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In compliance with Processing Directive # 116 dated 26 Oct. 1951 the remains received as S&R # 295 (Now designated UNK X-9070 AGRS Mausoleum Liege Grave 71 and UNK X-9071 AGRS Mausoleum Liege Grave 72) were processed and the findings are as follows:

S&R Case # 295 was found to consist of two (2) or more remains. Segregation was accomplished and remains were designated as shown above.

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The above remains consist of too few anatomical portions for a comparison. The skeletal portions could represent more than one (1) individual however there are no duplications of anatomical portions.

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HARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION AND DISINTENSENT

Pursuant to instructions given in ID # 857, Case # Misc., dated 10 September 1951, an investigation was conducted at RICHELSDORF (L-51/H-66) Germany, in an effort to recover human remains from a crash site of what is believed a B-24, and also to identify the aircraft.

While collecting semap metal, a Mr. BOKHM, resident of NENTERSHAUSEN, had found human remains on the meriese of the ground where an American beaber had crashed during the War. Accompanied by Mr. BOKHM, the undersigned ment to the place in question, which is located approximately two (2) kilemeters northwest of RICHELSDORF (L-51/H-66). With the help of four (4) workers, an example mass started. During the excavation, further remains were found. Of the plane wreckage, only vary small pieces of metal could be recovered. Meither machine gun nor motor numbers could be found. During a thorough search in the surrounding area, an identification tag was found bearing the following:

C. C. PALMER Jr. 19083921 T-42-43 A

Since no further remains or other means of identification could be found, several inhabitants living that the vicinity were contacted and interviewed.

Mrs. KCHLHAAS, resident of RICHELSDCRF, stated that she was working in the field in September 1964 when two (2) American bembers crashed in the vicinity of RICHELSDCRF (see electeh). She further declared that seven (7) bedies were found with the one plane which crashed in a field not far behind her house. These seven (7) resains were buried in the community cometery of RICHELEDCRF from where they have been disinterred since the end of the war by American troops. Asked about the second plane which crashed in the whods (still in the community of RICHELSDCRF), Mrs. KCLHAAS and her daughter stated the following:

Shortly before the impact they ask several paracimtes in the air, drifting towards GERSTANGUM, which is located in the Russian Zone of Germany. When Mrs. KONUMANS and her daughter went to the scene of crash a few hours later, the fire had died already. Since the impact has caused a heavy explosion, only very small pieces of the wreckage could be seen. Very little pieces of flosh and clothing were hanging in the trees.

Mr. WETTMAN, Burgermedeter of RIGHELSDORF, stated that he was also working in the field when the two (2) American bombers prached in his community. He informed up that the plane, from which seven (7) remains were recovered and buried in the semetery, had crashed on his property. Mr. WETTMAN is positive that no remains were ever removed from the second crash site. He also have several parachutes drifting towards GERSTUNGEN.

Next person interviewed was Mr. KHOLL, former policemen of RICHELSDORF. He declared that muserous planes crashed on 27 September 1944 in the area. Among his old records he found a copy of a report, dated 30 September 1944, which he had sent to the German recovery officer at KASSEL, concerning seven (7) American fliers buried in the community cometery of RICHELSDORF. (See Exhibit "A"). Mr. KROLL stated that he did not go to the other place of crash since another policemen, Mr. HECENER, was in charge of that area during that time.

Hr. HEGENER, who is also dut of police service, was then interviewed. He stated that he saw several Assylcan bombers go down on 27 September 1964 in the area of CERSTUNGEN, RICHELSDORF, REUSTADT and surrounding towns. He recalled that he went to the place of crash in the woods near RICHELSDORF where he found only little pieces of flesh and clothing hanging in the trees. The plane was down to bits by an explosion and only very small pieces of metal were scattered in the area.

Several other people were questioned concerning plane grantes in the area, but no one could state definitely had many planes had crashed. Most of the persons interviewed were contain, however, that several crew manbers from the plane which crashed in the wood near RICHELSDORF parachated and landed in the vicinity of GERSTUNGEN.

Since all remains found were recovered from a place where T/Sgt PALMER's ID tag was found, it is believed that T/Sgt PALMER was the only man in the plane when it crashed, and all other error members from A/C A2-75078 who are still unresolved casualties are buried somewhere in the visinity of CERSTURGEN which is located in the Bassian Zone of Germany.

It is recommended that the remains assigned SR-295 be sheeked in order to associate them with those of T/Sgt C. C. PALMER Jr., 19083921.

s/t/ HARRY LEIER N/Sgt RA-6848410 Investigator

Translation

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Cend, Gruppenpost Cherouhl. Kreis Rotenburg o/F Rog. Bez. Kassel

Obersuhl, 30 September 1944 Tel: Gerstungen 116

Kommando Fl. H. Bereich 1/VI Recovery Officer in Kassel-Rothwesten uber Kessel 7

Reference to the personal compersation with corporal "Dicta" of your unit. I hereby forward the information concerning the over members of an American four-engined busher which cracked on 27 September 1944 at 1115 hours.

- Wm. J. Flendingen No. 37527992 T 43 S AA 42 41 1:
- J. P. Willett J. H., 2nd Lt., AC No. 0 432218 T 43 2.
- Unlangen 3.
- LDR Appleten OGS 1770 100 As
 - Unknown
 - 930 Calvin S. Hess, No. 35057106 T 43 S 44
 - Clenn H. Schaffer, No. 33764321 T 43 44 7.

The three (3) ID tags and bracelets found are attached. With the two unknowns, no ID tags or papers could be found.

The pocketbook found with deceased No. 2 are also attached.

