

7887 GRAVES DETACHMENT

APO 757

*293 Enk St. Arnold X 7384*

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 - 7384 St. Arnold

(POC) NEUVILLE

NAN  
File

*147W.5-1*

*M. M. Carter*

Identification Branch

NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT

GFS-GZ Form No. 8

Date 29 August 1946

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, St. Avold, France for reburial.  
(Q-260584)

Sheet M-52 - (D-92)

UNKNOWN X- 7384	Unknown Unk.	Halle, Prov. Merseburg, Ger.
(NAME)	(RANK)	(ASN)
(PLACE OF DISINTERMENT)		
B.T.B.: BEST, John E. - Pfc- 35901190		If communal cemetery show Plot, Row and Grave No., if available. M52/D92

*Jack E. Cauley*  
JACK E. CAULEY 2nd Lt. Inf.  
 (Officer or NCO in charge of Disinterment)

95th QM Battalion  
 (Organization)

ST AVOLD

X-7384

Permanent Overseas Cemetery

NEUVILLE EN CONDRONZ

AGRC  
FORM NO LL  
REVISED 5 JANUARY 1946

CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

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

Unknown X - 7384

B.T.B.: **BEST John E.**  
**Pfc.**  
**35901190**

Cemetery **St. Avoild, France**

Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave \_\_\_\_\_

1. Arrived at cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
(hour) (date)

2. Place of death **\*taling 4b, Halle/ Saale, Germany Sheet M-52 (D-92)**  
(name of closest town) (coordinates and letter Prefex, maps)

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by **95th M Bn.**  
(name and organization)

4. Evacuated to cemetery by **Central Identification Point**  
(name and organization)

5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from  
body measurements)

Clothing Indicate unusual markings  
Markings Sizes Color wear, tear repairs, etc.

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings Color wear, tear repairs, etc.
Headgear	none		
	(type)		
Raincoat	none		
Overcoat	none		
Jacket, Field	none		
Jacket, Combat	none		
Mackinaw	none		
Sweater	none		
Jacket, HBT	none		
Shirt, Wool OD	none		
Undershirt, Wool	none		
Undershirt, Cotton	none		
Trousers, HBT	none		
Trousers, Wool OD	none		
Belt, Web	none		
Drawers, Wool	none		
Drawers, Cotton	none		
Leggins, Wool	none		(Note unusual lacing)
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.

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  
**NO**

8. Description of Remains:  
 Age **UTD** Height **5'1"** Weight **120 lbs.** Description of wounds **UTD**

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

**UTD** 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)  
**UTD**

Build \_\_\_\_\_  
 (large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair **UTD**  
 (color, length, quantity, curl, wavy, straight, whorls, or definitive 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, extract)

Chin **UTD** **21"**  
 (prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double)

Jaw **UTD** Circumference of head in inches \_\_\_\_\_  
 (large, small, **mal**) (hat band)

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

Shoulders UTD Arms UTD  
(length, muscular, color)

UTD  
(extent and quantity of hair)

Hands UTD

Fingers UTD  
(short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

UTD  
(Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest UTD  
(size of nipples, color, quantity & extent of hair, large, small, normal)

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

UTD Circumcision UTD Public hair UTD  
(yes-no) (color)

Hernioplasty UTD  
(yes-no; location)

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

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

Evidence of healed fractures UTD  
(nose, arms, legs, etc.)

Black out parts of body not received at cemetery:



Have fingerprints been placed on Report of Interment NO  
(yes-no)

If not, explain TOO BADLY DECOMPOSED

Has tooth chart been prepared YES If not, explain  
(yes-no)

Remarks: Entire body recovered. All fleshy portions decomposed.  
Body nude.  
Est. weight of remains recovered 10 Lbs.

Markings on grave marker found with the body: BEST, Beigesetzt 7.4.45  
U.S.A. and on back "4/58a"

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.

*John S. Martin*  
John S. Martin - WD Civilian  
Lab Supervisor  
Rank C.I.P. Service  
Organization

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

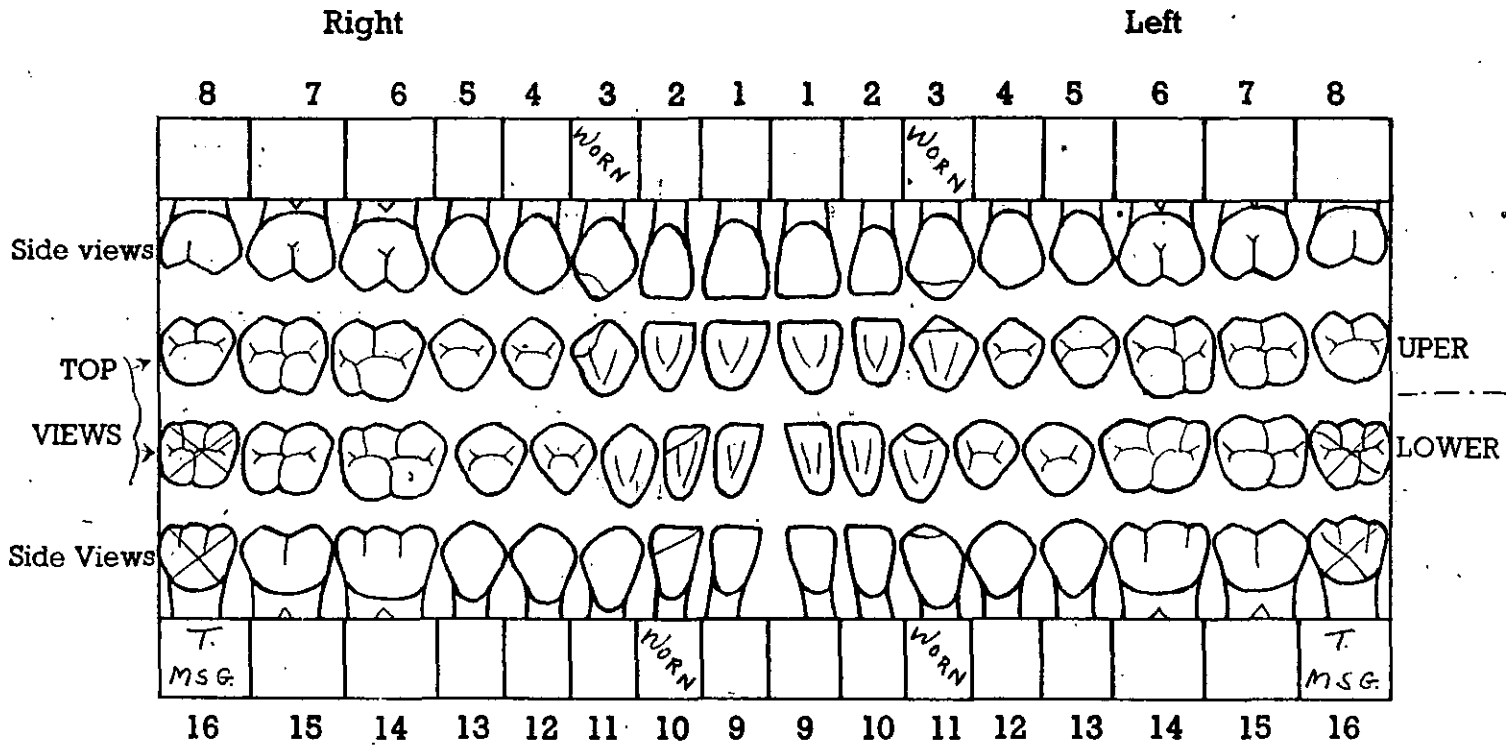
# TOOTH CHART

B.T.B.: BEST John E.-Pfc.- 35901190

10 September 1946

Unknown X- 7384	Unknown	Unknown
Last Name	Rank	Serial No.
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
First	Initial	Organization

Stalag 4b, Halle/Saale, Germ.	Est. 31 March 1945	killed in air-raid
Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death



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.

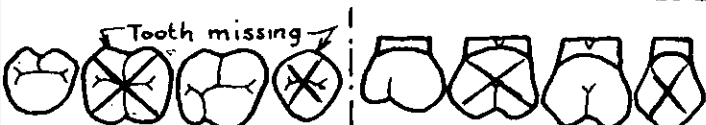


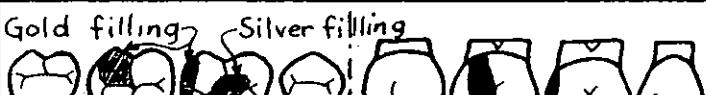

*Harold D. Wheeler*

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

*Ralph W. Sleator*

Verified by G. R. S. Officer

Ralph W. Sleator-Major Inf.- C.I.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>	
<p>CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p>BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p>FILLINGS.. Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES)... Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</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

Medium sized, ovoid, pinkish teeth.  
 R 8 and L 8 unerupted before death.  
 R 16 and L 16 missing before death.  
 Upper central incisors slightly curved, lingually and lingual surface cup-shaped.  
 Upper lingual surface slightly brown stained.  
 Lower lingual surface slightly brown stained and lightly tartar coated.  
 Shiny occlusal surfaces show signs, of wear, pres. from grinding teeth.  
 Upper and lower molars all four cusped.  
 All teeth present but no fillings in any teeth.

29 August 1946  
 Halle, Germany  
 E 5 E D 92 1/250 .000

Team 4 B, 45th (M) Bn. (M) reached Halle on the night of 28th August 1946 and proceeded to the North German Civilian Cemetery, Halle, Germany (E 52 D 92 1/250. 99) on the morning of the 29th August. Ten single graves were located which were marked by crosses with U.S.A., last name of American, and No of unit. Disinterment operations were started immediately.

