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INTERRED 8 JANUARY 1952  
 B 3 16 USMC CARTHAGE  
 /S/ JOHN G. SCHOLL  
 ASST. SUPT.

**DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE**

*293 unk Liege Maus. X-9048*

SECTION A —  
 NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER  
 1200 00056

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 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
UNKNOWN X-9040			8	0	6

CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
AGRS MAUSOLEUM LIEGE, BELGIUM			49	9001 80 CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
 CARTHAGE, TUNIS

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

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

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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	EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	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  
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 RECORDS ANNOTATED  
 DATE *20 Feb 52*  
 NAME *Joseph Shuster*  
 BR. MEN. DIV.

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DATE 20 Feb 52  
NAME Eugene Hunter  
AGRS BR. NEW. DIV.

QUEST 293  
GHS European

*air crash*

19 October 1951

Mr. Carol G. Sadow  
426 Utterview Avenue  
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mr. Sadow:

An investigation is being conducted by this Office concerning First Lieutenant Edward F. Houston, O-697353, and Technical Sergeant John A. Tarbert, G947536, crew members of aircraft #42-309789, which crashed in the vicinity of Huesbalden, Germany, on 27 September 1944.

Since you were aboard this aircraft at the time of the incident, you may be able to furnish information concerning the following:

- a. Location in which they were killed in relation to nearby towns, mountains, etc.
- b. Whether you saw the bodies and the condition when viewed by you.
- c. Manner, place and date of burial.
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Inasmuch as the expiration date of the public law authorizing the Return of World War II Dead has been set by Congress as 31 December 1951, this Office is expending every effort to expedite the recovery and identification of all our deceased American personnel prior to that date.

A reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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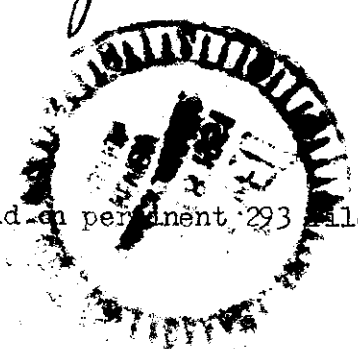
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J C WELCHER  
LT COL. GURMT

24 October 1951

QUEST 293  
G.S. European

*Missing Air Crew*

Mr. Orvel G. Howe  
130 Elm Street  
South Brewer, Maryland

Dear Mr. Howe:

An investigation is being conducted by this Office concerning First Lieutenant Edward I. Houtman, O-697153, and Technical Sergeant John A. Yarbart, 6947526, crew members of aircraft #42-109769, which crashed in the vicinity of Hassenheim, Germany, on 27 September 1944.

Since you were aboard this aircraft at the time of the incident, you may be able to furnish information concerning the following:

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*Missing Air Crew*

24 October 1951

Mr. Maynard L. Jones  
Pineville Park  
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Jones:

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HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS BRANCH  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 200.2

9 August 1951

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

1. Reference is made to Report of Burial and associated case papers for Unknown X-9048, AGRS Mausoleum, Liege, forwarded to your Office by Transmittal Letter # 6321, dated 6 August 1951.

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b. Unknown X-9048 was recovered from the crash crater which according to evidence given by eyewitnesses, is believed to be the crash site of A/C # 42-109789.

c. Subject deceased are the only two unresolved casualties of subject aircraft.

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*C. W. Steinsiek*  
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Major, OMC  
Operations Branch

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*293 OMBT 293 GRS European X-9048*

F O R D E C I S I O N

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The Field has associated Unknown X-9048 Liege, Belgium, with 1/Lt Edward F. Hautman, O-697353 and T/Sgt John A. Tarbert, 6947526, crew members of A/C 42-109789 (MACR #9398) which crashed in the vicinity of Bassenheim, Germany, 27 September 1944. Three of the nine crew members aboard were KIA. (WALDRON, HAUTMAN AND TARBERT)

According to German Records, three crew members were reported dead (WALDRON, HAUTMAN AND ONE UNKNOWN). 1/Lt Hautman and S/Sgt Waldron were reported buried in the Civilian Cemetery, Bassenheim. Six crew members were reported captured.

Cemetery Records indicate that two bodies found near the scene of the crash on September 27, 1944 were buried in the Cemetery in individual boxes. A third body of a US airman found in the same vicinity in February 1945, from another plane crash, was buried in the cemetery next to the two American deceased buried in 1944.

Three deceased were disinterred by an American Team in 1946 as Unknown X-2360, X-2367 and Harry W. Zuest, O-2068152. Lt. Zuest was identified by Tags. He was a member of A/C 42-95917 (MACR #12344) which crashed near Krufft Germany 14 February 1945. His parachute failed and he landed in the Bassenheim area. Unknown X-2360 was subsequently identified as S/Sgt Gordon F. Waldron, 36459147, and X-2367 was declared unidentifiable because of insufficient identifying data.

Because Lt. Hautman and S/Sgt Tarbert were unaccounted for, reinvestigation was conducted in the area in 1951 to recover additional remains. The investigation revealed the following:

1. No additional remains were found in the original graves.
2. Numerous small remains consist of vertebrae, rib bones and fractured pieces of other bones including parts of a skull were recovered in the plane crater which were assigned SR 270 and later designated Unknown X-9048, Liege.
3. Simultaneous reprocessing of X-9048 and X-2367 revealed that the remains could not be consolidated.
4. Dr. Vandervael attested that Unknown X-2367 could not be associated with either 1/Lt Hautman or S/Sgt Tarbert for the following reasons:
  - a. Dental comparison is contradictory for both deceased. (See dental comparisons attached).
  - b. Estimated height and age are favorable for both Hautman and Tarbert however, weight and color of hair are not favorable for either.
5. All American unknowns have been recovered from Bassenheim. Hautman and Tarbert are the only deceased to be accounted for.
6. According to statements from Survivors (See letters attached) Lt. Hautman bailed from the plane. S/Sgt Tarbert was the only crew member to perish in the plane. It is reasonably evident that the remains of X-9048 could only be associated with S/Sgt Tarbert. However, the remains are believed too fragmentary to substantiate individual identification.

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7. According to the Cemetery map (Bassenheim) there were five graves in the row where the three Americans were disinterred, however, there is no record indicating who the other two deceased were. (See Map Sketch)

8. The deceased buried in adjacent graves and in the same row with X-2367 (Margraten) have been checked in this office for possible switch of remains with negative results. The identifications can be verified.

Should a Group Burial be established identifying X-2367 and X-9048 as Hautman and Tarbert, or should X-9048 be identified as Tarbert and Hautman be declared Non Recoverable?

In view of the circumstances, Unknown X-9048 could not be HAUTMAN.

*H. Martin*  
*17 Nov 51*

H. Martin  
19 Nov. 1951

COORDS:

BASSENHEIM (Remains recovered)  
KRUFT ( A/C 14 Feb.45)  
KOBLENZ

50.21N - 7.27E  
50.22N - 7.20E  
50.21N - 7.35E

(Map Ref. K.51/Koln)

NAARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

26 January 1951

I. MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

Pursuant to instructions set forth in basic document, ID # 556, Case Germany K-51/2813, dated 9 November 1950, an investigation was conducted at BASSENHEIM (K-51/L-79), Kreis KOBLENZ and OCHTENDUNG (K-51/L-79), Kreis MAYEN, Germany in an effort to recover the remains of:

HAUTMAN, EDWARD F.	1/Lt	O-097353
TARBERT, JOHN A.	T/Sgt	6947526

unresolved crew members of A/C # 42-109789 which crashed in the vicinity of BASSENHEIM on 27 September 1944.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Of the nine (9) crew members, six (6) are MIA, while three (3) were listed as casualties. Dulag record KU-5015 likewise listed three (3) casualties. A preliminary investigation conducted by Mr. HERMAN O. HILJEGGERDES on 11 January 1951 had disclosed that two (2) bodies of US airmen found near the scene of the crash on 27 September 1944 were buried in the cemetery of BASSENHEIM in individual boxes. A third body of a US airman was found in February 1945, however, originated from another plane crash and was likewise buried in the BASSENHEIM cemetery next to the two (2) US deceased.

The three (3) US deceased were disinterred by an American team in 1946 and the grave site was found entirely vacant when opened by Mr. HILJEGGERDES. (See Exhibit "A" and "B").

Continuing this investigation, the undersigned team first contacted the Amtsbürgermeister of WEISSENTHUM in an effort to obtain pertinent records concerning the crash at BASSENHEIM. Mr. NACHTSHEIM, Amtsbürgermeister of WEISSENTHUM produced the original of a report dated 28 September 1944, concerning the crash of a US four-engine bomber, type "Liberator", 2.5 km south-west of the village around 1155 hours on 27 September 1944. This report likewise stated the death of three (3) crew members in the crash. (See Exhibit "C").

Another report dated 7 May 1945 mentions three (3) graves of US soldiers located in the Catholic cemetery of BASSENHEIM, date of death of

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26 January 1951

two (2) deceased given as of 27 September 1944 and of one (1) deceased as of 15 February 1945. (See Exhibit "D").

Likewise, an Area Search Certificate dated 15 February 1946 and signed by Pfc DOYLE SAVAGE, 34922695, as well as a Notice of Disinterment, dated 19 February 1946 and signed by Sgt. ANGELO A. STUMP, list one (1) known by name of HARRY W. ZUEST, O-2068152 and two (2) unknowns as being disinterred and evacuated to USMC Margraten, Holland on 19 February 1946. (See Exhibits "K" and "F"). A letter dated 19 February 1946 and addressed to the Ortsbürgermeister in WEISSENTHURN reports the fact of the disinterment and evacuation of the three (3) airmen by a US team. (See Exhibit "C").

### III. FINDINGS:

a. The former burial site of three (3) US airmen was re-opened by Mr. HERMAN O. HILLJÄGERDUS and found to be entirely empty.

b. The scene of the crash was found to be located on a field in the vicinity of BASSENHEIM. At the time of the crash, German military personnel had cordoned off the area while investigation was made of the crash. At some distance from the crash site proper, one (1) complete body of an airman was found located between the forks of the road leading to KÜBERN next to the KARMELENBÄCKER WEG. A second complete body of an airman was located in the nearby woods.

Mr. MICHAEL GOTTHARDT, carpenter at BASSENHEIM, Kirchstr. # 5, was instructed by former Bürgermeister HEINRICH SIMONIS, to make two (2) wooden boxes for the deceased found. On 28 September 1944, Mr. GOTTHARDT, with the aid of a French POW took these boxes to the scene of crash on a wagon and personally placed the two (2) complete bodies separately into the caskets which were subsequently taken to the cemetery of BASSENHEIM where cemetery caretaker GEORG ISRAEL buried them next to one another on 29 September 1944. It is unknown from which plane the two (2) deceased originated.

Subsequent visits at the crash site by various inhabitants of the village disclosed the fact that numerous small remains were scattered over the area. Mr. GEORG ISRAEL, cemetery caretaker at BASSENHEIM when learning of this fact offered to collect these small remains for burial in the cemetery, however, the former Bürgermeister Mr. HEINRICH SIMONIS objected to this and the remains were thus not recovered but left lying on the ground, thus accounting for the fact that despite the burial of

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only two (2) deceased in the cemetery, three (3) deceased being mentioned on Dulag report.

In an effort to recover at least partial remains of the unresolved casualties, the crater at the scene of crash was excavated to a length of 15 meters, a width of 5 meters, and a depth of approximately 2 meters. The ground consisted of sandy soil and was searched with meticulous care for any human remains still present. Plane wreckage in considerable quantities was found still embedded in the ground and had to be removed for a thorough search of the ground beneath.

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Numerous small remains consisting of vertebrae, rib bones and fractured pieces of other bones including parts of a skull were recovered from the crater, placed into a mattress cover and metallic lined and assigned SR-270. Despite a thorough search, no identification tags were found, however, a gold wedding ring bearing the stamp "L K", without any inscription, was discovered in the ground among the scattered remains, which possibly might prove valuable for identification purposes. The ring was placed in a PE bag and put with the remains. (See sketch Exhibit "H").

Investigation at OCHTENDUNG proved entirely negative since all deceased of US nationality previously buried there originated from another plane crash in February 1945. All US deceased have been disinterred from OCHTENDUNG in July 1946. (See Exhibit "I" and "J").

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SR-270 be processed at the CIL Liege, Belgium in an effort to associate these remains with unresolved crew members of subject plane. If reprocessing of X-2367 Margraten on the basis of results of this investigation still proves negative inasmuch as a crew member of A/C 42-109789 is concerned, it is reasonable to assume that this deceased originated from another plane that crashed on the same day. If this proves negative, it is recommended that remains be declared non-recoverable.

KARL WILD  
Interpreter  
AGR S & R Unit # 3

/s/t/ JOHN D. BADDERS  
Sgt. RA-37060688  
AGR S & R Unit # 3

Narrative of Investigation: (Cont'd)

26 January 1951

Incls:

ID # 556, Case 2813, dtd 9 Nov 50  
OQMG Form 371 (Hautman)  
OQMG Form 371 (Tarbert)  
Cy M.C.R K-186  
Cy Dulag Ref. KU -3015  
Burial Info. Report  
Summarization of Costs and/or Expenses

List of Exhibits:

- "A" Statement-HEINRICH SIMONIS, dtd 11 Jan 51
- "B" statement-GEORG ISRAEL, dtd 11 Jan 51
- "C" Cy ltr Amtsburgermeister, Weisenthurm, utd 28.9.44
- "D" Cy ltr Burgermeister Bassenheim, utd 7 May 1945
- "E" Cy Area Search Certificate, dtd 15 Feb
- "F" cy of Notice of Disinterment, dtd 19 Feb 46
- "G" Cy ltr Burgermeister, Bassenheim, utd 19 Feb 46
- "H" Sketch of scene of crash
- "I" Statement Burgermeister, Ochtendung, utd 30.1.51
- "J" List of US deceased buried in Ochtendung previously

T r a n s l a t i o n

STATEMENT

Bassenheim, 11 January 1951

I, HEINRICH SIRONIS, residing in BASSENHEIM, Oppenheimerstr. # 14, was Ortsgruppenleiter during the war.

In Autumn 1944, about September, an American bomber crashed in the town of BASSENHEIM. I saw the plane as it flew over BASSENHEIM, and as it crashed 1 1/2 km south-west of the village. Immediately after the crash, I proceeded to the crash site. A deceased soldier was lying about 75 meters from the plane. (A second body was lying in a woods about 60 meters from the first body.) Both bodies were placed in caskets and I was present when the bodies were brought to the cemetery.

XX A third body was found a few months later, north-east of BASSENHEIM and was buried in the local cemetery with the two (2) others.

When the bodies were placed in caskets, I searched the surrounding area thoroughly for human remains, to make sure that none would be overlooked.

The subject plane, when I saw it, was coming from a north-easter direction and it flew towards south-west.

/s/ Heinrich Sironis



T r a n s l a t i o n

STATEMENT

Bassenheim, 11 January 1951

I, GEORG ISRAEL, have been cemetery caretaker of BASSENHEIM since 1939. I was continuously present in BASSENHEIM during the war.

I personally buried three (3) Americans in the local cemetery, two (2) on 27 September 1944 and one (1) on 15 February 1945. These three (3) American soldiers were disinterred and evacuated by an American unit in 1946. I was present at the disinterment and can positively verify that the same bodies which I had buried, were disinterred.

/s/ Georg Israel

EXHIBIT "B"

T r a n s l a t i o n

COPY

The Bürgermeister

Bassenheim, 7 May 1945

To the Bürgermeister .

WEISSENTHURN

Subject: Grave of Allied Soldiers

Ref.: Order dated 3 May 1945 - Section III.

In reference to above mentioned Order, I submit the following:

- a) Number of graves: 3
- b) Location of graves: Catholic Cemetery
- c) Date of death: 27.9.1944 - 2 American soldiers  
15.2.1945 - 1 American soldier

Bürgermeister  
/s/ Israel

Certified true copy:

Weissenhurn, 30 January 1951  
The Amtsbürgermeister

/s/ Nachtsheim  
Amtsoberinspektor

EXHIBIT "D"

T r a n s l a t i o n

C O P Y

The Amtsburgermeister  
As Town Police Authority

Weisenthurn, 28 Sept. 1944

To the Landrat KOBLENZ

Subject; Report Concerning Shooting Down of Enemy Plane

Ref. : Order dated 11.5.44 - IO/1 - Lu 210/14-.

On 27 September 1944, around 11:55 hours, a four-motored enemy plane, type "Liberator" crashed in BASSENHEIM, 2.5 Km south-west of the village in the open field by "Karmelenberg".

Three (3) crew members were killed. One (1) wounded was taken by the Feldjägerkommando in BASSENHEIM. The remaining five (5) were taken prisoner by a team from the Niedermendig airport. *Lt. Major ... Navigator*

Before the arrival of the competent police authorities, all establishment and safety measures had already been carried out by the Wehrmacht.

M. d. k. d. G. b.

/s/ Sch,

Certified True Copy:

Weisenthurn, 30 January 1951

/s/ Nachtsheim  
Amtsberinspektor

EXHIBIT "C"

## A b s c h r i f t

Graves Registration Service Area  
Search Certificate

Datum (Date)	Feb. 15, 1951
Gemeinde (Commune of)	Bassenheim
Kreis (Country)	Koblenz
Reg. Bezirk (District)	

Ich bescheinige hiernit nach bestem Wissen  
(I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge)

1. Das sich innerhalb der Grenzen der von mir verwalteten Gemeinde keine verstorbenen, unbestatteten Militärpersonen der USA oder ihrer Alliierten befinden mit den unten vermerkten Ausnahmen.

(That no unburied remains of U.S. or Allied military personnel are within the area under my jurisdiction, except as noted below)

2. Dass sich innerhalb der Grenzen der von mir verwalteten Gemeinde keine Gräber befinden, in denen verstorbene Militärpersonen der USA oder ihrer Alliierten beigesetzt sind, mit den unten vermerkten Ausnahmen.

(That no graves of U.S. or Allied military personnel are within the area under my jurisdiction, except as noted below).

3 American flyers

(No Rank) Harry W. Zuest O-2068152

One (1) Unknown

One (1) Unknown

Pfc DOYLE SWAGE  
Investigator's signature, Rank and ASN.)  
3 922695

gez.: Leutsem (L.S.)  
Unterschrift, Titel, Stempel  
(Signature, title, seal)

Bürgermeister

Für die Richtigkeit der Abschrift:  
Bassenheim, den 30.1.1951  
Der Bürgermeister

EXHIBIT "E"

SEAL /s/ Illisible

A b s c h r i f t !NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT

GMS-GZ Form No. 8

Date 19 Feb. 46

The below listed U.S. deceased personnel have this date been disinterred from the location as shown and have been evacuated to US Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland for reburial.

<u>Harry W. Zuest</u>	<u>Unk. O-2068152</u>	<u>Bassenheim</u>	
(NAME)	(RANK)	(ASN)	(PLACE OF DISINTERMENT)
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	If communal cemetery
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	show Plot, Row and Grave No. if available

Sgt. Angelo A. Stump  
Officer or NCO in charge of disinterment)

6892 4th Gr Co (Prov)  
(Organization)

Fur die Richtigkeit der Abschrift:  
Bassenheim, den 30.1.1951  
Der Bürgermeister

/s/ Illigible

EXHIBIT "F"

T r a n s l a t i o n

C O P Y

The Bürgermeister

Bassenheim, 19 Feb 40

Original with 1 copy  
to Ortsbürgermeister  
in Weisenthurn

returned.

The three (3) American fliers who were buried in the local cemetery were disinterred and evacuated today by members of the American Army.

Rep. By:

/s/ Neutzem

T r a n s l a t i o n

Gestern den 30.1.51

The Bürgermeister

No records concerning a crash of an American plane here are available at the local community office.

/s/ Illegible

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

1-27  
 AF 556  
 Case: 2813

AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form # 10 (Revised)  
 1 January 1946.

20 January 1951  
 Date

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ ASN \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

(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? 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 Partial identification RANK None ASN None

b. ORGANIZATION None

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY None

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

a. Date of above burials Not buried - found in plane crater

4. Common Graves? -

5. Name and Type of Cemetery -  
 (Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery -

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section - Row - Grave -

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



8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.
- a. Town Bassenheim, Germany Coordinates K-51/L-79
- b. Is sketch attached? - yes
- c. Is area mined? NO
9. How is the grave marked? Found in crater
10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon \_\_\_\_\_  
DNA
- a. From what source was this information obtained? \_\_\_\_\_  
See narrative  
 (Identification tags, personal effects)
- b. By Whom \_\_\_\_\_
11. Where are the cemetery records? See narrative  
 (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? 27 September 1944
- a. Give basis See MACE
13. What is the cause of death? Plane crash
- b. Give basis Remains found in plane crater
14. What is the date of burial? Not buried
- a. Give basis See narrative
15. Where was the place of death? Vicinity of BASSENHEIM, Germany.  
 Coords K-51/L-79 Give basis: Plane crashed there
16. Where were the remains found in plane crater vic. Coords K-51/L-79  
Bassenheim, Ger.
- a. By Whom? This team Is sketch attached Yes
17. Was a casket used? No How marked? -
18. Who made the burial See narrative  
 (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? Yes

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? near by engine

20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of Investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).

a. Type of Plane See para 18c

b. Markings and/or name on plane See para 18c

c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: See para 18c

21. How did crash occur? unk Anti-aircraft -

Enemy Planes? - Collision? -

22. Did plane explode in the air? unk On ground? -

23. Did plane burn in the air? - On ground? -

24. What was the direction of the flight? unk

25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? \_\_\_\_\_

unk

26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? unk

27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased?

unk

28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash unk

29. State precise time and date of plane crash See para 18c  
(Night? Day?)

30. Were parachutists seen? unk How many? - Escaped? unk

Prisoners? unk

SECTION C - ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only in deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? -

a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed

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. Number 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SECTION E - GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? Yes

If not, state reason \_\_\_\_\_

a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Unk

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ By Whom? \_\_\_\_\_

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

If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded

- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? Unk
- d. Did Cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? NA
42. Was deceased given first aid? Unk If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
By whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Are statements from the medical people attached? \_\_\_\_\_
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? NO  
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? Yes  
By whom? Unk When? 1949
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed see narrative
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

52. Give Brief Narrative

See attached narrative

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Use attached sheets, if necessary)

Signature of Interpreter

Signature of Investigator

Rank

ASN

Rank

ASN

Organization

Organization

R.O. # 3696

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. Remains of Unknown

2. Date of Report

UNKNOWN X-9048

3 August 1951

3. Name of Cemetery

4. Plot

5. Row

6. Grave

7. Section

AGRS MAUSOLEUM LIEGE BELG.

\_\_\_\_\_

49

8. District  
9. Grave

8. Est. Age

9. Est. Height

10. Color of Hair

28-30 Yrs

UTD

None found

12. Give description of any official identification found with remains

S&R Paper tag received with remains

13. Give description of tattoos or scars on body and/or such information obtained from other sources

UTD

14. Was it by gunshot?

To what extent?

Yes  No

Severely

15. Was it by strangling?

To what extent?

Yes  No

See skeletal chart attached

16. Describe evidence of healed fractures and bone malformations.

None noted

17. List every item of clothing, equipment and personal effects found, showing the type, color, size, markings, service, etc. (If laundry marks are indistinct, such notation should be made and specimens forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area).

None found

*Per Radio 18 Dec 1951*  
Received *21 Dec 1951*  
Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available *J. Martin*  
*Inv. Sec.*



IDENTIFICATION DATA					
1. Remains of Unknown			2. Date of Report 28 March 1951		
3. Name of Cemetery		4. Plot	5. Row	6. Grave	7. Name of Disinterment XXXX
8. Est. Age Approx 25		9. Est. Height UTD	10. Color of Hair None		11. Sex UTD
12. Give description of any official identification found with remains  SR paper tag received with remains					
13. Give description of tattoos or scars on body and/or such information obtained from other sources  None					
14. Was it buried? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			To what extent? <b>Severely</b>		
15. Was it by mistake? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			To what extent? <b>See skeletal chart</b>		
16. Describe evidence of healed fractures and bone malformations.  None evident					
17. List every item of clothing, equipment and personal effects found, showing the type, color, size, markings, service, etc. (If laundry marks are indistinct, such notation should be made and specimens forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area).  Wedding ring (14 K gold)					





SKELETAL CHART

CHART "A"

Previously  
SR 270

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

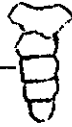
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X-9048  
Grave 49  
LEFT AGRS MAUS.

RIGHT

SKULL \_\_\_\_\_ in

STERNUM



HUMERUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

HUMERUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

ULNA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

ULNA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

RADIUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

RADIUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FEMUR \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FEMUR \_\_\_\_\_ cm

TIBIA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

TIBIA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FIBULA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FIBULA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

NOTE:  
BLACKED  
OUT  
PORTIONS  
ARE  
PRESENT

- Missing
- Burned
- Fractured
- Shattered

Est. Age 28-30

Est. Height UTD

Color Hair None

Healed Fractures None Noted

No Flesh  
Burned

140 160 435

SIGNATURE W. A. Neep  
2 August '51

SKELETAL CHART

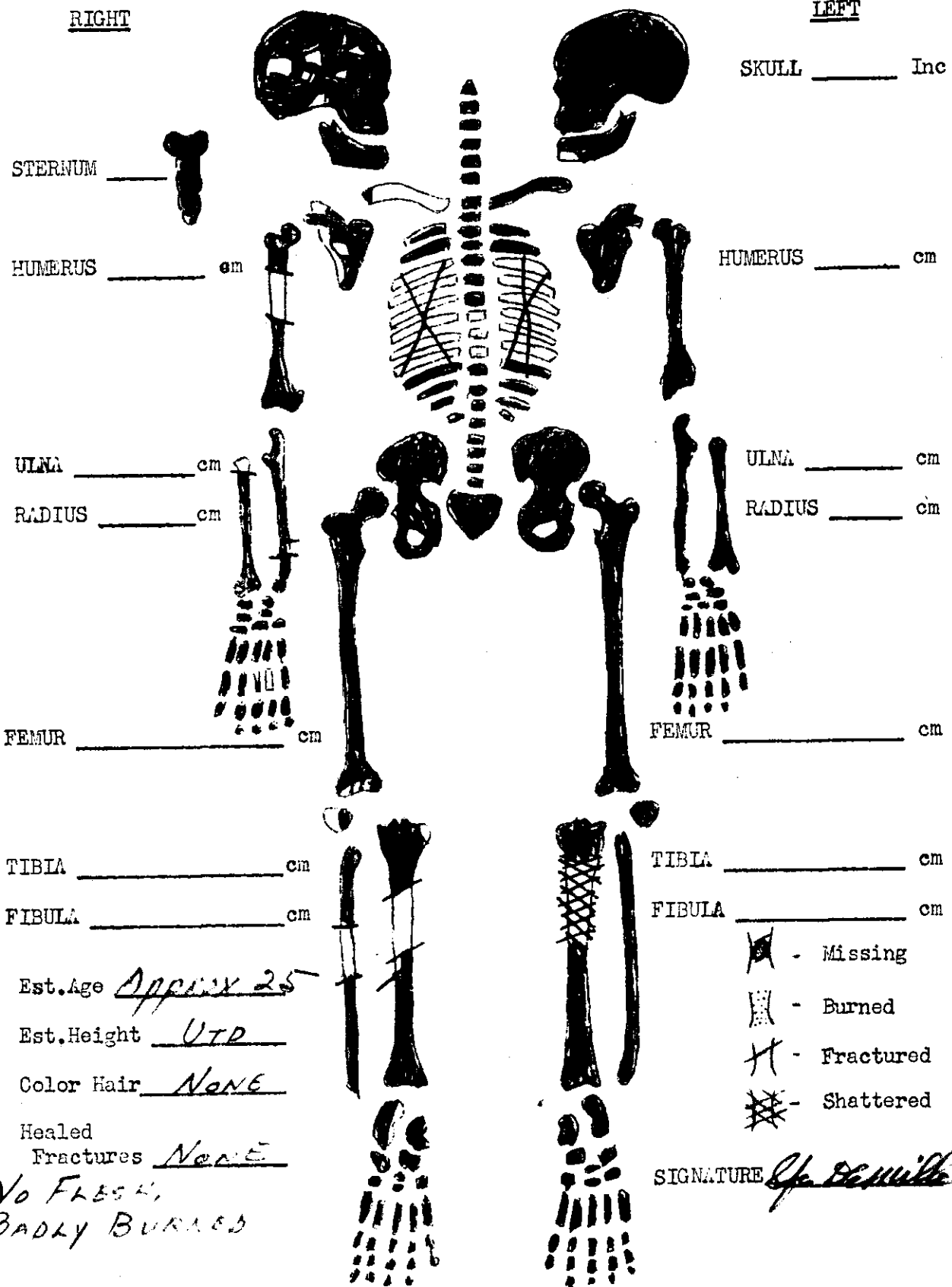
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CHART "A-1"

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY) 23 MARCH 1951

RIGHT

LEFT



SKULL \_\_\_\_\_ Inc

STERNUM \_\_\_\_\_

HUMERUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

HUMERUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

ULNA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

ULNA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

RADIUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

RADIUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FEMUR \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FEMUR \_\_\_\_\_ cm

TIBIA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

TIBIA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FIBULA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FIBULA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

Est. Age Approx 25

Est. Height UTD

Color Hair NONE

Healed Fractures NONE

No FLESH,  
BADLY BURNED

\* - Missing

⊗ - Burned

+ - Fractured

/ - Shattered

SIGNATURE J. DeMiller

X-9048  
AGRS Mausoleum #49

**TOOTH CHART**

R.O. - 3696

1 AUG 51  
Date

Unknown

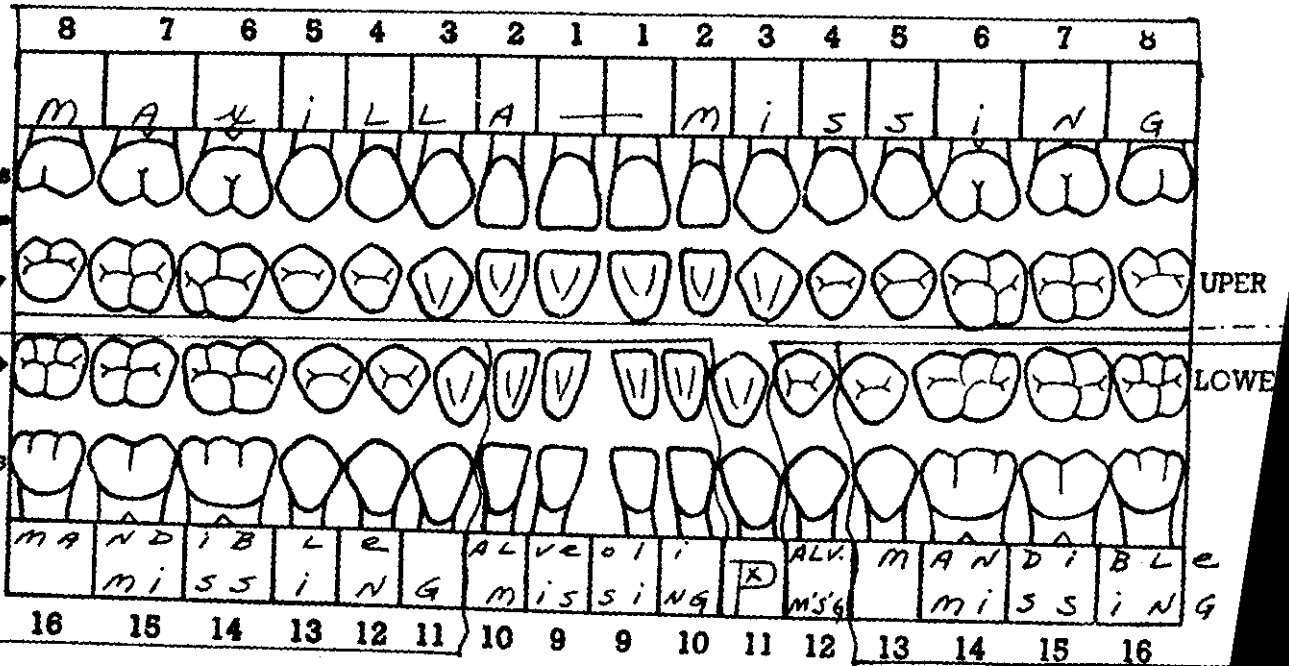
Last Name: Remain w/ X-9048      First: X-9048      Initial:       Rank:       Serial No.:

Unit:       Organization:

Place of Death:       Date of Death:       Cause of Death:

**Right**

**Left**



*see Remarks*  
This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth 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 following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plastic) and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

*Harold D. Wheeler*

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. S.

Officer