

Plot A, Row 5, Grave 18  
Date of Burial: 8 July 49  
Verified by GRS officer **DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE**  
Clyde B Spinks, Capt., FA

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SECTION A - *Clyde B Spinks*  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED  
DIRECTIVE NUMBER: 1260 02201  
DATE: 15 08 48  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME: UNKNOWN  
SERIAL NUMBER: X-005668  
GRADE: UNK  
ARM: J  
RACE: O  
RELIGION: 6

CEMETERY: NEUVILLE BELGIUM  
PLOT: Y  
ROW: 11  
GRAVE: 267  
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: 1202 80  
CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM  
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME: UNKNOWN  
SERIAL NUMBER: X-5668  
GRADE: UNK  
DATE OF DEATH: 3 DEC 48  
DATE DISTINTERRED: 3 DEC 48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON:  REMAINS,  MARKER EMB.  
ORGANIZATION: UNKNOWN  
RELIGION: UNK  
IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY: STANLEY C TYRRELL, CAPT INF

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL: MATTRESS COVER  
CONDITION OF REMAINS: ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION. REMAINS CONSIST OF: 1 POUND FRACTURED BONES.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION: REPORT OF BURIAL FOUND WITH REMAINS.

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

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

DATE: 27 DEC 48 BY: ROBERT A GILLESPIE, EMBALMER

CASKET SEALED BY: THOMAS H JAMES  
EMBALMER (Signature): THOMAS H JAMES, EMBALMER

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED: SAM SUPPA  
DATE: 28 DEC 48 IDENT TECH  
ALL TAGS, PLATES AND MARKINGS VERIFIED BY: FRANKLIN J ST CLAIR 1/LT INF

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

HENRY C KRONLEY 1/LT CE

SIGNATURE OF AGRS-INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed hereon.  
1 AUG 1949  
RAYMOND G JOHNSON, 1st Lt, Inf

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

18 May 1949  
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS.

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 5668, Plot Y  
Row 11, Grave 267, 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. 2395, dated 8-8-47.

3. Remarks:

Received 3892-20 May OQMG  
Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available *NLMJ*

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

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

QMC

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

QMC

*R. Berger*  
Major R. BERGER, O-251736

ORD

Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297

QMC

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

QMC

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

CE

Incl #1

**IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST**

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

Unknown X -5668  
 Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium  
 Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave \_\_\_\_\_

Date processed: 25 June 1947

1. Arrived at cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Hour) (Date)

2. Place of death VALLIN DAR, Germany  
 (Name of closest town)

WL-9196  
 (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

164th MI Bn  
 (Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point, Margraten,  
 (Name and organization)

Holland

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 - BTB: Armored Forces (See case papers)**

6. Description of Remains :

Age UTD Height UTD Weight UTD Description of wounds UTD

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

UTD Tattoos  
(Number, location - illustrate on separate page)

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

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face UTD

Complexion UTD  
(Light, medium, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles)

Build UTD  
(Large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair UTD  
(Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

Hair UTD  
(Baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns UTD Mustache UTD Beard or UTD  
(Color, setting, shape) (Color, size, shape) (Length, heavy)

Goatee UTD  
(Light, color, extent)

Eyes UTD Eyebrows UTD  
(Color, setting, shape) (Color, lushiness, 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 Missing  
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

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

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

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

Hands UTD

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

(Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

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

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

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

Hernioplasty UTD  
(Yes-no; location)

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

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

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

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

See chart.

