

943 under Merrill C/L # 4739

NARRATIVE OF DISINTERMENT
AT KELLENBACH, (K-50/L-83), GER.

2 September 1950

A report received by the Wiesbaden S & R Teams, from the 3rd French Gendarmerie in SIMMERN, Germany, on 29 August 1950, disclosed the findings of an American remains at the crash site of an American aircraft near KELLENBACH, Kreis SIMMERN, by two German civilians on 26 August 1950. This team proceeded to SIMMERN to recover the remains taken into custody by the French authorities.

The remains consisted of shattered dry bones representing various parts of the body. The ID tag on chain found at the same site bears the following inscription: GLENN R. BILLINGSLEY, O-807666.

Interviewing the two Germany civilians, Mr. JOSEPH BAUER, Simmerstr. #511, Kirchberg and Mr. FRANZ RUDE, Hauptstr. # 148, Kirchberg, it was learned that during their excavation of the crash site, located 2300 meters east of KELLENBACH, in the search for metal scrap still imbedded in the ground, they had first discovered the ID tag on chain in the soil and ashes, 1 to 2 feet below the surface, upon starting to excavate at the lower end of the incline. Working up-grade from this spot to the point where formerly the middle section of the fuselage had lain they found human remains amidst ashes and small metal parts under the ground. Working up-grade $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters farther they also recovered a ring with red stone bearing the initials: "G.R.B." This ring is also being submitted with ID tag and remains. Sensing the importance of this find, they immediately reported this to the French Gendarmerie in SIMMERN, making sure that no further remains were overlooked in the area excavated by them.

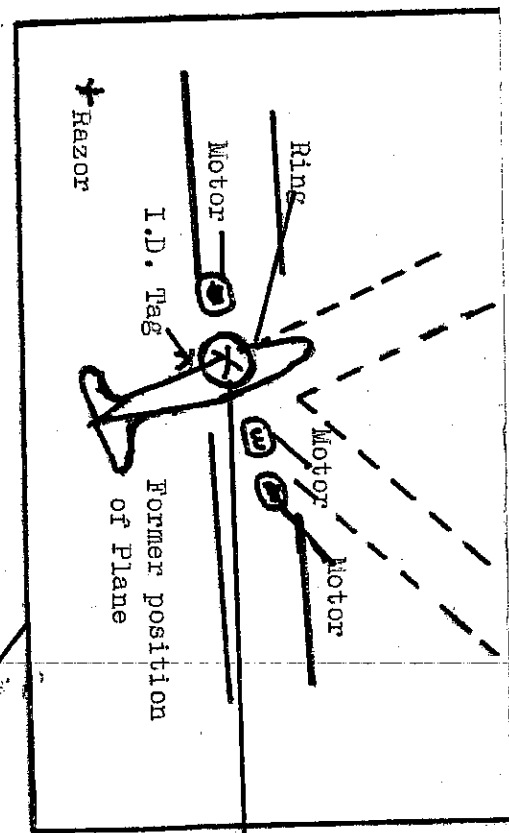
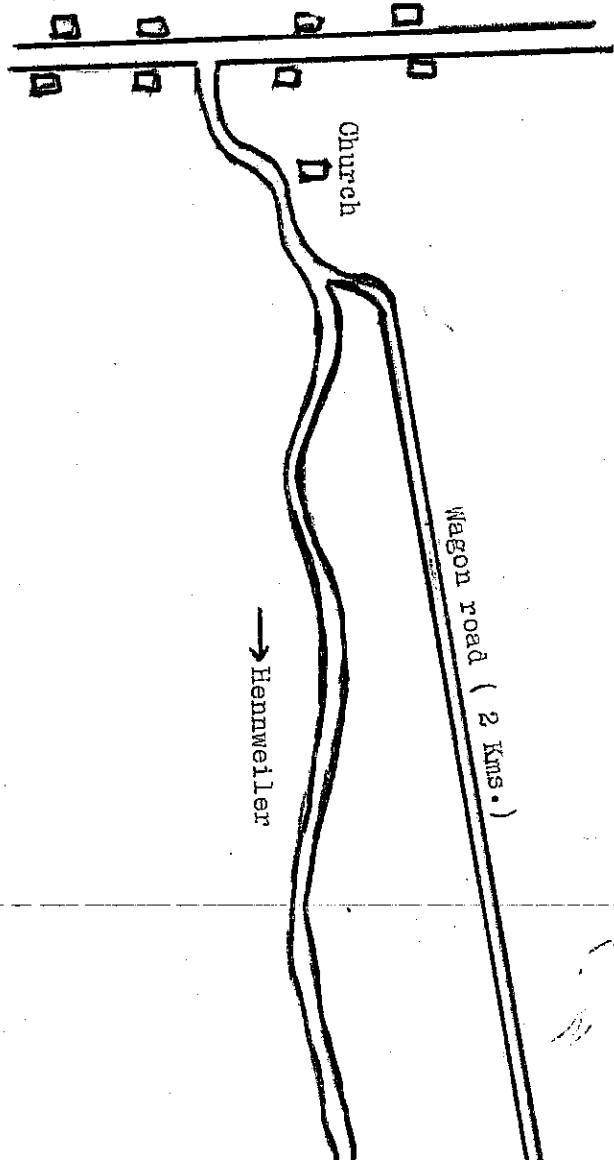
Information obtained indicates that some American deceased from the subject aircraft (which appears to be a B-17) had previously been removed from KELLENBACH by American forces.

