

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

293 UNK. NEUVILLE-BIN-CONDEOZ, X-5663

SUBJECT

QMC FORM 1121
1 Aug 45

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1	PLOT: C ROW: J GR: 8 Date of Burial: 23 Sept. 1949 Verified by GRS Officer E.N. HEISEY, 1/Lt QMC DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE					
	SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED			DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 02161		DATE 15 08 48 DAY MONTH YEAR
NAME <u>UNKNOWN X-005663</u>		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
				J	0	5
CEMETERY <u>NEUVILLE BELGIUM</u>		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS	
		Y	8	196	1202	80
					CODE	DIST.-CTR.
SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN						
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <u>NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM</u>				NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)		
SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION						
NAME <u>UNKNOWN X-005663</u>		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED 2 DEC 1948	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER <u>EMB</u>		ORGANIZATION <u>UNKNOWN</u>	RELIGION <u>UNK</u>	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY <u>STANLEY C TYRRELL CAPT INF</u> NAME AND TITLE		
SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT						
NATURE OF BURIAL <u>MATRESS COVER</u>			CONDITION OF REMAINS <u>ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION. CRUSHED SKULL, FRACTURED MANDIBLE, R/CLAVICLE. REMAINS COMPLETE.</u>			
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION <u>REPORT OF BURIAL FOUND WITH REMAINS X-5663</u>						
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.) <u>NONE</u>						
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN <u>COFFIN TRANSFER CASE</u>						
DATE <u>12 JAN 1949</u>		BY <u>LEONARD P UNDERWOOD EMBALMER</u>		EMBALMER (Signature)		
CASKET SEALED BY <u>HENRY F PERGANDE</u>		<u>HENRY F PERGANDE EMBALMER</u>				
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED		ALL TAGS, MARKINGS AND PLATES VERIFIED BY:				
DATE <u>12 JAN 49</u> BY <u>HOWARD B FREEMAN IDENT TECH</u>		<u>ROGER E LEWIS CAPT CAV</u>				
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						
<u>EDWARD E STOUT 1st Lt CE</u> SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR						
REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS Certify that the entries on this form are true copies of the entries on Copy Number 4 of this Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed herein.						
						25 OCT 1949 STATION HANOH QUARTERS

Raymond G. Johnson, 1st Lt. Inf

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

11 August 1949
(Date)

RRE 293

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 5663, Plot Y
Row 8, Grave 196, USMC NEUVILLE, Belgium
have been reviewed and it is the opinion of this Office that sufficient
evidence is not available at the present time to establish the identity
of the deceased concerned. The remains concerned should be classified as
unidentifiable at the present time.
2. Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to your
Office by Transmittal Letter No. 2390, dated 6-8-47.
3. Remarks: The tooth chart of X-5663 has been compared with
available dental records for all unresolved casualties in the map sheet
with negative results. Efforts to associate subject remains with unre-
solved casualty or casualties by this means has proven negative.

R.T. ROCHE

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Col. H.P. HENRY, O-12589

QMC

Lt. Col. E.D. MULVANNITY, O-359598

QMC

Major R. BERGER, O-251736

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Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297

QMC

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

QMC

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

QMC

Received In Ltr #4231 QMG
Not identifiable from 16 Aug 49
information presently EJH
available AUG 31 1949

Incl #3

According to civilian statements, this body was washed ashore on the beach at Lombardsijde, Belgium, on 15 July 1944. The deceased was found by German troops guarding the coast, and temporarily buried by them at the edge of the dunes. This same day the body was disinterred by Mr. Marcel Govaert, Field Constable, and reburied in the communal cemetery of Lombardsijde, Grave 269. Mr. Govaert states, that the deceased was very decomposed, the head partly missing from the body. Around the neck was a light black rubber band. Stature of deceased: 1,75 Mtr. The deceased was dressed in khaki uniform (one piece), lined with bleach-blue material, in which numerous light electric wires were twisted, leading to the sleeves and backside. He wore gray socks, a bleach worsted sweater, white cotton undershirt and drawers. In the seam of the uniform was printed in black "No.6963". No Identification could be found. No further details concerning this deceased could be obtained.

A British Report, inclosed with case papers, states: "Grave No. 269 at Lombardsijde, has been opened on the 17.6.1946 with following results: "In trousers pocket a handkerchief was found with laundry mark: "747612" in India ink. The deceased was wearing khaki trousers, drill type, with two (2) hip pockets; light gray color vest. From clothing found, it seems that the body could be an American."

