Color	Indicate unusual markings, wear, tear, repairs etc.
27. *Headgear type				
28. Raincoat				
29. Overcoat	<b>none</b>		<b>brown</b>	<b>none</b>
30. Jacket, Field				
31. Jacket, Combat				
32. Mackinaw				
33. Sweater				
34. Jacket, HBT				
35. *Shirt Wool OD				
36. Undershirt, Wool				
37. Undershirt, Cotton				
38. Trousers, HBT				
39. *Trousers, Wool OD				
40. Belt, Web				
41. Drawers, Wool				
42. Drawers, Cotton				
43. Leggings				Note unusual lading
44. Socks Wool Cotton				
45. *Shoes type				
46. Oveshoes				
47. Web G.I. blanket Equipment type	<b>none</b>		<b>O.D.</b>	<b>none</b>
48. other item <b>gloves</b>	<b>none</b>		<b>O.D.</b>	<b>none</b>
49. other item				

\* If body is nude, sizes these items should be computed by measuring the remains

50. Chevrons or type and location: shirt jacket coat helmet	<b>dash Sgt.</b>		<b>Shoulder Patch</b>	<b>none</b>
Insignia	<b>none</b>			
51. Description of Remains				
52. Age <b>unk.</b> years	Height <b>unk.</b> ft-in	Weight <b>unk.</b> lbs	Description of wounds	<b>multiple wounds</b>
53.				

# CHECK LIST FOR UNKNOWN

St. Avold, France. T/5 Burns

- 3438 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Coll Pt. Homburg, Germany

1. Unknown X St. Avold, France. U.S. Military Cemetery No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
2. If remains were disinterred, attach Check List for Disinterments.
3. Arrived at cemetery 1400, 21. Feb. 1946 From 6606 QM.G.R.Co. Homburg, Germany
4. Place of death SE RIG, Germany hour Map: 1:250,000 date sheet: K-50, Trier, Ger. collecting point
5. coords: WQ 1609. coordinates and landmarks
6. Remains recovered by T/5 Bagaline 606 QM.G.R.Co. name and organization
7. Evacuated to cemetery by T/5 Bagaline 606 QM.G.R.Co. name and organization
8. Is load list attached no yes-no
9. Are names of deceased found in same area as this Unknown started yes yes-no
10. Are circumstances described which may indicate organization of the deceased no yes-no
11. If only part of body was received, was a careful search made for other parts of Unknown yes yes-no
12. If remains come from vehicle, plane, etc: unknown type of vehicle or plane, nick name, serial number, organization or symbols
13. unknown
14. Crew list unknown names of other deceased and positions in which found
15. unknown
16. unknown
17. If a tank, which hatches were free and available for escape use not applicable
18. If organization to which vehicle or plane was assigned or if names of all other deceased are not known, give detailed information concerning vehicle or plane unknown parts of markings or symbols burned pierced by shell fire - where
19. unknown
20. unknown found in town field by road etc. damaged by mine explosion
21. unknown (if any) names of men who escaped description of other vehicles or planes in same area
22. detailed description of personal effects no P.E. Indicate exact pocket or part of body where found
23. unknown
24. unknown
25. unknown
26. unknown



Description of clothing and equipment: (If clothes do not fit, obtain sizes from body measurements)

CHECK LIST FOR UNKNOWN

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Color	Indicate unusual markings, wear, tear, repairs etc.
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28. Raincoat				
29. Overcoat	<b>none</b>		<b>brown</b>	<b>none</b>
30. Jacket, Field				
31. Jacket, Combat				
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33. Sweater				
34. Jacket, HBT				
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37. Undershirt, Cotton				
38. Trousers, HBT				
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40. Belt, Web				
41. Drawers, Wool				
42. Drawers, Cotton				
43. Leggings				Note unusual lacing
44. Socks Wool Cotton				
45. *Shoes type				
46. Oveshoes				
47. Web Equipment	<b>G.I. blanket</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>O.D.</b>	<b>none</b>
48. other item	<b>gloves</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>O.D.</b>	<b>none</b>
49. other item				

\* If body is nude, sizes these items should be computed by measuring the remains

50. Chevrons or **back Sgt.** Shoulder Patch **none**  
type and location; shirt jacket coat helmet  
 Insignia **none**

51. Description of Remains

52. Age **unk.** Height **unk.** Weight **unk.** Description of wounds **multiple wounds**  
years ft-in lbs

53. ....

54. Bandages or dressings **none** Scars **flesh and skin decayed**

55. ....

56. Tattoos **flesh and skin decayed**

57. Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks **flesh and skin decayed**

58. ....

59. Sunburn or tan, other than hands and face **flesh and skin decayed**

60. Tobacco stain on fingers or teeth **teeth missing, fingers missing**

61. Complexion **flesh and skin decayed** Build **not est.**

62. ....

63. Hair **missing** color, length, wavy, straight, or definite parting, baldness, widows peak

64. ....

65. Sideburns **head missing** Mustache **head missing** Beard or goatee **head missing**

66. ....

67. Eyes **missing** Eyebrows **head missing**

68. Nose **head missing** Ears **head missing**

69. Forehead **head missing** Mouth **head missing** Lips **head missing**

70. Teeth **head missing**

71. Chin **head missing** Cheekbones **head missing**

72. Jaw **head missing** Circumference of head in inches **head missing**

73. Neck **missing** Larynx **missing** Shoulders **not est.**

74. **mangled** Arms **not est. dismembered and decayed**

75. **flesh decayed** Hands **missing**

76. ....

76. ....

77. ....



54. Bandages or dressings **none** Scars **flesh and skin decayed**

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60. Tobacco stain on fingers or teeth **teeth missing, fingers missing**

61. Complexion **flesh and skin decayed** Bumps, freckles **not est.** Build **not est.**

62. ....

