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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.

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

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

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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JAMES A. LYTLE, II

YLT., QMC Adjutant

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

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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.

#### AEUMS-Cdr 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 elathing 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.

Supv Mortuary Officer/ID

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#### Translation

COMMUNITY SIMMERATH
The Community Director

Kesternich, 5 June 1975

To the

American Mortuary ATTN: Mr. Witzel

6 Frankfurt Homburger Landstr. 75 Unit: Ordnungsamt

Tel: 16 Room 7

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

SUBJECT: Finding of Human Remains at the Gemeindewald Simmerath

REF: Personal Conversation on 2.6.75 in theCity Hall Kesternich

Dear Mr. Witzel,

In reference to above conversation I like to inform you, that the aircraft wreckages found in 1960 at the Rursee 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 SIMMERATN

DER GEMEINDEDIREKTOR

Kesternich, den 5. Juni 19' Simmerath, den

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

An die Amerikanische Leichenhalle z.Hd. Mr. Witzl

Frankfurt Homburger Landstr. 75 Dienststelle: Ordnungsamt 16 Zimmer: Hausruf: 123-51 III/ Aktenzeichen:

Bitte Aktenzeichen in der Antwort ange

Betr.: Leichenfund im Gemeindewald Simmerath Bezug: Persönliche Rücksprache im Rathaus Kesternich vom 2.6.1975

Sehr geehrter Mister Witzl!

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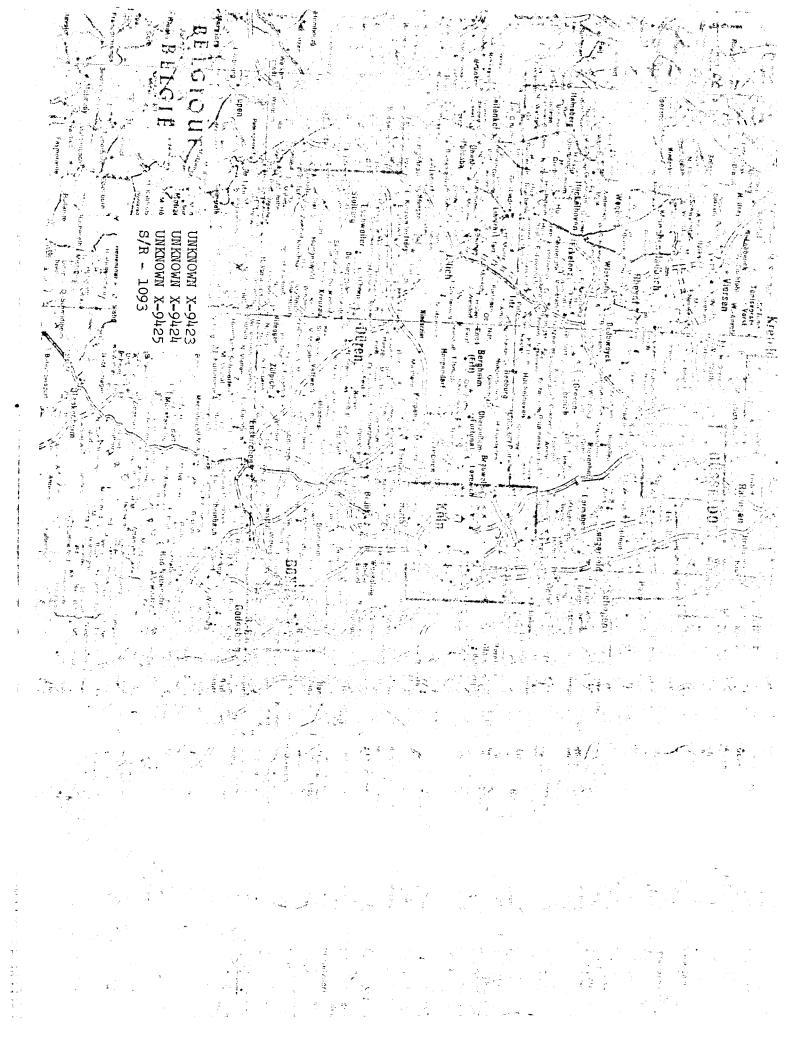
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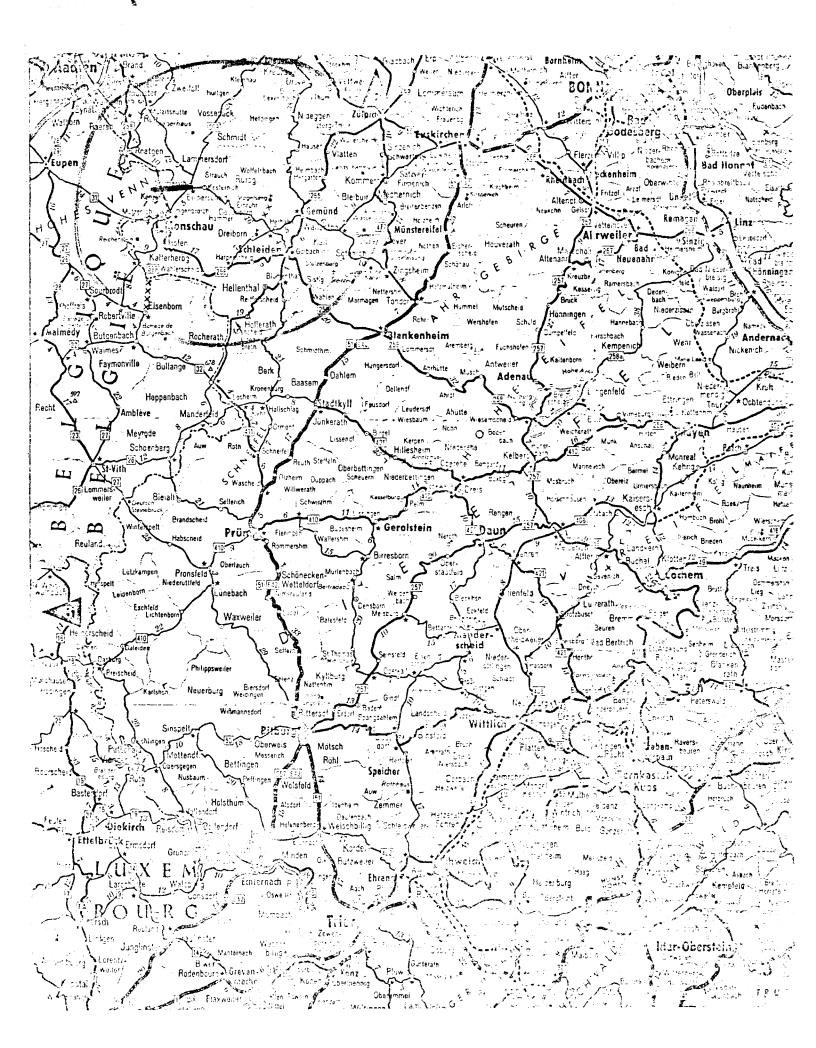
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#### CONCLUSION:

