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USMC Neuville of Condroz
Plot: C Row: 11 Gr: 41
Date of Burial: 28 Apr 50
Verified by GRS Officer
M. B. Swart, Capt. OMC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 03457	DATE 15 08 48 DAY MONTH YEAR
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NAME UNKNOWN X-007157	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM 0	RACE 0	RELIGION 6
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CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM	PLOT FF	ROW 9	GRAVE 216	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1202 80 CODE DIST. CTR.
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SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN **NO FLAG SENT**

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

NAME UNKNOWN X-007157	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED 6 DEC 1948
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IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER EMB	ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN	RELIGION UNK	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY FRITZ J. TOLTZIEN 1st Lt MI NAME AND TITLE
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SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL MATRESS COVER	CONDITION OF REMAINS ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION. NO FRACTURES EVIDENT.
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION
REPORT OF BURIAL AND EMBOSSED PLATE WITH REMAINS

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

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

DATE **5 JANUARY 1949** BY **OLIVER E MODIN EMBALMER**

CASKET SEALED BY GEORGE R REED	EMBALMER (Signature) GEORGE R REED LICENSED EMBALMER
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CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 10 FEB 49 BY DONALD L GREGORY PVT CLERK RECORDER	SPRING ALL TAGS, MARKINGS AND PLATES VERIFIED BY: ROGER E LEWIS CAPT CAV
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I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. /EXCEPT CASKETING

ERNEST C GADDY CWO USA
SIGNATURE OF AGRS-INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

FILE
12 JUN 1950
BRANCH

I CERTIFY that the typed names appearing above are the same as the original signatures on the No. 4 copy of F-1194 concerning this case.

Raymond G. Johnson 1st Lt INF
Melise

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 U.S. ARMY

RRE 293

25 November 1949

(Date)

at the last Regiment (Neuville) X-7157

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 7157, Plot FF, Row 9, Grave 216, USMC Neuville, have been reviewed and it is the opinion of the Board of Review, this headquarters, that sufficient evidence is not available to establish the identity of the deceased concerned, therefore, these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General by Transmittal Letter No. 2680, dated 1-3-48.

3. Remarks:

See Case History attached

Received 4870-29 Nov
 Not identifiable from
 information presently
 available

OQMG

W. J. ...
 14 Nov 1949

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Col. H. P. HENRY, O-12589

QMC

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

QMC

Maj. Charles REYNOLDS, O-182639

TC

Maj. Gerald SWARTHOUT, Sr., O-267451

CE

Capt. Edward F. PRICE, O-1588236

QMC

1st Lt. Frederick S. DAVID, O-1826041

CAV

CWO Frank GEER, W-2102925

USA

Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297

QMC

UNKNOWN X-7157

CEMETERY Neuville

CASE HISTORY

The remains of Unknown X-7157 (Neuville) were disinterred from the POW Cemetery, Stalag XI A, Grave 361, in Altengrabow, Germany, M-53.

From cemetery records and captured German documents the remains of this Unknown were BTB PFC Lawrence Block, 19082814, reported died of wounds in Stalag XI A after being shot by a guard. However, available dental records for Block do not compare favorably with dental chart of Unknown X-7157.

Tooth charts and OCMG Forms 371 check negatively for the remaining casualties in Map Sheets M-53 and L-53.

OCMG form 371 for Block showing all dental information available, is inclosed for negative comparison.

A Field Investigation has been requested and will be made when the Soviet authorities allow entry into the Soviet Zone of Germany to recover the remains of Block who obviously interred in this cemetery in another grave site.

Efforts have been made by the Isolated Burials Branch for an association for this Unknown with negative results, therefore, this case is being submitted as Unidentifiable.

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1250 03497	DATE 15 03 48		
NAME UNKNOWN		SERIAL NUMBER 007157	GRADE	ARM G	RACE G
CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM		PLOT A	ROW 9	GRAVE 215	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1202 00
					CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE NEUVILLE-EN-CONGOZ, BELGIUM	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)
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SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)	
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET	
DATE	BY
CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
DATE	BY

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

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Unknown X - 7157

Cemetery Neuville-en-Candroz, Belgium

Plot PT Row 9 Grave 215

Date processed: 3 February 1948

1. ~~Interment~~ _____
 (Hour) (Date)

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

M 53/ 200

(Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

1: 100,000

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains ~~processed~~ processed by I.S. First Zone
 (Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by _____
 (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>One (1), remnants of, wool O.D.</u>		
Jacket, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Shirt, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Wool	<u>None</u>		
Undershirt, Cotton	<u>None</u>		
Trousers, HBT	<u>None</u>		
* Trousers, Wool OD	<u>None</u>		

Belt, web none
 Drawers, wool none
 Drawers, cotton none
 Leggings, wool none
 Socks, cotton none
 * Shoes none (type)

Overshoes none
 Web Equipment none (type)

(Other item) none
 (Other item) none

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

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

Shoulder Patch none

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

6. Description of Remains: **Height measurement accomplished by tape measure; over all length of remains.**

Age **UTD** Height **Est. 5' 7"** Weight **UTD** Description of wounds **UTD**

Bandages or dressings **Left Femur extending from knee to 6" below hip- anteriorally & laterally** 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 **Medium brown 4" long**
 (Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

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

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

Goatee UTD
 (Light, color, extent)

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

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

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

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

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

Jaw UTD Circumference of head in inches 22"
 (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 decomposed- intact

Fingers decomposed- intact
 (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 Dark brown
 (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.

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

If not, explain Fingers too decomposed

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

9. Remarks Est. weight of processed remains : 50 Lbs. Clothing found in debris, no markings. Case consists of complete and articulated remains. Teeth found intact with the skull. Processing revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore this 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.

Woodrow W. Wolf
WOODROW W. WOLF
(Officer's Name)

CAPT CWO
Rank Service

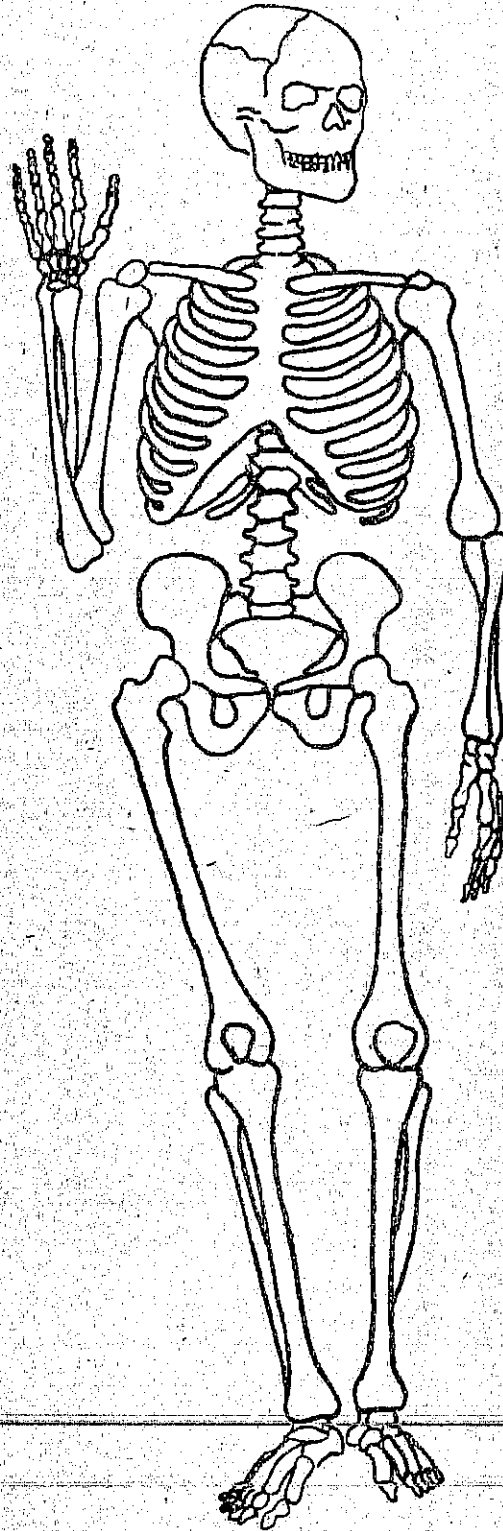
OPERATIONS OFFICER
(Organization)

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

RIGHT

LEFT



Est. HEIGHT. 5' 7".

CHART "A"

TOOTH CHART

3 Feb. 48

Unk X-7157

Unk

Date

Unk

Last Name

Unk

First

Initial

Grade

Unk

Serial No.

Unit

Altengrabow, Germany

Organization

Small arms fire

Est. 30 March 45

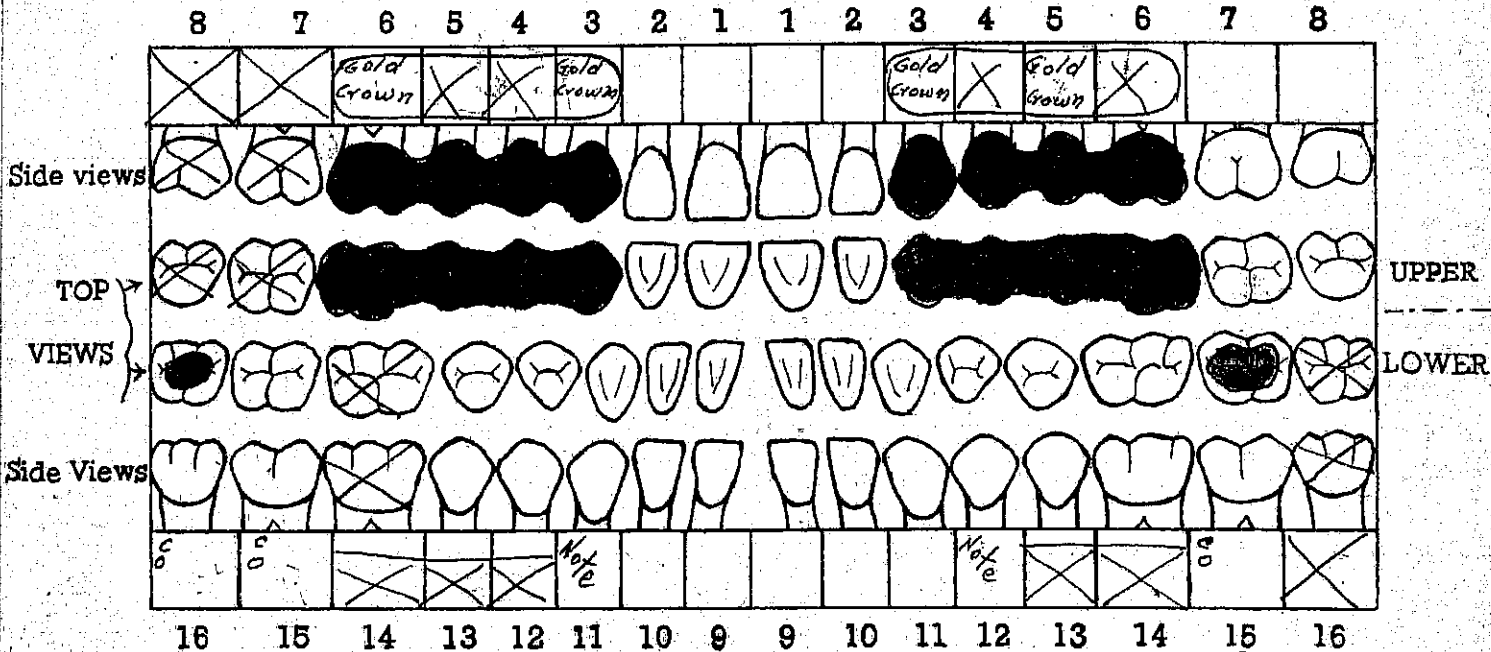
Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

Right

Left



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), bicuspid (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.

WALTER J. JABLONSKI
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/s/ Walter J. Jablonski

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

WOODROW W. WOLF
CAPT QM5 OPER OFF

Woodrow W. Wolf

Verified by P. R. C. Officer

R-3-6, are gold crowned, R-4-5 are gold pontic teeth
 L-3-8, are gold crowned, L-4-7 are gold pontic teeth
 R-12-13-14 and L-12-14, are replaced with a
 rubber denture with a lingual bar
 and clasped L-12 R-11,
 spaces none
 color dull ivory
 size average
 alignment good

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

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"

		<p>CARIES (CAVITIES) Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>
		<p>FILLINGS.. Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>
		<p>BRIDGE WORK.. Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>
		<p>CROWNED TEETH.. Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, silver or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>
		<p>MISSING TEETH.. All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" "d" out and labeled, thus:</p>

(Germany M 53)
2296

Evacuation Number
1F 9577

NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT

GRS-GZ Form No. 8

Date 16 January 1948

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 Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium for reburial.

B.T.B.

LAWRENCE BLOCK
(NAME)

Pfc
(RANK)

19082814
(ASN)

Altengrabow, Germany
Prisoner of War Cemetery
(M 53/Z 00; 1/250,000)
(PLACE OF DISINTERMENT)

If communal cemetery
show Plot, Row and Grave
No., if available.

This case is classified
Unk X- 7157.

Raymond H. Stoudt
S/SGT. RAYMOND H. STOUDT

(Officer or NCO in charge of Disinterment)

Berlin Det. First Field Command AGRC EA
(Organization)

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)

9 February 1948

1 January 1946

Date

NAME Unk X 7157 RANK Unk ASN Unk
 ORGANIZATION Unk
 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 identify acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? No If so, state the following information:

a. NAME _____ RANK _____ ASN _____
 b. ORGANIZATION _____

2. Was partial identification established? Yes If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME PTB. LAWRENCE BLOCK RANK P.T.C. ASN 19082844
 b. ORGANIZATION _____

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY On left unknown grave 360,
on right unknown grave 362

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

a. Date of above burials Unknown Common Graves? No

5. Name and Type of Cemetery Altengrabow POW cemetery Stalag XI A
(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery M 53/4 00 1/100.000

a. Town Altengrabow Country Germany

Give exact location in cemetery of the remains:

a. Section 2 Row 6 Grave 361

b. Is sketch attached? Yes

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

a. Town _____ Coordinates _____)
 b. Is Sketch attached? _____) Does not apply
 c. Is area mined? _____)

9. How is the grave marked? Wooden stake

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon: Number 361

a. From what source was this information obtained? German Military

(Identification tags, personal effects)

1. By whom German Military

1. Where are the cemetery records? No records
(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)

Does not apply

a. What information was contained thereon?

Does not apply

b. Where was the information obtained?

Does not apply

c. By whom?

30 March 1945

12. What is the date of death?

Witness statement

a. Give basis

Small arms fire

13. What is the cause of death?

Witness statement

b. Give basis

2 April 1945

14. What is the date of burial?

Witness statement

a. Give basis

Altengrabow, Germany

M 53/Z00
1/100.000

15. What was the place of death?

Witness statement

Coords

b. Give basis

Stalag XI A, Altengrabow

M 53/ Z 00
1/100.000

16. Where were the remains found?

German Military

Coords

a. By whom?

No

b. Is sketch attached?

Yes

German Military

17. Was a casket used?

Wooden

Who furnished the casket?

Not marked

Type of casket

POW's How marked?

18. Who made the burial

(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
POW's Altengrabow Stalag XI A

a. What are the names and addresses?

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

Does not apply

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?

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? Does not apply
- 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) Small arms fire
If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
- a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? Yes
40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased A statement was submitted by Lt. PISK who was a prisoner at the Stalag. He states that he saw Pfc Block trying to pass to another compound and was shot by a guard in the back. He died at 0300 on March 30,

1945.

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 Removed by German Military
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Yes (believed)
- Where? On body By whom? German Military
- 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.

- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? Yes (believed)
 Where? On body By whom? German Military
 Present disposition Unknown
- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? Yes
- d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No
42. Was Deceased given first aid? Yes If so, where? Altengrabow, POW Hosp.
 By whom? German Military Are statements from the medical people attached? All records have been destroyed.
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German ~~civilian~~ military hospital? Yes
 Where? Altengrabow XI A Names of people concerned Unknown. All records have been destroyed and there are no medical people left.
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?
Wound about height of 9th rib on right side.
 (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? 1st Lt. McKown
WVC When? April 3, 1946 (No information could be obtained)
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed
1st Lt. Leonard W. Fisk O-1291251 Inf.
W. Baker (International Red Cross agent), Dretzen, Ger.
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 Lt. Fisk states that he saw Pfc Block shot by a guard while trying to pass to another compound on March 30, 1945. Red Cross worker Baker states that there were some records sent to Geneva, but that the Stalag XI A records were all destroyed at the close of the war. Inasmuch as there (Use attached, sheets if necessary) are several thousand bodies there and no records it is believed that there might be more Americans buried there.

Signature of Interpreter

ALBERT C. KALWERT
 Signature of Investigator

Rank

ASN

MAJOR RA O-327477

Rank

ASN

95th Qd Bn. (M)
 Organization

Note: Major Kalwert has returned to ZI and is not available for signature.

Albert E Morris
 S/Sgt. ALBERT E. MORRIS wcz
 Operations NCO

- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? **Yes (believed)**
 Where? **On body** By whom? **German Military**
 Present disposition **Unknown**
- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? **Yes**
- d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? **No**
42. Was Deceased given first aid? **Yes** If so, where? **Altengrabow, POW Hosp.**
 By whom? **German Military** Are statements from the medical people attached? **All records have been destroyed.**
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 Where? **Altengrabow XI A** Names of people concerned **Unknown. All records have been destroyed and there are no medical people left.**
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QMC When? **April 3, 1946 (No information could be obtained)**
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W. Baker (International Red Cross agent), Dretzen, Gers.
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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: **Lt. Pisk states that he saw Pfc Block shot by a guard while trying to pass to another compound on March 30, 1945. Red Cross worker Baker states that there were some records sent to Geneva, but that the Stalag XI A records were all destroyed at the close of the war. Inasmuch as there are several thousand bodies there and no records it is believed that there might be more Americans buried there.**

Signature of Interpreter

ALBERT C. KALWEIT
 Signature of Investigator

Rank ASN

MAJOR RA O-327477
 Rank ASN

95th Cn Bn. (M)
 Organization

Note: Major Kalweit has returned to XI and is not available for signature.

Albert E. Morris
 S/Sgt. ALBERT E. MORRIS wcf
 Operations NCO

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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) **Small arms fire**
If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation
- a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? **Yes**
40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased. **A statement was submitted by Lt. FISA who was a prisoner at the Stalag. He states that he saw Pfc Block trying to pass to another compound and was shot by a guard in the back. He died at 0300 on March 30, 1945.**

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 **Removed by German Military**
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? **Yes (believed)**
Where? **On body** by whom? **German Military**
- 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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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
APO 887 U S ARMY

RRR 293.9 (IB)

28 November 1946

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO: Commanding Officer
First Field Command
American Graves Registration Command, ETA
APO 209 U S Army

1. Your attention is directed to the following deceased, buried in the Garrison Cemetery, Section for Prisoners of War, at Altengrabow (Z-00), Germany:

John H. Spriggs,	35651027,	Grave #	279
✓ Louis Clement,	3 ✓ 36639062,	" #	275
✓ Lawrence Block,	✓ 19082844,	" #	361
✓ William Sligh,	✓ 33657358,	" #	370
✓ Warren A. Fordan,	✓ 33833262,	" #	364
✓ Joe Guastella,	✓ 0-818860,	" #	286
✓ Albert P. O'Steen,	✓ 0-695697,	" #	283
✓ William H. Ewart,	✓ 39021884,	" #	E-2

2. It is directed that necessary action be taken to disinter and evacuate the above remains for reburial in a U.S. Military Cemetery, in accordance with existing procedure.

3. Report of Interment and/or report of investigation will be forwarded by indorsement, hereon.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL ODELL:

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Tel: VER 4550 Ext 194

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HEADQUARTERS
US THEATER GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
THEATER SERVICE FORCES
EUROPEAN THEATER

ORS

RCD/CEB/bed

(Rear) APO 887

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO : Commanding Officer, 1st QM GROUP, APO 654, U.S. Army

1. Inclosed is a copy of a letter from 300 Liaison Det
MIA, subject "Report on Death of Prisoners of War", dated
5 May 1945, concerning the following U.S. personnel:

BLOOM, Lawrence	Pfc 19082844,	12 Inf Regt. MIA 17 Dec 44
FORJAN, Warren	Pfc 33833262,	329 Inf Regt. MIA 16 Dec 44
SLIGH, William L.	Pfc 33657358,	119 Inf Regt. MIA 14 Apr 44

The above are buried in Altengrabow (Z-00) cemetery,
Germany, in graves 361, 364 and 370 respectively.

2. Request action be taken on above cases in conformance
with instructions outlined in Technical Operations Bulletin #7.

For the Director General:

/s/ JACK B. PIERCE
JACK B. PIERCE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant

Incl: a/s

6 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Death of Prisoners of War.

TO : G-1, Office of Graves Registration.

1. I was a patient at the hospital at Stalag XIA at Altengrabow, Germany from January 14 until May 3, 1945.

2. While there the following EM died at the hospital:

WARREN PORJAN, ASN 8833262, died on April 11, 1945 of heart failure, beri-beri and starvation. Capt. Henry Burton, British surgeon, and Capt. Wynsen, American doctor, were in attendance. Pfc Porjan is buried in grave No. 364, Altengrabow cemetery. Next of Kin: Mother - Mar. Porjan, 7th St., Perkasee, Pennsylvania.

Pfc WILLIAM SLIGH, ASN 33657358, died at the hospital at Stalag XI A at Altengrabow, Germany at 0830, 21 April 1945. Cause of Death: Shrapnel wound in small of back received 17 April in vicinity of Magdeburg, Germany. Spinal column was severed and all nerves to legs and lower portion of body were paralyzed. Pfc Sligh had received an operation by a German doctor prior to his arrival at our PW camp. Death was caused by paralysis of respiratory system. This EM was attended by Capt. Gottlieb, an excellent British surgeon. He was buried 23 April 1945 in grave No. 370 at Altengrabow cemetery, Germany. Next of Kin: Wife - Mrs. W. L. Sligh, 206 Main St., Madison Heights, Virginia.

LAWRENCE BLOCK, P.O.W. No. 094532 was shot (30 March 1945) by a German guard while trying to pass from one compound to another. Bullet entered lumbar region rear and came out at Axillar line front and at the height of the 9th rib. He died at 0300 the same morning. Blood was given. Medical diagnosis: Thoraco-abdominal shot right and shock. Buried 2 April 1945 in grave No. 361, Altengrabow Cemetery, Germany.

3. I believe that letters were sent to Geneva on Porjan and Block by the American Man of Confidence but no message has been sent to date about Sligh.

/s/ Leonard W. Fisk

LEONARD W. FISK O-1291251,
1st Lt. Infantry.

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ H.C. Gray

H.C. GRAY
Major, PA,
Liaison Officer

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
APO 987 U S ARMY

S: 2 February 1947

RFE 298.9 (IB)

18 December 1946

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO: Commanding Officer
First Field Command
American Graves Registration Command, STA
APO 209 U S Army

1. Inclosed copies of OCMG Forms 371 (triplicate) are forwarded as additional information to letter, this headquarters, file, subject and register number as above, dated 28 November 1946.

2. Investigation as directed will be conducted and Reports of Interment or a report of investigation forwarded so as to reach this headquarters not later than 2 February 1947.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL O'NEILL:

1 Incl
a/s

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Tel: VEB 4550 Ext 194

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DA  ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED  1F 9577

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Block, Lawrence	GRADE Pfc	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 19082844
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ORGANIZATION Co A 12th Inf Regt 4th Inf Div	RACE White	CREED Protestant	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
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DATE OF DEATH 30 Mar 45	CAUSE OF DEATH KIA (Shot by Guard)	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Stalag II/- Altengrabow Germany
DATE OF FOD		

HEIGHT 5' 8 1/2"	WEIGHT 145	COLOR EYES Hazel	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 11-B
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DENTAL CHART 10 Feb 42

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

All Here

X = Extracted O = Carious I = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS No Record	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK No Record
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age: 24

Buried: Altengrabow Cemetery, Germany Grave 361

(Inf frm capt'd German rec'd and/or. Report of Liaison - attached US Ninth Army)

Drewitz, Gen 27 Sept. 1946

Ich, Wilhelm Baeker, geb. 8.4.1905 zu Gramsdorf, war als Soldat beim Stalag XI A in der Abteilung fuer das "International-Croix-Rouge-Genève" taetig. Es war in der Zeit vom Herbst 1941 bis Herbst 1944. Erst als Soldat, spaeter als Gefreiter und Obergefreiter, habe ich als Schreiber die verstorbenen Soldaten der Feindlaender registriert und auf dem vorgeschriebenen Formular "des Roten Kreuzes" nach Genf gemeldet. Ausserdem erfolgte eine Listenmeldung an die Abt. Kriegerverluste des OKW. erst nach Berlin, spaeter nach Saalfeld in Thueringen. Ich habe auch einige amerikanische Soldaten registriert. Die genaue Zahl ist mir nicht bekannt. Ich weiss genau, dass auch 2 abgeschossene engl. oder amerikanische Flieger auf dem Standortfriedhof, Abt. Fuer Kriegsgefangene, beerdigt worden sind. Soweit ich mich noch erinnern kann, waren diese in Wald bei Rosenkrug gefunden. Ihre Personalien waren glaube ich nicht bekannt. Ich kann versichern, dass alle Todesfaelle, die bekannt wurden, auch gemeldet wurden.

Die in Altengrabow verstorbenen Soldaten wurden einzeln im Grab auf dem Standortfriedhof in Altengrabow beerdigt und mit einer Holztafel mit fortlaufenden Nummern versehen. Dabei waren die einzelnen Nationen nicht getrennt benummert.

Das Grab E 3, wie es auf einer mir vorgelegten Karte bezeichnet wurde, ist mir nicht bekannt oder es ist mir aus der Erinnerung entfallen. Es besteht aber die Moeglichkeit, dass die beiden abgeschossenen Flieger in diesem Grab liegen, da mir bekannt ist, das diese beiden Flieger (es wurden nur noch Reste der beiden Leichen) in einem Grab beerdigt wurden. Ich kann auch dieses Grab noch bezeichnen und habe es getan. Die Bezeichnung E 2 ist mir aber fuer dieses Grab nicht mehr in der Erinnerung.

gez. Wilhelm Baeker.

TRANSLATION

I, Wilhelm Becker, born on 8 April 1905 in Gramsdorf, was soldier in the "Stalag XI A" in the div. of the "International Red Cross, Geneva". This was during the time from Fall 1941 to fall 1944. First as a private, later on as a Pfc, and then as a Cpl. I had to register as a clerk all the deceased soldiers of countries being in the war with, and to report them to the "Red Cross, Geneva" on a special form. Besides there was a report made to the department for "Victims of War" in the Headquarters of the German "Wehrmacht" in Berlin, and later on to Saalfeld/Thuringia. I also listed some American Soldiers. The exact number is unknown to me. I know for sure that also 2 British or American airmen who crashed down were buried in the stand-cemetery, section "Prisoners of War". As far as I am still able to remember, these bodies had been found in the woods near Rosenkrug. Their personalities I believe, had been unknown. I can assure that all cases which became known were listed, too.

The soldiers who died in Altengrabow were buried in the stand-cemetery in Altengrabow in single graves, which were furnished with wooden plates numbered continuously. The different nations were not numbered separately.

The grave # E 2, which was pointed out to me on a card is unknown to me, or out of my memory. Nevertheless, there is the possibility that the 2 flyers which had been shot down are buried in this grave, because I know that these 2 flyers became buried in one grave; (there had been only pieces of both deceased). I can even mark this grave and I have done so. However, the marking E 2 for this grave is not in my memory any longer.

/s/ Wilhelm Becker

Certified true translation
Annelise Stoye
Annelise Stoye
Interpreter

(Germany M 53)
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Evacuation Number
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BERLIN DETACHMENT
FIRST FIELD COMMAND
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
BERLIN, GERMANY

NARRATIVE OF DISINTERMENT
Altengrabow, Germany
(M 53/Z 00; 1/250,000)

On 16 January 1948 the undersigned along with disinter-
ring team # 2 and Russian escort officer Lt. Repenko, disin-
terred the remains of seven (7) American deceased from the
Prisoner of War Cemetery at Altengrabow, Germany.

This disinterment concerns what we believe is four (4)
different cases, therefore each case will be written as a
separate narrative. (See sketch for order of disinterment).

This narrative concerns the four (4) infantrymen dis-
interred from this cemetery. See cemetery sketch for order
of disinterment.

The deceased disinterred from grave # 370 was in a
coffin in a single grave marked with a stake which had the
grave number inscribed on it. Remains were in bad condition,
clad in a cotton undershirt. Identification tag found on
left wrist of deceased. Assigned IF 9575, E.T.B. William
Sligh, 33657358.

The deceased disinterred from grave # 364 was in a
coffin in a single grave marked with a stake which had the
grave number inscribed on it. Remains were in bad condition,
clad in a brown sweater, woolen undershirt and suspenders.
According to basic letter AGRC and letter from former Ame-
rican P.O.W. Lt. Fisk stating that Warren A. Forjan was bu-
ried in grave # 364 we are calling this the remains of
E.T.B. Warren A. Forjan, 33833262. Assigned evacuation
number IF 9572.

The deceased disinterred from grave # 361 was in a
coffin in a single grave marked with a stake which had the
grave number inscribed on it. Remains were in bad condition,
clad in a brown sweater. According to basic letter AGRC and
letter from former American P.O.W. Lt. Fisk stating that
Lawrence Block was buried in grave # 361 we are calling
this the remains of E.T.B. Lawrence Block, 19082114. As-
signed evacuation number IF 9577.

The deceased disinterred from grave # 275 was in a coffin in a single grave marked with a stake which had the grave number inscribed on it. Remains were in bad condition, clad in a cotton undershirt. According to basic letter AGRC and German Green Burial Card stating that Louis Clement was buried in grave # 275 we are calling this the remains of B.T.B. Louis Clement. Assigned evacuation Number LP 9574.

Grave # 279 of John T. Springs, 35631027, could not be found at time of disinterment.

For the other deceased buried at Allengrabow P.O.W. cemetery see narrative on disinterment LP 9575, 9576 and 9578. They are treated as separate cases.

Rufus *Stoudt*
S/SGT. RUFUS G. STOUT
DISINTERRING NCO

REPORT OF BURIAL OF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

	Name: _____ Rank: _____ Organization: _____ Serial No.: _____ Date: _____	Graves Registration Form No. 1 (Revised 12-29-47) URK X-7152 Last Name: _____
Left Hand	Height: _____ Weight: _____ Color of Eyes: _____ Color of Hair: _____ Laundry Marks: _____ Number of Rifle: _____ Ear Glasses? _____ Is Tooth Chart Attached? _____ (If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, make chart below.) In space below, describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc. Attached to Marker Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Time and Date of Burial: _____ Place of Death: _____ How were remains identified? _____ Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Right Hand	Note below any identifying clues, such as initials, probable organization of deceased, etc.: _____ One (1) copy of this Form #1 placed in a burial bottle and buried with the remains.	Who is buried on: _____ Deceased's Right: _____ Deceased's Left: _____

TOOTH CHART	
Deceased's Right	Deceased's Left
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
Upper	Lower

Indicate missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ○; missing anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth by X

Emergency Address: _____
 Address: _____
 Religion: _____
 List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same: None

If this is an isolated burial, make a sketch of the location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If there space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

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MAR 18 1948
 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

LEO H. LAMPERT
 USA CIV
 WOODROW W. WOLFE
 CAT MC DEER OIL

MAR 18 1948
 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

REPORT OF BURIAL

Graves Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept 1945)

9 Feb. 48
Date

Unk X- 7159

Take fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of fingerprints take those you can and fill in the following:

Unk

Serial No.

Unk

Unit

Altengrabow, Germany

Place of Death

30 March 45

Date of Death

Small arms fire

Cause of Death

1500

11 Feb 48

USMC, Evreux-en-Condrez, Belgium

Name of Cemetery

(VK-390187)

Name or Coordinates of Location

216

Grave Number

Temp. Wdn. Cross

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

If No Identification Tags How were remains identified?

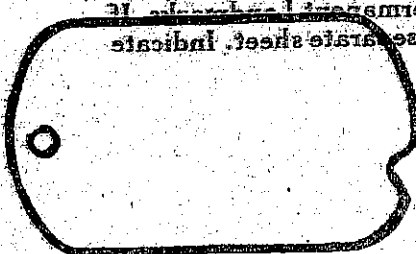
What means of identification were buried with the body?

One (1) copy of GRS Form #1 placed in a burial bottle and buried with the remains.

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:	X- 7156	Unk	Unk	Unk	215
Deceased's Right:	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	Open Grave	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signatures: Name, rank and service organization of person reporting data when other than officer reporting base.



If identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee: **Unk** Name

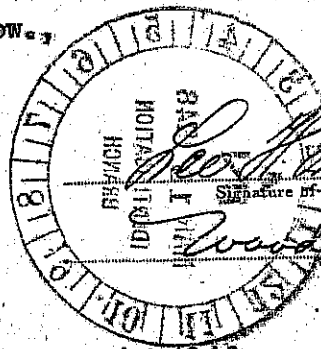
Address: **Unk**

Religion: **Unk**

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same: **None**

Remains previously buried in POW Cemetery, Altengrabow, Germany.

LEO H. LAMPRECHT
USDA CIV IS
WOODROW W. WOLF
CAPT QMC OPER ORF



MAR 19 1948

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0

Deceased's Right
Deceased's Left

Prisoner of War Cemetery
Altengrabow - Germany
M 53/Z 00, 1/25000

