

293-UNK. X-44 FRANCE (ENDILLY)

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APO 757

243 unk andilly X-44

Attached hereto are case papers for an approved unidentifiable *ms* case which are considered to be of investigative importance. Records of this headquarters indicate these case papers were not previously forwarded to OQMG for:

UNKNOWN X - 44 Andilly

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HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 403

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AG 293 - GNMCO-2.

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Identification of Deceased Personnel

TO : Commanding Officer, 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 340, U. S. Army

THRU : Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army

1. The remains of an unidentified soldier were buried in U. S. Military Cemetery No. 1, Andilly, France on 21 October 1944 as Unknown X-44. Death was estimated to have occurred on 1 October 1944. The body was burned beyond recognition, and when received at the cemetery was clothed in only a part of a wool undershirt and service shoes, size 7-D. No visible clothing markings were found. The numbers taken from an inter-communication set which accompanied the body are shown on the reverse side of the attached copy of the report of burial. The deceased had brown hair, and his height was estimated to be 5 ft. 8 in. The place where death occurred and circumstances surrounding the death are not known. The body was received from the 359th Infantry Regiment Collecting Point, north of Doncourt and east of Jarny, at co-ordinates 692:627 (Briey Sheet 1/50,000).

2. It is desired that an investigation be made to obtain any information which might assist in identifying Unknown X-44 as a member of your command.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

H. A. Engler
H. A. ENGLER,
Captain, A. C. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General

1 Incl
Copy of Report of Burial
of Unknown X-44

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*Andilly**X-44*

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AG 293 1st Ind. VRJ/wfh
 HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS, APO 340, U. S. Army, 3 November 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 607th TD Bn, APO 403, U. S. Army.

For compliance with basic communication.

By command of Major General WALKER:

W. R. James
 WELN R. JAMES,
 Major, A.G.D.,
 Asst Adj General.

1 Incl: n/c.

2nd Ind
 HEADQUARTERS 607th TD BN, APO 230, U.S. Army, 5 Nov 1944

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters XX Corps, APO 340, U.S. Army

1. Copies of Report of Burial (GRS Form #1) received by this Battalion for deaths which have occurred since 10 Sep 1944 to date, indicate that all of the deceased soldiers of this Battalion, during this period, have been identified at time of burial.

2. Soldier referred to in basic communication was not a member of this command.

For the Battalion Commander:

Stanley D Pierson
 STANLEY D PIERSON
 CWO, USA
 Personnel Officer

1 Incl.
 n/c

AG 293 3d Ind. VRJ/wfh
 HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS, APO 340, U. S. Army, 10 November 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Third U. S. Army (Rear Echelon) APO 403,
 U. S. Army, Attn: AG Casualty Section.

1 Incl: n/c. *JM*

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HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 403

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AG 293 - GNMCC-2

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Identification of Deceased Personnel

TO: Commanding Officer, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized),
APO 403, U. S. Army

1. The remains of an unidentified soldier were buried in U. S. Military Cemetery No. 1, Andilly, France on 21 October 1944 as Unknown X-44. Death was estimated to have occurred on 1 October 1944. The body was burned beyond recognition, and when received at the cemetery was clothed in only a part of a wool undershirt and service shoes, size 7-D. No visible clothing markings were found. The numbers taken from an inter-communication set which accompanied the body are shown on the reverse side of the attached copy of the report of burial. The deceased had brown hair, and his height was estimated to be 5 ft. 8 in. The place where death occurred and circumstances surrounding the death are not known. The body was received from the 359th Infantry Regiment Collecting Point, north of Doncourt and east of Jarny, at co-ordinates 692:627 (Briey Sheet 1/50,000).

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By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

H. A. Engler
H. A. ENGLER,
Captain, A. C. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General

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Copy of Report of Burial
of Unknown X-44AG 293 - GNMCC-2
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HQ 28TH CAV RCN SQ (MECZ), APO 403, US Army, 3 November, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Third US Army, APO 403, US Army.

1. The unidentified soldier indicated in basic communication is not a member of this command. All members of this command are present or accounted for.

2. All casualties which have occurred in this organization since its arrival on the continent have been properly accounted for.

For the Commanding Officer :

1-Incl. n/c.

