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HEADQUARTERS ON MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757 NEW YORK

293 Ank, Frankfurt Maus, 9 March 1956
SUBJECT: GIL Remains

Col # 5091

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

Reclass 4/3/67

1. Partial Remains I-9167 and I-9188 have been re-designated GIL Remains 5090 and 5091 respectively in accordance with your message DA 998288 dated 14 March 1956.
2. Records of GIL Remains with associated skeletal and dental information are forwarded herewith.

- 2 Encls
1. GIL 5090 record
 2. GIL 5091 record

S. GIBBS
Maj CMC
Commanding

293 Lt. P. J. S. Curran

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NAME TO GO TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FBI FOR THE
GENERAL YEAR 1951 BY SUBJECT IDENTIFICATION IN THE RECORDS
THAT ALFRED E. HANCOCK, CRIMINAL RECORDS APPROVED. NAME OF THE
SUPERVISOR ROBERT W. HARRIS LATER WILLIAM SCHUBERTS WILL
L. SCHUBERTS LATER HARRIS L. HANCOCK LATER HANCOCK. NAME DESIGNATED
SUBJECTS 1-1217 and 1-1218 ALL SUBJECTS

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GENERAL YEAR 1951 - HANCOCK

ROY ALLEN CHAMBERLAIN, Supervisor
1951

WALTER F. BURGESS, Col. G-2
Special Agent

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20 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Registration Branch

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Beard Findings (Identification of WWII Deceased)

1. Reference is made to case history attached to Beard Findings recommending identification of Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188, Griesheim/Main Mausoleum as the Only Recoverable Remains of the following:

HESS, Robert W.	Sgt	12 099 180
MILLEN, Lester	F/O	7 001 678
SCHMILL, Bill L.	Sgt	17 055 962
SWANSON, Eric E.	Sgt	16 078 837

The above decedents are the only unaccounted for crew members of A/C B-24 #44-40043 which crashed in a water filled quarry 2 km west of Landrethun, near Marquise, Pas de Calais, France, 5 June 1944. Three (3) of the crew have been individually identified, and two (2) returned to military control.

2. German records show that the remains of Sgt Hess, two (2) Unknowns, and Sgt Schmill were recovered and interred in the Marquise Cemetery in Graves 67, 68, 69 and 70 respectively. Disinterment of Graves 67, 68 and 69 resulted in the recovery of only one (1) remains which was identified as Sgt Hess but subsequently redesignated Unknown X-719, USMC, St. Andre, when the identification could not be substantiated. Remains disinterred from Grave 70 was originally identified as Sgt Schmill but subsequently reidentified as Sgt Richard J. Sanya, 39 295 751, a member of another crew. Of the three (3) identified crew members, F/O Edward J. LaHays, T-122552, was the only one recovered from the cemetery at Marquise. According to German records, his remains were washed ashore.

3. Search of the quarry in 1953 resulted in the recovery of additional remains designated Unknowns X-9185, X-9186, X-9187 and X-9188, Griesheim/Main Mausoleum. Unknown X-9185 has been identified as T/Sgt Howard A. Taibl, 12063192, and Beard Findings identifying Unknown X-9186 as 1/Lt Alfred D. Housette, 0526032, are being submitted herewith for approval. Portions (legs) of the remains designated Unknown X-9187 were determined to belong to the remains identified as F/O LaHays. Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188 now consist of a few fragmentary bones and/or pieces of bone without identifying characteristics. The sole basis for recommending their identification as the Only Recoverable Remains of the four (4) unidentified crew members is their recovery from the crash site.

4. Remains of the unidentified decedents were determined to be nonrecoverable in 1950, and the next of kin were so informed. In the cases of Sgt Hess and Sgt Schmill, notification was made personally to the next of kin by a representative of this Office inasmuch as in each case the next of kin had been advised of the original identification and interment in USMC, St. Andre.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. In view of German records reporting the recovery of four (4) remains at the time of the crash (listing Sgts Hess and Schmill by name), there appears to be little doubt that the four (4) decedents were in fact interred in the cemetery at Marquise, although the grave locations given have proven to be erroneous. Further investigation at the cemetery is not possible as the site is now under the jurisdiction of the British who have completely replotted it. These remains are therefore nonrecoverable.

2. Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188 are apparently additional portions of the remains recovered by the Germans. This belief is supported by the fact that portions of Unknown X-9187 were determined to belong to the remains identified as P/O Lallye.

3. Because of the fragmentary nature and paucity of the remains, the lapse of time, and the fact that the next of kin has been advised of nonrecoverability, it is considered that the interests of the next of kin will best be served by a determination that the status of the four (4) unidentified crew members should remain **NONRECOVERABLE**.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is therefore recommended that (1) Board Findings identifying Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188, Grisham/Main Mausoleum, as the Only Recoverable Remains of the subject four (4) decedents be cancelled, and (2) that the Field be notified the Unknowns are to be designated **CIL** remains.

Virginia W. Lee - Investigator

CONCURRENCES:

Mary Alice Clements
MARY ALICE CLEMENTS
Supervisor, Unit #1

Harvey C. Mann
HARVEY C. MANN
Resolution Section

APPROVED:

7 Encls

1. 84 Pgs Unks X-9187 & X-9188
2-7. 293 Files X-9187 X-9188,
Hess, Miller, Schmill and
Swanson

Carl R. Allen
CARL R. ALLEN

HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
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Hess, Robert W.	Sgt	12099180
Miller, Dester	F/O	T-001678
Schmill, Bill L.	Sgt	17055962
Swanson, Earle E.	Sgt	16078837

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

previously buried as Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum and are only recoverable remains of decedents mentioned

~~previously buried as Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum~~

Identification is approved in accordance with letter, WD AGAO-S 293.9, SUBJECT: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947, and par 118b, SR-830-110-5, DA, dated 3 March 1949, by the following members of the Board of Review, appointed by par 9, SO 33, Headquarters, USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770 Army Unit, dated 19 May 1955.

S. Gibbs
Major S. GIBBS, O-1584255 QMC
(President)

Joe R. Caldwell
Captain JOE R. CALDWELL
O-2037259 QMC

Donald J. Eggum
Captain DONALD J. EGGUM
O-975062 QMC

William M. Loy
1st Lt WILLIAM M. LOY
O-2003473 QMC

Cancelled
see memorandum Chief Reg Bn
dated 20 Feb 56
B. Galper
Reg Bn

IDENTIFICATION SHEET FOR - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - ONLY RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>RELIGION</u>
MILLER, Edward J.	F/O	T-1678	Hebrew
SWANSON, Earle A.	Sgt	16078337	Protestant
HESS, Robert W.	Sgt	12099180	Catholic
SCHMILL, Bill L.	Sgt	17055962	Protestant

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
853rd Bomb Squadron, 491st Bomb Group	8th Air Force

<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>
2 km west of Landrethun near Marquise, Pas de Calais, France	5 June 1944	Plane Crash

TIME AND DATE OF BURIAL
X-9187 & X-9188 (Griesheim/Main Mausoleum) 1630 hours, 28 May 1953

<u>X NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>	<u>X NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>
9187	Griesheim/Main Maus			189					
9188	Griesheim/Main Maus			160					

A/C B-24 # 44-40243 crashed in a water filled quarry at Landrethun, Pas de Calais, France while on a mission over the Boulogne area on 5 June 1944.

The MACR manifested nine (9) crew members. Two (2) of the crew survived (S/Sgt Smuntan and Sgt Keller) and seven (7) others went down with the plane when it was hit by enemy fire.

German Dulag AV 1001/44 lists crash of a Liberator (B-24), 5 June 1944, 2 kms west of Landrethun with the recovery of the following buried in Communal Cemetery at Marquise:

Hesse	-	grave 67
Two (2) Unknown Graves	-	graves 68 - 69
Schmill	-	grave 70

A further Dulag reference AV 1003/44 records the recovery of a remains on 15 June 1944 from a lake associating the decedent with the above aircraft and subsequent burial in grave 85 Community Cemetery of Marquise.

Of the seven (7) casualty crew members, three (3) have been individually identified. They are:

F/O	Edward J.	LAHAYE	(prev X-717 USMC St. Andre)
T/Sgt	Howard A.	TAIBL	(prev X-9185 Griesheim/Main Maus)
1st Lt	Alfred D.	MOUSSETTE	(prev X-9186 Griesheim/Main Maus)

According to recovery reports remains of F/O Lahaye were removed from grave 85 Marquise Cemetery in August 1945 and the remains identified as Sgt Taibl were recovered from the wreckage of the A/C in March 1953.

Unknown X-716 was recovered from graves 72-73-74-75, and X-719 from graves 67-68-69 Marquise Cemetery. Although German records list one crew member of subject A/C as being interred in grave 67, another member of the crew buried in grave 70, also two (2) unknowns in grave 68 and 69, upon disinterment (August 1945) only one casket was found in graves 67, 68 and 69. These remains were designated X-719, identified as Sgt Hess but subsequently redesignated X-719. The remains designated X-738 recovered from grave 70 were identified as Sgt Schmill. However, reprocessing revealed that dental characteristics were negative for Sgt Schmill but in agreement with a S/Sgt Sawaya. S/Sgt Sawaya, a crew member of A/C B-24 # 43-37591, which also crashed in the area of Marquise, France was reportedly interred in grave 71 (The nine (9) casualty crew members of this plane have been accounted for by identification). The remains listed in grave 71 as S/Sgt Sawaya were found to be a British decedent.

Similarly in graves 72, 73, 74 and 75 only one burial box containing the remains of one decedent was found. These graves reportedly contained four (4) unknowns from a plane which crashed on 5 June 1944, 3 kms northeast of Hardselot. The above location is the area where A/C B-24 # 43-37591 crashed. All members of this plane crew have now been accounted for.

Reinvestigation at Marquise Cemetery has failed to recover additional remains or account for the vacant graves.

The partial remains designated Unknowns X-9185, X-9186, X-9187 and X-9188 were recovered from the crash site. The above Unknowns were recovered as a mass and segregated into four (4) remains at the Identification Laboratory.

Simultaneous processing of the above Unknowns with Unknowns X-717 and X-719 to determine possible consolidation of skeletal portions was accomplished with negative results.

Processing resulted in the identification of X-9185 as T/5 T X-9186 as Lt Moussette.

In the case of X-9187, partial remains so designated were simultaneously with the identified remains of F/O Edward J Le X-717 USMC (St Andre) at graveside POC USMC St. Laurent.

All leg portions of X-9187 were determined to be those of F/O Lahaye.

The two portions of the right and left pelvis plus any possible additional portions of F/O LAHAYE have not been identified.

be portions of a casualty other than F/O LAHAYE as evidenced by presence of like portions with the remains identified as LAHAYE.

The two portions of pelvis retain the designation Unknown X-9187.

The shattered condition and paucity of remains precludes individual identification. Previous attempt to place and incorporate Unknowns X-716 and X-719 USMC St Andre with Unknown X-9187 and X-9188 as a Group Burial to include all unresolved casualties of A/C # 44-40243 could not be substantiated. The main factor for the exclusion of these two Unknowns is the fact that although they were recovered from the Marquise Cemetery, which according to German records suggests remains were recovered from this crash, other unresolved casualties of aircraft crashing in the area on or before 5 June 1944 have not yet been resolved. Comparison of physical characteristics failed to provide any definite association. Unknowns X-716 and X-719 should therefore revert to approved unidentifiable status.

REPORT OF BURIAL

Service Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

28 October 1955
Date

Unknown X-9188
Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.

853rd Bomb Squadron 491st Bomb Group
Unit Organization

Near Boulogne, France 5 June 1944 Plane crash
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death

1630 hrs 29 May 1953 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum Frankfurt/Main, Germany
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location

190
Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

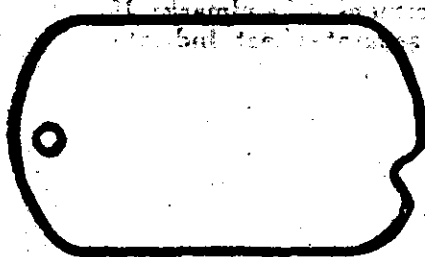
What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on :

Deceased's Right :	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left :	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible, Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below :

Emergency Addressee Name

Address

Religion See attached sheet

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

Recovered as SR # 735 (D) from crash site of A/C B-24 # 44-40243 at LAND* RATHEN, Pas de Calais, France. X-9187 and X-9188 Griesheim/Maus are the only recoverable remains of four decedents.

Joe R. Caldwell
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

JOE R. CALDWELL, Capt. OMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

FROM--OO TTTO AU IMPRER

INFO--CR - 2

PER --220720Z JUL

ACTION--QNC

IN NO --780386

FM HQ USAMRIID CM MONTGOMERY SVC INST 7700N AU USA HOSP FRANKFURT GER
TO DA WASHDC

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BT

REG GENS PD CR-2 PD FOR CMC PD FOR MEN DIV PD THIS MSG IN THREE PARTS PD PART ONE
PD BRITISH AUTH WILL NOT PERMIT EXAMINATION & REMAINS IN COMMON GRAVE BUT WILL
ACCEPT NAME 1 ST LT DONALD WEST FOR INCLUSION ON COLLECTIVE GRAVE MARKER OF GENS
IN BRITISH MIL CEMETERY PD RESULTS WILL BE FWD 30 JULY 55 PD PART TWO PD X-9187
ELIMINATED BY CONSOLIDATION XMCIN X-9186 IDENT AS LT NOUSSETTE CCM AND FINDING FOR
X-716 CCM X-719 AND X-9188 TO BE FWD 30 JULY 55 PD PART THREE PD RESULTS OF INVEST
WILL BE FWD YOUR OFFICE IN APPROX 15 DAYS

BT

OPN CR-2 & 1ST 30 55 X-9187 X-9186 X-716 X-719 X-9188 30 55 15

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293- Unit X-9188
Graham/Mann News

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COMPTRENT WASH DC
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Routing Routine

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Pass to CI 7770 USANIER ON North Eve Bus from COMPT

Req advise present status of fol cases: Donald West 0005088, Unknowns X-716,
X-719 St Andry X-9186, X-9187, X-9188 and SR 710, Griesheim/Main Neustadt

293 - Wife X-9188, Griesheim/Main Neustadt

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Clements

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Clarence C. Sainor
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WALTER P. SCODDIE, Colonel, GCU
Memorial Division

FROM OO 7770 AU USAR FKFT GER
DTG 170945Z Aug
ACTION GMS
IN NO 632852

FM HQ USAREUR OM MORT SVS DET 7770TH AU USA HOSP FRANKFURT GER
TO DEPEAR WASH DC DA GMS

FOR OM PD REF YOUR MSG DA 538889 PD THIS MSG IN NINE PARTS PD PART ONE GLN
ACTION INITIATED TO IDENTIFY X-9186 GRISHKIN MAIN MAUS AS ONE SLASH LIEUT
ALFRED B MURPHY PD X-9187 GRISHKIN MAIN MAUS TO BE PROCESSED FOR POSSIBLE
ELIMINATION OF PART OR ALL PORTIONS WITH IDENTIFIED REMAINS OF FOX SLASH
ORGE EDWARD J LAMAYE GCM PREVIOUSLY X-717 ST ANDRE GCM NOW POC ST LAURENT
PD THIS ACTION DESIGNED ADVISABLE TO CLARIFY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AVAILABLE
SKELETAL CHARTS FOR X-717 PD TENTATIVE FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING
X-716 GCM X-719 ST ANDRE GCM AND X-9188 GRISHKIN MAIN MAUS WILL BE PD
ALONG WITH BOARD FINDINGS OF IDENT FOR MURPHY PD PART TWO GLN

