

HEADQUARTERS  
USARMC ON MORTUARY SERVICE DEPARTMENT, 770TH ARMY UNIT  
APO 77  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

6 December 1955

**SUBJECT:** Permanent Interment

**TO:** The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.

Forwarded herewith HQ Form 26 along with Ministerial Directive  
(CMC Form 1196) for Unknowns X-7077 and X-7078 permanently interred  
United States Military Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy.

2 Incls:  
1. HQ Form 26  
2. CMC Form 1196

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POC:  
USMC Nettuno, Italy  
Plot J, Row 15 Grave 66  
Verified by: *J. Caldwell*

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

prepared by USAREUR QM  
Port Sec Det, 7770th AB  
APO 757 on 21 Nov 55

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER	DATE 21 Nov 55 DAY MONTH YEAR
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NAME UNKNOWN X-70074	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
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CEMETERY FRANKFURT (MED ZONE) MAUSOLEUM	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE 76	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS CODE	DIST. CTR.
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SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE USMC NETTUNO, ITALY	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <i>Flag returned to Stock</i>  (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION				
NAME UNKNOWN X-70074	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY  NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT	
NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS <b>PORTIONS PRESENT:</b> Complete vertebral column except 1st 3 cervicals; all ribs except right 11th & 12th; major portions of right hand w/ distal 1/5 r/ulna attached; head and shaft portion r/femur; head only l/femur; fragment r/ischium; sacrum major portion l/pelvis less
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES ( <i>Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.</i> ) None	crest of ilium & fragment of pubis; fragment of vertebral border l/scapula.

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET	Skeletal remains and flesh are severely burned No hair. Est age: 25-30 Est Ht: UTD.
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DATE 21 Nov 55 BY W. A. Neep	BY	EMBALMER (Signature) <i>J. Caldwell</i>
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CASKET SEALED BY Sgt Roger L. Dion	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY JOE R. CALDWELL, Captain., QMC
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DATE 21 Nov 55 BY John O. Smith Sgt.	JOE R. CALDWELL, Captain., QMC
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.	
<i>J. Caldwell</i> JOE R. CALDWELL, Captain., QMC SIGNATURE OF PORTS INSPECTOR	

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
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USAMCUT WASH DC HEADQUARTERS SERVICE CENTER, 7770th Army Unit  
REPORT OF PERMANENT BURIALS

C E R T I F I C A T E S

I certify that I have carefully made the comparisons required by Par 5, Operations Instructions No 70, Change 2, No AGPO-41, for each remains listed below and found all data in agreement to the extent prescribed therein.

I certify that I have personally verified that each deceased listed was interred in the grave indicated hereon and the grave location data indicated below are in agreement with entries on the Disinternment Directive (D&C Form 1194).

*John P. ...*  
Signature of Verifying Officer

*Ralph M. ...*  
Signature of Verifying Officer

NAME OF PERMANENT CEMETERY **NETTUNO**

DATE OF BURIAL

SERIAL NUMBER THIS REPORT **UNNUMBERED**

NAME (LAST)	(FIRST)	(MI)	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	PREVIOUSLY INTERRED IN USMC*	REINTERRED IN PLOT ROW GRAVE
<b>X-70073</b>					<b>PT/Mans</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>X-70074</b>					<b>PT/Mans</b>	<b>76</b>

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*Wald-Fresheem Main Mass*  
*X-9236*

Chief	Chief	2 Reg	SW/STW	Determination of Identifiability
Naval Sec	Flights Sec			
Regis Br	Regis Br			
Nav Div	Nav Div			

1. The following determined unidentifiable:

- X-9236 Grimsby/Main Mass
- X-70073 Frankfurt Mass (M)
- X-70074 Frankfurt Mass (M)

2. All action required of Resolution Section has been completed.

3. Forwarded for any other action deemed necessary.

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293 file-a/s

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MAN  
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Lee/mh  
Clements

*X-9236 Wald - Frank & Jane + Main Mass, X-70074*

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

16 November 1955

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 70074 , Plot - - , Row - - , Grave 76 , USMC Frankfurt (MED) Mausoleum have been reviewed in accordance with par 159, SR-630-110-5, DA dated 3 March 1949, and it is the opinion of the Board of Review appointed by par 9, SO 33, Headquarters, USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770th Army Unit, dated 19 May 1955, that sufficient evidence is not available to establish the identity of the deceased concerned, and it is recommended these remains be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of reprocessing of remains was forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General by Transmittal Letter No. 9572 dated 9 July 1955.