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3 NOV 1944

James L. Gilreath
JAMES L. GILREATH,
CWO, USA,
Assistant Adjutant.

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THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 403

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AG 293 - GNMCQ-2

14 November 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Identification of Deceased Personnel

TO : Commanding Officer, 712th Tank Battalion, APO 340, U. S. Army

THRU : Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army

1. The remains of an unidentified soldier were buried in U. S. Military Cemetery No. 1, Andilly, France on 21 October 1944 as Unknown X-44. Death was estimated to have occurred on 1 October 1944. The body was burned beyond recognition, and when received at the cemetery was clothed in only a part of a wool undershirt and service shoes, size 7-D. No visible clothing markings were found. The numbers taken from an inter-communication set which accompanied the body are shown on the reverse side of the attached copy of the report of burial. The deceased had brown hair, and his height was estimated to be 5 ft. 8 inches. The place where death occurred and circumstances surrounding the death are not known. The body was received from the 359th Infantry Regiment Collecting Point, north of Doncourt and east of Jarny, at co-ordinates 692:627 (Briey Sheet 1/50,000).

2. It is desired that an investigation be made to obtain any information which might assist in identifying Unknown X-44 as a member of your command.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

Thomas F. Cahill, Jr.
THOMAS F. CAHILL, JR.
1st Lt., A. G. D.
Asst. Adjutant General

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Copy of report of burial
of Unknown X-44

AG 293

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS, APO 340, U. S. Army, 16 November 1944.

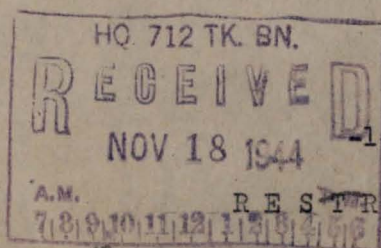
TO: Commanding Officer, 712th Tank Bn, APO 403, U. S. Army.

For compliance with basic communication.

By command of Major General WALKER:

Vern R. James
VERN R. JAMES,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst Adj General.

1 Incl: n/c.



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2d Ind.

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HQ 712TH TANK BN, APO 308, U. S. Army, 22 November 1944.

TO: CG, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army.

1. An investigation was conducted and the following facts resulted with reference to unidentified body (X-44):

a. Soldier is not member of this unit.

b. This organization had only one Killed in Action between 29 September 1944 and 15 November 1944. This soldier was killed by shrapnel and was not burned. A report of burial has been received for soldier.

c. This unit has five (5) men and officers reported Missing in Action of which no one meets the description of unidentified X-44. There has been no one reported Missing in Action since 6 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Stanley W. Seeley
STANLEY W. SEELEY
1st Lt., Cavalry
Adjutant

1 Incl:
n/c

AG 293

3d Ind.

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(14 Nov 44)

HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS, APO 340, U. S. Army, 24 November 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Third U. S. Army (Rear Echelon) APO 403, U. S. Army,
Attn: AG Casualty Section.

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Ltr Hq 3d US Army, AG 293 - GNMCO-2, dtd 14 Nov 44, Sub: Request for Identification of Deceased Personnel (Cont'd)

AG 293 - GNMCO-2
(14 November 1944)

4th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 403, U. S. Army, 8 December 1944.

THRU: Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army

TO : Commanding Officer, 712th Tank Bn, APO 403, U. S. Army.

1. It is desired that this headquarters be furnished the following information concerning the five men referred to in the 2d indorsement who have been carried as missing in action since 6 August 1944.

- a. Name
- b. Rank or grade
- c. Army Serial Number
- d. Name of village or place where they were last seen alive
- e. Name or identifying numbers of vehicle to which they were assigned
- f. Type of vehicle to which they were assigned
- g. Names of other crew members in the vehicle to which they were assigned

who were reported MIA or KIA on or before 6 August 1944.

2. A few reports of unidentified personnel who were buried on or before 8 August 1944 are on file in this headquarters. It may be possible to identify some of these reports with the names of the man now carried as MIA. If any other information is available which might assist in establishing identity, it should also be forwarded.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

H. A. Engler
H. A. ENGLER,
Captain, A. G. D.
Asst. Adjutant General

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5th Ind.

