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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICE

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MILITARY RECORDS SECTION  
219 NORTH LEE STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

REQUEST FOR SERVICE

TYPE OF SERVICE REQUESTED (Check one)  
 INFORMATION     DOCUMENT     RESEARCH

AGENCY  
WAGO

ADDRESS  
T "B"

INDIVIDUAL  
MRS. MCLAUGHLIN

ROOM NUMBER  
1421

EXTENSION  
54033

RECORD GROUP NUMBER  
92

DATE  
9/8/58

SEARCHER'S INITIALS  
VSY

NO RECORD

MISSING FROM

TO

104  
Box 2  
243

CHARGED TO  
H. Ritterig

BUILDING AND ROOM NUMBER  
17 3514

DESCRIPTION

link x 9282 Frankfurt, Germany

REQUEST RECEIVED BY

DATE

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MO 377  
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FM HQ USAREUR 2M MORTUARY SVC DET 7770TH AU USA HOSP FRANKFURT GER

TO DA WASHDC

DA GRNC

BT

SGD GIBBBS PD MO-377 PD FOR QMG PD RE DISINTERMENT OF UNKNOWN X-60877

MIRANDOLA FROM NORTH AFRICA CMETERY PD DISINTERMENT PLANNED FOR

13 JUNE 56 WITH REINTERMENT OF UNKNOWN X-9282 IN VACANT GRAVE

BT

CFN MO-377 X-60877 13 56 X-9282

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# INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE

| 1<br>NO. | 2<br>FROM—       | 3<br>TO—                                   | 4<br>DATE    | 5<br>MESSAGE   |
|----------|------------------|--|--------------|--|
| 1        | Chief<br>Gen Div | President<br>Board of<br>review<br>Gen Div | 17 Apr<br>46 | <p>Under provisions of Division Order 13, Memorial Division, dated 16 February, 1946, the enclosed case Unknown A-9282 is forwarded for board of review action.</p> <p>Incl<br/>Ad Proceedings<br/>Unknown-9282</p> <p><i>Shaw</i>      <i>Mann</i><br/>SAS      SGT<br/>1946      1946</p> <p><i>See attached</i><br/><i>17 April</i></p> |

1 Chief President 17 Apr Under provisions of Division Order #3, Memorial  
Mem Div Board of 56 Division, dated 10 February 1956, the inclosed case  
Review  
Mem Div Unknown X-9282 is forwarded for Board of review action.

1 Encl  
Ad Proceedings  
Case X-9282

TR 738  
56553

TR  
73880

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
MEMORIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

A Board of Officers appointed by paragraph 1, Division Order No. 3, convened at 1000 hours, 1 MAR 1956 and after consideration of the following factors, approved the Determination of Unidentifiability in the case of the remains designated Unknown X-9282 presently stored in the Frankfurt Mausoleum.

Letter dated 17 February 1956 from Headquarters, USARJOUR 2d Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770th Army Unit, Subject: Report of Burial - Transmittal Letter #6593 (copy attached) forwarded case papers pertaining to recovery of Unknown X-9282.

In an investigation on 20 December 1955, the remains of Unknown X-9282 were received from the Parchau cemetery mausoleum in a small wooden box containing what was believed by local residents to be the remains of two (2) American airmen. Processing of these remains revealed that they were the extremely fragmentary remains of only one (1) individual. Reports from Parchau indicate that these remains were removed from a U.S. bomber which crashed in the Elbe river in 1944 and that late in 1944 this aircraft was removed from the river without obtaining the number of the aircraft.

Paragraph 3, Identification Laboratory Report, dated 25 January 1956, attempts to associate these remains with T/Sgt Louis Le Baron, 32 197 272. A comparison of the identification data of Unknown X-9282 and T/Sgt LeBaron reveals a mesio-occlusal amalgam filling on tooth R-13 for T/Sgt LeBaron which negates the association since it does not appear on Unknown X-9282. The identification data for Unknown X-9282 on Sheet M-53 and surrounding map sheets were compared with that of T/Sgt LeBaron negative results.

In view of the above, it is recommended that Unknown X-9282, Frankfurt Mausoleum be declared unidentifiable.

*James W. Gerard*  
JAMES W. GERARD  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Member

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ROBERT J. THOMAS  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Member

*Donald C. Wall*  
DONALD C. WALL  
Lt. Col.  
President

*Roy A. Wall*  
APPROVED: ROY A. WALL  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Member

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| L-2              |  |
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| L-15             | )  |
| L-16             | )  |
| ESTIMATED HEIGHT | 5' 5"  |
| ESTIMATED WEIGHT | 138  |
| ESTIMATED AGE    | 22 yrs   |
| HAIR             | Brown  |
| REMARKS          | Remains in Parchau cemetery 1955. Remains member, and Remnants of heated flying suit shirt, wool drawer earphones. |

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From [unclear]

Louis [unclear], 32197272, and Michael [unclear], 32159151,  
approved noncoverable. unknown 1-9202 approved  
uncoverable. Please search from referred search letter  
4-53 Bureau.

Fields/gtd

9  
May

Mann  
73880

1956

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Oran [unclear], [unclear] section

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Memorial Division

Womack  
77155

Thomas  
56553

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# IDENTIFICATION DATA

|  |  |                     |  |                   |        |          |   |
|--|--|---------------------|--|-------------------|--------|----------|---|
| 1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN  |  |                     |  | 2. DATE OF REPORT |        |          |   |
| 3. NAME OF CEMETERY  |  |                     |  | 4. PLOT           | 5. ROW | 6. GRAVE | 7. DATE OF<br>DISINTERMENT      REINTERMENT |
| PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION   |  |                     |  |                   |        |          |   |
| 8. ESTIMATED AGE   |  | 9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT |  | 10. COLOR OF HAIR |        | 11. RACE |   |
| 12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS   |  |                     |  |                   |        |          |   |
| 13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES   |  |                     |  |                   |        |          |   |
| 14. WAS BODY BURNED?   |  | TO WHAT EXTENT?     |  |                   |        |          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO   |  |                     |  |                   |        |          |   |
| 15. WAS BODY MANGLED?  |  | TO WHAT EXTENT?     |  |                   |        |          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO   |  |                     |  |                   |        |          |   |
| 16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS   |  |                     |  |                   |        |          |   |
| 17. LIST EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, MARKINGS, SERVICE, ETC.<br>(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.) |  |                     |  |                   |        |          |   |

S K E L E T A L   C H A R T

(BLACK OMT PARTS OF BODY NOT PRESENT)

LSR 1039

X-9282

Frankfort  
Maceleam

June 28 54



HUMERUS 33.7 cm.

ULNA 27.3 cm.

RADIUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm.

FEMUR \_\_\_\_\_ cm.

TIBIA \_\_\_\_\_ cm.

FIBULA 37.3 cm.

EST. AGE Approx 22

EST. HEIGHT 65 5/8"

COLOR HAIR Brown

HEALED FRACTURES \_\_\_\_\_

None

TRESH None

ARMED No

EST. WEIGHT 132-150

None

SIGNATURE MA [Signature]

DATE 23 Jan 56

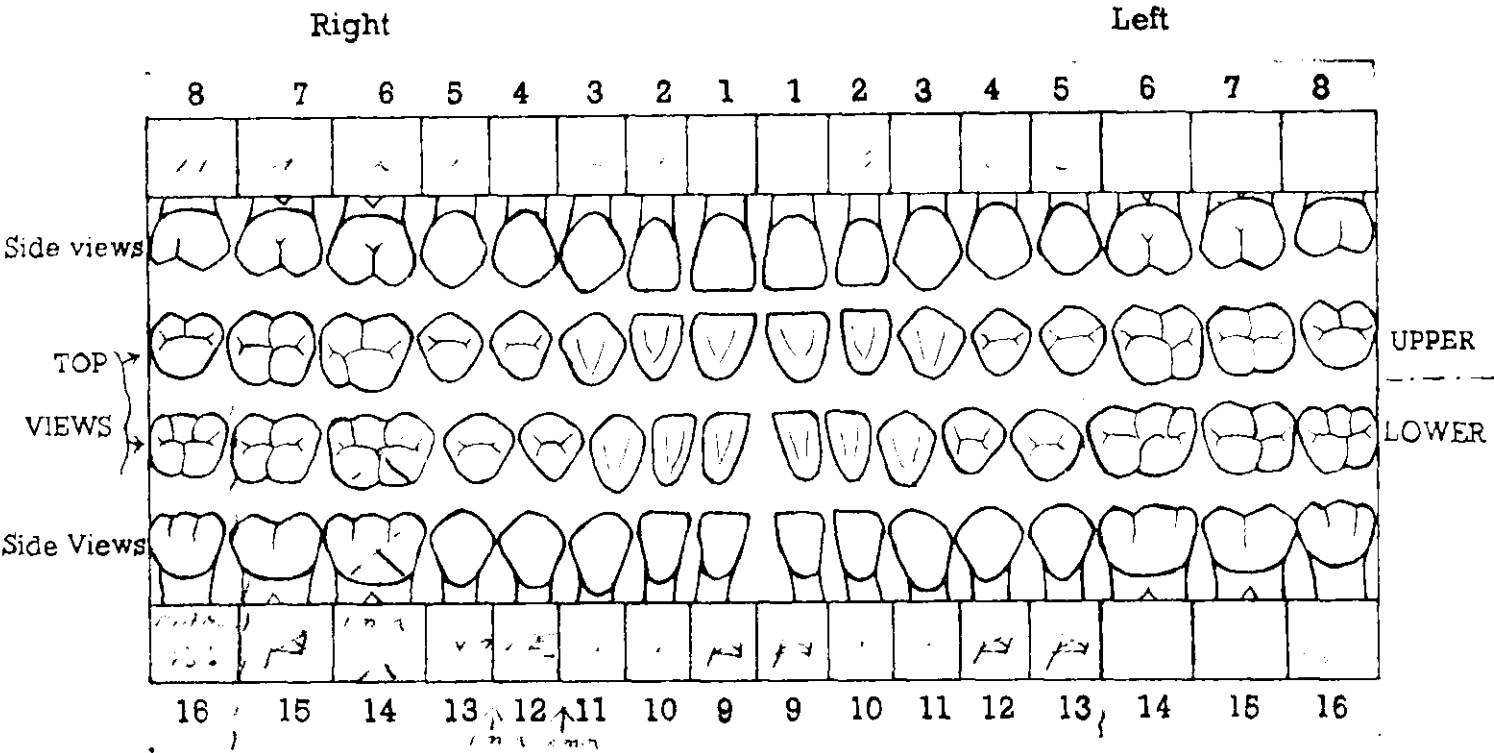


# TOOTH CHART

SR 173  
A-1-2 2

Date \_\_\_\_\_

|                |       |               |              |                |
|----------------|-------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Last Name      | First | Initial       | Grade        | Serial No.     |
| Unit           |       |               | Organization |                |
| Place of Death |       | Date of Death |              | Cause of Death |



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.

*Handwritten notes:*  
 12-4-46  
 11-10-46  
 11-10-46  
 11-10-46

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

Serial 1  
42 757

UNCLASSIFIED  
Serial 1, 7700  
10 10 11

13 January 1956

WESTPHALIA, AL. 22

I. AVIATION AND AIRMAN INFORMATION

In accordance with instructions from this headquarters, an investigation was conducted at Larchan (42-55/27-22), Germany, near Laubach, Germany in an effort to recover the remains of 1st Lt. [redacted], 38 147 272, the only unrescued casualty of A/C 42-55/27 from. to have crashed near Larchan at 1:30 hours on 1 March 1944.

II. ADDITIONAL SOURCE INFORMATION

Available information indicates that damaged aircraft had a crew of ten (10), nine of whom were non-casualties. 1st Lt. [redacted], the only casualty, is still in an unrescued status.

III. FLIGHT DATA

On 22 December 1944, the undersigned investigator visited the office of Mr. [redacted] (AKA [redacted]), superintendent of Larchan. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had no idea of the A/C crash site and had not been in office for more than (2) years. He did, however, send for a [redacted] claim to have witnessed the A/C crash. He also stated that the [redacted] parachute open and float seaward. [redacted] stated that he saw all the surviving airmen captured and carried away.

Other residents of Larchan reported that late in 1944 the aircraft was recovered from the crash site, but crash site, as no space to salvage.

After consultation with [redacted] a search of the records for any information that could throw some light on the whereabouts of the remains. An official document was found to contain, among with others, the name of a [redacted] cemetery caretaker. Mr. [redacted] was contacted and the search team taken to the Larchan cemetery. There he was shown a small wooden box containing what was believed by local residents to be the remains of two (2) American airmen.

On the spot examination was made and it was found that the box contained only the partial remains of one (1) body rather than two. There were many fragments of Air Force uniform and flight gear which, along with the remains was recovered by the G and H team.

A revisit was made to the office of the [redacted] officer. I requested and received a copy of the town records pertaining to this case. (Attached hereto as enclosure Mr 1.)

Invent. 0190 (21 Jan 55)

is received for the remains recovered (attached hereto as  
Inclosure No 2) and the trial departed the Laramie area for Laramie.

1. CONCLUSION

It is the belief of the undersigned that the remains recovered  
and evacuated to the Central Identification Laboratory, Army, Dept., Hawaii  
are those of 1st Lt. [Name].

2. RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the remains recovered from [Location], Laramie,  
and assigned to [Agency] be processed for identification with [Name], [Rank], [Service].  
If no association can be made, it is recommended that the  
deceased named herein be considered non-identifiable.

*Richard Skypior*  
ALFRED E. [Name]  
[Rank]  
[Title]

*[Signature]*  
[Name]  
[Rank]  
Investigator

G r a b u n g s b e r i c h t .  
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Am heutigen Tage wurden auf dem hiesigen kirchlichen Friedhof zwei Amerikaner geborgen. Die oben genannten wurden im März 1944 von deutschen Jägern abgeschossen und stürzten in die Elbe. Zirka ein viertel Jahr später wurde das Flugzeug mit Besatzung von der deutschen Wasserpolizei gehoben und die beiden Leichen in einem Sarg gebettet und auf der rechten Seite des Friedhofs der Erde übergeben worden.

Bei der Beisetzung damals war Herr Otto Hartmann zugegen. Herr Hartmann sagt zu diesem Fall aus:

„ Der Zustand der beiden Leichen war sehr mangelhaft. Durch den Absturz und Anschlag waren alle Knochen zerschmettert. Was in diesen drei Monaten noch zusätzlich das Wasser getan hat, hat der Greifer bei der Bergung noch vollendet.“ Herr Hartmann hat nur noch Stücke in den Sarg legen können.

Die heutige Grabung, bei der die Herren:

- Bürgermeister Marquardt
- Volkspolizeiwachmeister Wilhelm Klopsch
- Herr Otto Hartmann
- Herr Robert Bölke
- Herr Graf Reyd v. Koppingen
- Herr Fritz Bürckner

dabei waren, hat ergeben, daß in dem mit Stroh ausgelegten Sarg unzählige Knochen zumeist nicht größer vermischt mit Stoffresten und Kabel von der Beheizung der Uniform ect. ect. lagen.

Alles war mit Landkarten, die damals bei den Toten gefunden wurden, überdeckt. Kieferstücke oder Zähne sind bisher nicht gefunden worden, trotzdem Herr Hartmann aussagt, daß die Köpfe (wenn auch in einem schlechten Zustand) dabei waren. Es sei denn, daß nach der Exhumierung die Überreste getrocknet und gesiebt werden.

Von den beiden letztgenannten Herren wurden dem Sarg  
zwei Anschlußstücke von der Beheizung  
die Landkarten  
ein Teil von Herchgerät mit Nummer  
zwei Reißverschlüsse und eine Schnalle

entnommen, um der Dienststelle diese als Beweisstücke und zur weiteren Erkundung übergeben.

Die übrigen Reste der beiden Flieger wurden in eine Kiste verpackt, vernagelt und beschriftet dem Friedhofswärter Herrn Bölke zur Aufbewahrung in der Leichenhalle bis zur Überführung übergeben.

T R A N S L A T I O N

C O P Y

Disinterment-Report

In the local cemetery two (2) Americans were disinterred today. The above mentioned remains were shot-down by German fighter-planes and crashed in the Elbe-river. About three (3) months later, the plane with the crew-members was recovered by the German Water-Police and the two (2) remains were put in a casket and interred on the right side of the cemetery.

Mr Otto Hartmann was present at time of interment. He gave the following information:

"The condition of the two remains were unsatisfactory. According to the crash and the stroke, all bones were smashed. At the time of recovery, remains were in poor condition due to the fact, that they had been lying in water for three months." Mr Hartmann could only place partial remains in the casket.

The disinterment which took place in the presence of:

Town-Mayor Marquardt  
Sergeant of the People's Police Wilhelm Klipsch  
Mr Otto Hartmann  
Mr Robert Boelke  
Mr Graf Heyd V Koppingen  
Mr Fritz Buerckner

had resulted, that in the casket, which had a layer of straw, unnumerous small bones were found, mingled with partial clothings and cable for heating of uniform. Everything inside the casket was covered by maps, which were found at that time. There were no pieces of jaws or teeth found, although, Mr Hartmann stated, that the heads had been recovered in a bad condition. It might have been possible, that after exhumation, the remnants were dried and sifted.

For evidence and reconnaissance, Mr Graf Heyd v. Koppingen and Mr Fritz Buerckner had taken out of the casket, two (2) connection-pieces of the heating, the maps, a part of the listening-apparatus with number, two (2) zippers and one (1) buckle to deliver items to the unit.

The remaining portions of the two Airmen were packed in a box, nailed-up, inscribed and given to the cemetery-attendant Mr Boelke for deposit in the morgue for final delivery.

Given, Parchau, 4 December 1953.

/s/ Marquardt

Town-Mayor

/s/ Klipsch

W.P. Master

/s/ Otto Hartmann

Former Cemetery-  
Attendant

/s/ Graf Heyd v Koppingen

/s/ Fritz Buerckner

Der Rat der Gemeinde

PARCHAU

(Kreis Burg)

Parchau, den 20. Dezember 55

Telefon Nr. 477

Konto-Nr. 870006

DNB Burg

Übergabeprotokoll

Am heutigen Tage wurden auf dem hiesigen kirchlichen Friedhof vertreten durch den Bürgermeister Markwardt, den V.-Meister Klopsch und Friedhofswärter Robert Bölcke die ~~verantwortlichen~~ <sup>von</sup> Leichen ~~zweier~~ amerikanischen ~~Soldaten~~, die im März 1944 aus der Elbe geborgen worden waren und laut Grabungsbericht vom 4. Dezember 1953 exhumiert wurden, an die Grabfürsorge der amerikanischen Armee übergeben.

übergeben:

übernommen:

FLIEGERN



I have what is believed to be the only recoverable remains of 1st Sgt Lewis Robert ...  
Capt ...

T R A N S L A T I O N

The Council of the  
Community  
PARCHAU  
(District Burg)

Parchau, 20 December 55

DELIVERY-REPORT

represented by the Town-Soyer Markwarth, the VP-Master Klopsch and the Cemetery-Attendant Robert Boelcke, in the local cemetery of Parchau two (2) American deceased Airmen were disinterred today.

Same were recovered in March 1944 out of the Elbe-river and later exhumation took place according to Disinterment-Report of the 4th. of December 1953.

Remains were returned to the Graves Registration of the American Army.

Delivered:

/s/ Markwarth

Taken over:

NOTE: I have what is believed to be the only recoverable remains of T/Sgt Louis LEBARON only.

/s/ JOE R CALDWELL  
Capt QMC







# REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

25 Jan 56  
Date

N-3252  
Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.

1st Lt. U.S. Army  
Use Organization

1st Lt. U.S. Army  
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death

1 Jan 56  
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location

024  
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?

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

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

Recovered as AR 7 1030 from the  
cargobow of Tachau (N-53/Y-92)  
January. Relics & recovered  
in late 1944 from an American  
bomber which crashed in the Elbe  
river in 1944.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer