

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

25 October 1949
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 5468, Plot W
Row 11, Grave 259, USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, 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.

2. Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to your
Office by Transmittal Letter No. 2385, dated 4 August 1947.

3. Remarks:

Received del 2-4 Nov OQMG
Not identifiable from
information presently
available

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

H.P. Henry
Col. H.P. HENRY, O-12589

QMC

E.D. Mulvanity
Lt. Col. E.D. MULVANITY, O-319598

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

QMC

~~Lt. Edward E. Proust, O-1594512~~

~~QMC~~

1-10-50

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USMC Neuville en condroz
Plot: C Row: 5 Gr: 44
Date of Burial: 19 Apr 50
Verified by GRS Officer
M.R. Swart, Capt QMC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 01864
DATE 15 08 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME UNKNOWN
SERIAL NUMBER X-005468
GRADE
ARM 0
RACE 0
RELIGION 6

CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM
PLOT W ROW 11 GRAVE 259
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1202 80
CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN NO FLAG SENT

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE
NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
These remains are unidentifiable and are to be permanently interred. HQ, AGRC - 11 DEC 49.
(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME UNKNOWN X-005468
SERIAL NUMBER
GRADE
DATE OF DEATH
DATE DISINTERRED 7 DEC 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON
 REMAINS EMB
 MARKER EMB
ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN
RELIGION UNK
IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY ALVIN C BECK 1st Lt INF
NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL MATTRESS COVER
CONDITION OF REMAINS MISSING: SKULL, MAXILLA, R/ULNA, R/1/2 OF MANDIBLE, DISTAL 1/2 R/RADIUS, DISTAL 1/2 L/TIBIA. FRACTURED L/R PELVIS, R/FEMUR, L/R FIBULA, ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION
REPORT OF BURIAL WITH REMAINS LISTS AS X5468

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)
NONE

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

DATE 17 DEC 1948 BY ELAM E POORBAUGH EMBALMER

CASKET SEALED BY CLEVELAND C HALL JR
EMBALMER (Signature)
CLEVELAND C HALL JR LICENSED EMBALMER

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED
ROBERT A HEURGUE
DATE 18 FEB 49 BY CLERK RECORDER
SHIPMENT ADDRESS VERIFIED BY ALL TAGS, MARKINGS AND PLATES VERIFIED 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

MANUEL M ESTEVEZ 1st Lt INF
SIGNATURE OF AGCS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
FILE RECORDS ANNOTATED
DATE 7 June '50
NAME R. Johnson
I CERTIFY that the typed names appearing above are the same as the original signatures on the No. 4 copy of F-1194 concerned Report BR. MEM. DIV.
Raymond G Johnson 1st Lt. INF

RRE Form #43

20 Sep 48

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

UNIDENTIFIABLE X - 5468

(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-CONDROZ, Belgium

Incl #

STATEN

NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT

Evac. # 1F 3194

G-PS-GZ Form No. 8

ATTENTION REGISTRATION DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS, AGRC,
FOR USE IN CASUALTY CLEARANCE

Date 18 April 1947

The below listed U. S. deceased personnel have this date been disinterred from the location as shown and have been evacuated to U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland for reburial.

<u>Unk. Evac. # 1F 3194</u>	<u>Unk.</u>	<u>Unk.</u>	<u>Mil. Plot. Civ. Cem. List, Ger.</u> <u>Isle of Sylt, I-55/W-51</u>
<u>(NAME)</u>	<u>(NAME)</u>	<u>(DOB)</u>	<u>(PLACE OF DISINTERMENT)</u> If communal cemetery show Plot, Row and Grave No., if available.

Ashton F. Pitts

Ashton F. Pitts, Sgt. RA17076241

(Officer or NCO in charge of Disinterment)

466th QM Battalion, AGRC.

(Organization)

ANNEX "H"

HEADQUARTERS
466TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171, U.S. ARMY

AFP/rp
8 May 1947

DISINTERMENT
NARRATIVE REPORT

On April 15, 1947 I was dispatched from this headquarters to List, a town on the Island of Splt, for the purpose of disinterring of American deceased.

Upon arriving at the town of List I went to the Buergermeister to make arrangements for labor to open the graves.

A previous investigation resulted in the following graves be opened:

- Graves 13 - 14 in Plot right 5,
- Graves 15 - 16 - 17 in Plot left 5,
- Graves 23 - 19 in Plot right 6.

However at the cemetery I found there were no graves in plot right 6. In a verbal statement from the cemetery caretaker the grave 23 was in plot right 5 and grave 19 was in left 5.

Graves 13 - 14 were the first graves to be opened. They were identified by their clothing to be British. Grave 15 was the next grave to be opened. This grave was marked three unknowns but upon opening the grave it was found to be a mass burial, the remains were identified by their clothing to be British.

Grave 19 - 23 - 16 was opened next. They also were identified to be British by the clothing. Grave 17 was the next grave to be opened. According to cemetery records this grave contained the remains of an unknown American soldier. This was the only American known to be left there. Upon opening the grave there were just parts of the bodies. There was no clothing or any other means of identification but by cemetery records the remains were those of an American. I put the remains in a mattress cover and metallic liner and burial box and returned to this headquarters, for evacuation to US Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland.

Ashton F. Pitts
Ashton F. Pitts
Sgt RA 17076341
Investigator
Disinterment Medic

- a. What information was contained thereon? Unknown American soldier, 29.8.44
- b. Where was the information obtained? German Air-Force
- c. By Whom? Cemetery caretaker
12. What is the date of death? Unknown
- a. Give basis washed ashore
13. What is the cause of death? Unknown - washed ashore
- b. Give basis Statement of Mr. Hermann Klockenhoff
14. What is the date of burial? 29.8.44
- a. Give basis Cemetery caretaker's records
15. What was the place of death? Unknown Coords does not apply
- b. Give basis washed ashore
16. Where were the remains found? washed ashore Coords does not apply
- a. By Whom? German Military
- b. Is sketch attached? No
17. Was a casket used? Yes Who furnished the casket? Military
- Type of casket wooden How marked? NO MARKERS
18. Who made the burial German Military
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? Unknown

b. Are certificates and statements attached? _____

SECTION B — AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be Completed only if Deceased is believed to be an member of the AAF)

19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? not applicable
- a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed _____
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
- b. Near wreckage? _____
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results' of Investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of Plane _____
- b. Markings and/or name on plane _____
- c) Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: _____
21. How did crash occur? _____ Anti-aircraft _____
- Enemy Planes? _____ Collision? _____
22. Did plane explode in the air? _____ On ground? _____
23. Did plane burn in the air? _____ On ground? _____
24. What was the direction of the flight? _____
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? _____

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26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? no
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? Unknown
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash Unknown
29. State precise time and date of plane crash Unknown (Night?) (Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? no How many? not apply Escaped? not apply
 Prisoners? not apply

SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?
 a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed
 (Radio man, driver, assistant driver or . . . front, side, or back)
- b. Near wreckage?
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of tank
- b. Markings and/or name of tank
- c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?
34. Did tank explode? no Burn? no
35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank (Night?) (Day?)
38. Did any of the crew members escape? Prisoners?

SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable).

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i. e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire)
 If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
 a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?
40. 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)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? No
 If not, state reason None found
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? no
 Where? not apply By whom? not apply
 Present disposition not apply

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



- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? Unknown
 Where? Unknown By whom? Unknown
 Present disposition Unknown
- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? No
- d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No
42. Was Deceased given first aid? No If so, where? washed ashore
 By whom? not apply Are statements from the medical people attached? not apply
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No
 Where? Not apply Names of people concerned not apply
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? No
45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? No
 (Burnt? Decapitated? etc)
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No
 a. If so, give basis for positive assumption Not apply
 b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? Not apply
47. Was case previously investigated? Yes By whom? 46th QM GR. Co.
 When? spring time 1946
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed
See narrative report
49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? yes
50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? No
51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? No
 (If special investigation, give case number) not apply
52. Give Brief Narrative unable to obtain full information concerning this burial

(Use attached, sheets if necessary)

