

7887 GRAVES DETACHMENT

APO 757

243 unk St. James X-183

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 - 183 St James

293

(POC) ST JAMES

~~File - May~~

~~22 Oct 57~~

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST QUARTERMASTER GROUP
APO 562
U.S. ARMY

N-2-574 1-984
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE
OR
UNBURIED REMAINS

Date 25 JAN 45

*U.S. - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

1. Name, Rank, ASN of deceased: Unknown American soldier
2. Organization of deceased: Unknown; may have been mine clearance organization.
3. Means of identification: See reverse side.
4. Cause of death: Mine explosion 5. Date of death: Sept 1944
6. If isolated grave:
 - a. Date of burial: Not buried. b. By whom buried: -----
 - c. Inscription on marker: No marker...
7. Location of *grave/unburied remains: Field near Port Mer, France; see sketch.
(Be specific, sketch on reverse)

8. Names of deceased and location of other *graves/unburied remains in immediate vicinity: See also reverse side.

9. Description and location of wrecked or abandoned vehicles or equipment in immediate vicinity: None

10. Disposition of personal effects: (itemize if possible) None found

11. Other pertinent information: See reverse.
(Use reverse side if necessary)

12. Information furnished by: M. Poirier, Adjutant Gendarmerie Nationale,
(Name, title, address)
Cancalle, France.

13. Names and addresses of other persons familiar with the case: M. Jean Levant,
Port Mer, near Cancalle, France.

(Over)

St James - 1-183 X

11. Action taken: Parts of body found were evacuated to military cemetery.

Disinterment approved by: HAROLD A. MYERS, Capt., 1st QM Group

Disinterment and ~~burial~~ made by: 610th QM Graves Reg. Co.

Date of ~~burial~~: 26 JAN 45

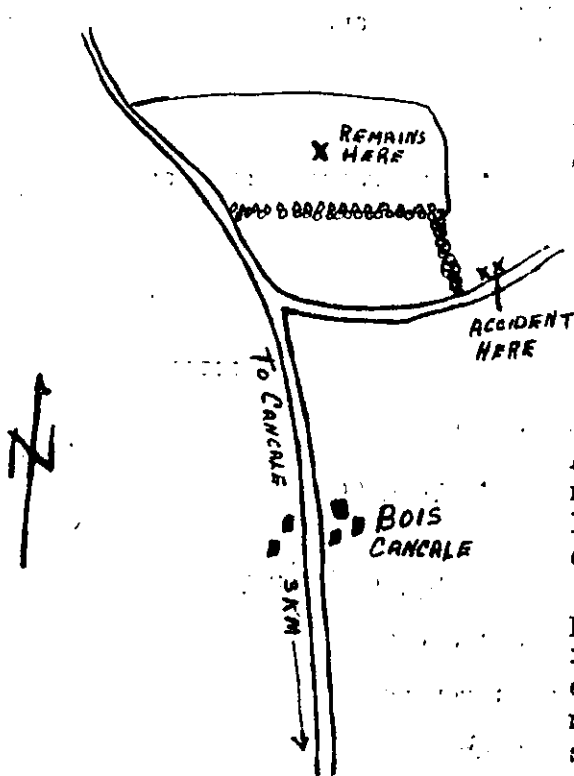
Place of ~~burial~~ U. S. Military Cemetery: St. James, France

Plot 0 Row 8 Grave 192

Alexander K. Zeleuski
ALEXANDER K. ZELEUSKI O-1595924
1st Lt., QMC GRS Officer

Signature of Investigation Officer
C.V. Holmes
Sgt., 39716266
RANK, ASN

* Cross out where applicable
PONT du GROUIN



... Early in September 1944 a group of 25 American soldiers were engaged in removing mines from Port Mer (918-199-Sheet 5/G, 1:100,000) area. While working, a mine exploded and it is believed killed two men.

Investigation on 25 Jan 45 revealed a piece of spine, top of head and several ribs in a wheat field nearby. Further search was deemed inadvisable due to presence of many mines in surrounding fields. Most of hair was still on the piece of skull, was quite long and of a deep reddish color.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

7 FEB. 1949
Date

293 Unknown France X-183 (St. James)
SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 183, Plot 0,
Row 8, Grave 192, USMC ST. JAMES, 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. 2124, dated 27 DECEMBER 1946. No
further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ GEORGE L. FREEMAN
/t/

Received 18 FEB 1949
Identifiable from
information presently
available
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file
14 FEB 1949
C. E. Mendenhall
Adj. Br.

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

FEB 19 1950

MEMORANDUM

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Incl #8

Interred 4 Dec 1949

I-4-1 ST. JAMES

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

H.F. HILL CAPT QMC

CEM. SUPT.

SECTION A -

NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

3578 00078

DATE

15 01 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

UNKNOWNX-000183

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ARM

DATE OF DEATH

DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY

ST JAMES - AVRANCHES

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

3504 80
CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

COUNTRY

0 8 192 FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH

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SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

ST. JAMES, FRANCE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

(BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

UNKNOWN

SERIAL NUMBER

X-000183

RANK

UTD

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISINTERRED

24 MAY 1948 RSC

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

REMAINS Bottle (2)
 MARKER GRS tag

ORGANIZATION

UNKNOWN

RELIGION

UTD

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

VILAS K. SORENSON, Embalmer
NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

OD's

CONDITION OF REMAINS

Estimated 2 lbs. fragmented bones.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

GRS Form No. 1 with remains.

