

Date of Burial: 10 Feb 53  
 PLOT A, ROW 7, GRAVE

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

*all*

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Verified by:

*I. Eisen Smith*  
 I. EISENSMITH, Capt, QMC

SECTION A —  
 NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

1200

DATE

25 April 52  
 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
UNKNOWN X-9114					
CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS	
843 GRIESHEIM/MAIN MAUSOLEUM			115	1202 CODE	80 DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
NEUVILLE EN CONDROZ, BELGIUM	(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

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
	PORTIONS PRESENT: 5 vertebrae r/humerus, portions l/humerus; r/radius; portions l/radius; portions r/femur, r/tibia & fibula
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION	

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

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 25 April 1952	BY Robert G. Clifford
CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
Robert G. Clifford	/s/ Robert G. Clifford
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
DATE 25 Apr 52 BY Robert G. Clifford	

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

*Theodore R. Peterson*  
 /s/ THEODORE R. PETERSON, 1st Lt, QMC  
 SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

REMAINS APPD UNIDENTIFIABLE; AUTH: DA 374541

I certify that the entries on this form are true copies of the entries on Copy Number 4 of this Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed hereon.

*I. Eisen Smith*  
 Capt. QMC

Att  
293  
Wk-Grushkin Main Maus X-9141  
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COMO DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC

ROUTINE

CINCUSAREUR WELDEBERG GERMANY

DA  
383504

PASS TO CO 7770 USAREUR ON MORTUARY SVC DET FROM COMDT MYLER 5 NOV 52 SUBJECT  
IDENTIFIED CONCERNING XRAY 9111 GRUSHKIN SLANT MAIN MAUSOLEUM

ROST STATUS AND APPROX DATE INFO MAY BE EXPECTED

Davis/id  
Clements<sup>mc</sup>

DEC 18 4 25 PM '52  
O.D.M.S. 2/1/52  
TEL. ROOM

JLJ

JCM

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CLARENCE C SAISER

MARY A EDWARDS, CAPT, GIC  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

COMDT 293 - X-9111 Grushkin X-7380

MC

**AIRMAIL**

7 November 1952

OSMT 293

RE: European

*Identification*

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Personnel

TO: Commander-in-Chief  
United States Army, Europe  
APO 103, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

FROM: Commanding Officer  
7770 USARVET HQ Mortuary Service Detachment  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. The records of this Office indicate that the following cases are pending resolution in your headquarters. Status of each case, as reflected in the records, is set forth for your information:

<u>Unknown No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Status</u>
X-5520	Henville, Belgium	Awaiting information from French Authorities through your headquarters relative to transportation of remains. Last information received 23 September 1952 (ASG No. FT 2357).
X-5524	Henville, Belgium	Certificate of unidentifiability requested by 1st Interment, 2 October 1952.
X-9096	Griesheim/Main	Resolution requested by Radio (X 35715) 8 September 1952.
X-9097	" "	
X-9113	" "	
X-9125	Griesheim/Main	Bd Findings received - 3 Individual Identifications. Returned to your Headquarters by 1st Interment, 8 October 1952, recommending Group Identification.
X-9126	" "	
X-9127	" "	
X-9128	Griesheim/Main	1st Interment, 7 October 1952, forwarded to your Headquarters recommending Group Identification.
X-9129	" "	

**AIRMAIL**

X 293 - X-9114 - Griesheim/Main

QAMT 203  
CIS European  
SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

7 November 1952

<u>Unknown No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Status</u>
X-911a	Ireland/Iris	Letter dated 5 November 1952 forwarded to your headquarters with additional dental information, requesting reprocessing of remains

2. The following unidentifiable cases, submitted by your Headquarters, will be processed by this Office for final resolution upon receipt of notification that pertinent documents have been declassified, as requested in message DA 371379, 31 October 1952:

<u>Unknown No.</u>	<u>Country</u>
X-911b	Ireland/Iris
X-911c	" "
X-911d	" "
X-911e	" "

3. It is requested that this Office be informed of the date resolution of the cases referenced in paragraph 1, above, may be expected.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAN S. B. CLEARWATER  
Colonel, (AC)  
Chief, Memorial Division

H. Martin/ld  
Duvie

*Handwritten initials*

12 NOV 52

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ROUTINE

CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY

PASS L CC 7770 USAREUR OM MORTUARY SVC DET FROM QMDET

POL UNKNOWN SIRSHEIM SLANT MAIN MAUSOLEUM APPROVED UNIDENTIFIABLE XRAY 9110  
XRAY 9111 XRAY 9114 AND XRAY 9124

Davis/id

293 - X-9114 - Criesheim/Hain

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MARY ALICE CLEMENTS

QMDET 293 - OPS EUROPEAN

*Ident*

X-73880

J FRANCIS SMITH, LT COL, QM  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS

7770 USAREUR QM HORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT  
APO 757 US ARMY

*293 Hick-Griesheim Main Maus X-9114*

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X - 9114, Plot - , Row -

Grave 115, USMC Griesheim/Main Mausoleum have been reviewed in accordance with par 159, SR 830-110-5, DA dated 3 March 1949, and it is the opinion of the Board of Review appointed by par 6, SR 209, Headquarters, Frankfurt Military Post, dtd 12 September 1952, 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. 9394, dated 8 July 1952

3. Remarks

See attached case papers

*H. C. Young*  
Maj H. C. YOUNG, O-319334, QMC  
(President)

*Isadore E. Emerith*  
Capt ISADORE EMERITH, O-1157230, QMC

*Francis M. Simon*  
Capt FRANCIS M. SIMON, O-1500810, QMC

1st Lt ALVIN J. REBEL, O-201476, QMC

1st Lt THEODORE E. HENDERSON, O-1363748, QMC

Classification Changed to  
Cancelled Secret Confidential  
Signature [Signature]  
Date 10

*Transmittal Letter 102152*

Received 27 Oct 52  
100MG  
Priority  
File

*[Signature]*  
12/17/52  
Investigation Branch

*10-13*

CASE HISTORY

UNKNOWN X-9114

Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

The remains designated Unknown X-9114 were recovered after discovery, by workers of a salvage firm, in the hull of an American landing craft at Omaha Beach, Vierville sur Mer, Calvados, France. With remains were found US Army equipment, the barrel and receiver (serial number 1718226) of an M-1 rifle.

No teeth or other conclusive identifying media were recovered. The only clues are; an approximate height and weight, and an age estimate of over 20 years for the decedent.

In view of the lack of identifying media, it is believed that Unknown X-9114 should be declared Unidentifiable.

Classification Changed to

~~Cancelled~~

~~Secret~~

~~Confidential~~

By Acting ~~Chief~~ M-G Major SC 18503  
year CINCUSAREUR dated 7 Nov 52

Signature B. J. Handell JMC

Date 10 Nov 52

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ROUTINE

GROUSAMMER HEIDELBERG GERMANY

DA 363857

DA 357715

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FROM COMBAT MEMO DA 357715

REQUEST ADVISE IDENT OR UNIDENT FOR UNKNOWN GRIPSTEIN SLANT MAIN MAUSOLEUM GERM  
XRAY 9096 XRAY 9097 XRAY 9110 XRAY 9111 XRAY 9112 XRAY 9113 AND XRAY 9121

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Clements

DA CUT NO 357715 (9 Sep 52)

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CLARENCE C SALSBER

COMBAT 293 - OPS EUROPEAN

X-73880

J FRANCIS SMITH, LT COL, GIC  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

X 293 - X-9114 - GRIESHAIN MAIN

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ROUTINE

GIESSENHEIM HEIDELBERG GERMANY

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FROM GCMGT

HAST ADVICE EDPIE OF UNIDENT FOL UNKNOWN GRIESHEIM SLANT MAIN MAUSOLEUM CLK  
XRAY 9096 XRAY 9097 XRAY 9100 XRAY 9111 XRAY 9113 XRAY 9114 AND XRAY 9124

H. Martin/JLJ  
Clements

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(RD)

CLARENCE C. SALSER

GCMGT 293  
GCS EDDOFLAH

75880

J. FRANCIS SMITH  
LT. COL. MC., MEMORIAL DIVISION

*293 file - Mark X 9114 Griesheim/Martin*

SR 706

## IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN X-9114				2. DATE OF REPORT 21 April 1952	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE 115	7. DATE OF	
				DISINTERMENT	REINTERMENT

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED <del>WEIGHT</del> AGE Over 20	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT 5' - 2 1/8"	10. COLOR OF HAIR None found	11. RACE UTD
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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?  YES  NO TO WHAT EXTENT?  
Severely thruout except on right radius

15. WAS BODY MANGLED?  YES  NO TO WHAT EXTENT?  
See attached skeletal chart

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

None noted

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

Remnants of: M-1 Rifle # 1718226  
2nd M-1 rifle trigger housing and butt end (no number found)  
US Steel helmet  
Canteen, US 1943  
2 Gillette safety razors  
1 Plastic cigarette case  
1 Eye-glass case  
1 Combination cigarette case and lighter "EVANS SPITFIRE"  
1 Fingernail file (small)  
1 Plastic pocket comb  
1 First-Aid container, metal  
1 Steel back of compass case marked "US CE" (U S Corps of Engineers)  
1 Schraeder air valve for manual inflation of life-preserver  
1 Portion of Wool CD material

Technicians: W. A. Neep  
E. H. Fields

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

SR 706

RIGHT

X-9114  
Griesheim/17  
LEFT  
Grave 115

SKULL \_\_\_\_\_ in.