Hans Kehlke

Signature of Interpreter

Paul V. Carter
 Paul V. Carter
 Signature of Investigator

Civ. Employee

Rank

ASN

S/Sgt. RA 33869628

Rank

ASN

466th QM Battalion

Organization

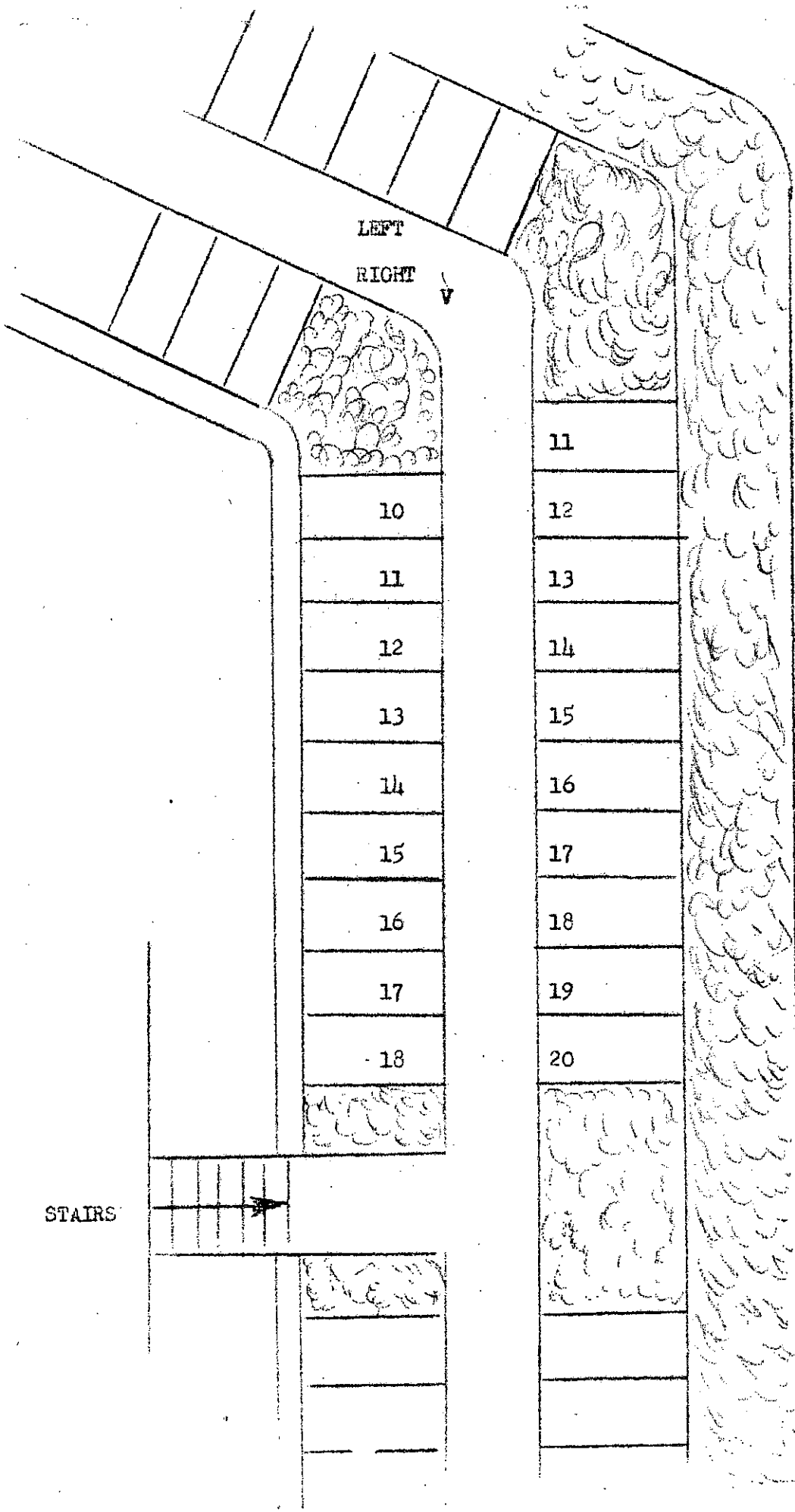
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PLOT V OF CEMETERY
LIST / SYLT, GER
(L-55/W-51)

ATTENTION REGISTRATION DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.H.C.
FOR USE IN CASUALTY CLEARANCE



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ENTRIES ON ORIGINAL CEMETERY SKETCH OF LIST CEMETERY

Plot V right:

Grave # 10 : Sears
14. 10. 42

Grave # 11 : Brown
27. 11. 42

Grave # 12 : Corrigan
30. 4. 43

Grave # 13 : Broley
21. 6. 43

Grave # 14 : Unknown
5. 7. 43

Grave # 15 : Brown Joseph
27. 7. 43

Grave # 16 : U
16. 8. 43

Grave # 17 : Blakely

Grave # 18 : 24. 9. 43

Plot V left:

Grave # 12 : Wilkins
9. 10. 44

Grave # 13 : Sgt Durrant
9. 10. 44

Grave # 15 : 3 Unknown American Airmen
3. 9. 44

Grave # 14 : Whittall
5. 9. 44

Grave # 16 : Billingsley
3. 9. 44

Grave # 17 : 29. 8. 44

Grave # 18 : Abraham Miller
15. 5. 44

Grave # 19 : Buried 29. 11. 43

Grave # 20 : Ivan Clark
26. 12. 43

HEADQUARTERS
466TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171, U.S. ARMY

FVC/hk/gt
9 April 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT

Being dispatched to List on the Island of Sylt, (L-55/W-51), Ger., to investigate the case of three unknown American airmen supposed to be buried in the Honor Cemetery, LIST, according to letter # 3958, First Field Command, AGRC, dated 1 February 1947, I arrived in List on 4 April 1947.

I went to the cemetery caretaker who accompanied us to the Honor Cemetery, which is part of the local civilian cemetery. There we were shown a grave with a cross bearing the following inscription: 3 Unknown Flyers, buried 3 September 1944. In his statement, (see Incl. # 1), concerning the above mentioned grave, he states that on 3 September 1944 he was ordered by the chaplain of the List Airbase to dig a grave for four (4) bodies who had been washed ashore on the Island. The nationality of those deceased could not be established, and no means of identification were found, except with one body. The established identity of this one is Warrent Officer Billingsley. The three (3) unknown fliers were buried in grave V left 15, and the Warrent Officer was buried in grave V left 16 which is marked with a cross bearing following inscription: Billingsley, Warrent Officer, buried 3 September 1944. He further stated that sometime in spring 1946 an American team came to List to disinter the bodies of other Americans who were buried in the cemetery. This team also opened grave V left 15, and the cemetery caretaker was told that the bodies were of British nationality. When I asked the cemetery caretaker if the records show nationality and/or names of those deceased, he showed me the following entries concerning this grave: Three (3) unknown Brit./U.S.A. airmen, buried on 3 September 1944; and concerning Billingsley, grave V left 16, records state, Billingsley, Warrent Officer, buried 3 September 1944. I could not determine how his name had been established.

In the cemetery records (see Incl. # 2) there was further an entry for grave V left 17 stating that an American airman was buried there. I tried to get information about this body, but was unable to do so. It is presumed that this body had been washed ashore because the former medical officer stated that almost all the bodies were washed ashore. The cemetery caretaker of that time had died and the present caretaker could not give me any information.

I then went and questioned the community director, who could not give any information. In his statement, (see Incl. # 3), he states that he has no personal knowledge about any American grave in the cemetery, because he was not on the Island of Sylt during the war. He showed us records that were submitted to him by the airbase, which included a sketch of the cemetery. (See Incl. # 4). In this sketch there is an entry for grave V left 15 saying: 3 Unknown American fliers buried 3 September 1944.

Questioning the community director whether he knew any other people who could give us information concerning graves V left 15, and 16, in order to establish the nationality of those deceased, he gave us an address of a former medical officer of the List airbase, who had examined all bodies during the time those four (4) bodies were found. I went to that place and questioned Dr. Hermann Klockenhoff. He stated (See Incl. # 5) that he had

examined all bodies, since he had been medical officer with this airbase since February 1945. He remembers very clearly that in the beginning of September 1944 he examined four (4) bodies. This was, according to his statement, the only time when more than one body was examined by him at one time. With one of those bodies he found a little bag with the inscription "First Aid", and which was manufactured in the U.S.A. Bag held for further use in investigation.

Mr. Johannes Gonnson, cemetery caretaker, also told us that in the graves VI right 13, 14, and 19 were bodies buried, but that he could not give us any information on who is buried there. The cemetery records do not give any information concerning names and/or nationality of deceased buried in those graves.

On 29 April 1947 I went again to the Isle of Sylt and interviewed Johannes Gonnson, cemetery caretaker, to obtain a clarification on his first statement (See Incl. # 1). I met a certain Erich Dubielzig, former clerk of the Air Base. He was able to give me clearer information concerning the grave numbers in the cemetery (See Incl. # 6). Since it was obvious that Johannes Gonnson's memory was not good and his statement was unreliable, it is probable that information obtained from Dubielzig is correct. He, however also knew nothing of grave V left 17.

CONCLUSION:

It is concluded that the three (3) bodies in grave V left 15 are of American nationality, because the grave marker, and the date in the cemetery records correspond with the one in the basic documents.

It is further concluded that the body in grave V left 17 is of American nationality according to cemetery records.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a disinterring team be dispatched to List to disinter the bodies in grave V left 15. It is further recommended to open the following graves to determine whether any contain American personnel: Grave V left 16, graves VI right 13, 14, 19, and 23.

It is also recommended that grave V left 17 be opened and the remains sent to U.S. Military Cemetery, where they be processed to establish identity of deceased.

Paul V. Carter Jr.
Paul V. Carter Jr.
S/Sgt. RA 33869628
Investigator

5 Incls.:

- # 1 Statement from Cemetery caretaker
- # 2 Extract from Cemetery Records
- # 3 Certificate from Community Director
- # 4 Sketch of Cemetery
- # 5 Statement from former Medical Officer of List Airbase.
- # 6 Statement from former Chief clerk of List Airbase.

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EIDESSTATTLICHE ERKLAERUNG.

List/Sylt, den 4. April 1947.

