

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
DENTAL CHART

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)
UNKNOWN X-9424

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER
S/R - 1093

GRADE _____ SERVICE NUMBER _____

PLOT _____ ROW _____ GRAVE _____

MARKING ABBREVIATIONS:
 F-Facial O-Occlusal D-Distal A'-Amalgam -Fill-Filling Porc-Porcelain Back-Backing
 L-Lingual M-Merial I-Incinal CR-Crown Plus-Plastic Sil-Silicate Pac-Facing

CRIES	MISSING								9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	CRIES
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8									
RESTORATIONS								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BROKEN	MO-AM	MO-AM O-AM	DOL-AM	O-AM			RESTORATIONS	
UPPER RIGHT																	UPPER LEFT
LOWER RIGHT																LOWER LEFT	
RESTORATIONS	O-AM F-AM	O-AM	Ext No Space	O-AM 45° Mes Rot	Ext	Ext	MISSING				Ext	O-AM		RESTORATIONS			
CRIES																CRIES	

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL BE INDICATED IF PRESENT (Describe in detail in Remarks section)

MOTTLED ENAMEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ROTATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	FRACTURED ENAMEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	IRREGULARITY OF ALIGNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENAMEL HYPOPLASIA	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNERUPTED TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/>	FRACTURES OF TEETH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNUSUAL RESTORATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>
EROSION	<input type="checkbox"/>	MALOCCLUSION	<input type="checkbox"/>	RETAINED DECIDUOUS TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNUSUAL APPLIANCES	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABRASION	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUPERNUMERARY TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/>	PERMANENT IMPEDENTAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	MALFORMED TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/>

PREPARED BY (Typed Name and Signature)
ANTHONY J. ZEKA, DAC

CARLOS WILKEL, DAC

DENTURES (Plates): DESCRIBE DENTURES INCLUDING NATURAL TEETH REPLACED AND WHICH HAVE RETAINING CLASPS. (For example: Lower Acrylic Partial Denture with Lingual Bar, replacing Teeth no. 17, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32. Class on natural teeth nos. 20 and 29) SHOW ANY NUMBERS OR LETTERS APPEARING ON DENTURE.

REMARKS (If no abnormalities are found make notation to that effect)

Right portion of maxilla missing from #1 through #8
 Small left portion of mandible, 17 to 18 detached from other portion of mandible.
 Mandible missing from #19 through #26.

EXAMPLE METHOD OF PREPARATION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	UPPER LEFT	
UPPER RIGHT																		
	1. D-AM	2. DOL-AM; F-AM	3. MOD GOLD FILL	4. F-GOLD FILL; ML-AM	5. MO-AM	6. ML-GOLD FILL	7. 3/4 GOLD CR	8. D-FORC FILL	9. PORC-CR	10. F-PORC FILL; L-AM	11. MF-PORC FILL	12. PX-POSTHUMOUSLY MISSING						

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESS
SKELETAL CHART

11 July 1975

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)
UNKNOWN X-9424

GRADE SERVICE NUMBER

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER
S/R - 1093

PLOT ROW GRAVE

ESTIMATED AGE (Years) ESTIMATED HEIGHT
18-21 T= 67.3 Inches
F&T= 67.0 Inches

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	RIGHT		LEFT	
SKULL					
HUMERUS	TROTTER	32.1	31.8		
ULNA		26.7	-		
RADIUS		24.2	23.8		
FEMUR		45.1	45.7		
TIBIA		36.2	36.4		
FIBULA		-	-		

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

This caucasian male is of slight muscularity and average stature. The skull is medium in size and oval in shape. The lower bone ridges of the nasal aperture is sharp. The mandible is average in structure and width. Generalized erosion of the bone structure exists throughout the entire remains.

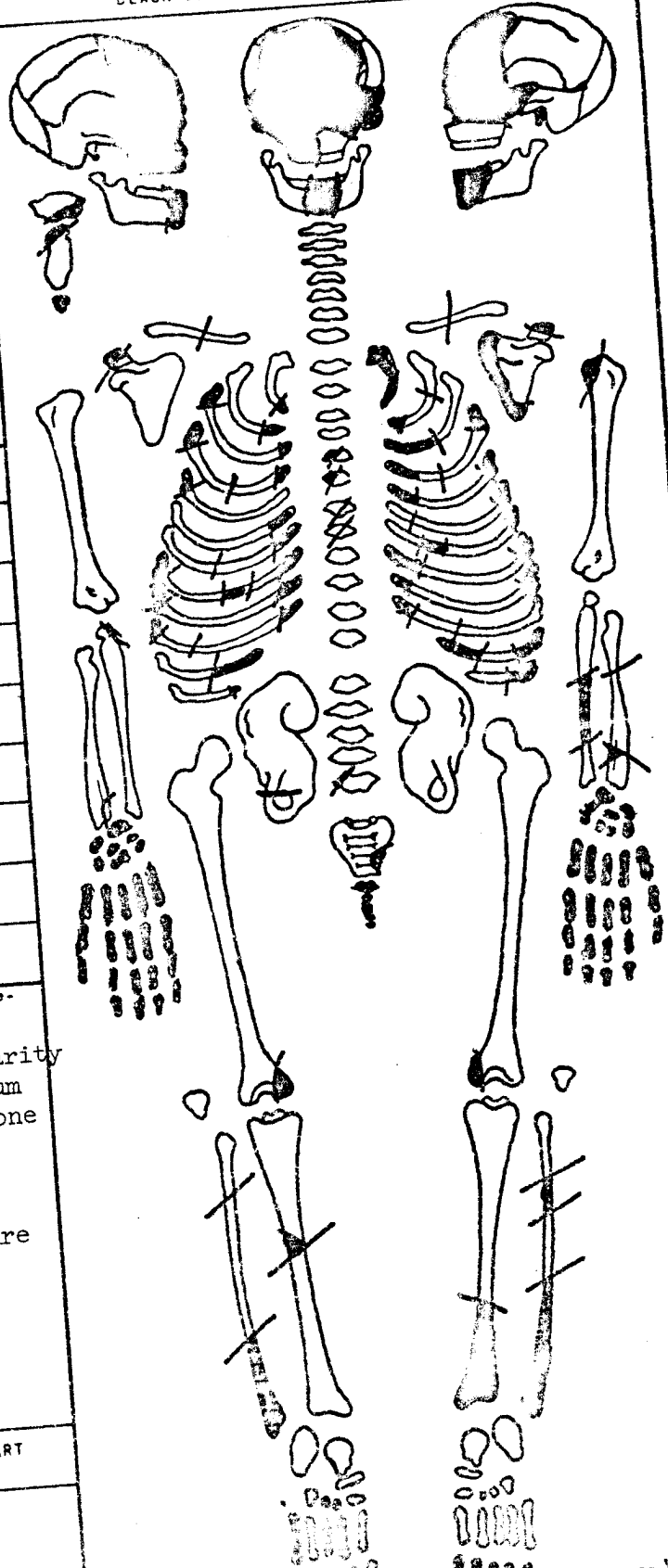
THE PARTS PRESENT AS INDICATED ON THIS SKELETAL CHART REPRESENTS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)

CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12

SIGNATURE

Carl J. Witzel



SYMBOLS
 X MISSING
 B BURNED

FRACTURED
 SHATTERED

DD

FORM 1 FEB 74 392

REPLACES OMC FORM 1044, 18 MAR 47, WHICH IS OBSOLETE.

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RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
(Effects and Physical Data)

DATE

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Or unknown number)

UNKNOWN X-9425

GRADE

SERVICE NUMBER

CIL CASE NUMBER (if applicable)

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER

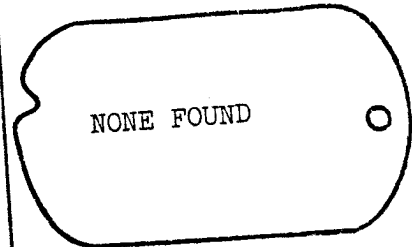
S/R - 1093

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG



OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)

Associated remains recovered from a single grave-site.
UNKNOWN X-9423
X-9424

ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)

Recovered from one grave site:

- 1 Pr. Brown Boots, Size 9E
- 1 Boot, brown, Size 8 1/2E
- 2 Pr. Rubber Boots, Heavy Duty, Size Unknown
- 1-Parachute
- Remnants of wool material

FINGERPRINTS TAKEN

YES NO

X-RAYS MADE

YES NO

FLUOROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED

YES NO

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

YES NO

ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE

YES NO

CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED

YES NO

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION Estimate Age: 24-27

ESTIMATED HEIGHT

T = 68.3
F&T = 67.7

MUSCULARITY

Average

COLOR OF HAIR

None found

RACE OR NATIVITY

Caucasoid

TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY

None found

EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

Evidence of bone malformation, rt. radius, between the tuberosity area and the neck of the radius.

WOUNDS OR INJURIES

Evidence of fractures of all long bones.

I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION

CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12, Hqs, USA Mortuary System,
Europe, APO 09757

SIGNATURE

Carl J. Witzel

PREVIOUS EDITION OF THIS FORM IS OBSOLETE.

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REMARKS (If no abnormalities are found make notation to that effect)

Right ramus and small portion of maxilla missing also from #7 through #16.
Mandible missing from #21 through 32

EXAMPLE METHOD OF PREPARATION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
UPPER RIGHT																		
	1. O-AM	2. DOL-AM; F-AM	3. MOD GOLD FILL	4. F-GOLD FILL; NL-AM	5. MO-AM	6. ML-GOLD FILL	7. 3/4 GOLD CP	8. D-PORC FILL	9. PORC-CR	10. F-PORC FILL; L-AM	11. MF-PORC FILL	12. PX-POSTHUMOUSLY MISSING	13. GOLD-CR	14. MISSING	15. MO-AM; L-AM	16. MODL-AM		UPPER LEFT

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11 July 1975

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S/R - 1093

PLOT ROW GRAVE

ESTIMATED AGE (Years) ESTIMATED HEIGHT
24-27 T = 68.3 Inches
F&T = 67.7 Inches

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	RIGHT		LEFT	
SKULL	TROTTER				
HUMERUS		68.9	69.0		
ULNA		Est. 68.4	-		
RADIUS		Est. 68.0	-		
FEMUR		46.1	46.5		
TIBIA		36.8	-		
FIBULA		37.4	-		

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

This caucasoid male of average height and muscularity. Due to missing anatomical portions of the skull it was determined to be average in size and oval in shape. The mandible is average in structure and width.

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PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)

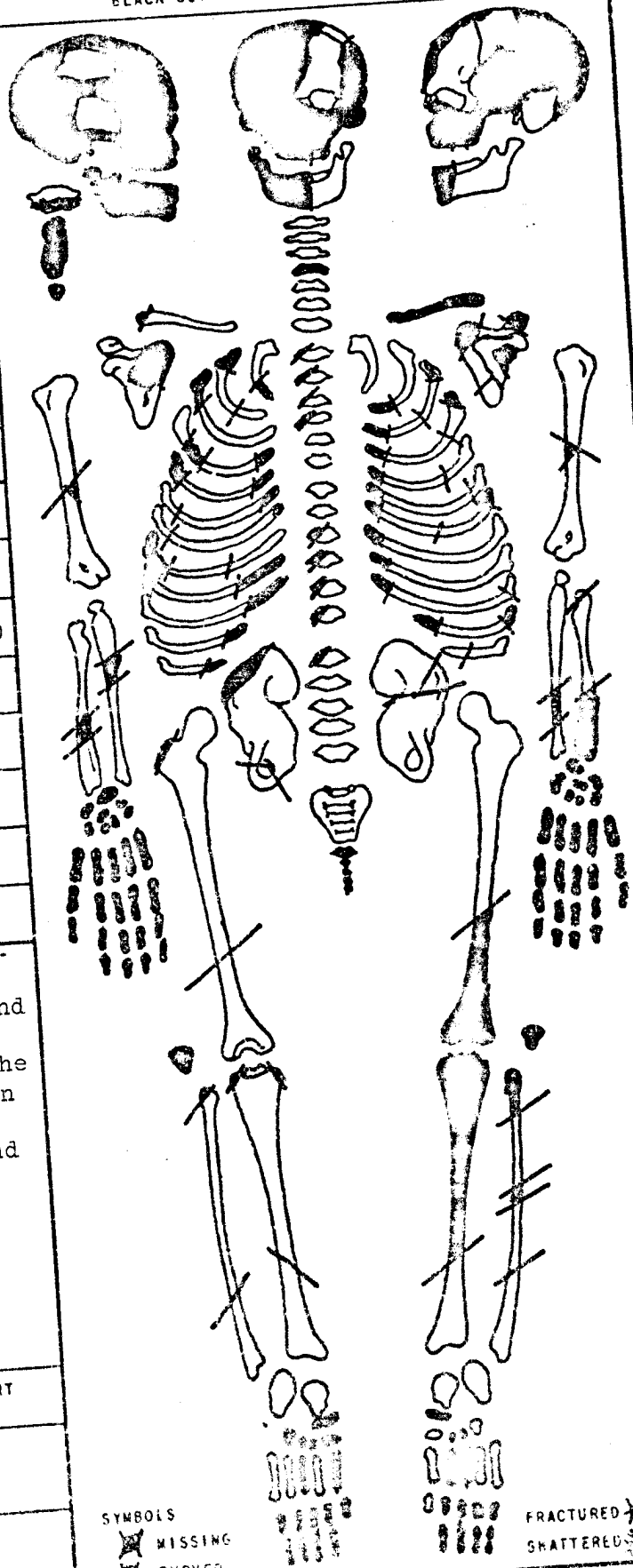
CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12

SIGNATURE

Carl J. Witzel

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H BURNED

FRACTURED
SHATTERED



PHYSICAL AND DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

Remains of Unknown X-9423 (S&R 1093) US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany		Name	
1	X (Ext)	1	
2	f, o, caries	2	
3	moA loA	3	
4	X (Ext)	4	
5	PX	5	
6	MAXILLA	6	
7		7	
8		8	
9		9	
10		10	
11		11	
12		12	
13		13	
14		14	
15		15	
16	MISSING	16	
17	X (Ext)	17	
18	6 mm space 45° Mes Rot	18	
19		X (Ext)	19
20		X (Ext)	20
21	PX	21	
22	MANDIBLE	22	
23		23	
24		24	
25		25	
26		26	
27		27	
28	MISSING	28	
29	X (Spacer in lieu of tooth) Full Gold Crown	29	
30		X (Ext)	30
31		X (Ext)	31
32	X (Ext)	32	

Estimated height T 67.0 F&T 67.7	Height
Estimated weight Muscularity: Average	Weight
Estimated age 26 - 30	Age
Hair: Brown Race: Caucasian	Hair

Remarks

Boots 9E
8 1/2E

Recovered: Approx 9 km NE of
Simmerath, Germany near the village
of Steckenborn

PHYSICAL AND DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

Remains of Unknown X-9424 (S&R 1093)
 US Army Memorial Affairs Activity,
 Europe, Frankfurt, Germany

Name

1		1
2	MAXILLA	2
3		3
4		4
5		5
6		6
7	MISSING	7
8		8
9	PX	9
10	Broken	10
11		11
12	moA	12
13		13
14	moA oA	14
15	dola	15
16	oA	16
17	oA	17
18	X (Ext)	18
19		19
20	MANDIBLE	20
21		21
22		22
23		23
24	MISSING	24
25		25
26		26
27	X (Ext)	27
28	X (Ext)	28
29	oA 45° Mes Rot	29
30	X (Ext) No space	30
31	oA	31
32	oA FA	32

Estimated height
 T 67.3 F&T 67.0

Estimated weight
 Muscularity: Average

Estimated age
 18 - 21

Hair
 Brown

Race:
 Caucasian

Remarks

Boots 9E
 8 1/2E

Recovered: Approx 9 km NE of
 Simmerath, Germany near the village
 of Steckenborn

PHYSICAL AND DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

Remains of Unknown X-9425 (S&R 1093)
 US Army Memorial Affairs Activity,
 Europe, Frankfurt, Germany

Name

1	MAXILLA MISSING	1
2	PX	2
3	oA	3
4		4
5		5
6	PX	6
7		7
8	MAXILLA	8
9		9
10		10
11		11
12		12
13		13
14		14
15	MISSING	15
16		16
17	X (Ext)	17
18	oA fa	18
19	X (Ext) 10 mm space	19
20	PX	20
21		21
22		22
23	MANDIBLE	23
24		24
25		25
26		26
27		27
28		28
29		29
30	MISSING	30
31		31
32		32

Estimated height T 68.3 F&T 67.7	Height
Estimated weight Muscularity: Average	Weight
Estimated age 24 - 27	Age
Hair: None found Race: Caucasian	Hair

Remarks
 Boots 9E
 8 1/2E
 Evidence of bone malformation, rt. radius,
 between the tuberosity area and the neck
 of the radius.

 Recovered: Approx 9 km NE of
 Simmerath, Germany near the village
 of Steckenborn

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UNKNOWN X-9423

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S/R - 1093

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

ESTIMATED AGE (Years)

26-30

ESTIMATED HEIGHT

T= 67.0 Inches

F&T= 67.7 Inches

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	RIGHT		LEFT	
SKULL					
HUMERUS	TROTTER	31.5	Est. 31.6		
ULNA	"	Est. 24.5	Est. 26.0		
RADIUS	"	23.0	23.2		
FEMUR	"	46.2	46.9		
TIBIA	"	-	36.5		
FIBULA	"	-	Est. 36.8		

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

These are the skeletal remains of a caucasian male of average height and muscularity. The forehead is medium in height and slopes slightly with moderate brow ridges. The mandible is average in structure. Generalized erosion of the bone structure exists throughout the entire remains.

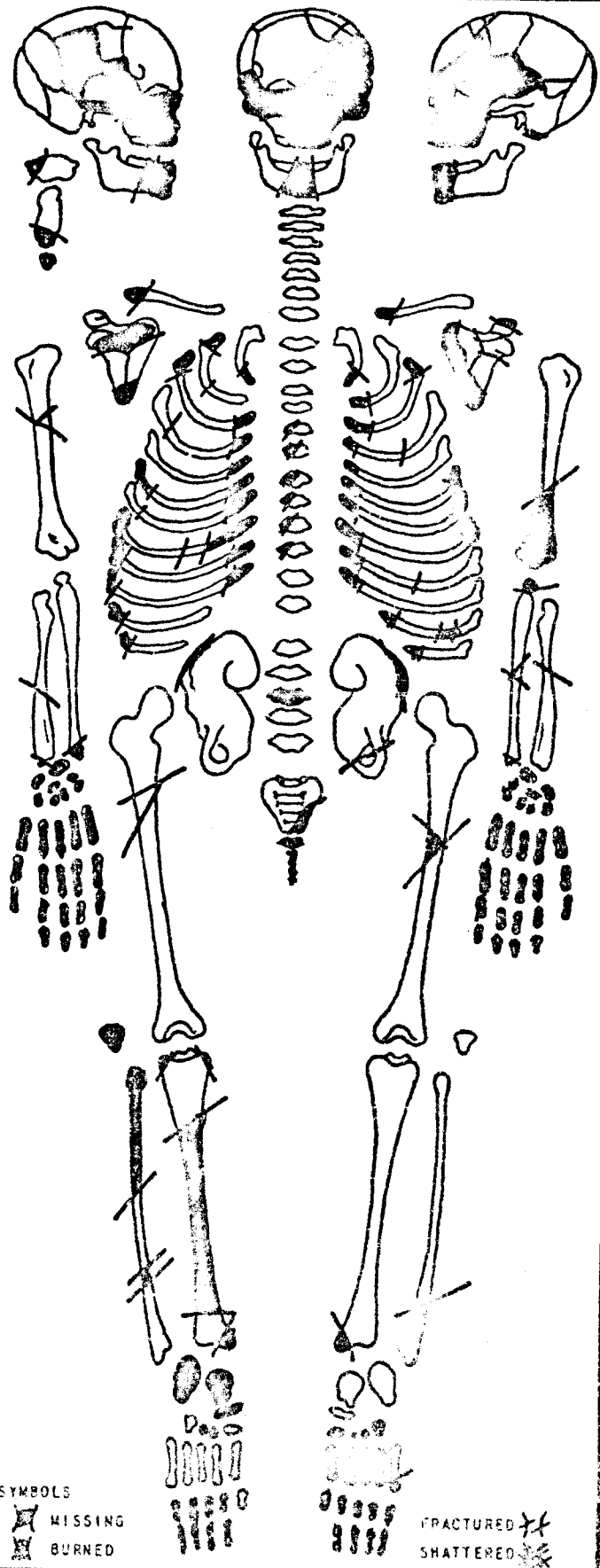
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PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)

CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12

SIGNATURE

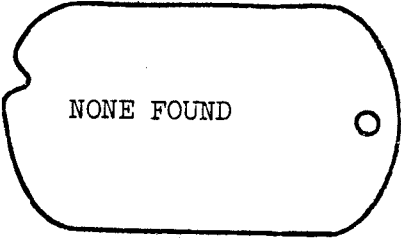

Carl J. Witzel



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SHATTERED

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UNKNOWN X-9424				11 July 1975	
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER			PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
S/R - 1093					
RECEIVED FROM			IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG		
OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)					
Associated remains recovered from a single grave-site UNKNOWN X-9423 X-9425					
ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)					
Recovered from a single grave-site: 1 Pr. Brown Boots, Size 9E 1 Boot, brown, Size 8 1/2E 2 Pr. Rubber Boots, Heavy Duty, Size UNKNOWN 1-Parachute Remnants of wool material					
FINGERPRINTS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		X-RAYS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		FLUOROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION Estimate Age: 18-21					
ESTIMATED HEIGHT T = 67.3 F&T = 67.00		MUSCULARITY Average	COLOR OF HAIR Brown attached to skull	RACE OR NATIVITY Caucasoid	
TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY None found					
EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS None found					
WOUNDS OR INJURIES Evidence of multiple fractures of right and left tibia and fibula					
I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.					
NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION			SIGNATURE		
CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12, Hqs, USA Mortuary System, Europe, APO 09757					



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MORTUARY SYSTEM, EUROPE
APO 09757

AEUMS-Cdr

11 July 1975

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

Commander
Hq DA
(DAAG-MED)
Washington, D.C. 20314

Forwarded for review are the enclosed Report of Recovery, Laboratory processing with allied papers concerning recovered WW II remains:

UNKNOWN X-9423	(S/R - 1093)
UNKNOWN X-9424	(S/R - 1093)
UNKNOWN X-9424	(S/R - 1093)

Present location of remains: USA Mortuary Frankfurt, Germany.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
as

James A. Lytle, II
JAMES A. LYTLE, II
ILT., QMC
Adjutant

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MORTUARY SYSTEM, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09757

AEUMS-Cdr

11 July 1975

REPORT OF RECOVERY AND EXAMINATION OF WORLD WAR II REMAINS

CASE UNKNOWN X-9423
UNKNOWN X-9424
UNKNOWN X-9425
S/R - 1093

CIRCUMSTANCES OF RECOVERY:

During the latter part of May 1975, this office received a letter from the Mayor of the City of Simmerath, Germany. The letter stated that a German company who has a contract with the Federal Republic of Germany, for the clearing of a certain section of wooded area long the German-Belgium border. This area is being cleared of all live ammunition, bombs and land mines.

During this clearing operation a very shallow grave (approximately 10-12 inches in depth) was discovered. The grave site is located in a thickly wooded area approximately 9 kilometers, northeast of Simmerath, near the very small village of Steckenborn. See attached German map.

On 2 June 1975 a search and recovery team was dispatched from the Frankfurt Mortuary to the city of Simmerath. The office of the mayor, provide the search team with a police escort to the gravesite. The grave-site had previously been disinterred by the local police. Further examination of the grave-site by the search team revealed no other skeletal portions or identification media.

The police explained to the search team that the remains were found lying side by side. It is very possible that the remains at time of death were placed upon the ground and during the next 30 years the accumulation of leaves and debris covered the remains. This could account for the very shallow grave.

During a conversation with the police, it was revealed that a American WW II type, 4 engine bomber, aircraft had crashed approximately 4 kilometers from where these remains were found. This could account for the parachute found with the remains at the grave-site. Parachute had not been deployed.

This aircraft was removed from the crash site in 1960. According to the mayor office no remains were found at the crash site, only live ammunition and bombs.

11 Jul 75

REPORT OF RECOVERY AND EXAMINATION OF WORLD WAR II REMAINS

No official records were maintained at the city hall of Simmerath pertaining to this aircraft. Such information as date of aircrash, type of aircraft or serial number of aircraft is unknown.

During the war the city hall at Simmerath was destroyed by fire in January 1945. See attached translation of letter, dated 5 June 1975 concerning aircraft removal.

PROCESSING OF REMAINS:

The commingled skeletal parts were processed simultaneously. Fragmentary bones were pieced together and arranged in individual anatomical order. The recovered skeletal bones were still under progressive erosion caused by prolonged natural weathering (approx. 30 years).

All skeletal parts were processed simultaneously. Segregation of the remains is based upon the comparison race, age group, bone morphology, body structure, articulation and osteometric computations.

It was determined that these skeletal parts consists of portions of three (3) individual remains from S & R - 1093.

The remains were designated:

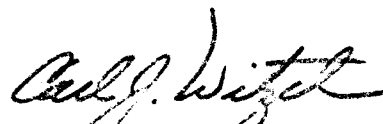
UNKNOWN X-9423
UNKNOWN X-9424
UNKNOWN X-9425

CONCLUSION:

The only relationship that exists between these 3 remains and the aircraft that crashed approximately 4 kilometers from the grave-site is the parachute. The parachute had not been deployed as the chute lines were still folded. Circumstances surrounding the presence of the parachute in the grave-site is unknown.

It is concluded that these three (3) skeletal remains are American casualties from World War II. This association is based upon the American type of footwear, brown boots (B.F. Goodrich), and heavy duty rubber boots, type issued to Americans in WW II. The absence of military type insignia and clothing can not be explained. It is possible that these 3 individual remains could have been taken POW, and their clothing and military insignia were removed before death.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.



CARL J. WITZEL
Supv Mortuary Officer/ID

Translation

COMMUNITY SIMMERATH
The Community Director

Kesternich, 5 June 1975

To the
American Mortuary
ATTN: Mr. Witzel

Unit: Ordnungsamt

Tel: 16 Room 7

6 F r a n k f u r t
Homburger Landstr. 75

File #: 123-51 III/L/Gu.

