

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

23 Dec 48

Date

293 unk France X-6213/St. Avold
SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X-6213, Plot BBBB,
Row 2, Grave 23, 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. _____, dated 27 May 1946. No
further information is available. (underlining supplied)

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/
/t/ GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt OMC
Actg asst Adj Gen

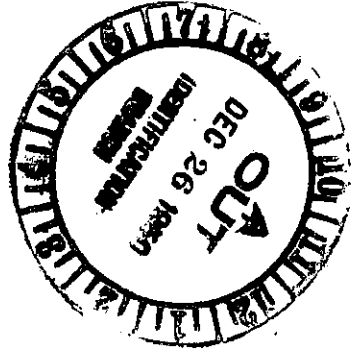
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George L. Freeman
GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt. QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Incl # 20

293 Holmes, Howard C. 44031689

293 (Lt. Awarded) Francis
X-6213

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CHARGE GRAVES WW II

FROM OMGMY

RELATIVE PVT FIRST CLASS HOWARD CHARLIE HOLMES FOUR FOUR ZERO
THREE ONE SIX EIGHT NINE PD REQUEST THAT UNKNOWNX XRAY FIVE THREE FOUR
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SIX TWO ONE TWO XRAY SIX TWO ONE THREE AND XRAY SIX TWO ONE SIX CMA
SAINT AVOLD CMA BE REPROCESSED PD FURTHER REQUEST YOUR HEADQUARTERS
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND RESULTS PRESENTED TO ABLE BOARD OF OFFICERS
SHCLN FINDINGS BE FORWARDED THIS OFFICE BY AIR MAIL DUE TO CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRY INVOLVED PD FORM THREE SEVEN ONE FOR SUBJECT DECEMENT TO FOLLOW

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G. J. MURRAY
MAJOR, OMC, MEM DIV

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USMC ST. AVOLD FRANCE -
Plot A, Row 18, Grave 3
Date reburied: 22 Jan 49

Left: Beginning of row.

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DEWEY R. BELL 1st Lt., CAV	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3574 00000	DATE 15 12 47 DAY MONTH YEAR
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NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	ARM	DATE OF DEATH
	UNKNOWN X - 006213		J	
CEMETERY	ST AVOLD - METZ			DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
				3503 80 CODE DIST. PT.
PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	COUNTRY	CAUSE OF DEATH
4B	2	23	FRANCE	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
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED
UNKNOWN X-006213		Unk		21 June 48
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER GRS	ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION Unk	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY Melvin W Blackburn Embalmers NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform & Mattress cover	CONDITION OF REMAINS Body consist of R/L/Humerus, L/Scapula & R/Scapula - Fragments of ribs & spine - Final stage of decomposition
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Report of Burial found with remains	

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 24 June 48 BY Melvin W Blackburn Embalmer

CASKET SEALED BY Melvin W Blackburn	EMBALMER (Signature) <i>Melvin W Blackburn</i> Melvin W Blackburn
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CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 24 June 48 by Melvin W Blackburn	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY: All markings plates & tags verified by: <i>Henry F. Allyn</i> HENRY F. ALLYN 1st Lt INF
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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.

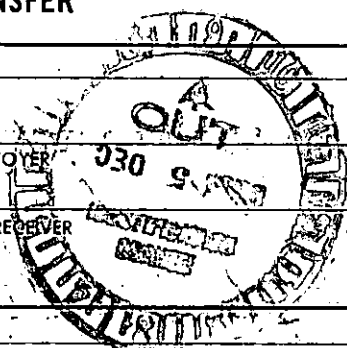
Henry F. Allyn
HENRY F. ALLYN 1st Lt INF, 357 2d Bu

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

FILE
MAY 1949
REGISTRATION
BRANCH
MOR. DIV.

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 (EX ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	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

CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWNNS

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

Unknown X - 6213
Cemetery St. Avold, France (Q-260584)
Plot 3333 Row 2 Grave 23

1. Arrived at cemetery _____
(hour) (date)
2. Place of death _____
(name of closest town) (coordinates and letter Prefex, maps)
(Sheet, scale and serials used)
3. Remains recovered or disinterred by _____
(name and organization)
4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Central Identification Point
(name and organization)
5. **Description of clothing and equipment : (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from body measurements).**

Clothing	Indicate unusual markings
Markings	Sizes Color wear, tear, repairs, etc.