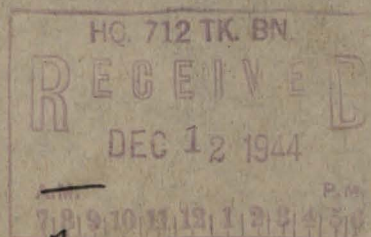
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HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS, APO 340, U. S. Army, 11 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 712th Tank Bn, APO 403, U. S. Army.

For compliance with fourth indorsement and return to this headquarters.

By command of Major General WALKER:



Sam H. Marmaduke
SAM H. MARMADUKE,
2d Lt., A. G. D.,
Asst Adj General.

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R E S T R I C T E D

AG 293

6th Ind.

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HQ 712TH TANK BATTALION, APO 308, U. S. Army, 19 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army.

In compliance with 4th Ind. the following information is submitted on the officer and men, this command, carried MIA since 6 August 1944:

LUND, ARNOLD L., 2d Lt., 01017316, MIA 6 August 1944.

Officer was last seen at Aron, France, (near Mayenne), 6 August 1944. At the time this officer became MIA, he was a Medium Tank Platoon Leader, riding in the lead tank. Lt. Lund's tank was knocked out several hundred yards in front of friendly lines. Lt. Lund evacuated the burning tank and was last seen lying on the ground near the tank, where the Medics rendered 1st Aid to him, but were unable to evacuate the officer to friendly lines due to heavy enemy MG cross-fire. The Battalion Motor Officer managed to crawl close enough to talk to Lt. Lund while he was lying on the ground. Our troops were forced to with-draw and use another route on the march to Le-Mans, and from all information, they never reached the point where officer was wounded, at that time. He is believed to have been picked up by German Medics.

BOWERS, PERCY E., T/ 4, 36201884, crew member (driver) of Lt. Lund's tank was KIA. The remaining three crew members were all evacuated with severe burns.

HOWELL, RICHARD C., Pvt., 38336612, MIA 3 July 1944.

Last seen $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SE St. Jores, France, 3 July 1944. At time soldier became MIA, he was a gunner in Medium Tank W-30103813, (Hq. #44). Tank was hit by an enemy tank gun and immediately caught fire. Pvt Howell was seen to evacuate tank and begin running through field toward friendly lines. This is the last time soldier was seen, and no further information has been located regarding him. The remaining four crew member were all evacuated with severe burns.

TITMAN, KENNETH E., Sgt., 6563293, MIA 11 July 1944.

Last seen $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South Le Haye de Puits, France, 11 July 1944. At time soldier became MIA, he was Tank Commander of Medium Tank No. W-3033594. This tank was knocked out of action at Foret du Monte Castre, France, (base of hill No. 122), on night of 11 July 1944, by what is believed to have been an enemy anti-tank gun. At time tank was knocked out, the enemy was counter-attacking and succeeded in re-taking position where tank was knocked out, making it impossible for friendly troops to approach the burned tank until ground was regained approximately three days later. Tank was burned and all the ammunition had exploded. Sgt Titman was not seen to evacuate the tank, but no means of identification could be found belonging to soldier.

COHRON, KENNETH R., Cpl., 33443588, crew member, (gunner), in Sgt Titman's tank was KIA at this time.

WOJTILLA, STEPHEN J., Pfc, 31197174, MIA 11 July 1944.

Last seen $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South Le Haye de Puits, France, 11 July 1944. Pfc Wojtilla was crew member, (loader), in Sgt Titman's tank, at time he became MIA. He was not seen to evacuate tank and no means of identification could be found belonging to soldier.

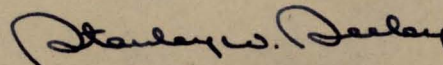
GENTLE, HAROLD A., Cpl., 33468250, MIA 11 July 1944.

Last seen $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South Le Haye de Puits, France, 11 July 1944. At time soldier became MIA, he was gunner in Medium Tank #3038774. This tank was knocked out at Foret du Monte Castre, France, (base of hill No. 122), the night of 11 July 1944, by what is believed to have been an enemy anti-tank gun. At time tank was knocked out, the enemy was counter-attacking and succeeded in re-taking the position where tank was knocked out, making it impossible for friendly troops to approach the burned tank until ground was regained, approximately three days later. Cpl Gentle was not seen to evacuate tank. No means of identification could be found belonging to soldier.

The remaining four crew members of Cpl Gentle's tank were reported KIA, as means of identification was established for them. The men are as follows:

TAYLOR, ABRAHAM I., S/Sgt, 31002701
FARRELL, PAUL B., T/5, 31229996
TANNLER, EUGENE T., Pfc, 33358589
KIBALLA, GERALD, Pvt., 33357910

For the Commanding Officer:



STANLEY W. SEELEY
1st Lt., Cavalry (Armd)
Adjutant

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AG 293
HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS, 340, U. S. Army, 20 December 1944.

7th Ind.

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TO: Commanding General, Third U. S. Army (Rear Echelon) APO 403, U. S. Army.
Attn: AG Casualty Section.

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

RRE 293

7 December 1949
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 44, Plot L, Row 6, Grave 139, USMC ANDILLY, France, 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. 2126, dated 28-12-46.

3. Remarks:

See Case History attached.

Received 22 DEC 1949 OQMG
Not identifiable from
information presently
available

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

[Signature]
Col. H. P. HENRY, O-12589

QMC

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

QMC

Maj. Charles REYNOLDS, O-182639

TC

Maj. Gerald SWARTHOUT, Sr., O-267451

CE

[Signature]
Capt. Edward F. PRICE, Jr., O-1588236

QMC

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

CAV

CWO Frank GEEB, W-2102925

USA

Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297

QMC

[Signature]
CWO Leodore GOUDREAU, W-2113434, USA

Incl #3

2993- bank, France (Andilly) X-44

CASE HISTORY

UNKNOWN NO, X-44

U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY

Andilly, France

(Location)

X-44 Andilly was recovered from the Moselle department in France. Actual place and date of death is undetermined. The remains was supposedly a casualty on or around 1 October 1944 and is thought to be a tank casualty because of the condition of the remains.

An extensive investigation af all casualties reported in this area including tank casualties has proven negative. All associations made by this branch and the Isolated Burial Branch have also proven negative. Former association is negative as the remains of the casualty that X-44 was believed to be was identified and returned to the US.

UNIDENTIFIABLE.

M. H. KAMONS.

No Personal Effects per 1st Ind QMD KG 332.3 (30 Dec 49)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Belt, Web **none**

Drawers, Wool **none**

Drawers, Cotton **none**

Leggins, Wool **none** (Note unusual lacing)

Socks, ~~Cotton~~ **wool** **1 O.D. Remnants of**

*Shoes **7 D** (type) **brown field shoes.**

Overshoes **none**

Web Equipment **none** (Type)

(Other item) **5 ft. long electric cord possibly for electrically heated flying suit or tanke equip, 1 flannel shirt with blue,**

(Other item) **white and red stripes non regulation and long shirt with botton particularly down the front.**

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

6. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ **1 wool army blanket**
(type & location : shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **remnants of tankers jacket.**

7. Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Forces

GROUND FORCES

8. Description of Remains :

Age **UTD** Est. **5'** Height **Est. 120** Weight **Description of wounds UTD**

Bandages or dressings **UTD** Scars **UTD**
(length, width, location)

Tattoos **UTD**
(Number, location - illustrate on sep. page)

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

Sunburn or tan, other than hands & face **UTD**

Complexion **UTD**
(light, med. 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 **UTD** (baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics).

Sideburns **UTD** (color, setting, shape) Mustache **UTD** (color, size, shape) Beard or **UTD** (length, heavy)

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

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

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

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

Teeth **see tooth chart** (white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extract).