Height estimation not possible. All long bones fractured, burned or missing. (See black-out chart)

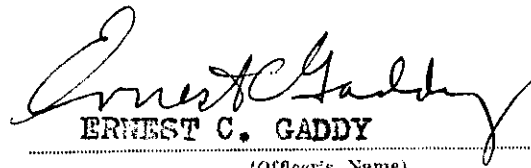
7. Have finger prints been placed on Report of Interment? No  
(Yes-no)

If not, explain Fingers missing

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

9. Remarks Case consists of few burned and fractured bone fragments.  
Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.  
Fluoroscopic Examination not necessary.  
Present estimated weight of processed remains: 1 lb.  
Processing revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore  
case is classified: "Unknown"

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

  
ERNEST C. GADDY  
(Officer's Name)

CWO

Rank

USA

Service

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT

(Organization)

# SKELETAL CHART

1P-1481  
Neuville en Condroz,  
Belgium (VK 390187)

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT UNKNOWN X-5668)



CHART "A"

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

## AREA SEARCH

ATTN: REG. DIV. AG.R.C.  
FOR USE IN  
CASUALTY CLEARANCE

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946

8 July 1947

NAME Unknown X-5668 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown  
 ORGANIZATION Unknown  
 MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Unknown BTB: Armored Forces

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? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, state the following information:

a. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ ASN \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

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

a. NAME **UNKNOWN** RANK **UNK.** ASN **UNK.**  
 b. ORGANIZATION **UNK.**

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY **NONE**

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

a. Date of above burials **NOT BURIED** Common Graves? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name and Type of Cemetery **NOT BURIED**  
 (Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

a. Town \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is Sketch attached? \_\_\_\_\_

8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location. **ST. JOSEF-HOSPITAL MORGUE**

a. Town **VALLENDAR** Coordinates **WL-9196**

b. Is Sketch attached? **YES**

c. Is area mined? **NO**

9. How is the grave marked? **NOT BURIED**

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon **NOT BURIED**

a. From what source was this information obtained? \_\_\_\_\_

(Identification tags, personal effects)

1. By whom \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where are the cemetery records? **NONE**

(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)



- a. What information was contained thereon? **NONE**
- b. Where was the information obtained? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the date of death? **25 MARCH 1945**
- a. Give basis **FRENCH REPORT**
13. What is the cause of death? **UNKNOWN**
- b. Give basis \_\_\_\_\_
14. What is the date of burial? **NOT BURIED**
- a. Give basis \_\_\_\_\_
15. What was the place of death? **VALLENDAR, GERMANY** Coords **WL-9196**
- b. Give basis **FRENCH REPORT**
16. Where were the remains found? **IN TANK AT VALLENDAR, GER.** Coords **WL-9196**
- a. By whom? **ROBERT SCHMITT (GERMAN CIVILIAN)**
- b. Is sketch attached? **YES**
17. Was a casket used? **YES** Who furnished the casket? **HOSPITAL**
- Type of casket **GERMAN INFANT CASKET** How marked? **NOT MARKED**
18. Who made the burial **NOT BURIED**  
 (Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? **NONE**

## SECTION B — AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the AAF).

19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? **DOES NOT APPLY.**
- 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? **DOES NOT APPLY.**
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash
29. State precise time and date of plane crash (Night?) (Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? How many? Escaped? Prisoners?

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? **YES**  
 a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed **DRIVER'S SEAT**  
 (Radio man, driver, assistant driver or front, side, or back)  
 b. Near wreckage? **IN WRECKAGE**
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom) **AMERICAN**  
 a. Type of tank **UNKNOWN**  
 b. Markings and/or name of tank **UNKNOWN**  
 c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc **UNKNOWN**
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? **ANTI-TANK FIRE**
34. Did tank explode? **UNK.** Burn? **YES**  
**UNKNOWN**
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? **YES**
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank **25 MARCH 45** **UNK.**  
 (Night?) (Day?)
38. Did any of the crew members escape? **UNK.** Prisoners? **UNK.**

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. **YES**
- a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? **YES**
40. 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)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? **NO**  
 If not, state reason **NONE**
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? **NO**  
 Where? By whom?  
 Present disposition **UNK.**

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? **NO**  
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
 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? **NONE**

42. Was Deceased given first aid? **UNK.** If so, where? **UNK.**  
 By whom? **UNK.** Are statements from the medical people attached? \_\_\_\_\_