Since sufficient remains have been uncovered to conclude the presence of an overlooked deceased this remains is being submitted as SR-229 for further examination in order to associate it with GLENN R. BILLINGSLEY, or any other crewmember of this aircraft as yet not accounted for.

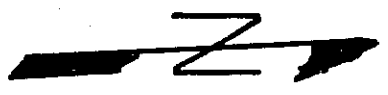
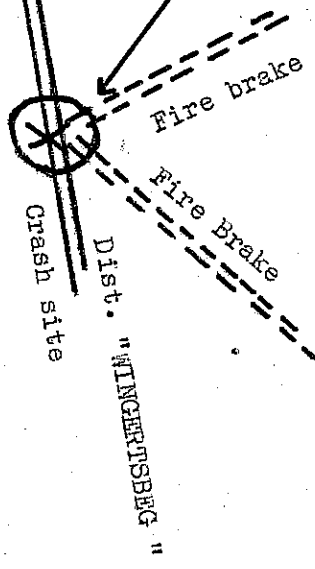
Present officially at the site of excavation to insure the proper and thorough search for further remains (soil washthoroughly sifted), were Mr. ZERFASS, Burgermeister of KELLENBACH and policeman MACKE, of the German Gendarmerie in GEMUENDEN, Kreis SIMMERN.

JAMES L. McCULLER
 Capt. TC
 S & R Team # 5

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(X) Area in which remains were found. (Approx 4 1/2 m. dia.)



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form # 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946.

2 September 1950

Date

NAME X-0133, X-0134 & X-0135 RANK Unit ASN Unit

ORGANIZATION _____

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

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

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

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation?
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 W/O: CLARENCE S. HELMHOFF RANK E/1st ASN G-807666

b. ORGANIZATION _____

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY remains found
at crash site

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

a. Date of above burials _____ Common Graves? _____

5. Name and Type of Cemetery Not buried - found at plane crash site
(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.
a. Town Kellenbach Coordinates E-50/L-83
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 _____

- a. From what source was this information obtained? _____
(Identification tags, personal effects)
- b. By Whom _____
11. Where are the cemetery records? _____
(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)
- a. What information was contained thereon? _____

- b. Where was the information obtained? _____
- c. By Whom? _____
12. What is the date of death? Unknown
a. Give basis _____
13. What is the cause of death? Plane crash
b. Give basis remains found at crash site
14. What is the date of burial? not buried
a. Give basis _____

15. Where was the place of death? 2500 meters east of Hellerbrook ^{Coords} N-50/1-03
 Give basis remains found there at crash site
16. Where were the remains found? 2500 meters east of Hellerbrook ^{Coords} N-50/1-03
 a. By Whom? Dr. Joseph Bauer, Kirshberg and Mr. Walter Hude, Kirshberg
 b. Is sketch attached? yes
17. Was a casket used? no 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? _____

 b. Are certificates and statements attached? _____

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? yes ^{13 P 1}
 a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed see sketch