Chin **pointed** (prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double)

Jaw **pointed** (large, small, normal) Circumference of head in inches **20 1/2"** (hat band)

Neck **UTD** (size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) Larynx **UTD** (prominent, normal)

Shoulders **UTD** (broad, straight, small, rounded) Arms **UTD** (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 & extent of hair, large, small normal)

Back **UTD** (quantity & extent of hair) Navel **UTD** (size of navel, appendectomy, amount)

(quantity & color of hair) Circumcision **UTD** (yes-no) Pubic hair **none found** (color)

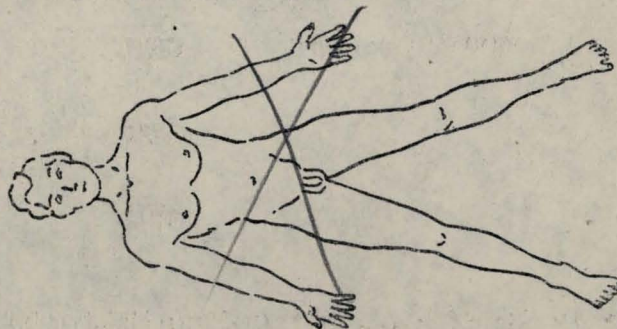
Hernioplasty **UTD** (yes-no; location)

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

Feet **1-8 1/2, W-2 1/2 small size** Toes **UTD** (slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed factures **none** (nose, arms, legs, etc.)

9. Black out parts of body not received at cemetery : **see attached chart**



10. Have fingerprints been placed on Report of Interment **no** (yes-no)

If not, explain **decomposed**

11. Has tooth chart been prepared **yes** (yes-no) If not, explain

12. Remarks : **Body consists of complete skeleton except for both forearms and portion of each upper arm with some decayed flesh attached. Body and clothing show signs of being burned. Est. weight of remains 30 lbs. Fluoroscope results negative. According to bone structure this is the body of a very small individual 5 feet ; tall or less. Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.**

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.

Robert A. Salvador
ROBERT A. SALVADOR Officer's Name

Capt. Inf. Rank Service

Central Identification Point. Organization

X-44

Andilly, France
Grave 139

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

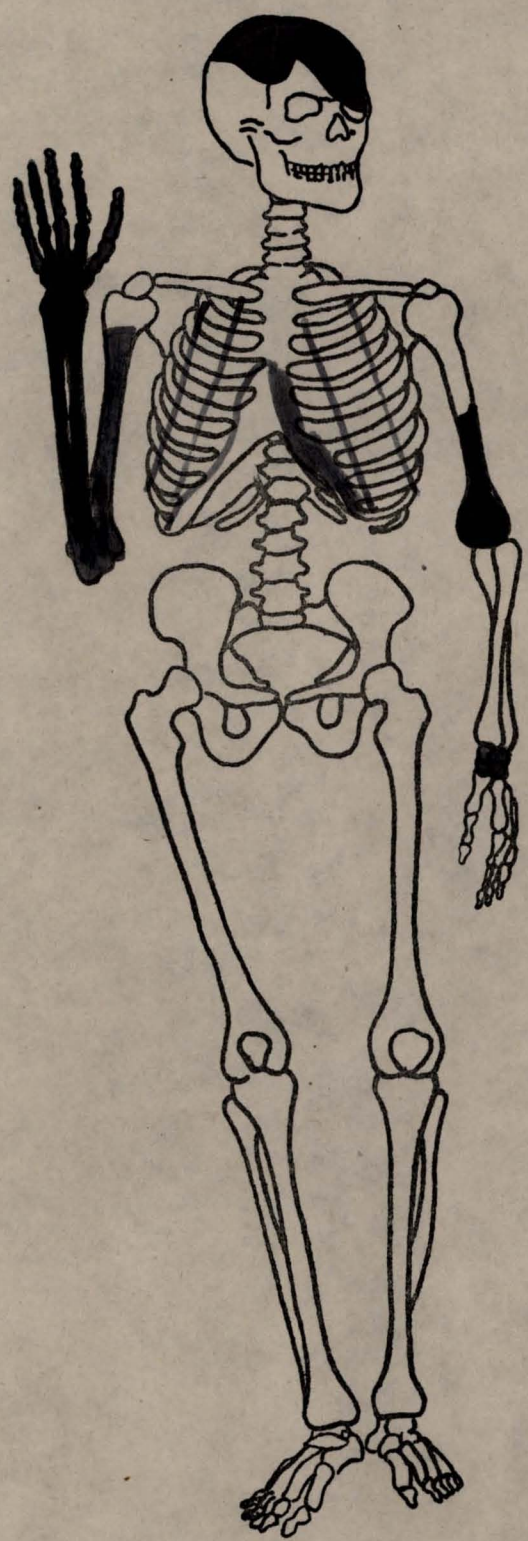


CHART "A"

