

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

14 Mar 1949
(Date)

293 unk. Belgium (Neuville) X-6068

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

The records pertaining to Unknown X- 6068, Plot AA,
Row 7, Grave 170, USIC 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.

Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to your Office
by Transmittal Ltr. No. 2470, dated 18 Sep 1947.

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Reppberger Maj. Col. 0-251736
Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297 OMC Capt. Stanley C. TYRRELL, O-1304296 Inf

Edward E. Stout
Capt. Edward F. PRICE, Jr. O-1588236 OMC 1/Lt. Edward E. STOUT, O-1594512 CE

Ernest J. Oglesby
1/Lt Ernest J. OGLESBY, O-449004 Cav

Received TL # 3605-22 DMR OQMG
Not identifiable from
information presently
available *W. Jamieson*

Incl #19

Plot D, Row 8, Grave 47
Date of Burial: April 49
Verified by GRS officer
Theodore C Murray, Capt. QMC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 02447	DATE 15 08 48 DAY MONTH YEAR		
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWNX-006068	GRADE	ARM J	RACE O	RELIGION 6
CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM	PLOT AA	ROW 7	GRAVE 170	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)
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME UNKNOWN	SERIAL NUMBER X-6068	GRADE UNK	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED 3 DEC 48
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER EMB	ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN	RELIGION UNK	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY EDWARD E. STOUT 1/LT CE. NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL MATTRESS COVER	CONDITION OF REMAINS SKELETAL FORM. ALL MAJOR BONES FRACTURED AND OR MISSING EXCEPT L/R FIBULA, L/ TIBIA
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION
REPORT OF BURIAL WITH REMAINS.

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.) ADDITIONAL PORTION OF
REMAINS REMOVED AND STORED AS PER O.I. # 55 PAR 5 AND ASSIGNED CIL No 4311.
PORTION CONCERNED: DISTAL END L/FEMUR.

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

DATE 11 FEB 49 BY CALVIN C. COWDEN LICENSED EMBALMER	EMBALMER (Signature) CLEVELAND C. HALL JR LICENSED EMBALMER
CASKET SEALED BY CLEVELAND C. HALL JR	CASKET BOXED AND MARKED ROBERT A. HEURGUE DATE 14 FEB 49 BY CLERK RECORDER
ALL TAGS, PLATES AND MARKINGS 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
FILE
CLYDE B. SPINKS CAPT FA. 13 MAY 1949
SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
MEM. DIV.
I CERTIFY that the typed names appearing above are the same as the original signatures on the No. 4 copy of F-1194 concerned
Raymond G. Johnson 1ST LT INF

SEARCH

NAME Unknown RANK Unknown ASN Unknown
ORGANIZATION Unknown
MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

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

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

1. Was positive identify acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? None If so, state the following information:

a. NAME None RANK None ASN None
b. ORGANIZATION None

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

a. NAME Presumed parts of three (3) RANK Unknown ASN Unknown
b. ORGANIZATION Unknown bodies

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY None

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

a. Date of above burials Not buried Common Graves? None

5. Name and Type of Cemetery None
(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery
a. Town None Country None

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.
a. Section None Row None Grave None

b. Is sketch attached? None

8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.
a. Town BITBURG, Ger Coordinates (W-1354)

b. Is sketch attached? many Yes

c. Is area mined? NO

9. How is the grave marked? Not marked

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon None

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

1. By whom Sgt. ROBERT O. SPENCE, 35868284

11. Where are the cemetery records? None (Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)

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a. What information was contained thereon?

b. Where was the information obtained?

c. By whom?

KARL REUTER

Sgt. ROBERT O. SPENCE, 35868284

12. What is the date of death? Presumed 25 December 1944

a. Give basis: Air Raid on BITBURG

13. What is the cause of death? Killed in Bombing

b. Give basis: Air Raid on BITBURG

14. What is the date of burial? Not buried

a. Give basis:

15. What was the place of death? BITBURG, Germany

Coords (71-1354)

b. Give basis: Found in ruins of BITBURG

16. Where were the remains found? BITBURG, Germany

Coords (71-1354)

a. By whom? KARL REUTER

b. Is sketch attached? Yes

17. Was a casket used? Who furnished the casket?

Type of casket? How marked?

18. Who made the burial? (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?

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 to the crash? _____
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? _____
- 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? _____ Burn? _____

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) _____ **Bombing**

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? _____ **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 no, state reason _____ **No personal effects**

a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? _____ **Unknown**

Where? _____ **Unknown** By whom? _____ **Unknown**

Present disposition _____ **Unknown**

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.

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b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? Unknown

Where? _____ By whom? _____

Present disposition Unknown

c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? Unknown

d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? None

42. Was Deceased given first aid? Unknown If so, where? _____
 By whom? _____ Are statements from the medical people attached? None

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No
 Where? _____ Names of people concerned None

44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? Burnt

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 None

b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? No

47. Was case previously investigated? Yes By whom? Mr. H.P. BOONE
 When? 16 July 1947

48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed
KARL REUTER, BIEBURG, Germany

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)

52. Give Brief Narrative (See Attached Narrative)
 (Use attached sheets if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

Rank ASN

Organization

Robert O. Spence
 Signature of Investigator

ROBERT O. SPENCE

Rank ASN
 Sgt. 35868284

Organization

164th QM BN, APO 403

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NARRATIVE

On 23 July 1947 I was searching and disinterring in the town of BITBURG, Germany (WL-1354). It had been known that one (1) American soldier was found in the ruins of the town.

I contacted the Burgermeister of BITBURG and he stated that KARL REUTER had found parts presumed to be American in the ruins of his house which he is clearing of rubble, and that the remains are in the Town Cemetery. He instructed me to interview REUTER as he could not give me further information. I did so and REUTER stated that he was clearing some of the rubble of his house last week and found parts of remains believed to be American. He further stated that there are five (5) shoes, parts of two (2) arms, and other small parts of human bodies. The remains are burnt very badly.

He further stated that there were American prisoners in BITBURG during November and December 1944. On 25 December 1944 the American prisoners were working near his house when they were air raided. It is thought that some of the prisoners ran into his house to find a shelter there. His house was hit by a bomb and was almost completely destroyed. It burned after the air raid. He could not furnish any further information.

I then proceeded to the cemetery and obtained the remains. They were in a small box in one of the buildings of the cemetery.

I obtained the following from the box:

Five (5) single shoes containing parts of the remains that were very badly burnt.

Parts of two (2) arms, also burnt badly.

Other small bones and burnt flesh.

It is possible that there are parts of three (3) bodies in the box. I placed the remains in a burial box which I had taken along and departed.

CONCLUSION:

It is presumed that these remains are parts of three (3) American soldiers who were killed during the air raid on BITBURG. Due to the fact that the house burnt after the bombing, the remains were completely destroyed by the fire.

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Robert O. Spence
 ROBERT O. SPENCE
 Sgt. 35868284
 164th CM Bn. APO 403

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X - 6068
Cemetery Neuville en Condroz, Belgium
Plot AA Row 7 Grave 170

Date processed:

1. ~~Arrived at cemetery~~ 15 August 1947
(Hour) (Date)
2. Place of death BITBURG, Germany
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)
WL - 1354
(Sheet, scale and serials used)
3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 164th QM BN
(Name and organization)
4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate Identification Point No. 2
Neuville en Condroz (Name and organization) Belgium
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>Remnants of</u>		
Mackinaw	<u>NONE</u>		
Sweater	<u>NONE</u>		
Jacket, HBT	<u>NONE</u>		
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>Remnants of</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>NONE</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>NONE</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>NONE</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>NONE</u>		

Belt, web **Remnants of**
 Drawers, wool **Remnants of**
 Drawers, cotton **NONE**
 Leggings, wool **NONE**
 Socks ~~None~~ **One (1) pair of**
 * Shoes **One (1) pair of** (type) **combat boots lace type (size 7 E)**
 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: **TIBIA 37, FIBULA 36,9**
Est.

Age **UTD** Height **5' 6 1/2"** 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, lushness, 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 **No teeth recovered**
 (White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw **UTD** Circumference of head in inches **Skull 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 **MISSING**

Fingers **MISSING**
 (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 **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.

SEE ATTACHED 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 (Yes-no) If not, explain No teeth found

9. Remarks Case 1F-1506 was received as a mass burial of three (3) men. Segregation was possible because of size and structure of the bones. Case 1F-1506 has been changed into cases 1F-1506 A, B and C. Case consists of only a few charred bones. Two bones for measurement. No teeth were found. All clothing except shoes and socks placed with case 1F-1506 A. Shoes and socks found on the foot bones. No clothing marks found. Estimated weight of remains: 4 lbs.

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)
ERNEST C. GADDY
CWO USA
Rank Service

GENERAL IDENTIFICATION POINT
(Organization)

Remarks contin'd

Fluoroscopic Examination negative.
Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.
Processing revealed no positive identifying clues,
therefore this case is classified "UNKNOWN".
Case papers pertaining to this case are with case 1F-1506 A.

17-1506 A (B) C

SKELETAL CHART

Neuville en Condros
Belgium

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

Unknown X-6068

Plot AA, Row 7, Grave 170



FIBULA 36,9

TIBIA 37,0

Estimated Height:

5' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

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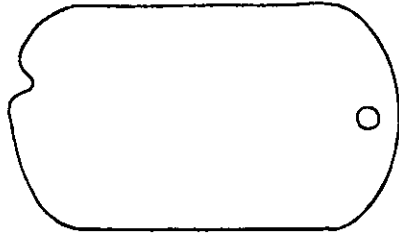
LF 1506A(B)C # 1

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
21 Aug. 1947

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.
DO NOT TYPE



Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

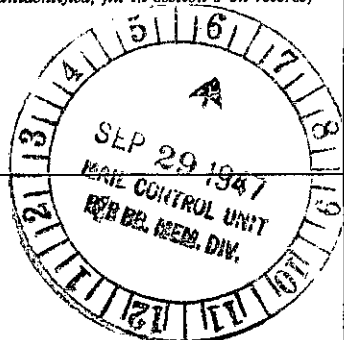
NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown X- 6068		SERIAL No. Unknown
GRADE Unknown	ORGANIZATION Unknown	BRANCH OF SERVICE Unknown
RACE Unknown	RELIGION Unknown	IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY

PLACE OF DEATH Bitburg, Germany	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed by bombs	DATE OF DEATH Est. 25 December 1944
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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)
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
USMC, Neuville en Condroz, Belgium (VK 390187)

DATE OF BURIAL 22 Aug. 1947	HOUR 1500	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Casket	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Temp Wooden Cross	PLOT No. AA	ROW No. 7	GRAVE No. 170
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WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) No	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE Remains found in ruins at Bitburg, Germany WL - 1354	PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
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TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY General	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES J. W. Sartman Capt. O. A. Rusher Rabbi Lepchivcher	IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY One copy of WD QMC Form 1042 placed in burial bottle and buried with remains.
IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) No	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) No	

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) X- 6069	RANK Unknown	SERIAL NO. Unknown	ORGANIZATION Unknown	GRAVE No. 171
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) X- 6067	RANK Unknown	SERIAL NO. Unknown	ORGANIZATION Unknown	GRAVE No. 169
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT ALBERT G. RICHARDSON USWD Civ. CAF 3	<i>Albert G. Richardson</i>	SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT IVOR J. FOSMO 2nd Lt Inf CIP	<i>Ivor J. Fosmo</i>
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