

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

*203 Sub. Oswald Griesheim/Main Maus, Germany X-9218*

SUBJECT

QMC FORM 1121  
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16-63202-1 GPO

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WW II CEMETERY FLORENCE  
PLOT E ROW 7 GRAVE 120  
DATE OF BURIAL:  
VERIFIED BY: *Francis M. Simon*

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - *Capt. Simon*  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER  
1200

DATE  
15 September 1954  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME  
**X-9218**

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

ARM

RACE

RELIGION

CEMETERY  
**Griesheim/Main**

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE  
**220**

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS  
**1202** **80**  
CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN **NO FLAG SENT.**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
~~XX~~  
**FLORENCE, ITALY**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
**Administrative Decision**

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISTINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON  
 REMAINS  
 MARKER

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY  
  
NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS PORTIONS PRESENT; **Proximal 2/3  
l/numerus; pubis, ischium and section of ilium  
(r/pelvis); ilium and major section of ischium  
(l/pelvis).**

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

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The above listed portions are shattered.  
No flesh. No hair. No teeth. Portions not

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)  
  
None.

burned.  
  
Est Age: 21-23. Est Ht: UTM. Portions are  
small and light in structure.

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

**DATE 9 July 54** BY **W. A. Neep**

CASKET SEALED BY  
**Walter G. Tebbetts**

EMBALMER (Signature)  
*Walter G. Tebbetts*

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED  
**DATE 27 Dec 54 by Walter G. Tebbetts**

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY  
**Francis M. Simon, Captain QMC**

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

*Francis M. Simon*  
**SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR**  
**WILLIAM M. LOY, 1st Lt QMC**

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS  
  
**Unidentifiable**

**FILE - M & R**  
*Regis Over-Rec*  
**2-2-54**

**RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER**

1. SHIPPED

FROM AGPS MADSOLEUM GRISHETIA/VAIA

TO USMC FLOHNGR, ITALY

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER  
 RICHARD P. WHITE

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

FRANCIS M. SIMON, CAPTAIN OMC  
*[Signature]*

DATE

10/1/55

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

*[Signature]*  
 10-1-55

DATE

FROM

2. SHIPPED

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

FROM

3. SHIPPED

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

FROM

4. SHIPPED

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

FROM

5. SHIPPED

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

FROM

6. SHIPPED

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

FROM

7. SHIPPED

KIND OF CONVEYANCE

NAME OF CONVOYER

SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER

DATE

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

25 September 1954

NAME 293 SERIAL NUMBER 1200 GRADE ARM RACE RELIGION

CEMETERY Plot ROW GRAVE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1200 200 CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: Henville-en-Candres, Leige, Belgium; NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Administrative Decision

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SERIAL NUMBER GRADE DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED; 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.); REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE BY CASKET SEALED BY EMBALMER (Signature); 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: Unidentifiable; VAN Full 12 Sept 54 Kreschue

HEADQUARTERS  
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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*Wm. M. Loy* *Major M. Coffey* *10/2/54*

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X-9218, Plot , Row Grave 220 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 1, SO 9, Headquarters, USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment, 7770th Army Unit, dated 19 June 1954, 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. 6523 dated 22 July 1954.

3. Remarks. See attached case history.

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

*Simon J. Larkins*  
Captain SIMON J. LARKINS, O-1302147, QMC

Captain FRANCIS M. SIMON, O-1590810, QMC

*Joe R. Gardnell*  
1st Lieut JOE R. GARDNELL, O-2007529, QMC

1st Lieut WILLIAM M. LOY, O-2003473, QMC

*1/h. # 6533 Dated 2 Aug 54*

Received *8 Sept 54*  
Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available

**FILE**  
*Regis. & Acc. Rec*  
*2-2-55*

*Emp Coffey*  
*1st Lieut*  
*9 Sept 54*  
*file*  
*James*  
*9 Sept 54*

CASE HISTORY

X-9218

Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

The remains designated Unknown X-9218 were recovered from alongside a crater at the southwest outskirts of Tettingen, Saarland. A ripped half of an American helmet with the markings "K-6266" was found with subject remains. Also remnants of US military clothing was found in the immediate vicinity.


No teeth or other conclusive identifying media were recovered. The remains consist of two (2) major sections of the right and left pelvis and proximal two-thirds of the left humerus.