Item _____

*Headgear none
(type)

Raincoat none

Overcoat remnants of

Jacket, Field none

Jacket, Combat remnants of

Mackinaw none

Sweater one (1) woolen

Jacket, HBT none

*Shirt, Wool OD none

Undershirt, Wool none

Undershirt, Cotton remnants of

Trousers HBT none

*Trousers, Wool OD remnants of

Incl #2

Belt, Web **none**

Drawers, Wool **none**

Drawers, Cotton **remnants of**

Leggins, Wool **none** (Note unusual lacing)

Socks, Cotton **none**

*Shoes (type) **none**

Overshoes **none**

Web Equipment (Type) **none**

(Other item) **none**

(Other item)

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

6. Chevrons or **none**
 Insignia (type & location : shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch **none**

7. Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Forces

Ground Forces

8. Description of Remains :

Age **utd** Height **est.** **5'6"** Weight **Est.** **135 Lb** Description of wounds **utd**

Bandages or dressings **utd** Scars **utd**
 (length, width, location)

utd Tattoos **utd**
 (Number, location — illustrate on sep, page)

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks **utd**
 (yes-no : description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hands & face **utd**

Complexion **utd**
 (light, med. 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 **utd**
(white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extract).

Chin **utd**
(prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double)

Jaw **utd** Circumference of head in inches **skull fractured**
(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)

utd
(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 & extent of hair, large, small normal)

Back **utd** Navel **utd**
(quantity & extent of hair) (size of navel, appendectomy, amount)

utd Circumcision **utd** Pubic hair **utd**
(quantity & color of hair) (yes-no) (color)

Hernioplasty **utd**
(yes-no; location)

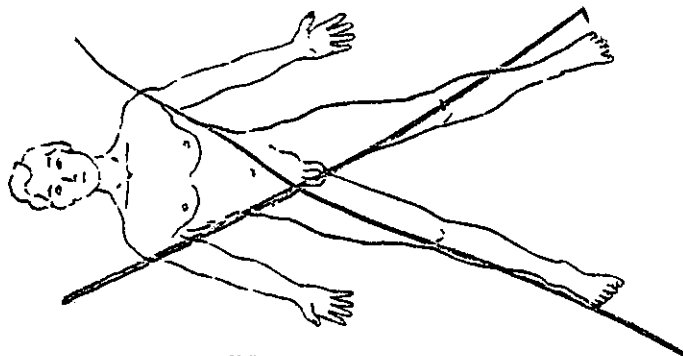
Legs **utd**
(inseam, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color & extent of hair)

Feet utd
(size, corns, callouses, flat)

Toes utd
(slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures utd
(nose, arms, legs, etc.)

9. Black out parts of body not received at cemetery : see attached sheet



10. Have fingerprints been placed on Report of Interment no
(yes-no)

If not, explain hands missing

11. Has tooth chart been prepared no If not, explain teeth missing
(yes-no)

12. Remarks : Body in final stage of decomposition. Only bones remaining.
Burial Bottle accompanied remains.

Remnants of clothing badly charred by fire.

Est. weight of remains 3 lbs. Fluoroscopic report: negative.

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.

Raymond A. Johnson
R.A.J.

