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USMC EPINAL  
Plot: B Row: 48 Gr: 18  
Date of Burial: 28 June 50 **DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE**  
Verified by GRS Officer  
Allen L. LAWSON 1st Lt INF.

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3574 00000	DATE 15 12 47 DAY MONTH YEAR
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NAME <u>UNKNOWN X-006192</u>	SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	ARM J	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR
CEMETERY <u>ST AVOLD - METZ</u>	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 3502 <del>35003</del> 80 CODE DIST. PT.			CAUSE OF DEATH 6
LOT 4B	ROW 1	GRAVE 3	COUNTRY FRANCE	

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN NO FLAG SENT

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <del>ST AVOLD, FRANCE</del> EPINAL, FRANCE (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN These remains are unidentifiable and are to be permanently interred. (Hq. AGRC-27 Dec 49)
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME UNKNOWN X-006192	SERIAL NUMBER	RANK Unk	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED 21 June 48
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION Unk	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY Melvin W Blackburn Embalmer NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform & Mattress cover	CONDITION OF REMAINS Body consist of L/Humerus, R/L/Ulna, R/L/Radius, Pelvic, R/L/Femur, R/L/Tibia, R/L/Fibula - Body disarticulated - Final stage of decomposition
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Report of Burial found w/remains	

MINOR DISCREPANCIES / None	<b>NAT FILE</b> <b>RECORDS ANNOTATED</b> DATE <u>27 JUL 50</u> NAME <u>P. T. Johns</u>
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REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET DATE 23 June 48 BY	Melvin W Blackburn Embalmer
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CASKET SEALED BY Melvin W Blackburn Embalmer	EMBALMER (Signature) <i>Melvin W Blackburn</i> Melvin W Blackburn
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CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 23 June 48 BY Melvin W Blackburn	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY: All markings plates & tags verified by: <i>Henry F. Altman</i> HENRY F. ALTMAN 1st Lt Inf
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I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

*Henry F. Altman*  
HENRY F. ALTMAN 1st Lt Inf, 337 'M Bn  
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

Consignee corrected - Reg. Div. *[Signature]*

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# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

## 1. SHIPPED

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME \* UNKNOWN X-6192 (XXXXXX) SERIAL NUMBER GRADE ARM RACE RELIGION

CEMETERY ST AVOLD, FRANCE PLOT 4B ROW 1 GRAVE 3 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 UNKNOWN X-6192 (Mass Burial) SERIAL NUMBER GRADE DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED 21 June 48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ORGANIZATION RELIGION IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY RRE 200.2 Hq AGRC dtd 26 Aug 49 NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform and Mattress Cover CONDITION OF REMAINS Body consists of L/Humerus, R/L/U lna, R/L/Radius, Pelvis, R/L/F emur, R/L/Tibia & Fibula - Body disarticulated - Final stage of decomposition OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Report of Burial found with remains

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

None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 23 June 48 BY Melvin W Blackburn, Embalmer

CASKET SEALED BY Elijah H Fields, Embalmer EMBALMER (Signature) Elijah H Fields

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 1 Sep 49 BY Elijah H Fields Embalmer plates verified by M. R. SWART, CAPT QMC

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

HENRY F ALZMANN 1st Lt INF 7887 AGRC Hq

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

Gp

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

\* Unknown X-6192 identified as a Mass burial of: Sgt James L HINES 36566053 Pfc Neal KELSO 34528653 Pfc Emanuel PITTS 36389883 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.

\*Redesignated X-6192. Ltr. HQ AGRC EA 14 Dec 49

QMC FORM REV 11 FEB 48 1194

FRANK B CALLAGHAN 1st Lt FA

Incl 102

# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

## 1. SHIPPED

FROM <b>USMC ST AVOLD, FRANCE</b>		TO <b>OIC NEUVILLE, BELGIUM</b>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <b>TRUCK</b>		NAME OF CONVOYER <b>CPL WILLIAM H BRYANT RA 33720418</b>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>Frank B Callaghan</i> <b>FRANK B CALLAGHAN 1st Lt FA 3</b>	DATE <b>Oct 49</b>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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~~SUBJECT: Certificates of Unidentifiability  
Transmittal Letter 14030~~

Dept. of the Army, GAO, Washington 25, D. C., 25 January 1950

TO: Chief, Registration Division, 7087 Graves Registration Detachment,  
APO 88, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. This Office approves the classification of Unknowns X-6192 and X-7601, listed on basic communication, as Unidentifiable.

2. It is recommended that all action in connection with other Unknowns listed be suspended pending further notification from this Office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

5 Incls:  
w/d

F. E. MOTT  
Lt Colonel, GAO  
Memorial Division

Holden:cdt  
Clements  
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*X-6192  
X-7601  
F. E. MOTT  
REB  
TEC  
6/19/50  
(S. F. Arnold)*

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**AIRMAIL**

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**USR European**

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**SUBJECT: Certificates of Unidentifiability**  
**Transmittal Letter #4688**

Dept. of the Army, GPO, Washington 25, D. C., 23 January 1950

TO: Chief, Registration Division, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment,  
APO SB, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. This Office approves the classification of Unknowns X-8192 and X-7661, listed on basic communication, as Unidentifiable.

2. It is recommended that all action in connection with other Unknowns listed be suspended pending further notification from this Office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

5 Incls:  
w/d

F. H. METZ  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

Holden:cdt  
Clements  
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*X-8192  
X-7661  
Factual X-6192  
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**AIRMAIL**

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

21 Dec 49

Date

*293 Unknown. France X-6192 (St. Avold)*

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 6192, Plot BBBB, Row 1, Grave 3, USMC ST. AVOLD, France have been reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient evidence is available to establish the identity of this deceased, and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of Reprocessing was forwarded to your office by letter of transmittal No. 4607, dated 19-12-49. No further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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/s/  
/t/

s/t Lt. Col. E.D. MULVANITY, O-359598 QMC

s/t Capt. Edward FL PRICE Jr., O-1588236 QMC

Received 4 JAN 1950 **QOMG**  
Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available

s/t CWO Leodore GOUDREAU, W-2113434, USA

FILE 4 JAN 1950  
NAJ. Duncan  
3d Br.