Remains were associated with Sgt Alfred M. KING, 32666266, a member of Company "G", 376th Infantry Regt., who was reported killed in action on 19 January 1945 in the vicinity of Tettingen (Saar) Germany. Sgt KING was part of a thirty (30) man detail transporting anti-tank mines to the front lines. A mortar shell exploded near subject casualty and he was reported disintegrated by the blast.

Although there is no evidence unfavorable for this association, identification was not acceptable for the following reasons:

- a. Identifying media is not considered sufficient to establish positive identity.
- b. Paucity of remains.

In view of the above it can only be concluded that the remains designated Unknown X-9218 must be considered Unidentifiable.

  
WALTON MEYRICK  
25 August 1954

**FILE**  
*Regis Oper Rec*  
2-2-55

293 Unknown Griesheim Main Mausoleum  
X-9218

QMGMT 293

GRS - EUROPEAN

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased  
Transmittal Letter #6523

1st Ind

Department of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 5 August 1954

THRU: Commander-in-Chief, United States Army, Europe, APO 403,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer, 7770 USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment,  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to basic communication and inclosures thereto.
2. Board Findings for Unknown X-9218, Griesheim/Main Mausoleum are returned herewith for the following reasons:
  - a. Identifying data for Unknown X-9218 is not considered sufficient to establish a positive identity.
  - b. Paucity of remains.
3. It is requested that Findings of Unidentifiability for Unknown X-9218 be forwarded to this Office as soon as possible.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl  
Incl 1 - w/d

J. C. MacFARLAND  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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**HEADQUARTERS**  
USAREUR CM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

MTS 293.9 GR

27 August 1954

**SUBJECT:** Certificate of Unidentifiability  
Transmittal Letter # 6533

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

In compliance with letter, your Office, QMCBT 293, GRS European,  
Subject: Final Resolution of Unknown Deceased, dated 29 July 1948, for-  
warded herewith are three (3) Certificates of Unidentifiability pertaining  
to the following remains:

<u>UNKNOWN NO</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>
X-9210	Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	212
X-9218	Griesheim/Main Mausoleum	220
X-70060	Griesheim/Main (Med) Mausoleum	62

- 3 Incl  
1-Cert of Unident  
w/case history  
X-9210  
2-Cert of Unident  
w/case history  
X-9218  
3-Cert of Unident  
w/case history  
X-70060

S. GIBBS  
Maj QMC  
Commanding

NAT  
File

9 Sept 54  
Identification Branch



**INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET**

*293*  
*Sub-Graves Main Maus.* DUE HOUR AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Ident Br Mem Div	Files Sec Regist Br Mem Div	5 Aug 1954	<p><i>X-9218</i></p> <p>SUBJECT: New Case</p> <p>Attached report of burial for the following Unknown forwarded for any action deemed necessary and return to Identification Branch:</p> <p><u>AGRS Griesheim/Main Maus., Germany</u></p> <p>X-9218                  Grave 220</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Beane</i> BEANE 52462</p>
2	Files Sec Regis Br Mem Div	Ident Br Mem Div	6 Aug 1954	<p>Necessary action taken, returned as requested in Comment #1.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>K</i> KIRSCHER 54309</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Whittingham</i> WHITTINGHAM 74173</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>File to Beane 2 Aug 1954</i></p>

SR # 550		<b>IDENTIFICATION DATA</b>			
1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN X-9218					2. DATE OF REPORT 18 March 1954
3. NAME OF CEMETERY Griesheim/Main Mausoleum			4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE 220
					7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT      REINTERMENT
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
8. ESTIMATED <del>WEIGHT</del> Age 21-23		9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT U. T. D.		10. COLOR OF HAIR None	
11. RACE U. T. D.					
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 type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?			
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?  see attached skeletal chart			
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)					
One (1) half section of US steel helmet with stencil marking "K-6266"					
Remnants of : US rubber over shoes, US leather palmed wool glove					
WESLEY A. NEEP:      Ident Lab Technician					
E. BREITINGER:      Prof of Anthropology					