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? **NO**  
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Names of people concerned \_\_\_\_\_

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? **BURNT**  
 (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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? \_\_\_\_\_

47. Was case previously investigated? **YES** By whom? **164TH QM BN.**  
 When? \_\_\_\_\_

48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed  
**HEINZ, ZILS, POLICE DEPT., VALLENDAR; FRENCH POLICE KAPELLEN**

49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? **NONE**

50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? **NO**

51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? **YES**  
 (If special investigation, give case number) \_\_\_\_\_

52. Give Brief Narrative **SEE ATTACHED NARRATIVE**  
 (Use attached, sheets if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Investigator *Samuel A. Tracy*  
**SAMUEL A. TRACY**

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ ASN \_\_\_\_\_ Rank **S/Sgt** ASN **39919572**

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Organization **164TH QM. BN., APO 403**

N A R R A T I V E

An investigation was conducted in the town of VALLENDAR, Germany on 3 June 1947 and the following information was obtained.

On 16 May 1947 a German workman employed by the firm, Nemann in Koblenz, Germany was occupied in the removal of an American tank near the railroad station at VALLENDAR. He found a piece burnt flesh, about three (3) pounds in weight.

On 19 May 1947, the same man found another piece of flesh at the same place. It appears that both of the pieces were either on or around the driver's seat of the tank. In both cases, the workman notified the police and the remains were removed to the morgue at St. Joseph's Hospital and placed in a standard infant casket, where I found them. No means of identification were found on the remains.

It is believed that the destruction of the tank was caused by anti-tank fire. I did not see the tank as it was already taken apart and removed. No numbers could be discovered. According to the German police at Vallendar, the tank was badly burnt.

All Allied papers on this case are attached.

  
SAMUEL A. TRACY  
S/Sgt 39919572

S T A T E M E N T

Vallendar, 3 June 1947

I, Police Sergeant, Heinz Zils, of the regular police section of Vallendar, state the following to the best of my knowledge concerning the discovery in an American tank.

On 19 May 1947, I was notified by a German firm that was busy clearing away all tank wreckage from along the road Vallendar to Bendorf (near the railroad station in Vallendorf) that some burnt remains of an American soldier were found in a destroyed American tank.

After I had gone to the place myself, I discovered that the remains were those of a human. In the meantime, my chief, police chief Hilberath, of the regular police section in Vallendar notified the French Gendarmerie of our district.

The next day, two (2) French policemen, Robert Schmitt and Georg Salmon appeared. I then went with Robert Schmitt to the destroyed tank and searched for some clue which might lead to the identification, such as tank, motor No. and etc. We found some remains of a burnt American sweater. Identification tags or other personal effects which could lead to the identification of the body could not be found.

The city workers removed the remains of the American soldier and placed them in a casket provided by the town of Vallendar and put in St. Joseph's hospital morgue in Vallendar. Two (2) employees of the firm were interviewed by the French Gendarmerie.


I can give no further information.

s/ Heinz Zils  
Police Sergeant  
Regular Police, Vallendar.

I certify that this is a true translation  
to the best of my ability.

  
MILLIE KESSELRING

A TRUE COPY:

  
RICHARD W. SECOR  
Capt. Inf.  
Operations Officer

A U S S A G E

hb.

Vallendar, 3. Juni 1947

Ich, Polizei Wachtmeister Heinz Zils von der Schutzpolizei-  
dienstabteilung Vallendar sage nach bestem Wissen von der Auffindung  
des amerikanischen Tankes folgendes:

Am 19.5. 1947 erhielt ich die Nachricht, von einer deutschen  
Firma, die mit der Aufräumung der Panzerüberreste an der Strasse  
Vallendar-Bendorf (Naher Bahnhof Vallendar) beschäftigt war, dass dort  
in einem abgeschossenen amerikanischen Tank einige verbrannte Überreste  
eines amerikanischen Soldaten gefunden worden waren.

