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7387 GRAVES DETACHMENT

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Attached hereto are case papers for an approved unidentifiable 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-217 Epinal

(POC) EPINAL

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CHECK LIST FOR DISINTERMENTS
(To accompany Report of Reburial)

Only Part I should be completed, if identification tags are available.
Both Part I & Part II should be completely filled out if identification tags are not available.

If information is unavailable, so indicate.

PART I
(Positive Identification)

1. UNKNOWN X-217 Unk Unk Unk
 (Full name of deceased) (Rank) (ASN) (Organization)
2. State if identification tags were attached to remains, how many, and where attached None.
3. Give exact location from which disinterred, furnishing coordinates and map series used Epinal, Cemetery Grave 4641.
- NOTE: ATTACH OVERLAY SHOWING EXACT LOCATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE TYING LOCATION IN WITH PERMANENT LABELS.
4. Full name of cemetery (if buried in an organized cemetery) Epinal Cemetery.
5. Approximate or established date of death (state which & give basis for date selected) Unknown.
6. Approximate or established date of burial (give basis for date established) Unknown.
7. Manner in which grave was marked and all information contained on the marker None.
8. List personal effects found in possession of civilian or unauthorized military personnel, furnishing name and address of individuals concerned None.
9. Names and addresses of all persons questioned concerning death or burial and information each furnished (contact local Mayor, priest, cemetery caretaker, those responsible for burial and any other possessing important information) None.

PART II
(Doubtful or Undetermined Identification)

10. Fill in any information available regarding name, rank, ASN, or organization (Check cemetery records and office) None.
11. Unk Unk Unk Unk
 (Est Height) (Est Weight) (Color of Hair) (Color of Eyes)
12. Give description of facial features and body characteristics if possible, including the presence of scars, holes, circumcision, tattoos, length of hair, presence of mustache or beard, etc. None.

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13. Give as detailed description as possible of condition and amount of remains
 ----- Badly decomposed, and nothing left of remains except -----
 ----- a few small pieces of flesh. -----

14. Give probable cause of death, type & location of wounds (is there evidence
 that body was burned) ----- None. -----

15. Give minute description of all effects, clothing & shoes, including clothes
 markings & sizes, as well as shoe size. List each item of clothing, with a
 description of any unusual cuts, design markings, pockets, colors patches,
 etc. Also list, with detailed descriptions, all effects without intrinsic
 value, such as gum, food, soap, papers, letters, tobacco, etc., giving
 brands when applicable; ----- None. -----

16. Give description of any vehicle found in the area that could be connected
 with the death of the deceased ----- None. -----

 ----- (Type) ----- (M.D Serial No.) ----- (Organization) ----- (Serial No. & Type

 ----- of each gun) -----
17. Give exact location of remains in vehicle before removal -----

18. If buried in a coffin, give description and markings -----
 ----- None. -----
19. List names of all other deceased persons buried in the vicinity, also give
 available information concerning the cause & place of death of each that may
 assist in identification of those remains -----

20. Other pertinent information which would aid in establishing identity -----
 ----- None. -----

----- NED C. TILUS ----- T/5 ----- 612th CM Cr Reg Co. -----
 (Individual in Charge of Disinterment) (Rank) (ASN) (Organization)

----- 26 November 1945 -----
 (Date)

(B/L, Hqs, Third Zone, 531 QM Gp, AGRC, subj: Board of Review Report,
Case X-217, dtd 22 Dec 1947)

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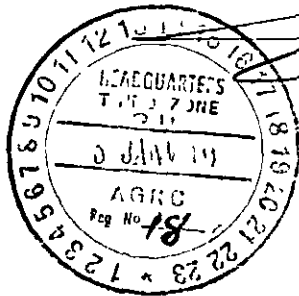
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Hqs, Third Zone, 531 Quartermaster Group, American Graves Registration
Command, EA, APO 58, U S Army, 30 December 1947

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, EA,
APO 58, US Army

Recommendations approved.

