

SPCYG 293
Unknown X-189
(Hanna) Luxembourg

17 April 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : War Department Records Branch
Historical Section, Operations Reports
The Pentagon, MB-858
Washington 25, D. C.

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ARTHUR S. ROSENGARD
2nd Lt., QMC
Assistant

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

RECEIVED
APR 18 1946
TWO

RECORDS BRANCH
APR 17 1946
13001638

Spencer, Joseph B.
French, "
Gray, Harry F., 6720346



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TO : The Acting Chief, Casualty Branch
3058 Munitions Building
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Lt. Col. George M. Weir

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MEMORANDUM DIVISION

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REGISTRATION AND
RECORDS BRANCH

French, Joseph B. 13, 001, 638
Spencer, " " 13, 001, 638
Gray, Harry F. 6, 720, 346

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USMC HAMM
PLOT: D ROW: 8 GRAVE: 22
DATE OF BURIAL 11 Mar/49 **DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE**

VERIFIED BY
[Signature]
GRS OFFICER

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 6020 00063
DATE 15 08 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME UNKNOWNX SERIAL NUMBER 000189 GRADE ARM 0 RACE RELIGION 6

CEMETERY HAMM LUXEMBOURG PLOT 2 ROW 12 GRAVE 290 DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 6001 80
CODE DIST CTR

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE HAMM, LUXEMBOURG
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 ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN RELIGION IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY
 REMAINS
 MARKER 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.)

SEE ATTACHED WORK SHEET

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE BY CASKET SEALED BY EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
DATE BY

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

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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FILE
RE.
DAJ MAY 5 1949
BAN. NIMBERLY

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

DAY MONTH YEAR

DATE OF DEATH

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DISPOSITION OF REMAIN

CODE DIST PT

CAUSE OF DEATH

UNKNOWN				X-000189		Q	
CEMETERY							
PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	HAMM LUXEMBOURG				
Z	12	290					

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 DISTINTERRED
UNKNOWN	X-000189	UNK		24 MAY 48
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION GRS	RELIGION UNK	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY WILLARD B OWEN, Capt. Inf. NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL UNIFORM	CONDITION OF REMAINS ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION. ALL MAJOR BONES MISSING, EXCEPT SMALL PORTION OF SKULL, CLAVICLES, SCAPULA, RIBS & VERTABRAE, PELVIS, PROXIMAL THIRD OF R & L/FEMUR.
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION REPORT OF BURIAL FOUND WITH REMAINS	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES / NONE	

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET transfer box	<i>Ray T Patterson</i> ROY T PATTERSON, EMBALMER
DATE 27 MAY 48	BY
CASKET SEALED BY R JAMES MURRAY TO DIS.	EMBALMER (Signature) <i>R James Murray</i> R JAMES MURRAY
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED WE RAFFERY JR. CLERK RECORDER	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY ALL RIGHTS RESERVED <i>R E Lewis</i> R E LEWIS CAPT CAV.
DATE 6 July 1 948	

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

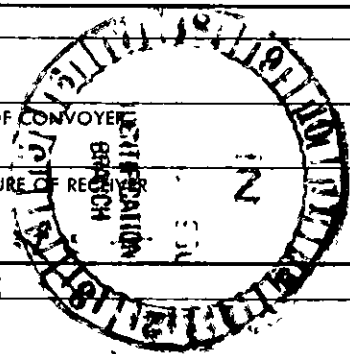
Willard B Owen
WILLARD B OWEN, Capt Inf.
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

24 FEB 1949
(Date)

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains.

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 189, Plot Z
Row 12, Grave 290, USMC Hamm, Luxembourg 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. 2565, dated November 28th, 1947
No further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

George L. Freeman
GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

In. Ltr 24 Feb 49
Subj: Unident Remains
Received *2 March 49* OQMG
Not identifiable from
information presently
available

Incl #3

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293 unk. Unidentifiable (Missing) X-189

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

Disinterment Directive # 379

Unknown X - **189**
 Cemetery **HAME**, Luxemburg
 Plot **2** - Row **12** - Grave **290**

Date reprocessed: 13 November 1947

- 1 ~~Arrived at cemetery~~ **13 November 1947**
(Hour) (Date)
- 2 Place of death
(Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)
(Sheet, scale and serials used)
- 3 Remains ~~recovered~~ or disinterred by **MOBIE TEAM # 2, C.I.P., A.G.R.C.**
(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	NONE <small>(Type)</small>		
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	Burned remnants of		
Trousers, HBT	NONE		
* Trousers, Wool OD	NONE		

Belt, web. **NONE**

Drawers, wool **NONE**

Drawers, cotton **NONE**

Leggings, wool **NONE**

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

Chevrons or Insignia **NONE**
(Type & location, shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch **NONE**

Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Force?
U.T.D.

6 Description of Remains .

Age **UTD** Height **UTD** Weight **UTD** Description of wounds **UTD**

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

UTD Tattoos
(Number, location — illustrate on separate page)

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

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face **UTD**

Complexion **UTD**
(Light, medium, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles)

Build **UTD**
(Large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair **NONE FOUND**
(Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

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

Sideburns **UTD** 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	None recovered		
	(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)		
Chin	UTD		
			(Prominent, receding, pointed, dimples, double)
Jaw	UTD	Circumference of head in inches	FRACTURED
	(Large, small, normal)		(Hat band)
Neck	UTD	Larynx	UTD
	(Size, length, short, normal, wrinkled)		(Prominent, normal)
Shoulders	UTD	Arms	UTD
	(Broad, straight, small, rounded)		(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 and extent of hair, large, small, normal)
Waist	UTD		
			(Size of navel, appendectomy, amount, quantity, and color of hair)
Back	UTD	Circumcision	UTD
	(Quantity and extent of hair)		(Yes-no)
		Pubic Hair	None found
			(Color)
Hernioplasty	UTD		
			(Yes-no, location)
Legs	UTD		
			(Muscle, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color and extent of hair)
Feet	UTD	Toes	UTD
	(Size, corns, callouses, fit)		(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

SEE ATTACHED CHART

7 Have finger prints been placed on Report of Interment? **No** (Yes-no)

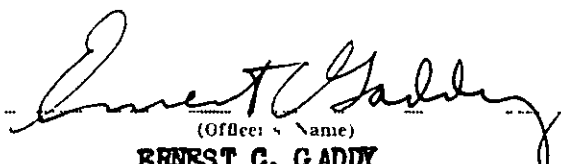
If not, explain **Fingers missing**

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

None recovered

9 Remarks **Badly fractured skeleton recovered,
Estimated weight: 6 lbs.
Fluoroscopic Examination negative.
Few remnants burned undershirt, no markings evident.
Burial report, no GRS tag, recovered with remains.
No means of identification found.
Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.
Case remains UNKNOWN.**

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


(Officer's Name)

ERNEST C. GADDY

CWO

USA

Rank

Service

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT

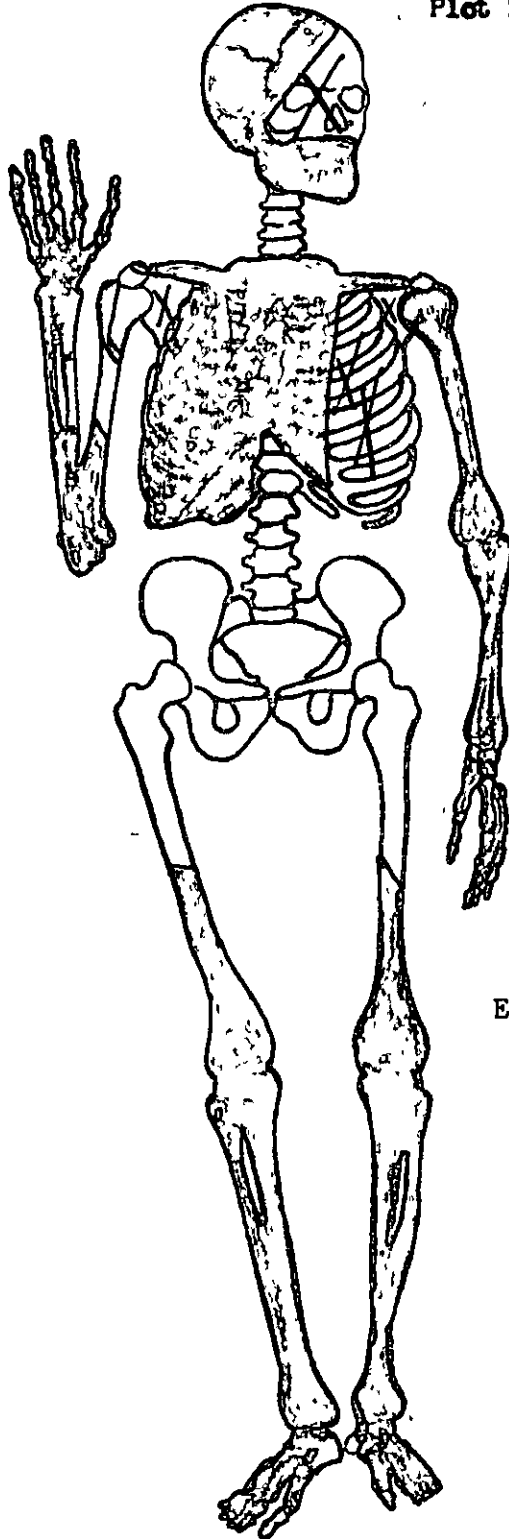
(Organization)

X-189

SKELETAL CHART HAMM Cemetery

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY) :

Plot 2, Row 12, Grave 290



Estimated Height: U.T.D.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION RECORD

DATE
5/3

TELEPHONE NUMBER AND BRANCH CALLED
73013 HTC

NAME OF PERSON PLACING CALL
Lundis

CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION (X or Case Number)
X 189

CEMETERY
Wainman

INFORMATION REQUIRED

DATE CALLED BACK

PERSON GIVING INFORMATION

INFORMATION RECEIVED
No Record suggests that we call
73076 - Flying Safety Service (Col. Shultz)
5/8/46 Col Shultz office called --- No
info in their files or at Langley Field.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES

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

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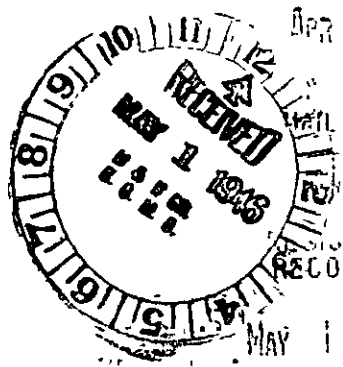
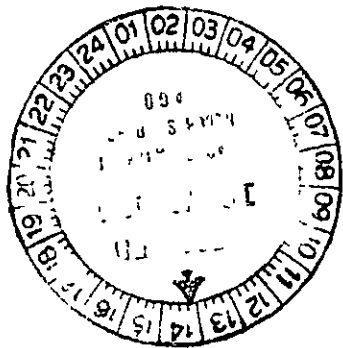
ARTHUR S. ROSENGARD
2nd-Lt., QMC
Assistant

X6817

101st AIB Div }
9th Armd Div }

22 Dec 44

Source: 12th Army Group situation map, 22 Dec 44.



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MEMORANDUM DIVISION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: [Illegible text]

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AMERICAN

RESTRICTED

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

2 AUG 45

Date

UNKNOWN X-189		UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Last Name		Rank	Serial No.
UNKNOWN		AIR CORPS	
Unit		Organization	
NEIDERWAMBACH, LUX.		EST. DEC. 44	
Place of Death		Date of Death	
1000 2 AUG 45		U. S. MIL. CEM., HAYM, LUXEMBOURG	
Time and Date of Burial		Name or Coordinates of Location	
290 12		Z 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: Subject, deceased was in same plane with JOSEPH B. FRENCH 13001638 and HARRY F. GRAY, 6720346, when it exploded before crashing. A civilian, (chief of police of Neiderwambach, Lux.), named FOVING RAYMONER said he saw the bomber type plane explode. Remaining parts of the plane were unidentifiable upon investigation. (SEE REVERSE)

How were remains identified? NO TAGS.

What means of identification were buried with the body?

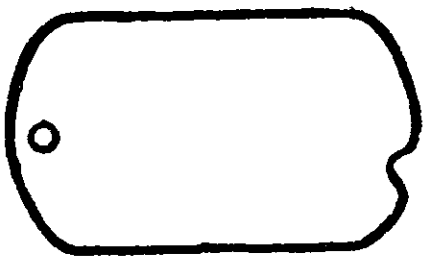
FORM GR-1

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	GRAY 6720346	UNKNOWN	AIR CORPS	289
	Name Serial No	Rank	Organization	Grave No
Deceased's Left:	UNKNOWN X-190			291
	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 UNKNOWN Name

Address

Religion UNKNOWN

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

NONE

Haskell B. Pugh
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
HASKELL B. PUGH 1st Lt., QMC G.R. O.
610TH QM GR. REG. CO.
Verified by G.R.S. 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: No
 Weight: _____ Number of Ruffle:
 Color of Eyes: _____ Wear Glasses?
 Color of Hair: _____ Is Tooth Chart Attached? No
 Race: _____

(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.

Remains consisted of a mass of flesh and bones weighing about 25 lbs. Remaining bones unidentifiable due to advanced stage of decomposition. Tooth chart and fingerprints impossible for the same reason. Remains were wrapped in a German shelter half. No clothing was found.

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

TOOTH CHART

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

Indicate missing natural teeth by X, crowns by O, fillings by □; Bridges by C 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.