Further documents found in the crashed plane are also forwarded herewith.

The deceased are buried in the cemetery of RICHELSDURF, Wreis Retenburg. a. d. Polda.

> A/L/ KREIL Policementer

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

| AC | HRC | Form | # | 10 | (Revised) |
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17 October 1951

| | Date |
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| NAME | RANK ASN |
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| | statements above this line will be completed, upon final processing, the clerical staff at the unit processing point). |
| SECT | FION 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? If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be: |
| | a. NAME BTB: C.C. PALMER RANK T/Sgt ASN 19083921 |
| | b. ORGANIZATION 700th Bomb Sq. 445th Bomb Gp. |
| 3. | NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN INSEDIATE VICIPITY None |
| | • |
| | (Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR) |
| | a. Date of above burials not buried |
| 4. | Common Graves? crater |
| 5. | Name and Type of Cemetery Not buried in cemetery (Military or Civilian) |
| 6. | Man 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 Richelsdorf, Ger Coordinates L-51/H-66 |
| | b. Is Sketch attached? Yes |

| Ho | v is the grave marked? no grave |
|-----|---|
| If | grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon |
| al | From what source was this information obtained? |
| b. | (Identification tags, personal effects) By Whom |
| Whe | re are the cemetery records? (Town Mail, cemetery, burgermeister) |
| | ice) What information was contained thereon? |
| b. | Where was the information obtained? |
| c. | By Whom? |
| Wha | t is the date of death? Unknown |
| | Give basis |
| Wha | t is the cause of death? Unknown |
| | Give basis |
| | t is the date of burial? Not buried |
| | Give basis Remains found on surface of ground |
| | re was the place of death? Richelsdorf, Germany |
| | rds L-51/H-6 6 |
| | basis Remains found there |
| | re were the remains found? Richelsdorf, Germany |
| | rdsL-51/H-66 |
| | By Whom? M/Sgt Harry Leier |
| | Is skotch attached? Yes . |
| | a casket used? No Now marked? |
| | made the burial |
| • • | (Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.) |
| a. | What are the names and addresses? |

Sing the second of the property of the second 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? Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed (Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane Near wreckage? ъ. 201 Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of Investigation (if removed, state when and by whom). Type of Plane BTB: 4-motored bomber Warkings and/or hame on plane Unk Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or Ci other equipment: How did crash occur? Unk Anti-aircraft 21. Enemy Planes? Collision? Did plane explode in the air? _____On ground?____ 22. Did plane burn in the air? On ground? 23. What was the direction of the flight? Unk 24. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? 25. Return from air raid on Kassel Had bombs been released prior to the crash? Unk 26. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death 27. of above named deceased? Yes Number of planes in formation prior to crash Unk 28. 27 September 1944 - Day 29. State precise time and date of plane crash (Night? Day?) Wore parachutists seen? Yes How many? Unk Escapad? 30. Prisoners? SECTION C - APHORED CORFS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force). Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? DOES NOT APPLY 31. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was re-1. moved

| 32. | Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom) |
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| | a. Type of tank |
| | b. Markings and/or name of tank |
| | c. Mumber on meters, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc. |
| 33. | What was the type of energy action that resulted in the tank! |
| 34. | disablemense Did unnk explace Jurns |
| 35. | Murbor of tanks in immediate vicenity at time of disablement |
| 36. | Purpise same and waste of destination of tank (Might? Lavy |
| 38. | Did any of the crew members escape? |
| | Prisoners? |
| SECT: | ICN D - OTHER BIANTI (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable |
| 39. | Did death occur from any other means? (i.e., truck, jeep, mines, drowniag, or seed arms fore) DOES NOT APPLY |
| | a. Are all contificates and scatements of people who possessed knowledge of the case oftoached? |
| 70° | State the spolific class and evidence that were obtained in securing |
| | the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased |
| SECTI | ION E - GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases) |
| 41. | Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? No |
| | If not, state reason None could be found |
| | a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Unk |
| | Where? By Whom? |
| | Present disposition Unk |
| | If deceased is not identified, personal effects well not be forwarded to PM Depot, but well remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned. |
| | b. Were personal offects found at the time of death? Unk |
| | Where? By Whom? |

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| | c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the | | | | | |
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| | time of death? Unk | | | | | |
| | d. Did Cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization | | | | | |
| | shot? | | | | | |
| 42. | Was locensed given first aid? No If so, where? | | | | | |
| | Py whom? The statements Prom the medical | | | | | |
| | partue autoriación.? | | | | | |
| 43. | Was deceased evaluated to a Jurnan civilian hospital? No | | | | | |
| | WERT: Mames of people concerned | | | | | |
| <u>հ</u> ե. | Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian | | | | | |
| | scurces a physical description of the deceased? No | | | | | |
| 45. | Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian | | | | | |
| | sources the condition of the remains? decapited | | | | | |
| | (Burnt? Decapitated? etc. | | | | | |
| ı6 . | 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? | | | | | |
| 17 : | Was case previously investigated? Yes | | | | | |
| | By Whom? Not known When? | | | | | |
| 48. | Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each | | | | | |
| | person interviewed See attached narrative | | | | | |
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| 9. | Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars | | | | | |
| */ * | surrounding death attached? Yes | | | | | |
| o. | Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the | | | | | |
| | area cutside the immediate vicinity? No | | | | | |

| 24 | Give Brief Narrative | ···· | Se _e | attached | Narra | ative | |
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| | s/ Heinz Schmitz | | | | s/ Ha | rry Leier | |
| Signa | ture of Interpreter | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | ; | Signature | of I | nvestigator | 3 |
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