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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293

21 December 1949  
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 6192, Plot NBBB, Row 1, Grave 3, USMC ST. AVOLD, France have been reviewed and it is the opinion of the Board of Review, this headquarters, that sufficient evidence is not available to establish the identity of the deceased concerned, therefore, these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

2. Report of Reprocessing of remains was forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General by Transmittal Letter No. 4607, dated 19-12-49.

3. Remarks:

See Case History attached.

Received 4 JAN 1950 OQMG  
Not identifiable from  
information presently  
available

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Col. H. P. HENRY, O-12589 QMC

*E. D. Mulvanity*  
Lt. Col. E. D. MULVANITY, O-359598 QMC

Maj. Charles REYNOLDS, O-182639 TC

Maj. Gerald SWARTHOUT, Sr., O-267451 CE

*Edward F. Price, Jr.*  
Capt. Edward F. PRICE, Jr., O-1588236 QMC

1st Lt. Frederick S. DAVID, O-1826041 CAV

CWO Frank GIER, W-2102925 USA

*Leodore Goudreau*  
Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297 QMC

CWO Leodore GOUDREAU, W-2113434, USA

Incl #4

## CASE HISTORY

UNKNOWN NO.

X-6192

U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY

St Avold, France

(Location)

X-6192 was recovered from an ammunition dump explosion at Ludres, (Meurthe & Moselle) near Nancy, France on 2 January 1945. These cases were submitted as the only recoverable remains of three casualties from this explosion. This identification has been rejected by OQMG. However as this unknown is definitely from this explosion and no other association is possible; and there is evidently no complete list of the casualties; this case is hereby submitted as: UNIDENTIFIABLE.

M.H.KAMONS.



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LUDRES

VALLEY MILNEY

MILNECOURT

ROAD NARLY LUDRES

MILNEY - MILNECOURT

CHEMIN BONCURE



PLACE OF DEATH  
" " OF BURIAL

OSMUND H-X-6192  
REINTERRED J. C. J. L. C. L. C.  
S. L. ROAD, DIST-1-3

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CASE HISTORY

UNKNOWN NO. X-6192 U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY St Avold, France  
 (Location)

HINES, James L.	Sgt	36566053
KELSO, Neal	Pfc	34528653
PITTS, Emanuel	Pfc	36389883

The above named enlisted men were all members of the 570th ordnance Ammunition Company. They were all killed in the explosion of Army Ammunition Depot No 31 at Ludres near Nancy, Meurthe and Moselle, France on 2 January 1945. This explosion was due to enemy action.

Nine white personnel as well as the above named negro soldiers died in the explosion. Pfc Andrew M. MACK, 35868755 also a member of the same company was found intact and was interred at USMC, Hamm, Luxemburg.

All the above named except Sgt HINES, and Pfc KELSO and PITTS have been identified. This case was investigated at the time of the accident and re-investigated by AGRC. No other remains have been recovered that can be associated with the three casualties. Inhabitants of the area who were the first on the scene of the accident stated that only one Negro soldier remained intact after the explosion and that the others were blown to bits by the terrific impact.

Estimated place and date of death of X-6192 is in agreement with the KIA casualty listing for the above individuals. Therefore X-6192 is the only recoverable remains of the last three casualties of this explosion to be identified.

*M. H. Kamons*

M. H. KAMONS.

*293-Und - France X-6192 (St. Avold)*

FORM 293

1st Ind.

GRS European

SUBJECT: Additional Information

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C. 7 December 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,  
European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. In view of the fact that a complete list of the deceased killed in the explosion of the Army Ammunition Depot No. 31 at Ludres near Nancy, Meurthe and Moselle, France on 2 January 1945 is not available, the identification of Unknown X-6192, St. Avold, as established by your headquarters, cannot be accepted by this Office.

2. Corrected Report of Burial for Unknown X-6192, St. Avold, with Field Board Findings, is being returned herewith for your disposition.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Report of Burial for  
X-6192 w/fld Bd Findings

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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*✓ 293 Higgs, James L. (36-566-053)*  
*✓ 293 Kelso, Neal (34-528-653)*  
*✓ 293 Pitts, Emanuel 36-389-883*

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 200.2

15 November 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to radio, your office, WCL 21717, dated 2 November 1949, pertaining to Sgt James L. HINES, 36 566 053, Pfc Neal KELSO, 34 528 653, and Pfc Emanuel PITTS, 36 389 883.

2. A thorough search of all papers pertaining to this case fails to reveal a roster of the white personnel referred to in the case history of Unknown X-6192, St Avold. However, there are several references throughout the case, to these deceased white personnel, but not by name of organization. A careful check of the cemetery rosters of USMC Hamm and St Avold, failed to reveal either identified or unknowns recovered from this explosion, with the exception of Pfc Andrew M. MACK, 35 868 755, interred in USMC Hamm, and X-6192, USMC St Avold.

3. Inclosed are statements of U S Army and Franch civilian personnel, as requested by your office.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

13 Incls  
Statements.

C. W. STEINSIEK  
Capt, QMC  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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Letter 11-15-49 from AMRC.  
To DMG Subj: additional info.  
Ref DMG WC L. 21717 Removed  
for further action per request  
of Mrs. Duncan (Ident. No)

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STAFF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE  
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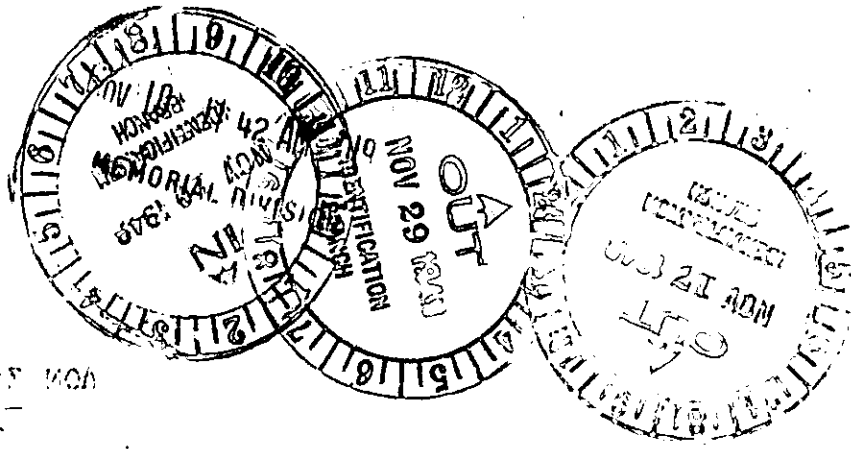
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293 Unk - France X-6192 (St. Avold)