SUBJECT: Finding of Human Remains at the Gemeindewald Simmerath

REF: Personal Conversation on 2.6.75 in the City Hall Kesternich

Dear Mr. Witzel,

In reference to above conversation I like to inform you, that the aircraft wreckages found in 1960 at the Rurseer are those of a 4 engine American airplane. Mr. Antes, Fireworker from District Koeln, stated, that the crashed airplane had carried 14 bombs ea 500 Kg, which were recovered by him. We are sorry, that further details cannot be furnished.

As inclosure, you will receive 2 maps in scale 1 : 25000, indicating by check marks the recovery places of 2 remains and wreckage parts.

In addition is a claim from the Carpenter Siebertz, Kesternich, dated 24.5.1975 in the amount of DM 154,29 requesting refunding same to our local Community Pay-Office.

Other costs which were incurred by the Community Simmerath in connection with recovery of remains, will, without saying, not be claimed.

Sincerely,

signed: Jansen

Inclosures

GEMEINDE SIMMERATH

DER GEMEINDEDIREKTOR

Kesternich, den 5. Juni 1975

Simmerath, den

Postanschrift: Gemeinde Simmerath · 5107 Simmerath-Kesternich · Hauptstraße 99

An die
Amerikanische Leichenhalle
z.Hd. Mr. Witzl

6 Frankfurt
Homburger Landstr. 75

Dienststelle: Ordnungsamt

Hausruf: 16 Zimmer:

Aktenzeichen: 123-51 III/4

Bitte Aktenzeichen in der Antwort angeben

Betr.: Leichenfund im Gemeindewald Simmerath

Bezug: Persönliche Rücksprache im Rathaus Kesternich vom
2.6.1975

Sehr geehrter Mister Witzl!

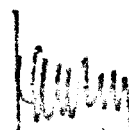
Unter Bezugnahme auf die o. a. Unterredung teile ich mit, daß es sich bei dem im Jahre 1960 im Rursee gefundenen Flugzeugwracks um eine 4-motorige amerikanische Maschine handelt. Der Feuerwerker vom Kampfmittelräumdienst des Regierungsbezirks Köln, Herr Antes, gibt an, daß die abgestürzte Maschine 14 Bomben á 500 kg mit sich führte, die von ihm geborgen wurden. Weitere Angaben hierzu können leider nicht gemacht werden.

Als Anlage erhalten Sie zwei topographische Karten im Maßstab 1 : 25000, in denen der Fundort der zwei Leichen und Wrackteile markiert wurde.

Darüber hinaus lege ich Ihnen eine Rechnung des Tischlermeisters Siebertz, Kesternich, vom 24.5.1975 in Höhe von 154,29 DM mit der Bitte um Erstattung an die hiesige Gemeindekasse vor.

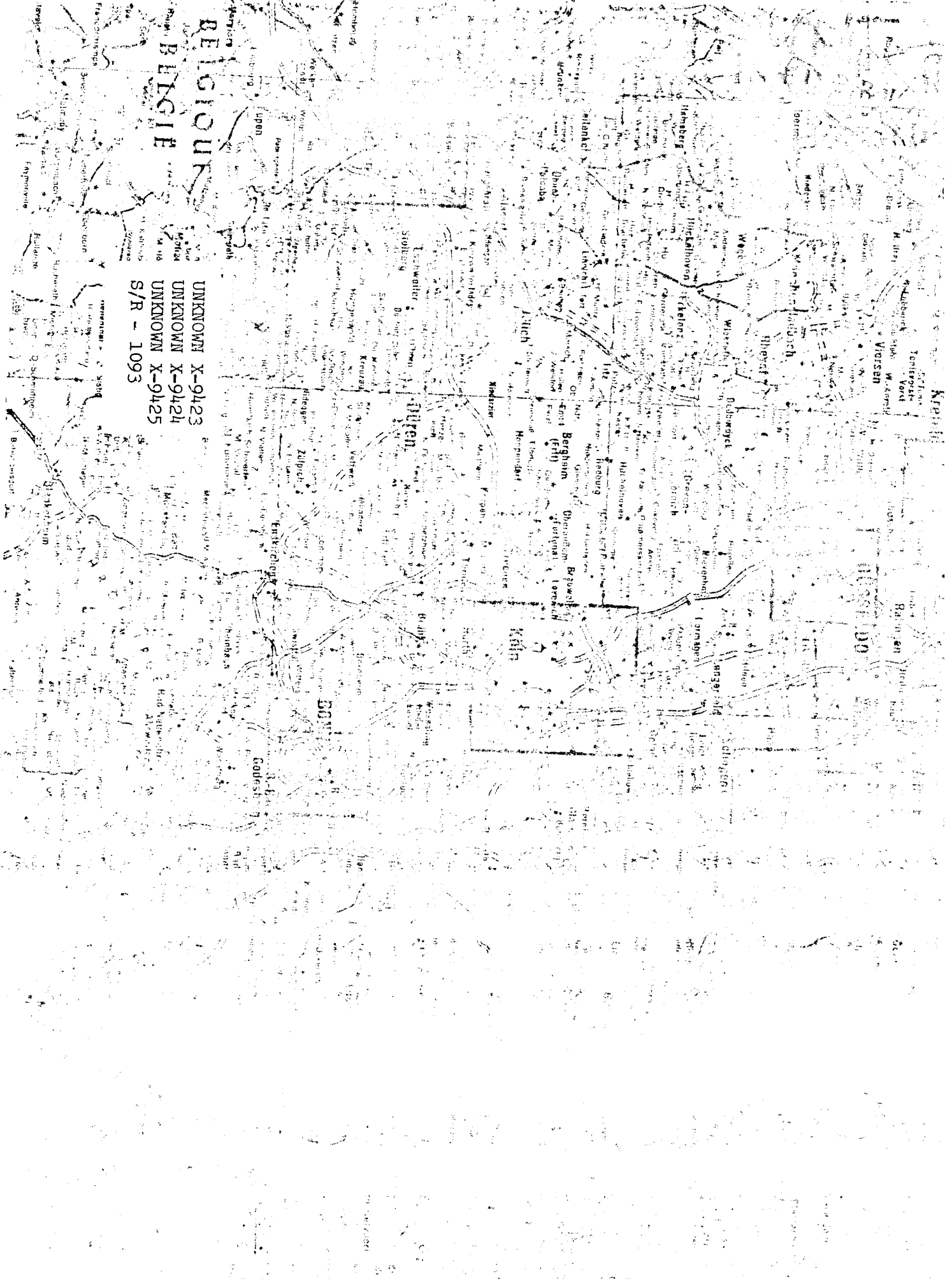
Sonstige Kosten, die der Gemeinde Simmerath durch die Bergung der Leichen und Flugzeugteile entstanden sind, werden selbstverständlich nicht geltend gemacht.

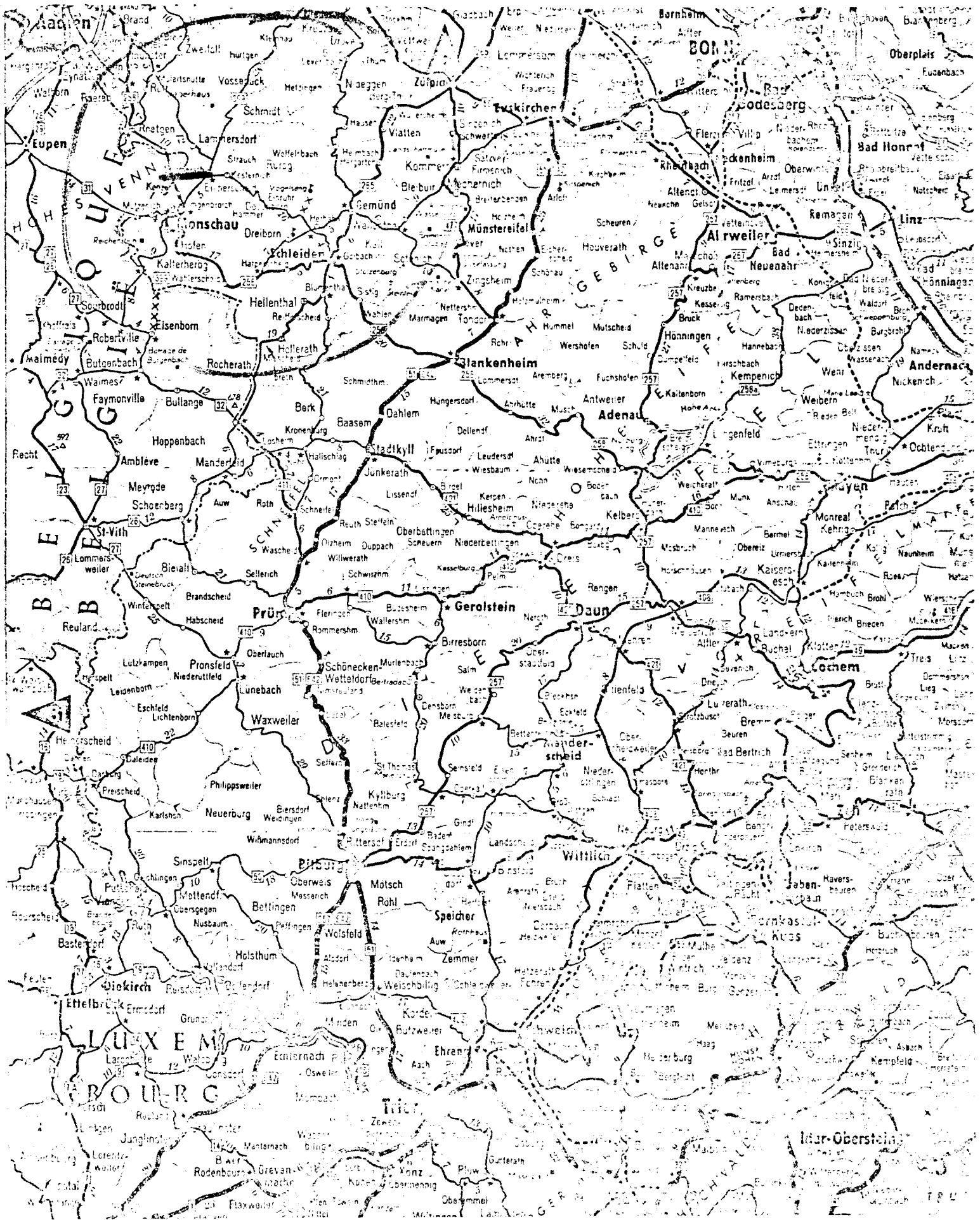
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UNKNOWN X-9423
UNKNOWN X-9424
UNKNOWN X-9425
S/R - 1093





(Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, X-9425, USA Mem Aff Actv, Frankfurt, Ger)

CONCLUSION:

Based on the recovery of US type footwear and equipment, it is concluded that these remains are those of US casualties, possibly sustained during the battle of Hurtgen Forest; however, the unfavorable dental and/or physical comparisons precludes an association at this time with the casualties listed on Nonrecoverable Findings. Further, the fact that the remains were found lying side by side, and the absence of military insignia and clothing may indicate that the three individuals could have been taken prisoner elsewhere and their clothing removed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That remains designated Unknown X-9423, Unknown X-9424, and Unknown X-9425 (S&R 1093), U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, be approved as UNIDENTIFIABLE.

Submitted by

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Identification Technician
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APPROVED:

Date: 17 May 76

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Colonel, GS
Director, Personal Affairs

(Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, X-9425, USA Mem Aff Actv, Frankfurt, Ger)

3. The remains (assigned S&R 1093) and effects were released to US custody and transported to the Frankfurt Mortuary for identification processing. The skeletal parts were found to be commingled, fragmentary and still under progressive erosion caused by prolonged natural weather elements. It was determined, after laboratory examination, that the skeletal remains consisted of portions of three (3) individuals. For examination and identification purposes, the remains were designated:

Unknown X-9423

Unknown X-9424

Unknown X-9425

4. The remains were processed simultaneously and segregation was based on the comparison of race, age group, bone morphology, body structure, articulation and osteometric comparisons. Partial dental charts were accomplished for each remains (See processing papers for each Unknown - Tabbed). The physical characteristics are as follows:

	AGE	HEIGHT	BUILD	HAIR	RACE
X-9423	26-30	T - 67.0" F&T - 67.7"	Average	Brown	Caucasoid
X-9424	18-21	T - 67.3" F&T - 67.0"	Average	Brown	Caucasoid
X-9425	24-27	T - 63.3" F&T - 67.7"	Average	None found	Caucasoid

5. In an effort to associate Unknowns X-9423, X-9424 and X-9425 with unresolved U. S. casualties of World War II, extensive research of historical records was conducted. Combat Chronicle, an Outline History of US Army Divisions, indicates that elements of the 78th Infantry Division were committed to combat in the Simmerath area during December 1944. Further, review of previously resolved cases indicated that Simmerath is located in the vicinity of the Hurtgen Forest where heavy fighting had taken place. The files of approximately 300 unresolved casualties who were listed on Nonrecoverable Findings in this area were screened. Comparison of dental and physical data from these files with information furnished in case papers met with negative results. Available records were searched for other unresolved casualties not listed on Nonrecoverable Findings but no association could be made with referenced Unknowns.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, TAGCEN
MEMORIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20314

A Board of Officers appointed by DAAG-ALO-O Letter Orders, TC 453, dated 28 January and 13 February 1976 (Tab A) convened 17 May 1976, and after consideration of the factors presented, approved the Unidentifiability of Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, and X-9425, S&T 1093, U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany.