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASE~~ transfer case.

DATE 25 May 1948

BY Vilas K. Sorenson

CASKET SEALED BY

Garrett J. Burke

EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY All markings, tags and plates verified by:

DATE 25/6/48 BY C.J. Morgant

WM. J. SMITH, 1/LT., CE.

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. ~~On this form are true~~ except casketing

entries on Copy No. 2 of this Directive which contains the names of the ~~officers~~ whose names are typed here: RAFAEL T. RUIZ, 1/LT., FA.

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

MAILED
FILE
RECORDS
DATE APR 12 1949
NAME R. J. RUIZ
R & B BR.

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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SECRET UNDER NO. 293 - Unknown France X-163 (St. James)

I N D E X S H E E T

S Y N O P S I S

Letter

14 Feb. 1947

FROM:
TO:

OO:G
CO, Amer. GRC, European Theater Area, APO 887, c/o FBI
New York

SUBJ:

Check Lists of Unknowns

SECRET FILED UNDER NO. 293 - Unknown France (Misc) (St. James)

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CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

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

Unknown X ~~-183~~ ^X
Cemetery St. James, France
Plot 0 Row 8 Grave 192

Card

Reprocessed: 21 November 1946

1. ~~XXXXXX~~ (Hour) (date)
2. Place of death (Name of closest town) (ordinates and letter Prefex, maps)

Sheet, scale and serials used.

3. Remains ~~recovered~~ disinterred by Subordinate Identification Point, Carentan, France (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		Indicate unusual markings	
	Markings	Sizes	Color	wear, tear, repairs, etc.
*Headgear	(type)			
Raincoat				
Overcoat				
Jacket, Field				
Jacket, Combat				
Mackinaw				
Sweater				
Jacket, HBT				
*Shirt, Wool, OD				
Undershirt, Wool				
Undershirt, Cotton				
Trousers HBT				
*Trousers, Wool OD				

NO ONE FOUND

Belt, Web None

Drawers, Wool None

Drawers, Cotton None

Leggings, Wool None (Note unusual lacing)

Socks, Cotton None

*Shoes (type) None

Overshoes None

Web Equipment (type) None

(Other item) None

(Other item) None

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

6. Chevrons or Insignia None
(type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch None

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

UTD

8. Description of Remains:

Age UTD Height UTD Weight UTD 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, poeks, freckles)

Build UTD
(large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair Dark brown, straight, 1 inch long
(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 Goatee UTD (length, heavy,

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 Missing (white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extract.)

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

Jaw UTD (large, small, normal) Circumference of head in inches Head missing (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) Waist UTD (size of navel, appendectomy, amount)

quantity & color of hair) Circumcision UTD (yes-no) Pubic hair UTD (color)

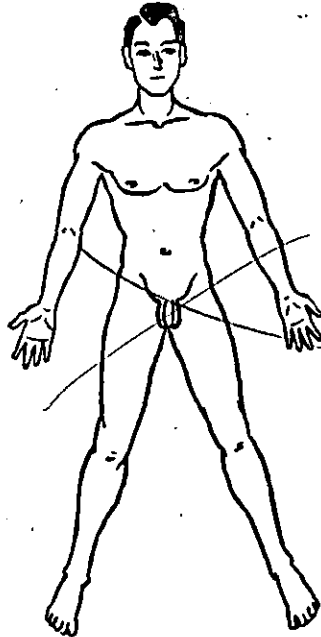
Hernioplasty UTD (yes-no; location)

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

Feet UTD (Size, corns, callouses, flat) Toes UTD (slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures UTD (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 hands missing

11. Has tooth chart been prepared no If not, explain teeth missing
Yes-no

12. Remarks: Remains recovered wrapped in mattress-cover.
Burial bottle found. Burial Report states "Killed in action
September 1944. NR. Port Mer, Fr "red hair".
Estimated weight of remains: 5 lbs.
Only few bones present.
Fluoroscopic Report unnecessary.
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
Officers Name