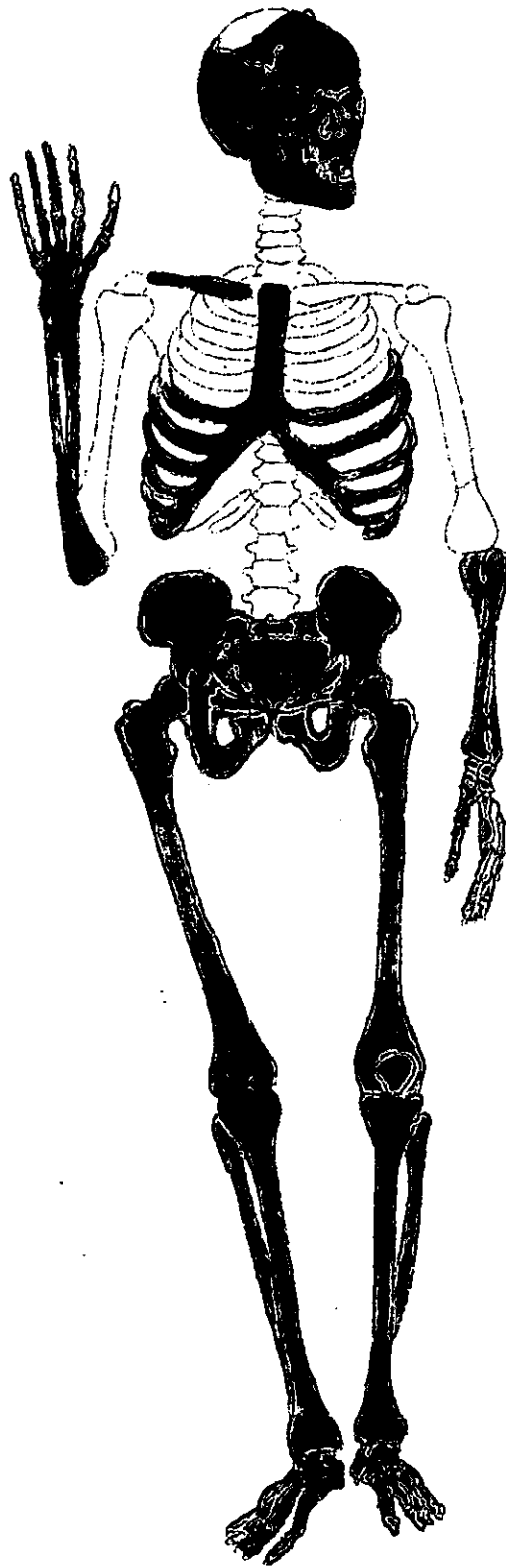
Officer's Name
R.G. Johnson

2nd Lt. Inf. Lab Officer
Rank Service

Central Identification Point

Organization

X-6213
St. Avall:



UNKNOWN X-6213
REINTERRED U.S. MIL. CEM.
ST. AVOLD, BBFB-2-23

Barrenthal

forester of Baerenthal
home of Burgin

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to Philippsburg

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North

Eu Rd Map Snt 57, 1:200,000
(G-839424)

road to forest

7 grave of
unk. Amer. →

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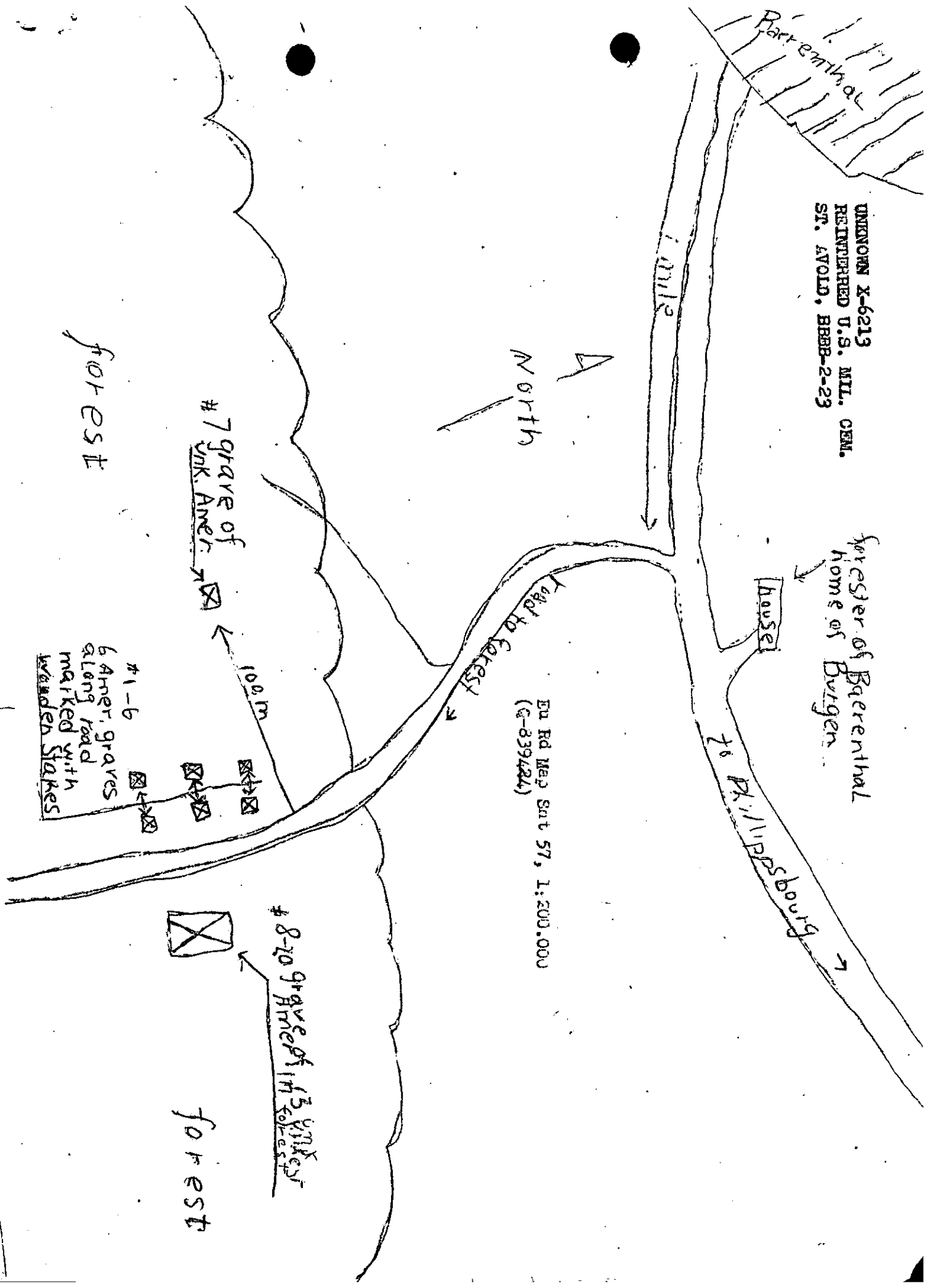
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6 Amer. graves
along road
marked with
wandering stakes