A Grave Marker found over grave of the deceased was marked as follows: "ENGLISH, OR AMERI.KAANCH, SOL. R.A.F. 15.7.44"

As Processing at Subordinate Identification Point #2, Margraten, Holland revealed no positive identifying clues, this case is classified: "UNKNOWN"

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X 5663
Cemetery Neuville en Condrez, Belgium
Plot _____ Row _____ Grave _____

Date processed : 25 June 1947

1. ~~Number of interments~~ _____
(Hour) (Date)
2. Place of death Remains washed ashore Lombardsijde, Belgium
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)
H/52-95
(Sheet, scale and serials used)
3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 4527 th QM Serv. Co (AC)
(Name and organization)
4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point, Margraten, Holland
(Name and organization)
5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings color, wear, tear, repairs, etc.
* Headgear	<u>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>Remnants of one (1)</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>None</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		

Belt, web None

Drawers, wool None

Drawers, cotton None

Leggings, wool None

Socks, ~~wool~~ wool, remnants of one (1) pair

* 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 5'6 7/8" 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 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)

U

Goatee (Light, color, extent) **UTD**

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

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

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

Teeth **See tooth chart** (White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts) **UTD**

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

Jaw (Large, small, normal) **UTD** Circumference of head in inches **crushed** (Hat band) **UTD**

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

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

Hands **UTD**

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

(Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

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

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

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

Hernioplasty (Yes-no; location) **UTD**

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

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

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

NOTE: Use attached charts "A" and "B" to indicate parts not received. **See chart** Height estimation determined by measuring the following bones:

Humerus: 24.7	Femur: 45.3
Radius: 33.6	Fibula: 37.5
Ulna: 26.2	Tibia: 37.9
Height estimated: 5' 6 7/8"	

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

If not, explain Missing

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

9. Remarks ~~Case consists of bones, clothing remnants with but not on body, and debris, composed mostly of sand.~~
~~No laundry identification markings found.~~
~~Teeth charted.~~

~~Nothing found to warrant chemical Laboratory Examination.~~
~~Estimated height: 5'6 7/8"~~

~~Fluoroscopic Examination: negative.~~
~~Present estimated weight of processed remains 20 lbs~~

~~Concrete grave marker found over grave of deceased bore the~~

I certify the following information remains of subject deceased and all resulting information has been recorded to the best of my knowledge.

"Engelsch of Amerikanch
Sol.R.A.F.
15-7-44"

As processing at Subordinate
Identification Point #2, Margraten,
Holland, revealed no positive
identifying clues, this case is
classified "Unknown"

Ernest C. Gaddy
ERNEST C. GADDY
(Officer's Name)

CWO Rank **USA** Service

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT
(Organization)

12-1418
Neuville en Condroz,
Belgium (VK-390187)

SKELETAL CHART

Unknown X-5663

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

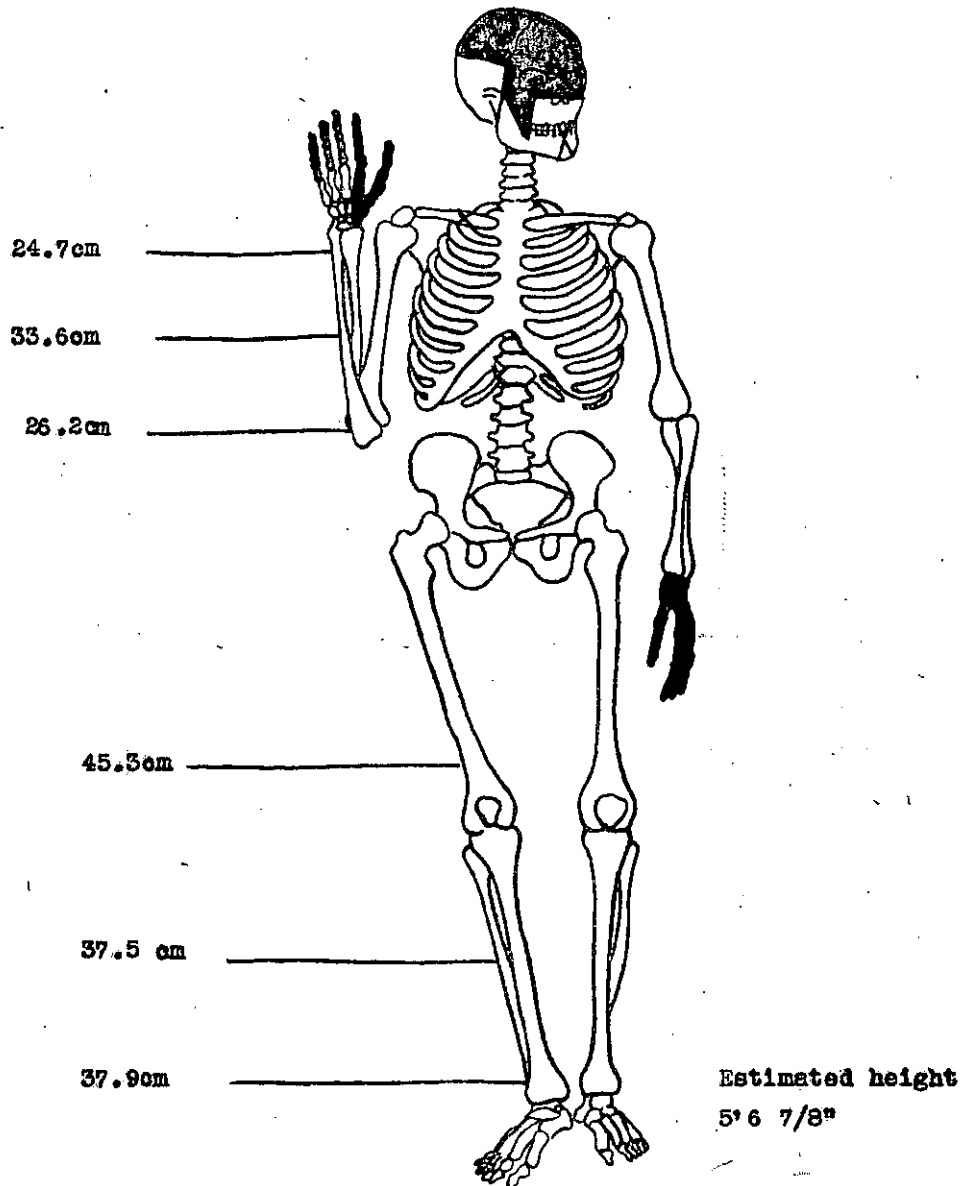
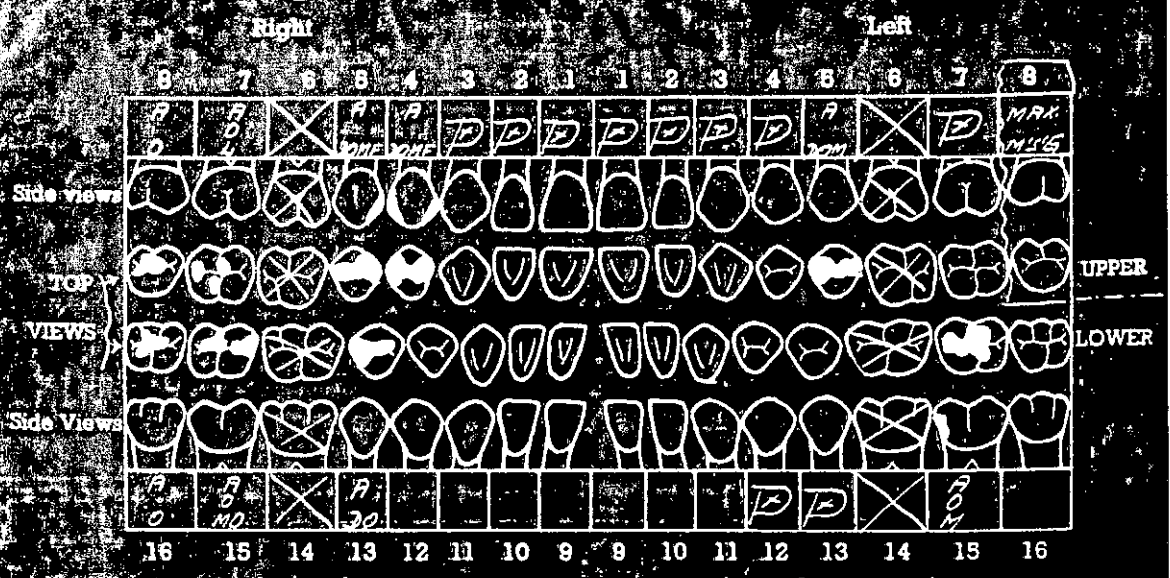


CHART "A"

25 June 1947

Service No. 1-5890 Rank Unknown Branch Unknown
 Name Unknown Social No. Unknown
 Date of Death Unknown Cause of Death Unknown Remains washed ashore



See remarks

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.

Harold L. Wheeler M.D.
 Signature of Doctor or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Ernest Caddy
 Verified by C. K. S. Officer
 ERNEST C. GADDY
 C'D USA C.I.P.

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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 size, white teeth.
 Posthumously missing-R1,2,3;L1,2,3,4,7,12,13.
 Spaces-R15-13,4mm;L13-15, est.4mm;R7-5,3mm.
 R4-3,1mm;L5-7,est.6mm.
 R8 facial version
 Mesial version-R15,16;L15,16
 Brown lingual stain.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form # 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946

16 July 1947
Date

NAME Unknown X-5663 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 Unknown

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

a. NAME Unknown RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

b. ORGANIZATION Unknown

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY

Dutch Civilians

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

a. Date of above burials DNA Common Graves? DNA

4. Name and Type of Cemetery: Civilian Cemetery
 (Military or Civilian)

5. Map coordinates of the cemetery: H/5295

6. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains:
 a. Town: Lombardsijde
 Country: Belgium

7. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location:
 a. Section: Row - Grave 269
 b. Is sketch attached? Yes

8. How is the grave marked?
 a. Is sketch attached? DNA
 b. Is area mined? DNA
 c. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon.
English or American Sold. R.A.F. 15-7-44

9. From what source was this information obtained? DNA
 (Identification tags, personal effects)

10. Where are the cemetery records?
 a. By whom? Civilians
 b. Where are the cemetery records? Town-Hall
 (Town Hall, Cemetery, Burgermeesters office)

11. What is the date of death?
 a. Give basis: Crashed at Sea
 b. What is the cause of death? Unknown

12. What is the date of burial?
 a. Give basis: Died at Sea - Body washed ashore
 b. What information was contained thereon?
English or American Sold. washed ashore 15 July 1944
 c. Where was the information obtained? German Military
 d. By whom? Town-Hall Officials

13. What is the date of burial?
15 July 1944

- a. Give basis Statement of Marcel Covaert
14. What was the place of death? At sea Coords
- a. Give basis Remains washed ashore
15. Where were the remains found? Lombardsijde Coords H/ 52-95
- a. By Whom? German Military
- b. Is sketch attached? No
16. Was a casket used? Yes Who furnished the casket? Town
people Type of casket Wood How marked Not marked
17. Who made the burial? Civilians
(Civilians, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? Unknown
- b. Are certificates and statements attached? No

SECTION B- AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if Deceased is believed to be member of AAF).

18. Were remains found in the plane wreckage?
- a. Give location in plane from which bodies were removed
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
- b. Near wreckage?
19. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of Plane YES, NOT APLX
- b. Markings and/or name on plane
- c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment:
20. How did crash occur? Anti-aircraft
- Enemy Planes? Collision?

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- Does NOT Apply
31. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give location by whom?
 - a. Type of tank
 - b. Markings and/or name of tank
 - c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc.
 32. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?
 - a. Did tank explode in the air? On ground?
 - b. Did plane explode in the air? On ground?
 - c. Did plane burn in the air? On ground?
 21. Did plane explode in the air? On ground?
 22. Did plane burn in the air? On ground?
 23. What was the direction of the flight?
 24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destruction of plane?
 25. Had bombs been released prior to the crash?
 26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named?
 - a. Number of planes in formation prior to crash
 - b. State precise time and date of plane crash (night & day)
 - c. How many?
 29. Were parachutists seen?
 - a. Escaped? Prisoners?
 - SECTION C -- ARMORED CORPS DIVISION (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the armored force)
 - a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed. Radio man, driver, asst. driver or front, side, back
 - b. Near wreckage?
 30. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?
 - a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed.
 33. Did tank explode? Burn?

34. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement _____
35. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased? _____
36. Precise time and date of destruction (of tank) _____ (night? day?)
DOES NOT APPLY
37. Did any of the crew members escape? _____ Prisoners? _____

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

38. Did death occur from any other means? (i.e. truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire) _____ Unknown
- If so, give complete and thorough results of interrogation.
a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? Remains washed ashore
39. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased _____ None

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

40. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? _____
No. If not, state reason _____ Not found
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? No
- Where? DNA By whom? DNA
- Present disposition DNA
- 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? unk
- Where? DNA By whom? DNA
- Present disposition DNA

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

47. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed parafide, Belgium
Marcel Govers, Rene Goulet of Lou-

46. Was case previously investigated? By whom? DNA
b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? DNA

a. If so, give basis for positive assumption DNA
45. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an aircraft case? No

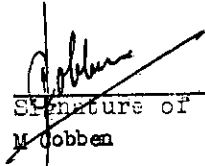
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of remains? Decomposed
43. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of deceased? No

42. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No
Where? DNA
Names of people concerned DNA
By whom? DNA Are statements from the medical people attached? DNA

41. Was deceased given first aid? No If so, where? DNA
d. Did cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization status? No
c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? Unknown


- 49. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? NO
- 50. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? Yes
(If special investigation, give case number) Holland 9207
- 51. Give Brief Narrative Attached

(Use attached sheets if necessary)