X-44

G. R. & E. DIV.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER
HQ. COM. ZONE, ETOUSA

TOOTH CHART

X-44

Date

X-44 Andilly, France

Plot L. Co. - Grave 139
Last Name: *Plot L. Co. - Grave 139* First: Initial: Rank: Serial No.:
Unit: Organization:

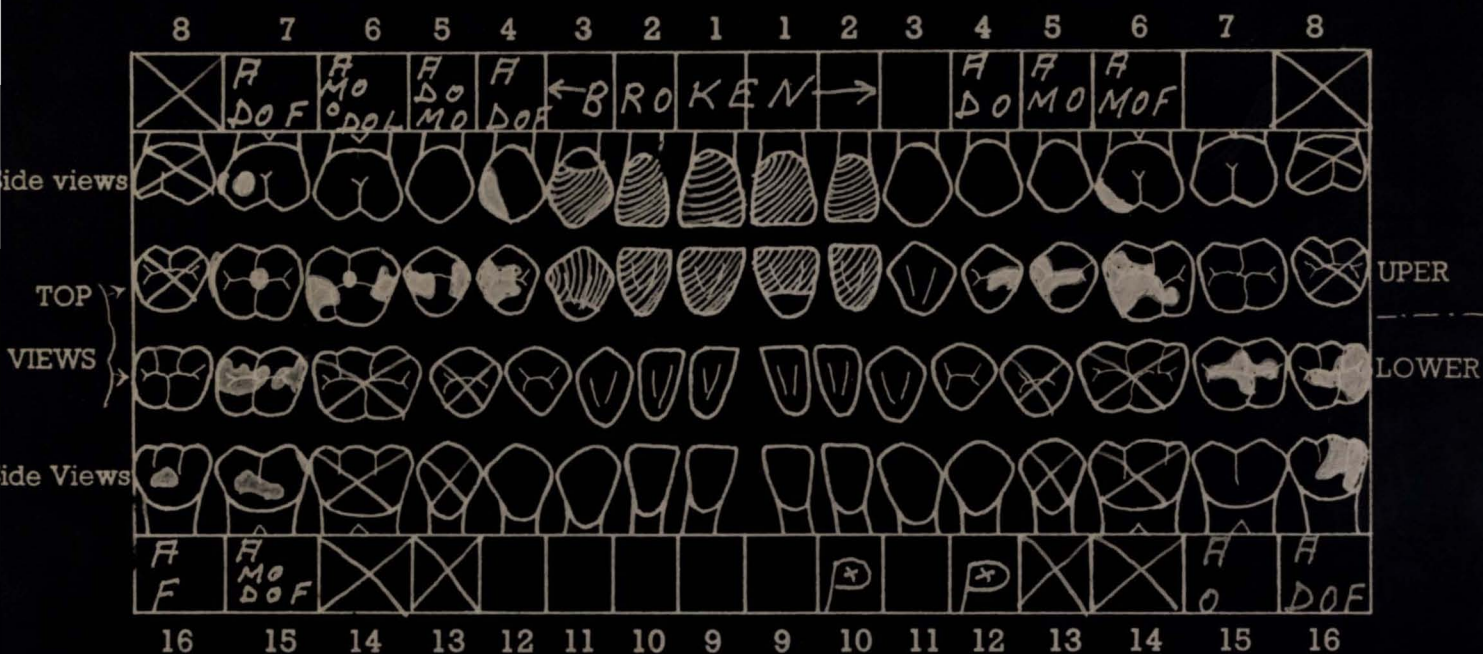
Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

Right

Left



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.

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Donald R. Steele B 211403

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

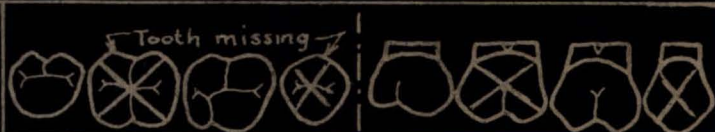
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Verified by G. R. S. Officer

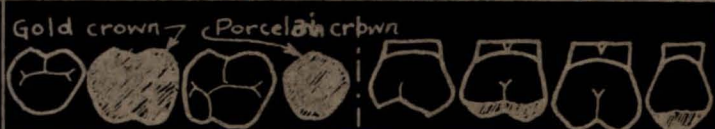
ROBERT A. SALVADOR
Capt. Inf. C.I.P.

