

WW II CEMETERY NEUVILLE

PLOT C, ROW 12, GRAVE 45

Date of Burial: 06752

Verified by: *Theodore R. Peterson*

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

THEODORE R. PETERSON, 1st Lt, QMC

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SR # 346

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| SECTION A -<br>NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED | DIRECTIVE NUMBER | DATE<br>30 APR 52 |
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|                               |               |       |     |      |          |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|-----|------|----------|
| NAME<br>293<br>UNKNOWN X-9117 | SERIAL NUMBER | GRADE | ARM | RACE | RELIGION |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|-----|------|----------|

|                                      |      |     |              |                                     |            |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| CEMETERY<br>GRIESHEIM/Main MAUSOLEUM | PLOT | ROW | GRAVE<br>118 | DISPOSITION OF REMAINS<br>1202 CODE | DIST. CTR. |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----|--------------|-------------------------------------|------------|

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

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|---|---|
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE<br>NEUVILLE EN CONDROZ, BELGIUM | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN<br>(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION) |
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

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

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| NATURE OF BURIAL              | CONDITION OF REMAINS<br>Missing: 11 vertebra, 8 ribs, the sternum, r/l patella, l/fibula, bones of r/l hand and foot except l/talus, r/hip bone is fractured. remains are disarticulated with a small amount of flesh in the final stage of decomposition |
| OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION |   |

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

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| DATE 30 April 1952                   | BY ELIJAH H. FIELDS                          |
| CASKET SEALED BY<br>ELIJAH H. FIELDS | EMBALMER (Signature)<br>/s/ Elijah H. Fields |
| CASKET BOXED AND MARKED              | SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY                 |
| DATE 30Apr52                         | BY Elijah H. Fields                          |

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

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

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

APPD UNIDENTIFIABLE DA 354616  
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.  
*J. E. Spensmuth*  
Capt QMC

O.H.C. DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC

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CINCINNATUS REINTEGRATING GERMANY

ROUTINE

ROUTINE

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DA 354516

FROM CINCINN

FOR UNKNOWN APPROVED UNKNOWN NEWVILLE BELGIUM CLN XRAY 7568 SINGLE GRIESHAIN  
SLANT MAIN MANGLTON CEN XRAY 9116 XRAY 9117 XRAY 9118 AND XRAY 9119 PD MOST  
UNRECOVERABLE FINDINGS FOR ANDREW S MORGAN 37152776

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Clematis  
est Adm Sec.

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CLARENCE C. SALSER

(RMT 29) GNS European

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J. FRANCIS SMITH  
LT. COL. GNC., MEMORIAL DIV.

HEADQUARTERS  
7770 BUC HIG HQ HONOLULU SERVICE DETACHMENT  
APO 757  
US ARMY

GROP 200.2

*293 2nd Griesheim Main Maus X-9117*

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X 9117, Flot -, Row -

Grave 118, 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 4, SO 93, Headquarters, Frankfurt Military Post, dated 22 April 1952, as amended by par 10, SO 107, Headquarters, Frankfurt Military Post, dated 2 May 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. 6391, dated 29 May 1952.

3. Remarks See attached Case History

*Isadore Eisen Smith*  
Capt ISADORE EISENSMITH, O-1587230, QMG  
(President)

*Francis M Simon*  
Capt FRANCIS M. SIMON, O-1590410 QMG

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*Quint J Price*  
1st Lt QUINT J. PRICE, O-2107675, QMG

1st Lt THEODORE R. ESTERSON, O-1588748, QMG

*T/2 9396 28 May 52*  
Received *9396*  
Not identifiable from information presently available  
*Quint J Price*  
*25 May 52*

CASE HISTORY

Unknown X-9117

Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

The remains designated X-9117 are one of three (3) deceased recovered from Gerstungen Cemetery (L-51), Germany. The wife of the deceased caretaker believed the three (3) deceased were Americans. Grave marker read "Three (3) Unknown Americans".

The caretaker's wife also stated that the three (3) deceased were originally recovered from the "Berra Forest" in 1951 prior to burial in Gerstungen.

Remnants of clothing found with this remains indicate deceased was a member of the ground forces.

Attempts made to associate Unknown X-9117 with available information on casualties lost in the areas covered by map sheets L-51, L-52, M-51 and M-52 have met with negative results.

Considering the lack of definite information concerning date, location and cause of death in addition to the fact that no association can be made with known casualties it is recommended that Unknown X-9117 be declared Unidentifiable.

SR # 346

## IDENTIFICATION DATA

|  |  |  |        |                                    |  |
|--|--|--|--------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN<br>UNKNOWN X-9117  |  |  |        | 2. DATE OF REPORT<br>30 April 1952 |  |
| 3. NAME OF CEMETERY<br>Griesheim/Main Mausoleum  |  | 4. PLOT  | 5. ROW | 6. GRAVE<br>118                    | 7. DATE OF<br>DISINTERMENT REINTERMENT |
| PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION   |  |  |        |                                    |  |
| 8. ESTIMATED <del>KNOWLEDGE</del> AGE<br>30-35 Yrs.  |  | 9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT<br>5' - 4 3/4"             |        | 10. COLOR OF HAIR<br>Light Brown   |  |
| 11. RACE<br>White  |  |  |        |                                    |  |
| 12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS<br><br>None   |  |  |        |                                    |  |
| 13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES<br><br>None   |  |  |        |                                    |  |
| 14. WAS BODY BURNED?<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO  |  | TO WHAT EXTENT?                                |        |                                    |  |
| 15. WAS BODY MANGLED?<br><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO   |  | TO WHAT EXTENT?<br>See attached skeletal chart |        |                                    |  |
| 16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS<br><br>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 Cotton drawers<br>" of Wool drawers<br>" of coveralls<br>" of heavy wool CD material   |  |  |        |                                    |  |
| -----  |  |  |        |                                    |  |
| Technicians: W. A. Neep<br>E. H. Fields  |  |  |        |                                    |  |

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)

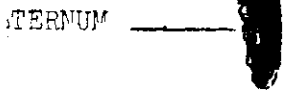
X-9117  
Griesheim m/j  
Grave 118

RIGHT

LEFT

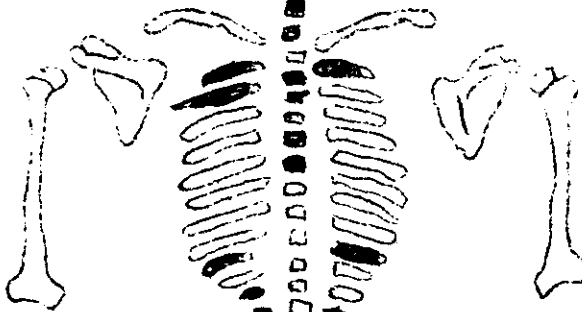


SKULL \_\_\_\_\_ in.



STERNUM

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



HUMERUS 33.0 cm

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

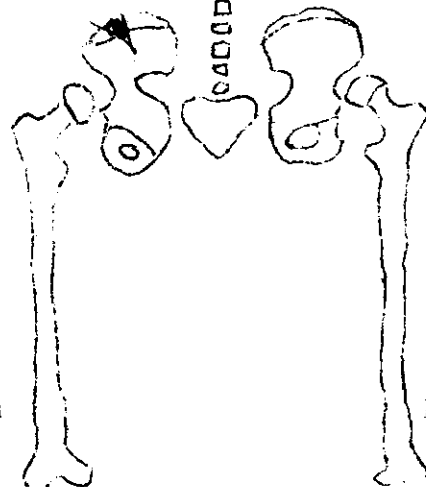
RADIUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm



ULNA 25.8 cm

RADIUS 24.0 cm

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



FEMUR 44.9 cm

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

FIBULA 35.5 cm



TIBIA 35.7 cm

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

- # - Missing
- |||| - Burned
- ||||| - Fractured
- ||||| - Shattered

Est. Age 30-35

Est. Height 5' 4 3/4"