3. Remarks. See attached case history.

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

*Joe Caldwell*  
Captain JOE K. 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

**APPROVED UNIDENTIFIABLE**

APPROVED <i>2 Dec 55</i> <i>RFB</i> <i>Houman</i>
R. F. ALBERA Captain, QMC Registration Branch Memorial Division, OQMG.

## CASE HISTORY

X-70073  
X-70074

Frankfurt Mausoleum  
Frankfurt Mausoleum

Grave 75  
Grave 76

Unknowns X-70073 and X-70074 were recovered as SR 785 A & B respectively. Recovery was effected from a mausoleum crypt (vault 115, Row 5) at the community cemetery, Gadelbesco di Sopra, Province del Emilia, Italy. The outside stone facing of the vault was marked with the letters "U.S.A."

Information secured from local citizens related that at 1400 hours, 24 April 1945, an American tank was struck by enemy fire and burned. The tank was travelling from the village of Gurco and at the road junction leading to the center of Gadelbesco di Sopra the incident occurred. Two crew members immediately evacuated their burning vehicle while it was believed another two were not successful.

It was further learned a few days after the incident the tank was evacuated by an military recovery unit.

The cemetery caretaker several hours after the incident removed from the scene portions of carbonized remains. These portions were placed in a sealed zinc container with an outer wooden casket and interred in vault 115.

Both remains essentially comprise of near complete torsos with only fragments of adjoining portions and are severely charred thruout. There is neither skull nor any intact extremity present. The only physical identifying media are the estimated age factors and charred portion of a US Service shoe for which the width "EHS" was discernable.

A review of Mediterranean Zone files of casualties lost in the area an approximate date cited above and available records of remains (identified and unknown) recovered from the vicinity of Gadelbesco di Sopra failed to provide any reasonable association.

In view of the lack of physical data and incompleteness of recorded casualty information it is recommended Unknowns X-70073 and X-70074 be considered unidentifiable.

  
WALTON KEYRICK  
15 November 1955

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**HEADQUARTERS  
ENGINEER AND SERRITARY SERVICE BATTALION, 7770th ARMY UNIT  
APO 757, NEW YORK, N. Y.**

**HTB 293.9 CR**

**18 November 1955**

**SUBJECT: Certificates of Unidentifiability  
Transmittal Letter # 4500**

**TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.**

Forwarded herewith are three (3) Certificates of Unidentifiability for the following remains which were declared unidentifiable by this headquarters:

<u>UNKNOWN NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>GRAVE LOCATION</u>
X-9236	Gries/Maria Maus	238
X-70073	Frankfurt Maus (MND)	75
X-70074	Frankfurt Maus (MND)	76

**FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:**

3 Encl  
1-3 Cert of Unident  
w/case histories

**JOE R. SAINWELL**  
Captain **GS1**  
Chief, Admin Svc Br

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App 8  
E. W. Simpson

HEADQUARTERS  
USARMC ON MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT  
APO 197, NEW YORK, N. Y.

NYE 293.9 CR

8 July 1955

SUBJECT: Report of Burial  
Transmittal Letter # 4572

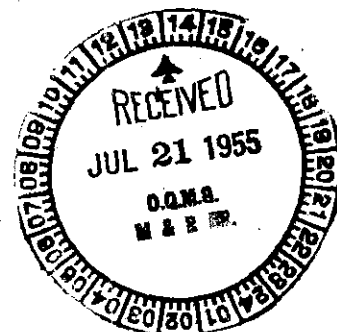
TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.

Forwarded herewith are two (2) Reports of Burial together with  
associated case papers pertaining to the following remains:

<u>UNKNOWN NO</u>	<u>CENTURY</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>
I-70073	Frankfurt (MED ZONE) Mausoleum	75
<u>I-70074</u>	Frankfurt (MED ZONE) Mausoleum	76

2 Incl  
1-2 Rpts of Burial  
w/allied papers  
I-70073  
I-70074

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Maj QMC  
Commanding



*File - NAT  
J. Lee  
R. G. ...  
2 Dec 55*

*3146  
M. G. ...  
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1 Resol Sec Files Sec 25 Jul  
Ident Br Regis Br 1955  
Mem Div Mem Div

SUBJECT: New Case

Attached Reports of Burial for the following Unknowns forwarded for any action deemed necessary and returned to Identification Branch:

FRANKFURT MAUSOLEUM, FRANKFURT/MAIN GERMANY

X-9243 Grave 245

X-9250 Grave 252

FRANKFURT MAUSOLEUM (MED ZONE), FRANKFURT/MAIN GERMANY

X-70073 Grave 75

X-70074 Grave 76

X-70075 Grave 77

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CLEMENTS  
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2 Rec Unit Resol Sec 26  
Regis Br Regis Br Jul  
Mem Div Mem Div 55

Necessary action taken. 293 files returned as requested in comment #1.

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*File NAT  
4 Reg  
Regis Br  
20 Dec 55*

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X-7073 Frankfurt [unclear] (MID) and X-7000, Frankfurt [unclear]  
(MID)

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293 - [unclear] X-7000 [unclear] Frankfurt [unclear] [unclear] (MID)

CHART 293

ORE - EUROPE

Mary Alice [unclear], Supervisor, [unclear] Unit

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WALTER P. SCOGGINS  
Colonel, [unclear]  
Memorial Division

File NAT  
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Ray Allen Clements, Supervisor, #1

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WALTER P. SCODDINS  
Colonel, JSC  
Revenue Division

File NAT  
Revised  
2 Dec 55

# IDENTIFICATION DATA

SR # 785 B

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN X-70074				2. DATE OF REPORT 30 June 1955	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY  Frankfurt (MED ZONE) Mausoleum	4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE  76	7. DATE OF	
				DISINTERMENT	REINTERMENT

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED AGE 25-30	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT U.T.D.	10. COLOR OF HAIR None	11. RACE U.T.D.
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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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	TO WHAT EXTENT? thruout
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15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	TO WHAT EXTENT?
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16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

None

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.)

Charred portion one (1) U.S. Service Shoe, width EEE, size unknown  
Remnant wool OD sock

WESLEY A. NEEP: Ident Technician

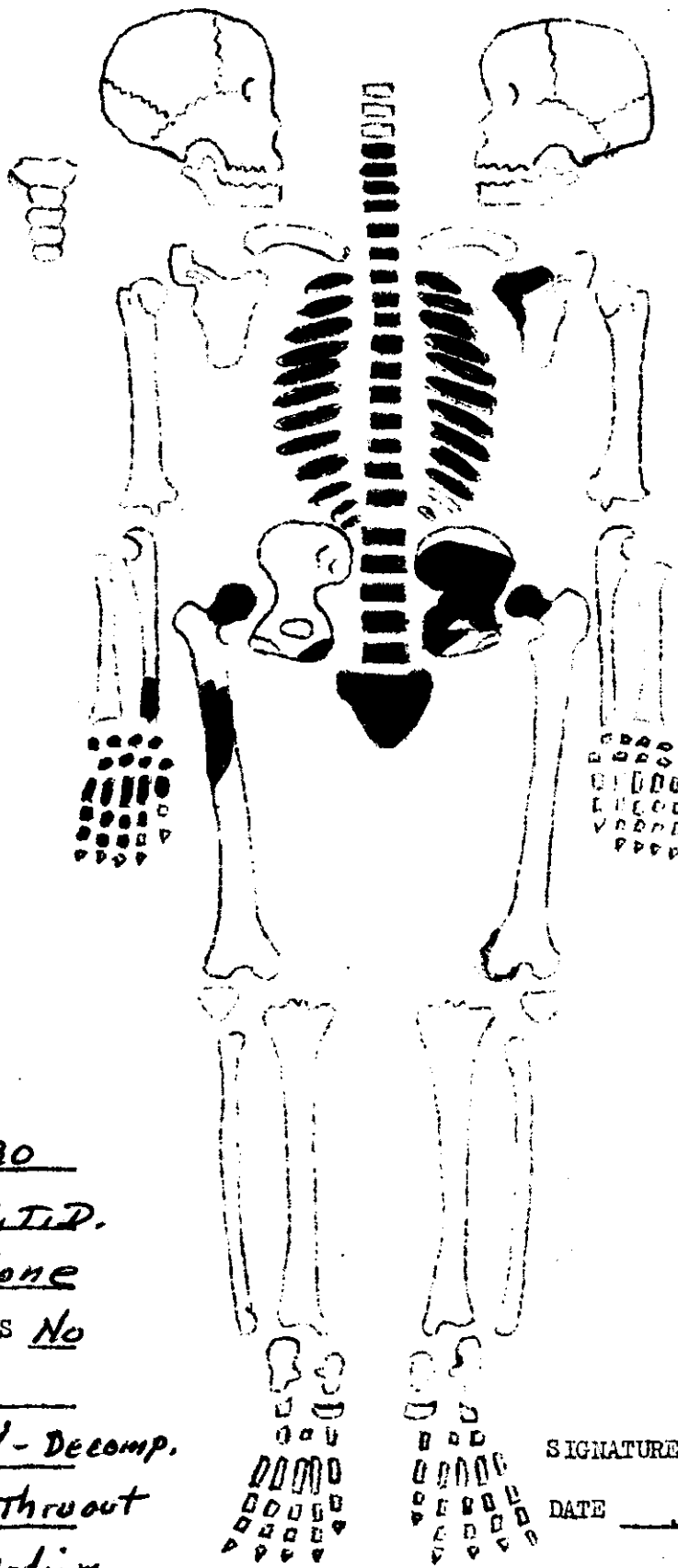
E. BREITINGER: Prof of Anthropology

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SR 785 (B)

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY  PRESENT)

X-70074  
Frankfort  
(Med. Zone)  
Mausoleum  
Grave 76



HUMERUS \_\_\_\_\_

ULNA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

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

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

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

FIBULA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

EST. AGE 25-30

EST. HEIGHT U.T.P.

COLOR HAIR None

HEALED FRACTURES No

FLESH Charred - Decomp.

BURNED Yes - Throat

EST. WEIGHT Medium

SIGNATURE N.A. Heep

DATE 30 June 55

**HEADQUARTERS**  
**USAFERB ON MORTUARY SERVICES DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT**  
**AFD 757** **US ARMY**

1 July 1955

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : 1228  
PROGRESSIVE DIRECTIVE : 312  
REMAINS PROCESSED : SR # 785 A and # 785 B

**IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT**

1. Search and Recovery Case # 785 pertains to partial remains of two (2) carbonized casualties reported as having been removed from an American tank by the caretaker of the local cemetery at CARREROSCO di SERRA, Province of Reggio Emilia, (about 7 1/2/3080) Italy. Statements of witnesses indicate the tank had been moving from the direction of Suroe and was knocked out at 1400 hours on 21 April 45.

2. An examination of the remains indicates the major portions of bones for two (2) deceased are present. Subject remains have been assigned known "X" numbers as indicated below:

SR # 785 A is now designated UNKNOWN I-70071  
Frankfurt (HEB 208H) Mausoleum  
Grave 75

SR # 785 B is now designated UNKNOWN I-70072  
Frankfurt (HEB 208H) Mausoleum  
Grave 76

3. At the time of processing subject decedents had not yet been associated with missing casualties in the area of recovery. The physical characteristics are as follows:

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>
I-70071	25-30	U.T.D.	Medium	None (1st vertebra fused to skull)
I-70072	25-30	U.T.D.	Medium	None

No teeth were recovered for either remains. A charred U.S. service shoe was recovered with the width "EHE" stamped in the inner sole. The section of inner sole towards the heel is so charred that the shoe length cannot be determined. Both remains are severely charred through.

*Masley A. Neef*  
MASELY A. NEEF  
PA Civilian  
Identification Technician

*E. H. H. H.*  
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Professor, Institute of Anthropology  
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