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MISSING TEETH... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :



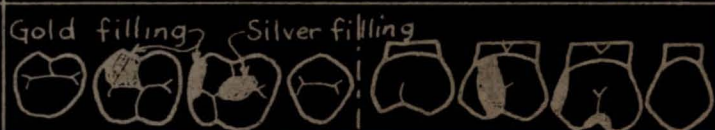
CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :



BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



FILLINGS... Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES)... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



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

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

Missing before death: R 14, R 13, R 8
 L 14, L 13, L 8
 Spaces: R 15 - R 12, 1 mm; R 12-R 11, 3mm;
 Posthumously missing: L 12, L 10
 R 12 rotated 30° mesially
 Broken off: R 1, R 2, R 3
 L 1, L 2.

Average sized teeth
 Color: yellow - ivory
 Alignment fair.

Restricted

Collecting Point (Charey) 650-460
 609th QM Graves Registration Company
 APO # 403, U.S. Army

21 Oct 1944

Subject: Transmittal of Unidentified American Dead

To: U.S. Military Cemetery, APO 403, U.S. Army

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d. Probable organization: 28th or 6th Cavalry
 607th Tank Destroyer?
 712th Tank? (considered possible but not likely due to location of this unit)

Not believed to be Infantry unit, because body was badly burned. Only 22 clothing & equipment noted was combat jacket, 20 shoes, intel communication wiring found with body.

Personnel in 609th QM Gr Reg Co. have no knowledge that this body was ever taken to a military cemetery and burial refused because of insufficient information.

Incl: note fr Capt O'Hara, dated 17 Oct 1944

Edgar R. DeBease, Jr.
 1st Lt, QMC

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17. Oct 1944.

Subject: Identity of Dead Soldier.

To: XX Corps G.R.S. Coll. Pt.

1. No means of identifying the body accompanied by this memorandum is obtainable by this officer.

2. It is requested that this body be evacuated at once, and buried.

George K. Wain Jr.
Capt. Q.M.C.
Graves Registration Officer
90th Inf Div.

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Collecting Point (Charey) 650-460
609th QM Graves Registration Company
APO #403, U. S. Army

21 Oct 1944

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Note for Capt O'Hara, dated 17 Oct 1944

/s/ Edgar R. DeWeese, Jr.
1st Lt. QMC

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HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 US ARMY

7 December 1949
 Date

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

293 Unknown - France X-44 (Andilly) Ldr

TO: The Quartermaster General
 Memorial Division
 Washington 25, D. C.

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 44, Plot L, Row 6, Grave 139, USMC ANDILLY, France have been reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient evidence is available to establish the identity of this deceased, and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of Reprocessing was forwarded to your office by letter of transmittal No. 2126, dated 28-12-46. No further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

See Case History attached.

Case reviewed by:

/s/ Col H.P. HENRY, O-12589
 /t/ Capt. EDWARD F. PRICE, JR. O-158
 8236

CWO LEODORE GOUDREAU W-2113434

Received 22 DEC 1949 OQMG
 Not identifiable from
 information presently
 available

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 NAT
 File 10 Jan 50
 M. Island
 Ident. Br.

CASE HISTORY

UNKNOWN NO. 44 U.S.MILITARY CEMETERY Andilly, France
(Location)

X-44 Andilly was recovered from the Moselle department in France. Actual place and date of death is undetermined. The remains was supposedly a casualty on or around 1 October 1944 and is thought to be a tank casualty because of the condition of the remains.

An extensive investigation of all casualties reported in this area including tank casualties has proven negative. All associations made by this branch and the Isolated Burial Branch have also proven negative. Former association is negative as the remains of the casualty that X-44 was believed to be was identified and returned to the US.

UNIDENTIFIABLE.

