

7887 GRAVES DETACHMENT

APO 757

293 Unk. St. James X-250

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 - 250 St James

(POC) ST JAMES

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HEADQUARTERS
3058TH AM GRAVES REGISTRATION CO
APO 362 U S ARMY

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE

27 Sept. 1945 1945
U S Personnel

1. Name, Rank ASN of decedent: Unknown-250
2. Organization of decedent: MR (Pres: U S A A F)
3. Means of identification: None
4. Cause of death: Plane Crash 5. Date of death: 17 Nov. 1945
6. If isolated grave: a: date of burial: 17 Nov. 1945 By whom buried: Unknown
c. Inscription on marker: 22975448 Sergeant David Lindsey, 26-11-42
7. Location of grave: See attached sketch
8. Names of decedents and location of other graves in immediate vicinity:
41 separate reports of investigation
9. Description and location of wrecked or abandoned vehicles or equipment in immediate vicinity: None
10. Disposition of personal effects: (Itemize) None
If effects sent to Effects QM
11. Other pertinent information
12. Information furnished by: Mlle. F. Jacouin Angle des Avenues de la Gare
(Name title-of address) et des Sorbiers, La Baule sur Mer, France
13. Names and addresses of other persons familiar with the case:
None

(Over)

X-250

11.11.41

- 14. Action taken: Body disinterred and removed to American Military Cemetery.
- 15. Disinterment approved by: Commanding Officer, 544th QM Bn.
- 16. Disinterment made by: 605th QM Graves Registration Co
- 17. Reburial made by: 605th QM Graves Registration Company
- 18. Date of reburial: 27 Sept. 1941
- 19. Place of reburial: St. James American Military Cemetery.

Plot Row 7 Grave 150

Michael R. Jones
 WILLARD R. JONES
 1st Lt., FA,
 O-1182395 GRO

REMARKS

* Note - This is possibly Sgt. Boguall (Haudall) due to apparent error in placing crosses in Cimetire des Illies, see reports of investigation for Grave No's. 104, 105, 106, 107, 108 and 101 Plot F, St. James Cemetery.

Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 15

112	108	110
B	A	A

Grave No. per Crosses 299 300 301 302 303
Grave No. per Disinterment 299 300 301 302 303

Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 14

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

172	169	166	170	168	167	165	164	163
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P

289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298
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Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 13

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

116	115	114	113	106
A	A	A	A	A

253 254 255 256 257
253 254 255 256 257

Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 12

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

160	161	159	162	158	157	156	154	155	153	111	109	171	101	173	174	102	151	175	152	
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Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 11

A - AMERICAN PER DISINTERMENT
B - BRITISH PER DISINTERMENT
P - POLISH PER DISINTERMENT

104	105	105	107
A	A	A	A

227 228 229 230 231
227 228 229 230

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

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 ESCOUBLAC, ST. NAZAIRE

AFTER DISINTERMENT

ROW - 15 - - -
 Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

	112 108 110				
B	B	B-2	B-1	V	
299	300	301	302	303	
299	300	301	302	303	

ROW - 14

Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

P	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 13

Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 12

Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

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ROW - 11

Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

V	V	V	V
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P - POLISH REGISTRY RPP GR NO. 298



UNKNOWN X- 250
Cemetery St. Jange France
PLOT 7 ROW 7 GRAVE 159

Arrived at cemetery 2200, 26 Dec, 45 From Le Havre sur Mer, France
(hour) (date)

Place of death Unknown
(name) (coordinates and landmarks)

Remains recovered by 3050 48 02 Reg Co.
(name and organization)

Evacuated to cemetery by 3050 48 02 Reg Co.
(name and organization)

In load list attached No. Are names of deceased found in same area as this Unknown started No.
(yes-no) (yes-no)

Are the circumstances described which may indicate organization of the deceased No. If only part of a body was received, was a careful search for others parts of Unknown No.
(yes-no) (yes-no)

If remains come from vehicle, plane, etc: Unknown
(type of vehicle or plane, nickname, serial number, organization or symbols)

Crew list Unknown
(names of other deceased and positions in which found)

If a tank, which hatches were free and available for escape use
If organization to which vehicle or plane was assigned or if names of all other deceased are not known, give detailed information concerning vehicle or plane
(parts of markings or symbols) (burned) (pierced by shell fire - where)
(found in town, field, by road, etc.) (damaged by mine explosion)
(names of men who escaped) (description of other vehicles or planes in same area)

Detailed description of personal effects None
(indicate exact pocket or part of body where found)

Description of clothing and equipment: (If clothes do not fit, obtain sizes and body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Color	Indicate unusual markings
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*Headgear
(type)

Raincoat

~~light~~
~~xxxx~~

No markings

Leather

Overcoat

Jacket, Field

Jacket, Combat

Mackinaw

Sweater

Jacket, HBT

*Shirt, Wool OD

Undershirt, Cotton

Undershirt, Wool

Trousers, HBT

*Trousers, Wool OD

Belt, Web

Drawers, Wool

Drawers, Cotton

Leggings

(note unusual lacing)

Wool

Socks Cotton

Shoes

(type)

Overshoes

~~light suit~~

NONE

Equipment (type)

~~flight gloves~~

NONE

(other item)

(other item)

*If body is nude, sizes of these items should be computed by measuring the remains.
Chevrons or NONE Shoulder Patch NONE
(type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Description of Remains:

Age UNK Height UNK Weight UNK Description of wounds UNKNOWN
(years) (ft-in) (lbs)

Scalings or dressing None Scars Undetermined
(length, width, location)

Tattoos Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(Member, location - illustrate on sep. page)

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks Unable to determine
(yes-no) (description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hands and face Unable to determine
Tobacco stain on fingers or teeth Unable to determine

Complexion Unable to determine, badly decomposed (designate where, extent)
Build Unable to determine
(light, med, dark, clear, pimples, pecks, freckles) (large, fat, thin muscular)

Hair Unable to determine.
(color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting, baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns Undetermined Mustache Undetermined Beard or goatee Undetermined
(color, setting, shape) (color, size, shape) (length,

heavy, light, color, extant) Undetermined Unable to determine

Eyes Undetermined Eyebrows Unable to determine
(color, setting, shape) (color, bushiness, extend across nose)

Nose Undetermined Ears Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(size, shape, straight) (size, set close to or far from head)

Forehead Undetermined Mouth Undetermined Lips Undetermined
(high, wide, wrinkled) (large, medium, small) (small, large, full)

Teeth Unable to determine, body, was badly decomposed
(white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extractions)

Chin Unable to determine Cheekbones Undetermined
(prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double) (high, normal)

Jaw Undetermined Circumference of head in inches Undetermined
(large, small, normal) (hat band)

Neck Undetermined Larynx Undetermined Shoulders Undetermined
(size, long, short, normal, wrinkled) (prominent, normal) (broad)

Arms Unable to determine, badly decomposed
straight, small, rounded) (length) (muscular, color, extent & quantity of hair)

Hands Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(vaccination scar, size of wrists) large, small, normal, calloused noticeably)

(marks on fingers indicating that rings were worn)

Fingers Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(short, thick, long, slender; size of knuckles) (missing fingers or joints)
(unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(size at nipples; color, quantity & extent of hair; large, small, normal)

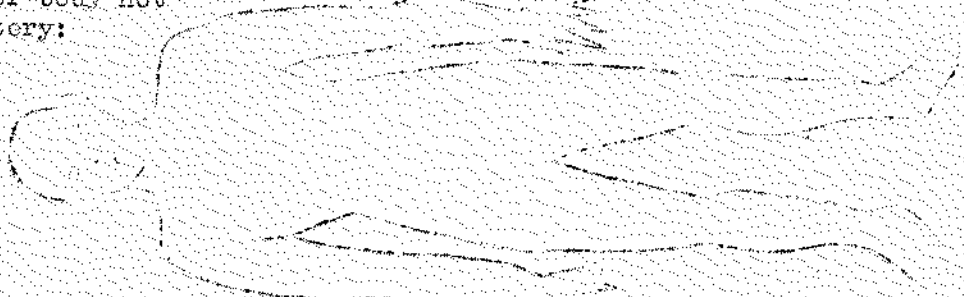
Buck Unable to determine Waist Hair None
(quantity & extent of hair) (size at navel, appendectomy, amount & color
of hair) Circumcized None Pubic hair None Hernioplasty
(yes-no) (location)

Legs Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(inseam) (muscular; knock-kneed, bowed, normal) (quantity, color & extent of hair)

Feet Unable to determine Toes Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(size; corns; callouses; flat) (slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures Unable to determine
(nose, arms, legs, etc.)