1. According to case papers (Tab B), the U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, received a letter in May 1975 from the Mayor of the city of Simerath, Germany stating that a shallow grave had been discovered by a German company clearing a certain section of wooded area along the German-Belgium border. The grave is located in a thickly wooded area approximately 9 kilometers northeast of Simerath, near the very small village of Steckenborn (Tab C - Maps).

2. In June 1975, a search and recovery team was dispatched to the city of Simerath. The office of the mayor provided a police escort to the grave site which had previously been disinterred by local police. Further examination of the grave site produced no other skeletal portions. No identification tags were found with the remains; however, the following items were recovered:

- One (1) pr brown boots, size 9E
- One (1) brown boot, size 8 1/2E
- Two (2) pr rubber boots, heavy duty, size unknown
- One (1) parachute
- Remnants of wool material

During a conversation with the police, the search team was advised that an American World War II, 4 engine bomber had crashed approximately 4 kilometers from where these remains were found. When the aircraft was removed in 1960, no remains were found. There is no record of the serial number, type of aircraft or date of crash. It was concluded that the only relationship between the three remains and the aircraft that crashed is the parachute.

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Board Proceedings - Unknowns X-9423, 9424, 9425, US
Army Mem Aff Actv, Frankfurt, Germany

Bo rd of Review

Chief, Mem Aff Div

11 May 1976

Mrs. Jones/30327

Under provisions of DAAG-AIO-O Letter Orders, TC 453, dated 28 January and
13 February 1976, the inclosed case is forwarded for Board of Review action.

1 Incl
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FLICK
30882

BAGAN
30896

BERRY
30657

KONACK
30501

DAAG-PEO

26 May 1976

SUBJECT: Permission to Inter World War II Remains in ABMC Cemetery

Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D. C. 20314

1. Recently, the remains of three (3) World War II casualties were recovered near the village of Bimmerath, Germany. No identification tags or other identifying media were found with the remains, however, the recovery of US type footwear and equipment led to the conclusion that these are the remains of US casualties. Efforts to associate the Unknown remains with unresolved casualties of World War II met with negative results and the remains were approved by a Board of Officers as Unidentifiable. A copy of the Board Proceedings is inclosed.

2. Request permission to inter the remains, designated Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, and X-9425, in an ABMC Cemetery in Europe. Upon receipt of your approval, the Commander, US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, will be instructed to coordinate with the Superintendent of the Cemetery in completing burial arrangements.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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WILLIAM A. NICK
LTC, GS
Chief, Memorial Affairs Division

Womack
30501

Jones
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INMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: BURIAL OF WWII REMAINS

REF: YOUR MSG DTD 041600Z JUN 76

THREE WWII UNKNOWN REMAINS WERE BURIED 28 JUL 76 AT THE ARDENNES AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY

NAME	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
X-9423	C	5	5B
X-9424	C	6	5B
X-9425	C	7	5B

FULL MILITARY HONORS WERE RENDERED WITH PROTESTANT CATHOLIC AND JEWISH CLERGY SERVICES.

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PHYSICAL AND DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

Remains of Unknown X-9425 (S&R 1093)
 US Army Memorial Affairs Activity,
 Europe, Frankfurt, Germany

Name

1	MAXILLA MISSING	1
2	PX	2
3	oA	3
4		4
5		5
6	PX	6
7		7
8	MAXILLA	8
9		9
10		10
11		11
12		12
13		13
14		14
15	MISSING	15
16		16
17	X (Ext)	17
18	oA fa	18
19	X (Ext) 10 mm space	19
20	PX	20
21		21
22		22
23	MANDIBLE	23
24		24
25		25
26		26
27		27
28		28
29		29
30	MISSING	30
31		31
32		32

Estimated height T 68.3 F&T 67.7	Height
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Estimated weight Muscularity: Average	Weight
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Estimated age 24 - 27	Age
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Hair: None found Race: Caucasian	Hair
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Remarks

Boots 9E
 8 1/2E

Evidence of bone malformation, rt. radius,
 between the tuberosity area and the neck
 of the radius.

Recovered: Approx 9 km NE of
 Simmerath, Germany near the village
 of Steckenborn

**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
SKELETAL CHART**

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)

UNKNOWN X-9425

GRADE SERVICE NUMBER

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER

S/R - 1093

PLOT ROW GRAVE

ESTIMATED AGE (Years) ESTIMATED HEIGHT

24-27 T = 68.3 Inches
F&T = 67.7 Inches

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	RIGHT	LEFT
SKULL	TROTTER		
HUMERUS		68.9	69.0
ULNA		Est. 68.4	-
RADIUS		Est. 68.0	-
FEMUR		46.1	Est. 46.5
TIBIA		36.8	-
FIBULA		37.4	-

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

This caucasoid male of average height and muscularity. Due to missing anatomical portions of the skull it was determined to be average in size and oval in shape. The mandible is average in structure and width.

THE PARTS PRESENT AS INDICATED ON THIS SKELETAL CHART REPRESENTS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL

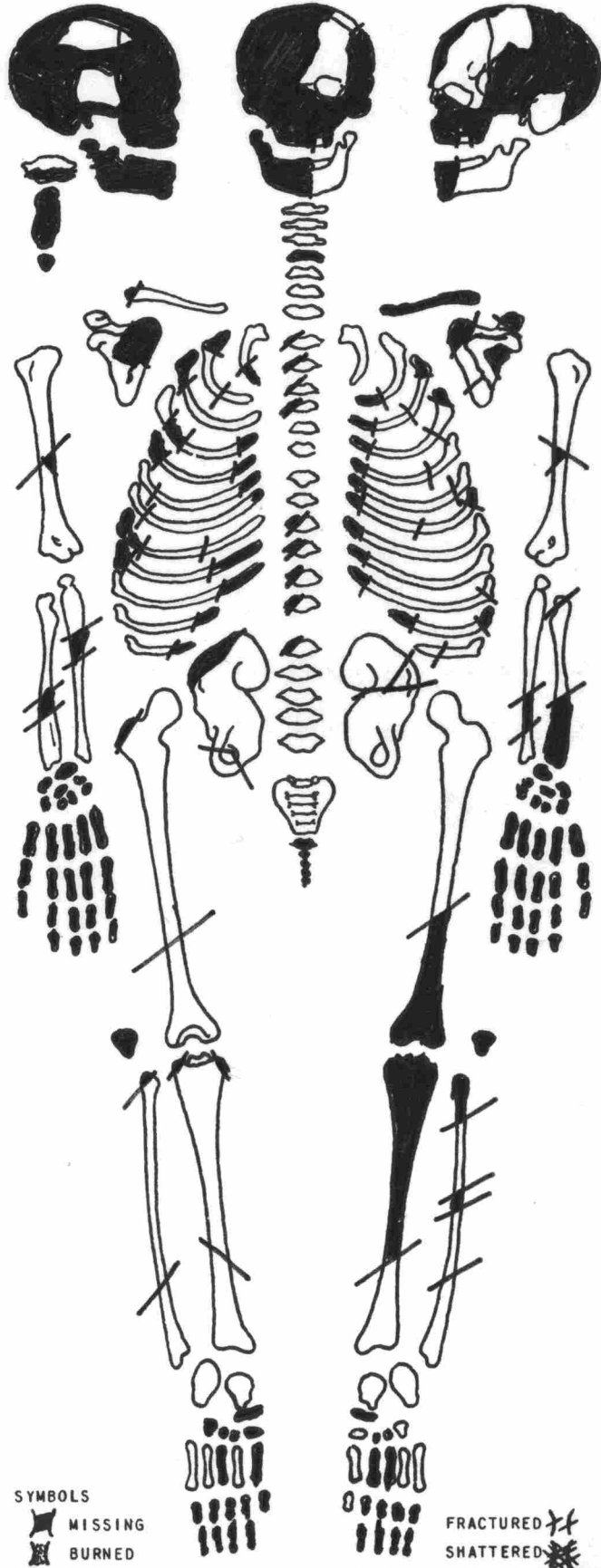
PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)

CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12

SIGNATURE

Carl J. Witzel

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



SYMBOLS

MISSING

BURNED

FRACTURED

SHATTERED

**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
DENTAL CHART**

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number) UNKNOWN X-9425	GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER S/R - 1093	PLOT	ROW GRAVE

MARKING ABBREVIATIONS:

F-Facial L-Lingual	O-Occlusal M-Mesial	D-Distal I-Incisal	A'-Amalgam CR-Crown	-Fill-Filling Plas-Plastic	Porc-Porc'lain Sil-Silicate	Back-Backing Fac-Facing
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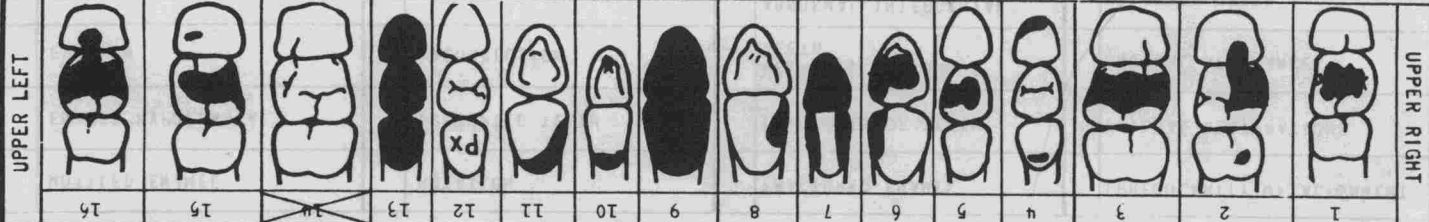
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	RESTORATIONS	MISSING																RESTORATIONS
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
UPPER RIGHT																		UPPER LEFT
LOWER RIGHT																		LOWER LEFT
	RESTORATIONS	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	
		MISSING																
CARIES																		CARIES
	RESTORATIONS																	RESTORATIONS
	CARIES																	CARIES

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL BE INDICATED IF PRESENT (Describe in detail in Remarks section)

MOTTLED ENAMEL	ROTATION	FRACTURED ENAMEL	IRREGULARITY OF ALIGNMENT
ENAMEL HYPOPLASIA	UNERUPTED TEETH	FRACTURES OF TEETH	UNUSUAL RESTORATIONS
EROSION	MALOCCLUSION	RETAINED DECIDUOUS TEETH	UNUSUAL APPLIANCES
ABRASION	SUPERNUMERARY TEETH	ABNORMAL INTERDENTAL SPACES	MALPOSED TEETH

PREPARED BY (Typed Name and Signature) ANTHONY J. ZEGA, DAC 	VERIFIED BY (Typed Name and Signature) CARL J. WITZEL, DAC
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- 1. 0-AM
- 2. 0-AM; F-AM
- 3. MOD GOLD FILL
- 4. F-GOLD FILL; ML-AM
- 5. MO-AM
- 6. ML-GOLD FILL
- 7. 3/4 GOLD CR
- 8. D-PORC FILL
- 9. MO-CR
- 10. F-PORC FILL; L-AM
- 11. M-PORC FILL
- 12. P-PORC FILL
- 13. GOLD-CR
- 14. MISSING
- 15. MO-AM; L-AM
- 16. MODL-AM



EXAMPLE METHOD OF PREPARATION

TOOTH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PREPARATION																
REMARKS																

Mandible missing from #21 through 32

Right ramus and small portion of maxilla missing also from #7 through #16.

REMARKS (If no abnormalities are found make notation to that effect)

TOOTH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PREPARATION																
REMARKS																

DENTURES (Plates): DESCRIBE DENTURES INCLUDING NATURAL TEETH REPLACED AND TEETH WHICH HAVE RETAINING CLASPS. (For example: Lower Acrylic Partial Denture with Lingual Bar, replacing Teeth nos. 18, 19, 30, 31, 32. Clasp on natural teeth nos. 20 and 29) SHOW NUMBERS OR LETTERS APPEARING ON DENTURE

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
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DATE

11 July 1975

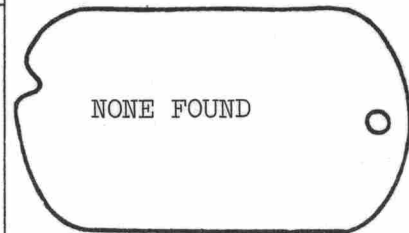
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UNKNOWN X-9425			

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
S/R - 1093			

RECEIVED FROM	IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG
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OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)

Associated remains recovered from a single grave-site.
UNKNOWN X-9423
X-9424



ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)

Recovered from one grave site:

- 1 Pr. Brown Boots, Size 9E
- 1 Boot, brown, Size 8 1/2E
- 2 Pr. Rubber Boots, Heavy Duty, Size Unknown
- 1-Parachute
- Remnants of wool material

FINGERPRINTS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	X-RAYS MADE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	FLUROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION Estimate Age: 24-27

ESTIMATED HEIGHT T = 68.3 F&T = 67.7	MUSCULARITY Average	COLOR OF HAIR None found	RACE OR NATIVITY Caucasoid
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TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY
None found

EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS
Evidence of bone malformation, rt. radius, between the tuberosity area and the neck of the radius.