293 units France X.217 Equal



Frank G. Marchesan
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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE
531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 (NANCY) US ARMY

22 December 1947

SUBJECT Board of Review Report, Case X-217

TO Commanding General,
American Graves Registration Command, EA,
APO 58, US Army

THRU Commanding Officer,
Headquarters Third Zone,
531 Quartermaster Group, AGRC, EA,
APO 58, US Army

1 Forwarded herewith is a complete report of the 3rd Zone Board of Review and allied papers relative to a major discrepancy on case X-217

2 The processing of remains of X-217 was undertaken in compliance with Par 4 Operational Instructions # 118 your Headquarters, dtd 7 Oct 47

3 Subject case is being referred to your Headquarters upon recommendation of the Board for further action and decision

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Louis A Bockstahler
LOUIS A BOCKSTAHLER
1st Lt INF
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5 January 1948

Trans. Ltr No. 153 (Special)

SUBJECT Unknown X-217 (Epinal)

TO Officer in Charge
USAG, Epinal, France

1. Your attention is invited to attached true copy of "Loss Burial Certificate - Epinal" dated 31 October 1947 effected on deceased Unknown X-217 (Epinal), plot 2-C, Row 15, Grave 4641

2. A detailed reprocessing by the SIF was accomplished on the remains as per Operations Instructions #118 (Par 4) HQ AGRC dated 7 October 1947 and there was found to be two remains in the single grave indicated

3. The case of Unknown X-217 (A&B) allied papers has undergone consideration by the Zone Board of Review to determine a major discrepancy on the Disinterment Directive issued for the remains.

4. As per your receipted copy of LOT #82 you have received Case History for Unknown X-217 (Epinal) However, you will proceed with the disinterring of those remains with the attached Case History used in lieu thereof.

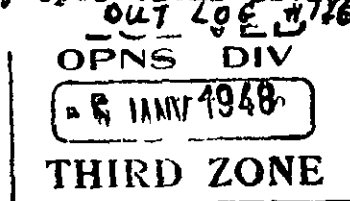
BY ORDER OF COLONEL MARCHAND:

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Chief, Operations Division



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THRU Commanding Officer,
Headquarters Third Zone,
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INTRODUCTION

A Board of Officers appointed by Par 4, S O # 129, Headquarters 3rd Zone, 531 Quartermaster Group, AGRC, dtd 6 Oct 47, as amended by Par 6, S O # 165 dtd 16 Dec 47, met at Nancy, France on the 15 Dec 47 at the call of the President for the purpose of ruling on a Major Discrepancy in USMC at Epinal, France, concerning case X-217, viz in that Plot 2 G, Row 15, Grave 4641, contained the anatomical parts of two decedents Extract copies of S O # 129 and S O # 165, referred to above are attached, marked as Exh "A"

Members present

Lt Col William A CAUTHEN, President
Lt Col Robert A WRIGHT, Jr Board -
Member
Maj Randolph C BARROWS, Board Member
1st Lt Howard I KRUGER, Medical Officer/
1st Lt Louis A BOCKSTAHLER, Recorder

Members absent

None

FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

On 31 October 1947, Mr Noel E GIBSON, D O A Civilian, Identification Technician, processed the remains of X-217 under the supervision of Major R C BARROWS, Inspecting Officer, as per Par 4, Operational Instructions # 118, Headquarters AGRC dtd 7 Oct 47 (See Exh "H") Said remains were interred in a single grave at USMC at Epinal, France, Plot 2 G, Row 15, Grave 4641

It was determined as a result of said processing that X-217 was a group remains consisting of parts of two (2) decedents based on the presence of one or more of the following anatomical parts
Distal Section of Right Tibia - two (2) Right Tarsals and five (5) Right Metatarsals (See Exh "J")
The remains were subsequently segregated, reburied in the same casket and classified as X-217 A and B
Segregation was made possible by the difference of bone stains, bone structure and sizes The bones of X-217 B were the smaller of the two Clothing found among the remains did not bear any markings
The part of the jaw bone containing the teeth were charted and placed with X-217 A Fluoroscopic examination was deemed unnecessary

FINDINGS

1 That the remains of X-217 were interred in Plot 2 G, Row 15 Grave 4641 at USMC at Epinal, France

2 That Mr Noel E GIBSON, Identification Technician processed the remains according to Par 4, Operational Instructions # 118, Headquarters AGRC, dtd 7 Oct 47, under the supervision of Maj R C BARROWS, Inspecting Officer

3 That X-217 was a group remains consisting of parts of two (2) decedents

4 That Plot 2 G, Row 15, Grave 4641 yielded the Distal Section of Right Tibia - Two (2) Right Tarsals and five (5) Right Metatarsals

5 That the remains were segregated, reburied in the same casket and classified as X-217 A and B

6 That segregation was made possible by the difference of bone stains, bone structures and sizes

7 That the bones of X-217 B were the smaller of the two (2) remains

8 That clothing found among the remains did not bear any markings

9 That a part of the jaw bone containing the teeth were charted and placed with X-217 A

10 That a fluoroscopic examination was not necessary

11 That the Board was unable to determine the positive identity of the remains

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Case X-217 be referred to the Board of Review at Headquarters AGRC, for further action and decision