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WCL 21717

FROM OQMG RE CORRECTED RPT OF BURIAL FOR XRAY 6192 ST AVOLD

REQUEST LIST OF CASUALTIES KIA IN AMMUNITION EXPLOSION AND COPY OF  
CIV STATEMENTS PERTAINING THERETO

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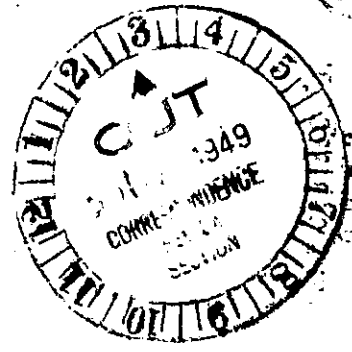
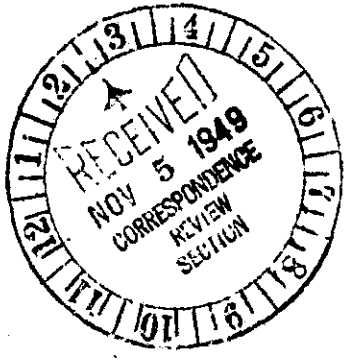
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M. R. HORNER  
1ST LT, OMC, MEM DIV

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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213 Mike. France 9-6192 (St Avold)

SECTION A —  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

3574 00000

DATE

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DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

UNKNOWN - 006192

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ARM

DATE OF DEATH

DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY

ST AVOLD - METZ

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

3803 80

CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

COUNTRY

44 1 3 FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH

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SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

ST. AVOLD, FRANCE

(BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION-TAG ON

- REMAINS  
 MARKER

ORGANIZATION

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RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

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SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR 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 GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report GMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

REINTERRED  
U. S. MIL. CEM. ST-AVOLD  
PLOT ~~200~~ ROW 1 GRAVE 3

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AREA SEARCH

20 May 1946  
Date

NAME Unknown X-6192 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown

ORGANIZATION Unknown

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

(All statements above this line will be completed, upon final processing, by the clerical staff at the unit processing point)

SECTION A GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? No If so, state the following

a. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ ASN \_\_\_\_\_

b. ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

2. Was partial identification established? No If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ ASN \_\_\_\_\_

b. ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY \_\_\_\_\_

None

(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)

A. Date of above burials \_\_\_\_\_ Common Graves? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Deleted \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name and type of cemetery None  
(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery None

a. Town \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ Grave \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is sketch attached? \_\_\_\_\_

8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.

a. Town Ludres, M-et-M. Coordinates Carte Michelin 62 1/200,000 (420-5397)

b. Is sketch attached? Yes

c. Is area lined? No

9. How is the grave marked? Not marked

10: If grave is marked with cross, give the exact markings thereon

No Cross

- a. From what source was this information obtained? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Identification tags, personal effects)
- b. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Where are the cemetery records? None  
(Town hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)
- a. What information was obtained thereon? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Where was the information obtained? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the date of death? Jan. 2nd, 1945.
- a. Give basis Statement of Mr. Chone
13. What is the cause of death? Ammunition explosion
- a. Give basis Statement of Mr. Chone
14. What is the date of burial? Jan. 10, 1945.
- a. Give basis Statement of Mr. Chone
15. What is the place of death? Ludres, M-et-M Coords Carte Michelin 62 (420-5397)
- a. Give basis Statement of Mr. Chone
16. Where were the remains found? Blasserue de Ludres, M-et-M Coords Carte Michelin 62 (420-5397)
- a. By whom? Mr. Chone
- b. Is sketch attached? Yes
17. Was a casket used? No Who furnished the casket? \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of casket \_\_\_\_\_ How marked? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Who made the burial? Civilians  
(Civilian, American Mil or German Mil)
- a. What are the names and addresses? \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Chone G., Chone F., Leduc E., Ludres, M-et-M, France
- b. Are certificates and statements attached? Yes
- SECTION B - AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the AAF).
19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio turret, etc., or front, side, of plane)
- b. Near wreckage? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of plane \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Markings and/or name of plane \_\_\_\_\_

c. Give number on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

21. How did crash occur? \_\_\_\_\_ Anti-aircraft \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy plane? \_\_\_\_\_ Collision? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did plane explode in the air? \_\_\_\_\_ On the ground? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Did plane burn in the air? \_\_\_\_\_ On the ground? \_\_\_\_\_

24. What was the direction of the flight? \_\_\_\_\_

25. What was the civilian opinion regarding the destination of the plane? \_\_\_\_\_

26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? \_\_\_\_\_

27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with the date of death of above named deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash \_\_\_\_\_

29. State precise time and date of plane crash \_\_\_\_\_  
(Night?, Day?)

30. Were parachutists seen? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Escaped? \_\_\_\_\_

Prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION C - ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? \_\_\_\_\_

a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed \_\_\_\_\_

(Radio man, driver, asst driver or .. front, side, or back)

b. Near wreckage? \_\_\_\_\_

32. Location of destroyed tank be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)

a. Type of tank \_\_\_\_\_

b. Markings and/or name of tank \_\_\_\_\_

c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? \_\_\_\_\_

34. Did tank explode? \_\_\_\_\_ Burn? \_\_\_\_\_

35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement \_\_\_\_\_

36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank \_\_\_\_\_  
(Night?, Day?)