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:

Submitted by /5/
N. T. JONES

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

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CONCURRENCE:		
/S/ WILLIAM R. FLICK LTC, GS		JAM M. AMNETTI GS-14
/S/ OREN MOMACK DAC, GS-13	/5/ H. THORNE HELGESEN DAC, GS-12	/s/ ADRIAN TOLEHANN DAC, GS-12
APPROVED: Date: 1771/4976	C. J. DOBINSKI Colonel, GS Director, Versonal Af	faire

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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	BUILO	HATR	RACE
% <b>-94</b> 23	2 <b>6-</b> 30	T - 67.0" F&T - 67.7"	Average	Brown	Caucasoid
X <b>-94</b> 24	18-21	T - 67.3" F&T - 67.0"	Average	Brown	Caucasoid
A <b>-94</b> 25	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 Monrecoverable 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 Monrecoverable Findings but no association could be made with referenced Unknowns.

# DETARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, TAGGEN 1828ORIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION VASHINGTON, 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 // 7/149/7 1976, and after consideration of the factors presented, approved the Unidentifiability of Unknowns A-9423, A-9424, and A-9425, See 1093, U. S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany.

- 1. According to case papers (Tab B), the U. S. Army Remorial 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).
- 2. In June 1975, a search and recovery team was dispatched to the city of Simmerath. The office of the mayor provided a police escort to the grave site which had previously been disinterred by local police. Further enamination 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 96
  - 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 Morld Mar 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 New Aff Actv, Frankfurt, Germany

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

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- 1. Accently, the remains of three (3) Forld wer II casualties were recovered near the village of Simperath, 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. Ifforts 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.
- L. Request permission to inter the remains, designated Unknowns 2-9423, K-9424, and K-9425, in an ABEC Cemetery in Surope. Upon receipt of your approval, the Commander, US Army Nemorial Affairs Activity, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany, will be instructed to coordinate with the Superintendent of the Gemetery in completing burial arrangements.