Black out parts of body not received at cemetery:



Have photographs been made and attached No. If not, explain No facilities
(yes-no)

Have fingerprints been placed on GRS #1 No. If not, explain Badly decomposed
(yes-no)

Has tooth chart been prepared? No. If not, explain Badly decomposed
(yes-no)

Remarks Body too badly decomposed to take finger prints or
make a tooth chart.

Information on Marker:

62975448 Sergeant David Lindsey 26-11-42

Michael Jones
Signature of GRO and Organization
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Mem. to: Officer in Charge, Cas. Sect.
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Subject: Reports of Death

1. The following named personal, members of the Air Corps, were reported missing in action while in flying pay status over St. Nazaire France, since 3 Jan. 1943 by Cas. message no. 0100 21-5-43

Major Charles C. Sheridan	0-408859
1st Lt. Wm. H. Goetz	0-435765
1st Lt. James B. Clark	0-435857
2d Lt. Chas. E. Hoffman	0-728211
2d Lt. Robert L. Madrid	0-660878
2d Lt. Robert W. Smith	0-737128
T/Sgt. Thomas J. Reino	13037556
T/Sgt. James F. Shelly	130003668
T/Sgt. Joseph H. Walters	160007997
S/Sgt. Meryl D. Bradley	19062629
S/Sgt. Meryl D. Rukes	18084577
S/Sgt. Donald H. Nutt	17033430
Sgt. Arthur Brunnet	13031181
Sgt. Jonathan S. Land	12012560
Sgt. Martin F. McDonald	12059649
Sgt. Walter E. Runge	36235828

The individuals named above are the only ones of a group of sixty persons (comprising) six airplane crews of ten members each reported missing in action over St. Nazaire, France on 3 January 1943 by casualty message No. 0100 21-S-43, whose status has not been resolved up to the present time. Of the forty-four others named on that message, thirteen were reported as prisoners of war and thirty-one are deceased.

2. Missing air crew report No. 7650 pertaining to the loss of a "B-17F," Flying Fortress bomber, serial number 41-24526, on 3 January 1943, contains the names of six of subject personnel and four others. This plane was lost due to action by enemy aircraft and was last seen in the water west of St. Nazaire, France. A news report, attached to the missing air crew report, attached to the missing air crew report reads as follows:

"Report of crew in A/C #609. Lt. Byster pilot, reported seeing a B-17 going down just after passing target. This A/C was observed, hitting the water with #4 and possibly #3 engines on fire. The position was within 5 miles on course. 2440 true. Two chutes were seen to open. The personnel aboard this plane and their current status is as follows:

Pilot, James B. Clark	1/Lt. 0-435867	PDD
Co-P Paul Bonton, Jr.	2/Lt. 0-790783	KIA
Nav. Chas. E. Hoffman	2/Lt. 0-728211	PDD
Bomb. Don W. Husk, Jr.	2/Lt. 0-727108	KIA
TT Gun Thomas J. Reino	T/Sgt. 13037536	PDD
RW Gun George F. Hall, Jr.	S/Sgt. 17033050	KIA
T Gun Meryl D. Rukes	S/Sgt. 18084577	PDD
R Gun Leroy W. Wilder	S/Sgt. 39013694	KIA

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BT Gun Arthur Brunnet
LW Gun Jonathan S. Land

Sgt. 13031181
Sgt. 12012560

PDD
PDD

Lieutenants Bouton and Lusk and Sergeants Hall and Wilder were reported killed by the German Government. Available captured German records show the following pertaining to these men. Sergeants Hall and Wilder are listed on AV 39/43, U-1126, as having been found dead near St. Nazaire on 4 January 1943. Lieutenant Bouton is listed on U-1322 as having been washed ashore on 9 May 1943 near St. Gildas-le Gromier, and buried on 10 May 1943 in La Plaine Cemetery. Lieutenant Lusk is listed on AV 58/43, 4100, as being dead on 3 January 1943.

A map of the southern portion of England and the western part of France showing the route of the flight to and from the target, is attached to the missing air crew report. The flight left England near Portsmouth and flew south over the Normandy peninsula to a point southwest of Nantes, France, then northwest to the target area and then southwest out over the sea and returned to England over the water, skirting the mainland of France. According to this map, this plane landed in the sea approximately 35 miles off the coast of St. Nazaire.

3. Missing air crew report No. 6141 pertains to the loss of a B-17F, Flying Fortress bomber, serial number 41-24517, of which the remaining personnel listed in paragraph 1 above, comprised the crew. The report contains the following remarks:

"Above aircraft believed to have gone down in water not far from St. Nazaire due to enemy action, no further information available at this station."

A 3rd Ind. from Headquarters, AAF Station 107, APO 557, U.S. Army, dated 14 June 1944 to a request from Headquarters, Army Air Forces, filed in the missing air crew report, lists the positions on the aircraft of the crew members and contains the following pertinent information:

<u>Date</u>	3 January 1943
<u>Place</u>	St. Nazaire
<u>Circumstances</u>	Seen to blow up in air. Believed to have been by enemy action. No other information. <u>A/C No. 41-24517.</u>

4. Subject personnel, listed in paragraph 1 above, were presumed dead as of 3 January 1944 by the War Department following a review of the facts and circumstances surrounding their disappearance under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 77th Congress, 7 March 1942, as amended.

5. On 20 December 1946, this office dispatched letters of inquiry to the thirteen (13) persons, who were captured by the enemy following the destruction of their planes on this raid. None of the replies received contained any definite information on the fate of subject persons. However, some of the replies which describe the conditions encountered on the flight are listed, in part, below:

a. Statement from John B. Elliott, Park Manor, Bobson Park, 57, Massachusetts, dated 3 January 1947:

"a. Our group left the station at Thurleigh, England to bomb the submarine pens at St. Nazaire, France. Departure was around ten in the morning, and we arrived over the target about noon. We bombed the target UPWIND which I attribute to the cause of several of the planes being lost. One of the

navigators later reported that the ground speed was only 92 mph over the target. The flak was rather heavy over the target which was the cause our being drowned.

"b. Our ship was hit by flak and three engines were knocked out, the pilot attempted to stay in formation but soon fell behind the group. We turned back and bailed out ten miles inland from the Bay.

"c. The personnel mentioned in the letter might have had the same experience that I did; i.e. although I was well overland when I bailed out, I still blew out to sea. I came down in the water and swam ashore, however I believe that it is possible that some of the others might have died in the water. The French fisherman did pick up some of the boys but other might not have been so lucky. The Germans reported that they recovered the body of my navigator, a chap named Green.
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"e. As mentioned above I believe that the men named above were drowned or else their parachutes failed to function. The reason for my opinion is this that the Germans in this area, according to the census of opinion of those I talked to who were there at the time; were a fairly decent in their treatment to the men taken prisoner that day. My personal experience was that they treated me very well, i.e. they treated me for exposure, dried my clothes carefully, etc.

"Are you sure that the loss of aircraft came to only six? It seemed to me that we accounted for seven or eight ships; that is after we got to prison camp and started accounting for the people there and those known as missing. * * * "

b. Statement by Captain Frank A. Saunders, 446th AAF Base Unit (RT) Lunken Airport, Cincinnati 26, Ohio, dated 6 February 1947:

"2. All bomb groups took off from the various fields and rendezvoused at Stark Point, England. The list of missing persons were all members of the 303rd Bomb Group which was the lead group over the target that day. The Lead Group was flying at 20,000 feet from Stark Point to the initial point and turned on the bombing run which took approximately eleven minutes owing to strong head winds. At bombs-away these planes were hit simultaneously with anti-aircraft fire after which they were attacked by single engine fighters.

"3. I have no knowledge of what happened to the missing persons listed other than heresay but I was told later that Major Charles C. Sheridan's plane was lead plane, second element, exploded on being hit by enemy action. The same happened to No. 2 plane of the lead element of which I was flying No. 3 position, but I have no knowledge of the names of persons aboard.

"4. I recieved no report of the fate of the listed persons from any other persons except for the fact that everyens with whom I talked stated that Major Sheridan's plane blew up.