63. Hair **missing** color, length, wavy, straight, or definite parting, baldness, widows peak

64. .... distinctive cutting or other characteristics

65. Sideburns **head missing** Mustache **head missing** Beard or goatee **head missing**

66. .... heavy, light, color, extent

67. Eyes **missing** Eyebrows **head missing**

68. Nose **head missing** Ears **head missing**

69. Forehead **head missing** Mouth **head missing** Lips **head missing**

70. Teeth **head missing**

71. Chin **head missing** Cheekbones **head missing**

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73. Neck **missing** Larynx **missing** Shoulders **not est.**

74. **mangled** Arms **not est., dismembered and decayed**

75. **flesh decayed** Hands **missing**

76. ....

76. .... **missing** marks on fingers that rings were worn

77. ....



78. Fingers missing  
short, thick, long, slender size of knuckles missing fingers or joints
79. fingers missing  
Unusual characteristics of fingernails
80. Chest not dismembered and decayed  
size at nipples, color, quantity and extent of hair, large, small, normal
81. Back flesh decayed      not est. flesh and skin decayed  
quantity, and extent of hair      size, at naval, appendectomy, amount and color of hair
82. Circumcized decayed      Pubic hair missing      flesh and skin decayed  
yes-no      color      yes-no      location
83. Legs not est. dismembered and decayed  
inseam      muscular, knock kneed, bowed, normal      quantity, color and extent of hair
84. Feet missing      Toes missing  
size, corns, callouses, flat      slender, straight, crooked, overlap
85. Evidence of healed fractures no  
nose, arms, legs, etc.
86. Block out parts of body not received at cemetery.



87. Have photographs been made and attached no      If not, explain see question 90  
yes-no
88. Have fingerprints been placed on GRS No I no      If not, explain fingers missing  
yes-no
89. Has tooth chart been prepared? no      If not, explain teeth missing  
yes-no
90. Remarks: Body in advance stage of decomposition. Head, both hands both feet
91. missing. Body badly dismembered and decayed.
92. Remains weigh approx. 50 pounds.
- 93.
94. Body reburied in U.S. Mil. Cem. St. Avoird, France.
- 95.
- 96.

WILLIAM H ZERHAN  
 2nd Lt. Inf.  
 666 QM.G.R. Co.

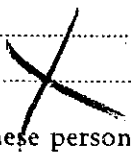
*William H. Zerhan*  
 Signature of GRO and Organization

## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - AREA SEARCHING

To be completely filled out and attached to each copy of GR Form I,  
„Report of Burial“ when disinterment is accomplished.

1. Was investigation preceded by Advance Publicity: **Yes**  
(if Special Investigation, so indicate)
2. **Mr. X-3439 (St. Avold, France)** **Unk.** **Unk.** **Unk.**  
(Full name of deceased) (Rank) (ASN) (Organization)
3. State: Means of identification, i. e. identification, tags attached to marker, inscription on grave marker, cemetery records, townhall records, etc. and Source of Information, i. e. identification tags, identification cards, identification bracelet, leather name plate on flying jacket; clothing marks etc.  
**None**
4. Give exact location of isolated grave, furnishing coordinates and letter prefix, map sheet, scale and series used; also name of nearest town: **SERRIG, Germany** **Map: 1:250,000 Sheet K-50**  
**Trier Coord: WL 1609**  
NOTE: ATTACH OVERLAY SHOWING EXACT LOCATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE TYING LOCATION IN WITH PERMANENT LANDMARKS.
5. Full name of cemetery (include plot, row and grave if organized cemetery):  
**Cemetery of SERRIG Grave 14 Row 2**
6. Approximate or established date of death (state which and give basis for date selected):  
**Unknown**
7. Approximate or established date of burial (give basis for date established):  
**11 April 1945 from Burgermeister's report**
8. Manner in which grave was marked, show information contained on the marker:  
**Wooden cross**
9. List personal effects found in possession of civilian and custodial personnel now retaining, furnishing name and address of individuals concerned:  
**None**
10. Furnish information obtained concerning place, and particulars surrounding death and burial; give the names and addresses of all persons furnishing such information (contact local Mayor, priest, police, hospitals, cemetery sextons or caretakers, those responsible for burial and others possessing important information): **This soldier was found in a cellar of a house in SERRIG by Mrs. Angel. She was moving back to her home after the heavy fighting when she discovered the body. She notified the Burgermeister who had the body buried.**
11. Give name and address of person who can guide disintering team to burial location:  
**Caretaker Nicholas Wagner SERRIG 126**

12. Is this atrocity case: ~~No~~ Is there evidence that it may be: ~~No~~



If answer is yes, has responsible War Crimes representative been notified:

13. Names and addresses of persons committing the atrocity or the military unit of which these persons were members:

**Not Applicable**

14. If unidentified and a crew member of a plane or vehicle, indicate names of any other known crew members and state whether buried at this location or a survivor:

**Not Applicable**

15. If unidentified, supply any of the following information determinable:

a. Crew position in plane or vehicle:

b. Plane or vehicle serial number: Type:

c. Installed weapons:

Serial Number	Calibre & Mfgr.	Serial Number	Calibre & Mfgr.
	<b>Not Applicable</b>		

d. Engine serial number: Type:

*William A. Zierhan*  
 Signature of Investigating Officer  
**WILLIAM A. ZIERHAN**  
 2nd Lt. Inf. 0-1336595  
 606 QM.G.R.Co.  
 Rank ASN

Disinterment approved by, (HQ Authorizing Exhumation): **G.O. 600 QM.G.R.Co.**

Disinterment and \*reburial/burial made by:

Date of \*burial/reburial:

Place of \*burial/reburial U.S. Military Cemetery:

Plot..... Row..... Grave

NOTE: Additional particulars regarding investigation: will be placed on additional sheet.

\* Cross out word not applicable.



# IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Proc by: ~~R. J. Miller~~  
~~C. O. Rice~~  
~~L. R. Frantz~~  
 Clerk: ~~A. S. Richardson~~

E.O. #707, dtd 14 Jan 48

Unknown X 3438  
 Cemetery St. Armand, France  
 Plot 000 Row 9 Grave 100

Date reprocessed  
 1. Arrived-at-cemetery 15 Apr 48  
 (Hour) (Date)

2. Place of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains ~~recovered or disinterred~~ reprocessed by Mobile Team #1, I.S.  
 (Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by \_\_\_\_\_  
 (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 _____	(Type)		
Raincoat _____			
Overcoat _____			
Jacket, Field _____			
Jacket, Combat _____			
Mackinaw _____			
Sweater _____			
Jacket, HBT _____			
* Shirt, Wool OD _____			
Undershirt, Wool _____			
Undershirt, Cotton _____			
Trousers, HBT _____			
* Trousers, Wool OD _____			

None

X

Belt, web \_\_\_\_\_

Drawers, wool \_\_\_\_\_

Drawers, cotton \_\_\_\_\_

~~Overcoat~~ ~~Leggings, wool~~, **REMNANTS OF F.M.-TYPE**

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? **UTD**

NONE

6. Description of Remains: **ALL MAJOR BONES FRACTURED AND/OR MISSING**

Age **UTD** Height <sup>EST</sup> **UTD** Weight **UTD** Description of wounds **UTD**

Bandages or dressings \_\_\_\_\_ Scars **UTD** (Length, width, location)

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

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes-no; description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face \_\_\_\_\_

Complexion \_\_\_\_\_ (Light, medium, dark, clear, pimples, poeks, freckles)

Build \_\_\_\_\_ (Large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair **MISSING** (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 ..... (Light, color, extent)

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

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

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

Teeth *MISSING* ..... (White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

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

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

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

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

..... (Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

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

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

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

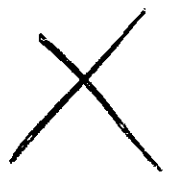
Hernioplasty ..... (Yes-no; location)

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

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

Evidence of healed fractures *NONE* ..... (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 If not, explain TEETH MISSING  
(Yes-no)

9. Remarks REMAINS RECEIVED IN SKELETAL FORM.  
UNMARKED OVERCOAT FOUND IN DEBRIS. NO  
TEETH FOUND. REPORT OF BURIAL FOUND. NO GRS  
TAG FOUND. ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF REPROCESSED  
REMAINS - 10 LBS. NO EVIDENCE OF OLD OR

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.

HEALED FRACTURES NOR  
AMPUTATIONS. NO ESTIMATED  
HEIGHT IS POSSIBLE  
BECAUSE OF MISSING AND  
FRACTURED MAJOR BONES  
AND FRAGMENTS.

LAWRENCE R. FEINDT  
(Officer's Name)

SP6  
Rank

AGPC  
Service

MOBILE TEAM #1, I.S.  
(Organization)

Albert J. Richardson





# SKELETAL CHART

X-3438-

APRIL 15-48

ST. AVOLD, CEM.

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

PLOT, @@@

ROW, 9

GRAVE, 100

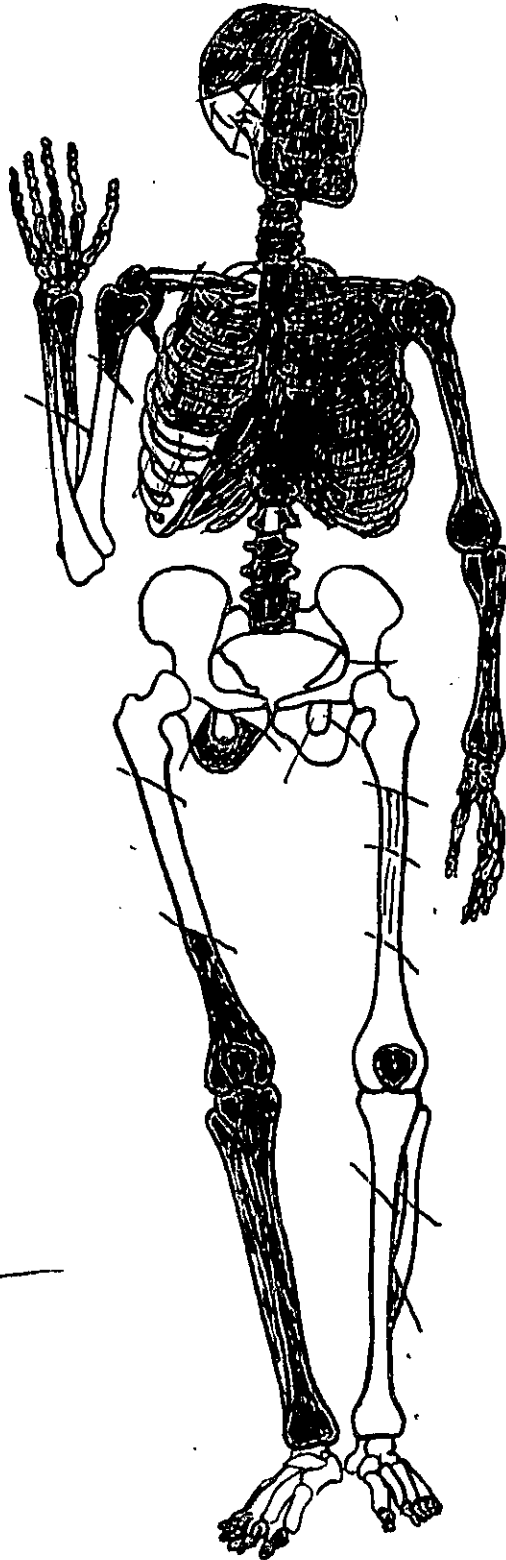


CHART "A"

Est. Hc. - UTD

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293 - Unk. France X-3441B (St. Avoird)

QMGM 293  
Unks. X-3441B & X-3438  
St. Avoird, France

21 June 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO : Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
APO 58, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

Reports of Burial and Case Papers pertaining to Unknowns X-3441B and X-3438 United States Military Cemetery St. Avoird, France, have been reviewed, and in the absence of sufficient evidence upon which to base identification this Office concurs in the classification of these Unknowns as Unidentifiable.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

CO P Y  
msb

*X 293 with names X-3438 (Avoird)*

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

22 Dec 49

Date

*93 Unknown X-3438 (Stanley)*

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X-3438, Plot 0000 <sup>000</sup> <sub>000</sub>,  
Row 9, Grave 100, USMC St. Avold, France have been  
reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient evidence  
is available to establish the identity of this deceased, and that these  
remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of Reprocessing was forwarded to your office by  
letter of transmittal No. Not of Record. No  
further information is available.