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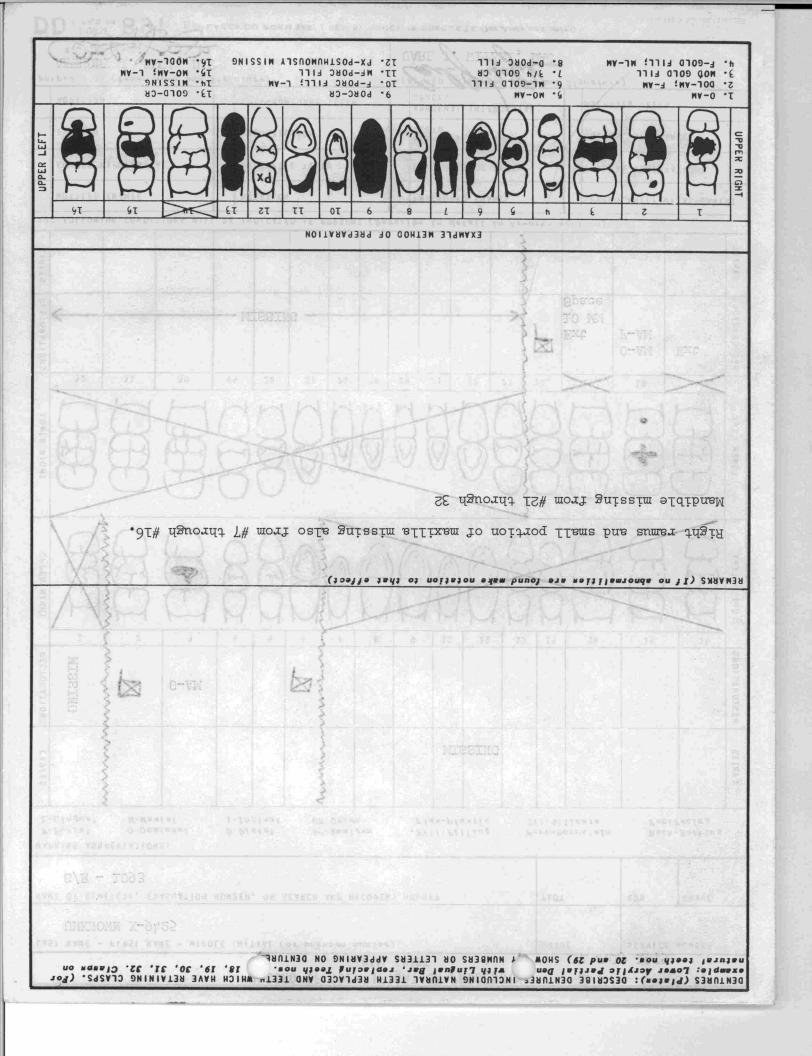
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## SKELETAL CHART

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20	45° Mes Rot	20			
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Remarks

Boots 9E 8 1/2E

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

#### N\_JORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING SKELETAL CHART

11 July 1975

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED number) UNKNOWN X-9423 GRADE SERVICE NUMBER NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER S/R - 1093 PLOT ROW GRAVE ESTIMATED HEIGHT ESTIMATED AGE (Years) T=67.0 Inches 26-30 F&T=67.7 Inches SKELETAL MEASUREMENTS (Centimeters) SKELETAL MEMBER METHOD RIGHT LEFT SKULL Est. HUMERUS TROTTER 31.5 31.6 Est. Est. ULNA 24.5 26.0 RADIUS 11 23.0 FEMUR 46.2 46.9 11 TIBIA 11 36.5 Est. FIBULA 11 36.8 REMARKS OR STATEMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGIST (Continue on reverse if more space is required) These are the skeletal remains of a caucasion 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 SYMBOLS