 Signature of Interpreter
 M Cobben

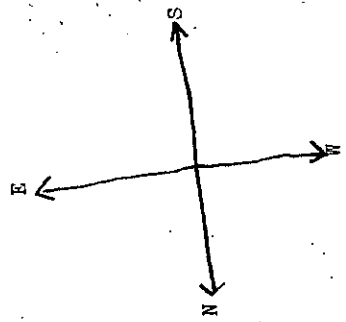
 Rank ASN

4527 QM. Service Co.(AC)
 Organization


 Signature of Investigator
 Lloyd W. Bladow

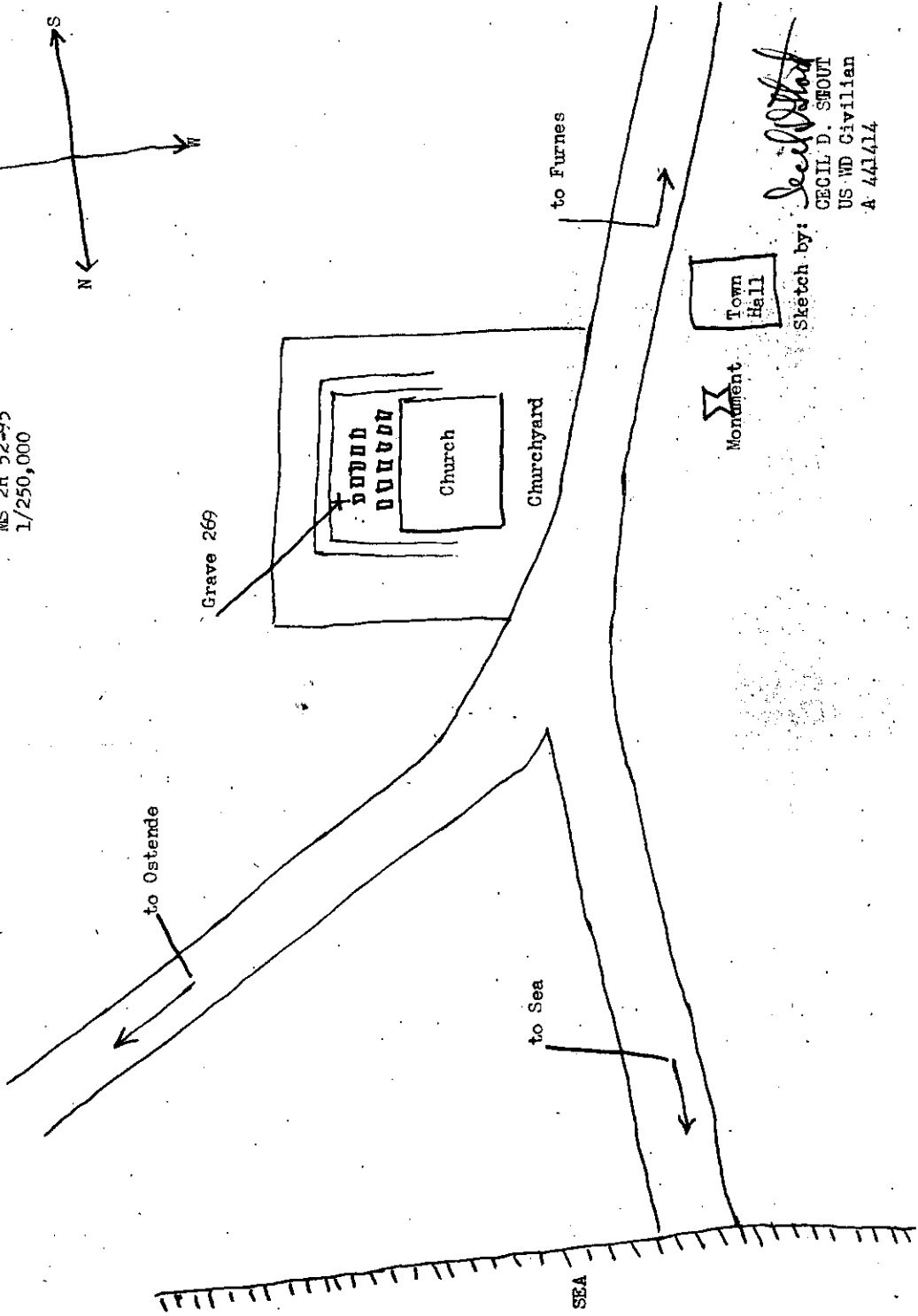
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Holland Case No. 9207
Evac No. IZ-1418

MS 2H 52-95
1/250,000



Sketch by: *Cecil D. Stout*
CECIL D. STOUT
US WD CIVILIAN
A 441414

NARRATIVE

31 May 1947

Further information of the deceased buried in Grave 269 at the Communal Cemetery at LOMBARDZIJDE as follows:

The body was found on 15 July 1944 by the Germans on the beach near Lombardzijde. The Germans ordered Mr. Marcel Govaert of the Field Police of Lombardzijde to remove and bury the body. The body was badly decomposed and no identification was found. The deceased was removed and put in a casket, and buried in Grave 269 in the Communal Cemetery on the same day as when found, with the help of Townsmen whose names no longer can be remembered.


The concrete cross which was put at the grave by the Community bears the following inscription:

ENGELSCH OF AMERI-
KAANSCH SOL.R.A.F. 15-7-44

A translation of this is:

ENGLISH OR AMERI-
CAN SOLD., R.A.F., 15-7-44

The "KAANSCH" is not a given name, but part of the Flemish wording of "American".


LLOYD W. BLADOW
US WD Civ., A-441478
Investigator,
4527 QM Service Co. (AC)

NARRATIVE

19 June 1947

Contacted Mr. Marcel Govaert of the Field Police of Lombardzyde, Belgium. He described the body in Grave 269 as being dressed in brown shoes, Army, and wearing a green electrically heated flying suit. He described it as having zippers on both legs, both arms, and from crotch of suit to neck. I asked him to find something the same color if possible and he pointed out a piece of OD material in the office. Upon disinterment I found a couple of small pieces of khaki and bits of cotton or wool OD undershirt. Also one plastic comb with the mark "Made in USA". All of the outer clothing was removed by the German Military as well as the shoes.

N. O. Hilljergdes
MR. HQ. O. HILLJERDES
US WD Civ., D 433321
Investigator
4527 QM Service Co. (AC)

P.V. made up on a deceased soldier, washed ashore, who was temporarily buried by the German Army at the edge of the dunes on the shore at Lombardsijde.

P R O - J U S T I T I A -----

Year: Nineteen hundred forty-seven
15th of the month of July at 12.00 hrs.

We, the undersigned, Marcel Govaert, Field-constable in the community of Lombardsijde, were notified by the local German Town-Major, stationed at Westende-Baden, that the body of a soldier had washed ashore on the beach at Lombardsijde, and that we were ordered to remove the body from the beach and bury the same in the Communal Cemetery at Lombardsijde.

Going to above-mentioned place, we found no body. Contacting the troops stationed there, in order to obtain information on the body washed ashore, we were informed that the body had been temporarily buried at the edge of the dunes. A soldier of the German Army was ordered to show us the spot where the body was buried.

As we were ordered by the local Town-Major to disinter the body in case of temporary burial, this was done with the help of laborers, appointed by the municipal authorities.

Upon disinterment we found the body to be of a soldier, very decomposed, the head partly missing from the body, around the neck was a light black rubber band, stature: 1.75 Mtr. dressed in khaki uniform (one piece) named Coverall, provided on the inside with bleach-blue material, in which numerous light electric wires were twisted, leading to the sleeves and backside, which were contacted with small apparatus, on above-mentioned material was white lining of special quality, grey socks, bleach worsted sweater, white cotton undershirt and drawers, in the seam of the pants was printed in black No. 6963.

We have not discovered any identification papers, neither certificates nor other particulars, either in the clothing or the underwear or on the body, which could lead us to the identity of the disinterred body.

According to the clothing of the deceased, we suppose, that he is a member of the English-American Air-Force (Pilot)

By our care and under supervision the body was removed to our Communal Cemetery where it was buried with the Unknown Eng.-Am. soldiers in grave 249. Markings on cross: Unknown Eng.-Am. Soldier, Pilot; R.A.F.

Dated as above,
The Field-Constable
S/ Marcel Govaert

Certified true copy:

Orlando W. Carroza
ORLAND W. CARROZA
1st Lt. Inf

Certified true translation:

M. Gobben
M. Gobben
427 OM Service Co. (AC)

P.V. opgemerkt wegens een aangespoeld militair, die voorloopig begraven werd door de W.M. aan de boord der duinen van het strand te Lombardsijde.

P R O - J U S T I T I A

Ten jare negentien honderd vier en veertig,
den 15 der maand Juli, om 12 ure middag.

Wij ondergeteekende MARCEL GOVAERT, veldwachter der gemeente LOMBARDSIJDE, werden verwittigd door den plaatselijken Standort-kommandantur, gevestigd te Westende-Baden, dat het lijk aangespoeld lag van een militair langs het strand te Lombardsijde, en dat wij eveneens belast waren met het van het strand weg te halen, en het te begraven in het gemeentekerkhof te Lombardsijde.

Ons ter plaatse hegeven vonden wij geen lijk. Ons tot bij de aldaar kantonneerde troepen begeven, ten einde inlichtingen te winnen, over het aangespoelde lijk, werd er ons medegedeeld, dat het lijk reeds voorloopig begraven was, langs de boord der duinen, terwijl een soldaat der W.M. bevolen werd ons te vergezellen, tot het aanwijzen der plaats waar het begraven was.

Gezien wij bevolen waren door den plaatselijken Standortkommandant bij gebeurlijke voorloopige begraving, het begraven lijk te ontgraven, zijn wij met werklieden, aangesteld door ons gemeentebestuur, overgegaan tot de ontgraving.

