

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

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| FILE NUMBER | <i>293</i>                                   | <i>2-9170</i> |
| SUBJECT     | <i>Ask AGRS Man [unclear] (unclear) Yes.</i> |               |
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QMC FORM 1121  
1 Aug 45

GPO 83-19180

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

*Att*

*293 Hub-Griesheim Main Maus. X-9170*

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

8 JANUARY 1953  
DAY MONTH YEAR

29  
NAME UNKNOWN: X-9170

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

ARM

RACE

RELIGION

CEMETERY GRIESHEIM/MAIN MAUSOLEUM

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

170

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

CODE

DIST. CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

- REMAINS
- 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 QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

NAT  
FILE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

RECORDS ANNOTATED  
DATE 19 November 53  
NAME *W. H. ...*

DATE

BY

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

*Repa. BR. MEM. DIV.*

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

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

REMAINS INTERRED: WW II CEM NETTUNO  
PLOT G, ROW 6, GRAVE 47  
DATE OF BURIAL: 13 OCTOBER 53

**RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER**

1. SHIPPED

FROM

TO

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

2. SHIPPED

FROM

TO

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

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3. SHIPPED

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NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

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SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

5. SHIPPED

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TO

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

6. SHIPPED

FROM

TO

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

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7. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

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SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

WW II CEM NETTUNO

Plot G Row 6 Grave 47  
DATE OF BURIAL/3 53

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Verified by:

*Francis M Simon*  
FRANCIS M SIMON, Capt, OMC

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A —  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

8 Jan 53  
DAY MONTH YEAR

|                |               |       |     |      |          |
|----------------|---------------|-------|-----|------|----------|
| NAME           | SERIAL NUMBER | GRADE | ARM | RACE | RELIGION |
| UNKNOWN X-9170 |               |       |     |      |          |

|                          |      |     |       |                        |
|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|------------------------|
| CEMETERY                 | PLOT | ROW | GRAVE | DISPOSITION OF REMAINS |
| Griesheim/Main Mausoleum |      |     | 170   |                        |
|                          |      |     |       | CODE DIST. CTR.        |

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN |
|                               |                                 |

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

|                |               |       |               |                   |
|----------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| NAME           | SERIAL NUMBER | GRADE | DATE OF DEATH | DATE DISTINTERRED |
| UNKNOWN X-9170 |               |       |               |                   |

|   |              |          |                            |
|---|--------------|----------|----------------------------|
| IDENTIFICATION TAG ON   | ORGANIZATION | RELIGION | IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS<br><input type="checkbox"/> MARKER |              |          |                            |
|   |              |          | NAME AND TITLE             |

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| NATURE OF BURIAL | CONDITION OF REMAINS   |
|                  | PORTIONS PRESENT: Few burned fragments of skull; all teeth; major portions of both clavicles; 3 vertebrae; fragment of burned vertebrae; burned fragments of R/scapula and R/humerus; Proximal 1/2 L/humerus; charred portions of R/radius and 3rd metacarpal bone |

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION |  |
|                               |  |

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|--|--|
| MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report OMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.) |  |
|  | of R/hand; Charred fragments of shaft of L & R Femora.<br>Est. Age: 20-21. |

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET | Est. Ht. UTD                                       |
|                                       | No Flesh. No hair. Remains small and light weight. |

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| CASKET SEALED BY   | EMBALMER (Signature) |
| ROBERT W. CLIFFORD | s/ROBERT W. CLIFFORD |

|                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CASKET BOXED AND MARKED             | SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY |
| DATE 8 Jan 53 BY ROBERT W. CLIFFORD |                              |

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

*Francis M Simon Capt OMC*  
SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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.

*Larry H Salenb*  
2nd Lt OMC

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM

Gräsehm/Main Mausoleum 172

TO

USMC, NETTUNO, ITALY

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

Alt

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

*Francis M. Simon*  
CAPT. FRANCIS M. SIMON, GMC

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

*Horace J. Garity*  
HORACE J. MC GARTHY, SUPERINTENDENT

DATE

13 Oct 1953

FROM

2. SHIPPED

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE

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DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

293 Unit *USARMC* *Headquarters* *US Army* *X-9170*

HEADQUARTERS  
7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT  
APO 757  
US ARMY

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X 1100, Plot - , Row - ,  
Grave - , USMC 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 17, SO 149, Headquarters, North-  
ern Area Command, dated 19 August 1953, 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. 42  
dated 11 Dec 1953.

3. Remarks.

Major H. O. YOUNG, O-319334, QMC  
(President)

*Francis M. Simon*  
Captain FRANCIS M. SIMON, O-1590810, QMC

*Joe Caldwell*  
1st Lieut. JOE R. CALDWELL, O-2037529, QMC

*Simon J. Larkins*  
1st Lieut. SIMON J. LARKINS, O-130247, QMC

*Theodore R. Peterson*  
1st Lieut. THEODORE R. PETERSON, O-1688748, QMC

*Approved Unidentifiable*  
*John*  
*John*  
*25 Sep 53*

CASE HISTORY

UNKNOWN X-9170

Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

Unknown X-9170 was recovered from a mass burial of 30 - 32 German war dead in the military section of the community cemetery at STUPPACH (L-50/S-49) Germany. The remains were found wrapped in a paper sack above and apart from the actual mass burial. According to statement of Karl Retzbach, farmer, remains were originally found in the debris of his burned barn located on the outskirts of Stuppach. From local source, the approximate date of death is given as on or about 4 April 1945. Investigation disclosed that on the above date a jeep with three or four U.S. soldiers entered the village which had not yet been occupied by American troops. They encountered enemy SS troops in and around the barn and in the ensuing battle some American and German soldiers were killed. One dead American soldier was presumably left in the barn which was later hit by artillery fire and burned for several days.