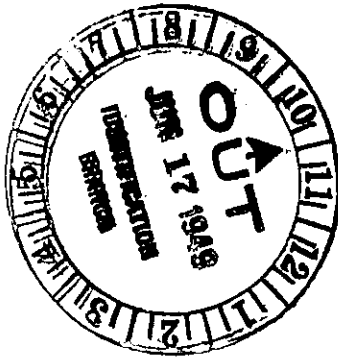
FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ George L. Freeman  
/t/ George L. Freeman  
1st Lt QMC  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Received 17 JUN 1949 **OQMG**

Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available

*FILE* *Non.*  
**FILE 17 JUN 1949**  
*Baker*  
*0432*



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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

22 DEC 1949  

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(Date)

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains.

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 3438, Plot QQQ  
Row 9, Grave 100, USMC St-Avoid, France have been  
reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient  
evidence is available to establish the identity of this deceased,  
and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of Reprocessing was forwarded to your office  
by letter of transmittal No. No record this HQ, dated \_\_\_\_\_.  
No further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*George L. Freeman*  
GEORGE L. FREEMAN  
1st Lt OMC  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

17 JUN 1949 OQMG  
Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Not identified  
information presently  
available

Incl #41

Grave of eight American soldiers in Cemetery in the town of SERRIG, Ger.

SERRIG, Ger.

Map; 1:250,000 Sheet K-50

Trier Coord: WL 1608

Location: Cemetery in SERRIG, Ger.

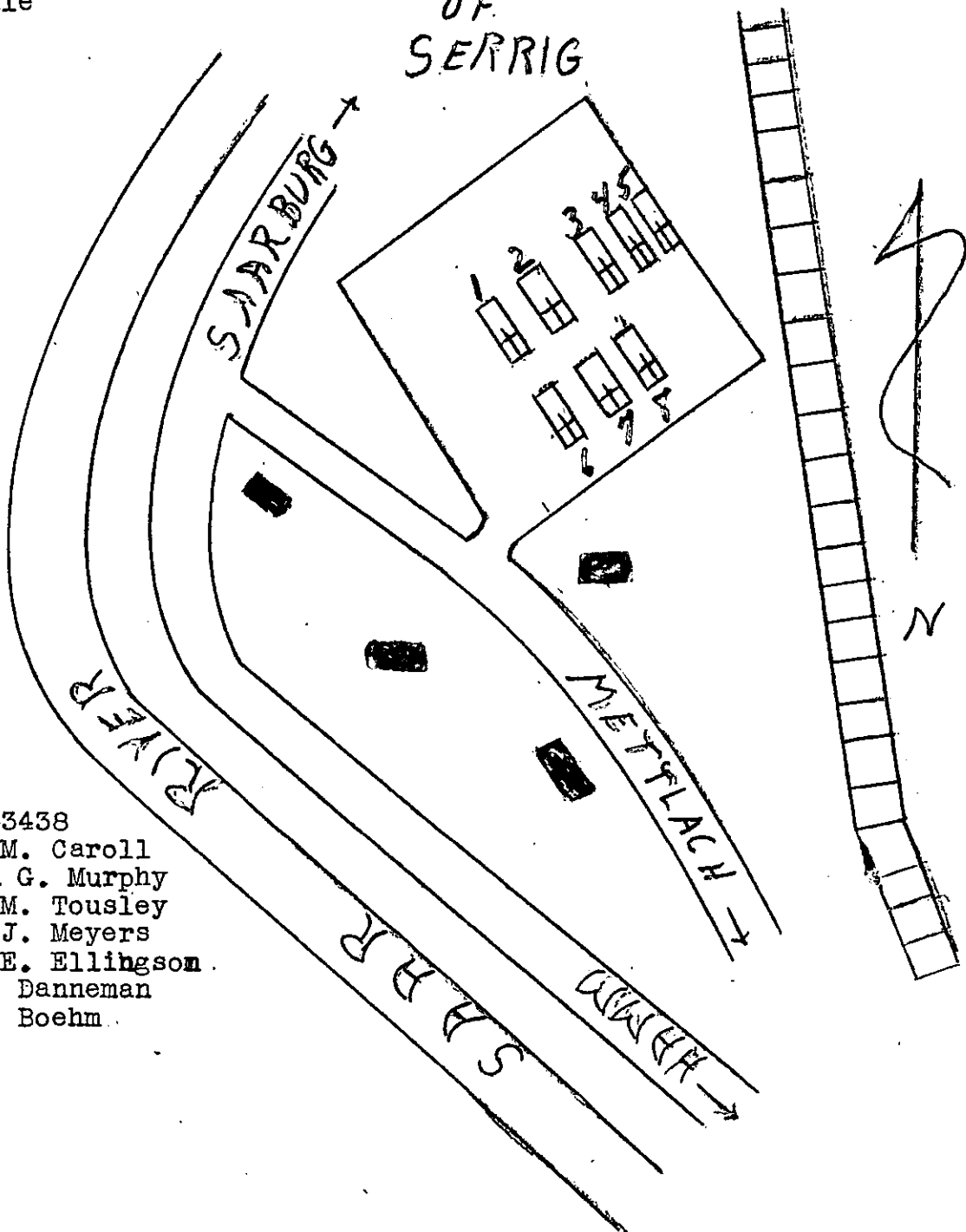
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606 QM.G.R.Co.