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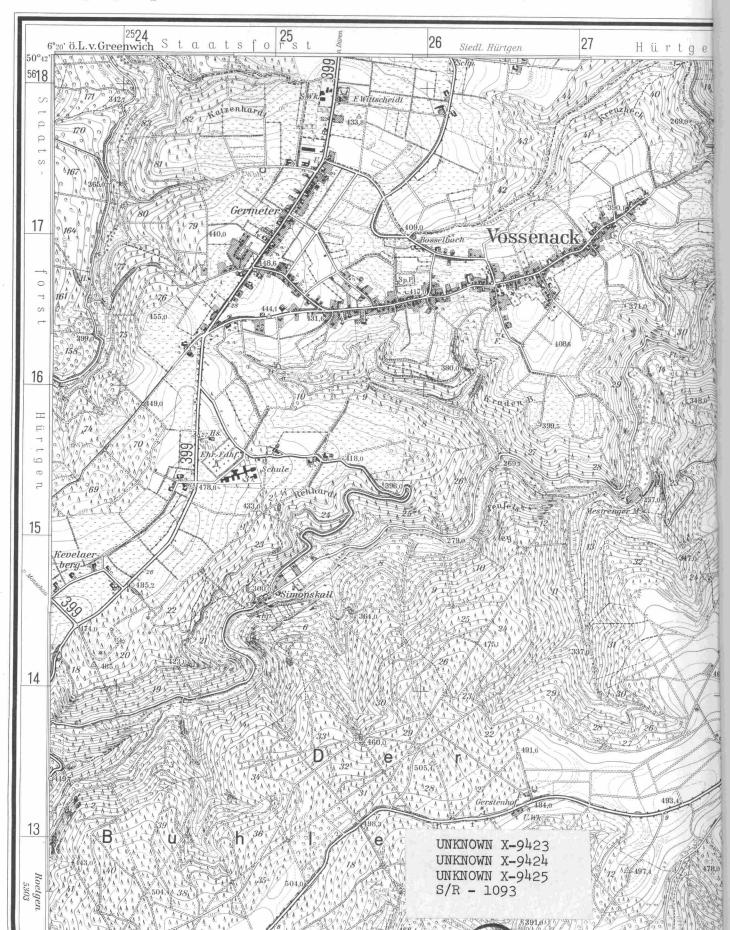
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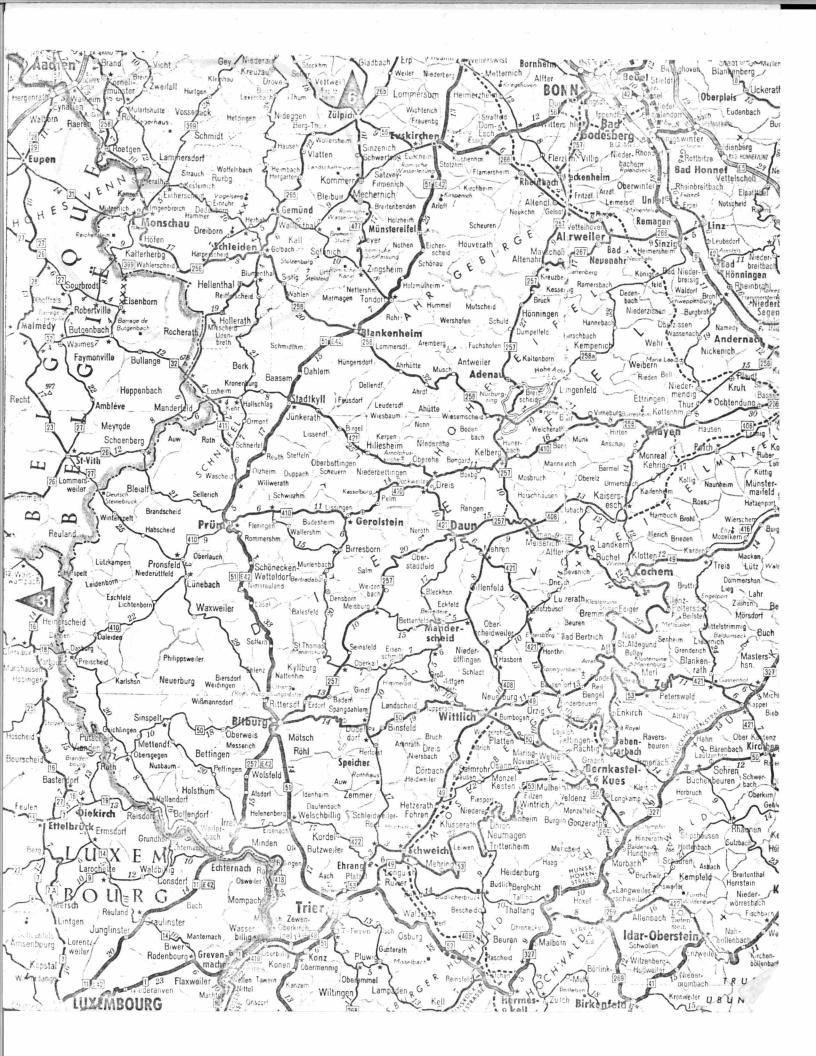
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## Topographische Karte 1:25000 (4-cm-Karte)