The remains are severely burned and shattered. Of the major bones only portions were recovered. With the exception of four posthumously missing, all teeth are present. There is only one occlusal amalgam filling (L-15) apparent. Recovered with the remains was a U.S. enlisted type buckle.

The only association that could be made was with Pfc Howard D. Mc Kee, 35637382, of Battery "A", 420th Armored FA, who was reported missing in action 7 April 1945. Pfc Mc Kee was a member of a reconnaissance patrol that was ambushed in the village of Stuppach by approximately 30 SS troopers. Statement by a survivor of the action relates; subject decedent was last seen after exhausting his ammunition, retreating away from the line of fire.

On the basis of the above circumstances and a favorable comparison of tooth chart, also, the absence of any conflicting evidence, Unknown X-9170 was identified by this headquarters as Pfc Mc Kee. This identification has been disapproved by OQMG.

In view of the above, the small amount of remains, and lack of physical identifying media, it is concluded that X-9170 must be considered Unidentifiable.

  
W. MERRICK

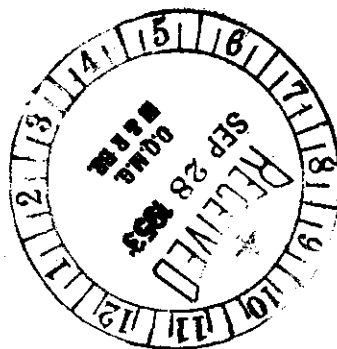
18 September 1953

CGM 293 I (18 Sep 53) 1st Ind  
SUBJECT: Certificate of Unidentifiability  
Transmittal Letter #6460

Headquarters, U. S. Army, Europe, Quartermaster Division, APO 403,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York, 18 Sep 1953

TO: The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, DC

2 Incl  
n/c



293 - 193 1st Ind Europe  
Wtk X-9170, Quartermaster/Postmaster

file - NAT  
J. Lee  
28 Sep 53



HEADQUARTERS  
7770 USAREUR & MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT  
APO 757 US ARMY

QTS 293.9 GR

18 September 1953

SUBJECT: Certificate of Unidentifiability  
Transmittal Letter # 6468

THRU: Quartermaster  
Headquarters, US Army, Europe  
APO 403, US Army  
ATTN: Field Service Branch

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

In compliance with letter, your Office, QMGT 293, GRS European,  
Subject: Final Resolution of Unknown Deceased, dated 29 July 1948, for-  
warded herewith are two (2) Certificates of Unidentifiability pertaining  
to the following remains:

| <u>Unknown No</u> | <u>Cemetery</u>          | <u>Grave</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| X-9135            | Griesheim/Main Mausoleum | 137          |
| X-9170            | Griesheim/Main Mausoleum | 172          |

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls  
1 Cert of Unident  
w/case history  
X-9135  
2 Cert of Unident  
w/case history  
X-9170

FRANCIS H. SIMON  
Captain QMC  
Chief Graves Reg Br

11 Sept 53

Unclassified

OQMG DEPTAR WASH DC  
CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY

ROUTINE

Pass to CO 7770 USAREUR QM Mort Svc Det From QMOMT Ref Xray 9135 and Xray 9170  
Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

Rqst advise curr status

Unclassified

(DA)

Clarence C Salser  
QMOMT 293  
GRS EUROPEAN

73880

OLIVER F. PARKER, LT COL, QMG  
Memorial Division

293 - X-9170 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

AIRMAIL

REF 273  
Hokee, Howard B.  
PO. 35 637 302

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27 July 1953

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

TO: Commanding Officer  
770 DEPARTMENT OF Mortuary Service Detachment  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 12 February 1953, Subject: Report of Burial, Transmittal letter #639, File #78 273.9 (A), by which your Headquarters forwarded Board Findings recommending identification of Unknown X-9170, Grisenheim/Main Massolam, as Pfc. Howard B. Hokee, 35637302.

2. After a careful review of all the circumstances, it has been determined that positive identification of these remains as Pfc. Hokee cannot be substantiated in view of the inconclusive nature of the evidence upon which the association is based. It is therefore requested that findings of unrecoverability for Pfc. Hokee be reinstated and that a Certificate of unidentifiability be issued for Unknown X-9170 and forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General.

3. Board findings, together with corrected report of burial, are returned herewith.

ALL THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JLJ

1 Encl  
21 Pgs w/Cor R/D  
attd (X-9170)

J. G. MacDONALD  
Lt Col CMC  
Memorial Division

Lee/Id  
Clements  
Salsar

AIRMAIL

cc: Adm Sec

TELEPHONE INFORMATION RECORD

DATE

20 March 1953

TELEPHONE NUMBER AND BRANCH CALLED  
Cas.Res.Sec.(Miss Dyer) - Ext. 73090

NAME OF PERSON PLACING CALL  
V. Lee

CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION (X or Case Number)  
X-9170

CEMETERY  
Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

INFORMATION REQUIRED  
Requested check of Historical Records to determine units operating in area of Stuppach, Germany. Also requested address of survivor.

DATE CALLED BACK  
23 March 1953

PERSON GIVING INFORMATION  
Mrs. Hughes

INFORMATION RECEIVED  
Address of Mr. Peter Leck is 11 Center Street, Williston Park, L.I., N.Y.

re units

NOTE: Casualty Research Section sent request to DPRB instead of Historical Records.

Major Gibbs discussed the request with Major Jacks as the result of which the entire matter was dropped.

*File in A-1  
Jacks  
97 March 53*

**INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET**

DUE, HOUR AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

| 1<br>NO. | 2<br>FROM-                                  | 3<br>TO-                                    | 4<br>DATE      | 5<br>MESSAGE   |
|----------|---|---|----------------|--|
| 1        | Mem Div<br>Ident Br<br>Adm & Control Office | Regist Br<br>Rec Sec<br>-Mem Div            | 26 Feb<br>1953 | <p>SUBJECT: New Cases</p> <p>Attached Reports of Burial with associated case papers for the following Unknowns forwarded for any action deemed necessary and return to Adm &amp; Control Office:</p> <p><u>AGRS MAUS. GRIESHEIM/MAIN (1127), GERMANY</u></p> <p><u>X-9170</u> Grave 172</p> <p><u>AGRS MAUS. GRIESHEIM/MAIN, GERMANY (ME 3)</u></p> <p>X-70041 Grave 43</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>S</i><br/>LEWIS<br/>52462</p> |
| 2        | Regist Br<br>Rec Sec<br>Mem Div             | Mem Div<br>Ident Br<br>Adm & Control Office | 27 Feb<br>1953 | <p>Attached cases returned herewith as requested.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>McJung</i><br/>LAY<br/>54276</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MCMORRIS<br/>55395</p> <p>Incl: a/s</p>   |

293 - Unit X-9170, Graves Admin/Regimental Mess

MEMORIAL DIVISION  
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IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

MEMORIAL DIVISION  
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REGISTRATION  
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ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

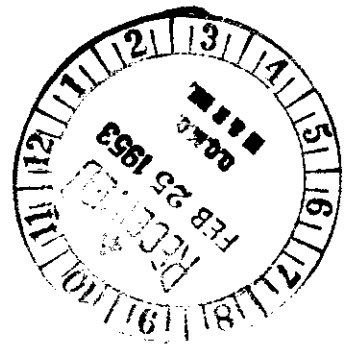
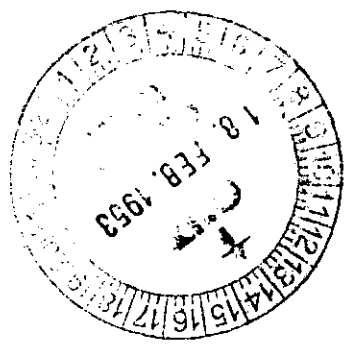
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CQM 293 I (12 Feb 53) 1st Ind  
SUBJECT: Report of Burial Transmittal Letter # 6439

Headquarters, U. S. Army, Europe, Quartermaster Division, APO 403,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York, 17 Feb 53

TO: The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, DC

4 Incl  
n/c

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293 - Unit X-9176, Quartermaster/Min. Mass



MEMORIAL DIVISION

1953 FEB 25 PM 12 02

REGISTRATION BRANCH



HEADQUARTERS  
7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT  
APO 757 US ARMY

MTS 293.9 GR

12 February 1953

SUBJECT: Report of Burial  
Transmittal Letter # 6439

THRU: Chief, Quartermaster Division, USAREUR  
APO 403, US Army  
ATTN: Field Service Branch

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D.C.  
ATTN: Memorial Division

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

| <u>Unknown No.</u> | <u>Cemetery</u>                        | <u>Grave</u> |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
| X-9170             | Griesheim/Main Mausoleum               | 172          |
| X-70041            | Griesheim/Main (MED ZONE)<br>Mausoleum | 43           |

2. Also submitted herewith for your review are corrected Reports of Burial including confirmatory Board Findings for:


|                   |     |          |
|-------------------|-----|----------|
| MC KEE, Howard D. | Pfc | 35637382 |
| HAMMOND, Alton W. | Pvt | 35549366 |

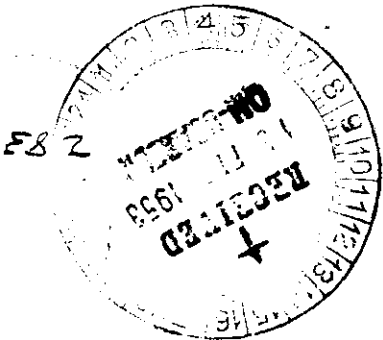
These reports represent cases previously designated Unknown X-9170 and X-70041 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum and Griesheim/Main (MED ZONE) Mausoleum, respectively.

3. It is recommended that the above identifications be approved by your Office and this detachment advised accordingly.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

4 Incls:  
1-2 Rpts of Burial  
w/allied papers  
3-4 Corr Rpts of Burial  
w/Bd Fdgs

  
WALTON MEYRICK  
US DAC  
Graves Registration Branch



SR 396

## IDENTIFICATION DATA

|   |  |         |        |                                     |  |
|---|--|---------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN<br>X-9170                 |  |         |        | 2. DATE OF REPORT<br>8 January 1953 |  |
| 3. NAME OF CEMETERY<br>Griesheim/Main Mausoleum |  | 4. PLOT | 5. ROW | 6. GRAVE<br>172                     | 7. DATE OF<br>DISINTERMENT REINTERMENT |

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

|  |                            |                                 |                   |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8. ESTIMATED <del>SEX</del> AGE<br>19-21 Yrs | 9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT<br>UTD | 10. COLOR OF HAIR<br>None Found | 11. RACE<br>White |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|

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?<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | TO WHAT EXTENT?<br>Thruout |
|---|----------------------------|

|  |  |
|--|--|
| 15. WAS BODY MANGLED?<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | TO WHAT EXTENT?<br>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)

US Army enlisted type buckle for a web waist belt. (burned)

Technician : W. A. Neep

Anthropologist : Prof. E. Breitinger

HEADQUARTERS  
7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT  
APO 757 US ARMY

14 January 1953

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : 1038  
PROCESSING DIRECTIVE : 205  
SEARCH AND RECOVERY CASE : 396

IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT

1. Search and Recovery Case #396 consists of burned partial remains recently recovered from a mass burial of 30-32 German World War II dead at STUPPACH (L-50/S-49), Germany. The burned remains were found in a paper sack at a depth of about one-half meter and the mass burial of German soldiers was at a depth of one meter. Examination of the mass burial by the German Graves Registration team during December 1952 resulted in the finding of a portion of US Army Web waist belt with these separately buried portions which indicated this was the remains of a US casualty missing in the area.

2. Pending approval of identification of this case by OQMG a temporary Unknown "X" number has been assigned as follows:

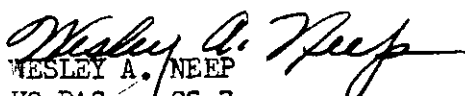
SR 396 is now designated UNKNOWN X-9170 Griesheim/Main Mausoleum Grave 172


3. Available records indicate that Pfc Howard D. MC KEE, 35 637 382, Battery "A", 420th Armored FA, was last seen in the village of STUPPACH. He had expended all his ammunition and is presumed to have been captured or killed in that vicinity by a superior force of German SS troops. Captured German Records do not indicate that Pfc MC KEE was ever taken prisoner. A comparison of physical characteristics of this case and the characteristics as shown on OQMG Form 371 for Pfc MC KEE indicates that Unknown X-9170 represents the only recoverable remains of Pfc MC KEE as shown below:

|            |           | <u>AGE</u> | <u>WEIGHT</u>     | <u>HEIGHT</u>        | <u>HAIR</u> |
|------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| X-9170     | (Remains) | 19-21 Yrs  | Light             | Small                | None found  |
| Pfc MC KEE | (Fm. 371) | 23 Yrs     | 5-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lbs | Brown       |

The complete maxilla and mandible contain teeth which are in perfect agreement with available dental data for Pfc MC KEE.

4. CAUSE OF DEATH: The remains are severely burned in a manner which indicates the deceased was lying face downward so the fire burned only the posterior portions of the body. The shattered condition of the skeletal remains was probably caused by the collapse of the burning building.

  
WESLEY A. NEEP  
US DAC GS-7  
Laboratory Ident. Techn.

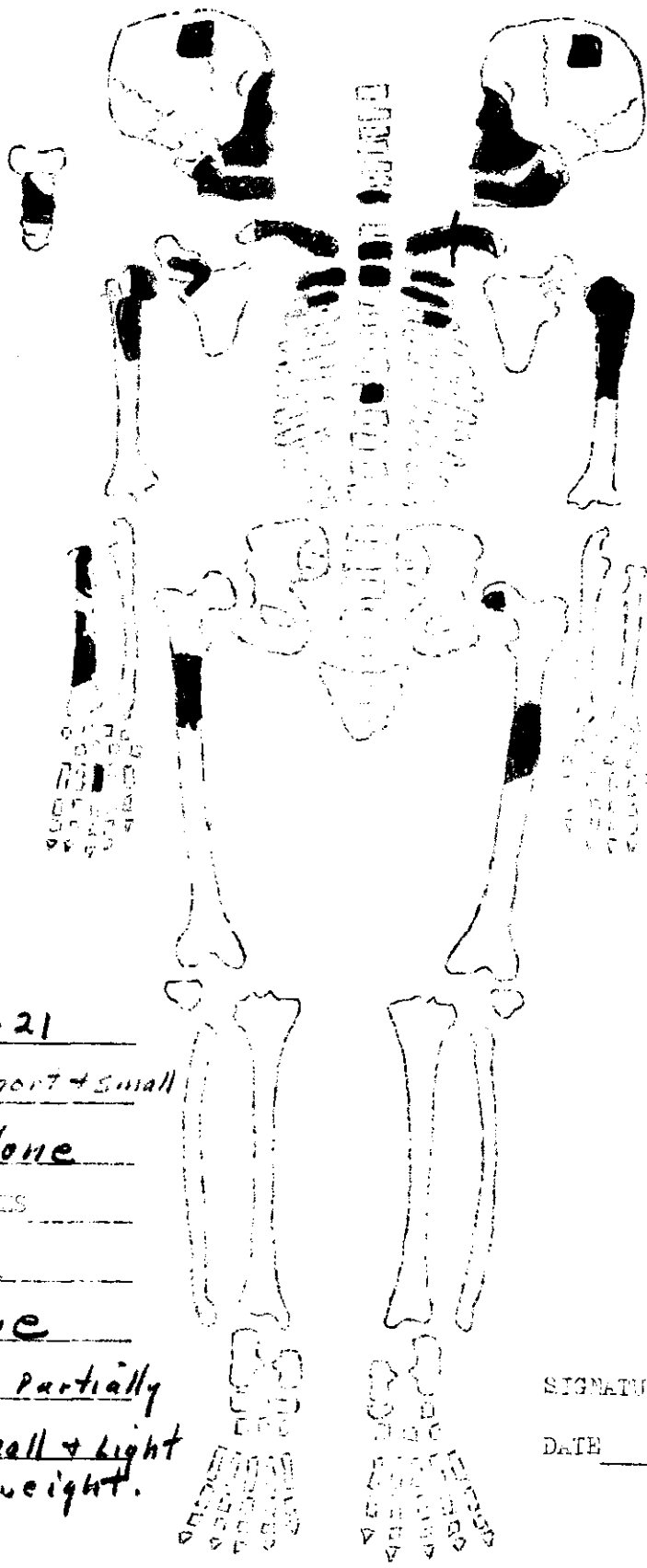
  
E. BREITINGER  
Professor, Institute of Anthropology  
University of Frankfurt  
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

SKELETAL CHART

( BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY PRESENT )

SR 396

X-9170  
Griesheim/M  
Grave 172



NOTE:  
BLACKED  
OUT  
PORTIONS  
ARE  
PRESENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

EST. AGE 19-21

EST. HEIGHT Short + Small

COLOR HAIR None

HEALED WOUNDS  
None

FLESH None

BURNET Yes - Partially

EST. WEIGHT Small + Light weight.

SIGNATURE W.A. Kemp

DATE 8 Jan. 53

SR 396  
 MCKEE, Howard D.  
 35 627 382 PFC

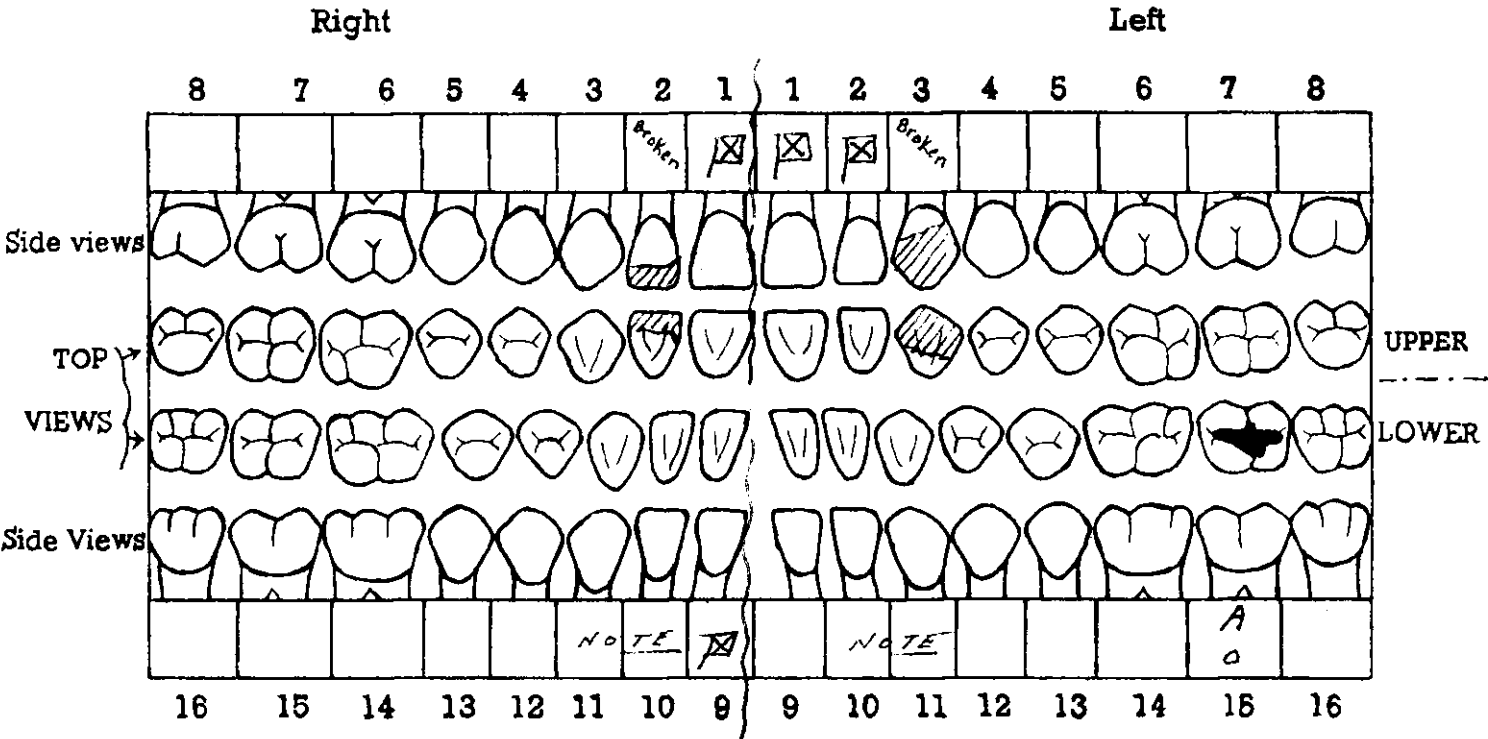
X-9170  
 Griesheim/Main Maus.  
 Grave 172

# TOOTH CHART

8 JAN 53  
 Date

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

Place of Death                      Date of Death                      Cause of Death



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

Size - Small average  
 Color - Ivory  
 Posthumously missing - R1, 9; L1, 2.

Notes - R11 and L11 each rotated  
 Approx. 30° distally.

R10 and L10 each slightly  
 crowded lingually.

Maxilla and Mandible were burned.  
 All biting surfaces are worn heavily  
 in relation to the age of the deceased.

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

**ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS**

DENTURES (PLATES)... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"

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|  |  | <p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.. All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :</p> |
|  |  | <p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.. Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, silver or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>  |
|  |  | <p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.. Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>   |
|  |  | <p><b>FILLINGS</b>.. Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>   |
|  |  | <p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.. Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>   |

HEADQUARTERS  
7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT  
APO 757  
US ARMY

6 January 1953

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

In accordance with Investigation Directive #1038, Case # L-50/Misc., dated 31 December 1952, this headquarters, the undersigned investigator accompanied by M/Sgt Raymond M. Jackson and Mr. Heinz Schmitz, Interpreter, proceeded to the city of BAD MERGENTHEIM (L-50/S-49), Germany for the purpose of observing and taking custody of a package of burned human remains recently recovered from the area. The reported presence of a portion of US web belt found with the remains was the only clue as to the nationality of the deceased.

FINDINGS:

Upon our arrival 5 January 1953 at BAD MERGENTHEIM we contacted the Burgermeister's representative in charge of cemeteries and obtained permission to observe and take custody of the subject remains. The remains were examined at the city morgue and consisted of several severely burned portions of upper and lower appendages as well as several portions of partially burned upper torso and skull with a complete maxilla and mandible. With these portions was a US Enlisted type buckle for a web waist belt.

We were informed by the city cemetery official that these burned partial remains had been recovered in a paper bag approximately one-half meter below the surface and above a mass burial of some thirty-two (32) German war dead found at a depth of one meter in the military section of the community cemetery at STUPPACH six (6) kilometers south of BAD MERGENTHEIM. These partial remains were first noticed in May 1952 when a German family found them while searching the mass burial for their son's remains. The family located their son and then notified the German Graves Registration unit at CONSTANCE which made a complete investigation of this mass burial of thirty-two (32) Germans and also an adjoining mass burial of twenty-nine (29) German war dead.

After the German Graves Registration unit identified the Germans in the two (2) mass burials they made proper reburials and withdrew the burned partial remains which were believed to be those of a US soldier missing in that area. The German Graves Registration unit then notified the US Army Surgeons' office at STUTTGART who, in turn, notified this headquarters.

Having taken custody of the subject remains we proceeded to the town of STUPPACH for additional investigation and obtained signed statements from ALFONS STUERTZ, son of the town Burgermeister (Exhibit "A"); Mrs. Hildegard FUCHS, wife of the school teacher who originally recovered the subject remains from the debris of a burned barn (Exhibit "B"); Mr. Karl RETZBACH, owner of the burned barn from where the subject remains were



originally recovered (Exhibit "C"); and Josef STUETZ who was present during the May 1952 exhumation.

A visit was made to the military section of the community cemetery accompanied by the Burgermeister and Mr. Josef STUETZ where we were shown the site of the two (2) mass burials and the approximate spot where the burned partial remains were found. A sketch was then made of the cemetery and surrounding area (Exhibit "E").

From the above mentioned statements and hearsay evidence it was apparent that on or about the 4th of April 1945 a jeep with three or four US soldiers approached the town of STUPPACH and engaged the enemy in and around a barn owned by Mr. Karl RETZBACH. It was believed that one or more US soldiers were killed in action along with several German soldiers. White flags were displayed by the civilian populace and the US troops were told that no more German soldiers were in the city. The American forces departed but left no troops to hold the village. That night German SS troops arrived and threatened the civilians for displaying white flags. The civilians were very frightened and hid in their basements when the American troops arrived the following morning and were met with stiff enemy resistance. Following the retreat of the enemy it is reported that the American troops were angry with the civilians and the Burgermeister for telling them there were no more German troops in the city. The Americans believed that the German civilians had tried to trick them. As a consequence they forbid the burial of the many German dead for a period of fourteen (14) days during which time the stench became unbearable.

*In view of the fact that the barn was destroyed by fire the remains of the soldiers who were killed in action were taken to the barn and buried there.*

A barn owned by Mr. Karl RETZBACH was set afire by US artillery during the fighting and is reported to have burned for a period of three (3) days due to the oily contents of the barn. Four or five weeks later, while clearing away the debris of the destroyed barn, a few portions of burned human remains were noticed underneath the debris. A school teacher, named FUCHS, gathered up what remains he could find and placed them in a paper sack and buried them in one of the mass burials in the military section of the community cemetery at STUPPACH. Although Mr. FUCHS died in 1946 his wife Hildegard FUCHS remembers her husband telling her of the finding of the burned remains and the burial in the mass grave.

Mr. Josef STUETZ was present during the exhumation of the mass burial in May 1952 and remembers that the paper sack containing burned human remains was found at a depth of approximately one-half meter whereas the mass burial was found at a depth of approximately one meter.

CONCLUSION:

The parcel of burned human remains was designated SR #396 and transferred to the Central Identification Laboratory in Frankfurt for further examination and possible association with an unrecovered casualty from the area of STUPPACH.

RECOMMENDATION:

This case is being held open on the records of the German Graves Registration Unit at CONSTANCE. It is recommended, therefore, that the acceptance or non-acceptance of this case as the remains of a US soldier be reported to that organization.

*Wesley A. Neep*  
WESLEY A. NEEP  
US DAC  
Investigator-Ident. Techn.

T r a n s l a t i o n

Stuppach, 5 January 1953

STATEMENT

I, ALFONS STUERTZ, residing at STUPPACH hereby state the following to the best of my knowledge and belief:

I was continually in Stuppach during the war. I recall the following events during the fighting in and around Stuppach. Around 4 April 1945, the village not yet being occupied by American troops, an American jeep approached from the direction NUSSBRUNN in which three or four American soldiers were seated. At the exit of the village the soldiers left the jeep and proceeded to walk towards the barn of farmer Karl RETZBACH. In this barn were still SS troops, which evidently the American soldiers did not know. According to what I heard, a gun fight took place between the American and German soldiers. During the battle, some American and German soldiers were killed. As it was said, one dead American soldier was supposedly lying in the barn. This barn, which was filled with seeds and weeds, was then set afire by artillery. The barn burned for about three days. How and when the remains were found is unknown to me but it is to be assumed, during the removal of the debris.

/s/ Stuertz

Certified:

/s/ Burgermeister Stuertz, Alfons

Stamp

Stuppach, den 5. Jänner 1752

Kohlenvertrag

Der, Alfons Hinz, wohnhafte in Stuppach obliche Löhner  
freigewillt nach folgenden Witten und Gewichten:

Während der Winter vor ihm immer in Stuppach. Ich zimere  
nicht den folgenden Bedingungen während der Winter in, nicht  
im Stuppach. Von dem 4. April 1745, zu der Zeit vor dem  
nicht nicht von dem Löhner Löhner, wenn mit der  
Richtung "Löhner" zu dem Löhner der Zeit in dem 3. oder  
4. Wochen zu sein. In der Richtung der Zeit dieser  
Löhner mit dem Zeit und Löhner sich zu sein in Richtung  
sich Löhner die dem Bauer nach Löhner gehörte. In die-  
ser Löhner waren nach Löhner L. L. Löhner, was die Löhner  
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Alfons Hinz



Stuppach

T r a n s l a t i o n

Stuppach, 6 January 1953

STATEMENT

I, Mrs. Hildegard FUCHS, hereby state the following:

My husband, who died in the year 1946, had been school teacher in the community of Stuppach. I remember that my husband told me that after the war he had found charred human remains in the barn owned by farmer RETZBACH. These remains were buried by my husband in a grave already containing German deceased.

/s/ H. Fuchs

EXHIBIT "B"

Hingbach, den 6. Januar 1953

Erläuterung:

Ich, Frau Bildergassl Fuchs erkläre hiemit folgendes:  
Mein Mann, der im Jahre 1946 gestorben ist, war Schullehrer in der  
Gemeinde Hingbach. Ich erinnere mich aber mein Mann mit mir noch zu  
zählen aber er nach Kriegsende in der Schiene der Baierischen Reichsbahn  
einer verstorbenen Leiche gefunden hat. Diese Leichenteile wurden dem  
von ihm bestattet in einem Grab wo er seine geliebte Frau  
bestattete.

H. Fuchs.

Hilggård, den 6.1. 1953

### Erklaring

Während der Hunger wurde die Krume meines Bräus-  
hofs vollständig zerstört. Bei Aufputzungsarbeiten  
nach Hunger wurde found ich unter dem Krümme noch einige  
verbleibende menschliche Leichenreste. Diese Leichenreste sind  
aus 5-6 Wochen nach Zerstörung der Krume gefunden wor-  
den und durch den ständigen Schuttel des Frisch  
Leuchtig worden, so einem Jahr in dem diese Leichen  
den schon Leuchtig waren.

Knut Kitzbich

T r a n s l a t i o n

Stuppach, 6 January 1953

STATEMENT

During the war the barn of my farm house was completely destroyed.  
During the clearing of the rubble after the war I found burned human  
remains under the debris. These remains which were found approximately  
five to six weeks after the barn was destroyed, were buried by the  
former school teacher FUCHS in a grave already containing German soldiers.

/s/ Karl Retzbach

EXHIBIT "C"



T r a n s l a t i o n

I, Josef STUETZ, residing in STUPPACH hereby state the following:

In May 1952 I was present at the exhumation of a mass grave containing 30-32 German soldiers, conducted by the German War Graves Service, CONSTANCE. At a depth of approximately 40-50 cm a paper sack was found containing charred human remains. This paper sack was found separately since the other remains were located at a depth of about one meter.

/s/ Josef Stuetz

Drüggach, den 6.1.1953

Ecksteinung

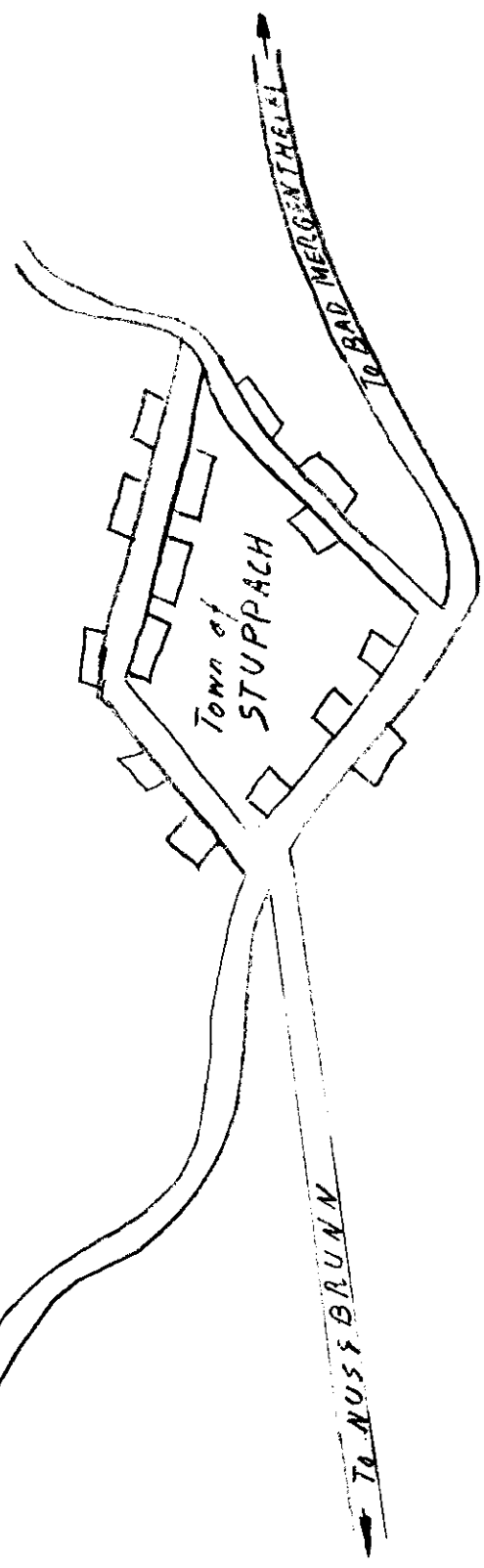
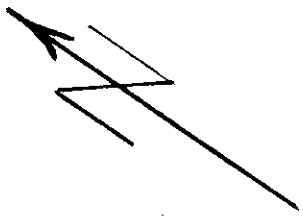
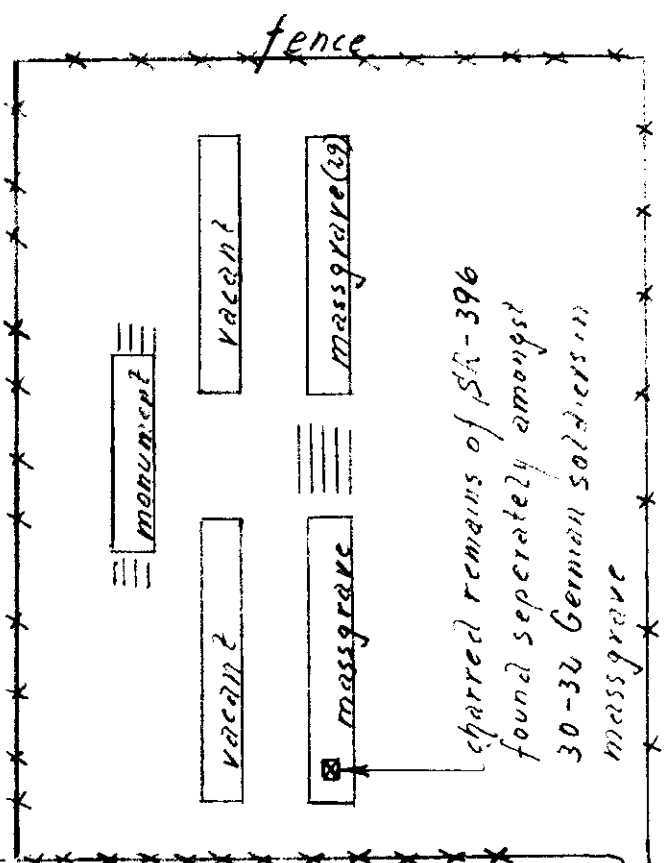
Ich, Josef Stief, wohnhaft in Drüggach erkläre hiermit folgendes:

Im Mai 1952 wurde ich zugewiesen als Leiter in Drüggach auf Ausschreibung der deutschen Kriegsgeldscheine. In einem 40-50 cm tiefe wurde ein Papierstück gefunden in welchem sich verbrannte Teilchenreste befanden. Dieses Papierstück lag separat denn die anderen Teilchen waren alle mit einem 1 cm tiefen 1 Meter gefunden.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Nr. im Nachlass 0-32 Drüggach, den 6.1.1953

Civilian cemetery



Graves Registration  
Form No. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1945)

# REPORT OF BURIAL

8 January 1953  
Date

UNKNOWN X-9170

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STUPPACH, Germany  
Place of Death

Approx. 6 April 1945  
Date of Death

GSW and Fire  
Cause of Death

1600 Hrs 8 Jan 53  
Time and Date of Burial

Griesheim/Main Mausoleum  
Name of Cemetery

Frankfurt/Main, Germany  
Name or Coordinates of Location

172

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags : Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags  
How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on :

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

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

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below :

Emergency Addressee Name

Address

Religion

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

Recovered as SR 396 from a mass burial of 30-32 German WW II dead in a military section of the community cemetery at STUPPACH (L-50/S-49), Germany. The remains were found in a paper sack buried one-half meter above and apart from the actual mass burial. Remains originally recovered from debris of Mr. Karl Retzbach's burned barn on the outskirts of STUPPACH.

*Handwritten notes:*  
NAT: ple  
2 of March 53  
M. M. M.  
15.1.53

*Signature:* Theodore R. Peterson

THEODORE R. PETERSON

1st Lt.

QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

*Handwritten:* P. 1

## IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

**Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following :**

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Height :        | Laundry Marks :           |
| Weight :        | Number of Rifle :         |
| Color of Eyes : | Wear Glasses ?            |
| Color of Hair : | Is Tooth Chart Attached ? |
| Race :          |                           |

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc. :

Left Hand

|   |   |   |   |       |
|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Thumb |
|---|---|---|---|-------|

Right Hand

|   |   |   |   |       |
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| 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Thumb |
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### TOOTH CHART

|       |   | Deceased's Left |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------|---|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|       |   | 8               | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Upper | 8 |                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Lower | 8 |                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ○ linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics :

Other Data :

**If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.**

*Frank - 26 Feb 53*  
*Montgomery*

DATE 11 Sept 53

INDEX: 293 UNK GREISHEIM MAIN X-9170

tele

TO: CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERT GERMANY

FROM: OQMG

SUMMARY: PASS to CO 7770 USAREUR QM Mort Svc Det From QMGMT Ref Xray 9135  
and Xray 9170 <sup>U</sup>rieheim/Main Mausoleum

FILED: 293 UNK GREISHEIM MAIN X-9135

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