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SUBJECT: Consolistion of Board Findings (Identification of WMII Deceased)

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

MMS, Robert V.	Sgt	12 099 180
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The above decedents are the only unaccounted for crew members of A/G B-Rh flip-hORh3 which erashed in a water filled quarry 2 km west of Landrethum, near Marquise, Fac de Calais, France, 5 June 19hk. 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 Hoss, two (2) Unknowns, and Sgt Schmill were recovered and interved in the Marquise Cometery 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 Roos but subsequently redipignated Unknown I-719, USNO, St. Andre, when the identification could not be substantiated. Hammins disinterved from Grave 70 was originally identified as Sgt Schmill but subsequently reidentified as Sgt Richard J. Sammya, 39 295 751, a number of another every. Of the three (3) identified ever members, 7/0 Edward J. LaHaye, T-122552, was the only one recovered from the sensiony at Marquise. According to German records, his remains were marked eahere.
- 3. Search of the quarry in 1953 resulted in the recovery of additional remains designated Unknowne X-9185, X-9186, X-9187 and X-9188, Grieshein/Main Messaleum. Unknowne X-9185 has been identified as T/Sgt Mound A. Taibl, 12053192, and Messal 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 LaNeye. Unknowne 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 (h) unidentified ever members is their recovery from the crack-site.

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

CONCLES TORS:

- 1. In view of German records reporting the recovery of four (4) remains at the time of the erach (listing Sate Mess and Schmill by name). there appears to be little doubt that the four (4) decedents were in fact interred in the constary at Marquise, although the grave locations given have proven to be erroncers. Further investigation at the constary is not possible as the site is now under the jurisdiction of the British who have completely repletted it. These remains are therefore nonrecoverable.
- 2. Unknowns I-9157 and I-9155 are apparently additional portions of the remains recovered by the Germans. This belief is supported by the fact that pertions of Unknown X-9187 were determined to belong to the remains identified as 7/0 LaMaye.
- 3. Receive of the fragmentary nature and paucity of the remains, the lapse of time, and the fact that the next of kin has been sivised 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 (h) unidentified ever members should remain NONRECOVERABLE.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is therefore recommended that (1) Beard Findings identifying Unknowns I-9187 and I-9188, Grissheim/Mein Meusoleum, as the Only Recoverable Remains of the subject four (k) decedents be expealled, and (2) that the Field be notified the Unknowns are to be designated CIL remains.

Virginia W. Lee - Investigator

CONCURRENCES:

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A/C B-24 # 44-40243 crashed in a water filled quarry at Landrethum, 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 (8-24), 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 Briesheim/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 K-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 charcteristics 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 Hardelot. 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 sit. The above Unknowns were recovered as a mass and segregated into four (4) remains at the Identifical Laboratory.

Simultaneous processing of the above Unknowns with Unknowns X-71 and X-719 to determine possible consolidation of skeletal portions w 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 V Le X-717 USMC St Abdre) at graveside PCC USMC St. Laurent.

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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.

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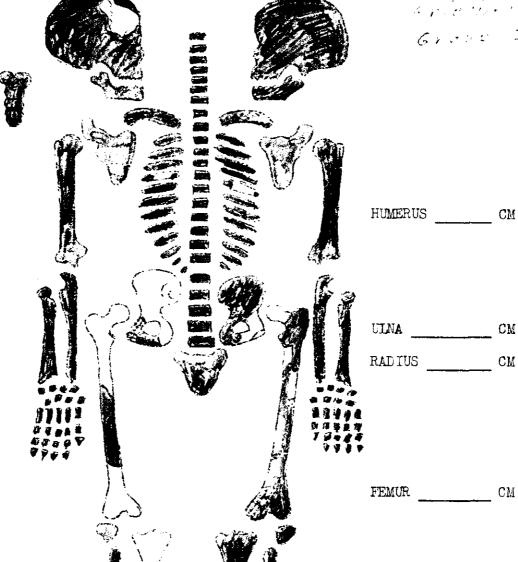
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This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically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

NOTE: One Tooth only (17) Size - Average

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30 April 1953

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L. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS THE PRACTICES

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II. PAGES AND SINCERSTANCES

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SWAMSON, MARIE A.	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Set	16070037

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III. FIRDING.

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The aircraft was identified by finding 2 median gaus (Rok # 6) and 3 meters whose numbers were edgehol with the MCR. Also found were ID tags for TAIRL, MONARD A., AND INCOMES, 3 pairs of shoos, a portion of a Bordon Denbuite; and portions of four (4) remains with Flying elething.

(Marrative of Investigation, ID # 1002, 464 30 April 1953, cont'd)

Enclosed are pictures of the equal site (stages # 1 thru # 8) showing the various stages of levering 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 sorap was found.

V. RECOMMEDATIONS

That the crash site be equildered elized. All remains were removed from site.

I. RIBERSHITH

Cortificate

Department Pas de Calais

Community of Loubringhon

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Canton Enrouise We, Mayor of Generalty of Leubringhen certify that; the American Army having executed their work at the Blacourt lake has extend 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 certificate to serve and value of what is right,

Delivered at Lembringhen, 16 April 1953

(Stamp)

Community of Leubringhen

Pas-de-Calais

The Farmers J. DERAM

Stamp: Jeseph Derem Farmer Telephone # 1 Leubringhen

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION: 21 April 1953 MARIAN DECEMBRI Sgt RA-42066317 Departement Pas de Calais

Muirie de Lembringhem

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CBRTIFICAT

Canton Marquiso

Nous, Maire de la Commune de Loubringhan certifiens quo!

L'Armee Americaine ayant execute des travaux a l'Etang de Blacourt n'a cause aucun domage dans la commune et aux abardeismediatede l'etange

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Les de Blacourt

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Delivre a Lembringhou, le 16 avril 1953.

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Le exitivateur

Mairie de Leubringhen (Pag-de-Calais)

Joseph DERAM Agriculteur

Telephone No. 1 Leubringhen

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MARIAN DAGSYSKI Set RA 42066317

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28 May 1953

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE

: 1002

PROCESSING DIRECTIVE

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SEARCH AND RECOVERY CASES 4 735 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.

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 1-9188 -- Grave 190 -

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

		AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	SHOK
X- 9185	(REMAINS)	Aprx 30	64 - 0 3/8m	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 TATBL. 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.

(REMAINS) 22-24 51 **-** 811 140-160 8 1/2 C **%-9**186 None 1/Lt MOUSSETTE (FM. 371) 51 -10# 160 8 1/2 C Brown

> 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 1-9185, X-9186, X-9187, X-9188, cont'd

I-9187 (REMAINS) Aprix 26 U.T.D. Medium None 9 1/2 C F/O LAHAYE (FM. 371) 25 50 9 160 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 IAHAYE. The skeletal chart for the remains recovered and identified as F/O IAHAYE reveals the same portions missing as are represented in case X-9187.

X-9188 (REMAINS) 23 - 25 U.T.D. Medium None None Sgt HFSS (FM. 371) 24 - 51 - 87 167 Blond 10 1/2 C Sgt SWANSON(FM. 371) 23 51 - 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 I-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 I 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 Set SCHMILL were identified as those of Set SAWAYA. The grave where Sgt SAWAYA was recorded as buried was were actually an emoty grave. There was no evidence of remains of Sgt SCHMILL amongst the portions currently recovered from the crash site.

WESLEY A. NEEP
US DAC GS 7
Lab. Ident. Techn.

E. BREITINGER

Professor, Institute of Anthropology University of Frankfurt Frankfurt/Lain, Germany

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Graves Registration 28 May 1953 Form No. 1 . (Revised 1 Sept. 1943) Date My Just sof Bote Liands. If anable to obt in 881 P-X NWONNU UNK of Cinetal State Total Serial No. 491st Bomb Gp 853rd Bomb So Organization Near Boulogne, France Plane crash Cause of Death 1630 Hrs 28 May 53 Grieshein Mais leum Frankfurt/Main. Time and Date of Burial 190 if itel in aga sir lagibe Row Blamber, colod o cold (woled res Plot Withber to All Graye Number Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No K Attached to Marker Yes | No | Usek- Breeshein Main Main If No Identification Tags How were remains identified? What means of elentification were buried with the today and to the today of the tod To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left. Who is buried on : Deceased's Right : Serial No. Rank Deceased's Left : Name Grave No. Organization Signature or Mamer Bank and if gofeible Ofenbies bales furebhere about Ilata when other than officer reporting burief. FINE COLOR DESIGNATION AND A STREET OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO Emergency Addressee 1.1 List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same: Recovered as SR #735 (D) from A/C B-24-J #44-40243 crash site at IANDRATHEN, Bas de Calais, France. Etsays III, Major, QMC

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

l. 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
MILIER, 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 - Inve

CONCURRENCES:

Supervisor, Unit #1

Resolution Section

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Hess, Miller, Schmill and Swanson

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Major S. GIBBS, 0-1584255 QMC (President)

Captain DONAMO J ZGGUM Q-975062 QMC Captain JOE R. CALD'ELL 0-2037259 QuiC

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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 are 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 foll wing 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

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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 reported/ly 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, Nt 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 Hardelot. 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 was failed to recover additional remains or account for the vacant graves,

The partial remains designated Unknowns A 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 Lahaya (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 IAHAYE have now been determined to

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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 imcorporate 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.

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