Color Hair Light Brown

Noted Fractures None noted

NOT BURNED

Small amt of  
Flesh in Final state  
of decomposition

EST Wgt. 130-145

SIGNATURE

*E.H. Quirk*

30 Apr 52

SR 346

# TOOTH CHART

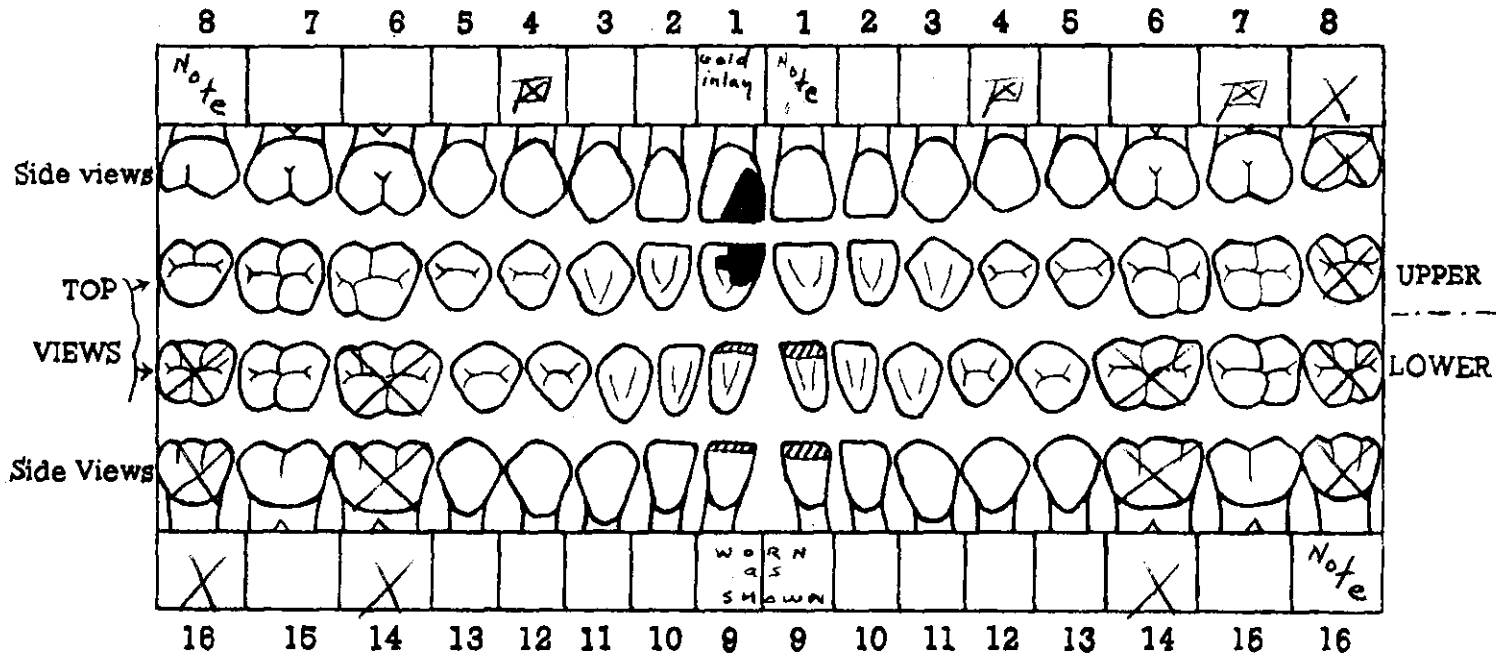
29 April 1952  
Date

|           |       |         |              |            |
|-----------|-------|---------|--------------|------------|
| Last Name | First | Initial | Grade        | Serial No. |
| Unit      |       |         | Organization |            |

Place of Death                      Date of Death                      Cause of Death

Right

Left



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

Size - Average  
color - Ivory  
Spaces - R14 9mm  
          - L14 9mm

Note: L1 extends downward 2mm bite line of adjacent teeth thus accounting for excessive wear of opposing teeth (L-9).

Posthumously  
Mississipp - R7; L4, 7.  
R8 Partially erupted.  
L6 unerupted  
L5 rotated slightly distally.

*W A Huff*  
Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

(OLD GRAVE REGISTRATION FORM 1-A)

L13 rotated 40° mesially and inclined lingually  
Very irregular bite-line.

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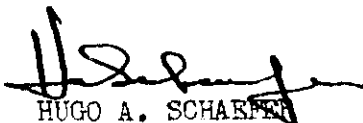
28 April 1952

REPORT OF EXHUMATION

On basis of information received from deceased caretaker's wife at GERSTUNGEN, remains of believed to be American deceased were exhumed and delivered to BERLIN.

According to statement of the above mentioned, remains forwarded under evacuation numbers SR-344 thru SR-346 were originally recovered from an isolated burial in the "Forest BERKA" and removed and reinterred at GERSTUNGEN in 1951, grave marker reading "Three (3) Unknown Americans".