The report of investigation states that the other graves, 4/1287 and 4/1289 were American although marked by crosses as English. These were also disinterred. Between these two graves was one of the ten American graves, 4/1288, which was marked as "English".

- 4/1287 contained one American flyer, named as Gregory.
- 4/1288 contained one American flyer, named as "English".
- 4/1289 contained one American flyer, named as U. S. A., but who had the identification tag of Fernand J. J. J.

Concerning the other nine graves.

- 4/56a contained one American, named as [unclear].
- 4/77a contained one American, named as [unclear], but who had the identification tag of John [unclear].
- 4/78a contained one American, named as Brooker.
- 4/79a contained one American, named as [unclear], but who had the identification tag of Henry B. Brooker.
- 4/80a contained one American, named as [unclear].
- 4/83a contained one American, named as Langen [unclear].
- 4/87a contained one American, named as [unclear].
- 4/89a contained one American, named as Barnhart.
- 4/1287 contained one American, named as Timothy Lawley, had identification tag of Timothy Lawley.
- 4/1289 according to country records contained one American, named only as [unclear], nationality [unclear]. Buried in [unclear] country.

All crosses were obviously placed over the graves at a much later date than the burials.

Request that the thirteen remains from Halle be given priority in proceeding operations in the area of Halle may be regarded as soon as possible. Please file a report on how these are resolved.

*Jack E. Culey*  
 JACK E. CULEY  
 2nd Lt. Inf.  
 Disinterment Officer



## NARRATIVE OF DISINTERMENT.

LF 2083

29 August 1946  
 Halle, Germany  
 M 5 2 D 92 1/250 .000

Team # 3, 95th QM Bn. (M) reached Halle on the night of 28th August 1946 and proceeded to the Gerttruden Civilian Cemetery, Halle, Germany (M 52 D 92 1/250.000) on the morning of the 29th August. Ten single graves were located which were marked by crosses with U.S.A., last name of American, and date of death. Disinterment operations were started immediately.

The report of investigation stated that two other graves, 4/1227 and 4/1229 were American although marked by crosses as English. These were also disinterred. Between these two graves was one of the ten American graves, 4/1228, which was marked as Weinstein.

- 4/1227 contained one American flyer, marked as Gregori.
- 4/1228 contained one American flyer, marked as [unclear].
- 4/1229 contained one American flyer, marked as Unknown, but who had the identification tag of Bernard Weinstein.

Concerning the other nine graves.

- 4/58a contained one American, marked as Best.
- 4/77a contained one American, marked as Cronis, but who had the identification tag of John Gummings.
- 4/78a contained one American, marked as Broeker.
- 4/79a contained one American, marked as Smith, but who had the identification tag of Henry B. Broeker.
- 4/80a contained one American, marked as Mc Crae.
- 4/83a contained one American, marked as Langendorf.
- 4/87a contained one American, marked as Kulesik.
- 4/89a contained one American, marked as Barnhart.
- 4/1247 contained one American, marked as Timothy Lawley, had identification tag of Timothy Lawlor.
- 12/472 according to cemetery records contains one American, marked only as Raben Dasher, soldier. No clothes. Buried other side cemetery.

All crosses were obviously placed over the graves at a much later date than the burials.

Request that the thirteen remains from Halle be given priority in processing so operations in the town of Halle may be resumed as soon as possible. Would like a report on how cases resolved.

*Jack E. Cauley*  
 JACK E. CAULEY  
 2nd. Lt. Inf.  
 Disinterment Officer

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

1 F 2083

AREA SEARCH

Attention Registration Division "Hq. AGRC" - for use in Casualty clearance.

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)

10 September 1946

1 January 1946

Date

NAME Unknown X- 7384 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

ORGANIZATION Unknown

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? 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 BEST, John E. RANK Pfc ASN 35901190

b. ORGANIZATION US Army

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY \_\_\_\_\_

see attached papers

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

a. Date of above burials \_\_\_\_\_ Common Graves? no

5. Name and Type of Cemetery Gertrauden Cem. Halle

(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery M-52 D-92

a. Town Halle Country Prov. Halle-Merseburg, Germ;

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave 4/58 a

b. Is Sketch attached? \_\_\_\_\_

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

a. Town \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinates \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is Sketch attached? \_\_\_\_\_ } not appl.

c. Is area mined? \_\_\_\_\_

9. How is the grave marked? cross

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon "BEST 2. 4. 45 USA"

a. From what source was this information obtained? \_\_\_\_\_

(Identification tags, personal effects)

1. By whom \_\_\_\_\_

11. Where are the cemetery records? none found

(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? 31 March 1945
- a. Give basis see attached papers
13. What is the cause of death? killed in air-raid
- b. Give basis 12 a
14. What is the date of burial? 7-4-45
- a. Give basis CROSS
15. What was the place of death? Halle/Saale Stalag 4 b Coords M-52. D-92
- b. Give basis see attached papers
16. Where were the remains found? Stalag 4 b Coords " "
- a. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is sketch attached? NO
17. Was a casket used? NO Who furnished the casket? \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of casket \_\_\_\_\_ How marked? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Who made the burial unk. persons  
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? \_\_\_\_\_

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? this section not appl.
- 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? .....
- 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? ..... **Section not appl.**
  - 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) .....  
 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 **Deceased killed in air-raid at Halle  
 crushed by falling debris**

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 **disposition unknown**
    - a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? .....
    - Where? ..... By whom? .....
    - Present disposition .....
- 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? **unknown**  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Present disposition \_\_\_\_\_

c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? **unknown**

d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? **No**

42. Was Deceased given first aid? **Unknown** If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

By whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Are statements from the medical people attached? \_\_\_\_\_

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? **unknown**

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? **No** By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed \_\_\_\_\_

**All persons connected with death and burial of this deceased have disappeared**

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; Soviet Zone**

(If special investigation, give case number) \_\_\_\_\_

52. Give Brief Narrative **see attached papers**

(Use attached, sheets if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

**/s/s JOHN W. BOWYER**

Signature of Investigator

Rank ASN

**1st Lt. CMC. O-552741**

Rank ASN

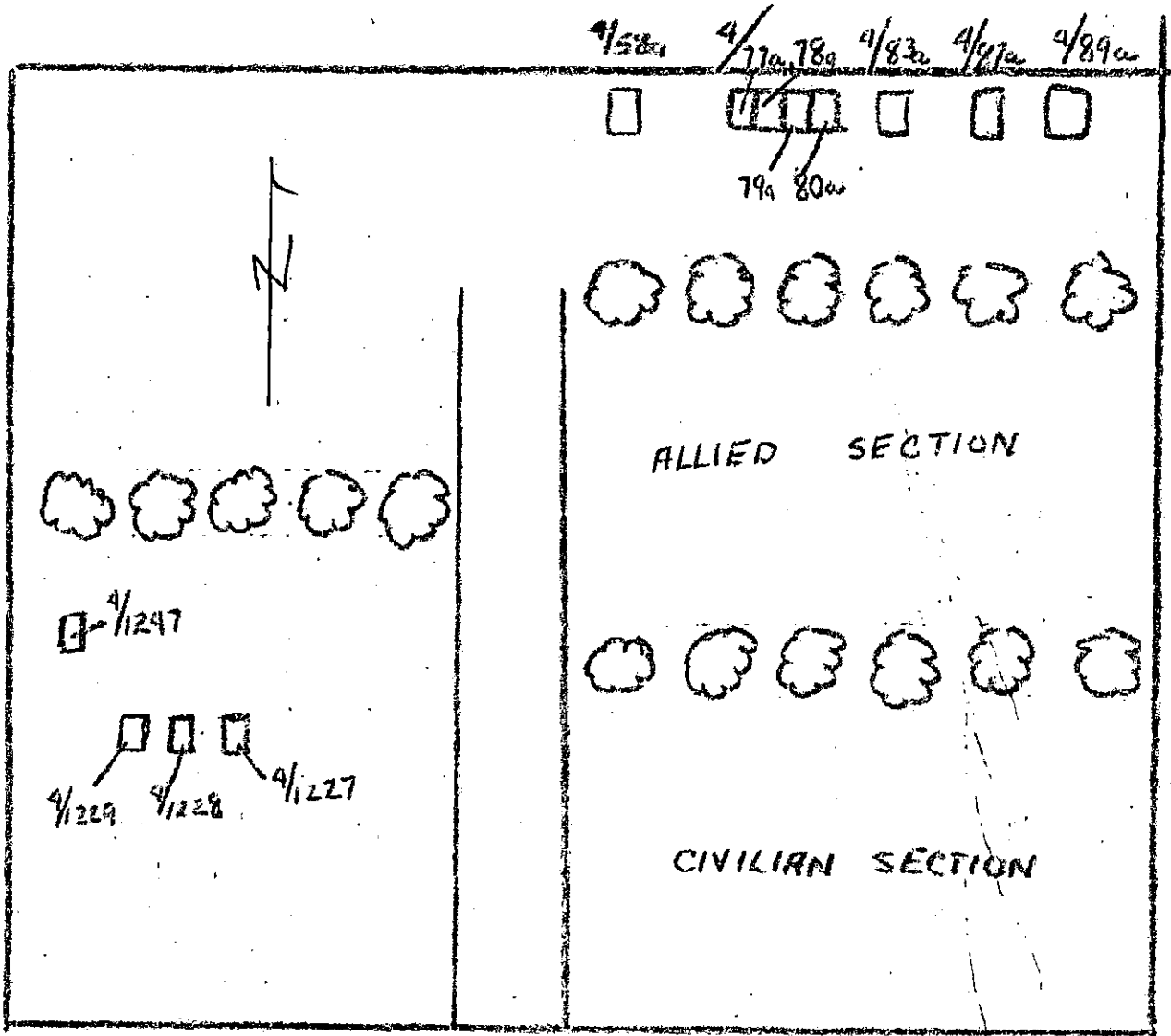
Organization

**FFC A. G. R. C.**

Organization

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**JACK E. CAULEY**  
2nd Lt. Inf



Section 4  
 Gertrauden Civilian Cemetery  
 Halle, Germany  
 M 52 D 92 1/250,000

# IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Proc by: ~~C. O. Rice  
 R. J. Miller  
 G. Schwaderer  
 J. R. Feinelt~~  
 Clerk: ~~A. G. Richardson~~

E. O. #844

Unknown X 7384  
 Cemetery St. Avoild, France  
 Plot XXXX Row 12 Grave 291

Date reprocessed: 27 Apr. '48  
 1. Arrived at cemetery 27 Apr. '48  
 (Hour) (Date)

2. Place of death \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

reprocessed

3. Remains ~~recovered or disinterred~~ by Mobile Team #1, T.S.  
 (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	(Type)		
Raincoat			
Overcoat			
Jacket, Field			
Jacket, Combat			
Mackinaw			
Sweater			
Jacket, HBT			
* Shirt, Wool OD			
Undershirt, Wool			
Undershirt, Cotton			
Trousers, HBT			
* Trousers, Wool OD			

*None*

Belt, web .....  
 Drawers, wool .....  
 Drawers, cotton .....  
 Leggings, wool.....  
 Socks, cotton .....  
 \* Shoes .....  
 Overshoes .....  
 Web Equipment ..... (type) .....  
 (Other item) .....  
 (Other item) .....

None (type)

\* If body is nude, sizes of these items should be computed by measuring the remains  
 Chevrons or Insignia ..... (Type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)  
 Shoulder Patch .....

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

6. Description of Remains: R. Humerus 30.1  
 R. Tibia 35.2

Age UTD Height 5'2 5/16" Weight UTD Description of wounds UTD

Bandages or dressings None Scars UTD (Length, width, location)

Tattoos (Number, location — illustrate on separate page)

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks. (Yes-no; description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face.....

Complexion ..... (Light, medium, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles)

Build ..... (Large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair ..... (Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

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

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



Goatee ..... (Light, color, extent) *UTD*

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

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

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

Teeth ..... *See Tooth Chart*  
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

Chin' ..... (Prominent, receding, pointed, dimples, double)

Jaw ..... (Large, small, normal) *UTD* Circumference of head in <sup>cm.</sup> ~~inches~~ *52.0* (Hat band)

Neck ..... (Size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) *UTD* Larynx ..... (Prominent, normal) *UTD*

Shoulders ..... (Broad, straight, small, rounded) *UTD* Arms ..... (Length, muscular, color, extent and quantity of hair) *UTD*

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Hands ..... *Missing and/or decomposed*

Fingers ..... *Missing and/or decomposed*  
(Short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

..... (Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest ..... (Size of nipples, color, quantity and extent of hair, large, small, normal)

Waist ..... (Size of navel, appendectomy, amount, quantity, and color of hair)

Back ..... (Quantity and extent of hair) *UTD* Circumcision *UTD* Pubic Hair *UTD*  
(Yes-no) (Color)

Hernioplasty ..... (Yes-no; location)

Legs ..... (Inseam, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color and extent of hair)

Feet ..... (Size, corns, callouses, flat) *UTD* Toes ..... (Slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures ..... *None*  
(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 missing

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

9. Remarks: Remains received in skeletal form. No

~~Remarks~~ clothing found. Teeth found intact in skull

and mandible. Report of Burial found, no GPS tags.

Estimated weight of reprocessed remains: 16 pounds.

Estimated height: 5'2-5/16"

No evidence of old or healed fractures or amputations.

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 J. MILLER  
(Officer's Name)

S.P. 6  
Rank

AGRC  
Service

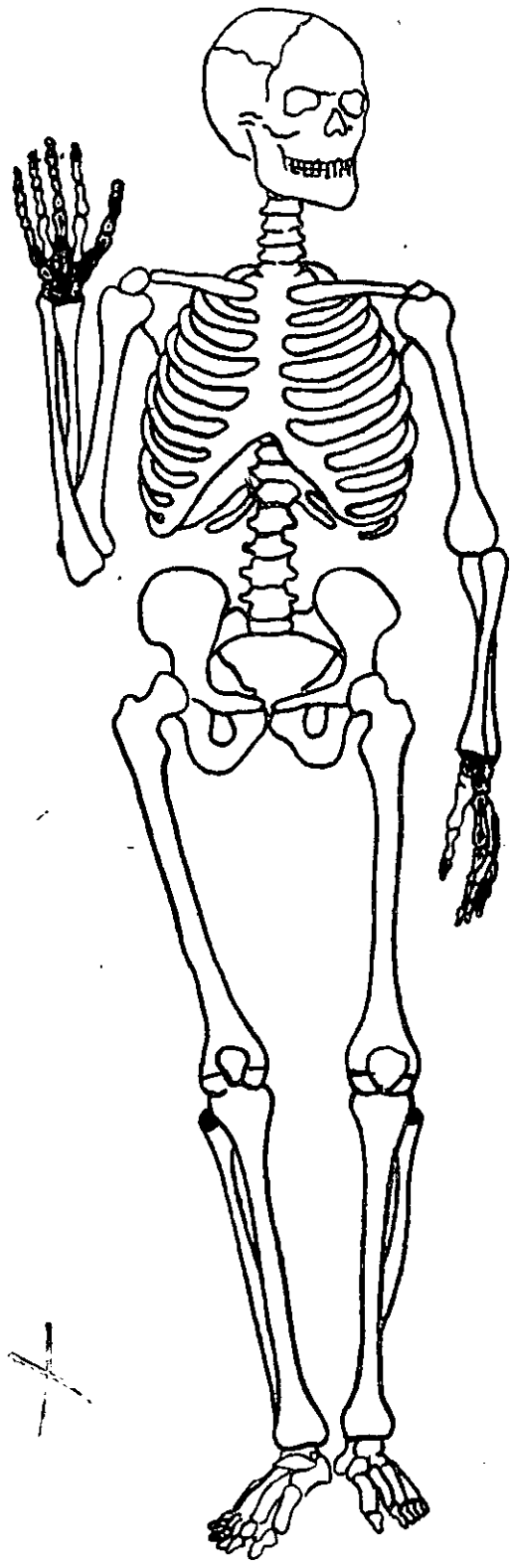
MOBILE TEAM #1, I.S.  
(Organization)

Robert S. Richardson

X-7384  
USMC ST. AVOLD  
27 APRIL 1948

# SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY) PLOT KKKK Row 12 Grave 291



Humerus 30.1

Tibia 35.2



EST. HEIGHT - 5'2-5/16"

CHART "A"

LRF

# TOOTH CHART

Plot-KKKK

Row - 12

GRAVE-291

E.O.# 844

USMC-ST. AVOLD

27-APRIL 48

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UNK

Date

UNK

Last Name

First

Initial

Grade

Serial No.

Unit

Organization

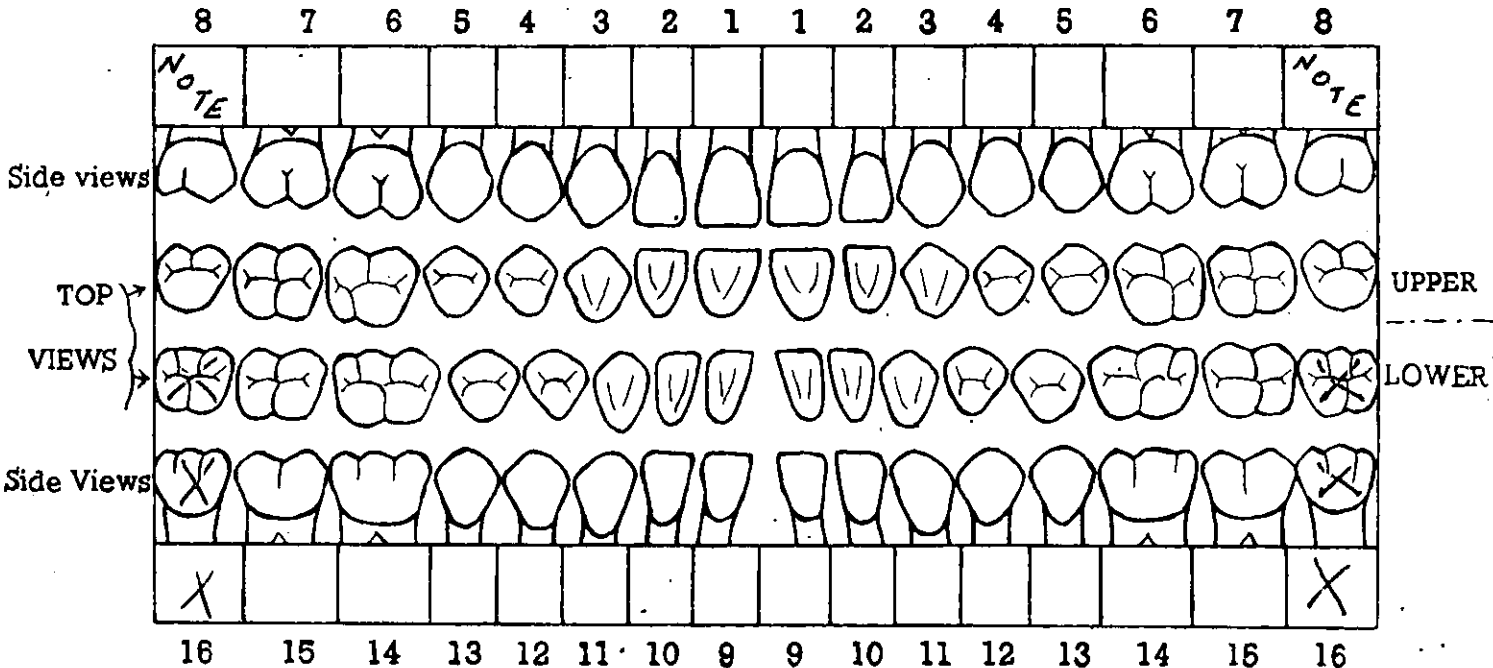
Place of Death

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.

SEE REVERSE FOR

*Quay J. Francis*

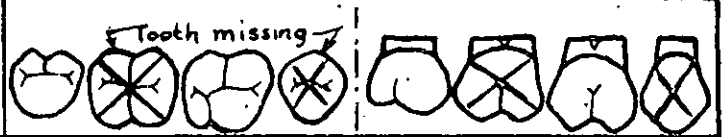
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REMARKS

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

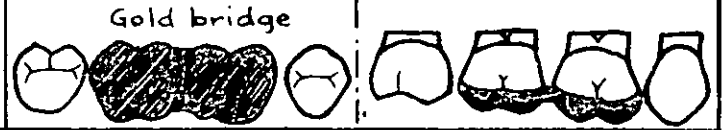
**MISSING TEETH...** All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :



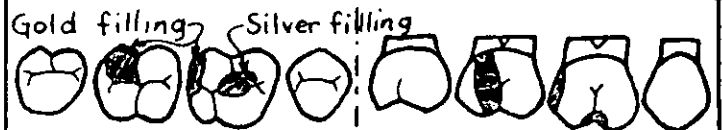
**CROWNED TEETH...** Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :



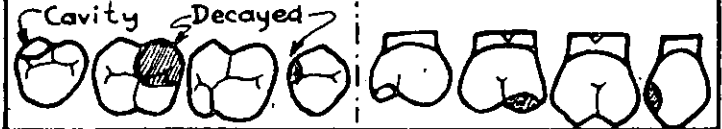
**BRIDGE WORK...** Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



**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**

COLOR = WHITE IVORY  
 SIZE = AVERAGE

ALIGNMENT = EXCELLENT

MAXILLA

R-8 = UNERUPTED BEFORE DEATH  
 R-2 = SLIGHT LINGUAL MALPOSITION  
 L-3 = LINGUAL VERSION AND ROTATED 1/8 OF A TURN DISTALLY  
 L-8 = UNERUPTED BEFORE DEATH.

MANDIBLE

R-10 = 1/16 OF A TURN MESIALLY

RRE Form #43

20 Sep 48

293 St. Arnold

X-7384

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

(UNIDENTIFIABLE X - 7384)

(Temp.: ST avoid)

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(Initial)

(Rank)

(ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United States Military Cemetery USMC NEUVILLE-en-CONDROZ, Belgium

Incl #

STATION 11

NARRATIVE OF DISINTERMENT.

29 August 1946  
Halle, Germany  
M 52 D 92 1/250,000

Team # 3, 95th QM Bn.(M) reached Halle on the night of 28th August 1946 and proceeded to the Gertrauden Civilian Cemetery, Halle, Germany (M 52 D 92 1/250,000) on the morning of the 29th August. Ten single graves were located which were marked by crosses with U.S.A., last name of American, and date of death. Disinterring opetations were started immediately.

The report of investigation stated that two other graves, 4/1227 and 4/1229 were American although marked by crosses as English. These were also disinterred. Between these two graves was one of the ten American graves, 4/1228, which was marked as Weinstein.

- 4/1227 contained one American flyer, marked as Gregori.
- 4/1228 contained one American flyer, marked as Weinstein.
- 4/1229 contained one American flyer, marked as Unknown, but who had the identification tag of Bernhard Weinstein.

Concerning the other nine graves.

- 4/58a contained one American, marked as Best.
- 4/77a contained one American, marked as Gromis, but who had the identification tag of John Gummings.
- 4/78a contained one American, marked as Broeker.
- 4/79a contained one American, marked as Smith, but who had the identification tag of Henry B. Broeker.
- 4/80a contained one American, marked as Mc Crae.
- 4/83a contained one American, marked as Langendorf.
- 4/87a contained one American, marked as Kulesik.
- 4/89a contained one American, marked as Barnhart.
- 4/1247 Contained one American, marked as Timothz Lawley had identification tag of Timothy Lawlor.
- 127472 according to cemetery records contains one American, marked only as Ruben Dumler, soldaten. No clothes. Buried other side cemetery.

All crosses were obviously placed over the graves at a much later date than the burials.

Request that the thirteen remains from Halle be given priority in processing so operations in the town of Halle may be resumed as soon as possible. Would like a report on how cases resolved.

*Jack E. Cauley*  
 JACK E. CAULEY  
 2nd Lt. Inf  
 Disinterring Officer

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AREA SEARCH

1 F 2083

AGRC Form 10 (Revised) 10 September 1946  
1 January 1946 Date  
NAME Unknown X- 7384 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown  
ORGANIZATION Unknown  
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? 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 BEST, John E. RANK Pfc ASN 35901190

b. ORGANIZATION US Army

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY

see attached papers

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

a. Date of above burials Common Graves? no

5. Name and Type of Cemetery Gertrauden Cem. Halle

(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery M-52 D-92

a. Town Halle Country Prov. Halle-Merseburg, Germ;

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section 4 Row Grave 4/58 a

b. Is Sketch attached?

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

a. Town Coordinates )

b. Is Sketch attached? ) not appl.

c. Is area mined? )

9. How is the grave marked? CROSS

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon "BEST #. 4. 45 USA

a. From what source was this information obtained?

(Identification tags, personal effects)

1. By whom

11. Where are the cemetery records? none found

(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? 31 March 1945
- a. Give basis see attached papers
- 13. What is the cause of death? killed in air-raid
- b. Give basis 12 a
- 14. What is the date of burial? 7-4-45
- a. Give basis CROSS
- 15. What was the place of death? Halle/Saale Stalag 4 b Coords M-52 D-92
- b. Give basis see attached papers
- 16. Where were the remains found? Stalag 4 b Coords " "
- a. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is sketch attached? no
- 17. Was a casket used? no Who furnished the casket? \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of casket \_\_\_\_\_ How marked? \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Who made the burial unk persons
- (Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? \_\_\_\_\_

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? this section not appl.
- 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? .....
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? **Section not appl.** .....
- 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) .....
- 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 **Deceased killed in air-raid at Halle** .....
- crushed by falling debris** .....

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 **disposition unknown** .....
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? .....
- Where? ..... By whom? .....
- Present disposition .....

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? unknown

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Present disposition \_\_\_\_\_

c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? unknown

d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No

42. Was Deceased given first aid? Unknown If so; where? \_\_\_\_\_

By whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Are statements from the medical people attached? \_\_\_\_\_

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? unknown

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? No By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed \_\_\_\_\_

All persons connected with death and burial of this deceased have disappeared

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; Soviet Zone

(If special investigation, give case number) \_\_\_\_\_

52. Give Brief Narrative see attached papers

(Use attached, sheets if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

/s/s JOHN W. BOWYER

Signature of Investigator

Rank

ASN

1st Lt. QMC. O-552741

Rank

ASN

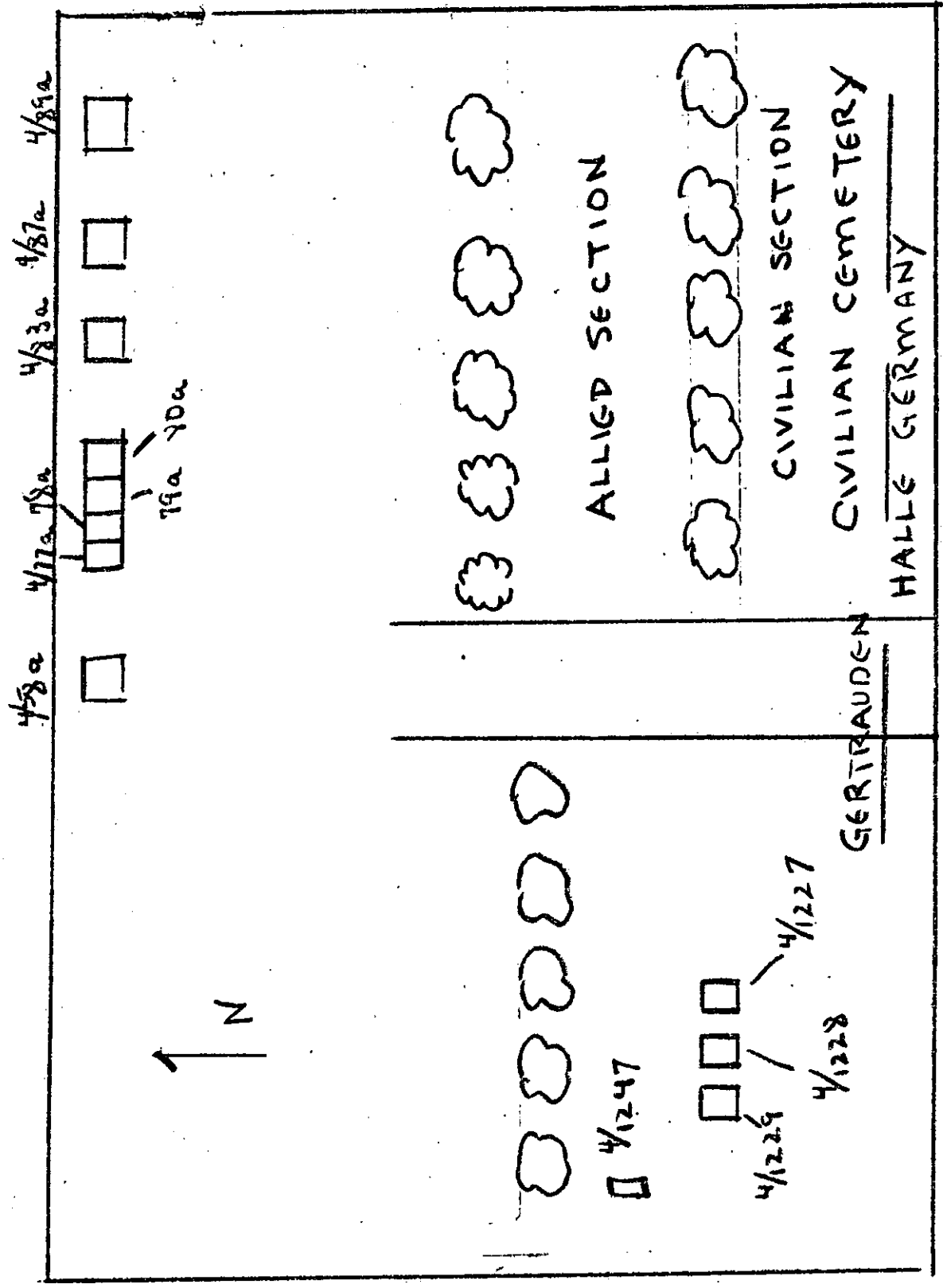
Organization

FFC A. G. R. C.

Organization

Certified true copy.

Jack E. Cauley  
JACK E. CAULEY  
2nd Lt. Inf



M62 D92 1/250,000

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USMC Neuville en Condroz  
Plot: D Row: 35 Gr: 6  
Date of Burial: 15 May 50  
Verified by GRS Officer  
M.R. Swart, Capt QMC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3574 00000	DATE 15 10 49 DAY MONTH YEAR
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NAME 293	SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWNX-007384	GRADE	ARM J	RACE O	RELIGION 6
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CEMETERY ST AVOLD FRANCE	PLOT 4K	ROW 12	GRAVE 291	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, AGRC- 15DEC 49)
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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
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION  
  
**SEE ATTACHED SHEET**

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE CASKET SEALED BY	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
DATE CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	BY	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED 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 REMAINS UNIDENTIFIABLE	NAT FILE RECORDS ANNOTATED DATE 10 Dec 50 NAME R. G. Johns BR. MEM. DIV.
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Med 46

(1 of 2) X-2 J

# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

85-1221-D-14

## 1. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 2. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 6. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 7. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

# DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

# 1

SECTION A —  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ARM

DATE OF DEATH

**UNKNOWN X-007384**

**J**

DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

CODE DIST. PT.

LOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY

CAUSE OF DEATH

**4K 12 291 ST AVOLD 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

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISINTERRED

**UNKNOWN X-007384**

**Unk**

**Est 31 Mar 45**

**27 Apr 48**

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

REMAINS

MARKER **GRS**

**Unk**

**Oliver E Modin Embalmer**  
NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS Body complete but disarticulated. No decomposed flesh. R&L/Femur fracture

**Uniform**

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

**Report of burial found with remains**

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

**None**

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE **28 Apr 48**

BY **Oliver E Modin Embalmer**

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

**Oliver E Modin Embalmer**

*Oliver E Modin*  
**Oliver E Modin**

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

~~None~~ All markings, tags and plates verified by

DATE **28 Apr 48** BY **Oliver E Modin Embalmer**

*Bruce E Blair*  
**Bruce E Blair 1st Lt QMC**

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

*Bruce E Blair*  
**Bruce E Blair 1st Lt QMC**  
**337 QM Bn**

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

1194

FORM 15 MAR 46

*Blair 46*

*(2 of 2)*

## RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

### 1. SHIPPED

FROM <b>USMC St Avoild, France</b>		TO <b>OIC Neuville, Belgium</b>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <b>Truck</b>		NAME OF CONVOYER <b>Cpl William H Bryant, RA 33720418</b>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>Frank B. Callaghan</i>	DATE <b>28 Oct 49</b>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 2. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 4. SHIPPED

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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

### 5. SHIPPED

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### 6. SHIPPED

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### 7. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE



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# DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A —  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER  
3 170 00110

DATE  
13 10 49  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME  
*[Handwritten Name]*

SERIAL NUMBER 7384  
*[Handwritten]*

GRADE

ARM  
J

RACE  
O

RELIGION  
[Handwritten]

CEMETERY  
*[Handwritten]*

PLOT  
5

ROW  
2

GRAVE  
[Handwritten]

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS  
1202  
CODE DIST. CTR.

### SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
**NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
**(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)**

### SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISTINTERRED

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

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  
DATE BY

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED 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  
**REMAINS UNIDENTIFIABLE**

**HAT FILE**  
**10 NOV 1949**  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
**R & R BR.**

10 NOV 1949 SENT

**AIRMAIL**

QMGMT 293

1st Ind.

GRS European

SUBJECT: Certificates of Unidentifiability of Remains  
Transmittal Letter #4251

Department of the Army, CGAG, Washington, 25, D. C., 13 October 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,  
European Area, APO 58, c.o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to basic communication.
2. Subject cases have been accepted by this Office and approved as Unidentifiable.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incls w/d

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, GAG  
Memorial Division

*3146 GRS Europe*  
*TL#4251*

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**AIRMAIL**

*X 893 Luke Francis X-7384-3-11-11-10-10*

REB

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CONFIDENTIAL

AIR MAIL

MSG 293  
GND (European)

17 June 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Area  
APO 58, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Burial Reports for Unknowns X-175, 190, X-7384, X-7391 and X-7428 near St. Avold, France and X-5913 USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium. These are the only remains recovered from Gertrauden Cemetery, Halle, Germany as yet unidentified, or for whom a tentative association does not exist.

2. Previous investigation has resulted in the tentative association of all known dead resulting from the Halle bombing, with the exception of the following seven (7) men:

Barnhart, Robert E.	7032645
Hollar, David G.	35917406
Kraschen, Sidney M.	36647713
Langendorf, Earl F.	36819182
MacCrae, William P.	31368054
Morgan, Floyd L.	36002913
Villalobos, Victor S.	39252997

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T. H. MOTT  
Lt. Colonel, GIC  
Memorial Division

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Incl France  
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AIR MAIL

OMCST 293  
CES (European)

17 June 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO: Commanding General  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Area  
APO 58, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Burial Reports for Unknowns X-175, 190, X-7384, X-7391 and X-7428 USMC St. Avoird, France and X-5913 USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium. These are the only remains recovered from Gertrauden Cemetery, Halle, Germany as yet unidentified, or for whom a tentative association does not exist.

2. Previous investigation has resulted in the tentative association of all known dead resulting from the Halle bombing, with the exception of the following seven (7) men:

Barnhart, Robert E.	7032645
Hollar, David G.	35917406
Krasher, Sidney M.	36647713
Langendorf, Earl E.	36819182
MacCrae, William P.	31368054
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4. FROM: OCMG

5. TO: CG, AGRC, WA, APO 58, ~~WPA~~, New York

6. SUBJECT: Burial Information

Best, John E. Pfc. 35901190  
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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

18 August 1949  
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 7384, Plot KKKK  
Row 12, Grave 291, USMC ST. AVOLD, France,

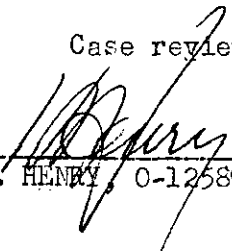
have been reviewed and it is the opinion of this Office that sufficient evidence is not available at the present time to establish the identity of the deceased concerned. The remains concerned should be classified as unidentifiable at the present time.

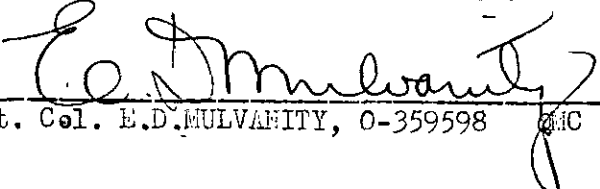
2. Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to your Office by Transmittal Letter No. 2868, dated 17-6-49.

3. Remarks: All the available dental information for the subject 10 deceased in Halle Bombing have been compared with tooth charts obtained for X-175, X-7384, X-7391, X-7428 St. Avold, and X-5913 Neuville, and no definite association to establish identification could be made.

A. SWETNICK

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

  
Col. H.P. HENRY, O-12589 QMC

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

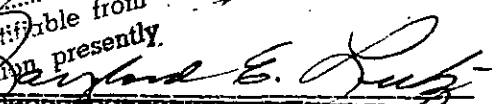
Major R. BERGER, O-251736 ORD

Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297 QMC

Capt. E.F. PRICE, Jr. O-1588236 QMC

1/Lt. Gaylord E. LUTZ, O-1595665 QMC

Received  
Not identifiable from  
association presently



7.2 #4251, 19 Aug 49

Incl #4



JUN 24 1948

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

FRE 200.2

Date 17 JUN. 1948

SUBJECT: Reprocessing of Remains

TO: The Quartermaster General  
2nd & T Sts. S.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

The remains of X-7384  
interred in Plot KKKK, Row 12, Grave 291, USMC St-Avoid  
France, have been reprocessed and the information  
not previously forwarded to your Headquarters is herewith submitted.

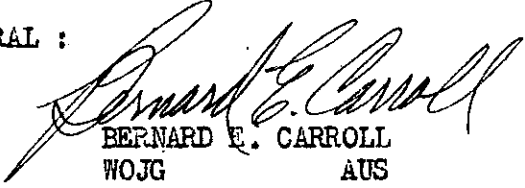
Est. height : 5' 2 5/16"

Teeth found intact in skull.

No evidence of old or healed fractures or amputations.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL :

2 Incls : 1. Skeletal Chart  
1. Tooth Chart

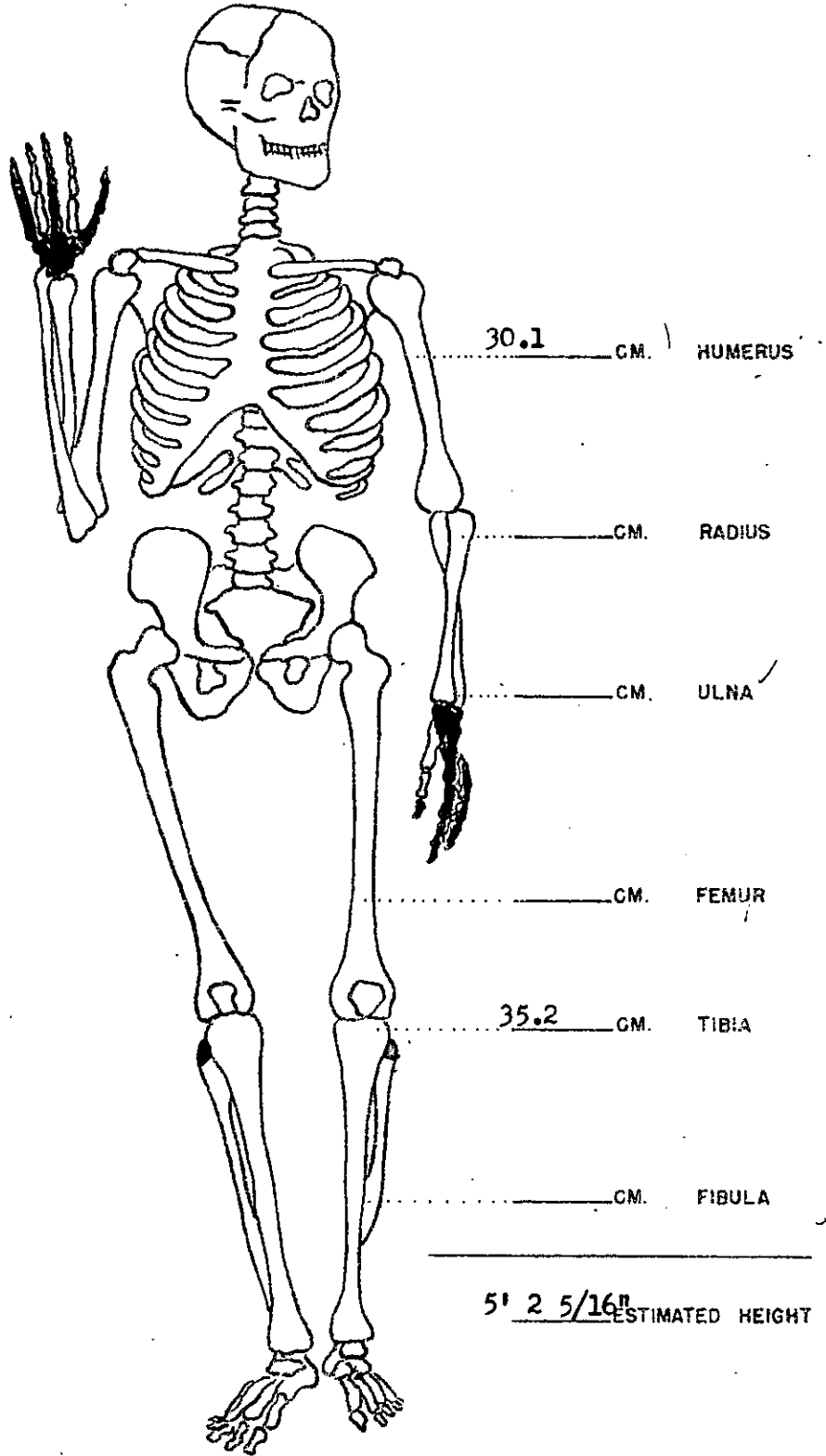
  
BERNARD E. CARROLL  
WOJG AUS  
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

X-7384  
USMC St-Avoid  
27 April 1948

# SKELETAL CHART

Plot KKKK, Row 12  
Grave 291

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED)



PROCESS D BY: \_\_\_\_\_

# TOOTH CHART

27 April 1948

Date

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X-7384

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Last Name

First

Initial

Grade

Serial No.

Unit

Organization

Place of Death

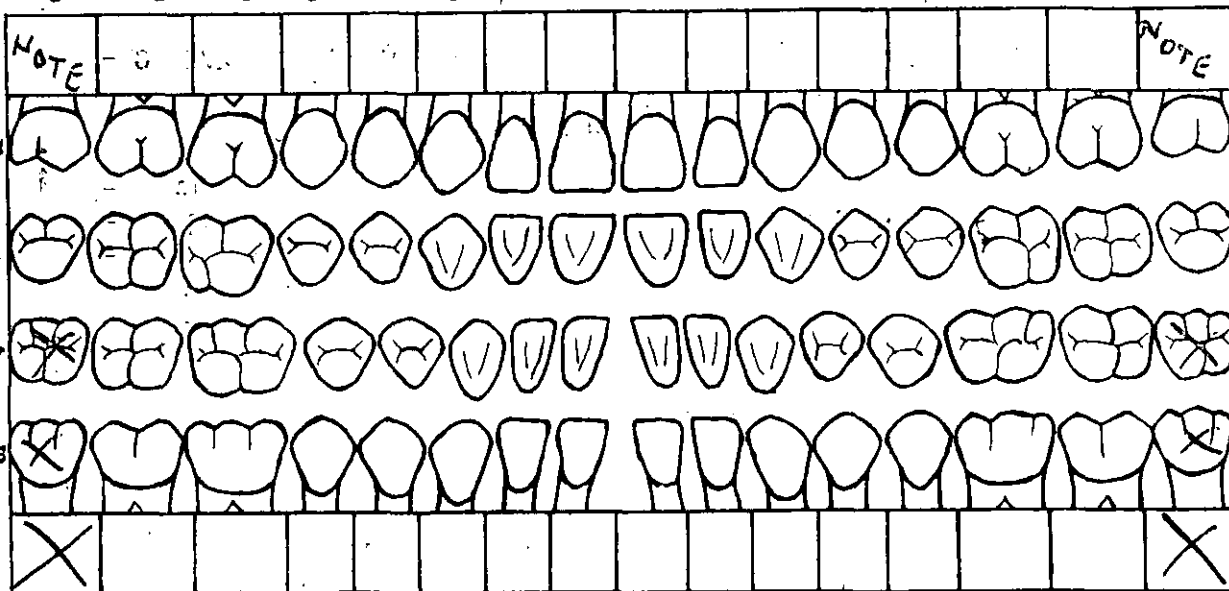
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Cause of Death

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Left

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



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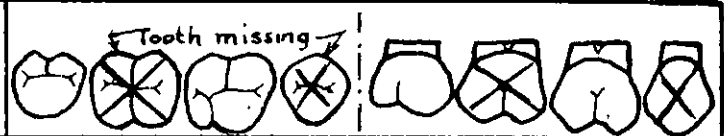
*Bernard E. Carroll*  
 BERNARD E. CARROLL  
 WOJG AUS

/s/ Ivor J. Fosmo

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

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



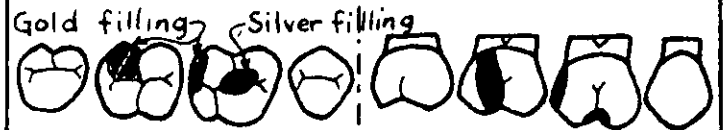
**CROWNED TEETH...** Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :



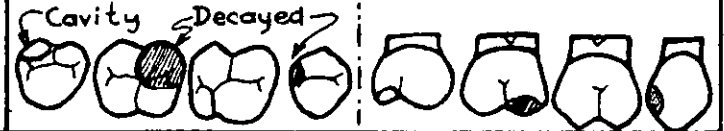
**BRIDGE WORK...** Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