38. Did any of the crew members escape? \_\_\_\_\_ Prisoners? \_\_\_\_\_



SECTION D - OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable)

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i.e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire) Ammunition Explosion
- If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
- a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? Yes
40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased None

SECTION E - GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

41. Were personal effects recovered by investigating team No
- If not, state reason Not available
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? No
- Where? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- Present disposition \_\_\_\_\_
- If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation abandoned.
- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? No
- Where? \_\_\_\_\_ By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- Present disposition \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? No
- d. Did Cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No
42. Was deceased given first aid? No If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- By whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Are statements from the medical people attached? \_\_\_\_\_
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German hospital? No
- Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Names of the people concerned \_\_\_\_\_
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? No
45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? Tore up  
(Burnt? Decapitated? etc)
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No
- a. If so, give basis for positive assumption \_\_\_\_\_
- b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? \_\_\_\_\_
47. Was case previously investigated? No By whom? \_\_\_\_\_
- When? \_\_\_\_\_

48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Chone, Leduc, Francois Chone :

Date, Place and Cause of death, date and Place of burial

49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? Yes

50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? No

51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? Yes

(If special investigation, give case number) \_\_\_\_\_

52. Give brief narrative \_\_\_\_\_

See Statement below

(Use attached sheets, if necessary)

Jean Segnier

Signature of Interpreter

Rank

ASN

Organization

Richard Welsch

Richard WELSCH  
Signature of Investigator

Rank

Pvt 46037744

ASN

3049th G.R.Co

Organization

While investigating the town of Ludres, M-et-M, France, I interviewed Mr. Charles Chone, and he stated that on Jan. 10, 1945, he buried the body of an American soldier killed on Jan. 2nd, 1945, by an Ammunition Explosion. When found, the body was half covered with ground, so he couldnot say whether the body was intact or not; he didnt find any papers or identifiaation tags on him.

CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

(To be completely filled out and attached  
to each copy of Report of Interment WD  
QMC Form 1042)

UnknownX  
Cemetery 198  
Plot 1234 Row 1 Grave 1

1. Arrived at cemetery 15 12 46  
(Hour) (date)

2. Place of death Indonesian War at Manila, France, Manila #2 1.200.000  
(Name of place, town, coordinates and letter)

(4205970) (Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by 3049th G I C  
(Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by 3rd Field Command 1950  
(Name and organization)

5. Description of clothing and equipment: (if clothes do not fit,  
obtain size from body measurements)

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Color	Indicate unusual markings wear, tear, repairs, etc.
*Headgear	(Type)			

Raincoat none

Overcoat none

Jacket, Field none

Jacket, Combat none

Mackinaw none

Sweater remnant of

Jacket, HBT remnant of HBT jacket

\*Shirt, Wool, OD remnants of

Undershirt, Wool none

Undershirt, Cotton none

Trousers HBT remnants of

\*Trousers, Wool, OD remnants of

Belt, Web none

Drawers, Wool one remnant

Drawers, Cotton none

Leggings, Wool none (Note: unusual lacing)

Socks, Cotton none

\*Shoes (type) none

Overshoes none

Web Equipment (type) none

(Other item) none

(Other item) none

\*If body is nude, sizes of these items should be computed by measuring the remains.

6. Chevrons or Insignia none  
(type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch none

7. Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Forces no

8. Description of Remains:

Age 35 Height 5'7" Weight 135 Description of wounds no

Bandages or dressings no Scars no  
(Length, width, location)

Tattoos no  
(Number, location - illustrate on sep. Page)

Outstanding moles, warts, or birthmarks. no  
(yes-no, description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hands & face no

Complexion no  
(light, mod. dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles)

Build no  
(large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair no  
(color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

Hair \_\_\_\_\_ (Baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns \_\_\_\_\_ Mustache \_\_\_\_\_ Beard or Goatee \_\_\_\_\_  
 (color, setting, shape) (color, size, shape) length, heavy,

\_\_\_\_\_ (light, color, extent)

Eyes \_\_\_\_\_ Eyebrows \_\_\_\_\_  
 (color, setting, shape) (color, bushiness, extent across nose)

Nose \_\_\_\_\_ Ears \_\_\_\_\_  
 (size, shape, straight) (size, set close to or far from head)

Mouth \_\_\_\_\_ Lips \_\_\_\_\_  
 (large, medium, small) (small, large, full)

Teeth \_\_\_\_\_  
 (white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extract)

Chin \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double)

Jaw \_\_\_\_\_ Circumference of head in inches \_\_\_\_\_  
 (large, small, normal) (at band)

Neck \_\_\_\_\_ Larynx \_\_\_\_\_  
 (size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) (Prominent, normal)

Shoulders \_\_\_\_\_ Arms \_\_\_\_\_  
 (broad, straight, small, rounded) (length, muscular, color)

\_\_\_\_\_ extent and quantity of hair)

Hands \_\_\_\_\_

Fingers \_\_\_\_\_  
 (short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or

\_\_\_\_\_ (joints) \_\_\_\_\_ (unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest \_\_\_\_\_  
 (size of nipples, color, quantity & extent of hair, large, small, normal)

Back \_\_\_\_\_ Waist \_\_\_\_\_  
 (quantity & extent of hair) (size of navel, an endectomy, amount

\_\_\_\_\_ Circumcision \_\_\_\_\_ Pubic hair \_\_\_\_\_  
 (yes-no) (color)

\_\_\_\_\_ quantity & color of hair

Hernioplasty \_\_\_\_\_  
 (yes-no, location)

Legs \_\_\_\_\_  
 (inseam, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color & extent of hair)



570TH ORDNANCE AMMUNITION COMPANY  
APO 403 U S ARMY

7 June 1945

SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, Hq. Third US Army, APO 403, US Army  
(Attn: Adj. Sect.) (Thru Channels)

1. Refer letter this unit, subj: Disposition of Remains, dated 18 May 1945, addressed to your headquarters regarding graves location of Sgt James L. Hines, 36566033, Pfc Neal Kelso, 34528653, and Pfc Emanuel Pitts, 36389883, all 570th Ordnance Ammunition Company, all killed as a result of enemy action on 2 January 1945 at Army Ammunition Depot #31.

2. As stated in letter mentioned above, a request for information on graves location of the above 3 EM was made to the 609th QM Graves Registration Company, a copy of their reply is herein inclosed.