WOUNDS OR INJURIES
Evidence of fractures of all long bones.

I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION
CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12, Hqs, USA Mortuary System,
Europe, APO 09757

SIGNATURE
Carl J. Witzel

PHYSICAL AND DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

Remains of Unknown X-9424 (S&R 1093)
 US Army Memorial Affairs Activity,
 Europe, Frankfurt, Germany

Name

1		1
2	MAXILLA	2
3		3
4		4
5		5
6		6
7	MISSING	7
8		8
9	PX	9
10	Broken	10
11		11
12	moA	12
13		13
14	moA oA	14
15	dola	15
16	oA	16
17	oA	17
18	X (Ext)	18
19		19
20	MANDIBLE	20
21		21
22		22
23		23
24		24
25	MISSING	25
26		26
27	X (Ext)	27
28	X (Ext)	28
29	oA 45° Mes Rot	29
30	X (Ext) No space	30
31	oA	31
32	oA fA	32

Estimated height T 67.3 F&T 67.0	Height
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Estimated weight Muscularity: Average	Weight
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Estimated age 18 - 21	Age
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Hair Brown	Race: Caucasian	Hair
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Remarks

Boots 9E
 8 1/2E

Recovered: Approx 9 km NE of
 Simmerath, Germany near the village
 of Steckenborn

**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
SKELETAL CHART**

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)
UNKNOWN X-9424

GRADE _____ SERVICE NUMBER _____

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER
S/R - 1093

PLOT _____ ROW _____ GRAVE _____

ESTIMATED AGE (Years) 18-21 ESTIMATED HEIGHT
T= 67.3 Inches
F&T= 67.0 Inches

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	RIGHT		LEFT	
		MEASUREMENT	STATUS	MEASUREMENT	STATUS
SKULL					
HUMERUS	TROTTER	32.1		31.8	
ULNA		26.7		-	
RADIUS		24.2		23.8	
FEMUR		45.1		45.7	
TIBIA		36.2		36.4	Est.
FIBULA		-		-	

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

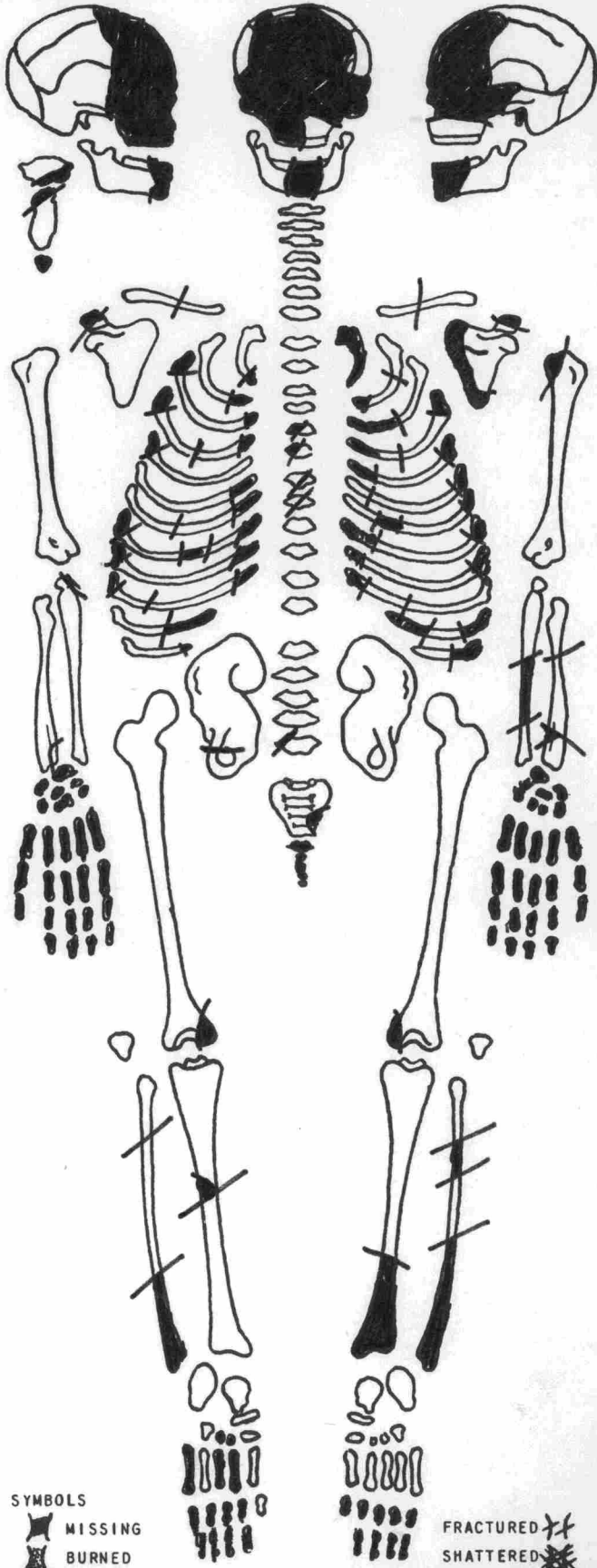
This caucasian male is of slight muscularity and average stature. The skull is medium in size and oval in shape. The lower bone ridges of the nasal aperture is sharp. The mandible is average in structure and width. Generalized erosion of the bone structure exists throughout the entire remains.

THE PARTS PRESENT AS INDICATED ON THIS SKELETAL CHART REPRESENTS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)
CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12

SIGNATURE
Carl J. Witzel

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



SYMBOLS

MISSING
BURNED

FRACTURED
SHATTERED

**ORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
DENTAL CHART**

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number) UNKNOWN X-9424	GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER S/R - 1093	PLOT	ROW GRAVE

MARKING ABBREVIATIONS:

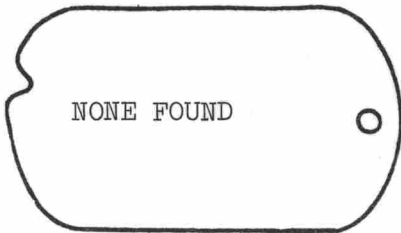

<i>F-Facial</i>	<i>O-Occlusal</i>	<i>D-Distal</i>	<i>A'-Amalgam</i>	<i>-Fill-Filling</i>	<i>Porc-Porcelain</i>	<i>Back-Backing</i>
<i>L-Lingual</i>	<i>M-Mesial</i>	<i>I-Incisal</i>	<i>CR-Crown</i>	<i>Plas-Plastic</i>	<i>Sil-Silicate</i>	<i>Fac-Facing</i>

	← MISSING →																		
CARIES																	CARIES		
RESTORATIONS									RESTORATIONS									RESTORATIONS	
UPPER RIGHT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	UPPER LEFT	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	UPPER LEFT	
LOWER RIGHT																	LOWER LEFT		
RESTORATIONS																	RESTORATIONS		
CARIES	32	31		29					CARIES	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19		CARIES
RESTORATIONS	O-AM F-AM	O-AM	Ext No Space	O-AM 45° Mes Rot	Ext	Ext	← MISSING →				Ext	O-AM							RESTORATIONS

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL BE INDICATED IF PRESENT (Describe in detail in Remarks section)

MOTTLED ENAMEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ROTATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	FRACTURED ENAMEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	IRREGULARITY OF ALIGNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENAMEL HYPOPLASIA	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNERUPTED TEETH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FRACTURES OF TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNUSUAL RESTORATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>
EROSION	<input type="checkbox"/>	MALOCCLUSION	<input type="checkbox"/>	RETAINED DECIDUOUS TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNUSUAL APPLIANCES	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABRASION	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUPERNUMERARY TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/>	ABNORMAL INTERDENTAL SPACES	<input type="checkbox"/>	MALPOSED TEETH	<input type="checkbox"/>

PREPARED BY (Typed Name and Signature) ANTHONY J. ZEGA, DAC	VERIFIED BY (Typed Name and Signature) CARL J. WITZEL, DAC
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RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING (Effects and Physical Data)			DATE		
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Or unknown number)		GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER	CIL CASE NUMBER (If applicable)	
UNKNOWN X-9424				11 July 1975	
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER			PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
S/R - 1093					
RECEIVED FROM			IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG		
OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)					
Associated remains recovered from a single grave-site UNKNOWN X-9423 X-9425					
ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)					
Recovered from a single grave-site: 1 Pr. Brown Boots, Size 9E 1 Boot, brown, Size 8 1/2E 2 Pr. Rubber Boots, Heavy Duty, Size UNKNOWN 1-Parachute Remnants of wool material					
FINGERPRINTS TAKEN		X-RAYS MADE		FLUROSCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN		ANTHROPOLOGICAL STATEMENT MADE		CHEMICAL STATEMENT ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION Estimate Age: 18-21					
ESTIMATED HEIGHT	MUSCULARITY	COLOR OF HAIR		RACE OR NATIVITY	
T = 67.3 F&T = 67.00	Average	Brown attached to skull		Caucasoid	
TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY					
None found					
EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS					
None found					
WOUNDS OR INJURIES					
Evidence of multiple fractures of right and left tibia and fibula					
I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.					
NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION			SIGNATURE		
CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12, Hqs, USA Mortuary System, Europe, APO 09757					

PHYSICAL AND DENTAL COMPARISON CHART

Remains of Unknown X-9423 (S&R 1093)
 US Army Memorial Affairs Activity,
 Europe, Frankfurt, Germany

Name

1	X (Ext)	1
2	f, o, caries	2
3	moA loA	3
4	X (Ext)	4
5	PX	5
6	MAXILLA	6
7		7
8		8
9		9
10		10
11		11
12		12
13		13
14		14
15		MISSING
16	MANDIBLE	16
17		17
18		18
19		19
20		20
21		21
22		22
23		23
24		24
25		25
26	26	
27	27	
28	MISSING	28
29	X (Spacer in lieu of tooth)	29
30		30
31		31
32		32

Estimated height
 T 67.0 F&T 67.7

Height

~~Estimated weight~~
 Muscularity: Average

Weight

Estimated age
 26 - 30

Age

Hair Race:
 Brown Caucasian

Hair

Remarks

Boots 9E
 8 1/2E

Recovered: Approx 9 km NE of
 Simmerath, Germany near the village
 of Steckenborn

**RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
SKELETAL CHART**

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)
UNKNOWN X-9423

GRADE _____ SERVICE NUMBER _____

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER
S/R - 1093

PLOT _____ ROW _____ GRAVE _____

ESTIMATED AGE (Years) 26-30 ESTIMATED HEIGHT
T= 67.0 Inches
F&T= 67.7 Inches

SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters)

SKELETAL MEMBER	METHOD	RIGHT		LEFT	
		Length	Est.	Length	Est.
SKULL					
HUMERUS	TROTTER	31.5	Est. 31.6		
ULNA	"	Est. 24.5	Est. 26.0		
RADIUS	"	23.0	23.2		
FEMUR	"	46.2	46.9		
TIBIA	"	-	36.5		
FIBULA	"	-	Est. 36.8		

REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required)

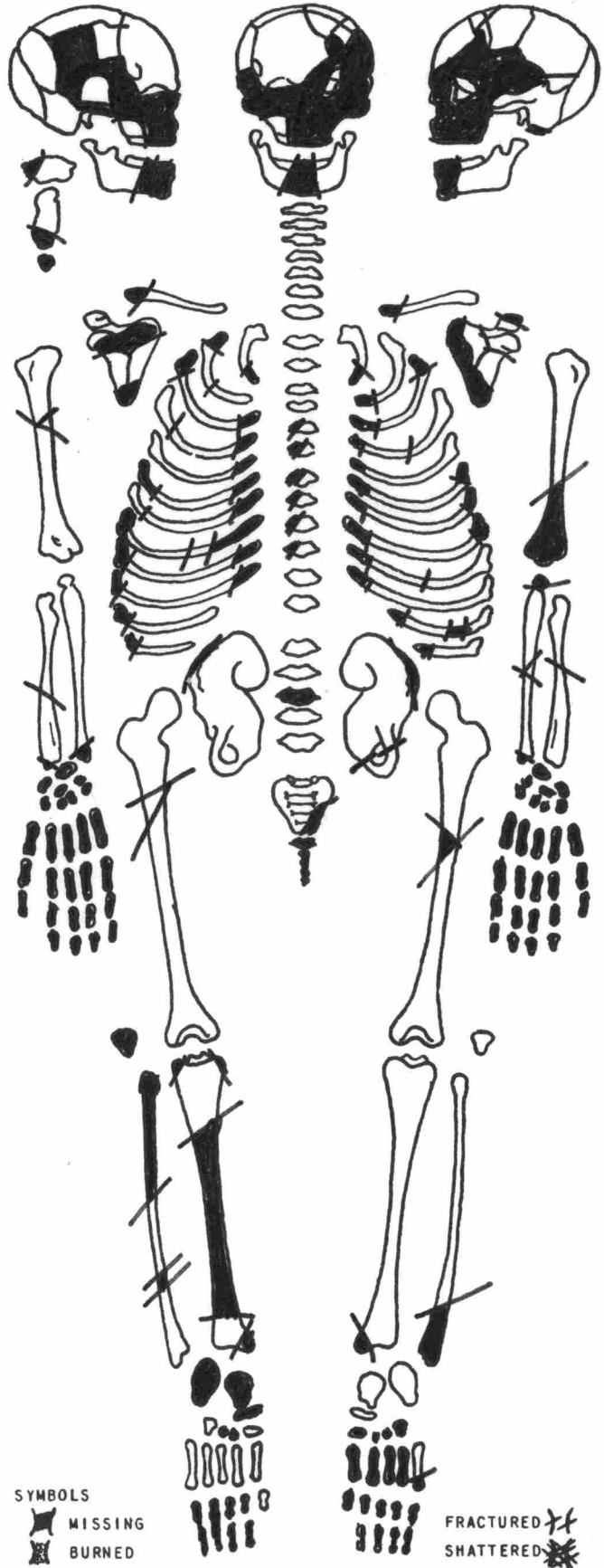
These are the skeletal remains of a caucasian male of average height and muscularity. The forehead is medium in height and slopes slightly with moderate brow ridges. The mandible is average in structure. Generalized erosion of the bone structure exists throughout the entire remains.