Mein Name ist Johannes Gonsen, List, Am Bruenk 23. Ich bin seit July 1944 bin ich Friedhofswaerter des Friedhofes in List. Auf Befragung ueber Graeber amerikanischer Flieger auf dem Heldenfriedhof, Teil des hiesigen Friedhofes, gebe ich folgende Erklaerung:

- 1) Am 3. September 1944 morgens bekam ich von Hauptmann Steinwedel, Kirchenoffizier des Fliegerhorstes den Auftrag ein Massengrab fuer vier Leichen zu machen. Die vier Leichen waren angeschwemmt. Mir wurde nichts ueber die Nationalitaet der Leichen gesagt. Es handelte sich hier um drei Flieger und einen Offizier. Es wurde mir gesagt, dass er ein Warrent Offizier sein sollte. Die Leichen wurden von der Luftwaffe auf den Friedhof gebracht, und wurden, alle in eine Zeltbahn gewickelt, begraben. Die drei Flieger wurden in Grab V links 15 beigesetzt und der Offizier in Grab V links 16. Im Fruehling letzten Jahres kamen Amerikaner und haben dieses Grab geoeffnet. Nachdem die die Leichen untersucht hatten, wurde mir gesagt, dass es sich um Englaender handelte.
- 2) Von der Obengenannten Abteilung von Amerikanern wurde auch Grab VI rechts 23 geoeffnet. Mir wurde nachher erzahlt, dass es sich um einen Amerikaner handelt, und sie die Leiche aber nicht ueberfuehren wollten, da die Leiche voll Wasser waere. Dies Grab muss das nicht vorhandene Grab V rechts 19 sein.
- 3) Auf dem Friedhof sind ferner noch Leichen in den Graebem VI rechts 13, 14, und 19. Grab 19 wurde damals von den Amerikanern geoeffnet und sofort wieder zugemacht, ohne dass mir gesagt wurde um was es sich handelte. Ich kann auch keine Auskunft ueber die Nationalitaet der Leichen in 13. und 14 machen.

Johannes Gonsen.

Johannes Gonsen
Friedhofswaerter
List / Sylt

TRANSLATIONSWORN STATEMENT

List/Sylt, 4 April 1947

My name is Johannes Comnsen, residing at 25 Am Trunk, List. Since July 1944, I have been caretaker of the cemetery of List. Being questioned about graves of American airmen in the Hero's Cemetery, part of the local cemetery, I make the following statement:

1. In the morning of the 3rd of September 1944 I was ordered by Captain Steinfeld, Chaplain of the airbase, to make a grave for four (4) bodies. The bodies had been washed ashore. I was not told of their nationality the deceased were. There were three (3) airmen and one officer. I was told that one was a warrant officer. The bodies were taken to the cemetery by the German Luftwaffe and buried all wrapped in a canvas. The three (3) airmen were buried in grave V left 15 and the officer was buried in grave V left 16. In the spring last year Americans came and opened the grave, and I was told that the bodies were of English nationality.
2. Grave VI right 23 was opened by the above mentioned unit of Americans. I was told later that the body was of American nationality but that they did not want to evacuate the body because it was full of water. This must be the not existing grave V right 19.
3. In the graves VI right 13, 14, and 19 there are still bodies. Grave 19 had been opened by the Americans and closed again, I was not told what body was buried in the grave. I cannot give any information about the nationality of the bodies in 13 and 14.

/s/ Johannes Comnsen
/t/ JOHANNAS COMNSEN
Cemetery-Caretaker
List / Sylt

Translated by:

Hans F. H. Kahlke - Interpreter
466th CM Battalion
Operations Section.

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Justave H. Weiman
JUSTAVE H. WEIMAN
Major Inf
Operations Officer

EIDESSTATTLICHE ERKLAERUNG.

29 April 1947.

Mein Name ist Johannes Gonnens, List, Am Bruenk 23. Ich bin seit July 1944 Friedhofswaerter des Lister Friedhofes. Auf Befragung von Vertretern des amerikanischen Graeberdienstes ueber Amerikaner, die auf dem Heldenfriedhof beigesetzt worden sind, erklare ich folgendes:

- 1) Am 3. September 1944 morgens bekam ich von Hauptmann Steinwede, Kirchenoffizier des Fliegerhorstes, den Auftrag ein Massengrab fuer vier Leichen zu machen. Die vier Leichen waren angeschwemmt worden. Mir wurde nichts ueber die Nationalitaet der Leichen gesagt. Es handelte sich hier um 3 Flieger und einen Offizier. Es wurde mir gesagt, dass es ein Warrent Offizier sein sollte. Die Leichen wurden auf den Friedhof gebracht, und zwar von der Luftwaffe, und wurden dann, alle in eine Zeltbahn gewickelt beerdigt. Die 3 Flieger wurden in Grab V links 15 und der Offizier in Grab V links 16 beigesetzt. Im Fruehling letzten Jahres kamen Amerikaner und haben dies Grab geoeffnet. Nachdem sie die Leichen untersucht hatten, wurde mir gesagt, dass es sich um Englaender handelte.
- 2) Auf Befragung weil meine Akten nicht mit dem Friedhof uebereinstimmen, kann ich nur sagen, dass die Buecher und der Plan des Friedhofes mir uebergeben worden sind, und ich habe dann angenommen, dass sie richtig waren. In meinen Akten steht, dass im Grab VI rechts 23 ein Amerikaner begraben ist. Heute habe ich erfahren, dass die Leiche im Dezember 1943 umgebettet worden ist, und zwar nach V links 20. Mir wurde nie etwas davon gesagt. Deshalb habe ich ueber Grab VI rechts 23 die Aussage in der Erklaerung am 4 April 1947 gemacht.
- 3) Ich kann keine Auskunft ueber das Grab V links 17 geben, da ich zu der Zeit noch kein Friedhofswaerter war. Der damalige Friedhofswaerter ist tot.
- 4) Ich glaube jetzt, dass ich die Amerikaner im letzten Jahr misverstanden habe, als sie mir erzählten, dass im Grab VI rechts 23 die Leiche voll Wasser war und deshalb, obgleich es sich um einen Amerikaner handeln sollte, nicht mitgenommen worden ist. Ich habe jetzt erst erfahren, dass in VI recht 23 gar keine Leiche zu der Zeit gewesen war.

Johannes Gonnens

Johannes Gonnens
Friedhofswaerter
List / Sylt

TRANSLATION

29 April 1947

SWORN STATEMENT

My name is Johannes Gonnson, residence List am Bruenk #23. I have been cemetery-caretaker of the Lister cemetery since July 1944. I state following upon requesting by representatives of the American Graves Registration concerning Americans who are buried in the "Heroe"-Cemetery:

1) In the morning of September 3, 1944 I got orders from Captain Steinwede (Churchbook Officer of the Airbase) to dig a mass-grave for four (4) bodies. The four bodies had washed ashore. Nothing was said to me about the nationality of the bodies, which were supposed to be three fliers and one Officer. (I heard that it was a Warrent-Officer). The bodies were brought to the cemetery by the German Airforce and buried after they were wrapped in a canvas shelter. The three (3) fliers were buried in grave V left 15 and the Officer in Grave V left 16. In spring last year Americans opened the grave. After they had examined the body they told me that the deceased was an Englishman.


2) My files don't correspond with the cemetery and I only can state that I received the books and the cemetery-sketches (map), supposing that they would be correct. For instance: Entries in my register list an American being buried in Grave VI right 23. To-day I learned that the body was disinterred from that grave and reinterred in grave V left 20. Nobody told me anything about it and that's the reason why I gave information on grave VI right 23 in my statement from April 4, 1947.

3) I cannot give any information about Grave V left 17 and I was not the cemetery-caretaker at that time.


4) I believe now that I misunderstood the Americans last year, when they told me that the body in grave VI right 23 was full of water; they did not evacuate this body, however it was supposed to be an American. Now I learned, that no body was buried in grave VI right 23 at that time.

/s/ Johannes Gonnson
/t/ JOHANNES GONNSEN

Translated by:


E.H. SPRINGERS-Interpreter
466th ~~OM~~ Battalion, AGRC
Operations section

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Infantry
Operations section

ABSCHRIFT AUS DEN FRIEDHOFSAKTEN.

Nr.	Jahr und Tag der Bestattung	Name, Stand, Wohnung des Beerdigten	Laenge des Grabes	Grabstaette Abt. Reihe Nr.	Bemerkungen
15.	29. 11. 1943	Amerikanischer Flieger	2,10 m	V 23 rechts	
8.	29. 8. 1944	Amerikanischer Soldat	2,10 m	V links 17	
9. A B C	3. 9. 1944	3 unbekannte brit./ U.S.A. Luftwaffen- angehoerige		V links 15	
10.	3. 9. 1944	Billingsley, Warrent Offz.		V links 16	

Beglaubigte Abschrift. List/Sylt, den 4. April 1947.

Johannes Gonnens
Johannes Gonnens
Friedhofswaerter
List/ Sylt
Am Bruenk 23

Ich bestätige hiermit, dass ich seit dem
15. 11. 94 im Amt bin und die
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TRANSLATION

Bernhard Ipsen
Gemeindedirektor

List/Sylt, 4 April 1947

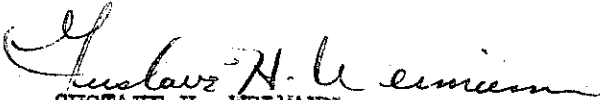
I hereby certify that I have been Community Director since the 15th of April 1946, and that I have not been on the island of Sylt during the war. I do not know anything about the Americans buried in the local cemetery.

s/ Ipsen
t/ IPSEN

Translated by:

Hans. F.H. Kahlke
Civilian Employee
466th QM Battalion

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GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Infantry
Operations Officer

EIDESSTATTLICHE ERKLAERUNG

List/Sylt, den 4. April 1947.