3. The undersigned is in disagreement with par. 5 of inclosure. He examined before the bodies were removed the scene of the explosion where death occurred and saw small bits of bone and flesh; some of which could be identified as portions of colored personnel and others as white personnel. There too were portions of bodies so badly charred and mutilated and small that race or color of the individual could not be determined.

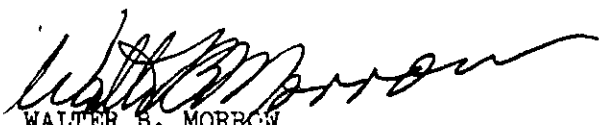
4. Verbal information was received indirectly from the Graves Registration Co. that the one body found and identified (Pfc Andrew M. Mack 35868755) and also the portions of other bodies found would be buried in Luxembourg.

5. It may be possible that the small remaining portions of the bodies of the 3 EM in question were buried along with those of the approximate 9 enlisted white personnel also killed by the explosion at Army Ammunition Depot #31.

Incl - 1  
1st Ind 609th QM Gr. Reg. Co.

/s/ GERRIT L. KEANE  
/t/ GERRIT L. KEANE  
Capt. Ord. Dept  
Commanding

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

  
WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

518 1st Ind AJW/ral  
HEADQUARTERS, 313TH ORDNANCE BATTALION, APO 403, US ARMY, 9 June 1945.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 150th Ordnance Battalion, APO 403, US Army.

Forwarded.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/t/ A. J. WOODARD  
1st Lt, Ord Dept  
Adjutant.

2 Incls: n/c

518 (7 June 1945) 2d Ind CCJ/lhr  
HEADQUARTERS, 150TH ORDNANCE BATTALION, APO 403, US ARMY, 13 June 1945

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, Third United States Army, APO 403, US Army.

Forwarded.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/t/ CLAYTON C. JOHNSTON  
1st Lt Ord Dept  
Adjutant

2 Incls: n/c

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen



STATEMENT

29 May 1945.

On or about 5 January 1945, I was detailed to drive S/Sgt Essmann and Sgt. Stevens to the site of an explosion in an ammunition dump near Ludres, France. While there, I helped them in a search of the area. Troops already there knew the location of the few large portions of bodies and pointed them out. We then thoroughly searched the area of the explosion as far all around as there was any debris from the explosion, such as wood, metal, and dirt. There was a light covering of snow on the ground, about two inches thick and hard crusted as I remember.

The largest piece of flesh found at any distance was about 150 yards distant from the craters caused by the explosion. Beyond that distance only a few small pieces of flesh were found.

We picked up all pieces of flesh found and brought them back to the cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg for further identification.

The body of one colored soldier was found near a 6x6 on the road near the explosion. All other portions of bodies which I noted seemed to be of white soldiers.

Signed:

*Harry G. Ethell*

Harry G. Ethell

Sgt., 39341545, 609th QM Gr.Reg.Co.

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STATEMENT

29 May 1945.

On or about 4 January 1945, along with S/Sgt Robert A. Essmann and Sgt. Harry G. Ethell of this organization, I was detailed to go to the site of an explosion in an ammunition dump near Ludres, France and make a search of the area for bodies or parts of bodies of personnel killed in the explosion.

Each man in the detail searched the whole area within a radius of at least 300 yards of the explosion. One body, identified by dog tags as MACK, Andrew M., 35868755, was found covered with blankets near the truck. We found several other parts of bodies around the area, but all were of white personnel, all having some pieces of white skin remaining. All portions found showed powder burns where they had been torn from the body. The lower part of one white body was found in one of the craters caused by the explosion. Both the wreckage of the 6x6 truck and jeep in the middle of the explosion were worked thoroughly in an effort to locate any bodies or parts of bodies. Nothing of that nature was found in either. The body of MACK was found behind the truck setting beside the road about 100 yards from the site of the explosion. He had apparently been killed by fragments from the explosion having multiple wounds including a long gash extending from the left shoulder into the left chest.

The body of MACK was later disinterred to determine whether any portions of loose flesh were buried with the body. I opened the mattress cover and checked the remains. Captain Passman also checked. There were no separated or loose portions of bodies buried with that of MACK.

Signed:   
Albert Stevens  
Sgt., 37356024  
609th Q4 Gr. Reg. Co.

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STATEMENT

29 May 1945.

With Sergeants Harry Ethell and Albert Stevens of this company, I was detailed on or about 4 January 1945 to go to the scene of an explosion in an ammunition dump near Ludres, France and make a thorough search of the area of and surrounding the explosion.

When we arrived we found the intact body of Mack partly under a 6x6 on the road about 50 feet from where the frames of a jeep and 6x6 lay, the jeep covered by mud from the explosion.

About ten feet from the jeep we uncovered a body of a white soldier. East of the wreckage was found the leg up to the hip of one body and the upper torso without head of another body, covered with powder burns so as to appear colored, but when turned over the skin proved to be white.

We searched all shell craters and found a lower torso in about the third one searched. We then searched the area for a radius of about 300 to 400 yards from the scene of the explosion. Found was a foot, a larger piece of unidentifiable flesh and several small pieces of flesh, all of which had portions of white skin.

Signed: Robert A. Essmann  
Robert A. Essmann  
S/Sgt., 36259477  
609th QM Gr. Reg. Co.

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1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 609th QM Graves Registration Company.

22 May 1945.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 570th Ordnance Ammunition Company, APO 403,  
U. S. Army.

1. Report only one body of colored personnel was received from scene of explosion at Ludres, France.

2. Body was intact and was identified as that of Mack, Andrew M., 35868755 by two identification tags.

3. No other bodies or portions of bodies of colored personnel were received by this organization from the scene of the explosion.

4. Investigation by the Inspector Generals Office as reported to Commanding General, Third United States Army, 15 January 1945 states in paragraph 11 "Actual identification of the bodies was almost impossible because the blast had decapitated some of the victims and other bodies disappeared."