 (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 no
 b. Markings and/or name on plane ink - most of wreckage previously removed
 c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: ink
21. How did crash occur? ink Anti-aircraft _____
 Enemy Planes? ink Collision? _____

22. Did plane explode in the air? No On ground? No
23. Did plane burn in the air? No On ground? yes
24. What was the direction of the flight? Unk
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? Unk
26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? Unk
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
Unk
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash Unk
29. State precise time and date of plane crash daytime
(Night? Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? yes How many? 4 or 5 Escaped? Unk
Prisoners? Unk

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? no
- 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) ~~with~~

If so, give, complete and thorough results of the interrogation.

a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?

40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased _____

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

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team ~~with~~

If not, state reason _____

a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? ~~with~~

Where? ~~with~~ By Whom? ~~with~~

Present disposition ~~with~~

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? ~~with~~

Where? _____ By Whom? _____

Present disposition ~~with~~

- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? unk
- d. Did Cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? DNA
42. Was Deceased given first aid? _____ If so, where? _____
By whom? _____ 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?
No
(Burnt? Decapitated? etc)
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case?
No
- a. If so, give basis for positive assumption _____
- b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? _____
47. Was case previously investigated? Yes By Whom? unk
When? unk
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed
See attached narrative
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)

~~W. RL. KISSITRINE~~

Signature of Interpreter

~~Civilian~~

Rank

ASN

~~JAMES L. McGUIRE~~

Signature of Investigator

~~Capt. 0-923281~~

Rank

ASN

~~ACIC S & R Team # 5~~

Organization

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Organization

S.R.# 229

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN UNKNOWN X-8434 (PREV. S.R.# 229)						2. DATE OF REPORT 27 SEPT. 1950		
3. NAME OF CEMETERY 243 unk Neville C/L # USMC NEUVILLE				4. PLOT KK	5. ROW 4739	6. GRAVE 154	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT ///	REINTERMENT ///

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT APPROX. 27-30	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT UTD	10. COLOR OF HAIR NONE FOUND	11. RACE UTD
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12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS
 G.R. B. BY
 0-3376 (2) ORIGINAL I.D. TAGS & S.R. PAPER TAG

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES
 NONE FOUND

14. WAS BODY BURNED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	TO WHAT EXTENT?
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	TO WHAT EXTENT? SEE ATTACHED SKELETAL CHART

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS
 NONE EVIDENT

17. LIST EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, MARKINGS, SERVICE, ETC. (If laundry marks are indistinct such notation should be made and specimen forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area)

(2) ORIGINAL I.D. TAGS

PERSONAL EFFECTS:
 (1) RING, STERLING SILVER WITH FOLLOWING MARKINGS "G.R.B."

19. Black out parts of body not recovered

(SEE ATTACHED SKELETAL CHART)

20. MASS BURIAL CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE)
(Wherein segregation in whole or parts is impossible)

I certify that the group remains consist of parts of _____ decedents based on the presence of one or more of the following anatomical parts:

Signature of Medical Officer

21. Remarks and additional information

REMAINS ARE IN SKELETAL STATE, INCOMPLETE, .
TEETH RECEIVED WITH REMAINS (SEE TOOTH CHART)

EST. AGE 27-30

EST. HT. UTD

TECH.
SHPAK

CLERK
MC CAIN

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF DECEASED AND THAT ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Typed Name, Grade, Arm or Service and
Organization