Date: 26 Feb. 1946

Not to scale

TOWN  
OF  
SERRIG



- (1) Unk. X-3438
- (2) Thomas M. Carroll
- (3) William G. Murphy
- (4) Jasper M. Tousley
- (5) Norman J. Meyers
- (6) Harold E. Ellingson
- (7) Andrews Danneman
- (8) John A. Boehm

# CHECK LIST FOR UNKNOWN

Indicate unusual markings, wear, tear, repairs etc.	Color	Sizes	Markings	T/5	Item
	St. Avoild, France.				(name of soldier processing remains)
1. Unknown X - 3438	U.S. Military Cemetery No.		coll Pt.		Homburg, Germany
2. If remains were disinterred, attach Check List for Disinterments.					
3. Arrived at cemetery	1400, 21. Feb. 1946		6606 Q.M.G.R.Co.		Homburg, Germany
4. Place of death	SEFRIG, Germany	Map: 1:250,000	sheet: K-50		Trier, Ger.
5.		coords: WQ 1609.			
6. Remains recovered by	T/5 Bagaline	606 Q.M.G.R.Co.			
7. Evacuated to cemetery by	T/5 Bagaline	606 Q.M.G.R.Co.			
8. Is load list attached	no				
9. Are names of deceased found in same area as this Unknown started	yes				
10. Are circumstances described which may indicate organization of the deceased	no				
11. If only part of body was received, was a careful search made for other parts of Unknown	yes				
12. If remains come from vehicle, plane, etc:	unknown				
13.					
14. Crew list	unknown				
15.					
16.					
17. If a tank, which hatches were free and available for escape use	yes				
18. If organization to which vehicle or plane was assigned or if names of all other deceased are known	not applicable				
19.					
20.	unknown				
21.	unknown (if any)				
22. detailed description of personal effects	NO P.E.				
23.					
24.					
25.					
26.					

Description of clothing and equipment (If clothes do not fit, obtain sizes from body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Color	Indicate unusual markings, wear, tear, repairs etc.
27. *Headgear				
28. Raincoat				
29. Overcoat	none		brown	none
30. Jacket, Field				
31. Jacket, Combat				
32. Mackinaw				
33. Sweater				
34. Jacket, HBT				
35. *Shirt Wool OD				
36. Undershirt, Wool				
37. Undershirt, Cotton				
38. Trousers, HBT				
39. *Trousers, Wool OD				
40. Belt, Web				
41. Drawers, Wool				
42. Drawers, Cotton				
43. Leggings				Note unusual lacing
44. Socks Wool Cotton				
45. *Shoes				
46. Overshoes				
47. Web G.I. blanket Equipment	none		O.D.	none
48. other item gloves	none		O.D.	none
49. other item				

\* If body is nude, sizes these items should be computed by measuring the remains

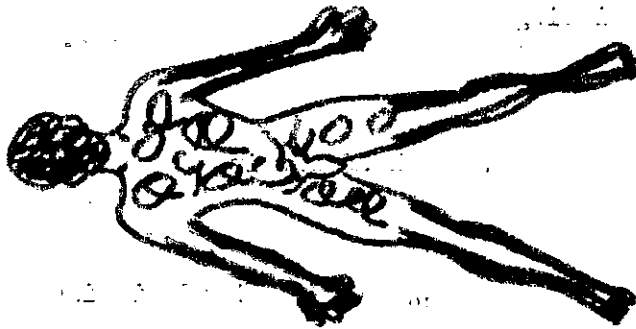
50. Chevrons	Buck Sgt.		Shoulder Patch	none			
Insignia	none						
51. Description of Remains							
52. Age	unk.	Height	unk.	Weight	unk.	Description of wounds	multiple wounds
	years		ft.-in		lbs		
53.							



54. Bandages or dressings **none** Scars **flesh and skin decayed**  
length, width, location
55. ....
56. Tattoos **flesh and skin decayed**  
number, location — illustrate on sep. page
57. Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks **flesh and skin decayed**  
yes-no description, location
58. ....
59. Sunburn or tan, other than hands and face **flesh and skin decayed**
60. Tobacco stain on fingers or teeth **teeth missing, fingers missing**  
designate where extent
61. Complexion **flesh and skin decayed** Build **not est.**  
light, med, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles Build, height, age, sex, age, age, thin, muscular
62. ....
63. Hair **missing**  
color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, or definite parting, baldness, widows peek
64. ....  
distinctive cutting or other characteristics
65. Sideburns **head missing** Mustache **head missing** Beard or goatee **head missing**  
color, setting, shape color, size, shape Length
66. ....  
heavy, light, color, extent
67. Eyes **missing** Eyebrows **head missing**  
color, setting, shape color, bushiness, extent, color, rose
68. Nose **head missing** Ears **head missing**  
size, shape, straight size set, close to or far from head
69. Forehead **head missing** Mouth **head missing** Lips **head missing**  
high, wide, wrinkled large, medium, small small, large, full
70. Teeth **head missing**  
white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable, crowns, fillings, extractors
71. Chin **head missing** Cheekbones **head missing**  
prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double high, normal
72. Jaw **head missing** Circumference of head in inches **head missing**  
large, small, normal hat band
73. Neck **missing** Larynx **missing** Shoulders **not est.**  
size, long, short, normal, wrinkled prominent, normal broad
74. **mangled** Arms **not est. dismembered and decayed**  
straight, small, rounded length, muscle, color, extent and quantity of hair
75. **flesh decayed** Hands **missing**  
vaccination scar, size of wrists large, small, normal, calloused, noticeably
76. ....
76. **missing**  
marks on fingers indicating that rings were worn
77. ....

100 ...