STERNUM \_\_\_\_\_

UMERUS 31.0 cm

UMERUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

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

RADIUS 23.1 cm

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

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

HUMERUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE:  
BLACKED  
OUT  
PORTIONS  
ARE  
PRESENT

- # - Missing
- || - Burned
- ++ - Fractured
- \* - Shattered

Est. Age over 20

Est. height 5-2 1/8

Color Hair None Found

Noted Fractures None Noted

No Flesh  
severely burned  
Est. wts:

SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*  
21 April 52

110-130 lbs

HEADQUARTERS  
7770TH EUCOM QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT  
APO 757 US ARMY

21 April 1952

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

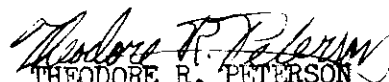
In accordance with the instructions contained in ID # 949, dated 15 April 1952, an investigation was conducted at St. LAURENT Sur Mer, France.

Information received by telephone from American Battle Monuments Commission indicated that workers at Omaha Beach had discovered remains believed to be American.

Workers from a salvage firm engaged in the salvage of debris at Omaha Beach found partial remains in the bottom of an American landing craft. With these remains were found pieces of U.S. Army equipment. No identifying markings or ID tags were found, except for the barrel and receiver of an M-1 rifle. The receiver bears the serial number 1718226. This partial remains has been assigned SR # 706.

It is concluded that these remains are American due to the presence of American equipment and the fact that they were found in the bottom of a sunken American landing craft.

It is recommended that these remains be processed for possible identification.

  
THEODORE R. PETERSON  
1/Lt QMC  
Investigator

TRANSLATION

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GENDARMERIE---NATIONALE  
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Compagnie du  
Calvados  
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To-day, 9 April 1952,

Section de  
Bayeux  
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we, the undersigned, : BRETECHER, (Pierre), M.D.L.C.  
and : LE FRANC, (Joseph), policeman,

Brigade de Trevieres  
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living in Trévières, (Calvados), report the following operations, which we performed on duty and according to orders given us by our superiors.

No. 191 du  
9 Avril 1952  
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PROCES-VERBAL  
Renseignements  
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On 9 April 1952, at 10:30 hrs. a message was received in our office (police) stating that human remains were discovered on a destroyed ship along the beach of Vierville sur Mer, (Calvados), by the enterprise VAN-LOO of Saint Laurent sur Mer.

Judiciaires.

Bécouverte osse-  
ments humains.  
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We left for this place immediately and can make the following statement:

Militaire Américain  
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S T A T E M E N T:

After we arrived we found that the human remains which were almost calcified; an American helmet; a field-bottle; a box of matches; a case; the mechanism of the trigger of a pistol; a destroyed machine gun on the calcified parts, were taken away by the Director of the American Cemetery of St. Laurent sur Mer after the latter had been informed of the discovery. These human remains and the objects were discovered in a destroyed gun boat at the beach of Vierville sur Mer.

LOCATION OF PLACE

The destroyed ship on which the human remains and the objects were found is located along the steep coast of Vierville sur Mer, facing the open sea, and north-west of this location. The destroyed gun boat is located at the beach, 500 meters, approximately, and north- of the route of Vierville sur Mer, leading to the beach. During the investigation it was learned:

GILBERT, Albert, 30 years old, Technical Director of the enterprise VAN-LOO, residing at Vierville sur Mer, (Calvados), who declared:

"Yesterday, 8 April 1952, during the afternoon, when carrying away old iron on a gun boat which had stranded at the coast, facing the open sea, on the territory of the community of Vierville sur Mer, we have discovered human remains, a piece of the tibia, pieces of the vertebrae, and

T R A N S L A T I O N cont'd

other bones which I could not identify. Together with the remains we found a box of matches, a little case, an American helmet, a destroyed machine gun etc. These objects and the remains have been gathered in order to be turned over to the competent authorities."

Statement made, certified and signed.

