

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Jones/30896/17 January 1980

SUBJECT: Recovery of Skeletal Remains (Germany)

1. Case papers received from the U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, indicate that portions of two (2) "Believed to Be" World War II remains had been partially recovered in two separate locations in the forest outside Wallendorf, Germany. The remains had been recovered by the staff of the Bitburg Air Force Base Mortuary Office. No identification tags were found, however, numerous remnants of US type clothing, equipment, and ammunition were recovered.

2. A search and recovery team from the Frankfurt Mortuary was dispatched to Bitburg and, together with the Air Force team, proceeded to the recovery sites. After two days of thoroughly searching and sifting of both graves, the search was terminated and the remains were returned to the Frankfurt Mortuary for processing.

3. Upon examination of remains designated Unknown X-9451, recovered from grave #2, it was determined that these were the remains of an adult Caucosoid male of slender muscularity. The paucity of the recovered portions precluded an estimation of height or more precise age. The mandible and maxilla are missing and no loose teeth were found.

4. Case summary for the associated recovery, Unknown X-9450, will be submitted separately.

CONCLUSION:

While it is possible that the skeletal remains may represent the recoverable portions of a deceased serviceman killed in the vicinity of Wallendorf, Germany, the lack of any identifying media and the extreme paucity of the skeletal portions precludes an association with any unresolved US casualty. Therefore, it is concluded that Unknown X-9451 meets the criteria for CIL classification.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this headquarters concur with the recommendation that remains designated Unknown X-9451 be classified as CIL portions, and that disposition be made in accordance with established policy (FM 10-286, June 1976, Chapter 2, Para 2-12, and Chapter 4, Para 4-7e).

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