Mein Name ist Hermann Klockenhoff, List/ Sylt, Frischwassertal 16. Auf Befragung ueber angeschwemmte Leichen von Amerikanern, erklare ich folgendes:

- 1) Seit Februar 1943 war ich Arzt auf dem Fliegerhorst List/Sylt. Ich habe als Truppenarzt alle angeschwemmten Leichen angesehen, und dann habe ich auch zugehoren, wenn die Leichen eingesargt worden sind.
- 2) Ich erinnere mich noch gut, dass Anfang September 1944 mehrere Leichen, ich kann nicht genau sagen wie viele es waren, von mir untersucht wurden. Ueber die Nationalitaet dieser Leichen kann ich nichts aussagen. Bei einem dieser Leichen fand ich ein Verbandszeug mit der Aufschrift "First Aid", welches in den USA gemacht worden ist. Der obengenannte Fall ist der einzige Fall wo mehr als eine Leiche zur selben Zeit gefunden worden sind.



Dr. Hermann Klockenhoff
List/Sylt
Frischwassertal 16.

TRANSLATION

SWORN STATEMENT

List/Sylt, 4 April 1947

My name is Hermann Klockenhoff, Frischwassertal 16. Being questioned about bodies of Americans who were washed ashore, I state the following:

1. Since February 1943 I was physician on the airbase of List/Sylt. Being a medical officer I examined all bodies that were washed ashore, and supervised when the bodies were put in caskets.

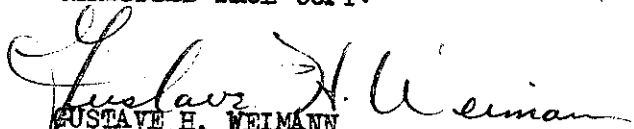
2. I still remember that in the beginning of September 1944 several bodies, I cannot give the exact figure, were examined by me. I cannot state anything about the nationality of those bodies. On one of the bodies I found a medical kit with the inscription "First Aid", which had been manufactured in USA. The above mentioned case is the only one where more than one body was found at the same time.

s/ Dr. Hermann Klockenhoff
t/ Dr. HERMANN KLOCKENHOFF
List/Sylt
Frischwassertal 16.

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EIDESSTATTLICHE ERKLAERUNG

29 April 1947

Mein Name ist Erich Dubielzig, wohnhaft in List, Am Buttgraben 17. Von 1943 bis zum Kriegsende war ich Stabsschreiber auf dem hiesigen Seefliegerhorst. Auf Befragung von Vertretern des amerikanischen Graeberdienstes ueber amerikanische Graeber auf dem hiesigen Ehrenfriedhof, gebe ich die folgende Erklarung:

- 1) Am 29 November 1943 wurde die Leiche eines Amerikaners, die am 27 November 1943 hier angeschwemmt worden ist, auf dem hiesigen Ehrenfriedhof beigesetzt. Die Leiche wurde in Grab VI rechts 23 beerdigt. Eine kurze Zeit spaeter, es moegen drei oder vier Wochen gewesen sein, gab der damalige Marinepfarrer Bucken den Befehl die Leiche zu exhumieren und in Grab V links 20 beizusetzen. Reihe VI war damals noch nicht fuer Beerdigungen zugelassen. Ich hatte zu der Zeit weniger mit dem Graebereachweis zu tun, sondern kann mich nur noch an diese Sache erinnern, da ich zu der Zeit die Verlustakte fuehrte. Meiner Meinung nach muss bei der Ausstellung des Graebereachweises ein Fehler begangen worden sein muss; mit Grab V rechts 19 muss Grab VI rechts 23 gemeint sein, da Grab V rechts 19 nicht vorhanden ist und Grab V rechts 18 nur durch einen schmalen Gang von VI rechts 23 getrennt ist.
- 2) Waehrend ich die Friedhofsskizze des Friedhofwaerters sah heute, habe ich ueber dem Grab VI rechts 23 ein Stueckchen Papier gesehen welches ueber ein Kreuz, mit Tinte eingezeichnet, geklebt worden war. Da alle belegten Graeber auf dem Plan mit einem Kreuz versehen worden sind, nehme ich an, dass dieses Papier nach der Umbettung aufgeklebt worden sein muss, um zu zeigen, dass das Grab nicht belegt war.
- 3) Ich moechte ferner noch bemerken, dass der Marinepfarrer nicht mehr auf Sylt ist, und ich kann auch nicht sagen wo er sich momentan aufhaelt. Der Hauptmann Steinwede, Graeberoffizier, wohnt irgendwo in Westfalen; ich kann keine genaue Adresse nennen.



Erich Dubielzig
List
Am Buttgraben 17

TRANSLATIONSWORN STATEMENT

29 April 1947

My name is Erich Dubielzig, residing in List, Buttgrabe 17. From 1943 till the end of the war I was chief clerk of the local Air Base (See-fliegerhorst). Being questioned by members of the American Graves Registration about graves of American fliers in the local cemetery, I state the following:

1. A body of an American, which was washed ashore on the 27th November 1943, was buried in the "Ehrenfriedhof" on the 29th November 1943. The grave is located in Plot VI and marked with number 23. About three or four weeks later the former Navy Chaplain Bucken ordered the body to be exhumed and reburied in Plot V, grave 20. At that time no burials were supposed to be made in plot VI.

At that time I was not working on the cemetery records, but took care of the casualty records. All this I just remember. In my estimation a mistake must have been made concerning the location of the subject grave; Grave 23 in plot VI must have been ment with grave 19, plot V, as the latter does not exist at all and grave 18, plot V is only parted with a narrow line from grave 23, plot VI (right).

2. As I saw in the cemetery caretaker's sketch of the cemetery today, a piece of paper was pasted on the grave 23, plot VI (right) covering a cross written on sketch. As all full graves on the sketch were marked with a cross, I suppose that this piece of paper was pasted on the sketch after the reburial, to show that the grave is not full.

3. I further state that the Navy Chaplain is not residing in Sylt any more and that I do not know his present residence. Capt. Steinwede, Graves Officer, lives somewhere in Westfalen, exact address unknown.

s/ Erich Dubielzig
t/ ERICH DUBIELZIG
List
Am Buttgraben 17

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Rita Pöder-Interpreter
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Operations Officer

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X 5468

Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium

Plot _____ Row _____ Grave _____

Date processed: 9 May 1947

1. ~~Found at cemetery~~ _____
(Hour) (Date)

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

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains ~~recovered~~ disinterred by 466 th M BN _____
(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>None</u> (Type)		
Raincoat	<u>None</u>		
Overcoat	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Field	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Combat	<u>None</u>		
Mackinaw	<u>None</u>		
Sweater	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>None</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		

Belt, web **None**

Drawers, wool **None**

Drawers, cotton **None**

Leggings, wool **None**

Socks, cotton **None**

* Shoes **None** (type)

Overshoes **None**

Web Equipment **None** (type)

(Other item) **None**

(Other item) **None**

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

Chevrons or Insignia **None** (Type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch **None**

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

UTD

6. Description of Remains :

Age **UTD** Est. Height **5'11 3/8"** 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 **None found** (Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

Hair **None found** (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 See tooth chart
 (White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw UTD Circumference of head in inches Head 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)

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 (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 None found
 (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 None found
 (Nose, arms, legs, etc.)

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

Height determined by measuring following bones:
 Humerus : 34.0 Radius : 23.1 Ulna : 25.2
 Tibia: 35.5

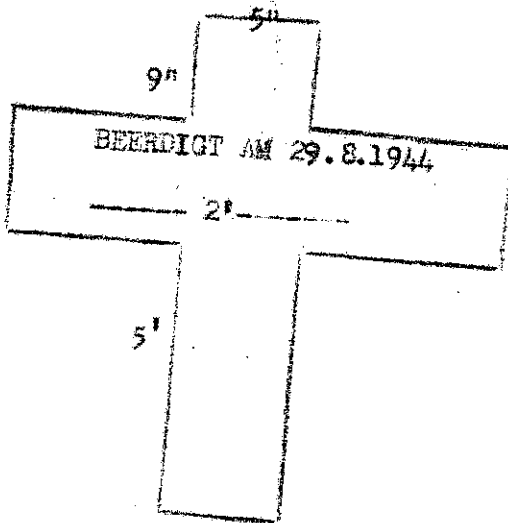
See chart

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7. Have finger prints been placed on Report of Interment? No (Yes-no)
If not, explain Hands missing

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

9. Remarks E.M. tag found. Remains recovered wrapped in burlap badly fractured and disarticulated.
Considerable amount of decomposed flesh.
Estimated weight: 20 Lbs.
No clothing found.
Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.
Fluorescopic Examination: Negative.
German cross came in with remains.
As processing revealed no positive identifying clues, this case is
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.
classified :Unknown.