BRASHER, W. Robert, 44 years old, Director of the American Cemetery of Colleville and Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, (Calvados), who declared:

"I confirm having taken possession of the remains of a U.S. Military person, which were recovered yesterday, 8 of this month, by the enterprise VAN-LOO, in a destroyed ship at the beach of Vierville sur Mer.

I also confirm that I have taken possession of the destroyed machine gun, the mechanism of the trigger of a pistol and other objects which were discovered with the bones.

The American Graves Commission will be informed about this discovery thru my office."

Statement made, certified and signed.

Accompanied by the laborers of the enterprise VAN-LOO and the Director of the American Cemetery we proceeded to the ship wreckage and its vicinity for further investigation.

During a very thorough search we could not find anything else which would have given a clue as to identify the soldier whose remains (partial) had been discovered.

Four Investigations: destined:

First: Officer in Charge at Bayeux

Second: M. le Prefet of Calvados, in Caen, (V. H.)

Third: The General of Corps d'Armee, Chief of the French Liaison, with S.H.A.P.E., in Paris

Fourth: In the Archives.

Made and closed in Trévières, on 10 April 1952.

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : 949  
PROCESSING DIRECTIVE : 160

SR # 706  
25 April 1952

PROCESSING NARRATIVE

1. Search and Recovery Case # 706 pertains to remains (partial) recovered from the bottom section of a U. S. landing craft during recent salvage operations at Omaha Beach near St. LAURENT sur MER, France. With this case were found several items of U. S. equipment including the barrel and trigger housing of an M-1 rifle bearing the number 1718226.

2. This case is now designated as follows:

UNKNOWN X-9114 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum Grave 115

3. Laboratory processing revealed the following features of identification:

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>
X-9114 (Remains)	Over 20 Yrs.	(*) 5' - 2 1/8"	110-130 Lbs	None found

There were no teeth recovered. Remains are severely burned and shattered except for the right humerus and radius. NOTE (\*) Estimated height is based on measurements of the right humerus and radius alone which normally indicates an estimate less than actual height. Considering this fact it is very possible to assume that the actual height of this deceased was from 5' - 1/4" to 5' - 5". This case represents just one (1) deceased.

4. CAUSE OF DEATH: The shattered and burned condition of the remains in this case indicates that death was caused by explosion and fire resulting from the landing craft hitting a mine or receiving a hit from shell fire.

*Wesley A. Neep*  
WESLEY A. NEEP  
US DAC GS-7  
Lab. Identification Techn.

*Elmer H. Fields*  
ELMER H. FIELDS, BS (Atlanta University)  
US DAC Embalmer - Lab. Ident. Techn.

*E. Breighting*

E. BREIGHTINGER  
Professor of Anthropology  
University of Frankfurt  
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

# REPORT OF BURIAL

25 April 1952

Take fingerprints on the hands of the deceased. Take those You Can, and complete set of fingerprints. Fill in the following:

**Unknown X-9114**

Last Name: **UNK** First Name: **UNK** Initial: **UNK** Rank: **UNK** Organization: **UNK**

Unit: **Omaha Beach, France** Number of Rifles: **UNK** Color of Eyes: **Explosion**

Place of Death: **Omaha Beach, France** Date of Death: **1600 Hrs 25 April 1952** Cause of Death: **Explosion**

Time and Date of Burial: **115** Name of Burial Place: **Griesheim/Main Mausoleum** Location: **Griesheim, Germany**

Grave Number: **115** Row Number: **115** Type of Marker: **UNK**

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? (such as letters, photographs, etc.)

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

Who is buried on:

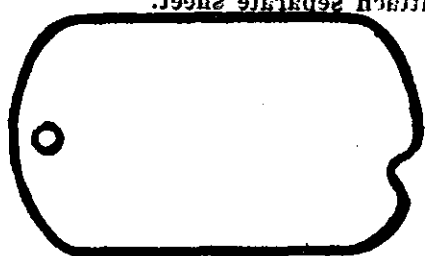
Deceased's Right:

Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Deceased's Left:

Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

If this is an isolated burial, make a sketch of the burial site and if possible a sketch of the body. (Do not show other than officer reporting burial.)



Signature of Name, Rank and if possible Organization of Officer Reporting Burial: **Theodore R. Peterson**

Emergency Addressee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Recovered as SR # 706 from the bottom section of a U. S. landing craft at Omaha Beach near St. Laurent sur Mer, France.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial:  
**THEODORE R. PETERSON, 1st Lt., OIC**

Verified by G. R. S. Officer: \_\_\_\_\_


Date: **29 July 1952**  
Signature: **SP-1**