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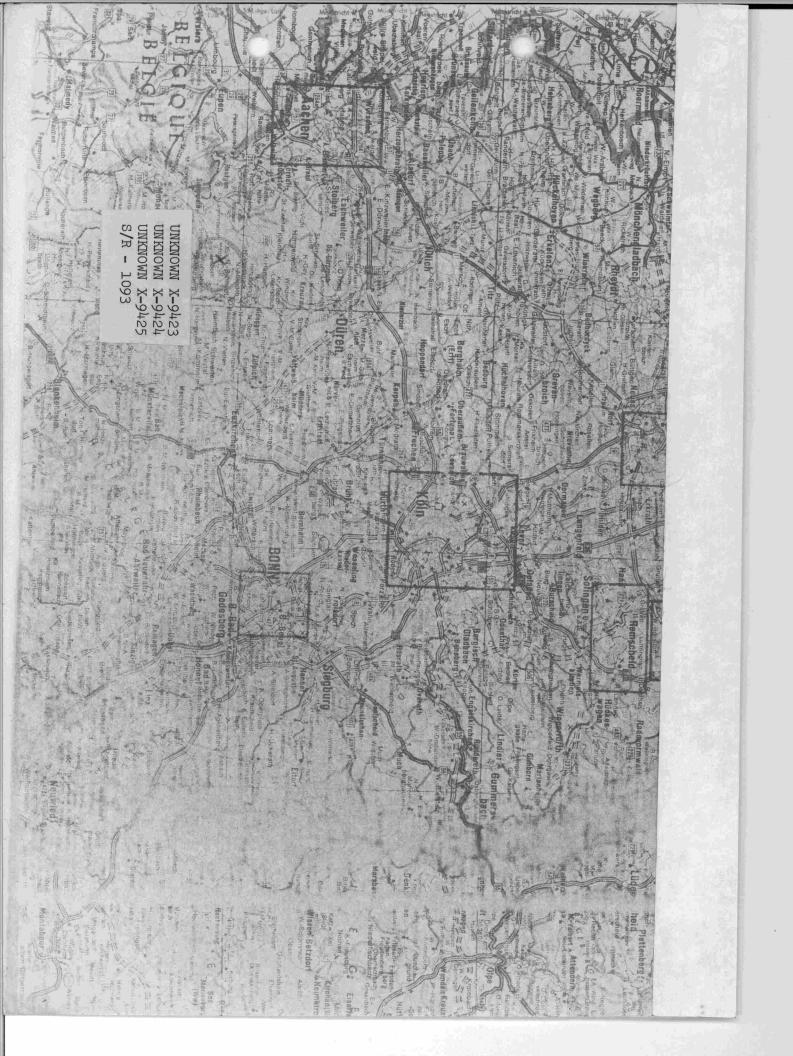
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MORTUARY SYSTEM, EUROPE APO NEW YORK 09757 11 July 1975 AEUMS-Cdr REPORT OF RECOVERY AND EXAMINATION OF WORLD WAR II REMAINS CASE UNKNOWN X-9423 UNKNOWN X-9424 UNKNOWN X-9425 S/R - 1093 CIRCUMSTANCES 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

#### AEUMS-Cdr 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.

Supv Mortuary Officer/ID

Call Witel

Translation Kesternich, 5 June 1975 COMMUNITY SIMMERATH The Community Director Unit: Ordnungsamt To the American Mortuary Tel: 16 Room 7 ATTN: Mr. Witzel File #: 123-51 III/L/Gu. 6 Frankfurt Homburger Landstr. 75 SUBJECT: Finding of Human Remains at the Gemeindewald Simmerath REF: Personal Conversation on 2.6.75 in theCity Hall Kesternich Dear Mr. Witzel, In reference to above conversation I like to inform you, that the aircraft wreckages found in 1960 at the Rursee 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 angebe

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)

# AEUMS-Cdr

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

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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ILT., QMC

Adjutant



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL WASHINGTON, D. C 20314

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DAAG-AMO-0(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 nonidentifiability, 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:

- a. Establish a set of standards and procedures to determine the adequacy, authenticity, and completeness of records which serve as an operating basis for the Board.
- 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:

Welliam Favell Jel Adjutant General

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL WASHINGTON, D. C 20314

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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. Wiliam 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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- (2) Persons known to be in a KIA status, whose remains, because of the circumstances of death, are determined to be nonrecoverable.
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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#### 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

Identification Technician Memorial Affairs Division

CONCURRENCE:

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APPROVED:

C. J. BOBINSKI

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Director, Personal Affairs

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERSONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, TAGGEN 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.

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Remnants of wool material

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Date: 17 May 1976

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Director, Personal Affairs

DAAG-PED 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 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 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 Gemetery in completing burial arrangements.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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For use of this form, see AR 340-15; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

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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

Mrs. Jones/30327

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

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An eight-man military police detail fired a salute as the coffins, covered by the stars and stripes, were lowered into

and one are buried nine miles southwest of Liege.

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## 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.

WILLIAM E. GARDEN DAC

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

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

American Battle Monuments Commission, 4CO14 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,

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