Ernest C. Gaddy
ERNEST C. GADDY
(Officer's Name)
CWO USA
Rank Service
CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT
(Organization)

IF-3194

SKELETAL CHART

Neuville en Condroz,
Belgium (VK 390187)

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

Unknown X-5468

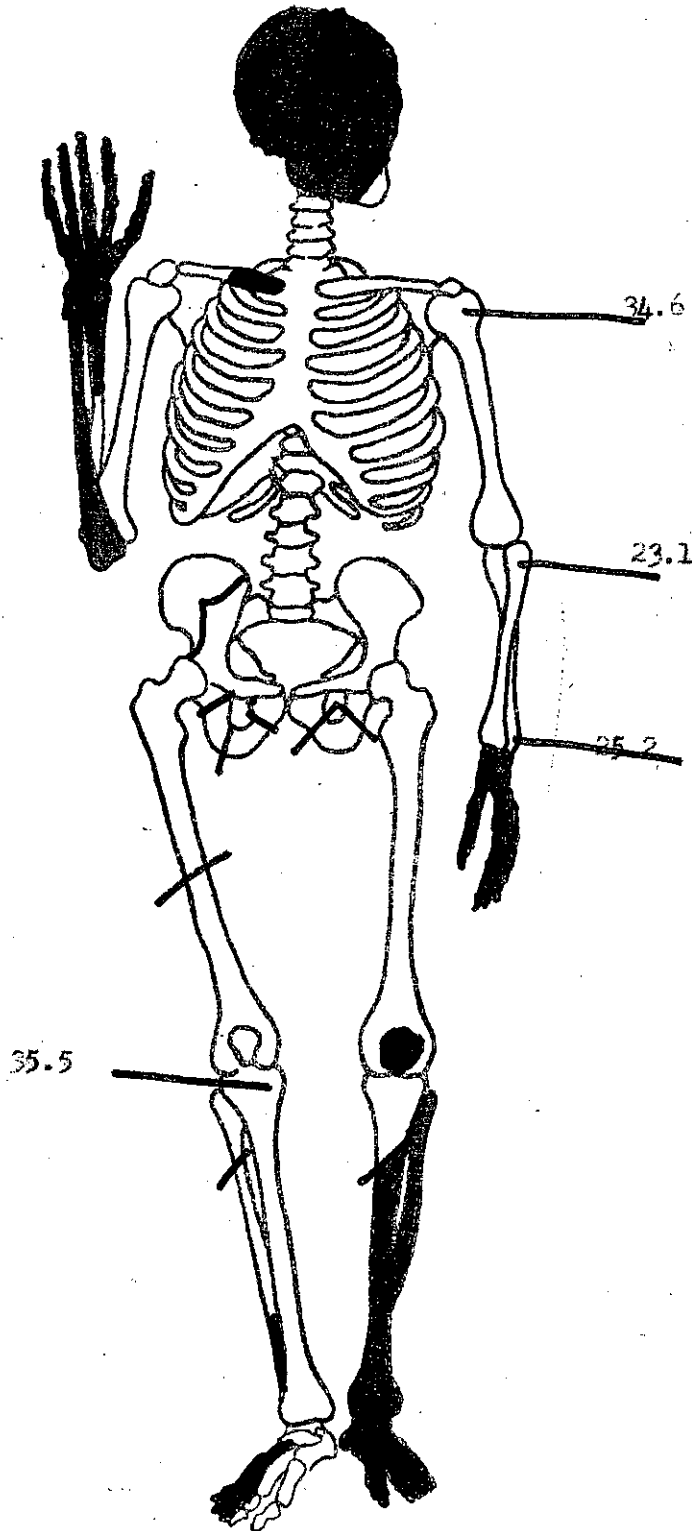


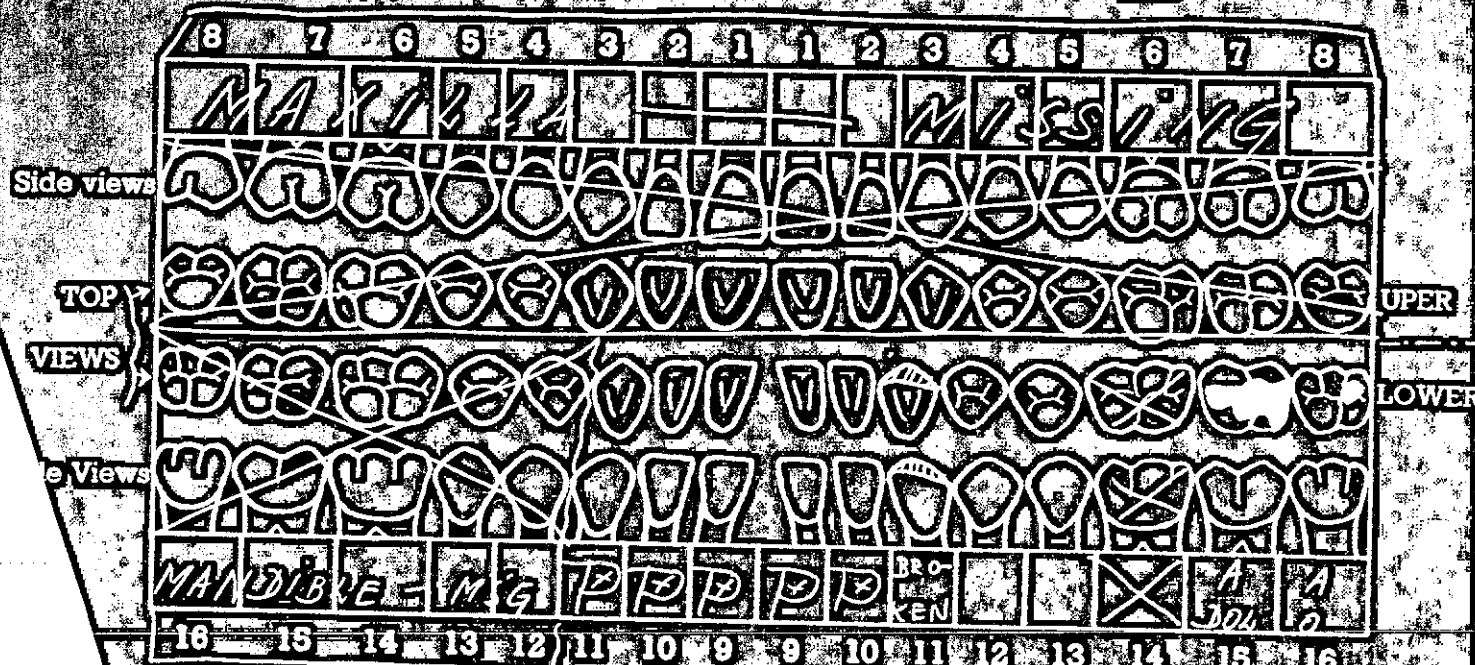
CHART "A"

TOOTH CHART

Identification No. 5163 Date 9 May 1947
 Last Name Unknown First Unknown Initial Unknown Rank Unknown Serial No. Unknown
 Unit Unknown Organization Unknown
 In Sea body washed ashore Date of Death Unknown Cause of Death Unknown
 Place of Death at the Isle of Sylt, Germany

Right

Left



This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

Mr. Odo. Roberts 169
 Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth Chart

Ernest C. Gaddy
 Verified by G. R. S. Officer

ERNEST C. GADDY
 CWO USA C.T.P.

MISSING TEETH . . . All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus:



CROWNED TEETH . . . Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK . . . Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS . . . Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES) . . . Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES) . . . Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp".

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

Medium sized fairly white teeth
 Space L13 to L-15 (est) 2mm
 L-13 rotated distally 1/8 turn; L12 rotated distally slightly
 Mesial version L15 and 16
 Posthumously missing R9, 10, 11, L9, 10.
 Dark brown stain on lingual surfaces.
 Light calculus formations.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH ATTENTION REGISTRATION DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS, AGRC,

FOR USLE 96 CASUALTY CLEARANCE

4 April 1947

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946

Date

NAME Unknown I-5466 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown
 ORGANIZATION Unknown Unknown
 MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

(All statements above this line will be completed, upon final processing, by the clerical staff at the unit processing point.)

SECTION A — GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? no if so, state the following information:

a. NAME Unknown RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

b. ORGANIZATION AAF

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

a. NAME does not apply RANK _____ ASN _____

b. ORGANIZATION AAF

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY None

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

a. Date of above burials _____ Common Graves? Yes

5. Name and Type of Cemetery List Honorary Cemetery

(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery _____

a. Town List/Sylt Country Germany

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains

a. Section V Row left Grave 17

b. Is Sketch attached? yes

8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location

a. Town _____ Coordinates _____

b. Is sketch attached? _____

c. Is area mined? _____

9. How is the grave marked? cross on grave

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon buried on 29.8.44

a. From what source was this information obtained? cemetery records
 (Identification tags, personal effects)

1. By Whom Cemetery records

11. Where are the cemetery records? cemetery caretaker's house
 (Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)

- a. What information was contained thereon? Unknown American soldier, 29.8.44
- b. Where was the information obtained? German Air-force
- c. By Whom? Cemetery caretaker
12. What is the date of death? Unknown
- a. Give basis washed ashore
13. What is the cause of death? Unknown - washed ashore
- b. Give basis Statement of Dr. Hermann Klockenhoff
14. What is the date of burial? 29.8.44
- a. Give basis cemetery caretaker's records
15. What was the place of death? Unknown Coords does not apply
- b. Give basis washed ashore
16. Where were the remains found? washed ashore Coords does not apply
- a. By Whom? German Military
- b. Is sketch attached? No
17. Was a casket used? Yes Who furnished the casket? Military
- Type of casket wooden How marked? no markers
18. Who made the burial German Military
- (Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? Unknown

b. Are certificates and statements attached?