THE PARTS PRESENT AS INDICATED ON THIS SKELETAL CHART REPRESENTS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST (Name)
CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12

SIGNATURE
Carl J. Witzel

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



DENTURES (Plates): DESCRIBE DENTURE INCLUDING NATURAL TEETH REPLACED AND TEETH WHICH HAVE RETAINING CLASPS. (For example: Lower Acrylic Partial Denture with Lingual Bar, replacing Teeth nos. 18, 19, 30, 31, 32. Clasp on natural teeth nos. 20 and 29) SHOW ANY NUMBERS OR LETTERS APPEARING ON DENTURE.		DENTURE NUMBER		DATE		DENTURIST	
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<p>REMARKS (If no abnormalities are found make notation to that effect)</p> <p>Left portion of maxilla missing. Center portion of mandible missing, from tooth socket #21 to gold spacer replacing tooth #30.</p>		<p>MISSING</p>		<p>MISSING</p>		<p>MISSING</p>	

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
(Effects and Physical Data)

DATE

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Or unknown number) UNKNOWN X-9423	GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER	CIL CASE NUMBER (If applicable)
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NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER S/R - 1093	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
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RECEIVED FROM	IMPRINT OF IDENTIFICATION TAG
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OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS (Include personal effects aiding identification)

Associated remains recovered from a single grave-site.
UNKNOWN X-9424
X-9425



ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOUND WITH REMAINS (Indicate type, color, size, markings, service, etc. If laundry marks are indistinct, follow procedures outlined in TM 10-286)

Recovered from one grave-site:

- 1 Pr. Brown Boots, Size 9E
- 1 Boot, brown, Size 8 1/2E
- 2 Pr. Rubber Boots, Heavy Duty Size UNKNOWN
- 1-Parachute
- Remnants of wool material

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION Estimated Age: 26-30

ESTIMATED HEIGHT T = 67.0 F&T = 67.7	MUSCULARITY Average	COLOR OF HAIR Brown attached to skull	RACE OR NATIVITY Caucasoid
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TATTOOS, SCARS OR MARKS ON BODY

None found

EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

None found

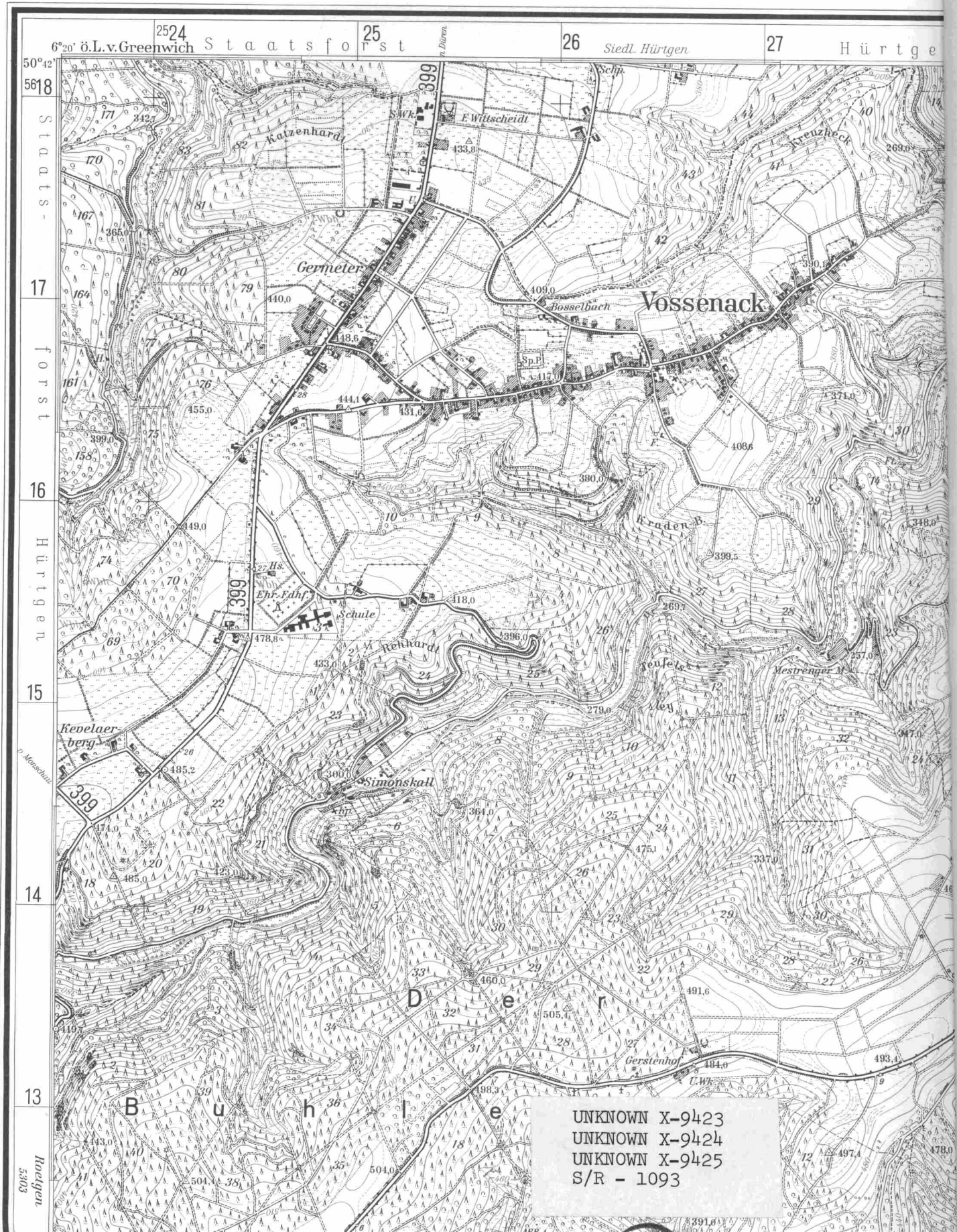
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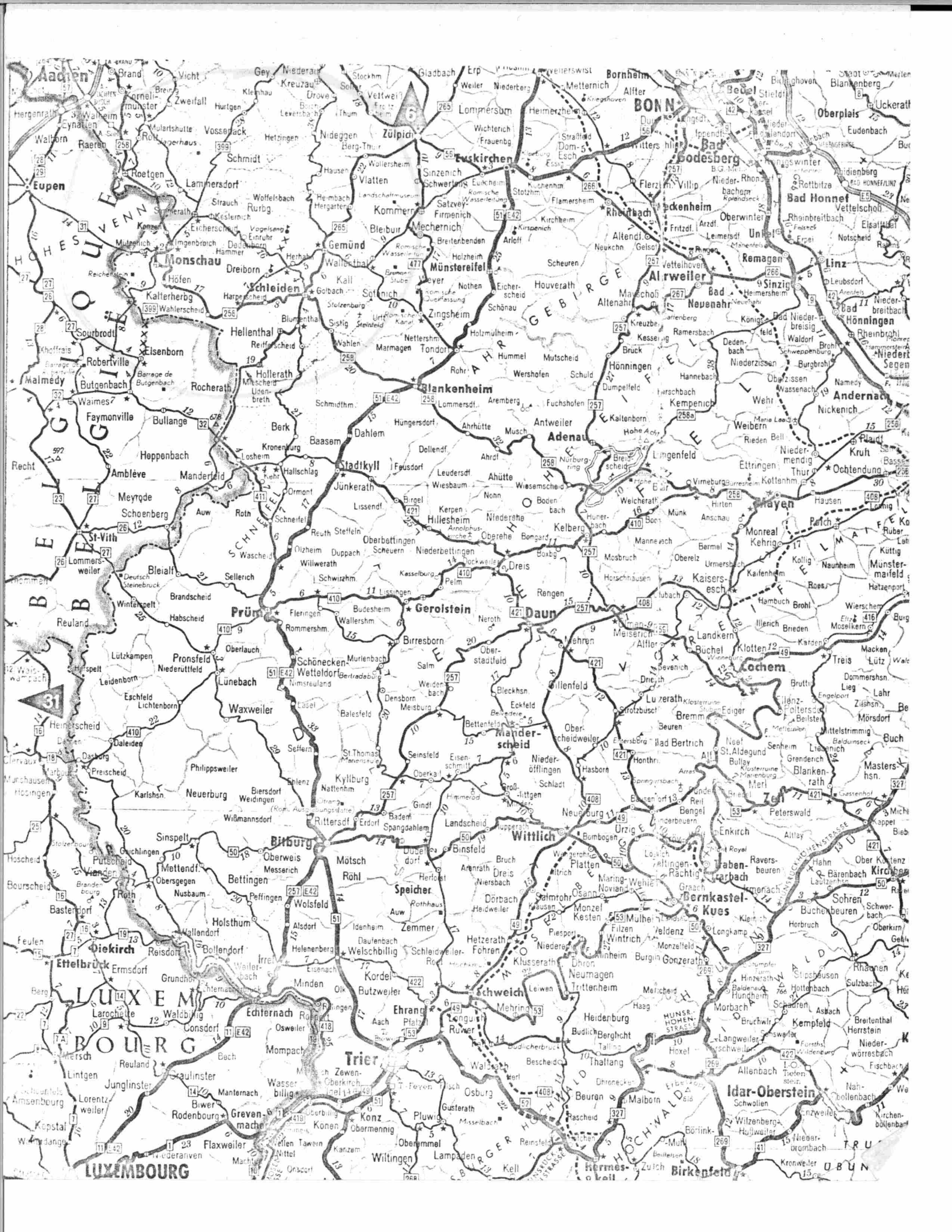
Evidence of multiple injuries and fractures of right and left humerus and femur/

I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THIS DECEASED AND ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

NAME, GRADE, AND ORGANIZATION CARL J. WITZEL, GS-12, Hqs, USA Mortuary System, Europe, APO 09757	SIGNATURE
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Topographische Karte 1:25 000 (4-cm-Karte)





Map Labels:

Germany: Bonn, Euskirchen, Zulpich, Gemünd, Schleiden, Blankenheim, Adenau, Gerolstein, Wittlich, Manderscheid, Birburg, Moch, Speicher, Schweich, Trier, Idar-Oberstein, Birkenfeld.