78. Fingers missing  
short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles missing fingers or joints
79. fingers missing  
Unusual characteristics of fingernails
80. Chest not dismembered and decayed  
size at nipples, color, quantity and extent of hair, large, small, normal
81. Back flesh decayed Waist not est. flesh and skin decayed  
quantity, and extent of hair size, at naval, appendectomy, amount and color of hair
82. Circumcized decayed pubic hair missing Herniaplasty flesh and skin decayed  
yes-no color yes-no location
83. Legs not est. dismembered and decayed  
Inseam muscular, knock kneed, bowed, normal quantity, color and extent of hair
84. Feet missing Toes missing  
size, corns, callouses, flat slender, straight, crooked, overlap
85. Evidence of healed fractures no  
nose, arms, legs, etc.
86. Block out parts of body not received at cemetery.



87. Have photographs been made and attached no If not, explain see question 90  
yes-no
88. Have fingerprints been placed on GRS No 1 no If not, explain fingers missing  
yes-no
89. Has tooth chart been prepared? no If not, explain teeth missing  
yes-no
90. Remarks: Body in advance stage of decomposition. Head, both hands both feet
91. missing. Body badly dismembered and decayed.
92. Remains weigh approx. 50 pounds.
- 93.
94. Body reburied in U.S. Mil. Cem. St. Avold, France.
- 95.
- 96.

*William H. Zerman*  
 Signature of GRO and Organization

WILLIAM H ZERMAN  
 2nd Lt. Inf.  
 666 Q.M.G.R. Co.

## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - AREA SEARCHING

To be completely filled out and attached to each copy of GR Form I,  
„Report of Burial“ when disinterment is accomplished.

1. Was investigation preceded by Advance Publicity: Yes  
(if Special Investigation, so indicate)
2. UNK. X-3438(St. Avoild, France) Unk. Unk. Unk.  
(Full name of deceased) (Rank) (ASN) (Organization)
3. State: Means of identification, i. e. identification, tags attached to marker, inscription on grave marker, cemetery records, townhall records, etc. and Source of Information, i. e. identification tags, identification cards, identification bracelet, leather name plate on flying jacket, clothing marks etc.  
None
4. Give exact location of isolated grave, furnishing coordinates and letter prefix, map sheet, scale and series used; also name of nearest town: SERRIG, Germany Map: 1:250,000 Sheet K-50  
Trier Coord: WL 1609  
NOTE: ATTACH OVERLAY SHOWING EXACT LOCATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE TYING LOCATION IN WITH PERMANENT LANDMARKS.
5. Full name of cemetery (include plot, row and grave if organized cemetery):  
Cemetery of SERRIG Grave 14 Row 2
6. Approximate or established date of death (state which and give basis for date selected):  
Unknown
7. Approximate or established date of burial (give basis for date established):  
11 April 1945 from Burgermeister's report
8. Manner in which grave was marked, show information contained on the marker:  
Wooden cross
9. List personal effects found in possession of civilian and custodial personnel now retaining, furnishing name and address of individuals concerned:  
None
10. Furnish information obtained concerning place, and particulars surrounding death and burial; give the names and addresses of all persons furnishing such information (contact local Mayor, priest, police, hospitals, cemetery sextons or caretakers, those responsible for burial and others possessing important information): This soldier was found in a celler of a house in SERRIG by Mrs. Angel. She was moving back to her home after the heavy fighting when she discovered the body. She notified the Burgermeister who had the body buried.
11. Give name and address of person who can guide disinterring team to burial location:  
Caretaker Nicholas Wagner SERRIG 126

12. Is this atrocity case: No. Is there evidence that it may be: No  
If answer is yes, has responsible War Crimes representative been notified: .....

13. Names and addresses of persons committing the atrocity or the military unit of which these persons were members: .....

Not Applicable

14. If unidentified and a crew member of a plane or vehicle, indicate names of any other known crew members and state whether buried at this location or a survivor: .....

Not Applicable

15. If unidentified, supply any of the following information determinable:

a. Crew position in plane or vehicle: .....

b. Plane or vehicle serial number: ..... Type: .....

c. Installed weapons:

Serial Number	Calibre & Mfr.	Serial Number	Calibre & Mfr.
	<u>Not Applicable</u>		

d. Engine serial number: ..... Type: .....

*William H. Zerhan*  
Signature of Investigating Officer  
WILLIAM H. ZERHAN  
2nd Lt. Inf. 0-1336585  
606 QM.G.R.Co.  
Rank ASN

Disinterment approved by, (HQ Authorizing Exhumation): C.O. 606 QM.G.R.Co.

Disinterment and \*reburial/burial made by: .....