Signature

Michael Shpak

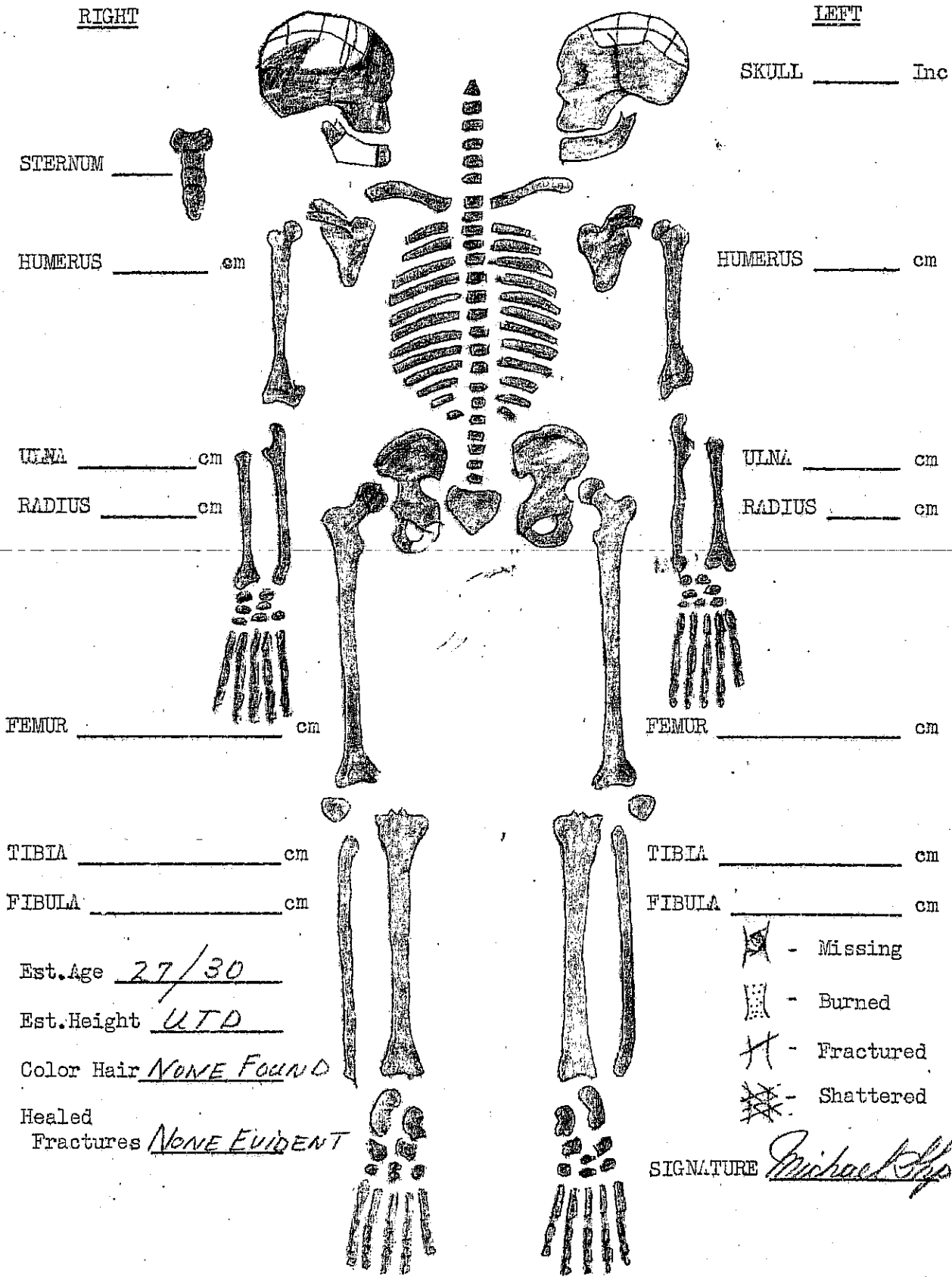
SKELETAL CHART

CHART "A-1"

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

RIGHT

LEFT



SKULL _____ Inc

STERNUM _____

HUMERUS _____ cm

HUMERUS _____ cm

ULNA _____ cm

ULNA _____ cm

RADIUS _____ cm

RADIUS _____ cm

FEMUR _____ cm

FEMUR _____ cm

TIBIA _____ cm

TIBIA _____ cm

FIBULA _____ cm





FIBULA _____ cm

Est. Age 27/30

Est. Height UTD

Color Hair NONE FOUND

Healed Fractures NONE EVIDENT

-  - Missing
-  - Burned
-  - Fractured
-  - Shattered

SIGNATURE Michael Spak

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TOOTH CHART

Possibly
(Union, western 17597. 32662366)