Nachdem ich zuerst allein dorthin gegangen war, stellte ich  
fest, dass es sich um menschliche Überreste handeln musste. Inzwischen  
wurde von meinem Chef, Polizeimeister Hilberath, Schutzpolizeidiens-  
abteilung Vallendar, die für uns zuständige französische Gendarmerie in  
Kappellen-Stolzenfels benachrichtigt.

Am nächsten Tage erschienen zwei französische Gendarmen,  
Robert Schmitt und Georg Salmon. Mit Robert Schmitt fuhr ich an den ab-  
geschossenen Panzer und wir sahen nach, ob evtl. noch irgendwelche Anhalts-  
punkte, wie Tank- und Motor-Nummer usw. zu finden waren. Im Panzer fanden  
wir noch etliche verkohlte Überreste, u.a. ein verbrannter amerikanischer  
Pullover. Erkennungsmarke oder sonstige Kennzeichen, die auf die Person  
schliessen liessen, konnten nicht vorgefunden werden.

Durch die städtischen Arbeiter wurden die Überreste des amerika-  
nischen Soldaten in einen von der Stadt Vallendar gestellten Sarg gelegt  
und in die Leichenhalle des St. Josef-Krankenhauses in Vallendar überführt.  
Zwei Arbeiter der Firma wurden von der französischen Gendarmerie zu der  
Angelegenheit vernommen.

Weitere Angaben kann ich nicht machen.

gez. Heinz Zils  
Polizei Wachtmeister  
Schutzpolizei Vallendar.

St. Josef-Krankenhaus  
Vallendar a. Rhein

(22b) Vallendar, den 3.6.47

B E S C H E I N I G U N G

Wir bescheinigen hiermit, dass vor ca. 3 Wochen bei uns die Überreste eines im Tank verbrannten amerikanischen Soldaten im Sarg eingeliefert worden sind. Dies geschah anlässlich von Aufräumungsarbeiten an der Strasse Vallendar-Bendorf.

Von der hiesigen Polizeistelle wurde die Benachrichtigung der zuständigen Stelle sofort in die Wege geleitet.

Die wenigen verbrannten Überreste befinden sich in der hiesigen Leichenhalle.

gez. Sehn

St. Joseph Hospital  
Vallendar on the Rheine

(22b) Vallendar, 3 June 1947

C E R T I F I C A T E

We certify herewith, that the burnt remains of an American soldier which were found in a burned tank were delivered here in a casket and have been here for about three (3) weeks. The discovery was made during salvage work on the road from Vallendar to Bendorf.

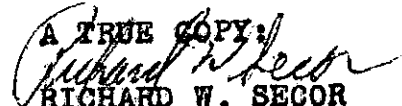
The local police immediately informed Higher Headquarters.

The few burnt remains are presently in this hospital's morgue.

s/ Sehn

I certify that this is a true translation  
to the best of my ability.

  
MILLIE KESSELRING

A TRUE COPY:  
  
RICHARD W. SECOR  
Capt. Inf.  
Operations Officer

French Commandment in Germany

FRENCH GENDARMERIE

3rd Police Legion of Occupation

Company of Bad-Ems

Section Koblenz

Brigade KAPELLEN

No. 595 of 19-5-1947

Verbal Statements of  
the Discovery of an American  
deceased Soldier.

-Copy-

Today, 19 May 1947, at 1700 hours, the undersigned,

Schmitt, Robert

Salmon, Georges,

French police officials of Kapellen have visited the community of Vallendar, Germany, in compliance with order from Higher Headquarters. There we were informed by the German local police that the remains of a body had been discovered in a destroyed tank near the railway station on 16 May 1947.

Upon inquiry, we obtained the following information:

SECK, Peter, 49 years old, born 6 February 1901 in Friedrichsee near St. Goarshausen, mechanic, living in Biblicherhof near Friedrichsee, stated the following:

" I am employed as a mechanic by the firm Nemann in Friedrichsee. This firm has been ordered by the Military Government of Koblenz to remove the destroyed tanks and cannons from around the area of Koblenz. Since 12 May 1947, I have been working with other employees of this firm in the removal of a tank near the railway station of Vallendar. On Wednesday morning, 16 May 1947, while working, I discovered a piece of burnt flesh and some pieces of bones in the front part of the tank near the driver's seat. The flesh weighed about three pounds.