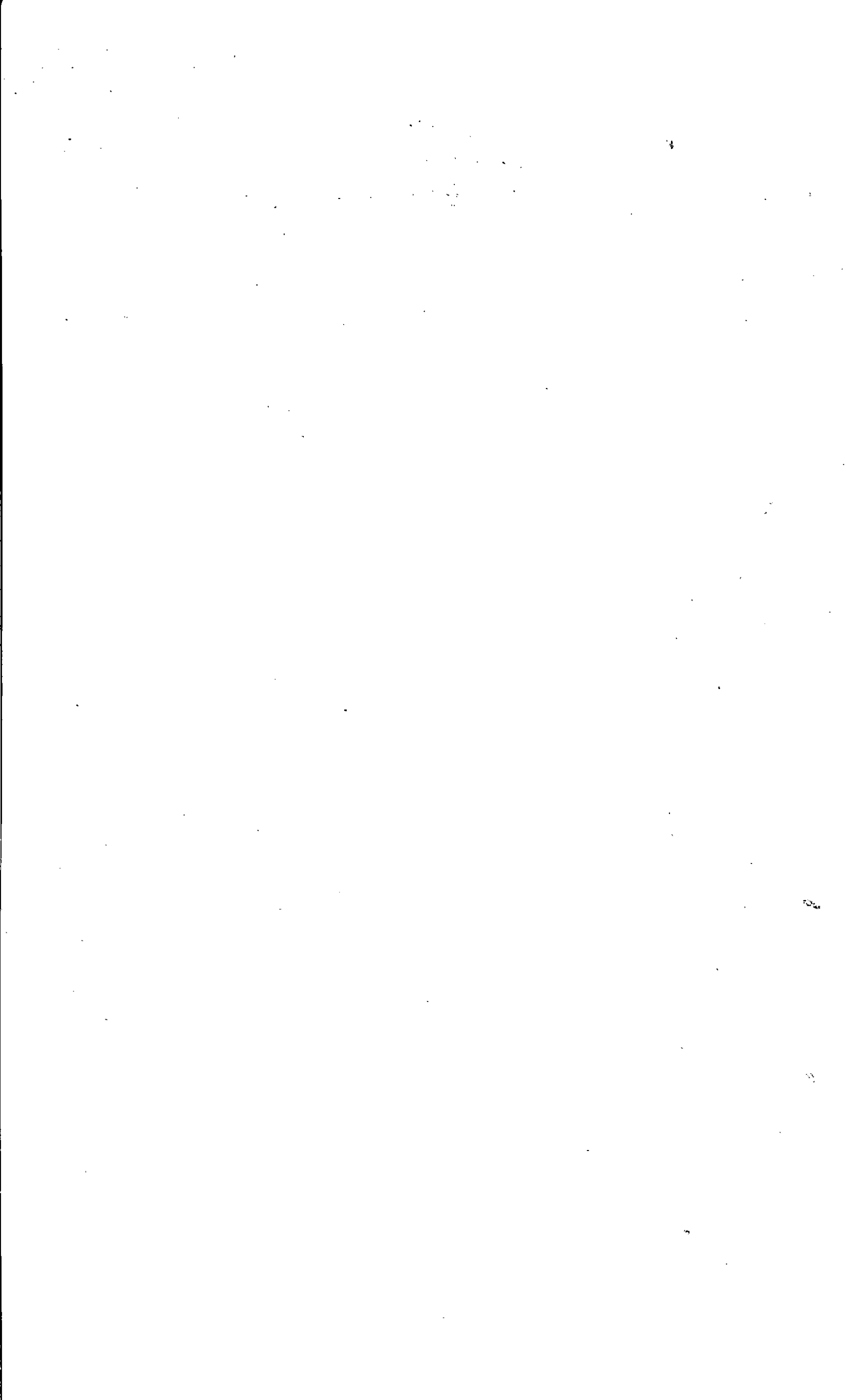
Date of \*burial/reburial: .....

Place of \*burial/reburial U.S. Military Cemetery: .....  
Plot..... Row..... Grave.....

NOTE: Additional particulars regarding investigation:  
will be placed on additional sheet.

\* Cross out word not applicable.





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(USMC, ST AVOLD, FRANCE Buried at deceased Left: LUDWIG EUGENE V  
 Plot A, Row 16, Grave 28 **DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE** 33889314 PVT  
 Date reburied: 20 Jan 49 Right: NICHOLS LORING R  
 13046122 SGT

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED: DENEY R BELL 1st Lt CAV  
 DIRECTIVE NUMBER: 3574 00000  
 DATE: 15 01 48 (DAY MONTH YEAR)

NAME: UNKNOWNX-003438 SERIAL NUMBER: UNKNOWNX-003438 RANK: J ARM: J DATE OF DEATH: 15 01 48 (DAY MONTH YEAR)

CEMETERY: ST AVOLD - METZ DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: 0 3503 80 (DAY MONTH YEAR) CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT: QQQ ROW: 9 GRAVE: 100 COUNTRY: FRANCE CAUSE OF DEATH: 6

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: ST. AVOLD, FRANCE (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)  
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN:

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME: UNKNOWN X- 003438 SERIAL NUMBER: SERIAL NUMBER: RANK: DATE OF DEATH: DATE DISTINTERRED: 12 Jul 48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON REMAINS: [X] EMB MARKER: [X] EMB ORGANIZATION: UNKNOWN RELIGION: IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY: Forrest L Brown, Embalmer (NAME AND TITLE)

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL: Mattress cover CONDITION OF REMAINS: All major bones fractured and/or missing. Disarticulated.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION: None

MINOR DISCREPANCIES: Report of Burial impossible to read. 18 MAY 1949  
 FILE  
 INFORMATION BRANCH MEM. DIV.

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET: DATE: 16 Jul 48 BY: Forrest L Brown, Embalmer

CASKET SEALED BY: Forrest L Brown, Embalmer EMBALMER (Signature): Forrest L Brown,

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED: DATE: 16 Jul 48 BY: Forrest L Brown, Embalmer All markings, plates & tags verified by: Donald H Tackett, 1st Lt QMC

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

Final casketing by: Donald H Tackett, 1st Lt QMC, 7857 AGRC Zone 3HQ  
 SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR: Donald H Tackett

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

## 1. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 2. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER ST. WAGNER SERVICE	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 6. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 7. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 200.2

Date 25 MAY 1948

SUBJECT: Reprocessing of Remains

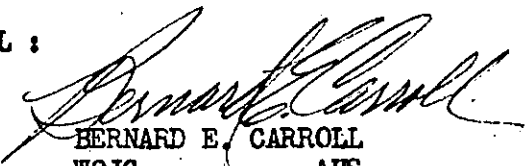
TO: The Quartermaster General  
2nd & T Sts. S.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

The remains of I-3438  
interred in Plot QQQ, Row 9, Grave 100, USMC St-Avoid  
France, have been reprocessed and the information  
not previously forwarded to your Headquarters is herewith submitted.

Overcoat : Remnants of E.M. - Type

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL :

1 Incl : Skeletal Chart

  
BERNARD E. CARROLL  
WOJG AUS  
Actg Asst Adj Gen.