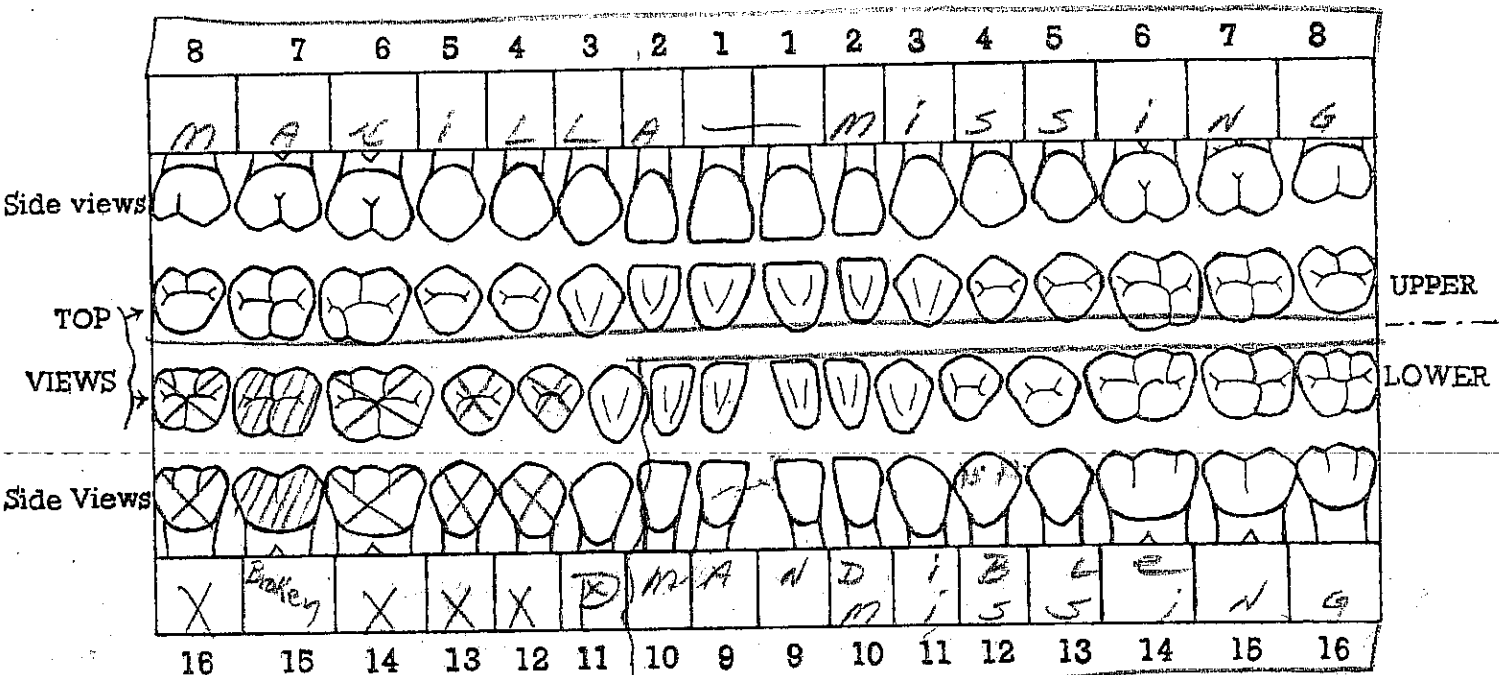
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Now X-8434 NEUVILLE KK-7-15#
Last Name First Initial Grade Serial No.

Unit Organization
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death

Right

Left


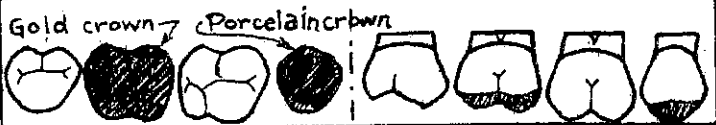
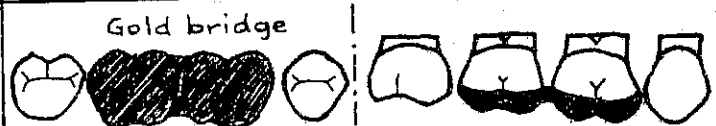
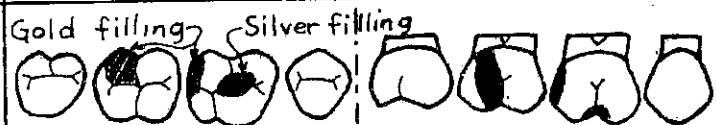
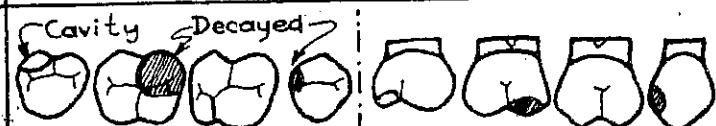