8-10 grave of 13
Amer. → forest

forest

forest



CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

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

Unknown X
Cemetery 6213
Plot 5223 Row 2 Grave 29

1. Arrived at cemetery 1500 (hour) 27 (date) 1946

2. Place of death Barrenthal, Nogelle Pz Co, 1st MA Div, 1,200,000
(Indicate coordinates and letter Prefex, maps)

Q-839424 sheet, scale and serials used.

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 3049th AGC (A)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by AGP 3rd Field Command AGRC (A)

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

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Color	Indicate unusual markings wear, tear, repairs, etc.
Headgear (Type)				
Raincoat	none			
Overcoat	one			
Jacket, Field	m-1943			
Jacket, Combat	none			
Mackinaw	none			
Sweater	one			
Jacket, HBT	none			
Shirt, Wool, OD	one			
Undershirt, Wool	none			
Undershirt, Cotton	one			
Trousers, HBT	none			
Trousers, Wool OD	one			

Belt, Web none

Drawers, Wool one

Drawers, Cotton none

Leggings, Wool none (Note unusual lacing)

Socks, Cotton none

*Shoes (Type) none

Overshoes none

Web Equipment (Type) none

(Other item) none

(Other item) none

*If the body is nude, sizes of these items be computed by measuring the remains.

6. Chevrons or Insignia none
(Type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch none

7. Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Forces. Ground Forces

8. Description of Remains:
Age UTD Height UTD Weight 140 lbs Description of wounds UTD

Bandages or dressings UTD Scars UTD
(Length, width, location)

UTD Tattoos UTD
(Number, location-illustrate on sep. page)

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

Sunburn or tan, other than hands & face UTD

Complexion UTD
(Light, med. 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 Goatee
 (color, setting, shape) (color, size, shape) (length, heavy,
 light, color, extent) (size, shape, straight) (size, set close to
 or far from head)

Eyes UTD Eyebrows UTD
 (color, setting, shape) (color, bushiness, extent across nose)

Mouth UTD Lips UTD
 (large, medium, small) (small, large, full)

Teeth UTD
 (white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extrac)

Chin UTD
 (Prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, 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
UTD
 (extent and quantity of hair)

Hands UTD

Fingers UTD
 (short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or
UTD UTD
 joints). (unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest UTD
 (size of nipples, color, quantity & extent of hair, large, small, norm)

Back UTD Waist UTD
 (quantity & extent of hair) (size of navel, appendectomy, amount
UTD Circumcision UTD Pubic hair UTD
 quantity & color of hair yes-no (color)

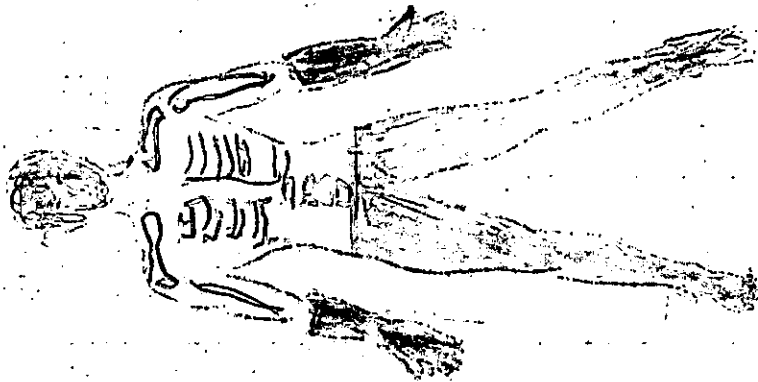
Hernioplasty UTD
 (Yes - no; location)

Legs UTD
 (inseam, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color & extent
 of hair).

Feet UTD Toes UTD
(size, corns, callouses, flat) (slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures T UTD
(nose, arms, legs, etc.)

- Bones recovered: right and left humerus, right and left scapula, 11 vertebrae, 9 ribs, 3 small pieces of skull, left clavicle
9. Black outparts of body not received at cemetery.



10. Have fingerprints been placed on Report of Interment no
Yes - no

If not, explain UTD

11. Has tooth chart been prepared No If not, explain UTD
Yes - no

12. Remarks Only bones listed recovered, charred remnants of clothing found.

I certify that I have personally viewed the remains of subject deceased and that all resulting information has been recorded to the best of my knowledge.

Ralph W. Sleator

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Officer name

Maj

Inf

Rank

Service

Third Field Command AGRC.

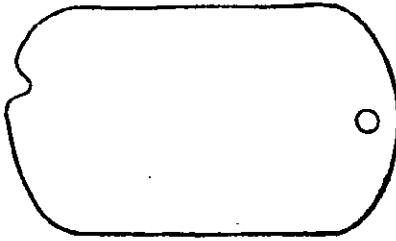
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WD QMC FORM 1042
(Rev. 1 Apr. 1945)
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

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

DATE OF REPORT
27 May 1946

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible. DO NOT TYPE 	Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.		
	NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X-6213		SERIAL NO. Unknown
	GRADE Unknown	ORGANIZATION Unknown	BRANCH OF SERVICE Ground Forces
	RACE Unknown	RELIGION Unknown	IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY
PLACE OF DEATH Baerenthal, Moselle, France	CAUSE OF DEATH Unknown	DATE OF DEATH Est Mar 1945.	

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 (Q-260584) St Avold France

DATE OF BURIAL 27 May 1946	HOUR 1530	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Casket	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER temp wooden cross	PLOT NO. BBBB	ROW NO. 2	GRAVE NO. 23
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WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) yes	IF A REBURIAL INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE Isolated Grave near Baerenthal, Moselle, France, Eu Rd Map sht 57, 1.200.000 (Q-839424)	PLOT NO. Isolated Grave	ROW NO.	GRAVE NO.
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TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY General Service	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES Ch. J.B. JOHNSON, 1st Lt	IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY One copy of WD QMC Form 1042 placed in burial bottle and buried with remains.
IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) No	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) Yes, embossed plate	

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) TIBBALL, JAMES J.	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NO. 42057572	ORGANIZATION 142nd Inf. Regt.	GRAVE NO. 22
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) UNKNOWN X-6209	RANK UNK	SERIAL NO. UNK	ORGANIZATION Ground Forces	GRAVE NO. 24
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT Herbert F. Shaw Third Field Command AGRC.	SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT RALPH W. SLEATOR Major, Inf. 3rd Field Command
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DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U. S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

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Section 3.—UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.


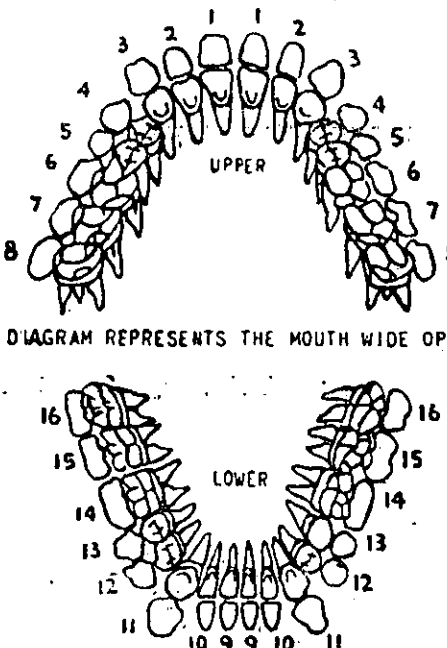




INSTRUCTIONS:

(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.

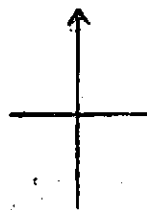
(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth 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
WEAPON AND SERIAL No.		LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND	
NONE		NONE	BAERENTHAL, Moselle, France	

OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

FILLINGS	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>	 <p>UPPER</p> <p>LOWER</p> <p>DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN</p>
CAVITIES	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED</p>	
MISSING TEETH	 <p>TOOTH MISSING</p>	
CROWNED TEETH	 <p>PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>	
BRIDGE WORK	 <p>GOLD BRIDGE</p>	

FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY



REMARKS: Attached: Form 11 Check List of Unknowns. Unable to obtain form-1A Tooth Chart and fingerprints because of missing portions of remains. Estimated weight of remains: 4 lbs.