5. This organization sent a special detail to the scene of the explosion where they made a complete search of the area, finding in addition to the intact body of Mack, bodies or portions of bodies of white personnel only.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ E. R. DE WEESE  
E. R. DE WEESE  
1st Lt. QMC  
609th QM Gr. Reg. Co.

A TRUE COPY

*E. R. De Weese*  
E. R. DE WEESE  
1st Lt. QMC  
609th QM Gr. Reg. Co.

Abernathy,

Walter

93 Leg Bn

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83<sup>2</sup> Eng Bn

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570TH ORDNANCE AMMUNITION COMPANY  
APO 403 U S ARMY

19 May 1945

SUBJECT: Location of Remains

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, Hq. Third U. S. Army, APO 403, US Army  
(Attn: Adj. Gen. Sect.) (Thru Channels)

1. In reply to two separate letters, file AG 293.9-GNMCQ-2, your headquarters, subj. same as above, dated 15 May 1945, one requesting information on burial of James L. Hines, Sgt. 36566053, and one on Neal Kelso, 34586553, and one letter your headquarters dated 16 May 1945 regarding burial of Emanuel Pitts, 36389883, all of the 570th Ord. Am. Co., the following is herein submitted:

2. Per verbal information originating with 609th QM Graves Registration Co., APO 403, US Army, the mutilated remains of the 3 above EM were properly buried in a common grave at the US Military Cemetery in Hamm, Luxembourg, on 5 January 1945. The grave number, row number, and plot number are unknown. Written request for the above was made by this unit to the 609th QM Gr. Reg. Co., on 11 Jan. 1945, to which no reply has been received. A tracer to the request has since been forwarded.

3. Burial was performed 5 January 1945 and report was to have been submitted by the indicated graves registration company. Letter for request of copy of report was submitted 11 January 1945 by this unit.

4. Death occurred on 2 January 1945 near Ludres, France, within Army Ammunition Depot #31. In addition to the casualty of the 3 indicated EM - Sgt James L. Hines, Pfc Neal Kelso, and Pfc Emanuel Pitts, - on 2 January 1945 at AAD#31, Pfc Andrew W. Mack, 35868755, 570th Ord. Am. Co. was also killed. Pfc Mack's body, though badly mutilated, was the only one which could be identified. He was buried 5 January 1945, at US Military Cemetery in Hamm, Luxembourg. His grave number is 124, row no. 5, plot no. I. This information on Pfc Mack is per the only Report of Burial by the 609th Gr. Reg. Co.

5. The cause of the death was an explosion of ammunition (Engineer Demolition Material) due to enemy action as determined by Report of Investigation by the Inspector General's Department, your headquarters, 22 January 1945. An inspection of the area or scene of the explosion by the undersigned immediately after the mishap revealed that all bodies but that of Pfc Mack were blown to bits. There remained only small segments of skin and/or bone scattered over a wide area. It was impossible to determine which segment was the remains of any individual due to their smallness in size and number all as a result of the terrible force of the explosion.

Subj: Location of Remains  
Cont'd dtd 19 May 45

6. Battle Casualty reports were submitted on all of the 4 above RM on 3 January 1945. The personal effects of the deceased were inventoried and forwarded as prescribed. As soon as this organization receives reply to its tracer letter to the 609th Gr. Reg. Co., regarding graves of Sgt Hines, Pfc Kelso, and Pfc Pitts, it will forward the same to your headquarters.

3- Incl  
1 Copy ea of 3 b/c  
1 Overlay of area of casualties

GERRIT L. KEANE  
Capt., Ord. Dept  
Commanding

AG 293.9 - GNMCQ-2  
(19 May 45)

1st Ind

CEH/omh

HEADQUARTERS THIRD U. S. ARMY, Office of the QM, APO 403, U. S. Army, 26  
May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 609th Graves Registration Co., APO 403, U. S. Army.


1. Your attention is directed to the previous correspondence.
2. The burial records of this headquarters have been checked but no reports of burial for the three deceased are on file. Verbal instructions were given to you early in January 1945 to search the area of the explosion for the remains of these men.
3. It is desired that all available information concerning the case be forwarded to this headquarters. Was the area thoroughly searched for the remains of these men? Is there any possibility that some of the remains may have been buried with the remains of Pfc Mack?

By order of the Quartermaster:

2 Incls: n/c

FENTON M. WOOD  
Colonel, Q. M. C.  
Deputy Quartermaster

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY.

  
WALTER B. MORROW  
Major, Infantry  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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2nd Ind.

5436  
/S/ E. R. De Weese  
/T/ E. R. DE WEESE  
1st Lt., QMC

HEADQUARTERS, 609th QM GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY, APO 403, US ARMY, 609th QM Gr. Reg. Co.  
31 May 1945.

TO: CG., Third U. S. Army, office of the Quartermaster, APO 403, U. S. Army.  
(Attention: Army Graves Registration Officer).

1. A detail from this organization consisting of S/Sgt Robert A. Essmann and Sgt. Albert Stevens, Medical Personnel, and Sgt. Harry G. Ethell were sent to search the area of the explosion near Ludres, France and to recover all remains that could be found in the vicinity. Statements of these men are attached.

2. All the remains which were found were brought to the cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg and a careful examination was made to discover any remaining portions of colored soldiers other than the body of MACK, since it was known by this organization that three other colored personnel, HINES, KELSO, and PITTS were reported killed in the explosion. No other colored remains were found. Later the body of MACK was disinterred and again no loose portions of colored remains were discovered.

3. It is believed the bodies of HINES, KELSO, and PITTS were highly disintegrated, that a thorough search was made for their remains but that small fragments of their bodies may have been scattered and likely covered by debris or otherwise removed from sight or detection at the time the area was searched.

4. Copy of indorsement sent to 570th Ordnance Ammunition Company enclosed as further information.

For The Commanding Officer:

/S/ E. R. De Weese  
/T/ E. R. DE WEESE  
1st Lt., QMC  
609th QM Gr. Reg. Co.

6 Incls:

- 2 n/c
- 1 Statement S/Sgt Essmann
- 1 Statement Sgt Albert Stevens
- 1 Statement Sgt Harry G. Ethell
- 1 Copy Indorsement to 570th Ordnance Amm. Co.