GCM 538889 X-9186 X-9187 X-717 X-717 X-716 X-719 X-9188

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SUGAR ROGER 710 ASSOCIATED WITH X-6853 ST AVOLD RECOVERED FR RAKAUDORF GCM
AUSTRIA PD A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN AUSTRIA SUGGESTS
REMAINS ARE THOSE OF SGT WILLARD S KENDALL GCM HOWEVER NOT CONSIDERED
CONCLUSIVE PD CURRENT FIELD INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY CRASH SITE PD RESULTS MAY BE EXPECTED SOON SEPT PD PART THREE GLN
X-9118 GRISHKIN MAIN MAUS TO BE RETURNED TO ORIGINAL BURIAL SITE AS
NON-AMERICAN REMAINS PD ACTION PENDING RE-ENTRY INTO DEFERRED SEARCH AREAS
PD PART FOUR GLN GLN X-9210 GRISHKIN MAIN MAUS CURRENTLY SUBJ OF OFFICE
RESEARCH TO EFFORT ASSOCIATION WITH UNRESOLVED CASUALTY PD RESULTS MAY BE
EXPECTED ONE SEPT PD PART FIVE GLN X-7000 GLN X-70060 GRISHKIN MAIN
PARENT MED UNPARENTH MAUS SUBJ OF CURRENT OFFICE RESEARCH PD FINDING TO
BE PD NO LATER THAN ONE SEPT PD PART SIX GLN X-70061 GRISHKIN MAIN
PARENT MED UNPARENTH MAUS PD OFFICE RESEARCH FAILED TO PROVIDE FAVORABLE
ASSOCIATION PD RESULTS WILL BE PD TWO ZERO AUG PD PART SEVEN GLN BOARD
FINDINGS OF IDENT FOR TANK SLASH FIVE THURSTON B HOLLAR ASN 14000635 GCM
PD YOUR OFFICE TRUNK LETTER NR 6528 DTD FIVE AUG FIVE FOUR PD PART EIGHT
GLN JOHN R. SINDONETTI CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION PD RESULTS MAY BE
EXPECTED TEN SEPT PD PART NINE GLN DONALD WEST ASN 0-886088 GCM PENDING
ACTION WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES PD REPRESENTATIVE THIS HQ SCHEDULED TO
CONTACT BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE ONE EIGHT AUG TO DETERMINE CURRENT STATUS
YOUR OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED LATEST RESULTS TWO THREE AUG PD SGT MERRICK

KFKK-6853 X-9118 X-9210 X-70060 X-70061 14 000 6/5 6528 0-886088
617/1018Z

293 - Late X-9188, Grishkin/Main Maus.

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Pass to CO 7770 USARMC ON Sec Det From QMNT

Rept curr status inves and appr data results may be expected for fol cases:
X-716, 719 St. Andre; Sugar Roger 718, X-912, 9186, 9187, 9188, 9210 Griechain/Main;
X-7006, 70061 Griechain/Main (Mediterranean); Thornton Haller 1400635; John R.
Simmetti 18021788; Donald West 000000

Clements/mch

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Re ...
15 Feb 58
(DA)*

Clarence C. Kaiser
QMNT 293
ORS - EUROPEAN

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OLIVER F. PARKER, LT COL, GSC
Memorial Division

893 - Mark X-9188, Griechain/Main, NUS

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PAR32
MM UEPDA

DE UPPAE 26A
M 181254Z
FM CINCSAREUR HEIDELBERG
TO DEPTAR WASHDC

DA GRCG

SC13064 FOR QMG FROM USAREUR YOUR DA 442 746 MTR AND M3 NR WERE CHECKED
AGAINST MISSING ACFT REPT BY FLD INVES PD ONLY NR AVAL TYPE MIKE 9
NORDEN BOMB SIGHT NR 7947 ORDER NR 44 DASH 1283

CFN SCBQEPFR 442 746 9 7947 44 1283

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File AUG 1953

L. Br.
Ed. Br.

293 Unknown X-9188 (Heidelberg), Mann Mausoleum

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN <p style="text-align: center;">X-9188</p>				2. DATE OF REPORT <p style="text-align: center;">15 May 1953</p>	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY <p style="text-align: center;">Griesheim/Main Mausoleum</p>	4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE <p style="text-align: center;">200</p>	7. DATE OF	
				DISINTERMENT	REINTERMENT

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT Age <p style="text-align: center;">23-25 Yrs</p>	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT <p style="text-align: center;">U. T. D.</p>	10. COLOR OF HAIR <p style="text-align: center;">None found</p>	11. RACE <p style="text-align: center;">U. T. D.</p>
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12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS

None

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES

None

14. WAS BODY BURNED? TO WHAT EXTENT?

YES NO

15. WAS BODY MANGLED? TO WHAT EXTENT?

YES NO See attached skeletal chart

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

None Noted

17. LIST EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, MARKINGS, SERVICE, ETC. (If laundry marks are indistinct such notation should be made and specimen forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area)

There was no clothing or equipment definitely associated with this remains.

The following US AF clothing and equipment was found at the crash site and is common to cases X-9185, X-9186, X-9187 and X-9188:

Steel Helmet; Pair Rubber overshoes; One Rubber Overshoe; One leather electrically heated glove; One leather flight helmet w/earphones; parachute harness; Leather flight jacket (remnants); Officer pink trousers (remnants); two US AF shoulder patches; Remnants of two escape kits; Electrically heated flying suit (remnants).

Technician : W. A. Neep

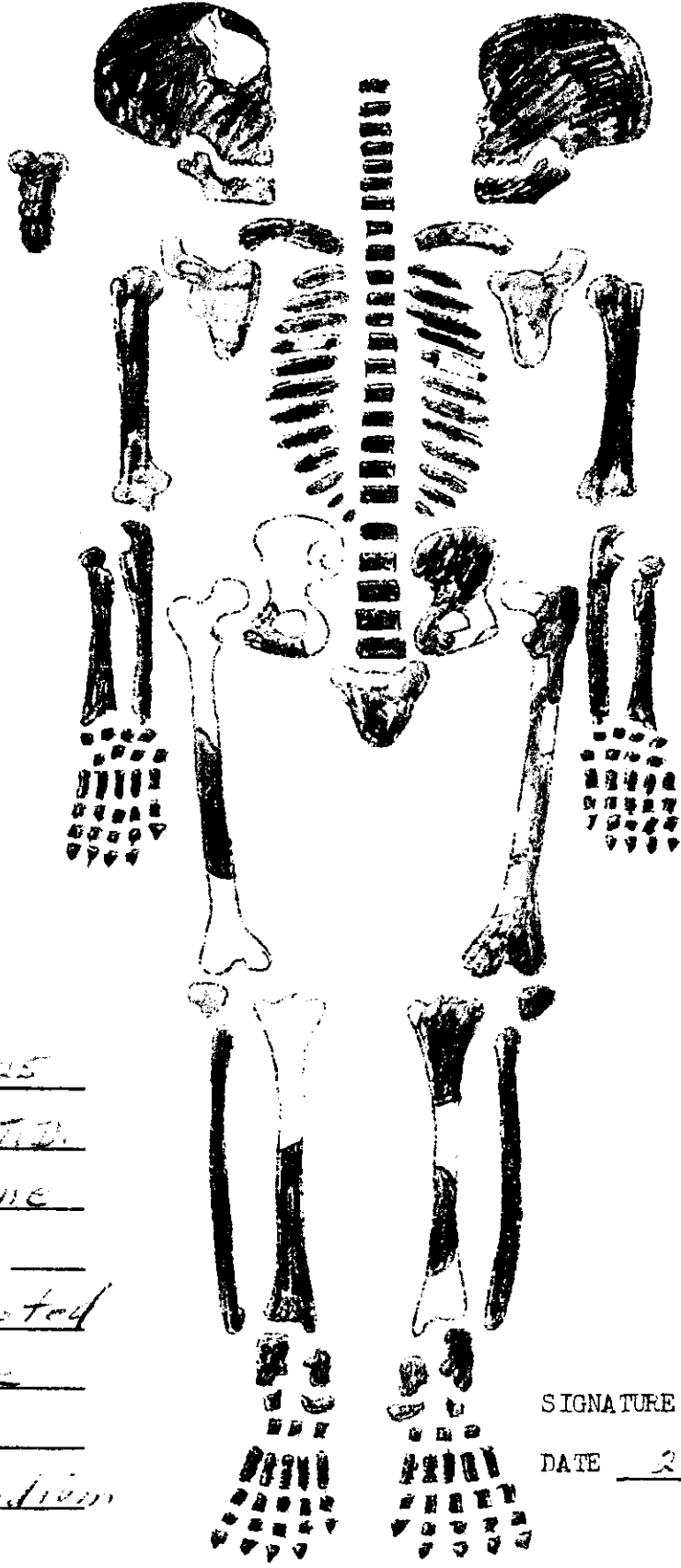
Anthropologist : Prof. E. Breitinger

S K E L E T A L C H A R T

SR 735 (D)