M.H.KAMONS

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster
APO 403

293 Unknown X-44 (Andilly) dl

rgi/was

AG 293.10-GNMCQ-2

24 August 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Tooth Chart.

TO : CG, GR REG SERV COMD, USFET, APO 887, U.S. ARMY.

Request that a copy of the tooth chart of Pvt. Michael E. Piantoni, 39620659, and Cpl. Andrew J. Scott, 6658123, be forwarded to this headquarters for comparison with Unknown X-44, U.S. Military Cemetery, Andilly, France.

For the Quartermaster:

Alexander M. Zelenski
for CHARLES E. HOY,
Major, QMC.,
Army GRO.,



293 Unknown X-44 Andilly, France

*NAN
File 20 Dec 49
M. Blom
Ident Br*

R E S T R I C T E D

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USMC, ST. AVOLD, FRANCE
Plot A, Row 11, Grave 58
Date reburied: 4 Jan 49

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

PLOTTED BY WIMBERLY

SECTION A -
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

Donald H Tackett
DONALD H TACKETT
1st Lt. QMC

DIRECTIVE NUMBER
3504 00000

DATE
15 06 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME: UNKNOWN SERIAL NUMBER: X-000044 RANK: Q ARM: Q DATE OF DEATH: DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY: ANDILLY - LAY ST REMY DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: 0 3503 80 CODE DIST. PT.

LOT: L ROW: 6 GRAVE: 139 COUNTRY: FRANCE CAUSE OF DEATH: 6

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: ST. AVOLD, FRANCE
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME: SERIAL NUMBER: RANK: DATE OF DEATH: DATE DISINTERRED:
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON: REMAINS 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: SEE ATCHD WORK SHIT

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE: CASKET SEALED BY: BY: EMBALMER (Signature):
Geo W. Lowry, Embalmer
Geo W. Lowry, Embalmer
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED: SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY: All markings, tags and plates verified by:
DONALD H. TACKETT, 1st Lt. QMC.

DATE: 27 Aug 48 BY: Geo W. Lowry

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

Final casketing by: *Donald H Tackett*
DONALD H. TACKETT, 1st Lt. QMC. Zone 3 Hq

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FILE
RECORDS ANNOTATED
APR 21 1949
NAME: *Shuford*
R & B BR.

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

Complete copy of an "Unknown" or "X" file digitized from the original held at the Washington National Records Center, Suitland, MD.

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

ST AVOLD, FRANCE
 ELMO R KING 1st Lt Ing

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED				DIRECTIVE NUMBER		DATE			
NAME UNKNOWN				SERIAL NUMBER X-000044		RANK	ARM Q	DATE OF DEATH	
								DAY	MONTH
CEMETERY							DISPOSITION OF REMAINS		
							CODE	DIST. PT.	
PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	COUNTRY						CAUSE OF DEATH
L	6	139	ANDILLY FRANCE						

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE				NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN			

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME UNKNOWN		SERIAL NUMBER X-000044		RANK	DATE OF DEATH		DATE DISTINTERRED 7 July 1948	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION			RELIGION		IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY JOHN D REGAN, EMBALMER NAME AND TITLE		

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Military clothing		CONDITION OF REMAINS Disarticulated; fractured lt. & rt. humeri, skull; missing lt. radius & ulna.	
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION GRS tag found on marker " UNKNOWN X-44". Report of Burial found with remains, " UNKNOWN X-44".	
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MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1 None	
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REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET transfer box	
DATE 7 July 1948	BY John D REGAN, Embalmer EMBALMER (Signature)
CASKET SEALED BY	

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED		SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY All markings plates & tags 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. /except casketing

James B JOHNS, 1st Lt. Inf. 337 QM. SV. BN.

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

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293 ^{X44} Unk. ~~49397~~, France.

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SYNOPSIS

5 Aug. 1946.

LETTER.

FROM: TO Capt. Roy Moore, Jr., Provisional Co. C.,
CH-0119(b)C-1, apo 21628., c/o MP, N.Y.

FROM: OCMG.

RE: Your ltr to WD concerning late 2nd Lt. James W. Bauer,
Capt. Geo. W. Hamby Jr, and 2nd Lt., Charles W. Hummer has been referred
to this office.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO

201 Moore, Roy, Jr., (Capt.).

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