Since I presumed that it concerned the remains of a body, I informed the German local police. The police came to the place immediately and removed the discovered remains.

Today, 19 May 1947, at about 1000 hours, I found another piece of burnt flesh and a piece of bone. In both cases I informed the German police. In my opinion, it concerns the remains of a soldier who burnt in the tank. The tank is an American type.

I state that during our search we could discover no means that could possibly lead to the identification of the victim. "

A certified true Copy,  
Kapellen, 3 June 1947,  
Chief COURRIER, Commander of the brigade  
s/ Courrier.



METZ, Wilhelm, 58 years old, mechanic, born 16 June 1889 in Pechel, Germany, living in Friedrichsee, Neue Welt # 9, stated as follows:

"Since 12 May 1947, I have been working in a labour team, removing a destroyed tank which was lying near the railway station of Vallendar. On Wednesday morning, 16 May 1947, we discovered at the driver's seat in the front part of the tank, a piece of burnt flesh and some pieces of bones, about three pounds in weight. We presumed that it concerned the remains of a human body who was burnt when the tank was destroyed.

We immediately informed the German police at Vallendar who then came to the place and removed the remains of the body. Today, 19 May 1947, while working, we discovered another piece of burnt flesh and a piece of burnt bone. We again informed the German police. To our presumption it concerns the remains of a soldier who was burnt in the tank. The tank is an American type. But no number or sign has been discovered that could possibly lead to the identification of the body. " Stated and signed.

HILBERATH, Johann, 58 years old, Chief of the German police of Vallendar, states as follows:

" On 16 May 1947, two employees came to the police station who had discovered the remains of a burnt body during the removal of a destroyed tank. These remains were removed by us and placed in a casket and brought to the morgue of the hospital to wait for further arrangements by the Liaison officer who in the meantime was informed by the police chief of Kapellen.

The tank concerned an American type which was destroyed on 25 March 1945 by German artillery or anti-tank fire. " Stated and signed.

We went to the location but in spite of a thorough search we could discover no means which could possibly lead to the identification of the body.


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- 1 - Government Commissioner at the Main Court House of Koblenz.
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Distributed and signed at Kapellen, 19 May 1947  
s/ SALMON s/ SCHMITT

I certify that this is a true translation  
to the best of my ability.

HILDE BOHLER  
Interpreter.

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Brigade  
KAPPELIEN

No. 595 du  
19-5-1947

PROCES - VERBAL  
de renseignements  
sur la decouverte  
des restes d'un  
corps humain  
(militaire americain)

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Copie certifiée conforme à l'original  
à KAPPELIEN, le 3 juin 1947.  
Le M.d.L. Chef COURRIER, Cdt. pt la brigade.  
s/ Courrier.

GENDARMERIE FRANÇAISE

Ce jourd'hui, dix neuf mai, mil neuf cent quarante sept, a quinze heures, nous soussignes,

SCHMITT, Robert

SALMON, Georges,

gendarmes a la residence de Kapellen, revetus de notre uniforme et conformement aux ordres de nos chefs, en visite de commune a Vallendar, avons ete informes par la police allemande locale, que les restes d'un corps humain ont ete decouverts dans un char detruit a proximite de la gare dans la journee du 16 Mai courant.

Procedant a une enquete, avons recueilli les renseignements suivants:

SECK, Peter, 49 ans, ne le 6 fevrier 1901 a Friedrichsee (St. Goarshausen) mecanicien-decoupeur, demeurant a Bibricherhof pres de Friedrichsee, nous declare:

Je suis employe comme mecanicien decoupeur chez la firme Nemann a Friedrichsee. Celle-ci a reçu la mission du G.M. de Coblence de decouper les chars et canons detruits se trouvant dans la circonscription de Coblence.