See Remarks

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), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

Harold A. Wheeler
Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

<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>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Tooth missing</p>
<p>CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Gold crown Porcelain crown</p>
<p>BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Gold bridge</p>
<p>FILLINGS.. Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Gold filling Silver filling</p>
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES). Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Cavity Decayed</p>

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

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

No teeth present.

Space R15-11 25+10mm. W1

R11 alveolus roughly in elevated distally.

Remains recovered in one package as on 1-23-35 were found to be intermingled. They have been presented this day and proper segregation has been accomplished. These (3) remains were found to be present and after processing were wrapped separately and designated as I-8434, I-8434 and I-8435.

The following findings are submitted:

	Age	Height	Weight	Hair
I-8434 (Remains) BILLINGSLEY (971)	approx 28 28	approx 5'10" 5'10"	Favorable 150	None found Brown
I-8434 (Remains) QUION (371)	27-30 29	UTD 5'6 1/4"	UTD 133	None found Brown
I-8435 (Remains) KING (371)	approx 21 21	UTD 5'6"	Favorable 136	None found Brown

Teeth recovered were in comparison with Form 971 for Billingsley. No articulation of mandible with the skull or the skull with the vertebral column is possible due to absence of skeletal parts. Height estimation was based on measurement of fragment of the left radius, using the Brogan system of fragmentary evidence. The remains is homogeneous.

Portion of mandibles recovered does not agree for Quion. No articulation is possible due to absence of skeletal parts. Only skull fragments and piece of the right pubis symphysis are present. Weight and height estimation is impossible due to missing skeletal parts.

No teeth have been recovered and no articulation is possible throughout these remains due to the presence of only a few skeletal parts. Characteristics of the bone fragments indicate that this decedent was light built and of short stature.

Cause of death: Characteristics of the bone fragments indicate either plain crash or some sort of explosion.

Note: see paragraph 17 of Form 1044 for personal effects recovered with these remains.

Michael Shipar
MICHAEL SHIPAR
Lab. Ident. Tech.

Dr. ALEXANDER TARDY
M.D., D.A. (Anthropology), G.S.D. 1922

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REPORT OF BURIAL

26 September 1950

943 unk *Newville C/L # 4739*
Unknown X-8434
Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.
Unk Unk Unk Unk

2300 meters east of Kellenbach
Place of Death Unit Organization
Unk Plane crash

1500 hrs - 28 September 1950
Time and Date of Burial Date of Death Cause of Death
USMC Newville-en-Condrou, Belgium VK-390187

154 7
Grave Number Row Number Name of Cemetery Name of Coordinates of Location
TMC

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified? *Cancelled 18 Dec 50 Assignment C/L # per Col. Clearwater 15 Dec 50*

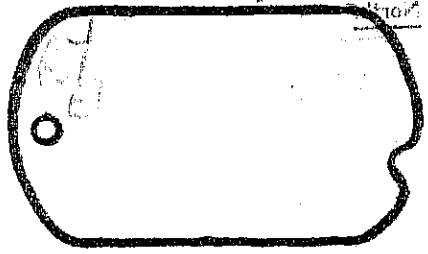
What means of identification were buried with the body?

One copy of GRS Form # 1, placed in burial bottle and buried with remains

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

Who is buried on:
Deceased's Right: *X-8433* Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No. *153*
Deceased's Left: *X-8435* Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No. *155*

Signature of Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.
If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:



Emergency Addressee *Unk* Name
Unk Address
Religion *Unknown*

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same: *None*
Remains previously found at crash side,
2300 meters east of Kellenbach, Germany.
(K-50/L-83)

Newville
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
Verified by G.R.S. Officer
LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt., *CMC*