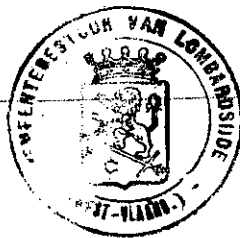
Bij de ontgraving hebben wij bestatigd dat het lijk was van een militair, in gevorde staat van ontbinding, het hoofd gedeeltelijk van het lichaam verdwenen, om den hals droeg het een lichte zwarten rubber band, gestalte: 1,75 m., gekleed met kaki kostum (broek-vest alles een stuk) "ovraal genoemd" voorzien langs binnen met van bleekeblauw stof, waarin talrijke lichte electrieke draden gevlecht waren, leidende naar de mouwen en rugzijde, die ~~bijzonder~~ verbonden waren met kleine araden, op vermelde stof was witte voering, van bijzondere kwaliteit, grijze zakken aan de voeten blecke sajetten trui, hemd en onderbroek in wit katoen, aan den boord der broek stond het N° 6963 in zwarte druk.

Wij hebben geen identiteitsstukken gevonden, noch getuigschriften, noch andere bijzondere teekens, hetzij in de kleederen, noch op het ondergoed, noch op het lijk, die ons aanleiding gegeven hebben tot het ontdekken der eenzevigheid van het ontgraven lijk.

Volgens wij de kleedij van de ontgravene nagegaan hebben, veronderstellen wij, dat hij deelt uitmaakte van het Engelsch-Amerikaansch vliegwezen: Piloot.

Door onze zorgen en onder ons toezicht werd het lijk naar ons gemeentekerkhof overgebracht, alwaar het begraven werd bij de onbekend Eng-Amerk. Militairen graf N° 270, opschrift op het kruis: onbekend Eng-Amerk. Soldaat, Piloot; R.A.F.

Waarvan akte datum als boven.
De Veldwachter:



PROVINCE OF WEST-VLAANDEREN

LOMBARDSIJDE, 28 May 1947

COMMUNITY
of
LOMBARDSIJDE

S T A T E M E N T

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Community of Lombardsijde, herewith declare that on 15 July 1944 the Germans, who guarded the coast, found a body that had washed ashore on the beach here. The Germans ordered the Field constable, Marcel Govaert, to remove and bury the body. Mr. Marcel Govaerts reported following data to the Town Hall:

The body was very decomposed and no identification papers were found. The body was buried in a wooden coffin in a single grave, No. 269, the same day that it was found.

In the cemetery records of this Community it is registered as an Unknown English Sailor, buried in grave 269.

The cross, later furnished by the Community, is inscribed "Unknown English Soldier".

I never heard of the information you have, viz., that "English or AMERICAN SOL. R.A.F. 15.7.44" had been marked on the cross.

The Field constable, Marcel Govaert, also can't give you any further information, except what is written in this statement, as it is his duty to give the town Hall all information.

This is all I know concerning this body.

The Communal Secretary
/s/ illegible
(Rene Coulier)

Certified True Translation:

E. de Wijs
E. de Wijs
4527 QM Service Co. (AC)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Orland W. Carroza
ORLAND W. CARROZA
1st Lt., Infantry

Nr

Onderwerp

Ik de ondergeekende, Secretaris van de Gemeente Lombardsijde, verklaart hiertoe dat op 15 Juli 1944 ~~xxxx~~ de Duitsers, die de kust bewaakten, een lichaam vonden dat

^{Bijz.} aangehouden was; op het strand alhier. De Duitsers gaven [—] opdracht aan den veldwachter, Marcel Govaert, het lichaam weg te halen en te begraven. Den Heer Marcel Govaert rapporteerde de volgende gegevens aan het Gemeentehuis:

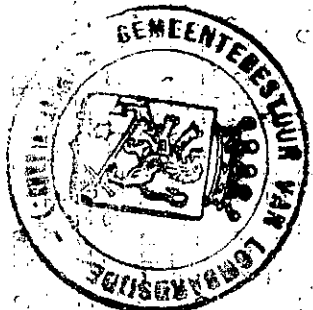
Het lichaam was in verre staat van ontbinding en er werden geen identificatie papieren gevonden. Het lichaam was begraven in een houten kist in een enkel graf, No. 269, op den zelfden dag dat het gevonden werd.

In het register van het kerkhof voor deze Gemeente, staat het ingeschreven als een Onbekend Engels Matroos, begraven in graf 269.

Op het kruis wat er later door de Gemeente opgezet is, staat geschreven "Onbekend Engels Soldaat".

Ik heb nooit gehoord van de inlichtingen die U hebt n.l.

dat "English of JRI Kaanoh, SOL R.A.F. 15 .44" op het kruis zou staan. De Vel dwachter, Marcel Govaert, kan U ook geen verdere inlichtingen geven, behalve wat hier al in deze verklaring staat. Daar het zijn plicht is, om het Gemeentehuis alle inlichtingen te geven. Dit is alles wat ik aangaande dit lichaam weet.



De Gemeente Secretaris,

René Goulier
RENE GOULIER

Holland 9207
Evac.No. IZ-1418

B/L: Hqs, First Zone, 551st Qm Group, AGRC, APO 58 (Liege) US Army
Subj.: Isolated Burials - Dtd.: 23 May 1947

GRU 293.9

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 4527 QM SERVICE CO. (AC), FIRST ZONE, AGRC, APO 58 (Maastricht)
US ARMY
19 June 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters, First Zone, 551st QM Group, AHRC,
APO 58 (Liege) US Army

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2. Copy of Case and allied papers are forwarded herewith for action under existing procedures.