Depuis le 12 Mai 1947, je suis occupe avec d'autres ouvriers de la firme, a decouper un char qui se trouve a proximite de la gare de Vallendar.

Vendredi, 16 Mai, dans la matinee, au cours de notre travail, j'ai decouvert a la place du conducteur, un morceau de chair calcinee pesant environ trois livres et quelques bouts d'os.

Ayant la presumption qu'il s'agit des restes d'un corps humain, j'ai prevenu de suite la police allemande de la localite. Celle-ci s'est rendue aussitot sur les lieux et a procede a l'enlevement des morceaux decouverts.

Aujourd'hui, 19 Mai 1947, vers 10 heures, j'ai a nouveau decouvert un morceau de chair brulee et un bout d'os. Comme a la premiere decouverte, j'ai prevenu la police allemande.

D'apres mes constatations, il s'agit des restes d'un corps d'un militaire brule dans le char. Ce dernier est de modele americain.

Je precise qu'au cours de nos recherches effectuees, nous n'avons pu decouvrir aucun indice pouvant servir a identifier la victime. "

Lecture faite, persiste et signe.

METZ, Wilhelm, 58 ans, mecanicien decoupeur, ne le 16 Juin 1889 a Pechel, demeurant a Friedrichsee, Neue Welt No.9 nous declare:

" Depuis le 12 Mai 1947, je travaille en compagnie de Seck a l'enlevement d'un char se trouvant pres de lagare de Vallendar. Dans le courant de la matinee de Vendredi 16 Mai, nous avons decouvert a l'emplacement du conducteur du char, un morceau de chair calcinee pesant environ trois livres ainsi que quelques morceaux d'os. Nous avons eu le presentiment qu'il s'agissait des restes d'un corps humain qui a ete brule lors de la destruction du char. Nous avons aussitot prevenu la police allemande de Vallendar qui s'est rendue sur les lieux et a procede a l'enlevement de ces restes de corps.

Aujourd'hui, 19 Mai 1947, au cours de notre travail, nous avons decouvert a nouveau de la chair ainsi qu'un morceau d'os brules. Nous avons de nouveau prevenu la Police allemande.

D'apres nos constatations, j'ai le presentiment qu'il s'agit des restes d'un corps d'un militaire brule dans le char. Ce dernier est de modele americain, mais aucun numero ni insigne n'a ete decouvert pouvant identifier la formation a laquelle il appartenait.

Je precise qu'au cours de nos recherches effectuees afin de decouvrir l'identite du corps, aucun indice n'a pu etre decouvert. "

Lecture faite, persiste et signe.

HILBERATH, Johann, 58 ans, chef de la Police allemande de Vallendar, declare:

" Le 16 Mai 1947, se sont presentes au bureau de la police deux ouvriers qui ont declare avoir decouvert au cours du decoupage d'un char les restes d'un corps humain brule.

Les restes ont ete enleves par nos soins et places dans un cercueil qui a ete depose a la morgue de l'hospital en attendant la decision de l'officier de liaison prevenu par l'intermediaire du Chef de la Police a Kapellen.

En ce qui concerne le char, il s'agit d'un char americain qui a ete detruit le 25 Mars 1945 par un obus d'artillerie ou "Panzerfaust". "

Lecture faite persiste et signe.

Nous nous sommes rendus egalement sur les lieux ou malgre nos recherches nous n'avons pu decouvrir aucun indice ni objet nous permettant d'identifier le cadavre.