"5. In my opinion I believe that all of these men perished. My reasons for this opinion are that many of the planes exploded and owing to a strong off-shore wind even though those that did not perish from the explosions would have met the same fate, had they not made a delayed jump. The reason for the above statement is that there was a 90 mph off-shore wind at 20,000 feet which apparently drifted all out to sea. It is my belief that all who bailed out without delaying their jump drowned in the Bay of Biscay."

c. Statement by Charles A. Edinger, 1605 Cumberland St., Pittsburgh 5, Penna., dated 2 February 1947:

"b. We did not encounter any action, nor did I see any planes go down on the way in.. At the target the flack was exceptionally heavy, a box barrage at the point of bomb release. I did see some planes going down in flames and some burning on the water out in the bay, but, if any chutes came out of them or not as we were hit about this time and my interest turned from them to us. As I recall, our loss was seven. We did not encounter any fighter attack until after we were hit."

6. A Chronology of World WAR II, a copy of which is on file in this Unit, contains the following account for activities in Western Europe for 3 January 1943:

"France: Seventy-two B-17's and 13 B-24's dispatched to raid St. Nazaire. Sixty-eight bombers participate in attack on primary target. Photographs reveal that this is the most successful raid to date. A hundred-foot square store-house containing torpedoes is demolished and other installations seriously damaged. Intense and accurate AA fire and strong fighter opposition encountered. Minimum enemy fight or losses are 14 destroyed, 18 probably, 4 damaged. Our losses are 7 planes."

7. Available captured German records for 3 January 1943, currently on file in this office lists twenty-four persons captured and thirty-two dead, twenty-seven identified and five unknowns. Of the twenty-four persons captured, thirteen were reported missing with subject personnel on casualty message No. 010021-S-43; two others were reported missing in North Africa; and nine others, were not reported missing in action according to the visi-cards. According to the visi-cards, the original message received for these nine persons show them as prisoners of war. Evidently the message reporting these men prisoners of war was received or processed before the missing message, and the missing message was not posted on the visi-cards. One of the German records, AV 39/43, 4101, apparently a summary of the days downings, states: "3 Jan. 1943, 10 Boeings shot down over sea, French Coast at 1145 h - 1305 h. Fate of the crews is unknown". Evidently, the downing of some of the seven B-17's were witnessed and reported by different persons, giving the German authorities the impression that ten planes were destroyed, whereas, actually only seven planes were lost on the mission.

8. Counting ten persons, the normal crew for a heavy bomber, as being aboard the seventh plane, the status of whom are resolved, the sixty persons reported missing in action on casualty message 010021-S-43, and the two fighter pilots missing in action in Africa on 3 January 1943, a total of 72 persons were missing by our forces on that date. The German records account for 32 dead, twenty-seven identified and five unknown, and 24 captured, leaving 16

persons unaccounted for, subject personnel who are presumed dead.

9. The foregoing facts show that seven B-17's were lost on the mission to St. Nazaire, France. The route of the flight was over land to the target area and then out to sea and return to base over water. No planes were lost before the target area was reached. Over the target area heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered, following which enemy fighters participated in the attack and pursued the bombers out to sea. Seven planes were lost. The remains of four of the persons aboard plane No. 41-24526 were washed ashore on the coast of Western Europe as reported by the Germans. This fact, plus the statements of witnesses and the map attached to the missing air crew report, presents conclusive evidence that this plane was lost at sea. Statements received from some of the 13 survivors indicate that the other plane, No. 41-24517 carrying Major Sheridan, blew up over the target area. The target was the submarine pens and facilities located on the coast of France. A strong off shore wind, reported up to 90 miles per hour, was blowing at the time; and in the absence of any definite evidence, the finding of the remains of any of subject personnel or plane, it is reasonable to conclude that the persons aboard this plane were blown to bits by the force of the explosion or blown out to sea by the strong winds and drowned before rescue could be effected.

10. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that subject personnel, listed in paragraph 1 above, were killed in action on 3 January 1943 over St. Nazaire, France, while in flying pay status. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2b, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 4 January 1944. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.

Station and place of death in European Area.

John J. McGuire
Investigator

Miscellaneous
D.S. #167

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Request for Information - World War II Deceased

Demobilized Personnel
Records Branch
Special Service Sub Section
Bldg. 105
4300 Goodfellow Blvd.
St. Louis 20, Missouri

QM Liaison
c/o AGO Personnel Inf. Br.
Room 3E624, Pentagon Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Maj. E. J. Sekowski

31 May 49

1. Request information of World War II deceased listed on attached sheets.

For the Quartermaster General:

E. J. Sekowski
Major, QMC

Incl:

1 Sheet

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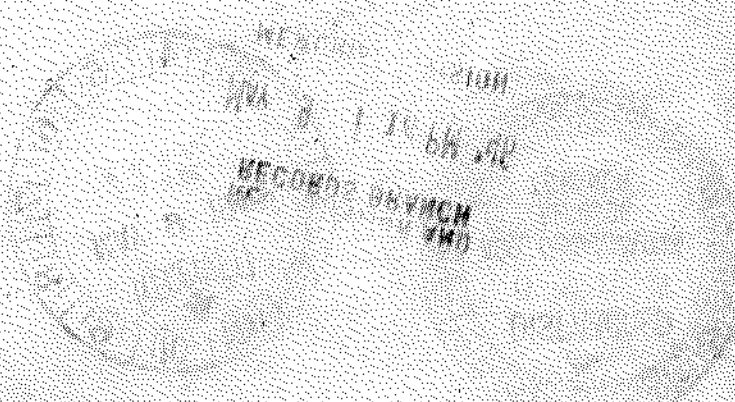
	<u>NAME & ASN</u>	<u>GRADE & SQUADRON</u>	<u>TIME & DATE</u>	<u>MIL. OCCUPATION</u>
✓ (POW)	FORESTER, OSCAR F. JR. O 728192	2nd Lt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- Navigator
✓ HQR	KIRK, LEONARD W. O 661496	2nd Lt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- Co-Pilot
✓ HQR	KOSSIS, NORMAN O 726912	2nd Lt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- Bombardier
✓ M	CLEVINGER, WALTER M. 15062555	T/Sgt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- Radio Opr
✓ HQR	CHITWOOD, RUSSELL O. 37102509	S/Sgt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- Tail Gunner
✓ (POW)	HOKLIN, LEIF H. 39168429	S/Sgt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- Asst R. Opr Ball Turret
✓	WAGNER, LLOYD E. 15071108	S/Sgt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- Engineer & Upper Turret
✓ HQR	HIGH, HOWARD A. 39180233	Sgt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- R Waist Gunner
✓	LITTON, RUFUS C. 15067768	Sgt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours 3 Jan 1943	- L Waist Gunner

2. No further information was found relative to request.

1 Incl
Ltr dtd 18 Mar 46

J. W. Smith
J. W. Smith, Lt Col, AF
Chief of Branch

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Miss (name) Straver



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
TRANSMITTAL SHEET

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE No. AGRS-AC 293	SUBJECT Identification of Unknown Deceased		
TO— Office of the Quartermaster General Washington 25, D.C.	FROM— Orgn Rec Br Rec Adm Cén AGO 4300 Goodfellow Blvd St Louis 20, Mo.	DATE 6 May 46	COMMENT No. 1 Capt Peck

1. Retained copy of Battle Casualty Report for 303rd Bomb Gp, dated 4 Jan 43 in the custody of this office shows the following information relative to Identity of Unknown Deceased Officers and Enlisted Men in the 358th and 359th Bomb Sq:

358TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

"1st Lt. CLARK, 2nd Lts, BOUTON, HOFFMAN, LUSK, T/Sgt REINO, S/Sgts HALL, RUKES, WILDER, Sgts BRUNET, LAND Missing in action 47 degrees 20 minutes North 3 degrees 50 Minutes West."

NAME & ASN	GRADE & SQUADRON	TIME & DATE	MIL OCCUPATION
CLARK, JAMES B. O 435857	1st Lt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Pilot
BOUTON, PAUL JR. O 790783	2nd Lt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Co-Pilot
HOFFMAN, CHARLES E. O 728211	2nd Lt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Navigator
LUSK, DON W. JR. O 727108	2nd Lt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Bombardier
REINO, THOMAS J. 13037536	T/Sgt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Engineer & Upper Turret
HALL, GEORGE F. JR. 17033050	S/Sgt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Asst Eng & Waist Gunner
RUKES, MERLYN D. 18084577	S/Sgt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Tail Gunner
WILDER, LEROY W. 39013694	S/Sgt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Radio Opr
BRUNET, ARTHUR 13031181	Sgt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Asst Rdo Opr Ball Turret
LAND, JONATHAN S. 12012560	Sgt, 358th Bomb Sq	1132 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	L. Waist Gunner

359TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

"1st Lt. SAUNDERS, 2nd Lts. FORESTER, KIRK, KOSSIS, T/Sgt CLEVENGER, S/Sgts CHIPWOOD, HOKLIN, WAGNER, Sgts HIGH, LITTON Missing in action 47 degrees 10 minutes North 2 degrees 30 minutes West. "

SAUNDERS, FRANK A. O 437647	1st Lt, 359th Bomb Sq	1124 Hours - 3 Jan 1943	Pilot
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Original in
293 file
244, 245, 253
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APPMP-SA) 801 Saunders, Frank A. 6th Ind

AF11APP-4

HQ, ELEVENTH AIR FORCE, 1612 So. Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pa.,
25 September 1946

TO: Quartermaster General, Army Service Force, Washington 25,
D.C. THRU: Commanding General, 11th Air Force.

1. I was not present at burial of any deceased listed in basic letter.

2. It is my belief that these crew members all perished in the Bay of Biscay due to a strong offshore wind, having bailed out over St. Nazaire. Lt. Leonard W. Kirk died while swimming with me in the Bay of Biscay after ditching plane.

3. Upon capture, the Germans took me to Frankfurt A.M. and, since that time I heard nothing of the missing crew members. I inquired numerous times, but obtained no information from the Germans.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

FRANK A. SAUNDERS
Capt, AC
Asst A-1

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

QMGYG 293
Unknowns x-244 245 and
253 (St. James) France

24 July 1946

*Originals
243 Peter*

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

TO: Commanding Officer
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

ATTENTION: Personnel Officer

1. This office is conducting an investigation to determine the identity of several deceased members of our Armed Forces, who were killed when their plane crashed 3 January 1943 in the vicinity of St. Nazaire, France.

2. Information on file in this office from captured German records indicates that S/Sgt James I. Gordon, 18051511 furnished the names of the following deceased members of the crew:

1st Lt. Arthur I. Adams	O-435845
2nd Lt. Michael L. Libonati	O-726915
2nd Lt. Wittersen	
T/Sgt Dennis C. Hart	20830612
T/Sgt Alfred M. Union	34200318
S/Sgt Edward W. Durant	37011803
Sgt Marvin L. Milan	18064116

3. The German report further states that the bodies of Lt. Wittersen, Lt. Adams and T/Sgt. Union were totally burned.

4. Records show that S/Sgt James I. Gordon reenlisted at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

5. It is requested that S/Sgt Gordon be ~~located~~ located and a statement procured from him in answer to the following:

- a. Was he present when the Germans buried the above deceased?
- b. Was burial possible for the three bodies consumed by fire?

Any other facts he may recall relative to the crash or the death and burial of the above crew members should be included.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

/s/ James C. Mac Farland
Major, QMC
Assistant.

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF DENVER) ss
LOWRY FIELD)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority for administering oaths in the cases of this character, one Technical Sergeant James I. GORDON, ASN RA 18 057 511, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

I was not present when the Germans buried the following deceased men:

1st Lt Arthur I. Adams
2nd Lt Michael L. Libonati
2nd Lt. Wittersen
T/Sgt Dennis C. Hart
T/Sgt Alfred M. Union
S/Sgt Edward W. Durant
Sgt Marvin L. Milan

Both wings and the tail came off the plane by anti-aircraft fire.

I was told by S/Sgt McGee that he saw T/Sgt Dennis C. Hart fall out of the bomb-bay and he was told by Lt. Herrington (Navigator) that 2nd Lt. Libonati (Bombardier) was killed by a burst of flak in the nose of the plane.

There was no 2nd Lt Wittersen on the crew, but a 2nd Lt Witterstedder who flew as Co-Pilot.

I have no knowledge whether burial was possible for the three bodies consumed by fire.

I do solemnly swear that the above statements are to the best of my knowledge and belief true and correct in all respects.

Further deponent sayeth not.

James I. Gordon
JAMES I. GORDON, RA 18 057 511
T/Sgt., Squadron C
3705th AAF Base Unit

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29 day of August 1946
at Lowry Field, Colorado.

Kenneth L. Harris
1st Lt, AC
adj, Sq B-1

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Mem. to: Officer in Charge, Cas. Sect.
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Subject: Reports of Death

1. The following names personal, members of the Air Corps, were reported missing in action while in flying pay status over St. Nazaire France, since 3 Jan. 1943 by Cas. message no. 0100 21-5-43

Major Charles C. Sheridan	0-408859
1st Lt. Wm. H. Goetz	0-435765
1st Lt. James B. Clark	0-435857
2nd Lt. Chas. E. Hoffman	0-728211
2nd Lt. Robert L. Madrid	0-660878
2nd Lt. Robert W. Smith	0-727128
T/Sgt. Thomas J. Reino	13037556
T/Sgt. James F. Shelly	13003668
T/Sgt. Joseph H. Walters	16007997
S/Sgt. Merel D. Bradley	19062629
S/Sgt. Merlyn D. Rukes	18084577
S/Sgt. Donald H. Rutt	17033430
Sgt. Arthur Brunnet	13031181
Sgt. Jonathan S. Land	12012560
Sgt. Martin F. McDonald	12059649
Sgt. Walter E. Runge	36235828

The individuals named above are the only ones of a group of sixty persons (comprising) six airplane crews of ten members each reported missing in action over St. Nazaire, France on 3 January 1943 by casualty message No. 0100 21-S-43, whose status has not been resolved up to the present time. Of the forty-four others named on that message, thirteen were reported as prisoners of war and thirty-one are deceased.

2. Missing air crew report No. 7650 pertaining to the loss of a "B-17F," Flying Fortress bomber, serial number 41-24526, on 3 January 1943, contains the names of six of subject personnel and four others. This plane was lost due to action by enemy aircraft and was last seen in the water west of St. Nazaire, France. A news report, attached to the missing air crew report, attached to the missing air crew report reads as follows:

"Report of crew in A/C #609. Lt. Eyster pilot, reported seeing a B-17 going down just after passing target. This A/C was observed, hitting the water with #4 and possibly #3 engines on fire. The position was within 5 miles on course. 2440 true. Two chutes were seen to open. The personnel aboard this plane and their current status is as follows:

Pilot, James B. Clark	1st Lt. 0-435857	PDD
Co-P Paul Bolton, Jr.	2nd Lt 0-790783	KIA
Nav. Chas. E. Hoffman	2nd Lt 0-728211	PDD
Bomb Don W. Tusk, Jr.	2nd Lt 0-727108	KIA
TT Gun Thomas J. Reino	T/Sgt 13037536	PDD
RW Gun George F. Hall, Jr.	S/Sgt 17033050	KIA
T Gun Merlyn D. Rukes	S/Sgt 18084577	KIA
R.Gun Leroy W. Wilder	S/Sgt 39013694	KIA
LT Gun. xxx xxx Arthur Brunnet	Sgt 13031181	PDD
LT Gun. Jonathan S. Land	Sgt 12012560	PDD

Lieutenants Bouton and Lusk and Sergeants Hall and Wilder were reported killed by the German Government. Available captured German records show the following pertaining to these men. Sergeants Hall and Wilder are listed on AV 59/43, U-1126, as having been found dead near St. Nazaire on 4 January 1943. Lieutenant Bouton is listed on U-1322 as having been washed ashore on 9 May 1943 near St. Gildas-le Grand, and buried on 10 May 1943 in La Plaine Cemetery. Lieutenant Lusk is listed on AV 58/43, 4100, as being dead on 3 January 1943.

A map of the southern portion of England and the western part of France showing the route of the flight to and from the target, is attached to the missing air crew report. The flight left England near Portsmouth and flew south over the Normandy peninsula to a point southwest of Nantes, France, then northwest to the target area and then southwest out over the sea and returned to England over the water, skirting the mainland of France. According to this map, this plane landed in the sea approximately 25 miles off the coast of St. Nazaire.

3. Missing air crew report No. 6141 pertains to the loss of a B-17F, Flying Fortress bomber, serial number 41-24517, of which the remaining personnel listed in paragraph 1 above, comprised the crew. The report contains the following remarks:

"Above aircraft believed to have gone down in water not far from St. Nazaire due to enemy action, no further information available at this station."

A 3rd Ind. from Headquarters, AAF Station 107, APO 557, U.S. Army, dated 14 June 1944 to a request from Headquarters, Army Air Forces, filed in the missing air crew report, lists the positions on the aircraft of the crew members and contains the following pertinent information:

<u>Date</u>	3 January 1943
<u>Place</u>	St. Nazaire
<u>Circumstances</u>	Seen to blow up in air. Believed to have been by enemy action. No other information. <u>A/C</u> <u>No. 41-24517.</u>

4. Subject personnel, listed in paragraph 1 above, were presumed dead as of 3 January 1944 by the War Department following a review of the facts and circumstances surrounding their disappearance under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 77th Congress, 7 March 1942, as amended.

5. On 20 December 1946, this office dispatched letters of inquiry to the thirteen (13) persons, who were captured by the enemy following the destruction of their planes on this raid. None of the replies received contained any definite information on the fate of subject persons. However, some of the replies which describe the conditions encountered on the flight are listed, in part, below:

a. Statement from John B. Elliott, Park Manor, Bobson Park, 57, Massachusetts, dated 3 January 1947:

"a. Our group left the station at Thurleigh, England to bomb the submarine pens at St. Nazaire, France. Departure was around ten in the morning, and we arrived over the target about noon. We bombed the target UPWIND which I attribute to the cause of several of the planes being lost. One of the

navigators later reported that the ground speed was only 92 mph over the target. The flak was rather heavy over the target which was the cause our being drowned.

"b. Our ship was hit by flak and three engines were knocked out, the pilot attempted to stay in formation but soon fell behind the group. We turned back and bailed out ten miles inland from the Bay.

"c. The personnel mentioned in the letter might have had the same experience that I did; i.e. although I was well overland when I bailed out, I still blew out to sea. I came down in the water and swam ashore, however I believe that it is possible that some of the others might have died in the water. The French fisherman did pick up some of the boys but other might not have been so lucky. The Germans reported that they recovered the body of my navigator, a chap named Green.

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"e. As mentioned above I believe that the men named above were drowned or else their parachutes failed to function. The reason for my opinion is this that the Germans in this area, according to the census of opinion of those I talked to who were there at the time; were a fairly decent in their treatment to the men taken prisoner that day. My personal experience was that they treated me very well, i.e. they treated me for exposure, dried my clothes carefully, etc.

"Are you sure that the loss of aircraft came to only six? It seemed to me that we accounted for seven or eight ships; that is after we got to prison camp and started accounting for the people there and those known as missing. * * * "

b. Statement by Captain Frank A. Saunders, 446th AAF Base Unit (RT) Lunken Airport, Cincinnati 26, Ohio, dated 6 February 1947:

"2. All bomb groups took off from the various fields and rendezvoused at Stark Point, England. The list of missing persons were all members of the 303rd Bomb Group which was the lead group over the target that day. The Lead Group was flying at 20,000 feet from Stark Point to the initial point and turned on the bombing run which took approximately eleven minutes owing to strong head winds. At bombs-away these planes were hit simultaneously with anti-aircraft fire after which they were attacked by single engine fighters.

"3. I have no knowledge of what happened to the missing persons listed other than heresay but I was told later that Major Charles C. Sheridan's plane was lead plane, second element, exploded on being hit by enemy action. The same happened to No. 2 plane of the lead element of which I was flying No. 3 position, but I have no knowledge of the names of persons aboard.

"4. I recieved no report of the fate of the listed persons from any other persons except for the fact that everyone with whom I talked stated that Major Sheridan's plane blew up.

"5. In my opinion I believe that all of these men perished. My reasons for this opinion are that many of the planes exploded and owing to a strong off-shore wind even though those that did not perish from the explosions would have met the same fate, had they not made a delayed jump. The reason for the above statement is that there was a 90 mph off-shore wind at 20,000 feet which apparently drifted all out to sea. It is my belief that all who bailed out without delaying their jump drowned in the Bay of Biscay."

c. Statement by Charles A. Edinger, 1605 Cumberland St., Pittsburgh 5, Penna., dated 2 February 1947:

"b. We did not encounter any action, nor did I see any planes go down on the way in.. At the target the flack was exceptionally heavy, a box barrage at the point of bomb release. I did see some planes going down in flames and some burning on the water out in the bay, but, if any chutes came out of them or not as we were hit about this time and my interest turned from them to us. As I recall, our loss was seven. We did not encounter any fighter attack until after we were hit."

6. A Chronology of World WAR II, a copy of which is on file in this Unit, contains the following account for activities in Western Europe for 3 January 1943:

"France: Seventy-two B-17's and 13 B-24's dispatched to raid St. Nazaire. Sixty-eight bombers participate in attack on primary target. Photographs reveal that this is the most successful raid to date. A hundred-foot square store-house containing torpedoes is demolished and other installations seriously damaged. Intense and accurate AA fire and strong fighter opposition encountered. Minimum enemy fighter losses are 14 destroyed, 18 probably, 4 damaged. Our losses are 7 planes."

7. Available captured German records for 3 January 1943, currently on file in this office lists twenty-four persons captured and thirty-two dead, twenty-seven identified and five unknowns. Of the twenty-four persons captured, thirteen were reported missing with subject personnel on casualty message No. 010021-S-43; two others were reported missing in North Africa; and nine others, were not reported missing in action according to the visi-cards. According to the visi-cards, the original message received for these nine persons show them as prisoners of war. Evidently the message reporting these men prisoners of war was received or processed before the missing message, and the missing message was not posted on the visi-cards. One of the German records, AV 39/43, 4101, apparently a summary of the days downings, states: "3 Jan. 1943, 10 Boeings shot down over sea, French Coast at 1145 h - 1305 h. Fate of the crews is unknown". Evidently, the downing of some of the seven B-17's were witnessed and reported by different persons, giving the German authorities the impression that ten planes were destroyed, whereas, actually only seven planes were lost on the mission.

8. Counting ten persons, the normal crew for a heavy bomber, as being aboard the seventh plane, the status of whom are resolved, the sixty persons reported missing in action on casualty message 010021-S-43, and the two fighter pilots missing in action in Africa on 3 January 1943, a total of 72 persons were missing by our forces on that date. The German records account for 32 dead, twenty-seven identified and five unknown, and 24 captured, leaving 16

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QUART 293
Unk. X-250 & 263
(St. James) France

21 March 1949

SUBJECT: Certificate of Unidentifiability

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

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters dated 28 January 1949, Subject: Unidentifiable Remains.

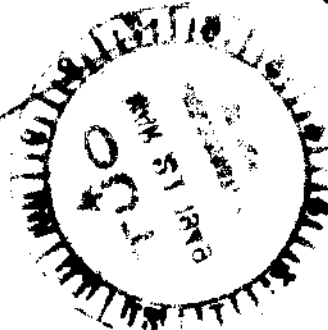
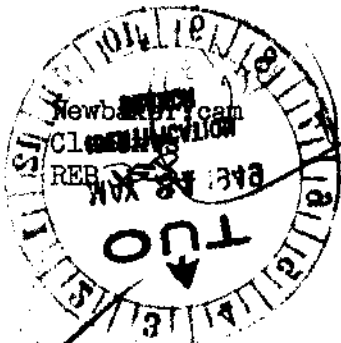
2. Burial Reports and case papers pertaining to Unknowns X-250 and X-263, USMC, St. James, have been reviewed, and in the absence of sufficient evidence upon which to base identifications, this Office concurs in the classification of these remains as Unidentifiable.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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

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X 29 3 unk France X-263 (St James)

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

28 Jan 1949

Date

293
r unk France X-250 (St James)
SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X-250, Plot P, Row 7, Grave 159, USMC St. James, France have been reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient evidence is available to establish the identity of this deceased, and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.
2. Report of Reprocessing was forwarded to your office by letter of transmittal No. 2124, dated 27 Dec 46. No further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/George L. Freeman
/t/1st Lt QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Received 14 MAR 1949 OQMA
Not identifiable from
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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293

28 JAN. 1949
(Date)

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains.

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 250, Plot P
Row 7, Grave 129, USMC St. James, France have been
reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient
evidence is available to establish the identity of this deceased,
and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of Reprocessing was forwarded to your office
by letter of transmittal No. 2124, dated 27 Dec. '45.
No further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:


GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt OMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

Received 14 MAR 1949 OQMG
Not identifiable from
information presently
available

Incl #20

1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Unk. France X-250 (St. James)

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: Letter 3. DATE: 10 Nov .1949
4. FROM: OJMG
5. TO: CG, AGPC, BA, APO 58, SPM, New York, N.Y.
6. SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased
X-34 E 8 151 St. Mere Eglise #1 #4315
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7. DOCUMENT FILED
UNDER NO. 293 - GRS European (Ident.)

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P. B. Johnson CMC

1 ✓ Reentered - Nov 1948
 G-5-1 US Mt James
 H. F. HILL, Captain, OMC
 Cemetery Supt

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3578 00098	DATE 15 01 48 DAY MONTH YEAR		
NAME UNKNOWN		SERIAL NUMBER X-000250	RANK	ARM J	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR 3504 80
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PLOT P	ROW 7	GRAVE 159	COUNTRY FRANCE		CAUSE OF DEATH 6

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE ST. JAMES, FRANCE (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME UNK - X250	SERIAL NUMBER X - 000250	RANK UTD	DATE OF DEATH 17 November 1942	DATE DISINTERRED 29 April 1948
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION USAAF	RELIGION UTD	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY VILAS K SORENSON, EMB NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION GRS NO 1 FORM W/REMAINS. 52 B " "	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES NONE	

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET ~~XXX~~ Transfer case
 DATE 3 May 1948 BY VILAS K. SORENSON

CASKET SEALED BY VILAS K. SORENSON	EMBALMER (Signature)
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CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 3/5 48 BY C.V. MORGANT	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY All markings, tags and plates verified by: (except casketing) KANEITSU ITO, 1st. LT INF.
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I hereby certify that the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.
 copies of the entries on Copy No. 4 of this Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed here.

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report OMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.
James J. Nabors
 Major Inf.

APR 7 1948
 KANEITSU ITO
 SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

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

Unknown X - 250
Cemetery St. James, France
Plot 2 Row 7 Grave 159

1. ~~Interment~~ **Reprocessed 26 November 1946**
(Hour) (date)

2. Place of death
(Name of closest town) (coordinates and letter Prefex, maps)

Sheet, scale and serials used.

3. Remains ~~disinterred~~ **and reprocessed by Subordinate Identification Point**
(Name and organization) **Carentan, France**

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by
(Name and organization)

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

Item	Clothing		Indicate unusual markings	
	Markings	Sizes	Color	wear, tear, repairs, etc.
*Headgear	none			
(type)				
Raincoat	none			
Overcoat	none			
Jacket, Field	none			
Jacket, Combat	none			
Mackinaw	none			
Sweater	none			
Jacket, HBT	none			
*Shirt, Wool, OD			remnants of	
Undershirt, Wool			remnants of	
Undershirt, Cotton			none	
Trousers HBT			none	
*Trousers, Wool OD			none	

Belt, Web ~~none~~
 Drawers, Wool ~~none~~
 Drawers, Cotton ~~none~~
 Leggings, Wool ~~none~~ (Note unusual lacing) ~~none~~
 Socks, Cotton ~~none~~
 *Shoes (type) ~~none~~
 Overshoes ~~none~~
 Web Equipment (type) ~~none~~
 (Other item) remnants of electrically heated flying suit
 (Other item) remnants of lined leather glove

*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
Air Forces

8. Description of Remains:
 Age utd Height 5'11" ^{Est.} Weight utd Description of wounds utd
 Bandages or dressings utd Scars utd
 (Length, width, location)
 Tattoos utd
 (Number, location — illustrate on sep. page)
 Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks utd
 (yes-no; description, location)
 Sunburn or tan, other than hands & face utd
 Complexion utd
 (light, med, dark, clear, pimples, poeks, freckles)
 Build utd
 (large, fat, thin, muscular)
 Hair utd
 (color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)
 Hair utd
 (baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns **utd** (color, setting, shape) Mustache **utd** (color, size, shape) Beard or Goatee **utd** (length, heavy, light, color, extent)

Eyes **utd** (color, setting, shape) Eyebrows **utd** (color, bushiness, extent across nose)

Nose **utd** (size, shape, straight) Ears **utd** (size, set close to or far from head)

Mouth **utd** (large, medium, small) Lips **utd** (small, large, full)

Teeth **see tooth chart** (white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extract)

Chin **utd** (prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double)

Jaw **utd** (large, small, normal) Circumference of head in inches **utd** (hat band)

Neck **utd** (size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) Larynx **utd** (prominent, normal)

Shoulders **utd** (broad, straight, small, rounded) Arms **utd** (length, muscular, color)

utd (extent and quantity of hair)

Hands **utd**

Fingers **utd** (sort, 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** (quantity & extent of hair) Waist **utd** (size of navel, appendectomy, amount)

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

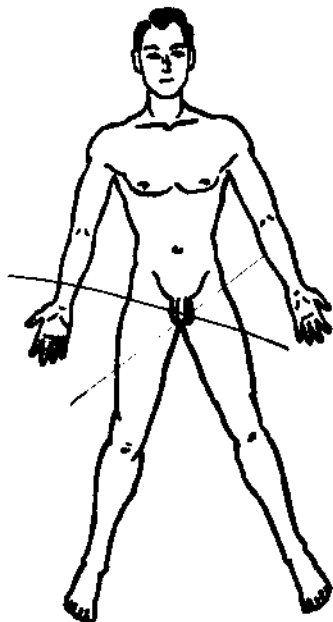
Hernioplasty **utd** (yes-no, location)

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

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

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

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



10. Have fingerprints been placed on Report of Interment no
Yes-no

If not, explain hands missing

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

12. Remarks: Body fully decomposed, badly fractured, Est. weight of remains 15 lbs.
Clothing charred, no marks. No burial bottle found in grave. Fluorescope negative.
Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.

I certify that I have personally viewed the remains of subject deceased and all resulting information has been recorded to the best of my knowledge.

Robert A. Salvador

Robert A. Salvador

Officer Name

Captain Inf.

Rank

Service

Central Identification Point

Organization

X-250

St. James Cemetery, France
Plot P Row 7 Grave 159

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

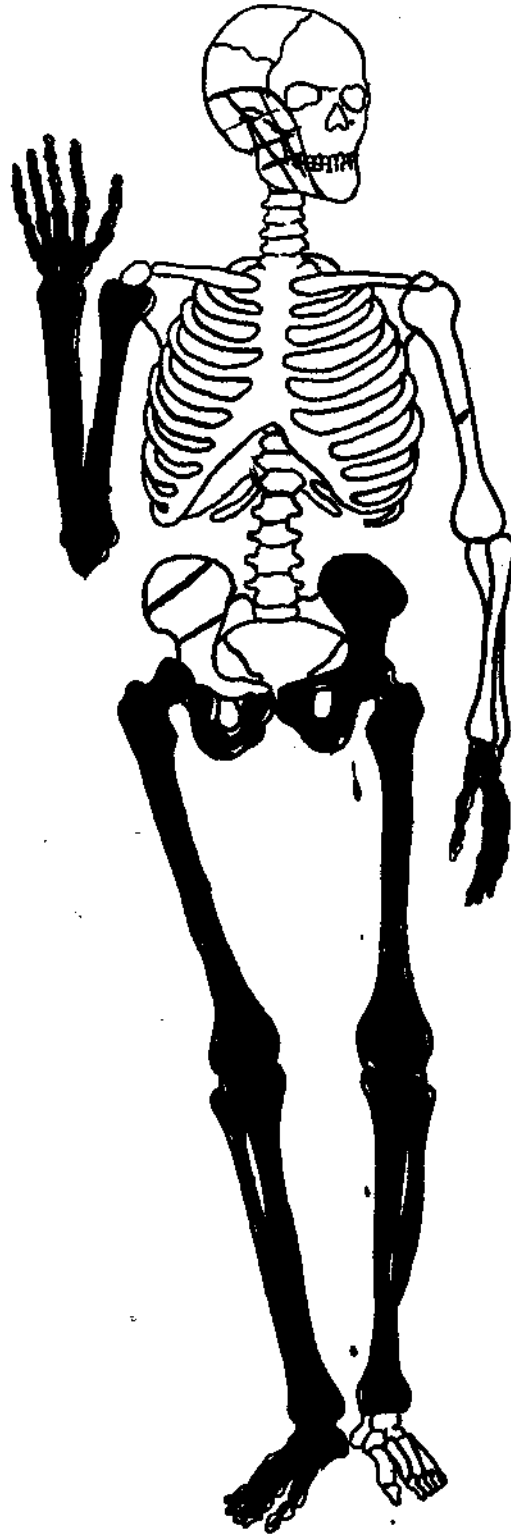


CHART "A"

TOOTH CHART

X-250

November 26, 1946
 Date

UNIFORM X - 250

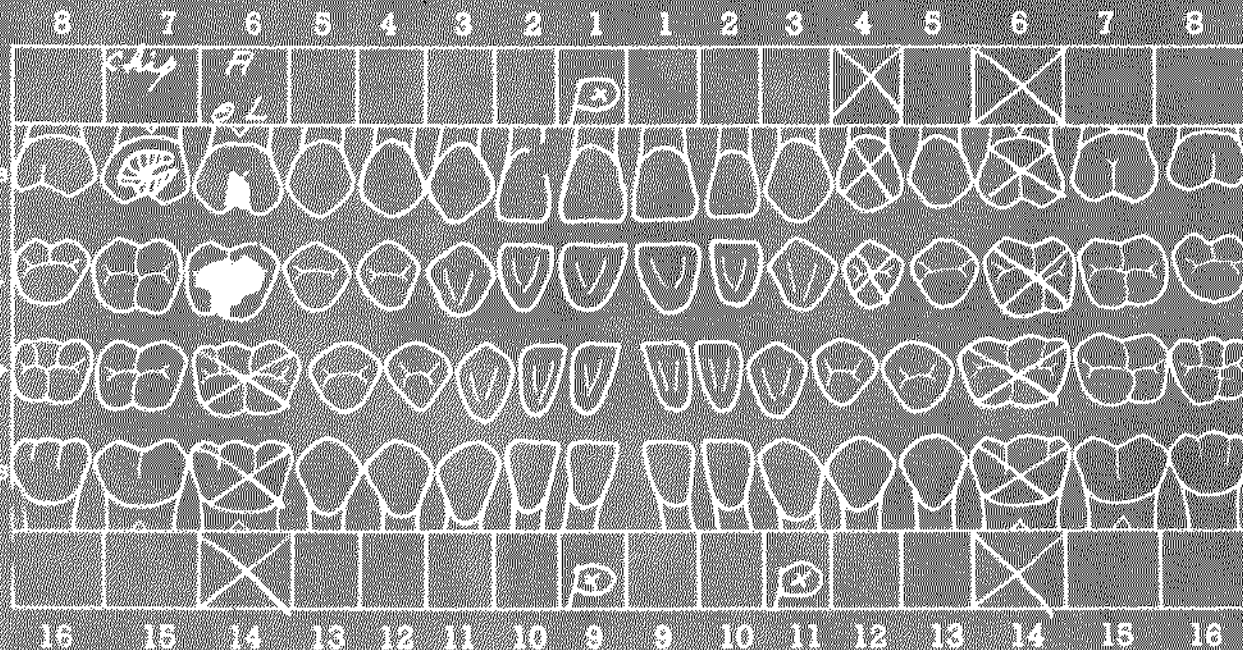
Last Name: St. James, France Rank: _____ Serial No. _____

Unit: Plot 2 Row 7 Grave 159 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 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.

Raymond T. Irish
 Signature of officer or other person who prepared tooth chart
Robert A. Salvador
 Verified by G. R. & E. Officer
 Robert A. Salvador, Captain Inf. C. 100

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

L 12 and 13 and 14, facial surface rotated slightly mesial.
Space of 3 mm between R 2, 4, 3.
R and L 14 missing before death.
Space of 3 mm, between L 2 and 3.
R 8 was unerupted during life.
L 4 and 6 missing before death.

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HEADQUARTERS
3058TH M GRAVES REGISTRATION CO
APO 862 U S ARMY

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE


27 Sept. 1945 1945
U S Personnel

1. Name, Rank ASN of decedent: Unknown X-250
2. Organization of decedent: ~~Unknown~~ (Pres: U S A A F)
3. Means of identification: None
4. Cause of death: Plane Crash 5. Date of death: Est 17 Nov. 1942
6. If isolated grave: a: date of burial: Est. 17 Nov. 1942 by whom buried: Germans
c. Inscription on marker: 62975448 Sergeant David Lindsey, 26-11-42
7. Location of grave: See Attached sketch
8. Names of decedents and location of other graves in immediate vicinity:
41 separate reports of investigation
9. Description and location of wrecked or abandoned vehicles or equipment in immediate vicinity: None
10. Disposition of personal effects: (Itemize) None
If effects sent to Effects OM
11. Other pertinent information
12. Information furnished by: Mlle. F. Jaouen, Angle des Avenues de la Gare
(Name title of address) et des Sorbiers, La Baule sur Mer, France
13. Names and addresses of other persons familiar with the case:
None

(Over)

14. Action taken: Body disinterred and removed to American Military Cemetery.
15. Disinterment approved by: Commanding Officer, 544th QM Bn.
16. Disinterment made by: 605th QM Graves Registration Co
17. Reburial made by: 605th QM Graves Registration Company
18. Date of reburial: 27 Sept. 1945
19. Place of reburial: St. James - American Military Cemetery.

Plot P Row 7 Grave 159


MILLARD R. JONES
1st Lt., FA,
O-1182395 GRO

REMARKS

* Note-This is possibly Sgt. Bogumill (Raudmill) due to apparent error in placing crosses in Cimetire des Allies, See reports of investigation for Grave No's 104, 103, 105, 107, 160 and 161 Plot P. St. James Cemetery.

CIMETIERE DES ALLIES 1939-1945
ESCOUBLAC ST. NAZAIRE

BEFORE DISINTERMENT

Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

112 108 110			
B	B	A	A

Grave No. per Crosses 299 300 301 302 303
Grave No. per Disinterment 299 300 301 302 303

Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 14

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

172 169 166 170 168 167 165 164 163											
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P
289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298											
289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298											

Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 13

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

116 115 114 113 106			
A	A	A	A
253 254 255 256 257			
253 254 255 256 257			

Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 12

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

160 161 159 162 158 157 156 154 155 153 111											
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A
232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242											
243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252											
243 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252											

Reburied at St. James
Plot P, Grave No.

ROW - 11

A - AMERICAN PER DISINTERMENT
B - BRITISH PER DISINTERMENT
P - POLISH PER DISINTERMENT

104 103 105 107					
A	A	A	A	A	A
227 228 229 230 231					
227 228 229 230					

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

CIMETIERE DES ALLIES 1939-1945

ESCOUBLAC, ST. NAZAIRE

AFTER DISINTERMENT

ROW - 15
Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

	112 108 110				
B	B	B-2	B-1	V	
299	300	301	302	303	
299	300	301	302	303	

ROW - 14

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

P	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 13

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 12

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 11

Grave No. per Crosses
Grave No. per Disinterment

V	V	V	V	V
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V - VACANT

P - TSPR PROPERTY RUPR GR NO. 298

CHECK LIST FOR UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN X- 250
 CEMETERY St. James France
 PLOT P ROW 7 GRAVE 159

Arrived at cemetery 2200, 26 Sept 42 From Le Baule sur Mer, France
 (hour) (date)

Place of death Unknown
 (name) (coordinates and landmarks)

Remains recovered by 3028 QM Gr Reg Co.
 (name and organization)

Evacuated to cemetery by 3028 QM Gr Reg Co.
 (name and organization)

Is load list attached No Are names of deceased found in same area as this Un-
 known started No (yes-no)

Are the circumstances described which may indicate organization
 of the deceased No (yes-no)

If only part of a body was received, was a careful search made
 for other parts of Unknown No (yes-no)

If remains come from vehicle, plane, etc: Unknown
 (type of vehicle or plane, nickname,

serial number, organization or symbols)

Crew list Unknown
 (names of other deceased and positions in which found)

If a tank, which hatches were free and available for escape use

If organization to which vehicle or plane was assigned or if names of all other de-
 ceased are not known, give detailed information concerning vehicle or plane

(parts of markings or symbols) (burned) (pierced by shell fire -- where)

(found in town, field, by road, etc.) (damaged by mine explosion)

(names of men who escaped) (description of other vehicles or planes in same area)

Detailed description of personal effects None
 (indicate exact pocket or part of body

where found)

Description of clothing and equipment: (If clothes do not fit, obtain sizes and body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Color	Indicate unusual markings
*Headgear (type)				

Raincoat

Overcoat

Jacket, ~~Flight~~ **Flight** **No markings** **Leather**

Jacket, Combat

Mackinaw

Sweater

Jacket, HBT

*Shirt, Wool OD

Undershirt, Cotton

Undershirt, Wool

Trousers, HBT

*Trousers, Wool OD

Belt, Web

Drawers, Wool

Drawers, Cotton

Leggings (note unusual lacing)

Wool

Socks Cotton

Shoes

(type)

Overshoes

Web

Equipment (type)

Flight suit **NONE**
(other item)

Flight gloves **NONE**
(other item)

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

Chevrons or **NONE** Shoulder Patch **NONE**
(type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Description of Remains:

Age **UNK** Height **UNK** Weight **UNK** Description of wounds **UNKNOWN**
(years) (ft-in) (lbs)

None None Scars Unable to determine
 (length, width, location)

Tattoos Unable to determine, badly decomposed
 (number, location - illustrate on sep. page)

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks Unable to determine
 (yes-no) (description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hands and face Unable to determine

Tobacco stain on fingers or teeth Unable to determine
 (designate where, extent)

Complexion Unable to determine, badly decomposed Build Unable
 (light, med, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles) (large, med, thin)

to determine, body badly decomposed
 muscular)

Hair Unable to determine.
 (color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting, baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns Undetermined Mustache Undetermined Beard or goatee Undetermined
 (color, setting, shape) (color, size, shape) (length, heavy, light, color, extent)

Eyes Undetermined Eyebrows Unable to determine
 (color, setting, shape) (color, bushiness, extend across nose)

Nose Undetermined Ears Unable to determine, badly decomposed
 (size, shape, straight) (size, set close to or far from head)

Forehead Undetermined Mouth Undetermined Lips Undetermined
 (high, wide, wrinkled) (large, medium, small) (small, large, full)

Teeth Unable to determine, body, was badly decomposed
 (white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extractions)

Chin Unable to determine Cheekbones Undetermined
 (prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double) (high, normal)

Jaw Undetermined Circumference of head in inches Undetermined
 (large, small, normal) (hat band)

Neck Undetermined Larynx Undetermined Shoulders Undetermined
 (size, long, short, normal, wrinkled) (prominent, normal) (broad)

Arms Unable to determine, badly decomposed
 straight, small, rounded) (length) (muscular, color, extent & quantity of hair)

Hands Unable to determine, badly decomposed
 (vaccination scar, size of wrists) large, small, normal, calloused noticeably)

(marks on fingers indicating that rings were worn)

Fingers Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(short, thick, long, slender; size of knuckles) (missing fingers or joints)
(unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(size at nipples; color, quantity & extent of hair; large, small, normal)

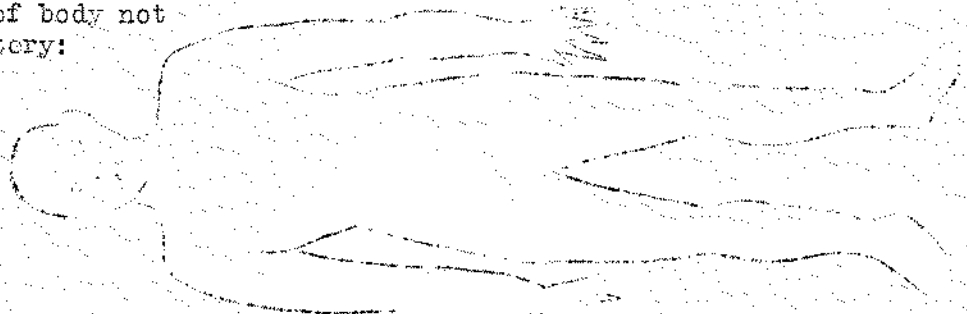
Back Undetermined Waist Hair Undet. Undet.
(quantity & extent of hair) (size at level, appendectomy, amount & color
Circumcized Undet. Pubic hair Undet. Hernioplasty Undet.
of hair) (yes-no) (location)

Legs Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(in cam) (muscular; knock-kneed, bowed, normal) (quantity, color & extent of hair)

Feet Undetermined Toes Unable to determine, badly decomposed
(size; corns; callouses; flat) (slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures Unable to determine
(nose, arms, legs, etc.)

Black out parts of body not received at cemetery:



Have photographs been made and attached No. If not, explain No facilities
(yes-no)

Have fingerprints been placed on GRS #1 No. If not, explain Badly decomposed
(yes-no)

Has tooth chart been prepared? No. If not, explain Badly decomposed
(yes-no)

Remarks Body too badly decomposed to take finger prints or
make a tooth chart.

Information on Marker:

62972448 Sergeant David Lindsey 26-11-42

Signature of GRC and Organization

CIMETIERE DES ALLIES 1939-1945
 ESCOUBLAC, ST. NAZAIRE

112 108 110

B	B	B-2	B-1	V
299	300	301	302	303
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ROW - 15
 Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

P	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 14
 Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 13
 Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 12
 Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

V	V	V	V	V
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ROW - 11
 Grave No. per Crosses
 Grave No. per Disinterment

REBURIAL AMERICAN

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

27 Sept 1945

Date

Unknown X-250		Unk		Unk	
Last Name	First	Initial	Rank	Serial No.	
Unk			Pres.	USAAF	
Unknown		Est. 17 Nov 1942		Plane Crash	
Place of Death		Date of Death		Cause of Death	
1500 27 Sep 1945		US Mil. Cem. St. James, France		308-975	
Time and Date of Burial		Name of Cemetery		Name or Coordinates of Location	
159 7		P		Cross	
Grave Number	Row Number	Plot Number		Type of Marker	

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

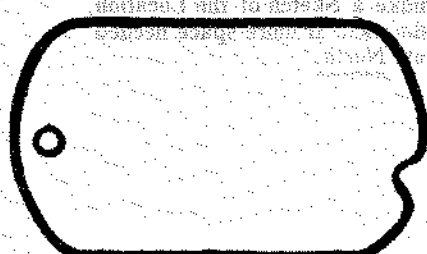
What means of identification were buried with the body?

2 Tags made at St. James Cemetery, one buried with body, one attached to marker.

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

Who is buried on:					
Deceased's Right:	Buckminster	11015905	Unk	Pres. USAAF	158
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	Unknown X-251	Unk	Unk	Pres. USAAF	160
	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 Unk Name _____

Unk Address _____

Religion _____

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

REBURIAL

None

Previously buried in isolated grave

located at Cimetiere des Allies
Grave 234 Row 12

Millard R. Jones
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
MILLARD R. JONES,
1st Lt., FA
Graves Registration Officer

persons unaccounted for, subject personnel who are presumed dead.

9. The foregoing facts show that seven B-17's were lost on the mission to St. Nazaire, France. The route of the flight was over land to the target area and then out to sea and return to base over water. No planes were lost before the target area was reached. Over the target area heavy and accurate antiaircraft fire was encountered, following which enemy fighters participated in the attack and pursued the bombers out to sea. Seven planes were lost. The remains of four of the persons aboard plane No. 41-24526 were washed ashore on the coast of Western Europe as reported by the Germans. This fact, plus the statements of witnesses and the map attached to the missing air crew report, presents conclusive evidence that this plane was lost at sea. Statements received from some of the 13 survivors indicate that the other plane, No. 41-24517 carrying Major Sheridan, blew up over the target area. The target was the submarine pens and facilities located on the coast of France. A strong off shore wind, reported up to 90 miles per hour, was blowing at the time; and in the absence of any definite evidence, the finding of the remains of any of subject personnel or plane, it is reasonable to conclude that the persons aboard this plane were blown to bits by the force of the explosion or blown out to sea by the strong winds and drowned before rescue could be effected.

10. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that subject personnel, listed in paragraph 1 above, were killed in action on 3 January 1943 over St. Nazaire, France, while in flying pay status. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2b, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 4 January 1944. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.

Station and place of death in European Area.

John J. McGuire
Investigator