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT PRESENT)

X-9108
Anterior view
Graves 1000



HUMERUS _____ CM

ULNA _____ CM

RADIUS _____ CM

FEMUR _____ CM

TIBIA _____ CM

FIBULA _____ CM

EST. AGE 23-25

EST. HEIGHT 1.73

COLOR HAIR None

HEALED FRACTURES _____

None Noted

FLESH None

BURNED No

EST. WEIGHT 142 lb

SIGNATURE W. A. Heep

DATE 24 April 53

SR 735 (D)

SWANSON

TOOTH CHART

X-9188
Griesheim / M
Grave 190

26 April 53
Date

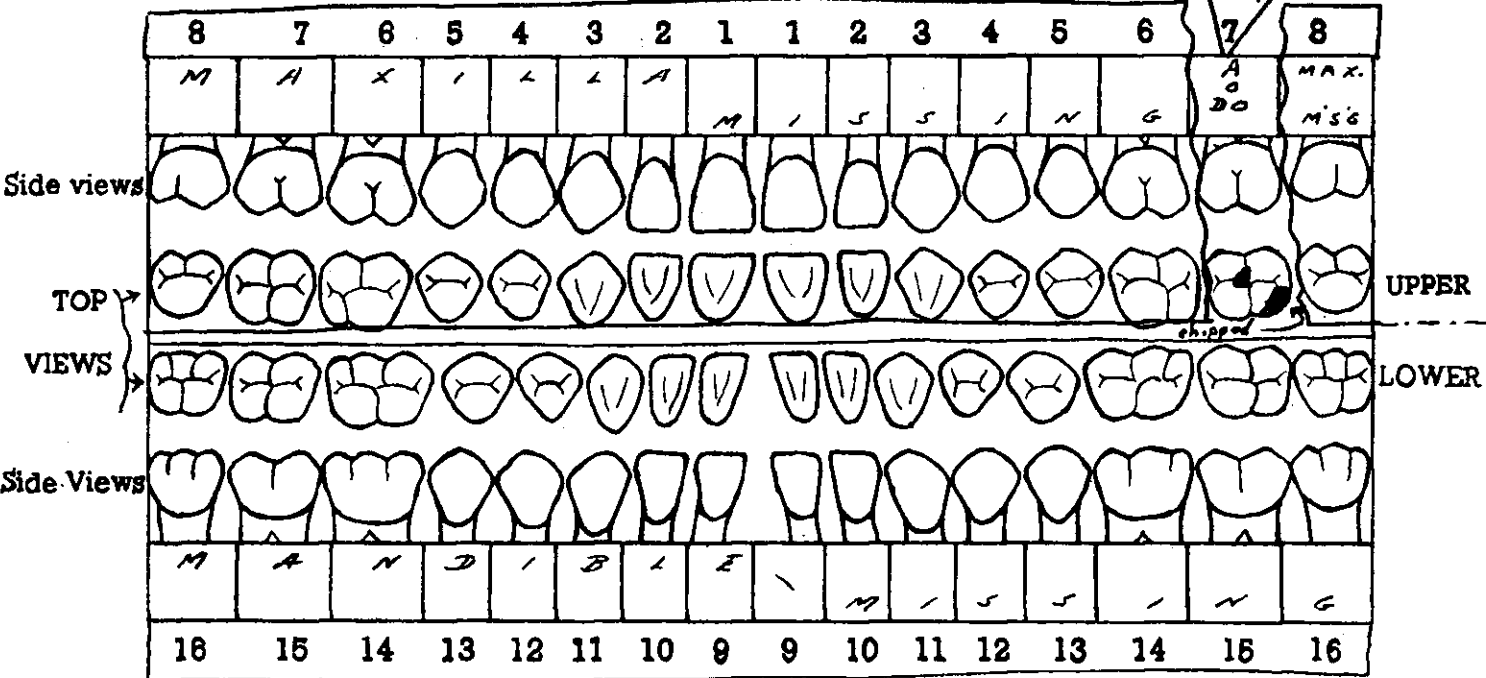
Last Name	First	Initial	Grade	Serial No.
Unit		Organization		

Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
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Right

Left

Tooth only



This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

NOTE: one tooth only (47)

Size - Average
color - Ivory w/ brown stain

M. A. Neep

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

HEADQUARTERS
7770 WAREHOUSE ON EMERGENCY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757
US ARMY

30 April 1953

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTER INVESTIGATED:

Pursuant to instructions set forth in ID # 1002, Case # 9284 Pas de Calais App N/A, dated 16 Oct 1952 the undersigned along with Sgt Marian Bucynski of this detachment went to LAUREATHEN, Pas de Calais, France to recover the remains of American airman.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Aircraft # 44-40243 (Laborator) while flying an operational mission was shot down and crashed into a lake on 5 July 1944. Remains of crew still missing at the time of this operation are:

BOURSHITE, ALFRED B.	1/1st Lt	0526032
MILLER, ELMER (MEL)	P/O	21678
YARIEL, HOWARD A.	T/Sgt	12063192
HESS, ROBERT W.	Sgt	12099160
SUMMILL, BILL L.	Sgt	17059962
SWANSON, EARLE A.	Sgt	16078837

The work of draining the lake and removing the aircraft was to be done by the 97th ENGR. COMB. IN. COMB L. Operations were to commence 23 March 1953.

III. FINDINGS:

The 97th Engrs drained about 2 million gals. of water and lowered the lake about 9 ft leaving the crash site above the water level. A "rifle board" was constructed (Exh # 1) attached by a crane (Exh # 2). A steady stream of water was sprayed on the mud causing it to break down and float away. The heavier stones, pieces of scrap plane and remains were caught by the "wooden riffer" and wire mesh screen. The residue was sorted, the remains removed and the scrap placed on a heap.

At the same time the "rifle board" was being used, a crane was also working on the crash site itself (Exh # 3 and # 4). The crash site was almost like quicksand. Men had to move often or they sunk down to their hips (Exh # 5).

The aircraft was identified by finding 2 machine guns (Exh # 6) and 3 motors whose numbers were checked with the SACR. Also found were ID tags for YARIEL, HOWARD A., ASN 12063192, 3 pairs of shoes, a portion of a Norden Bombrite; and portions of four (4) remains with flying clothing.

(Narrative of Investigation, ID # 1002, dtd 30 April 1953, cont'd)

Enclosed are pictures of the crash site (stages # 1 thru # 8) showing the various stages of lowering the lake in preparation for recovery of the remains.

IV. CONCLUSION:

That the remains recovered from the crash site are the only recoverable remains from the crash site. The operation lasted 4 weeks and during the last week nothing but scrap was found.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That the crash site be considered closed. All remains were removed from site.


I. EIKESMITH
Capt CMS

Certificate

Department
Pas de Calais

Community of Leubringen

District
Boulogne s/Mer

Canton
Marquise

We, Mayor of Community of Leubringen certify that:
the American Army having executed their work at the
Blacourt Lake has caused no damages whatsoever in the
Community and immediate vicinity of the Lake.

Object:
Lake of Blacourt

In faith of which we have delivered the present
certificates to prove and value of what is right.

Delivered at Leubringen, 16 April 1953

(Stamp)

Community of Leubringen

Pas-de-Calais

The Farmer:
J. DERAN

Stamp:
Joseph Deran
Farmer
Telephone # 1
Leubringen

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:

21 April 1953

Maria Jankowski
MARIA JANKOWSKI
Sgt RA-42066317

Departement
Pas de Calais

Mairie de Leubringhen

Arrondissement
Boulogne s/Mer

C E R T I F I C A T

Canton
Marquise

Nous, Maire de la Commune de Leubringhen
certifions que:

L'Armee Americaine ayant execute des travaux a
l'Etang de Blacourt n'a cause aucun dommage dans
la commune et aux abords immediats de l'etang.

Objet:

Les de Blacourt

En foi de quoi nous avons delivre le present
certificat pour servir et valoir ce que de droit.

Delivre a Leubringhen, le 16 avril 1953.

(cachet)

Le Maire.

Le cultivateur

Mairie de Leubringhen
(Pas-de-Calais)

Joseph DERAM
Agriculteur

Telephone No. 1
Leubringhen

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

21 April 1953

Maria Darycki
MARIA DARYCKI
SOT RA-42066117

Fernand Delabre
Bailiff
Marquise (PDC)

Marquise, 15 April 1953
32 Rue Nationale

Telephone No. 30
Compte Cheques Postaux
Lille 45.187

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I, the undersigned DELABRE, Fernand, Bailiff living at Marquise certify that this day in my presence Mr. Theodore Robert Petersen of American nationality has given to Mr. Maurice Gossin Joly, farmer of Landrethun le Nord the sum of sixty nine thousand six hundred five francs in settlement for damages occasioned to his fields and fields rented during the work effected at Leubringhen (location named Blacourt) by the American Army in effort to excavate the debris of an American plane shot down during the last war.

M. Gossin Joly has given acquitment to the US Army in receiving this sum; this sum has been given to him as final settlement.

Stamp of Bailiff

Signature illegible

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION:
20 April 1953

MARIAN DĄCZYŃSKI
Sgt RA 42066317

HEADQUARTERS
7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757 US ARMY

28 May 1953

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : 1002
PROCESSING DIRECTIVE : 224
SEARCH AND RECOVERY CASES : 735 A, B, C and D

IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT

1. Search and Recovery Cases # 735 A, B, C and D represent four (4) partial remains recently recovered from the crash site of A/C B-24-J, #44-40243, which crashed near Boulogne, France on 5 June 1944.

2. Tentative designations for Griesheim/Main Mausoleum have been made as follows:

SR 735 A is now designated UNKNOWN X-9185 -- Grave 187
SR 735 B is now designated UNKNOWN X-9186 -- Grave 188
SR 735 C is now designated UNKNOWN X-9187 -- Grave 189
SR 735 D is now designated UNKNOWN X-9188 -- Grave 190 ✓

3. Associations with casualty crew members of subject aircraft are as indicated below:

		<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>	<u>SHOE</u>
X-9185	(REMAINS)	Aprx 30	6' - 0 3/8"	165-185	None	10 D
T/Sgt TAIBL	(FM. 371)	29	5' - 11"	166	Brown	10 C

Two (2) ID tags were recovered for T/Sgt TAIBL. Teeth with this remains compare perfectly with dental records for T/Sgt TAIBL. It is not possible to articulate the teeth with the remains because certain portions are missing. The right service shoe removed from this remains was size 10 D which compares best for T/Sgt TAIBL.

X-9186	(REMAINS)	22-24	5' - 8"	140-160	None	8 1/2 C
1/Lt MOUSSETTE	(FM. 371)	24	5' - 10"	160	Brown	8 1/2 C

Teeth with this remains compare only with dental records for Lt. MOUSSETTE. Articulation of the teeth with the remains is not possible because portions are missing. A pair of service shoes removed from the feet of this remains were size 8 1/2 C which is in agreement only with shoe size of Lt. MOUSSETTE.

Identification Laboratory Report X-9185, X-9186, X-9187, X-9188, cont'd

X-9187	(REMAINS)	Aprx 26	U.T.D.	Medium	None	9 1/2 C
F/O LAHAYE (FM. 371)		25	5' - 9 1/2"	160	Brown	9 1/2 C

This case consists of major portions of left and right lower legs and portions of right ischium and left pubis. Damaged service shoes removed from the feet in this case were size 9 1/2 C which agrees only with the shoe size of F/O LAHAYE. The skeletal chart for the remains recovered and identified as F/O LAHAYE reveals the same portions missing as are represented in case X-9187.

X-9188	(REMAINS)	23 - 25	U.T.D.	Medium	None	None
Sgt HESS (FM. 371)		24	5' - 8"	167	Blond	10 1/2 C
Sgt SWANSON (FM. 371)		23	5' - 5 1/2"	133	Blond	5 1/2 E

This partial remains was recovered from the deepest section of the quarry (crash site). None of the portions of this remains could be associated with cases X-9185, X-9186, or X-9187 which were recovered from the higher levels of the quarry. The age estimation indicates an association is possible only with Sgt Hess or Sgt Swanson. The type and formation of the skeletal portions indicates this is the remains of one (1) deceased. One loose tooth, an L 7 with two (2) amalgam fillings, compares best with dental data for Sgt SWANSON.

4. Unknowns X-716 and X-719 St. Andre were disinterred from their P.O.C. burial locations in St. Laurent, France and Hamm, Luxembourg for the purpose of simultaneous processing with the currently recovered remains. This action was to determine if any consolidation of skeletal portions was possible which, in turn, would prove one or both of these earlier recovered remains to be casualty crew members of A/C B-24-J #44-40243. This simultaneous processing, however, did not reveal any possible consolidation of remains.

5. The current recovery of additional casualties from the actual crash site now provides a more definite association between Unknowns X-716 and X-719 with F/O Lester MILLER, T-1678 and Sgt Bill L. SCHMILL, 17055962, respectively, as indicated below:

X-716	(REMAINS)	21-22 Yrs	5' - 10 3/4"	140-160	None	None
Sgt MILLER (FM. 371)		21 Yrs	5' - 9"	144	Brown	8 D

There are no teeth with this remains. This remains cannot be associated with any other casualties. The original reports of processing indicate the recovery of US Air Force clothing and a 10 K gold Air Force ring with this remains. Physical characteristics of this casualty are contradictory for all unaccounted for casualties of A/C #44-40243. All casualties of A/C 43-37591 which crashed nearby

Identification Laboratory Report X-9185, X-9186, X-9187, X-9188, cont'd

and on the same date have been accounted for. The severely shattered condition of this remains indicates: (a) that this is a casualty from a plane crash similar to that of A/C #44-40243, (b) that this is not a casualty which was washed ashore as in the cases of the non-shattered remains of X-733 and X-734, (c) that this shattered condition is in agreement with German burial records stating this casualty was recovered from the crash site of A/C #44-40243. There was no evidence of remains of Sgt MILLER amongst the portions currently recovered from the crash site.

X-719	(REMAINS)	21-22 Yrs	5' - 5"	120-140	None	9 B or C
Sgt SCHMILL	(FM. 371)	21 Yrs	5' - 6"	129	Brown	9 C

The left mandible found with this remains contains teeth which are not contradictory with dental data for Sgt SCHMILL. This dental information, however, is based only upon the induction records and MD Forms #79 dated Sept 1943 and 17 Feb 1944, indicating dental repair accomplished on those dates. In view of the excellent association of this remains with Sgt SCHMILL it is believed that the obtaining of additional dental data from civilian sources would indicate this casualty had fillings in teeth L 14 and L 15 like those of X-719. Again, as in the case of X-716 above, the remains of X-719 are shattered in a manner similar to the casualties recovered from the actual crash site. This remains cannot be favorably associated with any other unrecovered casualty and it is dissimilar to the non-shattered remains of the casualties washed ashore. In addition, this casualty was recovered from Marquise cemetery in a grave adjacent to where German records indicate Sgt SCHMILL was buried. The remains buried as Sgt SCHMILL were identified as those of Sgt SAWAYA. ^{remains} The ~~grave~~ ^{grave} where Sgt SAWAYA was recorded as buried was ~~was~~ actually ^{an empty grave} ~~an empty grave~~. There was no evidence of remains of Sgt SCHMILL amongst the portions currently recovered from the crash site.

Wesley A. Neep
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 US DAC GS-7
 Lab. Ident. Techn.

E. Breitingger
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 Professor, Institute of Anthropology
 University of Frankfurt
 Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Graves Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

28 May 1953

Date

UNKNOWN X-9188

UNK

UNK

Last Name
853rd Bomb Sq

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

491st Bomb Gp

Unit

Organization

Near Boulogne, France

June 1944

Plane crash

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1630 Hrs 28 May 53

Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

190

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

293
Unk - Griesheim Main Mausoleum
X-9188

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on :

Deceased's Right :

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Deceased's Left :

Name

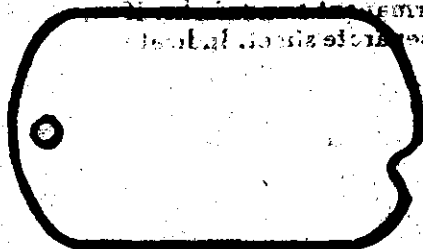
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Grave No.

Signature of Name, Rank and if possible Organization of Officer or other person reporting burial. Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below :

Emergency Addressee

Name

Address

Religion

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

Recovered as SR #735 (D) from
A/C B-24-J #141-40243 crash site
at LANDRATHEN, Pas de Calais, France.

MAY 5 1953
[Signature]

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
I. BISHOP, Major, QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

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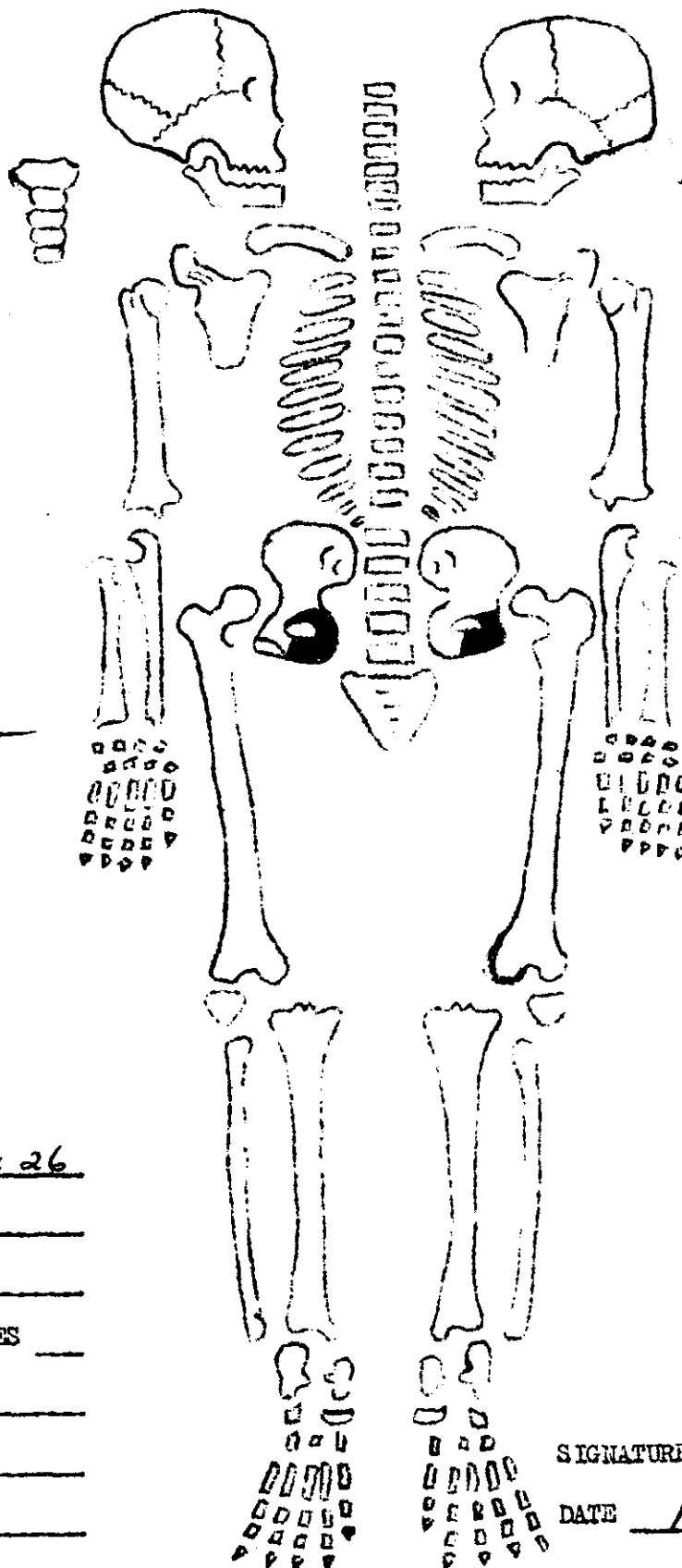
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(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY PRESENT)

X-9187
(Revised)

Now designated
CIL 5090

Per DA 398288
14 March 1956



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RADIUS _____ cm

FEMUR _____ cm

TIBIA _____ cm

FIBULA _____ cm

EST. AGE Aprx 26

EST. HEIGHT _____

COLOR HAIR _____

HEALED FRACTURES _____

FLESH _____

BURNED _____

EST. WEIGHT _____

SIGNATURE MA [Signature]

DATE 19 March 1956

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20 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Registration Branch

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board Findings (Identification of WWII Deceased)

1. Reference is made to case history attached to Board Findings recommending identification of Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188, Griesheim/Main Mausoleum as the Only Recoverable Remains of the following:

HESS, Robert W.	Sgt	12 099 180
MILLER, Lester	F/O	T 001 678
SCHMILL, Bill L.	Sgt	17 055 962
SWANSON, Earle E.	Sgt	16 078 837

The above decedents are the only unaccounted for crew members of A/C B-24 #44-40243 which crashed in a water filled quarry 2 km west of Landrethun, near Marquise, Pas de Calais, France, 5 June 1944. Three (3) of the crew have been individually identified, and two (2) returned to military control.

2. German records show that the remains of Sgt Hess, two (2) Unknowns, and Sgt Schmill were recovered and interred in the Marquise Cemetery in Graves 67, 68, 69 and 70 respectively. Disinterment of Graves 67, 68 and 69 resulted in the recovery of only one (1) remains which was identified as Sgt Hess but subsequently redesignated Unknown X-719, USMC, St. Andre, when the identification could not be substantiated. Remains disinterred from Grave 70 was originally identified as Sgt Schmill but subsequently reidentified as Sgt Richard J. Sawaya, 39 295 751, a member of another crew. Of the three (3) identified crew members, F/O Edward J. LaHaye, T-122552, was the only one recovered from the cemetery at Marquise. According to German records, his remains were washed ashore.

3. Search of the quarry in 1953 resulted in the recovery of additional remains designated Unknowns X-9185, X-9186, X-9187 and X-9188, Griesheim/Main Mausoleum. Unknown X-9185 has been identified as T/Sgt Howard A. Taibl, 12063192, and Board Findings identifying Unknown X-9186 as 1/Lt Alfred D. Moussette, 0526032, are being submitted herewith for approval. Portions (legs) of the remains designated Unknown X-9187 were determined to belong to the remains identified as F/O LaHaye. Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188 now consist of a few fragmentary bones and/or pieces of bone without identifying characteristics. The sole basis for recommending their identification as the Only Recoverable Remains of the four (4) unidentified crew members is their recovery from the crash site.

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4. Remains of the unidentified decedents were determined to be nonrecoverable in 1950, and the next of kin were so informed. In the cases of Sgt Hess and Sgt Schmill, notification was made personally to the next of kin by a representative of this Office inasmuch as in each case the next of kin had been advised of the original identification and interment in USMC, St. Andre.

CONCLUSIONS:

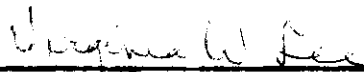
1. In view of German records reporting the recovery of four (4) remains at the time of the crash (listing Sgts Hess and Schmill by name), there appears to be little doubt that the four (4) decedents were in fact interred in the cemetery at Marquise, although the grave locations given have proven to be erroneous. Further investigation at the cemetery is not possible as the site is now under the jurisdiction of the British who have completely replotted it. These remains are therefore nonrecoverable.

2. Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188 are apparently additional portions of the remains recovered by the Germans. This belief is supported by the fact that portions of Unknown X-9187 were determined to belong to the remains identified as F/O LaHaye.

3. Because of the fragmentary nature and paucity of the remains, the lapse of time, and the fact that the next of kin has been advised of nonrecoverability, it is considered that the interests of the next of kin will best be served by a determination that the status of the four (4) unidentified crew members should remain NONRECOVERABLE.


RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is therefore recommended that (1) Board Findings identifying Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188, Griesheim/Main Mausoleum, as the Only Recoverable Remains of the subject four (4) decedents be cancelled, and (2) that the Field be notified the Unknowns are to be designated CIL remains.


Virginia W. Lee - Investigator

CONCURRENCES:


MARY ALICE CLEMENTS
Supervisor, Unit #1


HAZEL C. MANN
Resolution Section

APPROVED:

7 Incls

1. Bd Fdgs Unks X-9187 & X-9188
- 2-7. 293 files X-9187 X-9188,
Hess, Miller, Schmill and
Swanson


CARL R. ALLBEE

HEADQUARTERS
 USAFEUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
 APO 757, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Hess, Robert W.	Sgt	12099180
Miller, Lester	F/O	T-001678
Schmill, Bill L.	Sgt	17055962
<u>Swanson, Earle E.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>16078837</u>
(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)

previously buried as Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum and are only recoverable remains of decedents mentioned ~~previously buried as Unknowns X-9187 and X-9188 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum~~
 Identification is approved in accordance with letter, WD AGAO-S 293.9, SUBJECT: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947, and par 118b, SR-830-110-5, DA, dated 3 March 1949, by the following members of the Board of Review, appointed by par 9, SO 33, Headquarters, USAFEUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770 Army Unit, dated 19 May 1955.

S. Gibbs
 Major S. GIBBS, O-1584255 QMC
 (President)

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 O-2037259 QMC

Donald J. Eggum
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 O-975062 QMC

William R. Boy
 1st Lt WILLIAM R. BOY
 O-2003473 QMC

Cancelled
See Memorandum - Chief Reg Br
dated 20 Feb 56
D. Gelfand
Reg Br.

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SGD GIBBS PD GR-2 PD FOR QMC PD FOR MEM DIV PD THIS MSG IN THREE PARTS PD PART ONE

PD BRITISH AUTH WILL NOT PERMIT EXAMINATION 4 REMAINS IN COMMON GRAVE BUT WILL

ACCEPT NAME 1 ST LT DONALD WEST FOR INCLUSION ON COLLECTIVE GRAVE MARKER OF CREW

IN BRITISH MIL CEMETERY PD RESULTS WILL BE FWD 30 JULY 55 PD PART TWO PD X-9187

ELIMINATED BY CONSOLIDATION KMCLN X-9186 IDENT AS LT MOUSSETTE CMM AND FINDING FOR

X-716 CMM X-719 AND X-9188 TO BE FWD 30 JULY 55 PD PART THREE PD RESULTS OF INVEST

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IDENTIFICATION SHEET FOR - ~~REMOVED~~ - ONLY RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>RELIGION</u>
MILLEN, Edward J.	F/O	T-1678	Hebrew
SWANSON, Earla A.	Sgt	16078837	Protestant
HESS, Robert W.	Sgt	12099180	Catholic
SCHMILL, Bill L.	Sgt	17055962	Protestant

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
853rd Bomb Squadron, 191st Bomb Group	8th Air Force

<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>
2 km west of Landrethun near Marquise, Pas de Calais, France	5 June 1944	Plane Crash

TIME AND DATE OF BURIAL
X-9187 & 9188 (Griesheim/Main Mausoleum) 1630 hours, 28 May 1953

<u>X NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>	<u>X NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>
9187	Griesheim/Main Maus			189					
9188	Griesheim/Main Maus			160					

A/C B-24 # 44-40243 crashed in a water filled quarry at Landrethun, Pas de Calais, France while on a mission over the Boulogne area on 5 June 1944.

The MACR manifested nine (9) crew members. Two (2) of the crew survived (S/Sgt Smuntan and Sgt Keller) and seven (7) others went down with the plane when it was hit by enemy fire.

German Dulag AV 1001/44 lists crash of Liberator (B-24), 5 June 1944, 2 kms west of Landrethun with the recovery of the following buried in Communal Cemetery at Marquise:

- Hesse - grave 67
- Two (2) Unknown graves - graves 68 - 69
- Schmill - grave 70

A further Dulag reference AV 1003/44 records the recovery of a remains on 15 June 1944 from a lake associating the decedent with the above aircraft and subsequent burial in grave 85 Community Cemetery of Marquise.

Of the seven (7) casualty crew members, three (3) have been identified individually. They are:

- F/O Edward J. LAHAYE (prev X-717 USMC St. Andre)
- T/Sgt Howard A. TAIBL (prev X-9185 Griesheim/Main Maus)
- 1st Lt Alfred D. MOUSSETTE (prev X-9186 Griesheim/Main Maus)

Continuation of Identification Sheet

According to recovery reports remains of F/O Lahaye were removed from grave 85 Marquise Cemetery in August 1945 and the remains identified as Sgt Taibl were recovered from the wreckage of the A/C in March 1953.

Unknown X-716 was recovered from graves 72-73-74-75, and X-719 from graves 67-68-69 Marquise Cemetery. Although German records list one crew member of subject A/C as being interred in grave 67, another member of the crew buried in grave 70, also two (2) unknowns in grave 68 and 69, upon disinterment (August 1945) only one casket was found in graves 67, 68 and 69. These remains were designated X-719, identified as Sgt Hess but subsequently redesignated X-719. The remains designated X-738 recovered from grave 70 were identified as Sgt Schmill. However reprocessing revealed that dental characteristics were negative for Sgt Schmill but in agreement with a S/Sgt Sawaya. S/Sgt Sawaya, a crew member of A/C B-24 # 43-37591, which also crashed in the area of Marquise, France, was reportedly interred in grave 71 (The nine (9) casualty crew members of this plane have been accounted for by identification). The remains listed in grave 71 as S/Sgt Sawaya were found to be a British decedent.

Similarly in graves 72, 73, 74 and 75 only one burial box containing the remains of one decedent was found. These graves reportedly contained four (4) unknowns from a plane which crashed on 5 June 1944, 3kms northeast of Hardelet. The above location is the area where A/C B-24 # 43-37591 crashed. All members of this plane crew have now been accounted for.

Reinvestigation at Marquise Cemetery has failed to recover additional remains or account for the vacant graves,

The partial remains designated Unknowns X-9185, X-9186, X-9187 and X-9188 were recovered from the crash site. The above Unknowns were recovered as a mass and segregated into four (4) remains at the Identification Laboratory.

Simultaneous processing of the above Unknowns with Unknowns X-716 and X-719 to determine possible consolidation of skeletal portions was accomplished with negative results.

Processing resulted in the identification of X-9185 as T/5 Taibl and X-9186 as Lt Moussette.

In the case of X-9187, partial remains so designated were processed simultaneously with the identified remains of F/O Edward J Lahaye (previously X-717 USMC St Andre) at graveside POC USMC St. Laurent.

All leg portions of X-9187 were determined to be those of F/O Edward J Lahaye.

The two portions of the right and left pelvis previously considered as possible additional portions of F/O LAHAYE have now been determined to

Continuation of Identification Sheet

be portions of a casualty other than F/O LAHAYE as evidenced by presence of like portions with the remains identified as LAHAYE.

The two portions of pelvis retain the designation Unknown X-9187.

The shattered condition and paucity of remains precludes individual identification. Previous attempt to place and incorporate Unknowns X-716 and X-719 USMC St Andre with Unknown X-9187 and X-9188 as a Group Burial to include all unresolved casualties of A/C # 44-40243 could not be substantiated. The main factor for the exclusion of these two Unknowns is the fact that although they were recovered from the Marquise Cemetery, which according to German records suggests remains were recovered from this crash, other unresolved casualties of aircrafts crashing in the area on or before 5 June 1944 have not yet been resolved. Comparison of physical characteristics failed to provide any definite association. Unknowns X-716 and X-719 should therefore revert to approved unidentifiable status.

REPORT OF BURIAL

Graves Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

28 October 1955
Date

Unknown X-9187

Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.

853rd Bomb Squadron Unit 491st Bomb Group Organization

Near Boulogne, France Place of Death 5 June 1944 Date of Death Plane crash Cause of Death

1630 hrs 28 May 1953 Time and Date of Burial Griesheim/Main Mausoleum Name of Cemetery Frankfurt/Main, Germany Name or Coordinates of Location

189 Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

What means of identification were buried with the body?

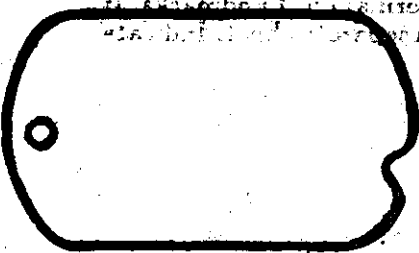
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on :

Deceased's Right : Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Deceased's Left : Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below :

Emergency Addressee Name

Address

Religion See attached sheet

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

Recovered as SR # 735 (C) from crash site of A/C B-24 # 44-40243 at LAND-RATHEN, Pas de Calais, France. X-9187 and X-9188 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum are the only recoverable remains of four decedents.

Joe R. Caldwell
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

JOE R. CALDWELL, Capt OMC
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

8 Jul 55

Unclassified

QNS DEPTAR WASH DC
CINCUSAMRUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY

Routine

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Pass to CO 7770 USAREUR ON West Sea Det from QNSM

Req advise present status of fol cases: Donald West 0686088, Unknown L-716,
L-719 St Amrog X-9186, X-9187, I-9188 and SR 710, Griechen/Thin Muncolon

893 - White X-9187, Griechisch/Thin Muncolon

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Clements

Unclassified

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8 Jul 55*

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Clarence C. Salsar
QNSM 293
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WALTER P. SCODINE, Colonel, QNS
Memorial Division

FROM CO 7770 AU USAN FKFT GER
DTG 170945Z Aug
ACTION QMG
IN NO 632852

FM HQ USAREUR CM MORT SVC DET 7770TH AU USA HOSP FRANKFURT GER
TO DEPTAR WASH DC DA GMS

FOR CM PD REF YOUR MSG DA 538889 PD THIS MSG IN NINE PARTS PD PART ONE GCM
ACTION INITIATED TO IDENTIFY X-9186 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS AS ONE SLASH LIEUT
ALFRED D MOUSSETTE PD X-9187 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS TO BE PROCESSED FOR POSSIBLE
ELIMINATION OF PART OR ALL PORTIONS WITH IDENTIFIED REMAINS OF FOX SLASH
ORGE EDWARD J LANAYE GCM PREVIOUSLY X-717 ST ANDRE GCM NOW POC ST LAURENT
PD THIS ACTION DEEMED ADVISABLE TO CLARIFY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AVAILABLE
SKELETAL CHARTS FOR X-717 PD TENTATIVE FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING
X-716 GCM X-719 ST ANDRE GCM AND X-9188 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS WILL BE FWD
ALONG WITH BOARD FINDINGS OF IDENT FOR MOUSSETTE PD PART TWO GCM

CFN 538889 X-9186 X-9187 X-717 X-717 X-716 X-719 X-9188

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SUGAR ROGER 719 ASSOCIATED WITH X-6853 ST AVOLD RECOVERED FR RAKAUDORF GCM
AUSTRIA PD E REVIEW OF RECORDS OF AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN AUSTRIA SUGGESTS
REMAINS ARE THOSE OF SGT WILLARD S KENDALL GCM HOWEVER NOT CONSIDERED
COMPREHENSIVE PD CURRENT FIELD INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY CRASH SITE PD RESULTS MAY BE EXPECTED SOON SEPT PD PART THREE GCM
X-9148 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS TO BE RETURNED TO ORIGINAL BURIAL SITE AS
NON-AMERICAN REMAINS PD ACTION FINDING RE-ENTRY INTO DEFERRED SEARCH AREAS
PD PART FOUR GCM GCM X-9210 GRIESHEIM MAIN MAUS CURRENTLY SUBJ OF OFFICE
RESEARCH TO EFFECT ASSOCIATION WITH UNRESOLVED CASUALTY PD RESULTS MAY BE
EXPECTED ONE SEPT PD PART FIVE GCM X-7000 GCM X-70060 GRIESHEIM MAIN
PARENT MED UNPARENT MAUS SUBJ OF CURRENT OFFICE RESEARCH PD FINDINGS TO
BE FWD NO LATER THAN ONE SEPT PD PART SIX GCM X-70061 GRIESHEIM MAIN
PARENT MED UNPARENT MAUS PD OFFICE RESEARCH FAILED TO PROVIDE FAVORABLE
ASSOCIATION PD RESULTS WILL BE FWD TWO ZERO AUG PD PART SEVEN GCM BOARD
FINDINGS OF IDENT FOR TANK SLASH FIVE THURSTON B HOLLAR ASN 14800625 GCM
FWD YOUR OFFICE TRUSS LETTER NR 6528 DTD FIVE AUG FIVE FOUR PD PART EIGHT
GCM JOHN R. SIKKETTI CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION PD RESULTS MAY BE
EXPECTED TEN SEPT PD PART NINE GCM DONALD WEST ASN 0-886088 GCM PENDING
ACTION WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES PD REPRESENTATIVE THIS HQ SCHEDULED TO
CONTACT BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE ONE EIGHT AUG TO DETERMINE CURRENT STATUS
YOUR OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED LATEST RESULTS TWO THREE AUG PD SGT MEYRICK

KPMX-6853 X-9148 X-9210 X-70060 X-70061 14 000 6/5 6528 0-886088
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Regin
15 Feb 56

293 - Note X-9187, Griesheim / Main Maus

9 Aug 54

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QONE DEPTAR WASH DC
STINCUSANROR REINKLENS GERMANY

Routine

X

X

Pass to CO 7770 USARMC ON Svc Rec From QONE

Rept curr status inves and appr date results may be expected for fol cases:

X-716, 719 St. Andre; Sugar Lager 710, X-9118, 9186, 9187, 9188, 9210 Orischeln/Main
X-70060, 70061 Orischeln/Main (Mediterranean); Thurston Keller 14000615; John R.
Stannett 18021700; Donald West 0804000

Clements/meh

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Re: [unclear] [unclear]
15/3/54*

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OLIVER F. BARKER, LT COL, ONS
Memorial Division

293-1mk X-9187, Orischeln/Main, Mack
JCH

EUC 134

FUE79 TO

PAB32

MM UEFDA

DE UPPAE 26A

M 18125Z

FM CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG

TO DEPTAR WASHDC

DA GRMC

SC13084 FOR QMG FROM USAREUR YOUR DA 442 740 MTR AND MG NR WERE CHECKED
AGAINST MISSING ACFT REPT BY FLD INVES PD ONLY NR AVAL TYPE MIKE 9
NORDEN BOMB SIGHT NR 7947 ORDER NR 44 DASH 1283

CFN SCBQEPTR 442 740 9 7947 44 1283

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Blawinski
Ld. Sr.

293 Unknown X-9187 Heidelberg / Main Translun