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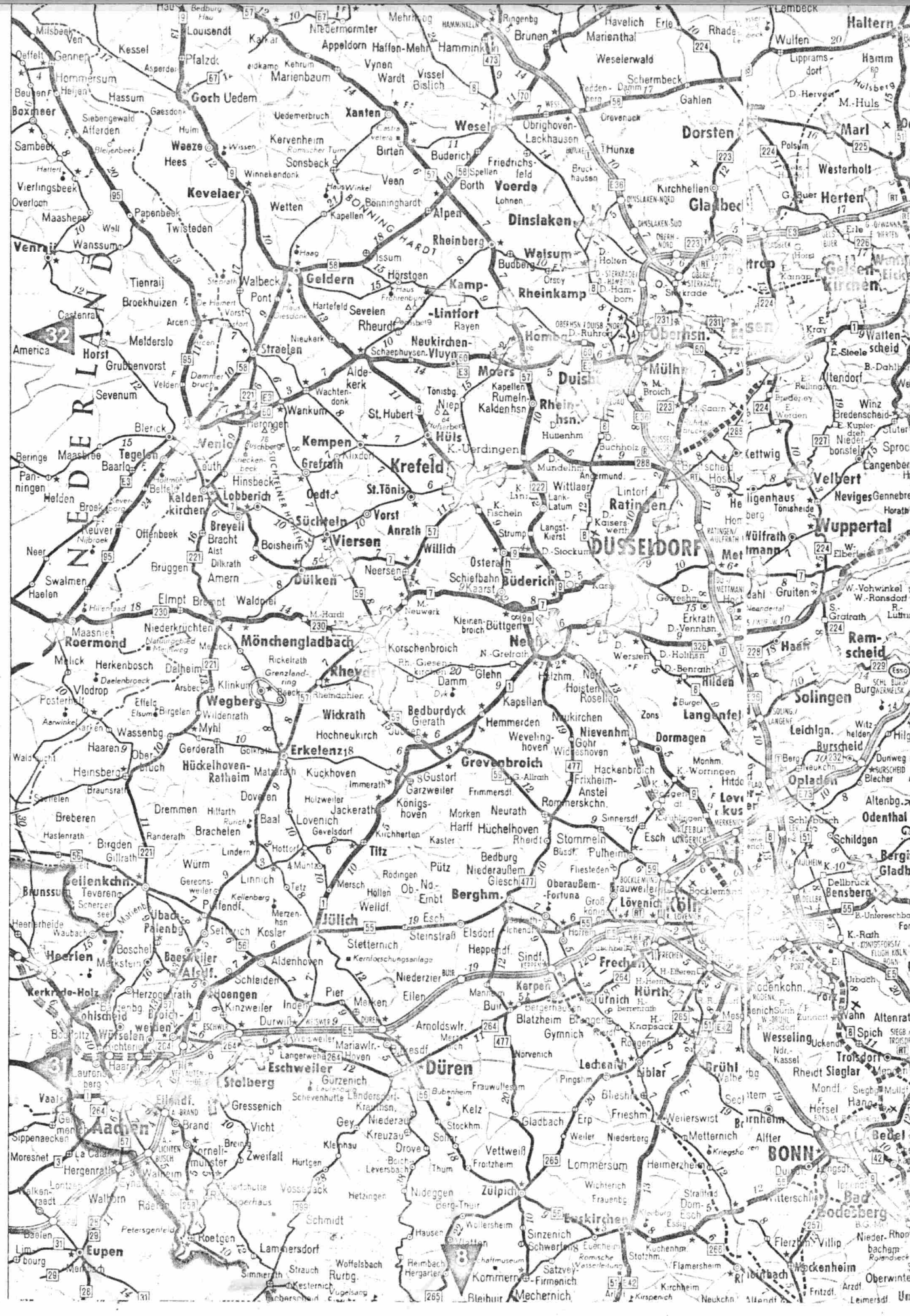
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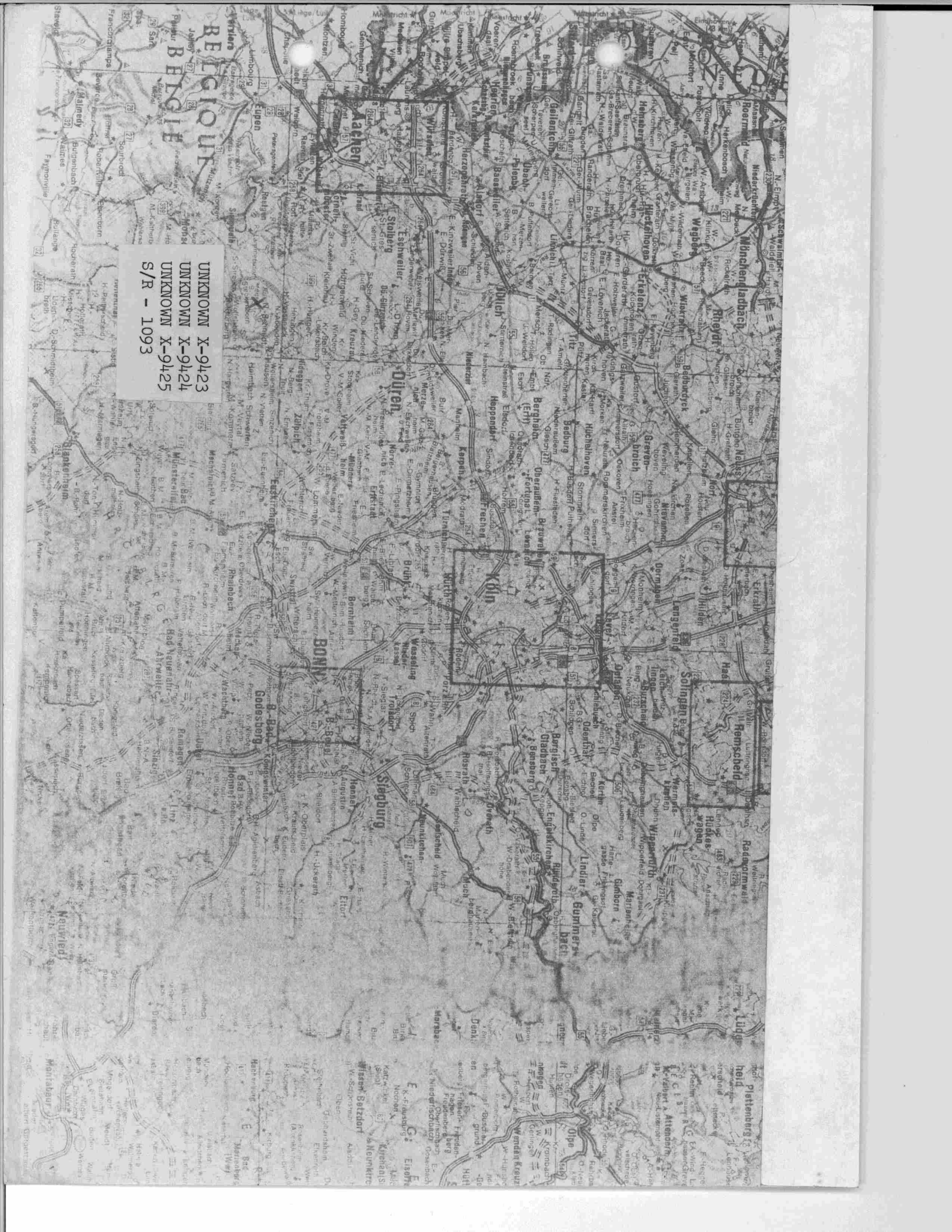
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MORTUARY SYSTEM, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09757

AEUMS-Cdr

11 July 1975

REPORT OF RECOVERY AND EXAMINATION OF WORLD WAR II REMAINS

CASE UNKNOWN X-9423
UNKNOWN X-9424
UNKNOWN X-9425
S/R - 1093

CIRCUMSTANCES OF RECOVERY:

During the latter part of May 1975, this office received a letter from the Mayor of the City of Simmerath, Germany. The letter stated that a German company who has a contract with the Federal Republic of Germany, for the clearing of a certain section of wooded area long the German-Belgium border. This area is being cleared of all live ammunition, bombs and land mines.

During this clearing operation a very shallow grave (approximately 10-12 inches in depth) was discovered. The grave site is located in a thickly wooded area approximately 9 kilometers, northeast of Simmerath, near the very small village of Steckenborn. See attached German map.

On 2 June 1975 a search and recovery team was dispatched from the Frankfurt Mortuary to the city of Simmerath. The office of the mayor, provide the search team with a police escort to the gravesite. The grave-site had previously been disinterred by the local police. Further examination of the grave-site by the search team revealed no other skeletal portions or identification media.

The police explained to the search team that the remains were found lying side by side. It is very possible that the remains at time of death were placed upon the ground and during the next 30 years the accumulation of leaves and debris covered the remains. This could account for the very shallow grave.

During a conversation with the police, it was revealed that a American WW II type, 4 engine bomber, aircraft had crashed approximately 4 kilometers from where these remains were found. This could account for the parachute found with the remains at the grave-site. Parachute had not been deployed.

This aircraft was removed from the crash site in 1960. According to the mayor office no remains were found at the crash site, only live ammunition and bombs.

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REPORT OF RECOVERY AND EXAMINATION OF WORLD WAR II REMAINS

No official records were maintained at the city hall of Simmerath pertaining to this aircraft. Such information as date of aircrash, type of aircraft or serial number of aircraft is unknown.

During the war the city hall at Simmerath was destroyed by fire in January 1945. See attached translation of letter, dated 5 June 1975 concerning aircraft removal.

PROCESSING OF REMAINS:

The commingled skeletal parts were processed simultaneously. Fragmentary bones were pieced together and arranged in individual anatomical order. The recovered skeletal bones were still under progressive erosion caused by prolonged natural weathering (approx. 30 years).

All skeletal parts were processed simultaneously. Segregation of the remains is based upon the comparison race, age group, bone morphology, body structure, articulation and osteometric computations.

It was determined that these skeletal parts consists of portions of three (3) individual remains from S & R - 1093.

The remains were designated:

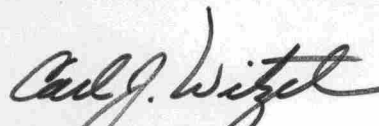
UNKNOWN X-9423
UNKNOWN X-9424
UNKNOWN X-9425

CONCLUSION:

The only relationship that exists between these 3 remains and the aircraft that crashed approximately 4 kilometers from the grave-site is the parachute. The parachute had not been deployed as the chute lines were still folded. Circumstances surrounding the presence of the parachute in the grave-site is unknown.

It is concluded that these three (3) skeletal remains are American casualties from World War II. This association is based upon the American type of footwear, brown boots (B.F. Goodrich), and heavy duty rubber boots, type issued to Americans in WW II. The absence of military type insignia and clothing can not be explained. It is possible that these 3 individual remains could have been taken POW, and their clothing and military insignia were removed before death.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.



CARL J. WITZEL
Supv Mortuary Officer/ID

Translation

COMMUNITY SIMMERATH
The Community Director

Kesternich, 5 June 1975

To the
American Mortuary
ATTN: Mr. Witzel

Unit: Ordnungsamt

Tel: 16 Room 7

6 Frankfurt
Homburger Landstr. 75

File #: 123-51 III/L/Gu.

SUBJECT: Finding of Human Remains at the Gemeindewald Simmerath

REF: Personal Conversation on 2.6.75 in the City Hall Kesternich

Dear Mr. Witzel,

In reference to above conversation I like to inform you, that the aircraft wreckages found in 1960 at the Rurse see are those of a 4 engine American airplane. Mr. Antes, Fireworker from District Koeln, stated, that the crashed airplane had carried 14 bombs ea 500 Kg, which were recovered by him. We are sorry, that further details cannot be furnished.

As inclosure, you will receive 2 maps in scale 1 : 25000, indicating by check marks the recovery place of 2 remains and wreckage parts.

In addition is a claim from the Carpenter Siebertz, Kesternich, dated 24.5.1975 in the amount of DM 154,29 requesting refunding same to our local Community Pay-Office.

Other costs which were incurred by the Community Simmerath in connection with recovery of remains, will, without saying, not be claimed.

Sincerely,

signed: Jansen

Inclosures

GEMEINDE SIMMERATH

DER GEMEINDEDIREKTOR

Kesternich, den 5. Juni 1975

Simmerath, den

Postanschrift: Gemeinde Simmerath · 5107 Simmerath-Kesternich · Hauptstraße 99

An die
Amerikanische Leichenhalle
z.Hd. Mr. Witzl

6 Frankfurt
Homburger Landstr. 75

Dienststelle: Ordnungsamt
Hausruf: 16 Zimmer: 7
Aktenzeichen: 123-51 III/L/
Bitte Aktenzeichen in der Antwort angeben

Betr.: Leichenfund im Gemeindewald Simmerath

Bezug: Persönliche Rücksprache im Rathaus Kesternich vom
2.6.1975

Sehr geehrter Mister Witzl!

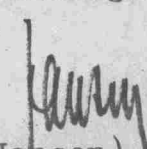
Unter Bezugnahme auf die o. a. Unterredung teile ich mit, daß es sich bei dem im Jahre 1960 im Rursee gefundenen Flugzeugwracks um eine 4-motorige amerikanische Maschine handelt. Der Feuerwerker vom Kampfmittelräumdienst des Regierungsbezirks Köln, Herr Antes, gibt an, daß die abgestürzte Maschine 14 Bomben á 500 kg mit sich führte, die von ihm geborgen wurden. Weitere Angaben hierzu können leider nicht gemacht werden.

Als Anlage erhalten Sie zwei topographische Karten im Maßstab 1 : 25000, in denen der Fundort der zwei Leichen und Wrackteile markiert wurde.

Darüber hinaus lege ich Ihnen eine Rechnung des Tischlermeisters Siebertz, Kesternich, vom 24.5.1975 in Höhe von 154,29 DM mit der Bitte um Erstattung an die hiesige Gemeindekasse vor.

Sonstige Kosten, die der Gemeinde Simmerath durch die Bergung der Leichen und Flugzeugteile entstanden sind, werden selbstverständlich nicht geltend gemacht.

Hochachtungsvoll


(Jansen)



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MORTUARY SYSTEM, EUROPE
APO 09757

AEUMS-Cdr

11 July 1975

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

Commander
Hq DA
(DAAG-MED)
Washington, D.C. 20314

Forwarded for review are the enclosed Report of Recovery, Laboratory processing with allied papers concerning recovered WW II remains:

UNKNOWN X-9423	(S/R - 1093)
UNKNOWN X-9424	(S/R - 1093)
UNKNOWN X-9424	(S/R - 1093)

Present location of remains: USA Mortuary Frankfurt, Germany.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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as

James A. Lytle, II
JAMES A. LYTLE, II
ILT., QMC
Adjutant



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20314

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DAAG-AMO-O(26 Jan 76)

28 January 1976

SUBJECT: Duty Appointment

Individuals Concerned - TAGCEN (W3XYAAA) Washington, DC 20314

TC 453. Following individuals APPOINTED as indicated.

FLICK, WILLIAM R. 199-26-9751 GSWT
Mr. OREN WOMACK 579-38-7399 DAC GS-13
Mr. ADRIAN TOLZMANN 474-32-4619 DAC GS-12

Authority: AR 15-6

Appointed as: Board of Officers

Period: Indefinite

Purpose: To assist the Director, Casualty and Memorial Affairs Directorate, TAGCEN, in the resolution of special cases which involve the identifiability, or non-identifiability, or nonrecoverability of the remains of deceased persons (except for Vietnam related).