Louis A Bockstahler
LOUIS A BOCKSTAHLER
1st Lt INF
Recorder

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WILLIAM A CAUTHEN
Lt Col CAC
President

EXHIBITS

Exhibit "A" Extract copies S O # 129 and S O # 165, Hq 3rd Zone, cs
Exhibit "B" Form 1194
Exhibit "C" Form 1194 A
Exhibit "D" Form 11 (X-217 A)
Exhibit "E" Form 11 (X-217 B)
Exhibit "F" Skeletal Charts (X-217 A)
Exhibit "G" Skeletal Charts (X-217 B)
Exhibit "H" Opns Instr # 118, Hq AGRC
Exhibit "I" Tooth Chart
Exhibit "J" Mass Burial Certificates
Exhibit "K" Narrative

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

7 October 1947

NUMBER 118

E X T R A C T

4 UNKNOWN DECEASED, USMC EPINAL, FRANCE

The following known and unknown deceased interred in USMC Epinal, France, will be reprocessed by an Identification Team prior to exhumation operations scheduled to start on or about 17 November 1947. Check List for identification, AGRC Form 11, and Tooth Chart will be executed and delivered to this office as soon as possible.

1	2/Lt Doanld C Boyde	ASN 0-703598		
	Plot 3F, Row 15, Grave 7722			
2	Pfc John T Spitzenberger,	36296030		
	Plot 21, Row 7, Grave 4971			
3	Sgt Robert A Limmer,	33556594		
	Plot 2Q, Row 10, Grave 158			
4	Pfc Ernest M Webster,	34894959		
	Plot Z, Row 19, Grave 3677			
5	Unknown X-217,	Plot 2G, Row 15	Grave 4641	
6	Unknown X-748	3F 14	7707	
7	Unknown X-750	2F 6	4530	
8	Unknown X-756	3E 17	7661	
9	Unknown X-762	3F 15	7723	

All other unknown deceased interred in USMC Epinal France, have been processed and all available data obtainable from the remains is of record, therefore further processing for this purpose during exhumation activities will be dispensed with (RRE)

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM

OFFICIAL

s/ Frank FRANCIS

t/ FRANK FRANCIS
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Actg Asst Adj Gen

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Colonel, GMC
Chief of Staff

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(Basic ltr Hqs, Third Zone, 531 QM Gp, AGRC subj Board of Review Report, Case X-217 dtl 22 Dec 1947)

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Hq, American Graves Registration Command European Area, APO 58, U S Army 25 February 1948

TO Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, EA APO 58 U S Army

1 It has been administratively determined that the remains disinterred from Plot GG, Row 15, Grave 4641 U S Military Cemetery Epinal, France represent a group burial of two (2) unknown deceased

2 Forwarded herewith are case papers and corrected Report of Burial Copy number of Board of Review has been retained by this headquarters

BY COMMAND OF BRIG DIR GENERAL PECKHAM

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Lt Col QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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- 1 Corrected R/B in trip for X-217 A & B
- 2 Board of Review

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SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 129)

6 October 1947

E X T R A C T

4 In compliance with par 1e Sec I Opns Instr 113 Hq AGRC 5 Sep 1947, the fol named Os are designated the Third Zone Bd of Review to act in all cases wherein major discrepancies are found during Repatriation Opns in this Zone

Lt Col WILLIAM A CAUTHEN	0250061	CAC	Hq/Hq Det 531 QM Gp
Lt Col ROBERT A WRIGHT Jr	0295059	Cav	Hq/Hq Det 531 QM Gp
Maj RANDOLPH C BARROWS	0341947	Cav	Hq/Hq Det 531 QM Gp
Capt BARUJ BENACERRAF	0932422	MC	Med Det 337 QM Bn
1st Lt LOUIS A BOCKSTAHLER	01337131	INF	539 QM Sv Co (AC)

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BURRITT

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s/ L A HAYES

t/ LAWRENCE A HAYES
Captain AGD
Adjutant

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SPECIAL ORDERS)

16 December 1947

NUMBER 165)

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6 1st Lt HOWARD I KRUGER O1727144 MC Med Det
337 QM Bn is detailed a member of the Bd of Os aptd
per par 4 SO 129 this hq cs (Bs of Review to act in
all cases wherein major discrepancies are found du-
ring Repatriations Opns in this Zone) eff 15 Dec 47
vice 1st Lt EDWARD J BERMAN O936130 MC trfd Exi-
gencies of the sv having been such as to preclude
issuance of these orders in advance

BY ORDER OF COLONEL MARCHIAN

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LAWRENCE A HAYES
Captain AGD
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s/ LAWRENCE A HAYES

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