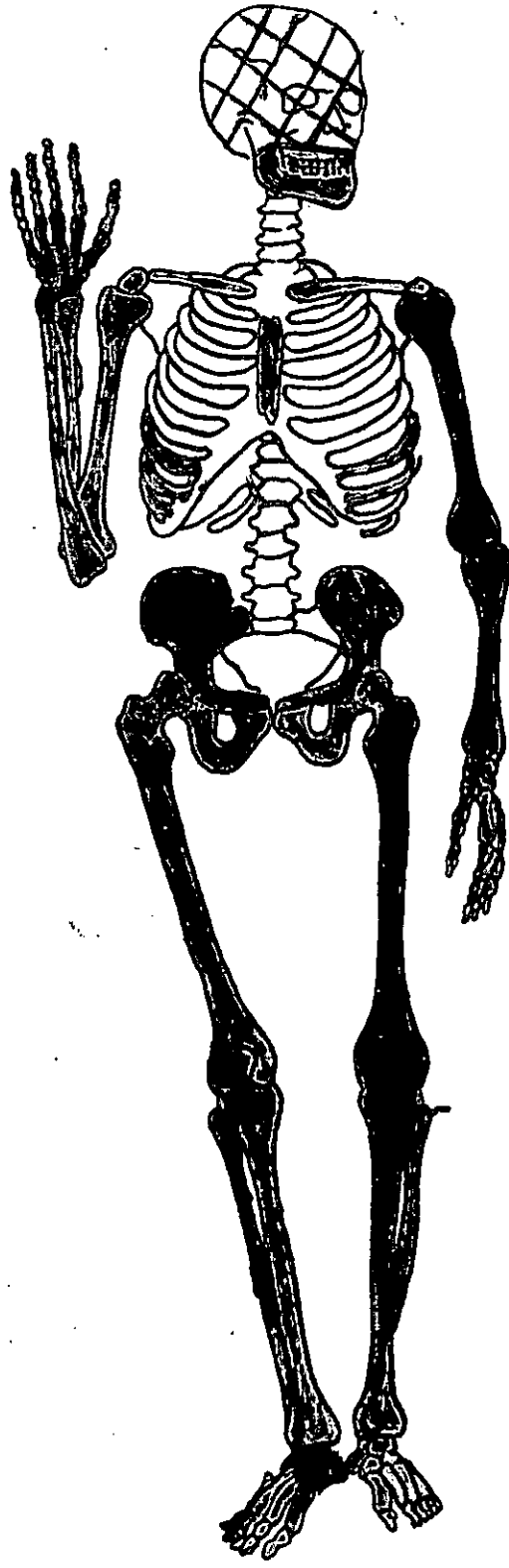
Captain, Infantry
Rank Service

Central Identification Point
Organization

X-183

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)



St. James, France

Plot: 0
Row : 8
Grave:192

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

N-2-578 1-984
26 JAN 45
Date
92700

UNKNOWN: X - 1 8 3		UNK	UNKNOWN
Last Name	First	Rank	Serial No.
UNKNOWN		UNKNOWN	
NEAR PORT MER, FRANCE		K I A	
Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death	
1400 - 26 JAN 45	SHEET 1944	U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY, ST. JAMES, FRANCE 308-975	
Time and Date of Burial		Name or Coordinates of Location	
192	8	0	CROSS
Grave-Number	Row Number	Plot Number	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?
NO TAGS. BODY EVACUATED FROM FIELD NEAR PORT MER, FRANCE:
918-199 SHEET 5/G -(1:100,000). KILLED BY MINE
EXPLOSION. SEE REVERSE SIDE.

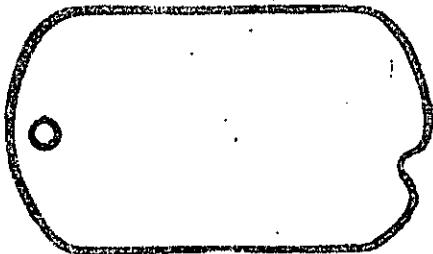
What means of identification were buried with the body?

G.R. FORM # 1

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

Who is buried on:					
Deceased's Right:	PALUMBO, NICK	33920421	PFC	264 INF - 66 DIV	191
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	UNKNOWN: X-182				193
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signature or 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 _____ Name

Address _____

Religion _____

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

NONE...

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Alexander K. Tolenski

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
1st Lt., QMC
GRS Officer.

610th QM Graves Reg. Co.
Sgt. Officer

IF 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:

Height: _____ Laundry Marks: _____
 Weight: _____ Number of Rifle: _____
 Color of Eyes: _____ Wear Glasses? _____
 Color of Hair: **RED** Is Tooth Chart Attached? _____
 Race: **W** **NO**

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

ALL THAT REMAINED OF DECEASED WERE: PART OF SKULL, SPINAL COLUMN AND RIB BONES.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Left Hand

Right Hand

Thumb

Thumb

TOOTH CHART

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

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

Characteristics: _____

Other Data: _____

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

26 Jan 45

Date

UNKNOWN : X- 183

UNK

UNKNOWN

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

unknown

unknown

Unit

Organization

near Port Mer, France

Sept 1944

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Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1400 - 26 JAN 45

U.S.MILITARY CEMETERY, ST. JAMES, FRANCE 308-975

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

192

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CROSS

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

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?

NO TAGS

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Organization

Grave No.

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UNKNOWN: X-182

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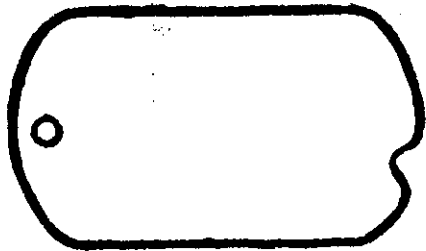
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Organization

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Religion

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same: A TRUE COPY:

Philip J. Wolf
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Captain Q.M.C.

/s/t/ ALEXANDER K. ZELENSKI

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

LST LT. QMC.,

GRS Officer

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

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