Remains forwarded under evacuation number SR-347 are indicated as those of a Negro soldier who died on the April 1945 forced march through GERSTUNGEN.

  
HUGO A. SCHARFER  
USDAC B-309242  
Investigator



T R A N S L A T I O N

Report of Trip to GERSTUNGEN.

I received the information that members of the American Army were still allegedly buried in the cemetery of Gerstungen. Upon checking, it was found that, behind the grave from which seven (7) Americans had already been disinterred, a further grave was located which was unmarked. The wife of the former (now deceased) cemetery caretaker was present during the interment of this deceased and stated that it concerned a Negro. He had died during a forced march of prisoners through Gerstungen shortly before the end of the war. The body was exhumed and transported to Berlin. Furthermore, a grave was pointed out to me in which three (3) Americans were supposedly buried. Upon opening the grave site, remnants of uniforms were found with the remains. These had been placed in the caskets together with the remains. The three (3) American deceased were also exhumed and transported to Berlin. Inquiries as to where the remains originated from revealed that the deceased had been exhumed from the forest "BERKA" in 1951 and reinterred in the GERSTUNGEN cemetery. The grave was marked with a stone inscribed "Three Unknown Americans"

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE :: Deferred Search

SR's # 344, 345 & 346

PROCESSING DIRECTIVE :: 163

19 May 1952

NARRATIVE OF PROCESSING

1. Search and Recovery Cases # 344, 345 and 346 pertain to three (3) unknown deceased recovered from GERSTUNGEN Cemetery, (L-51/ ) Germany. It is reported that these casualties were originally recovered from the BERKA forest in 1951. The grave from which these three (3) deceased were recovered is reported having a stone marker inscribed "Three unknown Americans".

2. Remnants of US Army clothing found with two (2) of these three (3) cases indicated the possibility that all three (3) deceased are American casualties as reported.

3. These cases are now designated as follows:

SR # 344 now designated as UNKNOWN X-9116 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum Grave 117

SR # 345 now designated as UNKNOWN X-9119 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum Grave 120

SR # 346 now designated as UNKNOWN X-9117 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum Grave 118

4. Laboratory processing indicates identifiable skeletal features as follows:

|                  | <u>AGE</u>  | <u>HEIGHT</u> | <u>HAIR</u>   | <u>WEIGHT</u> |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| X-9116 (Remains) | Aprx 26 Yrs | 5' - 9 1/2"   | Blond 6" long | 140-160 Lbs   |

Maxillary teeth are intact in the skull and the mandible occludes with the maxilla and also articulates with the skull. Articulation of the skull with the remains is not possible due to missing vertebrae. There is a one-inch bone projection (exostosis) on the lateral surface of the right ulna at the proximal tip. The proximal tip of the right radius is diminished but there is some evidence of articulation with the humerus and ulna. Articulation does not appear to have been hindered and it is very possible this condition existed from birth. Remnants of coveralls, a button from an M-43 Field Jacket and US type cotton and woolen underwear were found with this remains.

|                  |             |              |             |             |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| X-9119 (Remains) | 33 - 38 Yrs | 5' - 10 1/4" | Light Brown | 150-175 Lbs |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|

Maxillary teeth are intact in the skull with distal portions missing. There is no mandible but two (2) loose mandibular teeth were found with this case. The fact that no clothing was found but there was evidence of a large hospital type bandage indicates this may have been a hospital case.

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X-9117 (Remains) 30 - 35 Yrs 5' - 4 3/4" Light Brown 130-145 lbs

Maxillary teeth are intact in the skull. Mandible occludes with the maxilla and articulates with the skull. The skull cannot be articulated with the remains because of missing vertebrae. US type clothing recovered with this case included cotton drawers, wool drawers coveralls and some heavy wool (D) material. All clothing was in small remnants.

h. There is no definite association yet established between these three (3) cases and any known U. S. casualty.

5. CAUSES OF DEATH:

Unknown X-9116

The only evidence of injury in this case is the occipital region of the skull. Death evidently was caused by a very hard blow on the rear of the skull. If this is an American airman there is no evidence of air crash as all major bones are intact. Blow on head was evidently received while on the ground.

Unknown X-9119

There is no evidence of injury to the skeletal remains. Evidence of large hospital type bandage indicates that death was probably the result of flesh wounds.

Unknown X-9117

Injuries to distal tips of right arm and the crest of the right ilium are the only skeletal evidences of injury which might have caused death.

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