Effective date: 26 January 1976

VOSA date cfm: 26 January 1976

Special Instructions: The senior member present will serve as president of the Board. One member, as designated by the president, will act as recorder for the Board and will be responsible for the documentation of the findings of the Board. A majority of the members of the Board will constitute a quorum. In the resolution of all cases, the Board will serve as the reviewing channel between the operating Division and the Director, DAAG-CA. The Board is authorized to review all such cases as are referred through it to the Director. After documentation of its findings, the Board will recommend the report be approved by the Director or his designated representative or return the case to the operating Division for reconsideration of its determinations. The Board is charged with the following duties and responsibilities:

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b. Review case history reports concerning the identifiability of recovered remains as submitted by the operating Division.

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c. Review case history reports concerning the nonidentifiability of individual recovered remains and the nonidentifiability of individual remains or group recoveries.

d. Review case history reports concerning the nonrecoverability of remains of persons in the following categories:

(1) Persons for whom the Adjutant General has issued presumptive findings of death.

(2) Persons known to be in a KIA status, whose remains, because of the circumstances of death, are determined to be nonrecoverable.

(3) Persons whose remains are officially reported lost at sea.

e. Based upon its findings, either recommend the report be approved by the Director, or return the case to the Operating Division for further reconsideration of the case.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

William Powell Jr
Adjutant General

DISTR:

10 - Each Indiv

5 - DAAG-ZX/MSG MacEwen, Rm 2E 541 Pentagon



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20314

EPC/ces

DAAG-AMO-O(13 Feb 76)

13 February 1976

SUBJECT: Duty Appointment

Individuals Concerned - TAGCEN (W3XYAAA) Washington, DC 20314

TC 453. Following individuals APPOINTED as indicated.

Mr. William M. Annetti 016-16-1884 DAC GS-14

Mr. H. Thorne Helgesen 477-28-5283 DAC GS-12

Authority: AR 15-6

Appointed as: Board of Officers

Period: Indefinite

Purpose: To assist the Director, Casualty and Memorial Affairs Directorate, TAGCEN, in the resolution of special cases which involve the identifiability, or non-identifiability, or nonrecoverability of the remains of deceased persons (except for Vietnam related).

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(Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, X-9425, USA Mem Aff Actv, Frankfurt, Ger)

3. The remains (assigned S&R 1093) and effects were released to US custody and transported to the Frankfurt Mortuary for identification processing. The skeletal parts were found to be commingled, fragmentary and still under progressive erosion caused by prolonged natural weather elements. It was determined, after laboratory examination, that the skeletal remains consisted of portions of three (3) individuals. For examination and identification purposes, the remains were designated:

Unknown X-9423
Unknown X-9424
Unknown X-9425

4. The remains were processed simultaneously and segregation was based on the comparison of race, age group, bone morphology, body structure, articulation and osteometric comparisons. Partial dental charts were accomplished for each remains (See processing papers for each Unknown - Tabbed). The physical characteristics are as follows:

	AGE	HEIGHT	BUILD	HAIR	RACE
X-9423	26-30	T - 67.0" F&T - 67.7"	Average	Brown	Caucasoid
X-9424	18-21	T - 67.3" F&T - 67.0"	Average	Brown	Caucasoid
X-9425	24-27	T - 68.3" F&T - 67.7"	Average	None found	Caucasoid

5. In an effort to associate Unknowns X-9423, X-9424 and X-9425 with unresolved U. S. casualties of World War II, extensive research of historical records was conducted. Combat Chronicle, an Outline History of US Army Divisions, indicates that elements of the 78th Infantry Division were committed to combat in the Simmerath area during December 1944. Further, review of previously resolved cases indicated that Simmerath is located in the vicinity of the Hurtgen Forest where heavy fighting had taken place. The files of approximately 300 unresolved casualties who were listed on Nonrecoverable Findings in this area were screened. Comparison of dental and physical data from these files with information furnished in case papers met with negative results. Available records were searched for other unresolved casualties not listed on Nonrecoverable Findings but no association could be made with referenced Unknowns.

(Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, X-9425, USA Mem Aff Actv, Frankfurt, Ger)

CONCLUSION:

Based on the recovery of US type footwear and equipment, it is concluded that these remains are those of US casualties, possibly sustained during the battle of Hurtgen Forest; however, the unfavorable dental and/or physical comparisons precludes an association at this time with the casualties listed on Nonrecoverable Findings. Further, the fact that the remains were found lying side by side, and the absence of military insignia and clothing may indicate that the three individuals could have been taken prisoner elsewhere and their clothing removed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That remains designated Unknown X-9423, Unknown X-9424, and Unknown X-9425 (S&R 1093), U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, be approved as UNIDENTIFIABLE.

Submitted by



M. T. JONES
Identification Technician
Memorial Affairs Division

CONCURRENCE:



WILLIAM R. FLICK
LTC, GS



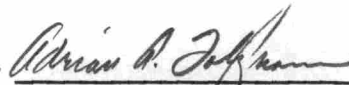
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APPROVED:



C. J. BOBINSKI
Colonel, GS
Director, Personal Affairs

Date: 17 May 1976

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, TAGCEN
MEMORIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20314

A Board of Officers appointed by DAAG-AMO-O Letter Orders, TC 453, dated 28 January and 13 February 1976 (Tab A) convened 17 May 1976, and after consideration of the factors presented, approved the Unidentifiability of Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, and X-9425, S&R 1093, U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany.

1. According to case papers (Tab B), the U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, received a letter in May 1975 from the Mayor of the city of Simmerath, Germany stating that a shallow grave had been discovered by a German company clearing a certain section of wooded area along the German-Belgium border. The grave is located in a thickly wooded area approximately 9 kilometers northeast of Simmerath, near the very small village of Steckenborn (Tab C - Maps).

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(Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, X-9425, USA Mem Aff Actv, Frankfurt, Ger)

3. The remains (assigned S&R 1093) and effects were released to US custody and transported to the Frankfurt Mortuary for identification processing. The skeletal parts were found to be commingled, fragmentary and still under progressive erosion caused by prolonged natural weather elements. It was determined, after laboratory examination, that the skeletal remains consisted of portions of three (3) individuals. For examination and identification purposes, the remains were designated:

Unknown X-9423
Unknown X-9424
Unknown X-9425

4. The remains were processed simultaneously and segregation was based on the comparison of race, age group, bone morphology, body structure, articulation and osteometric comparisons. Partial dental charts were accomplished for each remains (See processing papers for each Unknown - Tabbed). The physical characteristics are as follows:

	AGE	HEIGHT	BUILD	HAIR	RACE
X-9423	26-30	T - 67.0" F&T - 67.7"	Average	Brown	Caucasoid
X-9424	18-21	T - 67.3" F&T - 67.0"	Average	Brown	Caucasoid
X-9425	24-27	T - 68.3" F&T - 67.7"	Average	None found	Caucasoid

5. In an effort to associate Unknowns X-9423, X-9424 and X-9425 with unresolved U. S. casualties of World War II, extensive research of historical records was conducted. Combat Chronicle, an Outline History of US Army Divisions, indicates that elements of the 78th Infantry Division were committed to combat in the Simmerath area during December 1944. Further, review of previously resolved cases indicated that Simmerath is located in the vicinity of the Hurtgen Forest where heavy fighting had taken place. The files of approximately 300 unresolved casualties who were listed on Nonrecoverable Findings in this area were screened. Comparison of dental and physical data from these files with information furnished in case papers met with negative results. Available records were searched for other unresolved casualties not listed on Nonrecoverable Findings but no association could be made with referenced Unknowns.

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CONCLUSION:

Based on the recovery of US type footwear and equipment, it is concluded that these remains are those of US casualties, possibly sustained during the battle of Hurtgen Forest; however, the unfavorable dental and/or physical comparisons precludes an association at this time with the casualties listed on Nonrecoverable Findings. Further, the fact that the remains were found lying side by side, and the absence of military insignia and clothing may indicate that the three individuals could have been taken prisoner elsewhere and their clothing removed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That remains designated Unknown X-9423, Unknown X-9424, and Unknown X-9425 (S&R 1093), U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, be approved as UNIDENTIFIABLE.

Submitted by *M. Jones*
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Identification Technician
Memorial Affairs Division

CONCURRENCE:

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APPROVED:

Date: *17 May 1976*

/s/
C. J. BOBINSKI
Colonel, GS
Director, Personal Affairs

DAAG-PED

26 May 1976

SUBJECT: Permission to Inter World War II Remains in ABMG Cemetery

Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D. C. 20314

1. Recently, the remains of three (3) World War II casualties were recovered near the village of Simmerath, Germany. No identification tags or other identifying media were found with the remains, however, the recovery of US type footwear and equipment led to the conclusion that these are the remains of US casualties. Efforts to associate the Unknown remains with unresolved casualties of World War II met with negative results and the remains were approved by a Board of Officers as Unidentifiable. A copy of the Board Proceedings is inclosed.

2. Request permission to inter the remains, designated Unknowns X-9423, X-9424, and X-9425, in an ABMG Cemetery in Europe. Upon receipt of your approval, the Commander, US Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, will be instructed to coordinate with the Superintendent of the Cemetery in completing burial arrangements.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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Board Proceedings - Unknowns X-9423, 9424, 9425, US
Army Mem Aff Actv, Frankfurt, Germany

TO Board of Review

FROM Chief, Mem Aff Div

DATE 11 May 1976

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U.S. soldiers buried

NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, Belgium (AP) — Three un-

known American soldiers who died 31 years ago on the Bel-

gian-German border were buried today with full military

honors at the U.S. military cemetery here.

Officials said the three were killed during the Allied drive

against Germany in the winter of 1944-1945. Their bodies

were found earlier this month in the Hurtgenwald Forest

near Simmerath, just across the Belgian border and about

35 miles east of Liege.

The bodies were discovered by a West German bomb dis-

posal team clearing the woods of mines and live

ammunition that still remain from the heavy fighting that

took place in the area.

"We only know for sure they were American because of

the clothing and equipment we found. We could not identify

them beyond that," said Francis Duffy, superintendent of

the U.S. military cemetery where thousands of American

soldiers are buried nine miles southwest of Liege.

The three were thought to be members of the 78th

Division, which was leading a push through the area, but

Duffy said even that was not sure.

Funeral rites were conducted by a Roman Catholic priest,

a rabbi and a Protestant minister, a customary procedure

when the religion of the dead is unknown.

An eight-man military police detail fired a salute as the

coffins, covered by the stars and stripes, were lowered into

the graves and a bugler played taps.

S. A. Case, News - Sept. 29 - 1976

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Mr. Womack:

Appreciate your prompt research into this matter. Inclosed article per your request. General Simpson and all concerned at this location have been advised of your efforts and your recent telecon.

Bill

WILLIAM E. GARDEN
DAC
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THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

ABMC (26 May 1976) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Permission to Inter World War II Remains in ABMC Cemetery

American Battle Monuments Commission, 4C014 Forrestal Building,
Washington, DC 20314 2 June 1976

TO: Office of the Adjutant General, DAAG-PED, Washington, DC 20314

- 1. Permission is granted to inter the remains of three World War II Unknowns designated as X-9423, X-9424, and X-9425 in the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.
- 2. Please have the Commander, U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany coordinate burial arrangements with the Officer-in-Charge, ABMC European Office, Paris, France.

FOR THE SECRETARY:

William E. Ryan Jr
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SUBJECT: BURIAL OF WWII REMAINS

REF: YOUR MSG DTD 041600Z JUN 76

THREE WWII UNKNOWN REMAINS WERE BURIED 29 JUL 76 AT
THE ARDENNES AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY

NAME	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
X-9423	C	5	58
X-9424	C	6	58
X-9425	C	7	58

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SUBJECT: INTERMENT OF WORLD WAR II UNKNOWN

1. THE SECTY, ABMC, WASH DC HAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO INTER THE REMAINS OF THREE WORLD WAR II UNKNOWNNS DESIGNATED AS X-9423, X-9424 AND X-9425 IN THE ARDENNES AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL, NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM.
2. REQUEST YOU COORDINATE BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH OIC, ABMC, PARIS, FRANCE AND ADVISE THIS OFFICE DATE INTERMENT WAS ACCOMPLISHED

MVA/30327

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of missing or unaccounted

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Several areas

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Digh, Paul C.	Pvt	34 867 470	1260
		11 Jan 45	
Merritt, Roger W.	Pfc	36 950 257	1202
		10 Jan 45	
Schreier, Bernard L.	Pfc	32 811 465	1202
		12 Jan 45	
Shann, Paul	Sgt	34 366 736	newman
		11 Jan 45	
Smith, Dan D.	Pvt	34 988 553	4500
		11 Jan 45	
Cook, Marcel B.	Sgt	39 900 536	9200

~~H. Ben Harrison, James Patrick D.~~

Bill Garden, Chief Protocol, Fifth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Tex

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W.M.H.

Gen. Simpson

~~78~~ 78th Inf Div

309th Inf Regt

Newspaper-article Sep 29, 1976

"C" Co - Sgt. Cook, Marcel B.
 Pfc Roger W. Morrill
 Pvt - Smith - DAN

 "F" Co - Pvt. Digh, Paul C -
 Pfc. Schreier - Bernard S.
 → Sgt SHANN, PAUL - negative results

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Returns Mr Garden's

Call 17 May -

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