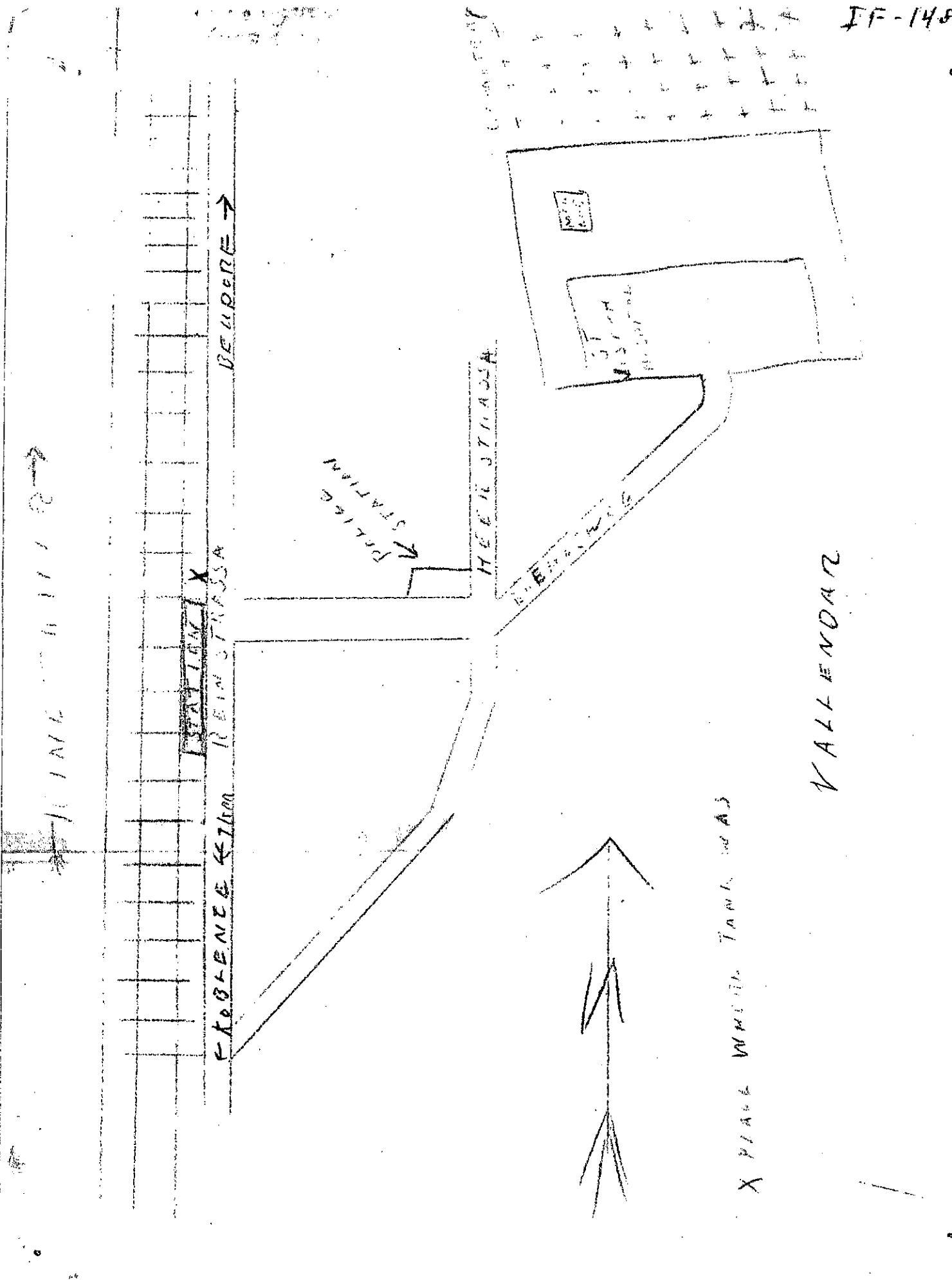
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- la premiere: Au General Commandant la Circonscription Militaire.
- la deuxieme: Au Chef de Bataillon Chef de la Securite Militaire de la Zone Nord.
- la troisieme: A l'officier de liaison pres de G.M. de l'Etat Rheno Palatin.
- la quatrieme: A Mr. le Commissaire du Gouvernement pres la Tribunal Sommaire de Coblenze.
- la sixieme: Aux archives.