SECTION B — AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be Completed only if Deceased is believed to be an member of the AAF)

19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? not applicable
- a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed
- (Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
- b. Near wreckage?
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of Investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of Plane
- b. Markings and/or name on plane
- c) Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment:
21. How did crash occur? Anti-aircraft
- Enemy Planes? Collision?
22. Did plane explode in the air? On ground?
23. Did plane burn in the air? On ground?
24. What was the direction of the flight?
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane?

26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? No
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? Unknown
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash Unknown
29. State precise time and date of plane crash Unknown (Night? Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? No How many? not apply Escaped? not apply
Prisoners? not apply

SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force)

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?
a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed
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(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or . . . front, side, or back)
b. Near wreckage?
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
a. Type of tank

- b. Markings and/or name of tank
- c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?
34. Did tank explode?
35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank
38. Did any of the crew members escape?

SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable)

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i. e., truck, jeep, mines drowning, or small arms fire)
- If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation
a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?
40. 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)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? No
If not, state reason None found
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? no
Where? not apply By Whom? not apply
Present disposition not apply

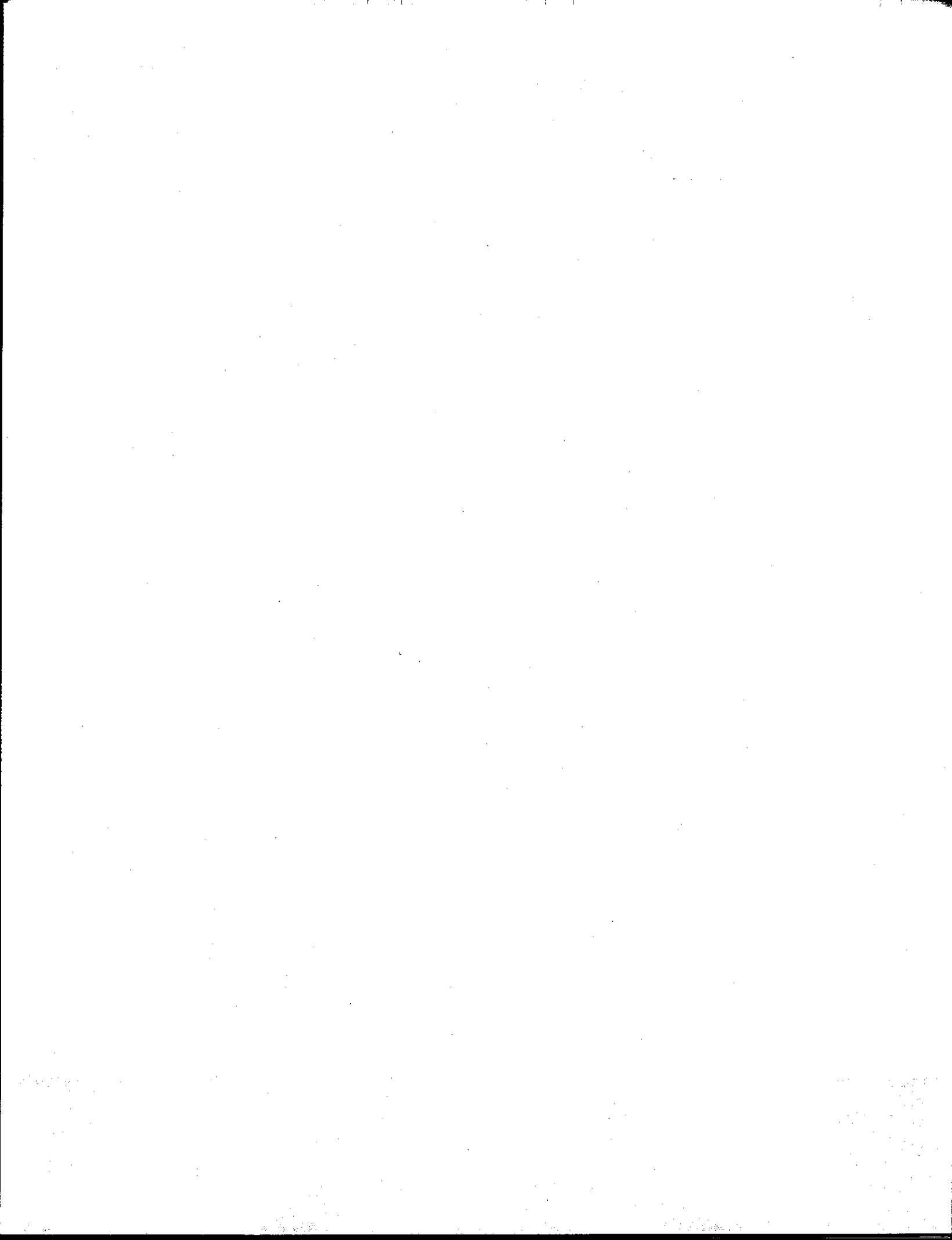
If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned

- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? Unknown
 Where? Unknown By Whom? Unknown
 Present disposition Unknown
- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? No
- d. Did Cemetery register or corss indicate the immunization shot? No
42. Was Deceased given first aid? No If so, where? washed ashore
 By Whom? not apply Are statements from the medical people attached? not apply
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No
 WHERE? not apply Names of people concerned not apply
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? No
45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? No
 Burnt? Decapitated? etc)
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No
 a. If so, give basis for positive assumption Not apply
- b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? Not apply
47. Was case previously investigated? Yes By Whom? 46th MM GR Co.
 When? spring time 1946
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed
See narrative report
49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? Yes
50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? No
51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? No
 (If special investigation, give case number) not apply
52. Give Brief Narrative unable to obtain full information concerning this burial

(Use attached, sheets, if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter
Hans Kehike
 Civ. Employee
 Rank ASN
466th MM Battalion
 Organization

Signature of Investigator
Paul V. Carter Jr.
 S/Sgt. RA 33869628
 Rank ASN
466th MM Battalion
 Organization



TRANSLATION

SWORN STATEMENT

List/Sylt, 4 April 1947

My name is Johannes GonnSEN, residing at 23 Am Bruenk, List. Since July 1944 I have been caretaker of the cemetery of List. Being questioned about graves of American airmen in the Hero's Cemetery, part of the local cemetery, I make the following statement:

1. In the morning of the 3rd of September 1944 I was ordered by Captain Steinwedel, Chaplain of the airbase, to make a massgrave for four (4) bodies. The bodies had been washed ashore. I was not told of what nationality the deceased were. There were three (3) airmen and one officer. I was told that one was a warrant officer. The bodies were taken to the cemetery by the German Luftwaffe and buried all wrapped in a canvas. The three (3) airmen were buried in grave V left 15 and the officer was buried in grave V left 16. In the spring last year Americans came and opened the grave, and I was told that the bodies were of English nationality.
2. Grave VI right 23 was opened by the above mentioned unit of Americans. I was told later that the body was of American nationality but that they did not want to evacuate the body because it was full of water. This must be the not existing grave V right 19.
3. In the graves VI right 13, 14, and 19 there are still bodies. Grave 19 had been opened by the Americans and closed again, I was not told what body was buried in the grave. I cannot give any information about the nationality of the bodies in 13 and 14.

/s/ Johannes GonnSEN
/t/ JOHANNES GONNSEN
Cemetery-Caretaker
List / Sylt

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GUSTAVE H. WEIMANN
Major Inf
Operations Officer

TRANSLATION

29 April 1947

SWORN STATEMENT

My name is Johannes Gonnson, residence List am Bruenk #23. I have been cemetery-caretaker of the Lister cemetery since July 1944. I state following upon requesting by representatives of the American Graves Registration concerning Americans who are buried in the "Heroe"-Cemetery:

1) In the morning of September 3, 1944 I got orders from Captain Steinwede (Churchbook Officer of the Airbase) to dig a mass-grave for four (4) bodies. The four bodies had washed ashore. Nothing was said to me about the nationality of the bodies, which were supposed to be three fliers and one Officer. (I heard that it was a Warrent-Officer). The bodies were brought to the cemetery by the German Airforce and buried after they were wrapped in a canvas shelter. The three (3) fliers were buried in grave V left 15 and the Officer in Grave V left 16. In spring last year Americans opened the grave. After they had examined the body they told me that the deceased was an Englishman.


2) My files don't correspond with the cemetery and I only can state that I received the books and the cemetery-sketches (map), supposing that they would be correct. For instance: Entries in my register list an American being buried in Grave VI right 23. To-day I learned that the body was disinterred from that grave and reinterred in grave V left 20. Nobody told me anything about it and that's the reason why I gave information on grave VI right 23 in my statement from April 4, 1947.

3) I cannot give any information about Grave V left 17 and I was not the cemetery-caretaker at that time.

4) I believe now that I misunderstood the Americans last year, when they told me that the body in grave VI right 23 was full of water; they did not evacuate this body, however it was supposed to be an American. Now I learned, that no body was buried in grave VI right 23 at that time.

/s/ Johannes Gonnson
/t/ JOHANNES GONNSEN

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EXTRACT FROM CEMETERY RECORDS.