X-3438

April 15-48

St-Avoid, France

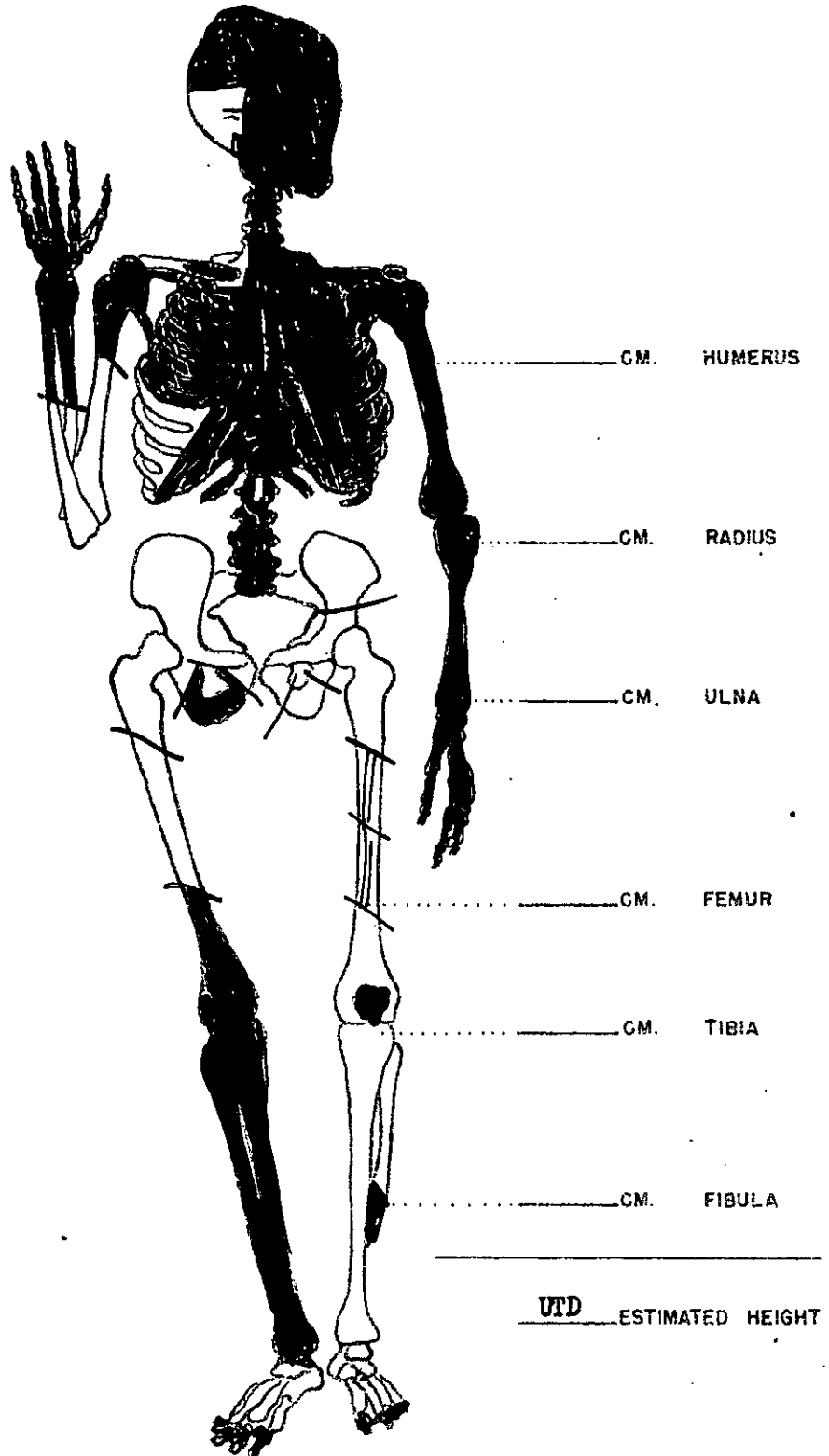
# SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED)

Plot AAA

Row 9

Grave 100



PROCESSED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Restricted **REPORT OF BURIAL**

25 February 1946  
Date

UNK. X-3438 (St. Avold, France)

Last Name

First

Initial

UNK.  
Rank

UNK.  
Serial No.

UNK.

UNK.

Unit

Organization

SERRIG, Ger. WL 1609

UNK.

Multiple wounds

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1400 27 Feb 1946 U.S. Mil. St. Avold, France

260 584

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

100

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Cross

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags Buried with body - Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If no Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

See Reverse

What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS. No. 1 in bottle

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

Who is buried on:

SERRIG, Germany

Map: 1:250,000 Sheet K-50

Trier Coord: WL 1609

Deceased's Right: UNKNOWN X-3439

101

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Deceased's Left: UNKNOWN X-3436

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Name

Serial No.

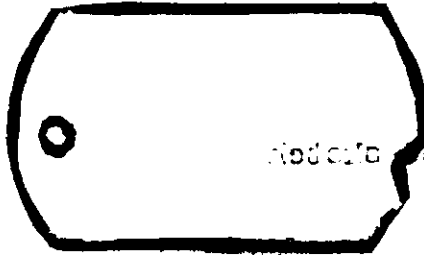
Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:



Emergency Adresse Unknown  
Name

Unknown  
Address

Religion Unknown

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

None

Disinterring Officer

*William H. Zerhan*  
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

WILLIAM H. ZERHAN  
2nd Lt. Inf.  
606 QM. G.R. Co

Reinterring Officer

*Charles F. Barney*  
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

CHARLES F. BARNEY, 2nd Lt. Inf., 6800th QM GR Det.

**IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED**

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height: **unk.** Laundry Marks: **none.**  
 Weight: **unk.** Number of Rifle: **unk.**  
 Color of Eyes: **unk.** Wear Glasses? **unk.**  
 Color of Hair: **unk.** Is Tooth Chart Attached: **no.**  
 Race: **unk.**

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

No tooth chart taken  
 No fingerprints taken

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

None

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

Remarks:  
 1. See attached sketch

Left Hand  
 2  
 "Impossible to take, missing"

Right Hand  
 2  
 "Impossible to take, missing"

TOOTH CHART

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

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □  
 Bridges by ○ linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Date: