

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY
QUARTERMASTER MORTUARY SYSTEM, EUROPE
APO 757, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

AEZM-O

16 March 1964

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Disinterment Directive (X-9253)

THRU: Commanding General
US Army Communications Zone, Europe
ATTN: Quartermaster
APO 58, US Forces

TO: Chief, Office of Support Services
ATTN: Memorial Division
Second and T Streets S.W.
Washington D. C. 20315

1. Forwarded herewith is Disinterment Directive (QMC Form 1194) reflecting the permanent interment of the remains listed on the attached Daily Report of Permanent Interments (RRE Form 16).

2. Request that receipt be acknowledged by indorsement hereon.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incls	STEPHEN WHITE
1. QMC Form 1194 (X-9253)	2d Lt., QMC
2. RRE Form 16, dtd 11Mar64	Adjutant

SPTS-MD

1st Ind

Mr. Kerscher/akv/7775

Hq, Office Chief of Support Services, DA Washington, D.C., 20315 26 March 1964

TO: CO, Hqs U. S. Army, QM Mortuary System, Europe, APO 757, New York, N. Y.

Receipt acknowledged.

FOR THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES:

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POOLE ROGERS
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

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TO RUEASB/CPMDR P O E DOVER AFB DEL

RUEFC/COMDR 7770TH QUARTERMASTER MORTUARY SERVICE FRANKFURT GER

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RUEPMG/US ARMY OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICE WASH DC

INFO RUEPSH/COMMANDER AVIANO AIR BASE ITALY

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UNCLAS ACP/TFC 09-C-74.

FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONNEL DEPARTED DEOLS AS CHATEAUX ROUX
FRANCE ON ALS FLIGHT 105/008 C130/3547 ATD 09/1015/1027 ETA AVIANO
AS ITALY 1031Z.

WW II REMAINS OF X-9225

WW II REMAINS OF X-9253

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UNCLAS MO 251. DA FOR SPTS-MD. COMZ FOR AEZQM VICENZA FOR MORT OFFICER

TWO (2) CASKETED WW II UNKNOWN REMAINS AVAIL FOR MIL AIR SHIPMENT

AND INTERMT IN CURRENT OPEN GRAVE SPACES FLORENCE AND CARTHAGE

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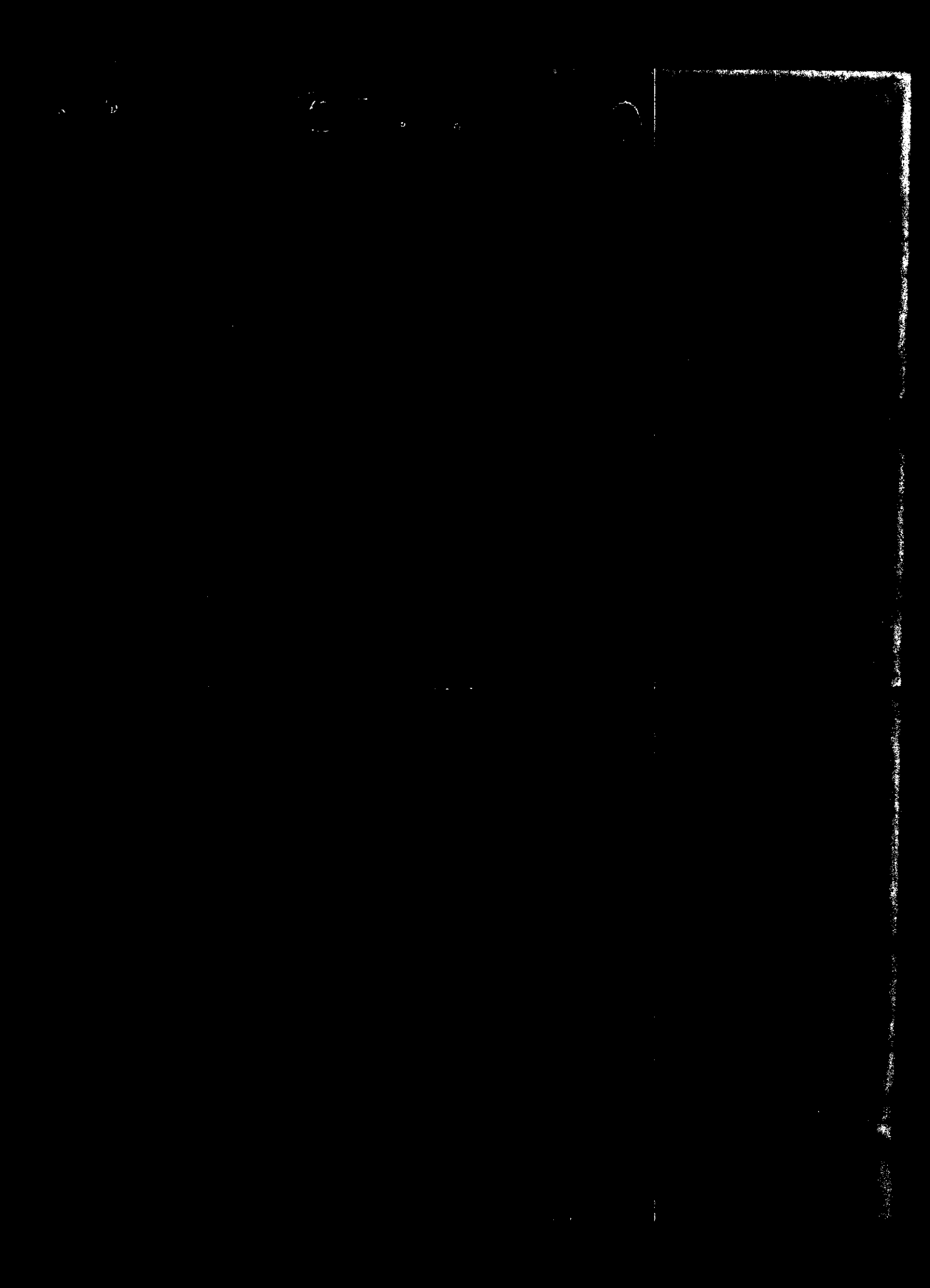
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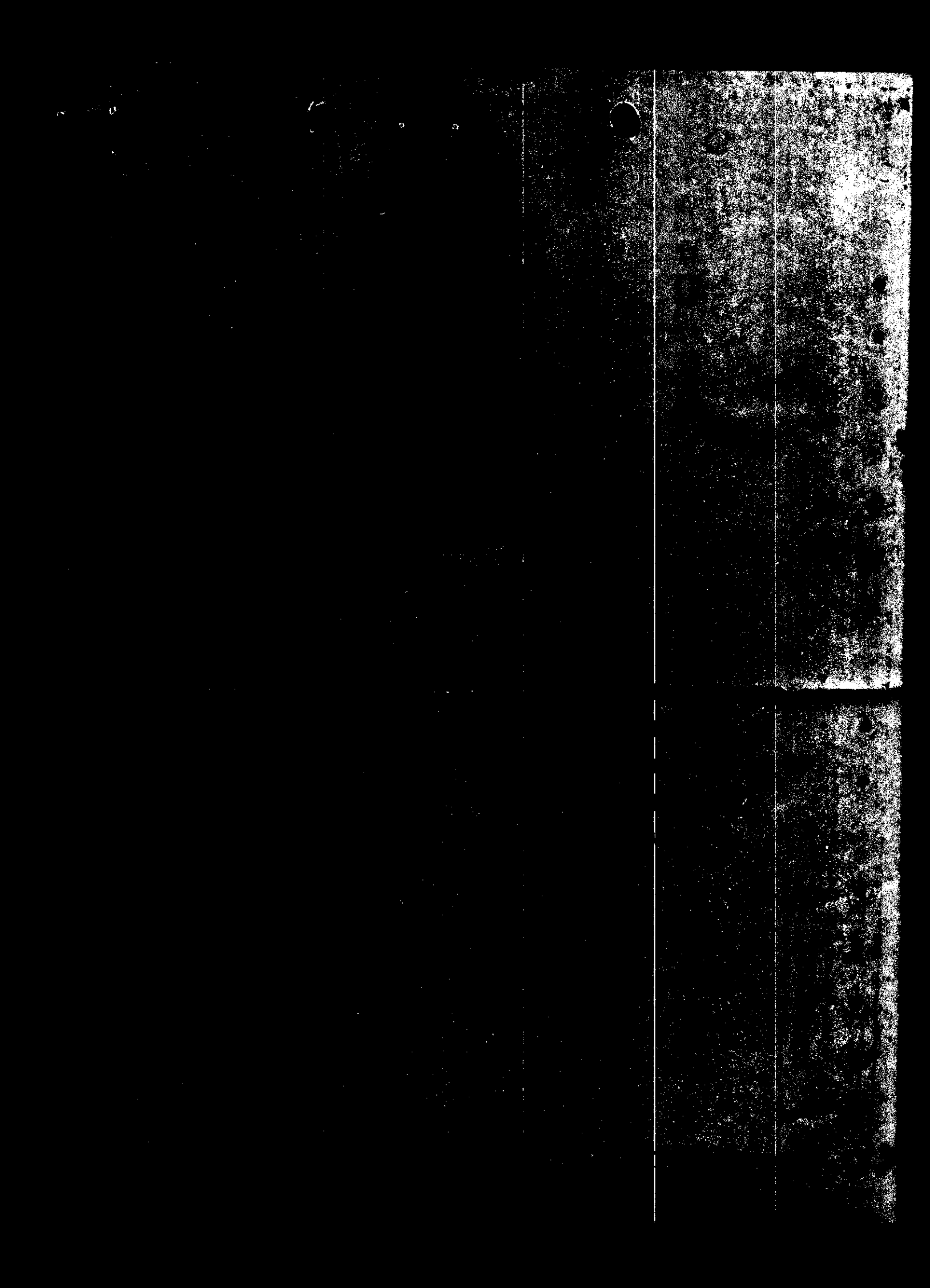
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CO USA QM MORT SYS FRANKFURT GER

INFO: CG USACOMZEUR ORLEANS FRANCE

UNCLAS from SPTS-MD 3328. Reference your msg UNCLAS MO-1259.

Request approved for interment of Unknown X-9325 in open grave
Carthage. Corrected disinterment directive will be forwarded.

Request for interment of Unknown X-9253 in Florence is withheld
pending final acceptance of identification of Lt Palenscar by next of
kin. Suggest withholding interment of Unknown X-9253 pending final
disposition of Lt Palenscar's remains

X ref to X 9253

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SPTS-MD PALENSCAR, Robert J., Lt
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Lt Col Rogers, Chief, Depo Br, Mem Div

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TO RUEPMG/CH OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES WASHDC

INFO RUFGAE/CG USACOMZEUR ORLEANS FRANCE

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UNCLAS MO-1259. DA FOR SPTS-MD. REFERENCE IS MADE TO DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVES FOR UNKNOWNNS X-9253 AND X-9325. REQUEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN CURRENT OPEN GRAVES CARTHAGE AND FLORENCE WHERE X-4012 AND X-50798 WERE REMOVED. ABMC ROME DESIRES BACKFILLING EARLIEST WITH NEXT AVAILABLE UNKNOWNNS CONTINGENT UPON FINAL DISPOSITION LT PALENSCAR REMAINS

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SPTS-MD

27 November 1963

American Battle Monuments Commission

Washington 25, D. C.


Gentlemen:


Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of
letter of transmittal dated 27 November 1963 and Disinterment
Directive for Unknown I-9253.


Sincerely yours,

2 Incl
1. Cy ltr dtd 27 Nov 63
2. Disinterment
Directive (in trip)

Mrs. Edwards
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OREN WOMACK
Disposition Branch
Memorial Division


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

MEMORANDUM
FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 11/14/77

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

TO: [Illegible]

FROM: [Illegible]

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CHIEF SPTS DA WASH DC

OO USA OM MORT SYS EUR FRANKFURT GERMANY

INFO: CGUSAREURCOMZ ORLEANS FRANCE

UNCLAS from SPTS-MD 3204

1. Remains dsg Unk X-9253 Frankfurt Mausoleum approved
unidentifiable
2. Disinterment Directive being fwd

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Nov 63

SPTS-MD UNK X-9253

F. J. Kerscher, Chief, Operations Sec
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Lt. Colonel, OMC
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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

27 Nov 53
DAY MONTH YEAR

1200

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
UNIDENTIFIED (-2251)					
CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS	
Frankfurt (Paris) Mausoleum			255	CODE	DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Neuville-sur-Corcos, Belgium	

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON	ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY	
<input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER			NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION	

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report GMC Form 1194 for major discrepancies.)

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
CASKET SEALED BY	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY	
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	DATE	
	BY	

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS



HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
SPTS-MD

27 November 1963

SUBJECT: Disinterment Directive

THRU: Commanding General *JM*
United States Army Europe (Rear)
Communications Zone
APO 58, New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer
United States Army
Quartermaster Mortuary System
APO 757, New York, New York

1. Transmitted herewith are copies 1-4 of Disinterment Directive for Unknown X-9253.
2. Acknowledgement of receipt is requested.

FOR THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES:

Incl
Disinterment
Directive (in quad)

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POOLE ROGERS
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Chief, Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

AEZM-O (27 Nov 63) 1st Ind
Hq, US Army Quartermaster Mortuary System, Europe, APO 757, US Forces,
10 Dec 1963

TO: Chief of Support Services, (ATTN: Mem Div) Washington 25, D. C.

Receipt is acknowledged.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Joe R. Caldwell
JOE R. CALDWELL
Major, QMC
Chief, Operations Division

AIR-MAIL

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Chief, Disposition Branch
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RETURN TO DISPOSITION BR. MEM. DIV.

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21 November 1963

American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of
letter of transmittal dated 21 November 1963 and Disinterment
Directive for Unknown X-9325.

Sincerely yours,


OREN WOMACK
Disposition Branch
Memorial Division

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21 November 1963

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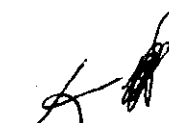
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BURIAL LOCATION: FLORENCE AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

LOT F. ROW 3 GRAVE

DATE OF BURIAL: 11 March 64 DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

VERIFIED BY: Dominic T. Valentine CORRECTED COPY

SECTION A NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED DOMINIC T. VALENTINE-SUPT.

DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1200

DATE 27 Nov 63 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME UNKNOWN X-9253 SERIAL NUMBER GRADE ARM RACE RELIGION

CEMETERY Frankfurt (Meds) Mausoleum PLOT ROW GRAVE 255 DISPOSITION OF REMAINS CODE 80 DIST. CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, Florence, Italy NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SERIAL NUMBER GRADE DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ORGANIZATION RELIGION IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL CONDITION OF REMAINS Charred partial remains. Small amount charred flesh. Est age: 22 Est Ht: UTD (no complete measurable bone).

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION No evidence of healed fractures. No hair. PORTIONS PRESENT: Vertebral column complete from 1st cervical to include 1st lumbar with fragments of 2d & 3d lumbar. Shattered por-

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.) None tions of all ribs except 12th r & l. Right scapula complete but shattered. Left scapula shattered body only. R/clavicle less distal tip. Body of l/clavicle only. Prox 1/3 r/hum. Fragmt head l/humerus. Charred fragments of r/ilium and head of r/femur and sacrum.

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET DATE 3 March 1964 Mr. W. A. Neep

CASKET SEALED BY Mr. W. A. Neep EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 3 Mar 64 BY Mr. W. A. Neep SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY Mr. W. A. Neep

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR [Signature]

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS JOE R. CALDWELL Major, QMC Mortuary Officer

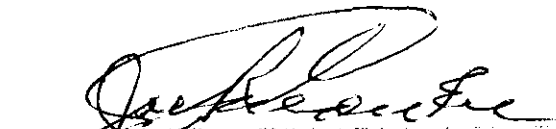
HEADERS


US ARMY DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C.
HEADQUARTERS, ARMY CENTER OF GRAVE MANAGEMENT

CERTIFICATES

I certify that I have carefully made the comparisons required by par 5. Operations instructions No 90. Change of identification for each remains listed on the card and 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 identification directive (GMC Form 1197).


Signature of Verifying Officer
JOE R. CALDWELL, Major, OMC


Signature of Verifying Officer
DOMINIC T. VALENTINE - Superintendent

NAME OF PLACEMENT CEMETERY **FLORENCE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY** DATE OF BURIAL **11 March 1964**

SERIAL NUMBER OF THE GRAVE **Unnumbered**

LAST	FIRST	MI	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	PREVIOUSLY REINTERRED	IN USMC*	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
UNKNOWN	X-9253				Frkft	Maus/255	F	3	41

DISPOSITION FORM

(AR 340-15)

OFFICE SYMBOL OR FILE REFERENCE
SPTS-MD

SUBJECT
Board Proceedings - Unknown X-9253 (S&R #1024)
Frankfurt Mausoleum

TO Board of Review

FROM Chief, Disp Br
Mem Div

DATE 7 Nov 63
Farmer/54713

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Under provisions of Office of the Chief of Support Services Office Order No. 4 dated 7 August 1962, and Office Order No. 29 dated 23 May 1963, the inclosed case is forwarded for Board of Review action.

1 Incl
Unk X-9253 Frankfurt
Maus (Ger) w/related
papers

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Davis
Davis
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Kerscher
Kerscher
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Womack
Womack
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Approved

(X-9253 Frankfurt Maus.)

Letter from this Office dated 8 May 1956 to Commanding Officer, U.S. Army QM Mortuary Service Detachment, Europe, requested information as to whether the recommended search had been conducted. First indorsement dated 19 May 1956 from Headquarters, USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, indicated that a request to re-visit the crash site had been submitted, but approval had not yet been granted. (Tab B).

In September 1963 a Memorial Division representative discussed subject case with officials at U.S. Army Headquarters, Frankfurt, Germany, and was advised that it is not expected that U.S. authorities will be given permission to re-enter the Soviet Zone to conduct additional search and recovery operations.

CONCLUSION:

1. Laboratory Findings indicate the partial remains designated Unknown X-9253 represent "a relatively young and light weight deceased" of approximately 22 years. Although the age compares favorably with the recorded ages of Lt. BREECHEER and Sgt BEGGS, the fragmentary portions do not afford sufficient basis for physical comparison.

2. Inasmuch as identification of Unknown X-9253 is dependent upon the possibility of recovering additional remains from the MOSIGKAU area, and the probability of resuming search for such remains appears to be doubtful, it is believed that the partial remains now in U.S. custody should be removed from the list of active WWII cases.

RECOMMENDATION:

That remains designated Unknown X-9253 Frankfurt Mausoleum be approved as UNIDENTIFIABLE.

Submitted by N. M. Farmer
N. M. Farmer
Clerk (Ident)
Claims & Effects Unit
Disposition Branch

CONCURRENCE:

Frank H. Burns
FRANK H. BURNS
Lt Colonel, QMC

Golden J. Frame
GOLDEN J. FRAME
Lt Colonel, QMC

Jesse W. Webb
JESSE W. WEBB
Lt Colonel, QMC

Clifford E. Skoglund
CLIFFORD E. SKOGLUND
Major, QMC

Approved: _____

Date 15 June 63

James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES
MEMORIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

A Board of Officers appointed by paragraph 2, Office Order No. 29, dated 23 May 1963 (Tab A), convened 15 November 1963, and after consideration of the factors presented, approved as UNIDENTIFIABLE the remains designated Unknown X-9253 (S&R #1024) U.S. Army Mortuary, Frankfurt, Germany.

SUMMARY

In June 1955, Search and Recovery Cases #1024 (designated Unknown X-9253), #1025 (Unknown X-9254), and #1026-A & B were recovered from a shallow grave approximately one-half meter outside the area of a former mass grave site during a re-search conducted in the community cemetery of MOSIGKAU, near Dessau, Germany. MOSIGKAU is located in the Soviet occupied zone of Germany. (Tab B).

Two U.S. B-24 aircraft crashed on 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of MOSIGKAU and all eighteen (18) crew members of the two planes were killed or died of injuries as a result of the crash. (Tab C).

In May 1945 twelve (12) remains were disinterred from the mass grave at MOSIGKAU, eleven (11) of whom were identified as crew members of the two aircraft. One of the remains could not be identified and was reburied as Unknown X-580, USMC Margraten, Holland.

Missing Air Crew Reports #8432 and #8431 indicate that aircraft B-24 #42-51098, piloted by 2/Lt Joe Guastella, was hit by enemy flak and went down over the target (Dessau) on 16 August 1944. On its way down, ship #098 knocked the wing off aircraft B-24 #42-52447, piloted by Capt Thurston C. Carlisle, causing his plane to crash also. (Tab D).

German Dulag KU 2743 reported that fifteen (15) casualties from two Liberators which crashed near Mosigkau 16 August 1944 were buried in a mass grave in the community cemetery a Mosigkau. (See Exhibit B, case papers, and German Dulag KU 2743 & KU 2768 - Tab E).

German Records indicate that two airmen were buried at the "crash site", and one died of injuries 19 Aug 1944 in a POW hospital at Altengrabow and was buried in the cemetery at Altengrabow. KU 2743 reported the death of Lt Joe Guastella, and burial in grave 286 in the local army cemetery of Altengrabow. (Lt Guastella's remains were recovered from Altengrabow in January 1948).

A re-search of the MOSIGKAU cemetery (mass grave) and the "crash site" was conducted in June 1955 in an attempt to recover the remains of six (6) unaccounted-for crew members reported by Dulag KU 2743 to have been buried in MOSIGKAU cemetery and/or the crash area.

(Unk X-9253 Frankfurt Maus)

The six (6) unaccounted-for airmen are listed below:

2/Lt Donald W. BREECHER - Buried at the crash site
Sgt Truman L. TAYLOR - Buried at the crash site

The following listed men were reportedly buried in a mass grave in the community cemetery at MOSIGKAU:

Capt Thurston C. CARLISLE
2/Lt Norman A. HARRIS
Sgt William L. BEGGS
Sgt Frederick H. GILBERT, Jr.

DISPOSITION of Remains Recovered in June 1955:

S&R Case #1026-A was determined to be partial remains (right half of mandible) of the decedent buried as Unknown X-580, USMC Margraten, Holland. The remains were consolidated and Unknown X-580 was identified as 2/Lt Norman A. HARRIS, crew member of A/C #42-51098. (Name deleted from Deferred Search Roster, M-52, 8 Dec. 1955).

S&R Case #1026-B was found to be a portion of the right mandible of a previously identified crew member of A/C #42-51098, 2/Lt Hal F. LINDER. S&R #1026-B was classified as CIL remains.

S&R Case #1025 (X-9254) was identified as Sgt Truman L. TAYLOR, crew member of A/C #42-52447. (Name deleted from Deferred Search Roster, M-52, 8 December 1955).

Search and Recovery Case #1024 (X-9253), subject case, was believed to be partial remains of either Sgt William L. BEGGS or 2/Lt Donald W. BREECHER for whom no previous associations had been made. Estimated age (22) of the remains was comparable to both BEGGS and BREECHER. There were no teeth or skull portions with these remains. Since Lt BREECHER was reported by KU 2743 as having been buried at the "crash site" it was believed possible that the remains of Unknown X-9253 were partial remains of Sgt BEGGS; however, paucity of remains recovered and the absence of information as to how it was determined that Lt BREECHER was the casualty buried at the crash site precluded the possibility of determining whether X-9253 was the remains of Sgt BEGGS.

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION dated 7 June 1955, accompanying subject case, indicates that the area involved at the crash site was too large to be searched at the time, and it was believed that a more precise burial location at the crash site might be obtained later from certain known eyewitnesses who were reported to have been in charge of burials and salvage operations during August 1944. It was recommended that any future attempt to search the crash site be made during the month of August after crops had been harvested so as not to interfere with the crop quota required from the responsible farmer. (Tab F).



1942
August 7, 1942
The Honorable Earl Warren
U. S. Supreme Court Building
Washington, D. C.

7 August 1942

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

I am writing you today to express my appreciation for the

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9-10-1964

Review case records regarding the non-identifiable field employees, receipts and the same identify the field employees in such activities

Personnel are to be reviewed regarding the non-identifiable field employees in the following categories:

1. Personnel who have been identified as having been in the field during the period of the investigation.

2. Personnel who have been identified as being present at the time of the investigation, and are determined to be unrecalled.

3. Personnel who have been officially reported as being present.

4. Personnel who have been identified as being present at the time of the investigation, and are determined to be unrecalled.

5. Personnel who have been identified as being present at the time of the investigation, and are determined to be unrecalled.

6. Personnel who have been identified as being present at the time of the investigation, and are determined to be unrecalled.

7. Personnel who have been identified as being present at the time of the investigation, and are determined to be unrecalled.

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Special Agent in Charge

100-1-1000

Tab B:

1. 1st Ind, Hq, USAREUR, 19 May 1956
2. Ltr, OQMG, 8 May 1956
3. Lab Report, X-9253
4. Narrative, 7 June 55 w/Exhibits A,B,C,D
and Form No. 1, Report of Burial

MTS 293 (8 May 56)
SUBJECT: Additional Information

1st Ind

HS/ah

Headquarters, USAFEUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770th Army Unit,
AFC 757, New York, New York, 19 May 1956

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

In reference to paragraph 3, basic communication, a request to
revisit this crash site has been submitted. As of this date, approval
has not been granted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Donald J. Eggert
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Capt QMC
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGME-D 293
Unknown X-9253
Frankfurt Mausoleum

8 May 1956

SUBJECT: Additional Information


TO: Commanding Officer
U S Army Europe
QM Mortuary Service Detachment
7770th Army Unit
APO 757, New York, New York

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3. In view of all the factors in this case, it is concluded that Unknown X-9253 is unidentifiable; however, prior to the approval of unidentifiability, it is requested that this Office be informed as to whether the recommended search has been conducted.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:


R. J. THOMAS
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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USAREUR QM MORTUARY
SERVICE DETACHMENT, 778TH ARMY UNIT
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3. In view of all the factors in this case, it is concluded that Unknown I-9253 is unidentifiable; however, prior to the approval of unidentifiability, it is requested that this Office be informed as to whether the recommended search has been conducted.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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R. J. THOMAS
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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X 9253 Unknown, Frankfurt X 9254

QTIME-D 293
Unknown X-9253
Frankfurt Mausoleum

8 May '56

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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2. Paragraph 5 of the narrative recommends that any future attempt to search the crash site of aircrafts #42-1093 and #42-52447 be made during the month of August after the crops had been harvested.

3. In view of all the factors in this case, it is concluded that Unknown X-9253 is unidentifiable; however, prior to the approval of unidentifiability, it is requested that this Office be informed as to whether the recommended search has been conducted.

FO THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

R. J. THOMAS
Lt. Colonel, QTC
Memorial Division

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

SP # 1034

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN Y-9253				2. DATE OF REPORT 11 July 1955	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY Frankfurt Mausoleum	4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE 255	7. DATE OF	
				DISINTERMENT	REINTERMENT

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED AGE Appx 22	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? severely
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15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" 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.)

Remnants of:

- U.S. parachute harness
- U.S. Elect. Wtd. Flying suit
- Wool underwear
- Section of ID tag necklace

WEDLEY A. MERR: Ident Technician

L. BRUNITH OF: Prof of Anthropology

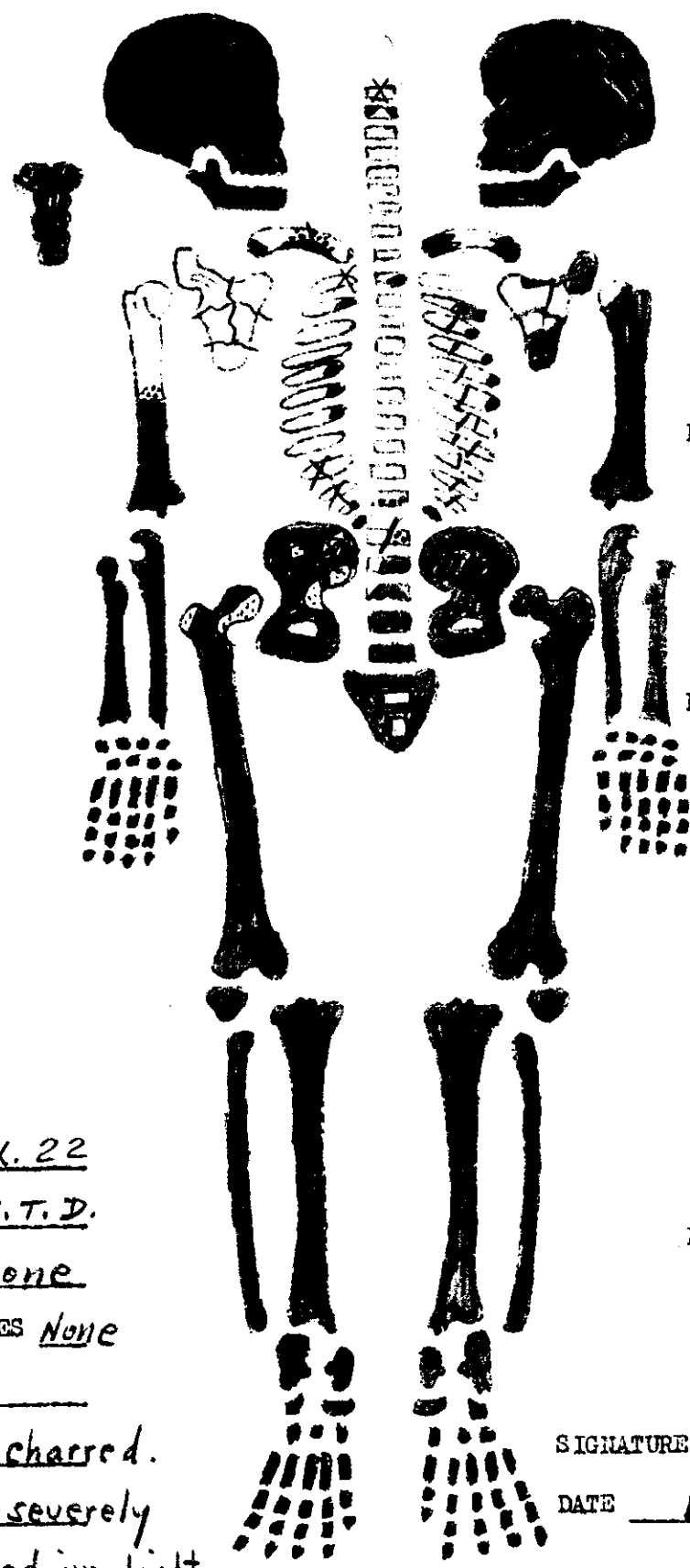
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SR 1024

X-9253

Frankfurt
Mausoleum
Grave 255



HUMERUS _____

ULNA _____ CM

RADIUS _____ CM

FEMUR _____ CM

TIBIA _____ CM

FIBULA _____ CM

EST. AGE Aprx. 22

EST. HEIGHT U.T.D.

COLOR HAIR None

HEALED FRACTURES None

FLESH Yes-charred.

BURNED Yes-severely

EST. WEIGHT Medium-Light

Race - U.T.D.

SIGNATURE M.A. Hoepf

DATE 11 July 1955

HEADQUARTERS
USARMC OF MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757
US ARMY

13 July 1955

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : 1229
PROCESSING DIRECTIVE : 319
REMAINS PROCESSED : SR # 1024, # 1025 and # 1026

IDENTIFICATION INDICATORY REPORT

1. Search and Recovery Cases # 1024, # 1025 and # 1026 represent partial remains recently recovered from a mass grave in the community cemetery of Mosigkau (M-52/E-04), Germany. Eleven (11) of twelve (12) remains previously disinterred from this grave have been identified as crew members of B-24 A/C # 42-51093 and # 42-52447 which crashed in the vicinity of Mosigkau on 16 August 1944 killing all eighteen (18) crew members. The twelfth (12th) recovered remains is buried as Unknown X-580 Margraten at USMC Margraten. German Dulag KU 2743 reflects the burial of fifteen (15) of the casualties in the mass grave at Mosigkau and the current recovery of partial remains is the result of a re-search of subject grave.

2. The initial examination of these cases revealed the presence of a great amount of small shattered skeletal portions, some of which were in a completely charred condition and the rest were only burned superficially. It appeared as though partially burned torsos for two (2) deceased and completely charred portions for a third (3rd) casualty were present. The segregation and re-constitution of the remains, however, disclosed that the completely charred remains were additional portions for the two (2) basic remains as proven by the junction of charred portions with unburned and superficially burned portions.

3. Pending approval of identification subject two (2) deceased have been assigned tentative Unknown "X" numbers as follows:

SR # 1024 is now designated UNKNOWN X-2253
Frankfurt Mausoleum--Grave 255

SR # 1025 is now designated UNKNOWN X-2254
Frankfurt Mausoleum--Grave 256

4. Subject two (2) burned remains have been favorably associated with crew members Sgt William L. BRIGGS, 12 169 851, 2/Lt Donald W. BRECHER, O-713 104 and Sgt Truman L. TAYLOR, 32 845 445 of burned A/C # 42-52447 as indicated below:

(Identification Laboratory Report, dated 13 July 1955, cont'd)

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>
X-9253	Aprx 22	U.T.D.	Med Light	None
Sgt BEGGS	22	68"	131	Brown
2/Lt BRLECHER	22	65 1/2"	139	Red

There are no teeth or skull portions with this remains. The vertebral column is complete from the shattered first (1st) cervical vertebra down to the third (3rd) lumbar. The twelfth (12th) thoracic is burned. The first (1st) lumbar is in two halves, one of which is not burned and the other half completely charred. Portions of the second (2nd) and third (3rd) lumbar vertebrae are present but are not burned. It is evident that the remains were separated during the explosion and some portions exposed to more intense heat than the rest. All charred portions join perfectly with unburned and/or partially burned skeletal parts. All portions present represent a relatively young and light weight deceased as compared with the older and heavier deceased now designated X-9254. The severely shattered first (1st) cervical vertebra in this case indicates this casualty was decapitated during the crash or the explosion which followed. The fact that no teeth have been recovered for either Sgt BEGGS or 2/Lt BRLECHER indicates the head was not recovered after the crash and is probably amongst the remains buried at the crash site. As 2/Lt BRLECHER is recorded as having been buried at the crash site it would appear that X-9253 represents the remains of Sgt BEGGS. The paucity of remains recovered and the lack of information on how it was determined that 2/Lt BRLECHER was the casualty buried at the crash site makes it impossible to determine definitely at this time that X-9253 does actually represent the remains of Sgt BEGGS.

X-9254	Aprx 30	U.T.D.	Med Heavy	None
Sgt TAYLOR	31	66 3/4"	166	Brown

The base of skull, including the left mastoid bone, is present and post-cranial articulation is excellent and complete. The skull portions are burned and coincide with the burned portion of maxilla recovered for Sgt TAYLOR which has been placed with this remains. All portions present represent a relatively older and heavier deceased as compared with the younger and lighter weight deceased now designated X-9253. Although Sgt TAYLOR is recorded as having been buried at the crash site the disruption of the remains as caused by the fire and explosion makes it questionable that such information would be reliable.

(Identification Laboratory Report, dated 13 July 1955, cont'd)

5. SR Case # 1026 consists of mandibular teeth which are not burned and have been associated with two (2) casualties from unburned A/C # 42-51098 as below indicated:

SR # 1026 A represents joining right and left halves of the mandible for 2/Lt Norman A. HARRIS, O-713 176. The fact that one section of this mandible was found in the principal grave site from which twelve (12) crew members were previously recovered indicates these teeth belong with unknown X-580 (arguably the only unidentified recovery of that group). In addition, a study of the original processing report for X-580 indicates the presence of a nearly complete remains with skull and the first few cervical vertebrae missing. X-580 was fully clothed and a second (2nd) Lt. bar was found on the shirt collar. 2/Lt HARRIS and 2/Lt FRETCHER are the only second lieutenants from subject aircraft who are still in an unresolved status. The finding of DARK BROWN hair with case X-580 is in agreement with the recorded BLACK hair for 2/Lt HARRIS but is negative for the recorded RED hair for 2/Lt FRETCHER. The actual bone measurements for case X-580 are not shown on the original report of processing but the individual bone measurements which would result in an estimated height of 69 1/4" based on the ANTHRO table of measurements have been used as a basis for recomputing the estimated height according to the currently used BROTHLIP table of measurements. This recomputed estimated height of 68 7/8" for X-580 is more favorable with the indicated height of 67" for 2/Lt HARRIS than for the indicated height of 65 1/2" for 2/Lt FRETCHER. Still further, if A/C # 42-51098 did not burn or explode then all crew members of that plane would be expected to be less shattered and show no effects of serious burning. This assumption is borne out by the ready identification of all crew members of that aircraft with the exception of 2/Lt HARRIS and, in turn, is additional proof that case X-580 which has only floor injuries and is unburned actually represents the remains of 2/Lt HARRIS.

SR # 1026 B represents a portion of right mandible for 2/Lt Val F. LEISER, O-223 646 a casualty from A/C # 42-51098 who was previously recovered as X-581 from the same grave in the community cemetery at Weingau, Germany.

Wesley A. Heep
Wesley A. Heep
DA Civilian
Identification Technician

I have examined the remains designated X-9253, X-9254, SR # 1026 A and B and do concur with the physical findings listed in the above report.

E. Brantinger
E. Brantinger
Professor, Institute of Anthropology
University of Frankfurt

HEADQUARTERS
USAREUR ON TEMPORARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT
APO 757 US ARMY

7 June 1955

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

In accordance with instructions outlined in Investigation Directive # 1229, this headquarters, dated 10 May 1955, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of MOSIGKAU (M-52/E-06) Germany, in an effort to recover six (6) unresolved casualties resulting from the crash of two aircraft on 16 August 1944.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Available information indicates that two (2) B-24 bombers # 42-52447 and # 42-51098 collided in mid-air and crashed near the town of Mosigkau on 16 August 1944 killing all eighteen (18) crew members of both planes. German Dulag KU 2743 lists fifteen (15) of subject casualties as being buried in the community cemetery at Mosigkau, two (2) buried at the crash site and one (1) who died of injuries on 19 August 44 in the hospital at Altengrabow as buried in the cemetery at Altengrabow. 2/Lt Guastella, who died in the hospital, has been recovered and identified from the cemetery at Altengrabow. Twelve (12) casualties were removed from the community cemetery at Mosigkau of which eleven (11) have been identified as crew members of subject aircraft. The twelfth (12th) remains is buried at USMC Margraten as Unknown X-580 Margraten.

A search was to be made for:

1. 2/Lt Donald W. BRECHER, O-713 104, reportedly buried at the crash site.
2. Sgt Truman L. TAYLOR, 32 845 445, reportedly buried at the crash site.

An additional search was to be made at the community cemetery for the remaining four (4) casualties:

3. Capt Thurston C. CARLISLE, O-400 669
4. 2/Lt Norman A. HARRIS, O-713 176 (X-580)
5. Sgt William L. BEGGS, 12 169 851, reportedly buried in the cemetery.
6. Sgt Frederick H. GILBERT Jr., 12 220 123

(Narrative of Investigation, dated 7 June 1955, ID # 1229, cont'd)

III. FINDINGS:

On 19 May 1955, the undersigned investigators, escorted by two (2) Russian officers, arrived at the community of Mosigkau, Germany and were taken to the office of the Buergermeister who directed the party to the community cemetery and the crash sites of both aircraft.

The former mass grave from which twelve (12) remains were previously removed was located with the assistance of pastor C. Klinzmann who was present during the interment and the subsequent removal of the casualties by an American GR team. The plot was outlined and found to measure approximately six (6) meters square, and was located in the old section of the cemetery approximately thirty-three (33) meters in from the entrance and five and one-half ($5\frac{1}{2}$) meters in from the center path (see sketch Exhibit "A"). Laborers were arranged for and the following day the complete grave site was opened to a depth of approximately one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) meters where hard virgin earth was reached. A considerable amount of U.S. air force clothing and equipment remnants were found but there was no evidence of additional remains. The site was then expanded three (3) meters towards the center path and one (1) meter towards the cemetery entrance. In a small shallow grave approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) meter outside the principal grave site were found partial remains of what appeared to be two (2) superficially burned casualties and one (1) charred decedent. A right half of mandible for 2/Lt HARRIS and a charred portion of maxilla for Sgt TAYLOR were also recovered in this shallow grave.

The left half of mandible for 2/Lt HARRIS was found in the one (1) meter expansion area and the right half of mandible for 2/Lt LINDER was found in the earth believed to have been removed from the same area. No further expansion was possible without disturbing adjacent graves therefore the grave site was closed.

During this disinterment local records were found listing eight (8) casualties by name and seven (7) unknowns having been buried in the mass grave on 17 August 1944 (see extract listing Exhibit "E"). With subject listing was a sketch of the grave site location (see sketch Exhibit "C") which conformed to the grave location which had just been re-investigated.

The following day a visit was made to the crash site areas to determine the possibility of searching for the two (2) crew members reportedly buried there. It was determined that only one (1) aircraft had exploded and burned while the second had glided in striking some trees and did not penetrate the ground. There were several eyewitness reports that the second plane had ruptured fuel tanks and the gasoline was being drawn off into containers. An examination of the uncultivated area revealed no evidence of a depression or small bits of wreckage as would be expected if the aircraft had exploded and burned. This absence of wreckage was in agreement with the statements made by eyewitnesses. The local citizens remembered

(Narrative of Investigation, dated 7 June 1955, ID # 1229, cont'd)

that several bodies had been found scattered out over an area of approximately five hundred (500) square meters which agrees with the German Dulag information that nine (9) crew members had parachuted.

The crash site of the plane which had burned and exploded was visited approximately nine hundred (900) meters south-east of where the unburned plane had crashed. This plane had crashed and burned near some high tension wires running nearly parallel to the main railroad line. Eyewitnesses remembered that the flames had set fire to the high tension wires but the wires had not been hit nor did they fall to the earth as a result of burning. This particular area was under cultivation but a search revealed a great amount of plane wreckage scattered in small bits over a circular area of approximately twenty-eight (28) meters in diameter located equidistant from a small dirt road and the high tension wires (see sketch exhibit "D").

The Buergermeister was questioned as to the exact location in relation to the crash site, where the two (2) crew members Lt BRECHER and Sgt TAYLOR had been buried. The undersigned were informed that the salvage operation and any burials that may have been made at that time had been under the supervision of Mr. Willie VOLLMANN the SS Police Deputy at that time. Mr. VOLLMANN had left the East Zone of Germany and was now residing at Idstein in the Taunus region of West Germany. A Mr. Ernst VOGLER a former Gestapo agent from Dessau had also been present during the salvage operations but is reported as having shot an American airman and was tried by the American War Crimes Commission. The last known address of Mr. VOGLER was given as # 12 Hindenburg Strasse, Landsberg/Lech, Germany. It was determined that a more precise burial location at the crash site might be forthcoming if the two (2) above named eyewitnesses were contacted.

IV. CONCLUSIONS:

It was concluded that the area involved at the crash site was too large to be disinterred at the time because of the crops being grown and the possibility of obtaining a more precise grave location from the salvage and burial supervisor Mr. Willie Vollmann and/or eyewitness Mr. Ernst Vogler.

The partial remains recovered from the community cemetery at Hoesigkau were designated SR Cases # 1024, 1025 and 1026, were packaged and transported to the Central Identification Laboratory in Frankfurt/Main, Germany for further examination.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the partial remains designated SR # 1024, # 1025 and # 1026 be processed for association with casualties from aircraft

(Narrative of Investigation, dated 7 June 1955, ID # 1229, cont'd)

42-52447 and # 42-51098.

It is further recommended that the sketches of crash site and burial plot at Mosigkau be shown to Mr. Willie VOLLMANN at Eastein, Taunus and/or Mr. Ernst VOGIER at # 12 Hindenburg Strasse, Landsberg/Teich in order that a more precise burial location at the crash site be obtained and a verification be made of the burials made in the community cemetery.

In addition, it is recommended that any future attempt to search the crash site be made during the month of August after the crops have been harvested so as not to interfere with the crop quota required from the responsible farmer.

Wesley A. Keef
WESLEY A. KEEF

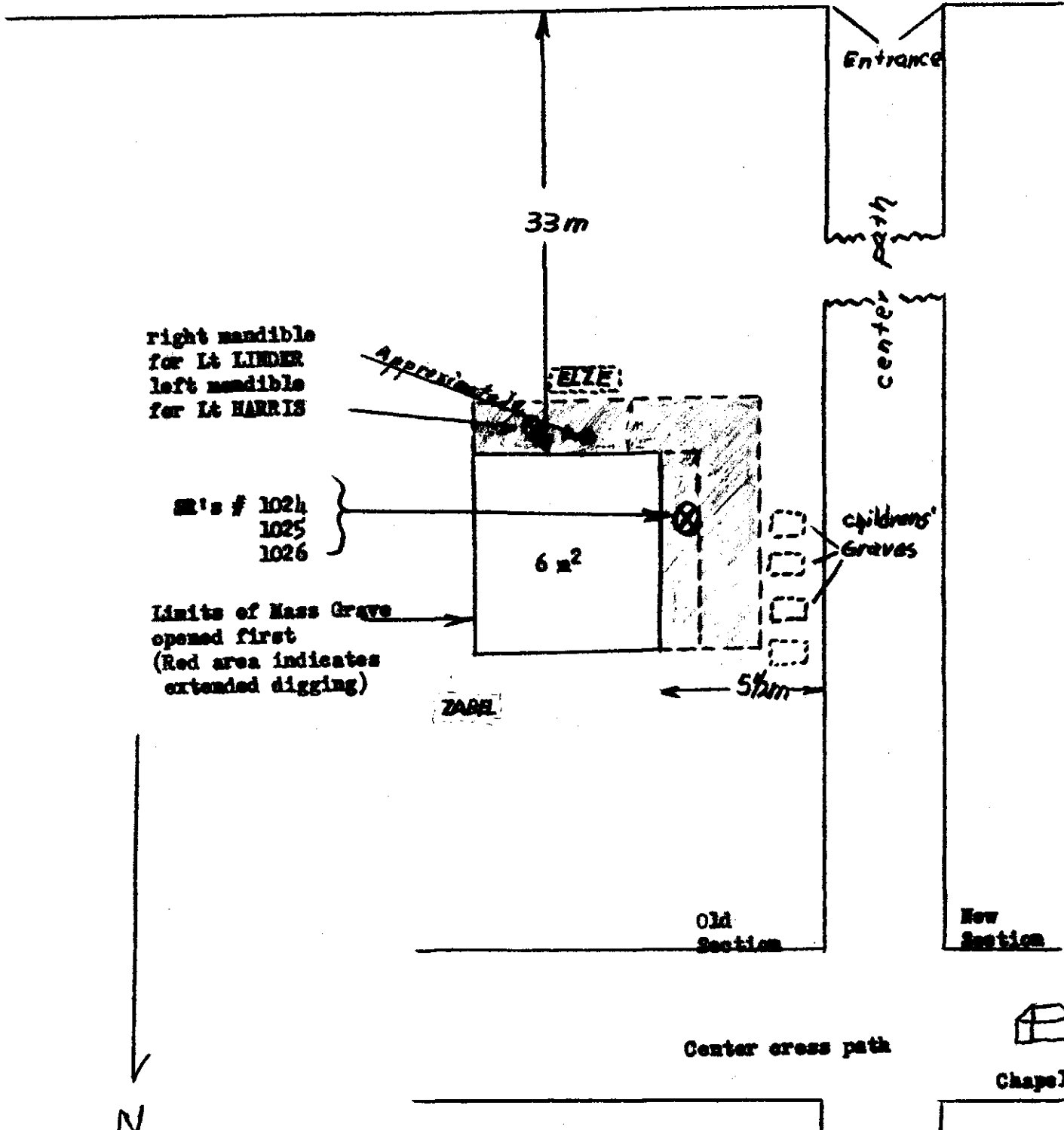
DA Civilian
Technician-Investigator

Donald J. Eggen
DONALD J. EGGEN

Captain QMC
Investigator

NOSIKAU (H-52/E-06)

SR # 1024, 1025 & 1026
ID # 1229
Case # Ger H-52/h396



right mandible
for Lt LINDER
left mandible
for Lt HARRIS

SR's # 1024
1025
1026

Limits of Mass Grave
opened first
(Red area indicates
extended digging)

ZONE

33m

6 m²

Old
Section

New
Section

Entrance

center
path

center
path

children's
Graves

5m

Center cross path

Chapel

N

NOSIKAU COMMUNITY CEMETERY

EXHIBIT "A"

TRANSLATION

The Buergermeister

Mosigkau, 1 September 1944

To: Cemetery Administration
ATTN: Pastor Klinkmann
M o s i g k a u

On 17 August 1944, 15 American fliers were buried in the local cemetery.

1. Flanagan, John
2. Matthews, L. Gilbert
3. Rapp, John T.
4. Crabtree, Kelly
5. Ruppert, C. John
6. Cohen, Howard
7. Linder, P. Hall
8. Calzonetti, J. Peter
9. seven (7) unknown deceased

Enclosed is a sketch showing the site of the mass-grave.

/s/ Titte

VERIFIED TRUE COPY:

Dessau-Mosigkau, 20 May 1955
Protestant Pastorate:

/s/ C/ Klinkmann

EXHIBIT "D"



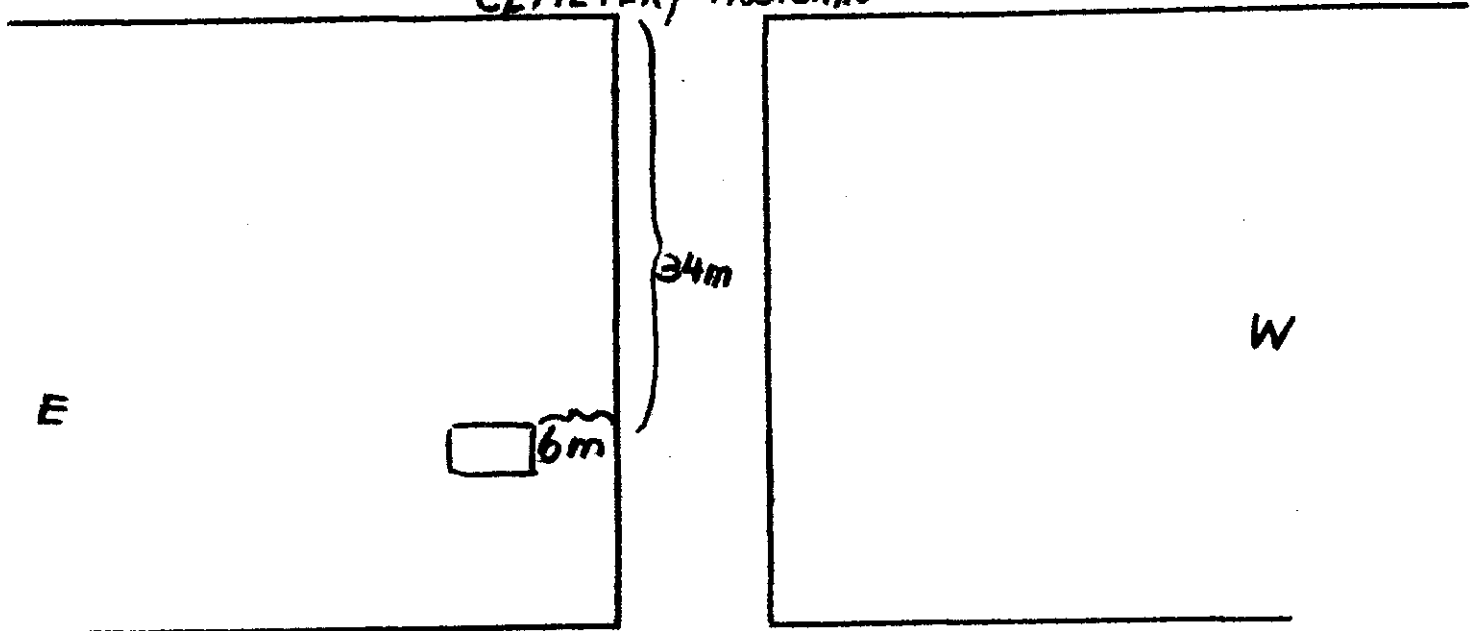
The following is a list of the
 names of the persons who
 were present at the meeting
 held on the 1st day of
 January 1880 at the
 residence of Mr. J. H.

E. Stigman.

SR # 1024, 1025 & 1026
ID # 1229
Case # Ger W-52/4396

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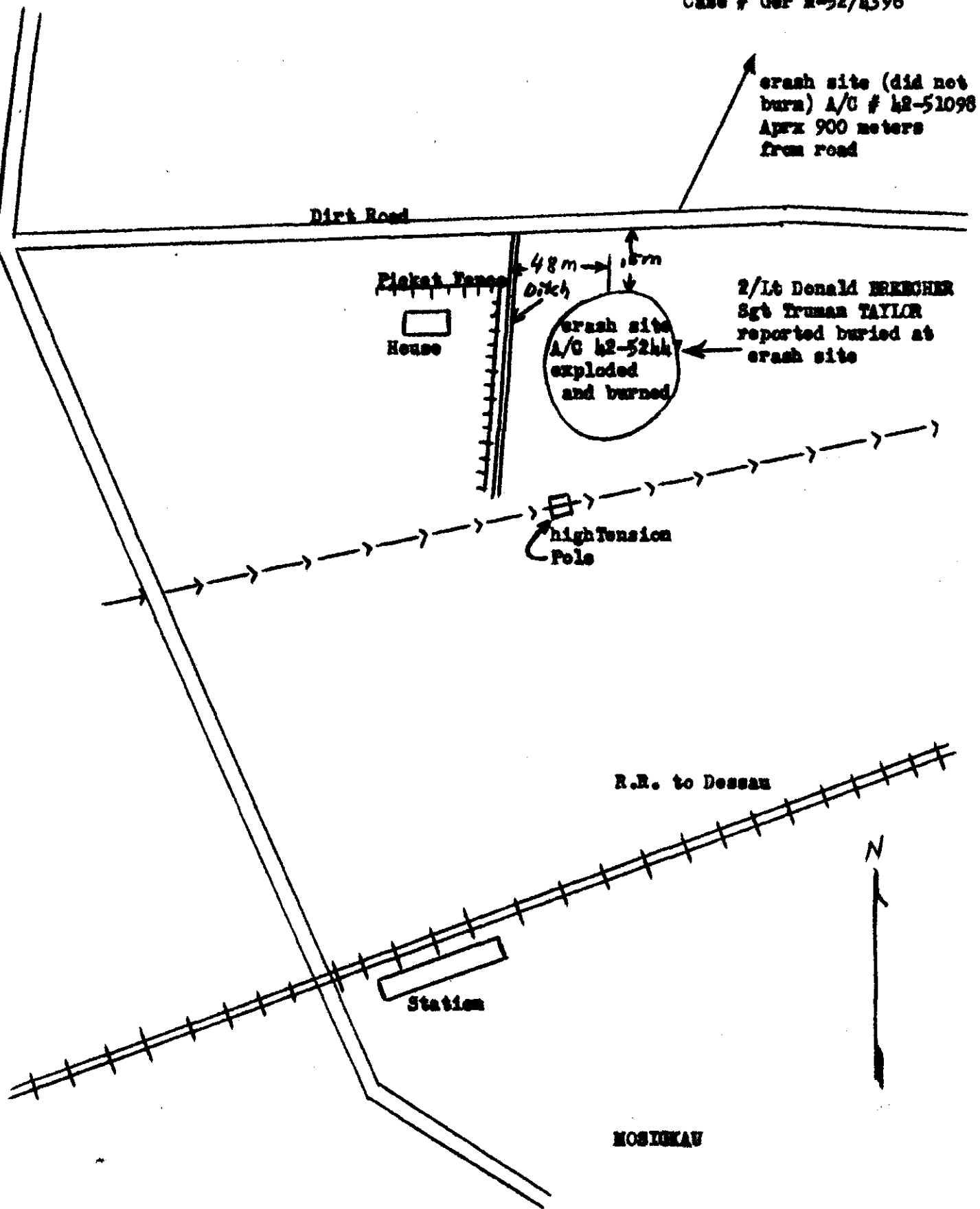
CEMETERY MOSIGKUN



Sketch of massgrave of 15 American
airmen buried on 17/8/1944

Chapel

N



crash site (did not burn) A/C # 42-51098
APRX 900 meters from road

2/Lt Donald BRECHER
Sgt Truman TAYLOR
reported buried at
crash site

crash site
A/C # 42-5244
exploded
and burned

R.R. to Dessau

Station

MOSIKAU

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

13 July 1955

Date

Unknown X-9253			Unk	Unk
Last Name	First	Initial	Rank	Serial No.
Unknown			Unk	
	Unit		Organization	
Mosigkau, Germany		16 August 1944		Plane Crash
Place of Death		Date of Death		Cause of Death
1600 Hrs 13 Jul 55	Frankfurt Mausoleum		Frankfurt/Main, Germany	
Time and Date of Burial	Name of Cemetery		Name or Coordinates of Location	
255				
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 ?

Mortuary plates

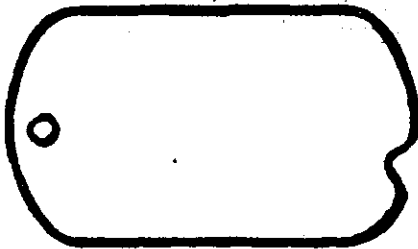
To determine Right or Left use **Deceased's** Right and Left.

Who is buried on :

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

Emergency Addresser Name

Address

Religion

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

Recovered as SR # 1024 from a small shallow grave adjacent to large mass grave in the community cemetery of Mosigkau (M-52/E-06) Germany from which twelve (12) airmen were previously recovered.

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

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



Status of Eighteen Deceased Airmen

1. Captain Carlisle and crew (B-24 #42-52447 - MACR 8431)

	<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>	
(Age 32)	P	Carlisle, Thurston C.	0400669	Capt	(Unidentified)
	CP	Jones, John F.	0826992	2/Lt	(Name case- Ident)
(Age 22)	N	Breecher, Donald W.	0713104	2/Lt	(Unidentified)
	NT	Taylor, Truman L.	32845445	Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-9254)
(Age 19)	TT	Gilbert, Frederick H. Jr.	12220123	Sgt	(Unidentified)
(Age 22)	RO	Beggs, William L.	12169351	Sgt	(Unidentified)
	WG	Woodbury, Howard V.	37019026	Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-587)
	WG	Flanagan, John	33705549	Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-586)
	TG	Boleski, Donald J.	33516148	Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-588)

2. Lieutenant Guastella and crew (B-24 #42-51098 - MACR 8432)

	<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Grade</u>	
	P	Guastella, Joe	0818860	2/Lt	(Name case - Ident)
	CP	Linder, Hal E.	0823646	2/Lt	(Ident. Prev. X-581)
	N	Harris, Norman A.	0713176	2/Lt	(Ident. Prev. X-580)
	NT	Crabtree, Kelly	34451524	Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-575)
	TT	Cohen, Howard	32887236	Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-583)
	RO	Calzonetti, Peter J.	32078302	Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-584)
	WG	Tatum, Frank W.	33533442	S/Sgt	(Name case - Ident.)
	WG	Matthews, Gilbert E.	13108281	Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-585)
	TG	Ruppert, John C.	10601043	S/Sgt	(Ident. Prev. X-578)

NOTE: Unidentified crew members are on Deferred Search Agenda - Germany M-52. Previous Unknowns (with the exception of X-9254) were recovered from a common grave in Mosigkau community cemetery and reinterred in USMC Margraten, Holland in May 1945. "Name cases" were also recovered with these Unknowns, except Lt Guastella - Recovered from Altengrabow. Unknown X-9254 (Taylor) recovered June 1955 from Mosigkau cemetery. S&R #1026-A recovered in June 1955 was consolidated with X-580 and ident. as Harris, Norman A.

One plane exploded and burned. Exhibit "D", case papers, indicates A/C 42-52447 exploded and burned. A/C #42-51098 did not burn. German KU 2743 reported 9 men parachuted.

(6 Nov 1963)
nmf

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT COLLISION

1. ORGANIZATION: Location by name Station 124 ; Component or Air Force 8th AF ;
Group: 415th Bomb ; Squadron: 703 ; Station: _____
2. ORIGIN: Place of departure: Tihenham, Eng ; Course: 360° for Dessau
Target of intended destination: Dessau ; Type of mission: Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF COLLISION (WHEN LAST REPORTED):
Haze
4. DATE: (a) DAY 16 ; MONTH Aug ; YEAR 1944 ; TIME 1100 ; and LOCATION:
Dessau ; (b) Specify whether aircraft was last contacted () ; last contacted () by
radio () ; forced down () ; crash site () ; or information not available
() . collide
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
only one): Enemy aircraft () ; Enemy anti-aircraft () ; Other circumstances
as follows: Collision in mid-air
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Serial No. B-24H ; Serial No. 42-52447
7. IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT, IF ANY: Not shown
8. ENEMIES: Type, Model and Serial No. 830-43 ; Serial Number CP-132804
(a) CP-312054 42-90939 (b) CP-303181 (c) _____ (d) _____
9. IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (Pursuit Numbers, etc., and Serial Numbers):
(a) 951658 (b) 951685 (c) 680263 (d) 153430-951456
(e) 951321 (f) 951540 (g) 932101 (h) 951772-951700
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE ABOARD AT: (a) Crash site ; (b) _____
or (c) Non-crash site
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish all the following particulars: If more than
11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets
and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Grade	Serial Number
1. Pilot	Carlisle, Thurston C.	Capt	0-400669
2. Co-Pilot	Jones, John E.	2/Lt	0-826992
3. Nav	Breecher, Donald W.	2/Lt	0-713104
4. Nose Tur.	Taylor, Truman L.	Sgt	32845445
5. Top Tur Eng	Gilbert, Frederick H. Jr.	Sgt	12220123
6. P/O	BEGGS, William L.	Sgt	12169851
7. Waist Gun.	Woodbury, Howard V.	Sgt	37019026
8. Waist Gun.	Flanagan, John (NMI)	Sgt	33705549
9. Tail Gun.	Boleski, Donald J.	Sgt	33516148
10.			
11.			

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO WERE ABOARD AT THE TIME OF COLLISION OF AIRCRAFT,
AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE STATUS OF EACH:

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Grade	Serial Number	Was Aboard Aircraft	Was Killed	Was Paroled
1. Meadows, R. H.	1/Lt	0-693062		X	
2.					
3.					

13. IF AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED BY ENEMY ACTION, OR BY OTHER CAUSE, CHECK THE FOLLOWING
STATUS: (a) Paroled _____ (b) Killed _____ (c) _____
After some of crash site _____ (d) _____ (e) _____
14. THIS AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED BY: (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____ (e) _____
15. ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS COLLISION OR OTHER SIMILAR COLLISIONS
PERTAINING TO THIS AIRCRAFT.

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UNIT DESIGNATION
 UNIT NUMBER AND AIR FORCE
 DATE

INCIDENT REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location by Station 124 ; Command or Air Force 8th AF ;
 Group; 445th Bm. ; Squadron 703 ; Detachment:
2. OPERATIONAL: Place of departure Tibbenham, Eng ; Course: 360° for Dessau
 Target of intended mission Dessau ; Type of mission: Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Haze
4. TIME: (a) Day 16 ; Month Aug ; Year 1944 ; TIME 1100 ; and LOCATION:
Dessau ; (b) Specify whether aircraft was () on ground, whereabouts of aircraft.
 () in flight, last contacted () by radio () ; Forced down () ; Crashed to ground () ; or Information Not Available ()
collide
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO BE LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one): Enemy action () ; Collision () ; Other circumstances as follows: Collision
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Serial No. B-24H ; Tail Number 42-51098
7. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, If any: Not shown
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Serial No. 1830-43 ; Serial Number
 (a) CP-327193 ; (b) 42-38775 ; (c) BP-432127 ; (d) BP-427367
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Pattern, Type, and Serial Numbers):
 (a) 966612 ; (b) 943972 ; (c) 1237223 ; (d) 1237276-1237379
 (e) 966598 ; (f) 983194 ; (g) 983354 ; (h) 1237364-1237355
10. THE FOLLOWING LISTED BELOW ARE THE NAMES OF: (a) Wreckage Casualty ; X
 (b) Non-Wreckage Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
 (Specify with Pilot, Passenger and other surviving particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list their particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this report.)

Crew Position	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Grade	Serial Number
1. Pilot	GUASTELLA, Joe (NMI)	2/Lt	0-818860
2. Co-Pilot	Linder, Hal E.	2/Lt	0-823646
3. Nav	Harris, Norman A.	2/Lt	0-713176
4. Nose Tur.	Crabtree, Kelly	Sgt	34451524
5. Top Tur.	Cohen, Howard	Sgt	32887236
6. R/O	Calzonetti, Peter J.	Sgt	32078302
7. Waist Gun.	Tatum, Frank W.	S/Sgt	33533442
8. Waist Gun.	Matthews, Gilbert E.	Sgt	13108281
9. Tail Gun.	Ruppert, John C.	S/Sgt	10601043
10.			
11.			

12. IDENTIFY ALL PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT WHOSE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE STATUS FOR EACH:

Name (Last, First, Middle)	Grade	Serial Number	Survived Ejector Seat	Wreckage Casualty	Non-Wreckage Casualty	Survived	Wreckage Casualty	Non-Wreckage Casualty
Meadows, R. H.	1/Lt	0-693062					X	

13. IF AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED TO SUCH AN EXTENT, AND/OR IT IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASES: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) any other reason (specify)

14. ATTACH REEL OR PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, AND THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

15. ATTACH EXHIBITS DETERMINATION OF CAUSE, POSSIBLE REASON, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

C O P Y

KU 2743

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN 16 Aug. 1944 1100 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH MOSIGKAU near DESSAU

TYPE OF CRAFT Liberator

REPORT OFFICE Air Base Hq. ZERBST

N A M E		RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
GUASTELLA	Joe	Lt.	0-813860	dead	died in hospi- tal Station Cemetery ALTENGRABOW
L I N D E R	Hall F.	Lt.	0-823846	dead	
*R A P P	John T.	Lt.		dead	
B E G G S	William L.	Sgt.	12169850	dead	
FLANAGAN	John	Sgt.	33705549	dead	
M A T T E W S	Gilbert E.	Sgt.	13108281	dead	
R U P P E R T	John C.	Sgt	10601048	dead	
C O H E N	Howard	Sgt	32887236	dead	
CALZONETTI	Peter J.	Sgt	d2078302	dead	

Common grave at MOSIGKAU near DESSAU

*Rapp was not a c/m of either
B-24. Note in MACR indicates
his name was on a parachute found
at the crash site. nmf

C O P Y

DULAG LUFT , 4 December 1944 Kr.

C O P Y

K U 2743

Telegram Form

S S D Lbzt 280 30.8 17.15

Distance - Message To investigation point west OBERURSEL - Taunus

Name of Distance-Message Writer: Commanding officer of air base

A (O) 16/III Zerbst/Anh.

Date: August 31, 1944

Time: 06.40

From: ISGL

Through: Weiser ??

Remarks: Directed to: Air district command III/I C Berlin - Dahlem -
Investigation point west Oberursel/Taunus - Air district command 3/III
Magdeburg - East.

Subject: Crash of a Liberator on August 16, 1944 at 10.59 north of Mosigkau,
7 km. south - west of Dessau. During salvaging rests of 4 completely
burned bodies were found among the wreckages. According to the
identification tags, the following named men could be identified:

- 1). Donald, W. B r e e c h e r O - 713104 T 43 - 44
- 2). Truman, L. T a y l o r 32845 R 43 - 44

The rests of the bodies were burried at the place of crash.

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Commanding officer of air base A (O) 16/III Zerst

Zerst, September 2, 1944

Apparatus 3

Subject: Crash of 2 Liberators north of Mosigkau, 7 km. south - west of Dessau on
August 16, 1944 1058 and 10.59.

Here report in addition of the location of the graves.

To

Investigation point west

Oberursel / Taunus

The unit forwards as stated on the reverse a sketch of the graves from
crew members of enemy planes. Interment took place on August 17, 1944
8.00

The following Americans were buried in a mass grave:

1.	Flanagan	John	ASN	33705549	T 43 - 44	A
2.	Matthews	E. Gilbert		13108281	T 43 - 44	O
3.	Rapp	John T.	ASN	missing		
4.	Crabtree	Kelly	"	34451524	T 43	O
5.	Ruppert	C. John	"	10601043	T 43 - 44	A
6.	Cohen	Howard	"	32887236	T 43 - 44	O
7.	Linder	F. Hall	"	0-823646	T 43 - 44	A
8.	Calzonetti	J. Peter	"	32073302	T 42 - 43	A
9.	Beggs	William	"	12169851	T 42 - 44	
10.	2 mutilated corpse without					and identification papers
11.	4 completely burned corpse likewise without identification tags.					

/s/ Schimkat

Captain and officer for special duties

C O P Y

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KU 2768

TELEGRAM FORM

DATE: August 18, 1944

TIME: 1350 hrs.

FROM: LSGL

THROUGH: Koehler

SSD LEZT Nr. 206 August 17, 2100 hrs. To Information Center West, Oberursel/
Taunus
same text To Air District Command II, Ic Berlin-
Dahlem

To Information Center West, Oberursel/Taunus.-
For EKM to Air Bases Command Section 3/III, Magdeburg-Ost.-

Report on downing of enemy aircraft:

Place of crash: Mosigkau, 7 km Southwest of Dessau

Date and Time: August 16, 1944, at 1058 hrs.

Type of craft: Liberator

Markings: Not to identify

Condition: destruction 99% by crash fire

Fate of crew: (reference downing 1059 hrs.) recovered dead:-

William B e g g s , 12169851 T 42-43.-

2 not identified and probably 4 more, bodies of which were
buried presumably among debris as drifting of bailed out crew
members was not observed.

Air Base HQs A (O) 16/III, Zerbst/Anh.

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KU 2768

TELEGRAM FORM

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DATE: August 31st, 1944

TIME: 0640 hrs

FROM: LSGL WUSA (?)

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S S D - L B Z T - 279 August 30, 1715 hrs.

To Information Center West, Oberursel.-

Same text to Air District Command III, Ic Berlin-Dahlem.-

Information Center West, Oberursel.-

Air Bases Command Sect. III, Magdeburg-Ost.

Subject: Downing of a Liberator, North of Mosigkau, 7 km Southwest of Dessau,
August 16, 1944 at 1059 hrs.

Among the debris of crashed plane parts of a completely smashed body
were recovered by Recovering Detachment. Name could not be identified.
Parts of body were buried at place of crash.

Air Base HQs A (O) 16/III Zerbst/Wnh

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