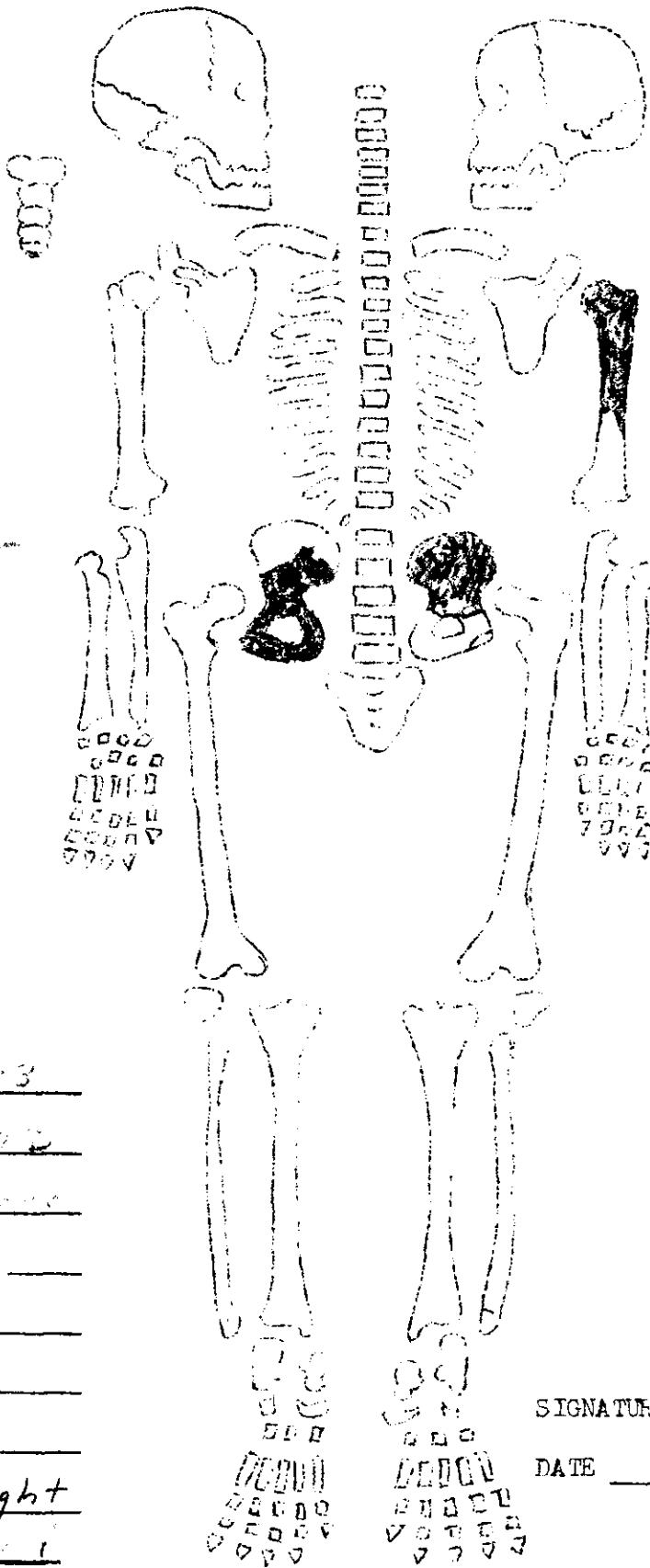
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( BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY ~~NOT~~ PRESENT )

SR 550

X-9218

Griesheim/M  
Grave 220



NOTES  
BLACKED  
OUT  
PORTIONS  
AND  
PRESENT

HUMERUS \_\_\_\_\_ CM

ULNA \_\_\_\_\_ CM

RADIUS \_\_\_\_\_ CM

FEMUR \_\_\_\_\_ CM

TIBIA \_\_\_\_\_ CM

FIBULA \_\_\_\_\_ CM

EST. AGE 21-23

EST. HEIGHT 170

COLOR HAIR \_\_\_\_\_

HEALED FRACTURES \_\_\_\_\_

FLESH \_\_\_\_\_

BURNED \_\_\_\_\_

EST. WEIGHT light

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE W. A. J. J.

DATE 18 March 54

Helmet MKd "K-6266"

Race - U.T.D.

HEADQUARTERS  
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT  
APO 757 US ARMY

9 July 1954

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE: 1145  
PROCESSING DIRECTIVE: 271  
REMAINS PROCESSED: SR 550 (X-9218)

IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT

1. Search and Recovery Case # 550 represents partial remains of one (1) deceased recently recovered from a wooded area on the SW outskirts of Tettingen/Saar (Ger 6/L-00). With subject remains a ripped half of US steel helmet was found with stencilled markings "K-6266". Remnants of US Ground Forces clothing were also found in the immediate vicinity.

2. Records available this headquarters indicate that the helmet markings correspond with the initial and last four digits of Army serial number for Sgt Alfred M. KING, 32 666 266, a member of Co "G", 376th Inf Regt, 94th Inf Division who was reported KIA on 19 January 1945 and is still in an approved non-recoverable status.

3. Pending the official approval of the identification of this remains a tentative Unknown "X" number has been assigned as follows:

SR 550 is now designated Unknown X-9218  
Griesheim/Main Mausoleum  
Grave 220

4. The physical characteristics of this remains have been favorably compared with like data indicated on the QMG Form 371 for Sgt Alfred M. KING as outlined below:

		<u>AGE</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>
X-9218	(REMAINS)	21-23	U.T.D.	Light	None found
Sgt KING	(FM 371)	23	5'-5"	128	Brown

There were no teeth recovered with this partial remains. The light weight and small size of the portions recovered indicate the height and weight of this casualty was very similar to the given height weight of Sgt KING.

(Identification Laboratory Report, dated 9 July 1954, (SR 550(X-9218))

5. CAUSE OF DEATH:

The severely shattered condition of the portions recovered and the ripped portion of steel helmet indicate death was the result of a severe explosion.

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

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

HEADQUARTERS  
USAREUR OM HONORARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT  
APO 757  
US ARMY

18 May 1954

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

In compliance with Investigation Directive # 1145, Case # Ger 6/Misc., dated 7 May 1954, an investigation was conducted at Tettingen/Saar (Ger 6/L-00), in an effort to recover additional remains of Sgt Alfred M. King, 32 666 266, Co "G", 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, killed in action on 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of Tettingen/Saar. During a previous investigation conducted at Tettingen in March 1954, three (3) portions of remains, together with an American helmet marked K-6266 had been recovered from a wooded area locally called "Pollerhaid". Information concerning the whereabouts of those remains had been received from a Mrs. Fixemer, resident of Tettingen, who originally had discovered the remains in question several years ago. (See attached Narrative of Investigation, dated 17 March 1954 and statement of Mrs. Fixemer).

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Records this headquarters indicate that Sgt Alfred M. King, 32 666 266, killed in action on 19 January 1945, was a member of a thirty (30) man party, carrying anti-tank mines towards the front lines when an enemy shell exploded in his vicinity, detonating the mines he was carrying. A search made one (1) day following the incident, in an effort to recover his remains, resulted negative.

III. FINDINGS:

Upon arrival at Tettingen, the undersigned first contacted Mrs. Fixemer at her home address. Accompanied by her, this team proceeded to the area where the three (3) portions of remains and an American helmet had been recovered. Mrs. Fixemer was able to point out the exact place where she had found the human remains several years ago. After all available information was obtained from Mrs. Fixemer, a thorough search in the area in question was started.

An area of approximately one hundred (100) square meters was raked, meticulously searched and all questionable spots excavated, but all efforts made to recover additional remains of Sgt King proved negative. During a three (3) day search, only a few very small pieces of American rubber boots and remnants of a US Army type glove could be found.

Following the instructions given in Investigation Directive # 1145, an attempt was made to locate the denning team, which, according to

(Narrative of Investigation, ID # 1145, dated 18 May 1954, cont'd)

Mrs. Fixemer's statement, allegedly buried some remains after they had been first discovered.

During conversation with local inhabitants it was learned that a Mr. Hermkes, residing at Saarbrucken, was in charge of a demining team working in the Tettingen area after war's end. Contacting Mr. Hermkes at his office in Saarbrucken, he stated that he is still in charge of the demining and demolition teams working in the Saar region. He had no knowledge concerning the burial or finding of human remains in the so-called "Pollerhaid" near Tettingen. He informed us that all discoveries of American remains had been immediately reported to his head office, "Commission de Controle de Desarmement" at Saarbrucken, which in turn notified the American authorities. After the report had been made, an American disinterment team appeared in every case within 24 hours, in order to evacuate the remains either to Luxembourg or Belgium.

Weekly reports, presently in possession of Mr. Hermkes, which had been submitted by the demining team formerly working in the Tettingen area were checked but did not reflect the discovery or burial of any remains during the time demining activities took place in that area. (See exhibit A).

#### IV. CONCLUSION:

Investigation and search was conducted in an effort to recover additional remains of Sgt Alfred M. King. No additional remains or other means of identification could be found.

#### V. RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the results of investigation and information obtained as mentioned above, it is recommended that this case be reviewed by this headquarters.

*Jerry W. Hunter*  
JERRY W. HUNTER  
Cpl RA 17351551  
Investigator

*Donald L. Scardino*  
DONALD L. SCARDINO  
Cpl US 51210085  
Investigator

Saarbrücken, 13 May 1954

Ministry for Work and Welfare

Demining

Upon request by the American Graves Service, Frankfurt/Main, it is hereby certified that during the period from 17 October until 23 October 1947 a demining team of the Saarland Government cleared one mine field near a wooded area, locally called "Follerhaid", designated by us, map sheet 6404, field 2051. Working in the area was the demining group "Raubuch". The following mines were found and removed:

- 7 Anti-tank mines, American origin.
- 4 Anti-personnel mines, American origin.

Reports pertaining to cleared mine fields as submitted on 5 November 1947 do not contain any evidence of remains having been found.

The procedures concerning US remains found in mine fields cleared by us or regarding the internal operation of our office were as follows:

Whenever remains, portions of remains, skeletal remains or identification tags, etc., were found a report was made directly by our team to the French supervision office, the "Commission de Controle de Desarmement", which on their part had supervising personnel present at the site of operations. In every case a disinterring team of the US army contacted our office within 24 hours and was shown the locality. The evacuation of the remains took place to Belgium or Luxembourg as far as I know.

s/Herrkos

Technical Chief

Exhibit "A"



Saarbrücken, d. 13. Mai 1954

Auf Anfrage des am. Gräberdienstes Frankfurt a.M. kann mitgeteilt werden, dass von dem Entminungskommando der Regierung des Saarlandes an der bezeichneten Stelle vor dem Wald, sogenannte Pollerheid, unsere Bezeichnung Kartenblatt 6404 feld 2051, in der Zeit vom 17.10.- 23.10.47 1 Minenfeld geräumt wurde.

Eingesetzt war die Gruppe Raubuch, festgestellt und beseitigt wurden:

7 Minen Anti-Tank, amerikanischer Herkunft

4 Minen Anti-Personell, amerikanischer Herkunft.

Leichenfunde sind auf der am 5.11.47 ausgestellten Übergabeverhandlung, Meldung über geräumte Minenfelder, nicht vermerkt.

Die Handhabung bei der Feststellung amerikanischer Leichen in den von uns geräumten Minenfeldern bzw. bei den Arbeiten unserer Dienststelle war folgende:

Die Sichtung von Leichen, Leichenteilen, Knochen, Erkennungs-  
marken usw. wurde unmittelbar von unserem Kommando an die  
französische Überwachungsstelle, der Commission de Controle  
de Desarmement, die ihrerseits auch Überwachungspersonal zu  
unseren Arbeiten abstellte, gemeldet. In allen Fällen waren  
innerhalb von 24 Stunden ein Ausgrabekommando der amerikani-  
schen Armee bei unserer Dienststelle und wurde in der Ört-  
lichkeit eingewiesen. Die Überführung der Leichen erfolgte  
meines Wissens nach Belgien oder Luxemburg.

*Stammes*  
Techn. Leiter.

HEADQUARTERS

USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT  
APO 757 US ARMY

17 March 1954

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

While conducting an investigation at Tettingen, Saar, the undersigned were informed that partial remains and a portion of a U.S. steel helmet were still lying on the surface of a nearby wooded area. These portions were first noticed following the winter offensive of 1944/45.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

A statement was obtained from Mrs. Anna Fixemer (see exhibit "A"), relating that several years before while passing the wooded area of "Pollerhaid", lying southwest of the village of Tettingen, she had been shown a portion of a soldier's skeleton suspended in the top of a tree which had just been felled. She also had noticed additional portions on the ground near this tree. A crater was seen alongside this tree and beside the crater was a ripped American steel helmet which bore a number. It had been assumed that the soldier had received a direct hit and had been disintegrated with parts of his body blown up into the top of the tree. In the past year she had noticed some of the remains still lying near the tree where she had placed them before. She had contacted three men of a demining team and taken them to the site where she understood they were to conduct a burial. Mrs. Fixemer did not know these men or how they could be reached.

A statement was obtained from Mr. Edmund Burens (see exhibit "B") who was the former Burgermaster of Tettingen following the winter offensive of 1944/45. He states that he recently saw the skeletal remains and the ripped steel helmet at the location in question. He could offer no additional information concerning these remains.

The undersigned, in the company of Mrs. Anna Fixemer and Mr. Zeimet, the assistant to the Burgermaster of Perl, then proceeded to the location indicated (see sketch exhibit "C"). Two (2) skeletal portions were found consisting of part of a left upper arm and the major section of left pelvis. The steel helmet was actually one-half of the helmet which had been ripped apart and bore evidence of a terrific explosion. A clear stencil marking of "K 6266" was noted on the inside of the steel helmet.

Records of this organization disclose that Sgt Alfred M. King, 32 666 266, a member of Co "G", 376th Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, was killed in action 19 January 1945 on the edge of Tettingen, Saar. He had been a member of a thirty (30) man detail carrying boxes of

( Narrative of Investigation, ID # (none), dated 17 March 1954 cont'd)

of anti-tank mines to the forward lines. An enemy mortar shell landed nearby and Sgt King was reported as disintegrated by the resulting explosion of the six (6) mines he was carrying. A search made of the area on the following day revealed no trace of Sgt. King. Three other members of the detail had been injured by the explosion but Sgt King was the only member of the group who was not accounted for.

### III. FINDINGS:

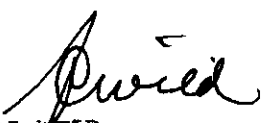
On arriving at the site a portion of humerus and the left pelvis were located near the tree. A search of approximately forty-five (45) minutes was conducted before it was necessary to leave the area. No additional portions were found during that search. A few days later, when the situation permitted a short absence from the primary mission at Tettingen, an additional search of approximately one (1) hour was conducted at the site. During this search the major portion of the missing right pelvis was found by probing under the leafy vegetation covering the area.

### IV. CONCLUSION:

The portions recovered were assigned search and recovery number SR # 550 and were transported to the Identification Laboratory at the Griesheim/Main Mausoleum in Frankfurt/Main, Germany, for further examination and casketing.

### V. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that an additional investigation and search be made in the area concerned and an attempt made to locate additional skeletal remains of Sgt King. It is also recommended that efforts be made to locate the demining team members to determine if they may have buried portions of the remains as indicated in the statement of Mrs. Anna Fixemer. (see exhibit "A").

  
KARL WILD  
Investigator

  
WESLEY A. NEEP  
US DAC  
Technician-Investigator

TRANSLATIONSTATEMENT

Tettingen, 10 March 1954

Several years ago while I happened to pass the woodchoppers in the woods "Pollerhaid" near Tettingen, these men brought my attention to the fact that a portion of a soldier's skeleton was hanging in the top of a tree which had just been felled. According to my observation it concerned a spinal column near the neck, a piece of scalp with redbrown hair, as well as all the skin of the shoulder. Also near the tree additional skeletal portions were noticed. Located near the tree was a crater so that one could assume that the soldier in question had received a direct hit and was totally disintegrated whereby a portion of the body was thrown onto the treetop. We assumed that this concerned an American soldier, since a ripped American steel helmet, bearing a number, was located near the shell crater.

I observed some of the remains still lying by the tree in the past year where I had placed them previously. I had at that time reported this finding to the demining team and went with three men to point out the site. My understanding was that the demining team would conduct the burial. These people were unknown to me.

/s/ Anna Fixemer

Erklärung

Tettingen, den 10. März 1954.

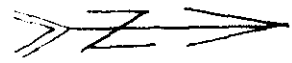
Als ich vor einigen Jahren im Wald "Pellerhard" bei Tettingen bei den Holzleuten zufällig vorbeikam, merkte ich diese mich darauf aufmerksam, dass ein Teil eines Skeletts eines Soldaten in der Gänsekrone des Gänsekrans, den sie eben gefällt hatten. Nach weiterer Feststellung handelte es sich dabei um eine als Wirbel säule mit der Haut Kopfhaut mit jötlichem <sup>(braunen)</sup> Haar sowie die ganze Haut. Auch in der Umgebung des Gänsekrans lagen noch einige Knochenreste. In der Nähe des Gänsekrans befand sich ein Trichter, sodass anzunehmen war, dass der betr. Soldat einen Volltreffer erhielt und vollkommen verissen wurde, wobei ein Teil des Körpers in die Gänsekrone geschleudert wurde. Da auch ein vollständig perforiertes amerikanisches Stahlblech bei dem Gänsekrans lag, der eine Nummer trägt, vermuteten wir, dass es sich um einen U.S. Soldaten handelte. Einige der Knochenreste sah ich nur vorangegangenen Jahr und am Gänsekrans liegen, wobei ich sie damals gelöst hatte. Ich hatte damals den Fund dem Minsuchkommando gemeldet und war mit drei (3) Männern hingegangen, um ihnen den Fund zu zeigen. Meine Auffassung war, dass das Minsuchkommando die Bestattung vornehmen würde. Die Leute waren mir unbekannt.

EXHIBIT "A" *K. W. F. Fischer*

Ger 6/Misc.

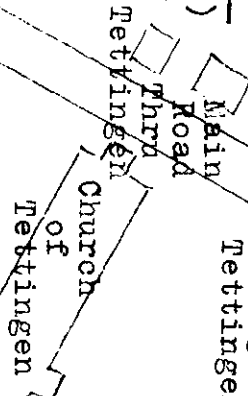
Sketch of Area of Tettingen, Saarland (Ger 6/L-00)

Village of Tettingen, Saar



path to and through wooded area

Road to Wochern



woods wooded area

meadows

fields

meadows

fields

Wooded Area

Road to Wochern

Skeletal remains and ripped US steel helmet with number found here, close to tree (appr. 200 yards off Road to Wochern)

EXHIBIT " C "

Graves Registration  
Form No. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

# REPORT OF BURIAL

9 July 1954

Unknown X-9218

Unknown

Unknown

Last Name

Unknown

First

Initial

Rank

Unknown

Serial No.

Unit  
Tettingen, Saar

Unknown

Organization

severe explosion

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1400 Hrs 9 July 1954

Griesheim/Main Mausoleum

Frankfurt/Main Germany

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

220

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.

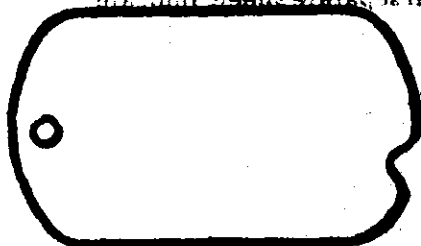
Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Signature of Name, Rank and Organization of person reporting burial. 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 # 550 from alongside  
a crater on the SW outskirts of  
Tettingen, Saar, (Ger6/L-00).

*William M. Loy*  
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

WILLIAM M. LOY, 1/Lt QMC

Verified by G. R. S. Officer

*NA 70  
file  
5 Aug 54  
Mushlock  
Jant*

*Enclosure # 1*

# IF A 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

4
3
2
1
Thumb

## TOOTH CHART

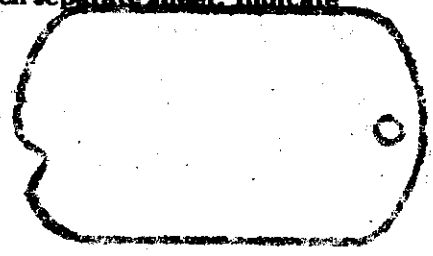
Deceased's Left															
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper								Lower							

Indicate missing natural teeth by X ; crowns by O ; fillings by □ ; Bridges by C 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.





TRANSLATION

Concerning the finding of skeletal remains in the woods near Tettingen, I can only state that I saw a ripped steel helmet and skeletal remains lying on the ground some brief time ago. I am not able to furnish any additional information concerning these remains.

Tettingen, 10 March 1954

s/ Edmund Burens

Ger-6/misc.

Über den Kaufvertrag im Wald bei Minsam  
kann ich mir folgendes vorstellen, das ich vor einiger  
Zeit dort eine zufällige Fischeurei im Wald bei  
Minsam sah. Weitere Kunde kann ich nicht  
mitteilen.

Minsam, im 12. 11. 57  
Ed. Becke

Exhibit "B"