No.	Date of burial	Name, occupation, residence of deceased	length of grave	Plot	Grave Row No.	Remarks
15.	29 Nov 1943	American flyer	2,10 m	VI		23 right
8.	29 Aug 1944	American soldier	2,10 m	V	left	17
9.	3 Sep 1944	3 unknown members of Brit./U.S.A. airforce		V	left	15
A						
B						
C						
10.	3 Sep 1944	Billingsley Warrent Officer		V	left	16

Certified true Copy:
List/Sylt, 4 April 1947

/s/ Johannes Goonsen
/t/ JOHANNES GONNSEN
Cemetery Caretaker
List / Sylt
Am Bruenk 23

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Operations Officer

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Bernhard Ipsen
Gemeindedirektor

List/Sylt, 4 April 1947

I hereby certify that I have been Community Director since the 15th of April 1946, and that I have not been on the island of Sylt during the war. I do not know anything about the Americans buried in the local cemetery.

s/ Ipsen
t/ IPSEN

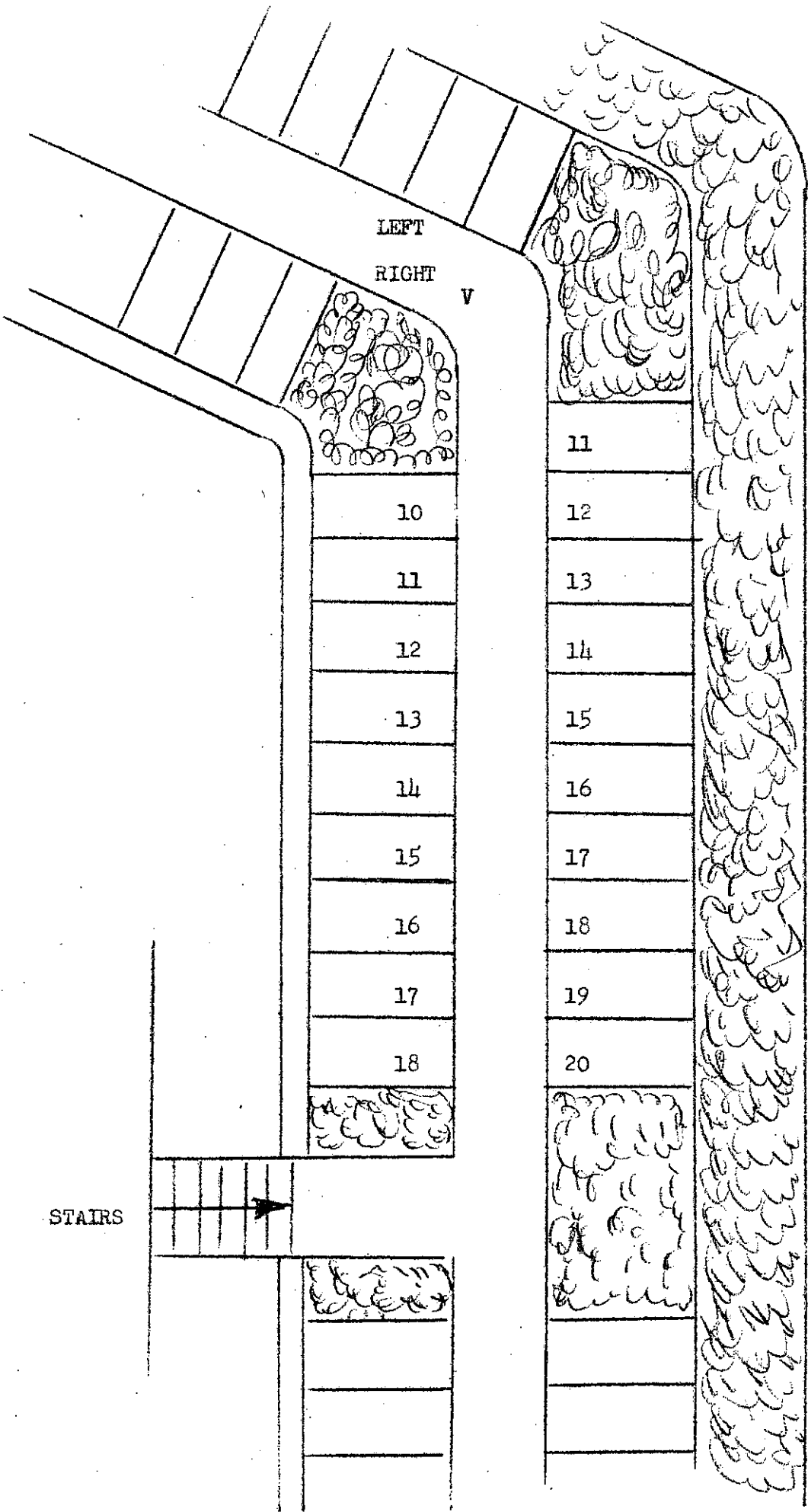
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PLOT V OF CEMETERY
LIST / SYLT, GER
(L-55/W-51)



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ENTRIES ON ORIGINAL CEMETERY SKETCH OF LIST CEMETERY

Plot V right:

- Grave # 10 : Sears
14. 10. 42
- Grave # 11 : Brown
27. 11. 42
- Grave # 12 : Corrigan
30. 4. 43
- Grave # 13 : Broley
21. 6. 43
- Grave # 14 : Unknown
5. 7. 43
- Grave # 15 : Brown Joseph
27. 7. 43
- Grave # 16 : U
16. 8. 43
- Grave # 17 : Blakely
- Grave # 18 : 24. 9. 43

Plot V left:

- Grave # 12 : Wilkins
9. 10. 44
- Grave # 13 : Sgt Durrant
9. 10. 44
- Grave # 15 : 3 Unknown American Airmen
3. 9. 44
- Grave # 14 : Whittall
5. 9. 44
- Grave # 16 : Billingsley
3. 9. 44
- Grave # 17 : 29. 8. 44
- Grave # 18 : Abraham Miller
15. 5. 44
- Grave # 19 : Buried 29. 11. 43
- Grave # 20 : Ivan Clark
26. 12. 43

TRANSLATIONSWORN STATEMENT

List/Sylt, 4 April 1947

My name is Hermann Klockenhoff, Frischwassertal 16. Being questioned about bodies of Americans who were washed ashore, I state the following:

1. Since February 1943 I was physician on the airbase of List/Sylt. Being a medical officer I examined all bodies that were washed ashore, and supervised when the bodies were put in caskets.

2. I still remember that in the beginning of September 1944 several bodies, I cannot give the exact figure, were examined by me. I cannot state anything about the nationality of those bodies. On one of the bodies I found a medical kit with the inscription "First Aid", which had been manufactured in USA. The above mentioned case is the only one where more than one body was found at the same time.

s/ Dr. Hermann Klockenhoff
t/ Dr. HERMANN KLOCKENHOFF
List/Sylt
Frischwassertal 16.

Translated by:

Hans F. H. Kahlke
Civilian Employee
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Operations Officer

REF ID: A6394

TRANSLATION

SWORN STATEMENT

29 April 1947

My name is Erich Dubielzig, residing in List, Buttgrabe 17. From 1943 till the end of the war I was chief clerk of the local Air Base (See-fliegerhorst). Being questioned by members of the American Graves Registration about graves of American fliers in the local cemetery, I state the following:

1. A body of an American, which was washed ashore on the 27th November 1943, was buried in the "Ehrenfriedhof" on the 29th November 1943. The grave is located in Plot VI and marked with number 23. About three or four weeks later the former Navy Chaplain Bucken ordered the body to be exhumed and reburied in Plot V, grave 20. At that time no burials were supposed to be made in plot VI.

At that time I was not working on the cemetery records, but took care of the casualty records. All this I just remember. In my estimation a mistake must have been made concerning the location of the subject grave; Grave 23 in plot VI must have been meant with grave 19, plot V, as the latter does not exist at all and grave 18, plot V is only parted with a narrow line from grave 23, plot VI (right).

2. As I saw in the cemetery caretaker's sketch of the cemetery today, a piece of paper was pasted on the grave 23, plot VI (right) covering a cross written on sketch. As all full graves on the sketch were marked with a cross, I suppose that this piece of paper was pasted on the sketch after the reburial, to show that the grave is not full.

3. I further state that the Navy Chaplain is not residing in Sylt any more and that I do not know his present residence. Capt. Steinwede, Graves Officer, lives somewhere in Westfalen, exact address unknown.

s/ Erich Dubielzig
t/ ERICH DUBIELZIG
List
Am Buttgraben 17

Translated by:

Rita Pöder-Interpreter
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Operations Section

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Operations Officer

GRS-GZ Form No. 8

Notice of Disinterment

Date 18 April 1947

The below listed U. S. deceased personnel have this date been disinterred from the location as shown and have been evacuated to U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland for reburial.

Unk.	Evac. #	LF 3194	Unk.	Unk.	MIL. Plot. Civ. Cem. List, Ger, Isle of Sylt, I-55/5-51
(NAME)	(RANK)	(ASN)	(PLACE OF DISINTERMENT)	If communal cemetery show Plot, Row and Grave No. if available.	

Ashton F. Pitts

Ashton F. Pitts, Sgt. RA17076241

(Officer or NCO in Charge of Disinterment)

465th MA Battalion, AGRC,

(Organization)

HEADQUARTERS
466TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171, U. S. ARMY

AFP/rp
8 May 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT

On April 15, 1947 I was dispatched from this headquarters to List, a town on the Island of Split, for the purpose of disinterring of American deceased.

Upon arriving at the town of List I went to the Buergermeister to make arrangements for labor to open the graves.

A previous investigation resulted in the following graves be opened:

- Graves 13 - 14 in Plot right 5.
- Graves 15 - 16 - 17 in Plot left 5.
- Graves 23 - 19 in Plot right 6.

However at the cemetery I found there were no graves in plot right 6. In a verbal statement from the cemetery caretaker the grave 23 was in plot right 5 and grave 19 was in left 5.

Graves 13 - 14 were the first graves to be opened. They were identified by their clothing to be British. Grave 15 was the next grave to be opened. This grave was marked three unknowns but upon opening the grave it was found to be a mass burial, the remains were identified by their clothing to be British.

Grave 19 - 23 - 16 was opened next. They also were identified to be British by the clothing. Grave 17 was the next grave to be opened. According to cemetery records this grave contained the remains of an unknown American soldier. This was the only American known to be left there. Upon opening the grave there were just parts of the bodies. There was no clothing or any other means of identification but by cemetery records the remains were those of an American. I put the remains in a mattress cover and metallic liner and burial box and returned to this headquarters, for evacuation to US Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland.

Ashton F. Pitts
Sgt RA 17076341
Investigator

HEADQUARTERS
466TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171, U.S. ARMY

PVC/hk/gt
9 April 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT

Being dispatched to List on the Island of Sylt, (L-55/V-51), Ger., to investigate the case of three unknown American airmen supposed to be buried in the Honor Cemetery, LIST, according to letter # 3958, First Field Command, AGRO, dated 1 February 1947, I arrived in List on 4 April 1947.

I went to the cemetery caretaker who accompanied us to the Honor Cemetery, which is part of the local civilian cemetery. There we were showed a grave with a cross bearing the following inscription: 3 Unknown Flyers, buried 3 September 1944. In his statement, (see Incl. # 1), concerning the above mentioned grave, he states that on 3 September 1944 he was ordered by the chaplain of the List Airbase to dig a grave for four (4) bodies who had been washed ashore on the Island. The nationality of those deceased could not be established, and no means of identification were found, except with one body. The established identity of this one is Warrent Officer Billingsley. The three (3) unknown fliers were buried in grave V left 15, and the Warrent Officer was buried in grave V left 16 which is marked with a cross bearing following inscription: Billingsley, Warrent Officer, buried 3 September 1944. He further stated that sometime in spring 1946 an American team came to List to disinter the bodies of other Americans who were buried in the cemetery. This team also opened grave V left 15, and the cemetery caretaker was told that the bodies were of British nationality. When I asked the cemetery caretaker if the records show nationality and/or names of those deceased, he showed me the following entries concerning this grave: Three (3) unknown Brit./U.S.A. airmen, buried on 3 September 1944; and concerning Billingsley, grave V left 16, records state, Billingsley, Warrent Officer, buried 3 September 1944. I could not determine how his name had been established.

In the cemetery records (see Incl. # 2) there was further an entry for grave V left 17 stating that an American airman was buried there. I tried to get information about this body, but was unable to do so. It is presumed that this body had been washed ashore because the former medical officer stated that almost all the bodies were washed ashore. The cemetery caretaker of that time had died and the present caretaker could not give me any information.

I then went and questioned the community director, who could not give any information. In his statement, (see Incl. # 3), he states that he has no personal knowledge about any American grave in the cemetery, because he was not on the Island of Sylt during the war. He showed us records that were submitted to him by the airbase, which included a sketch of the cemetery. (See Incl. # 4). In this sketch there is an entry for grave V left 15 saying: 3 Unknown American fliers buried 3 September 1944.

Questioning the community director whether he knew any other people who could give us information concerning graves V left 15, and 16, in order to establish the nationality of those deceased, he gave us an address of a former medical officer of the List Airbase, who had examined all bodies during the time those four (4) bodies were found. I went to that place and questioned Dr. Hermann Klockenhoff. He stated (See Incl. # 5) that he had

examined all bodies, since he had been medical officer with this airbase since February 1945. He remembers very clearly that in the beginning of September 1944 he examined four (4) bodies. This was, according to his statement, the only time when more than one body was examined by him at one time. With one of those bodies he found a little bag with the inscription "First Aid", and which was manufactured in the U.S.A. Bag hold for further use in investigation.

Mr. Johannes Gonnson, cemetery caretaker, also told us that in the graves VI right 13, 14, and 19 were bodies buried, but that he could not give us any information on who is buried there. The cemetery records do not give any information concerning names and/or nationality of deceased buried in those graves.

On 29 April 1947 I went again to the Isle of Sylt and interviewed Johannes Gonnson, cemetery caretaker, to obtain a clarification on his first statement (See Incl. # 1). I met a certain Erich Dubielzig, former clerk of the Air Base. He was able to give me clearer information concerning the grave numbers in the cemetery (See Incl. # 6). Since it was obvious that Johannes Gonnson's memory was not good and his statement was unreliable, it is probable that information obtained from Dubielzig is correct. He, however also knew nothing of grave V left 17.

CONCLUSION:

It is concluded that the three(3) bodies in grave V left 15 are of American nationality, because the grave marker, and the date in the cemetery records correspond with the one in the basic documents.

It is further concluded that the body in grave V left 17 is of American nationality according to cemetery records.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a disinterring team be dispatched to List to disinter the bodies in grave V left 15. It is further recommended to open the following graves to determine whether any contain American personnel: Grave V left 16, graves VI right 13, 14, 19, and 23.

It is also recommended that grave V left 17 be opened and the remains sent to U.S. Military Cemetery, where they be processed to establish identity of deceased.

Paul V. Carter Jr.
S/Sgt. RA 33869620
Investigator

5 Incls.:

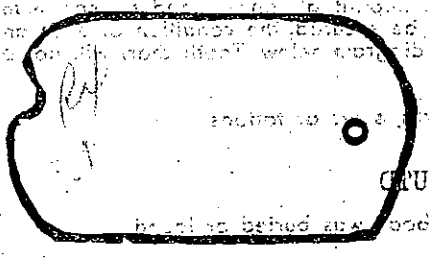
- # 1 Statement from Cemetery caretaker
- # 2 Extract from Cemetery Records
- # 3 Certificate from Community Director
- # 4 Sketch of Cemetery
- # 5 Statement from former Medical Officer of List Airbase.
- # 6 Statement from former Chief clerk of List Airbase.

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
16 May 1947

Imprint Identification Tag if Possible
DO NOT TYPE



SECTION I: IDENTIFICATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Unknown X-5468		Serial number Unknown
Grade Unknown	Organization Unknown	Branch of service Unknown
Race Unknown	Religion Unknown	If other than U. S. Give name of country.

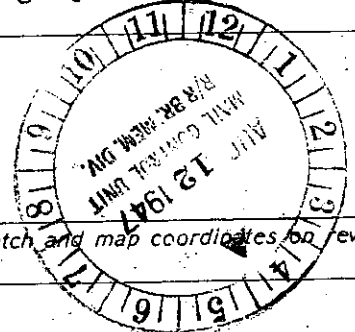
Place of death In sea, body washed ashore at Isle of Sylt, Germany	Cause of death Unknown	Date of death Unknown
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Emergency addressee (Name, Relationship and Address.)
Unknown

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.
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Were separate tags provided (Yes or No). Yes	If no separate tags provided, describe identification. If case is classified "Unknown" no positive identifying clues.
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List personal effects found on body and disposition of same None
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SECTION 2. BURIAL If other than in established cemetery furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

Name, Number, Coordinates and location of cemetery
United States Military Cemetery, Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (VK-390187)

Burial	Hour	Buried in (Schroud, Blanket, or name of other)	Type of grave marker	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
May 1947	1500			W	11	259

Re-burial	If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location of grave	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
	Civilian Cemetery, List, Germany L-55/W-51	Military		

Person conducting burial rites C & H Chaplains Rusher, Saatman & Lepchivcher	If identification tags not used, describe identification data and containers buried with body
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Identification tag attached to marker (Yes or No)
Yes

deceased left, Name (Last, First, Middle)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
Unknown X-5464	Unk	Unk	Unk	260
deceased right, Name (Last, First, Middle)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
Unknown X-5427	Unk	Unk	Unk	258

Signature of GRS officer verifying report
T. D. ECKOLS

REPORT: Signed original for GRS and allied heads, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to 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 birth found in airplanes, vehicles and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles and tanks.

(b) Fingerprints, when available, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart as far 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 unless one or more fingerprints are secured.

Weight	Color of eyes	Color of hair	Birthmarks, scars or tattoos
5' 5 3/8" UTD	UTD	UTD	UTD

Weapon and serial number	Laundry marks	Where body was buried or found
UTD	None	List, Germany

For tooth chart see attached Form 1-A.

REMARKS

According to civilians' statements, this deceased washed ashore and was buried 3 September 1945.

As processing at Subordinate Identification Point No. 2 revealed no positive identifying clues, this case is classified "Unknown".

United States Military Cemetery, Newville en Condros, Belgium (VK-390187)

Civilian Cemetery, List, Germany

I-22-W-21

Date of burial	Hour	Row no.	Plot no.
21 May 1945	1800	11	

Body buried in deceased's name (Last First Middle Initial) **UNKNOWN**

Body buried in deceased's name (Last First Middle Initial) **UNKNOWN**

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

Remarks

Form No. 11, Check V15, and Form 1-A (Tooth Chart) accomplished.

Unable to obtain fingerprints because of missing portions.

Estimated weight of remains recovered: 20 lbs.