THEODORE C. THOMAS
Captain Inf
Commanding

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Statement - Marcel Govaert
Statement - Rene Coulier

Holland 9207

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ZONE
351ST QM GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 58 (LIEGE) US ARMY

23 May 1947

GRU 293.9

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO : Commanding Officer
4527th QM Service Co (AG)
AGRC, APO 58, US Army

1. Forwarded herewith for your information and necessary action is a British report pertaining to an isolated burial in cemetery at LOMBARTZYDE.

2. A check of gazetteers reveals a LOMBARTZYDE at map reference Belgium 2/H59.

3. It is requested that an investigation be conducted in the lombartzyde area and every effort be made to determine the nationality of Unknown "T-8675".

4. If remains are found to be American disinterment and reburial will be accomplished in conformance with existing procedure.

5. Complete details of findings will be furnished this Headquarters by indorsement hereon.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL JOHNSTON:

Incl:
Cpy of British Rpt
(OI # 63)

TRUMAN D NICKOLS
Major Inf
Asst Chief of Operations

Holland 9207
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NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT

GRS-GZ Form No. 8

Date 16 June 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, Sub-Point, Point # 2, Breda, Holland for reburial.

<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Imberstrijde, Belgium</u>
(NAME)	(RANK)	(ASN)	(PLACE OF DISINTERMENT) If communal cemetery show Plot, Row and Grave No., if available.

Glenn F. Caruso
(Officer or NCO in charge of
Disinterment)
GLENN F. CARUSO
1st Lt. INF
4527 Cl. Service Co. (AC)
(Organization)

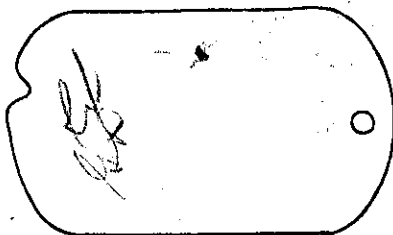
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1Z-1418 #1

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

3 July 1947

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.
DO NOT TYPE

Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

UNKNOWN X-5663

SERIAL No.

Unknown

GRADE

Unknown

ORGANIZATION

Unknown

BRANCH OF SERVICE

UTD

RACE

Unknown

RELIGION

Unknown

IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE
NAME OF COUNTRYPLACE OF DEATH Unknown
(Died at Sea)

CAUSE OF DEATH

Remains washed ashore

DATE OF DEATH Est.
15 July 1944

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Unknown

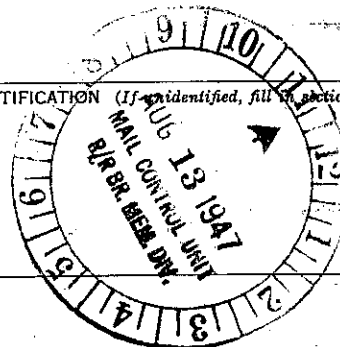
IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY
(1, 2, or none)

None

IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse)

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED?(Yes or no)

Yes



LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

None

Section 2.—BURIAL. If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY

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

DATE OF BURIAL	HOUR	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER	PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
3 July 1947	1500	Casket	temp. wood. cross.	Y	8	196

WAS THIS A REBURIAL?
(Yes or no)

Yes

IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE

Civilian Cemetery of Lambardsijde, Belgium
H-5295

PLOT No.

ROW No.

GRAVE No.

269

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

Joint P,C & H

PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES

Chaplains Rusher
Saatman & Lepchivcher

IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY

Report of Burial

IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no)

No

IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no)

GRS

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

Unknown X-5664

RANK

Unk

SERIAL No.

Unk

ORGANIZATION

Unk

GRAVE No.

197

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

Darnell, Ward T. Jr.

RANK

Capt.

SERIAL No.

O-518972

ORGANIZATION

12 Inf

GRAVE No.

195

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT

RAYMOND G. JOHNSON
1st Lt. Inf

SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT

T.D. ECKOLS
Major Inf

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.

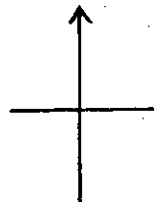
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS
Est. 5'6 7/8"	UTD	UTD	UTD	UTD

WEAPON AND SERIAL No.	LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND
None	None	Lombardsijde, Belg.

OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

FILLINGS	<p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>	<p>UPPER</p> <p>DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN</p> <p>LOWER</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: Form # 11, Check List of Unknowns and Form # 1-A, Tooth Chart accomplished. Unable to obtain fingerprints because of missing portions. Estimated weight of remains recovered; 20 lbs.