Fait et clos a Kapellen, le 19 Mai 1947.

signe: Salmon

signe: Schmitt



X PLACE WHERE TANK WAS

VALLENDAR

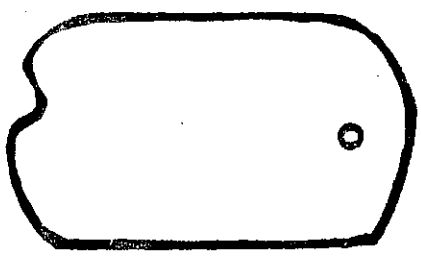
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WD OMC FORM 1042  
Rev 1 Apr. 1945  
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

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

Date of report  
16 July 1947

Imprint Identification Tag if Possible  
DO NOT TYPE



**SECTION I. IDENTIFICATION**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Unknown X-5668

Serial number  
Unknown

Grade  
Unknown

Organization  
Unknown

Branch of service  
BTB: Armored Forces (See case p. 1)

Race  
Unknown

Religion  
Unknown

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

Place of death  
Vallendar, Germany

Cause of death  
BTB: Killed by tank explosion

Date of death Est.  
25 March 1945

Emergency addressee (Name, Relationship and Address.)  
Unknown

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

If no tags found on body, describe means of identification. If unidentified fill in section 3 on reverse.

Were substitute tags provided (Yes or No)  
Yes

List personal effects found on body and disposition of same  
None

**SECTION 2. BURIAL** If other than in established cemetery furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

Name, Number, Coordinates and location of cemetery  
U.S. Military Cemetery, Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (VK-590187)

Date of burial	Hour	Buried in (Shroud, Blanket, or name of other)	Type of grave marker	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
16 July 1947	1500	Casket	Temp. wood. cross	Y	11	267

Was this a re-burial (Yes or No)  
No

If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location of grave  
Remains found in exploded tank at Vallendar, Germany WL-9196

Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
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Type of religious ceremony  
Joint P, C & H

Person conducting burial rites  
Chaplains Rusher  
Saatzman & 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)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
Unknown X-5778	Unk	Unk	Unk	268

Body buried on deceased right, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
Unknown X-5805	Unk	Unk	Unk	266

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

Signature of GRS Officer verifying report  
RAYMOND G. JOHNSON  
1st LT. INF. C.I.P.

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for US and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Hdq. GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

SECTION 3. UNIDENT. REMAINS						
Little Finger Left	<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS</b></p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprints or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.</p>					
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Middle Finger Left	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Weapon and serial number None</td> <td>Laundry marks None</td> <td>Where body was buried or found Vallendar, Germany</td> </tr> </table> <p>For tooth chart see attached Form I-A.</p>	Weapon and serial number None	Laundry marks None	Where body was buried or found Vallendar, Germany		
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Index Finger Left	<p><b>RKEMARS</b></p> <p>According to Narrative of Investigating team and civilian statements. on 16 May 1947. a German workman, employed by the firm Nemann in Koblenz, who was occupied in the removal of an American tank near the railroad station at Vallendar, found a piece of burned flesh in the tank. On 19 May the same man found another piece of flesh at the same place. It appears that both pieces were either on or around the driver's seat. By order of the French Police, the remains were removed to the morgue at St. Joseph's Hospital and placed in a standard infant casket. No further details concerning these remains could be obtained.</p> <p>As processing revealed no positive identifying clues, this case is classified "Unknown"</p>					
Thumb Left						
Thumb Right						
Index Finger Right						
Middle Finger Right						
Ring Finger Right						
Little Finger Right	<p>Furnish sketch and map reference and coordinates for burial in other than established cemetery.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>					
	<p><b>Remarks</b> Form 11, Check List of Unknowns accomplished.          Unable to obtain fingerprints or to accomplish Form 1A.          Tooth chart because of missing portions.          Estimated weight of remains recovered: 2 1/2 Lb.</p>					