LUDRES  
Marthe-et-Moselle

6 May, 1946.

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UNKNOWN-X-6192  
REINTERRED U.S. MIL. CEM.  
ST. AVOLD, BBBB-1-3

S T A T E M E N T

I undersigned, CHONE Charles, living at Ludres, M-et-M, France, certify that I found the body of an American soldier on Jan. 2nd, 1945, this soldier having been killed by an Ammunition Explosion the same day at the place called Blasserue, in the community of Ludres.

While loading ammunition, a jeep hit a can of Explosive, and about 12 American soldiers were torn up by the explosion; all I could find on investigating the place of the accident was a partially torn up body of an American soldier, who seemed to be a negro. I could not identify him, as I did not find any personal papers or identification tags, which may still be on the body.

With the help of Mr. LEDUC and my father, Mr. Francois CHONE we buried the body, who was already half-covered with ground, on Jan. 10, 1945.

Charles CHONE

As Witnesses : Emile Leduc

Francois CHONE

T R U E C O P Y

*John P. Gillespie*  
JOHN P. GILLESPIE  
1st Lt Inf

ORIGINAL

I, the undersigned, CHONE Henri, deputy mayor of LUDRET declare that some days after the explosion of the American explosives depot on 2 January 1945, we found several rests of human bodies of a soldier which had been left behind and which we had covered with earth. This soldier was removed in 1946 together with the other scattered remains to the American cemetery of Epinal (\*)

It is not possible that at the present time there are still bodies left in the territory where the explosion took place because the field has been turned over and leveled.

To my knowledge there are no mines or American explosives left in the territory of the commune of Ludres nor any remains of soldiers.

Ludres, 29 April 1947.

s/ H. CHONE

(\*) Checking of this fact reveals that said remains were not transported to Epinal but removed to St-Avold by an Epinal AGRC team.- Transl.

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION :

s/ Gerda C. Pruys

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Gr 4 - 10256  
Translator

Case # 432

(Meurthe et Moselle)  
5436

Department Meurthe et Moselle  
Townhall of Ludres

Ludres, 13 May 1947.

I, the undersigned, GUERARD Andre, mayor's secretary at LUDRES declare that I was a witness to the explosion of a U.S. Army ammunition depot on 2 January 1945.

About ten American soldiers were disintegrated and pulverized and therefore it was and is not possible to find back the remains or parts of the bodies of these soldiers.

The Secretary:

/s/ A. Guerard

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION :

s/ Gerda C. Pruys

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Gr.4 - 10256  
Translator

Case # 432

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Department Meurthe et Moselle  
Townhall of Ludres

The Mayor of Ludres herewith certifies that after the explosion on 2 January 1945 of a U.S. Army ammunition depot which killed about 10 American soldiers it was not possible to find any remains or bones. Only one part of a human body was found and transported to the military cemetery of St-Avoid Moselle. Furthermore, one wallet containing personal papers was found by Mr. Chone, deputy mayor of Ludres, who handed them to me. These objects were sent to the Graves Registration at Vendome.

The Mayor :

/s/ Linel

M. Linel Cyprien  
Maire de Ludres  
M. et M. elle

Town Stamp

CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION :

s/ Gerda C. Pruys

GERDA C. PRUYS  
Gr.4 - 10256  
Translator

D I A R Y

29 April 1947

Left Nancy 1015 a.m. Arrived 1040 a.m.

Contacted Mr. Charles SCHONE, farmer, who stated that to the best of his knowledge, there were no more US remains to be found in area where explosion took place, as this area had been thoroughly searched over by an American Unit.

All remains which had been discovered had been put into a single cover and removed to a U.S. Military Cemetery, probably St-Avoid. This is all the information which the above could give regarding the remains of 2 American deceased not accounted for. I was unable to interview any other person as all were working in the fields till late this evening.

A certified true copy of  
Mr. GILL's diary

LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER  
1st Lt                      Inf.

13 May 1947

Left Nancy 1800 hrs. Arrived Ludres 1820.

Contacted Mayor, Mr. Linel Cyprien, who stated that after the explosion on 2 Jan. 45 which killed about 10 American soldiers, only one part of a human body was found and transported to St-Avoid. A wallet found by Mr. Chone was sent to Graves Registration at Vandome. Received statement.

Visited Mayor's secretary, Mr. Guerard. Stated that remains of soldiers killed in the explosion were disintegrated and pulverized and no bodies were found. Got statement.

Left Ludres 1900. Arrived Nancy 1930.

A certified True Copy of  
Miss PRUYS'diary

LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER  
1st/Lt                      Inf.

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CORRECTED COPY

# REPORT OF BURIAL

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

13 December 1949  
Date

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

UNKNOWN X-6192

Last Name	First	Initial	Rank	Serial No.
Unknown			Unknown	
Unit			Organization	

Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
LUDRES, France	2 January 1945	Ammunition Explosion

Time and Date of Burial	Name of Cemetery	Name or Coordinates of Location
1500 22 May 1946	US Military Cemetery ST. AVOLD	France

Grave Number	Row Number	Plot Number	Type of Marker
3	1	BBB	Cross

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

If No Identification Tags Previously identified as the Only Recoverable Remains  
How were remains identified? of: Sgt James L. HINES, 36566053

Pfc Neal KELSO, 34528653

Pfc Emanuel PITTS, 36389883

Redesignated Unknown X-6192, authy: 1st Ind. OOMG, File OOMGMT 293

What means of identification were buried with the body? GRS European, Subject: Additional Information, dated 7 December 1949.

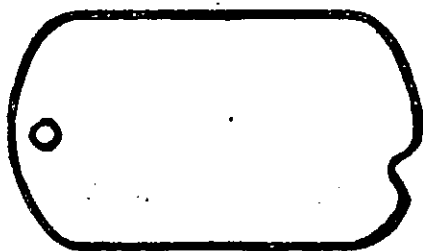
To determine Right or Left use **Deceased's** Right and Left.

Who is buried on :

<b>Deceased's Right :</b>	BEETS Name	34986931 Serial No.	Pvt. Rank	398 Inf Regt Organization	4 Grave No.
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<b>Deceased's Left :</b>	SCHULKINS Name	36575532 Serial No.	Pfc Rank	114 Inf Regt Organization	2 Grave No.
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Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.



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

Emergency Addressee..... Unknown  
Name

Address

Religion..... Unknown

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

R E B U R I A L

Previously buried in isolated grave located at: Ludres Meurthe et Moselle, France.

This corrected copy of Report of Burial, prepared at Hq, AGRC-EA.

*Edward F. Price Jr.*  
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial  
EDWARD F. PRICE JR.  
Capt. SAC  
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

# 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

Right Hand

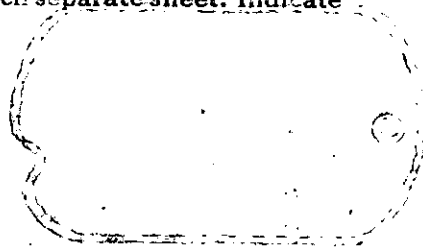
		Deceased's Left								Deceased's Right							
		8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper	Lower																

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

Characteristics

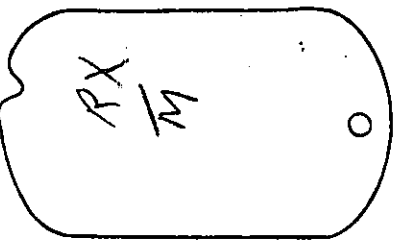
Other Data

**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.**



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WD QMC FORM 1042 (Rev. 1 Apr. 1945) (Supersedes GRS Form 1)	<b>REPORT OF INTERMENT</b> (AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)	DATE OF REPORT  22 May 1946
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Imprint Identification Tag If Possible. DO NOT TYPE  	Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.		
NAME (Last, first, middle initial)  Unknown X-6192	SERIAL No.  Unknown		
GRADE  Unknown	ORGANIZATION  Unknown	BRANCH OF SERVICE  Ground Forces	
RACE  Unknown	RELIGION  Unknown	IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY	

PLACE OF DEATH Ludres, Meurthe et Moselle France	CAUSE OF DEATH Accidental explosion of ammunition	DATE OF DEATH Est Jan 1945.
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Unknown

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY (1, 2, or none) <b>None</b>	IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse)
WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED?(Yes or no)  <b>Yes</b>	

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

**None**

**Section 2.—BURIAL.** If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY  
**US Military Cemetery(Q-260584)St Avoird France**

DATE OF BURIAL	HOUR	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER	PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
22 May 1946	1500	Casket	Temp wooden cross	BBBB	1	3

WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) <b>yes</b>	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE Isolated Grave near Ludres Meurthe et Moselle France Carte Michelin sht62 1,200,000(4205397)	PLOT No. ROW No. GRAVE No.
		Isolated Grave

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY <b>General Service</b>	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES Ch. O.A. RUSHER, CAP'T.	IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY One copy of WD QMC Form 1042 placed in burial bottle and buried with remains.
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IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) <b>No</b>	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) <b>YES, embossed plate</b>
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) UNKNOWN X-6195	RANK UNK	SERIAL No. UNK	ORGANIZATION UNK	GRAVE No. 2
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) BEETS, RAY K.	RANK Pvt	SERIAL No. 34986931	ORGANIZATION 398th Inf.Regt.	GRAVE No. 4
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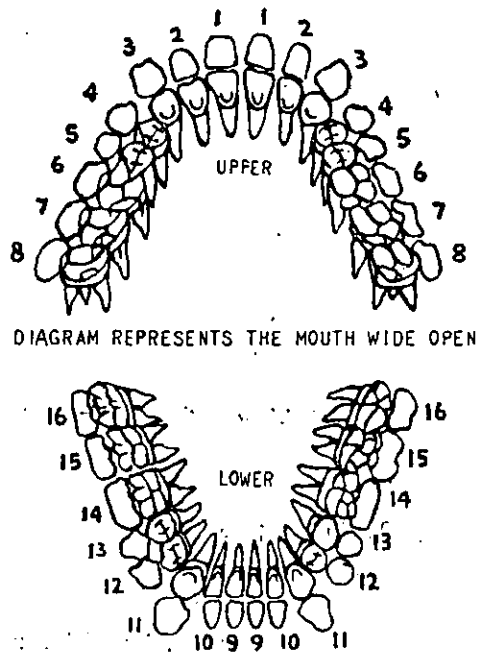




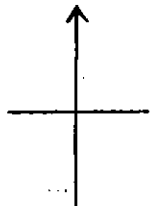
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT Herbert F. Shaw WD Civ <i>Herbert F. Shaw</i> Third Field Command AGRC	SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT RALPH W. SLEATOR <i>Ralph W. Sleator</i> Major, Inf. 3rd Field Command
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LEFT LITTLE FINGER	Section <b>UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.</b>			
	INSTRUCTIONS: (a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other," such as shoe size, social security number; position of body found in airplanes, vehicles, and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles, and tanks. (b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.			
LEFT RING FINGER	HEIGHT <b>UTD</b>	WEIGHT <b>UTD</b>	COLOR OF EYES <b>UTD</b>	COLOR OF HAIR <b>UTD</b>
				BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS <b>UTD</b>
LEFT MIDDLE FINGER	WEAPON AND SERIAL No. <b>NONE</b>		LAUNDRY MARKS <b>NONE</b>	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND <b>Ludres Meurthe et Moselle France</b>
	OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES			
LEFT INDEX FINGER	FILLINGS  SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING		 DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN	
LEFT THUMB	CAVITIES  CAVITY DECAYED			
RIGHT THUMB	MISSING TEETH  TOOTH MISSING			
RIGHT INDEX FINGER	CROWNED TEETH  PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN			
RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER	BRIDGE WORK  GOLD BRIDGE			
RIGHT RING FINGER	FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY			
				
RIGHT LITTLE FINGER	REMARKS: <b>Attached Form 11 Check List of Unknowns. Unable to obtain Form 1A Tooth Chart because of missing portions of remains. Too badly decomposed for fingerprints. Est weight of remains 12 lbs.</b>			