**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**

Color White Ivory  
 Size Average  
 Alignment Excellent

Maxilla

- R-8 unerupted before death
- R-2 slight lingual malposition
- L-3 lingual version and rotated 1/8 of a turn distally
- L-8 unerupted before death

Mandible

- R-10 1/16 of a turn mesially

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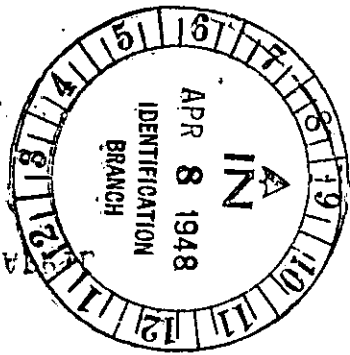
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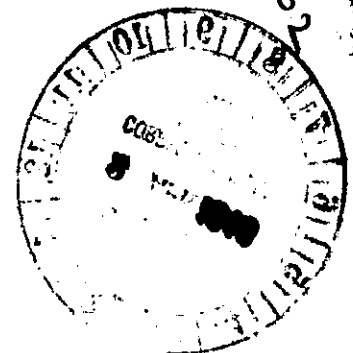
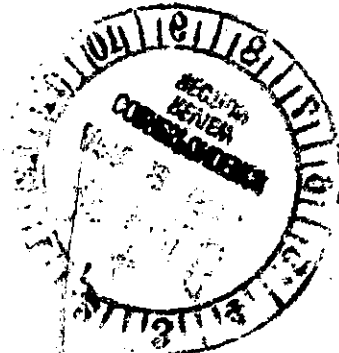
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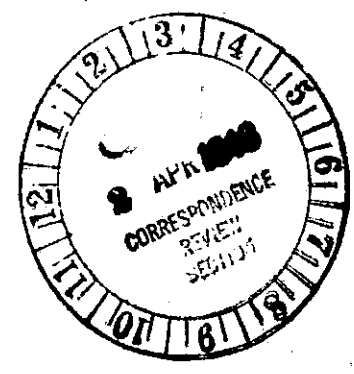
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UNKNOWN X-7384 SAINT AVOLD ARE BEING DISPATCHED 21 NOVEMBER BY AIR  
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ABLE CMA TOOTH CHART FOR UNKNOWN XRAY SEVEN THREE EIGHT FOUR SAINT  
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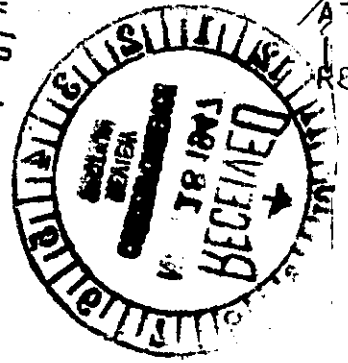
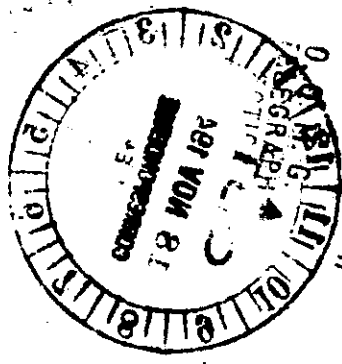
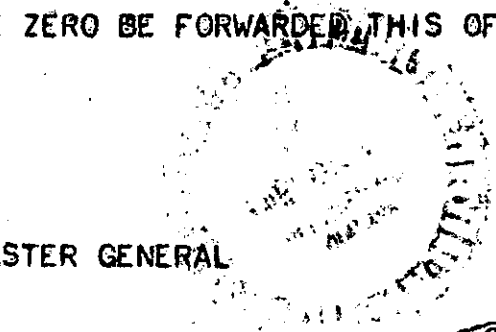
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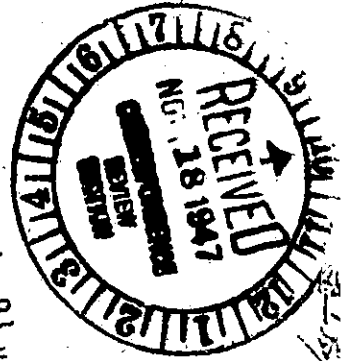
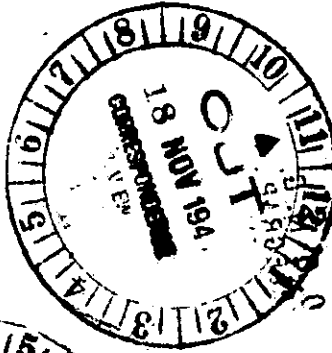
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**HQ, AGRC, EA, APO 58, US ARMY, c/o PM NYC NY**

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- . 2nd & T Sts SW
- . WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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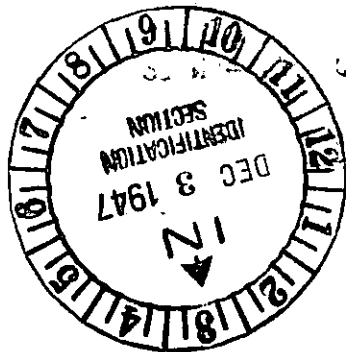
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**21 November 1947**

In compliance with request contained in your Radio WCL 38623 dated 18 November 1947, there is inclosed herewith a certified true copy of Tooth Chart and copy of Check List of Unknown ~~for Unknown~~ X-7384, interred in Plot KKKK, Row 12, Grave 291, U.S. Military Cemetery St-Avoid, France.

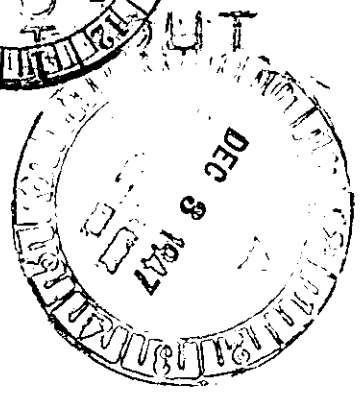
**FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:**

- 2 Incls**
- 1. Tooth Chart**
  - 2. Check List of Unknown**

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# TOOTH CHART

BTB : Best John E. PFC -35901190

~~10 Sept. 1946~~  
Date

Unknown X-7384

Unknown

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Last Name

First

Initial

Grade

Serial No.

Unknown

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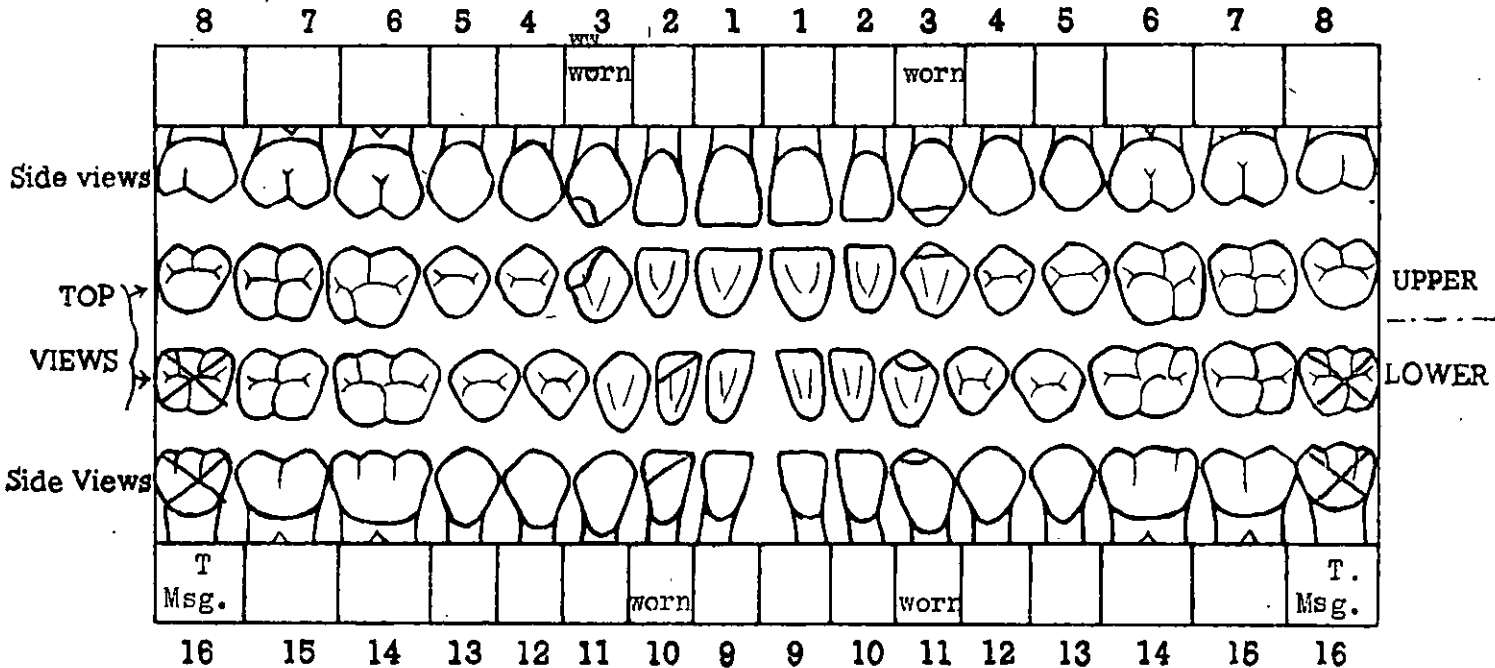
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Place of Death

~~Est. 31 March 45~~  
Date of Death

~~Killed in air Raid.~~  
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), 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.

*Best John E. PFC*

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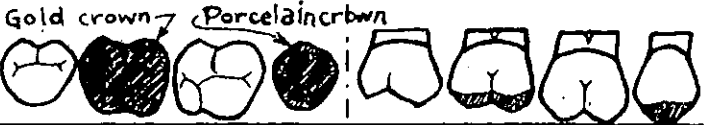
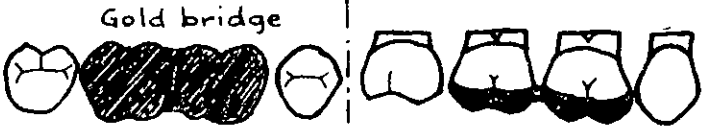
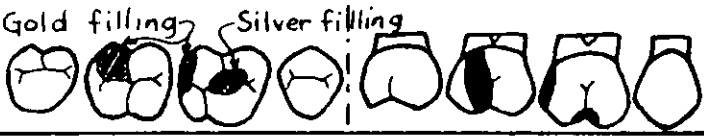
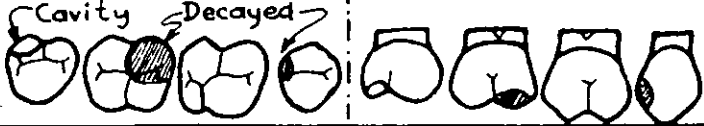
s/ Harold D. Wheeler

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

s/ Ralph W. Sleator, Major Inf. C.I.P.

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

Incl #1

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<p><b>CROWNED TEETH...</b> Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK...</b> Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS...</b> Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES).</b> Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</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

Medium sized, ovoid , pinkish teeth  
 R-8 and L-8 unerupted before death  
 R16 and L 16 missing before death  
 Upper central incisors slightly curved, lingually and lingual  
 surface cup-shaped  
 Upper lingual surface slightly brown stained  
 Lower lingual surface slightly brown stained and lightly tartar coated  
 Shiny occlusal surfaces show signs of wear, pressure from grinding teeth.  
 Upper and Lower molars all four cusped.  
 All teeth present but no fillings in any teeth.

AGRC  
FORM NO LL  
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CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

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

Unknown X - 7384

B.T.B.: BEST John E.  
Pfc.  
35901190

Cemetery St. Avold, France

Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave \_\_\_\_\_

1. Arrived at cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
(hour) (date)

2. Place of death Stalag 4b, Halle/ Saale, Germany Sheet M-52 (D-92).  
(name of closest town) (coordinates and letter Prefex, maps)

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 95th JM Bn.  
(name and organization)

4. Evacuated to cemetery by Central Identification Point  
(name and organization)

5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit, obtain size from  
body measurements)

Clothing Markings Sizes Indicate unusual markings  
Color wear, tear repairs, etc.

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings Color wear, tear repairs, etc.
Headgear	none		
	(type)		
Raincoat	none		
Overcoat	none		
Jacket, Field	none		
Jacket, Combat	none		
Mackinaw	none		
Sweater	none		
Jacket, HBT	none		
Shirt, Wool OD	none		
Undershirt, Wool	none		
Undershirt, Cotton	none		
Trousers, HBT	none		
Trousers, Wool OD	none		
Belt, Web	none		
Drawers, Wool	none		
Drawers, Cotton	none		
Leggins, Wool	none		(Note unusual lacing)
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.

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

NO

8. Description of Remains:

Age UTD Height Est. 5'1" Weight Est. 120 Lbs Description of wounds UTD

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

UTD 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 UTD  
(color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definitive 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, extract)

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

Jaw UTD Circumference of head in inches 21"  
(large, small, no) (hat band)

Neck UTD Larynx UTD  
 (size, length, short, small, wrinkled) (process, extent, normal)

Shoulders UTD Arms UTD  
 (length, muscular, color)

UTD  
 (extent and quantity of hair)

Hands UTD

Fingers UTD  
 (short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

UTD  
 (Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest UTD  
 (size of nipples, color, quantity & extent of hair, large, small, normal)

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

UTD Circumcision UTD Public hair UTD  
 (yes-no) (color)

Hernioplasty UTD  
 (yes-no; location)

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

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

Evidence of healed fractures UTD  
 (nose, arms, legs, etc.)

9. Black out parts of body not received at cemetery:



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

If not, explain TOO BADLY DECOMPOSED

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

12. Remarks: Entire body recovered. All fleshy portions decomposed.  
Body nude.  
Est. weight of remains recovered 10 lbs.

Markings on grave marker found with body: BEST, beigesetzt 7.4.45  
U.S.A., and on back "4/58a"

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.

John S. Martin *[Signature]*  
 John S. Martin - WD Civilian  
 Rank Lab Supervisor Service  
 C.I.P.  
 Organization

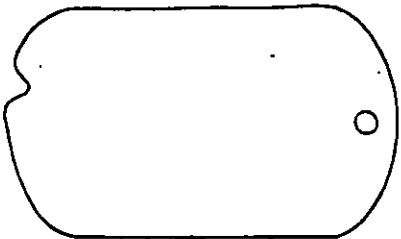
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WD QMC FORM 1042  
(Rev. 1 Apr. 1946)  
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

**REPORT OF INTERMENT**  
(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

DATE OF REPORT

12 September 1946

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible. DO NOT TYPE  		<b>Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.</b>				
NAME (Last, first, middle initial) B.T.B.:BEST John E. Unknown X-7384) Pfc- 35901190		SERIAL NO. Unknown				
GRADE Unknown		ORGANIZATION Unknown		BRANCH OF SERVICE Unknown		
RACE Unknown		RELIGION Unknown		IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY		
PLACE OF DEATH Stalag 4b Halle/Saale, Germany M-52 - D - 92		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in air-raid		DATE OF DEATH Est. 31 March 1945		
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Unknown						
IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY (1, 2, or none) None		IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse) None				
WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED?(Yes or no) Yes						
LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME None						
<b>Section 2.—BURIAL.</b> If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.						
NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY US Military Cemetery (Q-260584) St. Avold, France.						
DATE OF BURIAL 12 September 1946	HOUR 1500	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Casket	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Temp. Wood-cross	PLOT No. K K K K	ROW No. L 2	GRAVE No. 291
WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) Yes	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE Gertrauden Cemetery Halle/Saale, Germany Sheet M-52, (D-92) Prov. Halle/Merseburg			PLOT No. 4	ROW No. 	GRAVE No. 4/58a
TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY General Service	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES CH. H.R. Williams, 1st Lt.		IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY One copy WD QMC Form # 1042 Report of Interment placed in Burial Bottle and buried with remains.			
IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) No	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) Yes-embossed plate					
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown-X-7380		RANK Unk	SERIAL No. Unknown	ORGANIZATION A.A.F.	GRAVE No. 290	
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Flannery, Lawrence C.		RANK T/Sgt	SERIAL No. 37120955	ORGANIZATION A.A.F.	GRAVE No. 292	
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT Ralph W. Sleator <i>Ralph W. Sleator</i> Major Inf.- C.I.P.			SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT Samuel E. Proctor <i>Samuel E. Proctor</i> 2nd Lt. Inf - C.I.P. rcc			
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U. S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.						

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**Section UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

(a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other," such as shoe size, social security number; position of body found in airplanes, vehicles; and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles, and tanks.


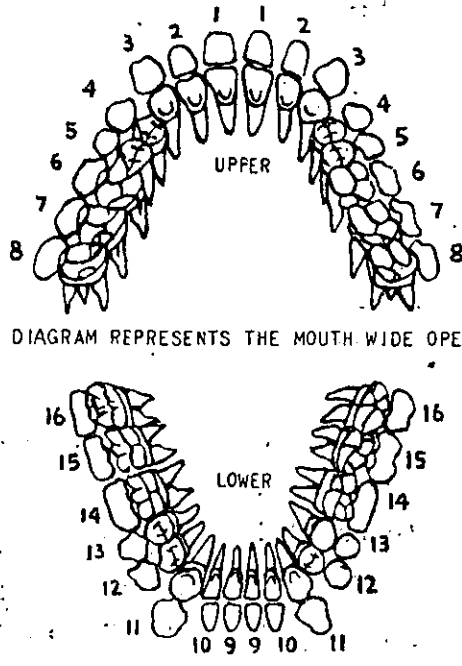




(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.

HEIGHT Est. 5'1"	WEIGHT Est. 120 Lbs.	COLOR OF EYES UTD	COLOR OF HAIR UTD	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS UTD
WEAPON AND SERIAL No. NONE		LAUNDRY MARKS NONE		WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND Halle/Saale, Germany

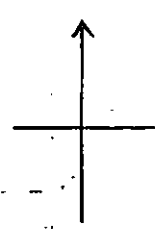
**OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES**

**B.T.B.: BEST John E. - Pfc - 35901190**  
(ex prisoner of War)

Information from grave marker and statement (WD Message signed: WITSELL- Acting the Adjutant General)

FILLINGS		 <p>DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN</p>
CAVITIES		
MISSING TEETH		
CROWNED TEETH		
BRIDGE WORK		

FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY



**REMARKS:** Form 11 Check List of Unknowns and Form 1A Tooth Chart accomplished.  
Too badly decomposed for fingerprints.  
Est. weight of remains recovered 10 Lbs.