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~~(St. Avila) Reference~~

SUBJECT: Certificates of Unidentifiability of Remains
Transmittal Letter #4581

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 7 February 1950

TO: Chief, Registration Division, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment,
APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

This Office approves the classification of the Unknowns listed on
basic communication as Unidentifiable.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

4 Incls
w/d

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

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X 2973 Luke Francis X-841

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

RRE 293

6 December 1949

(Date)

293 rank France - 841 (St Avold)

CERTIFICATE OF UNIDENTIFIABILITY OF REMAINS

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Row 1, Grave 6, 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. 2695, dated
15-3-48.

3. Remarks:

Case reviewed by undersigned Members of the Board of Review:

Col. H. P. Henry O-12589

Lt. Col. E. D. Mulvanity O-359589

Capt. Edward F. Price O-1588236

Received 3 FEB 1950 800A
Not identifiable from
information presently
available

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J. D. Parker
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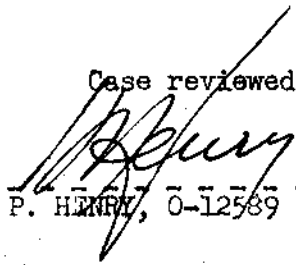
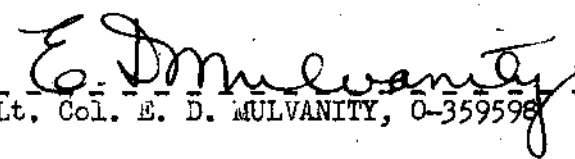
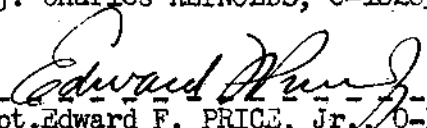
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 Col. H. P. HENRY, O-12589 MC	 Lt. Col. E. D. MULVANITY, O-359598 MC
Maj. Charles REYNOLDS, O-182639 TC	Maj. Gerald SWARTHOUT, Sr., O-267451 CE
 Capt. Edward F. PRICE, Jr., O-1588236 MC	1st Lt. Frederick S. DAVID, O-1826041 CAV
CWO Frank GEER, W-2102925 USA	Capt. Jack C. HAYES, O-1577297 MC

Incl #1

Parker

UNKNOWN NO.

541

U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY

Saint Avold

(Location)

The remains of Unknown L-541 (USMC Saint Avold) was recovered from Common Grave "D" at Hatten, France. At time of interment fingerprints were obtained for these remains. Several times they have been compared against those for unresolved casualties with negative results. As a 79th Division patch was found with these remains an attempt was also made to associate this case with an unresolved casualty of that organization. All available Form 371's for members of that organization still in an unresolved status were compared against physical and dental characteristics of L-541 without favorable results. As all available means of identification have been attempted without results these remains are being declared **U N I D E N T I F I A B L E**.

L. Pierpoint
6 December 1949

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FORM 293

Unknown X-241, (St. Avold) *France*
SUBJECT: Fingerprint Comparison

Department of The Army, GAGS, Washington 25, D. C., 1 December 1949

TO: CG, AGSC, European Area, APO 58, c/o FM, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to your radio, AGSC 6688, dated 27 October 1949, and to basic communication.

2. Fingerprints on the Report of Burial for Unknown X-241, St. Avold, France, have been compared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with those on file for the eight deceased referred to in basic communication, with the exception of French, Howard Gerald, 36183932, with negative results.

3. The fingerprints of the left hand of Pvt. French are not available for comparison purposes.

4. In the event that additional information becomes available to your Headquarters, which may be of assistance in the identification of Subject Unknown, it should be forwarded to this Office at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

TH
V. Harvey
M. Lederman

F. H. WITZ
Lt Col *MC*
Memorial Division

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293 French, Howard Gerald
(36,18 39 32)

A I R M A I L

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVE REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RFC 200.2 - Unknown X-841
(St.Avoid)

22 August 1949

SUBJECT: Fingerprint Comparison

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

Request that fingerprints on Report of Burial for Unknown X-841, Plot CCC, Row 1, Grave 6, USMC St.Avoid, France, be compared with those of the following listed casualties and this office notified of any results obtained:

ACKERLEY,	Fred	Sgt.	38468424
BONEBRAKE,	Otis E.	1/Lt.	0-1318408
CONDLEY,	Mark E.	Pfc.	33852590
FRENCH,	Howard G.	Pvt.	36183932
JUDAH,	Clifford A.	Pfc.	34795464
WIGGINS,	Edward	Pfc.	34434868
OWENS,	Joseph H.	T/Sgt.	33076669
UNDERWOOD,	Columbus F.	Pfc.	38352145

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

C.W. STEINER
Capt QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

1930 Oct 7 from HQ X-841 (St.Avoid)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Ident Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Pentagon Liaison	26 Oct 1949	<p>293 Unknown X-841 St. Avold (Fingerprint Comparison)</p> <p>1. In reference to a telephone conversation between Miss Riordon, and Mrs. Harvey, it is requested that 201 files be obtained to determine whether there were fingerprints taken for the following deceased:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRENCH, Howard Pvt 36183932 WIGGINS, Edward Pfc 34434868</p> <p>2. In the event fingerprints are found, it is requested that they be forwarded to FBI for comparison with WC-1224 (X-841, St. Avold), and this Office advised of the results.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Barry</i> METZ BARRY 74059 2462</p>
2	Pent Liaison Adm Br Mem Div	Ident Sec Ident Br Mem Div	28 Nov 1949	<p>Report of Findings and Reports of Burial are returned herewith.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>S. J. A.</i> Sokowski <i>E. M. D.</i> 6679 Dyer 73090</p>

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MEMO ROUTING SLIP

NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

1 NAME OR TITLE E. J. SEKOWSKI, Major, QMC	INITIALS		CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION QM-Pentagon Liaison 1D684	DATE		COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

REMARKS

The fingerprints of the left hand of Howard Gerald French, 36 183 932, ind. 24 Jun 42 at Kalamazoo, Mich., are not available for comparison purposes. Fingerprints for Edward Wiggins, 34 434 868, ind. 14 Oct 42 at Op. Croft, S. C. have been compared and found to be not identical with the prints on Reports of Burial for X-18, Bensheim, Germany (now X-841, St. Avold, France).

FROM NAME OR TITLE

WOODLAND/n1/10712

DATE

23 Nov 49

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION

PAB, Discip. Sec., Pentagon

TELEPHONE

71461

MEMO ROUTING SLIP		FOR USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1	NAME OR TITLE Woodland	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Absentee Unit	DATE	COORDINATION
2	PAB 1-C-712		FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
REMARKS			
<p>Reports of Burial for X-18, Bensheim, Germany (now X-841, St. Avold, France) are forwarded with fingerprints.</p> <p>Induction records of Edward Wiggins, 34434868 and Howard Gerald French, 36183932 are also returned.</p>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE B. J. Sekowski, Major, QMC		DATE 11/18/49	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION QM-Pentagon Liaison 1-D-684		TELEPHONE 6679	

NME FORM NO 95 1 OCT 48 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, which may be used.

16-48487-3 GPO

**WAR DEPARTMENT
MEMO ROUTING SLIP**

1	NAME OR TITLE The Quartermaster General	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Memorial Division	DATE	CONCURRENCE
2	ATTN: Major Sekowski		FILE
	Rm. 1D684		INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
REMARKS			
<p>It is suggested that WC 1224, Unknown X-841 be obtained and returned to this office with Induction records of French and Wiggins for further comparison.</p> <p>Fingerprints of Wiggins and French are not available in FBI for comparison purposes.</p> <p>2 Incls: Ind. rec. of Edward Wiggins 34,434,868 Ind. rec. of Howard Gerald French 36,183,932</p>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE WOODLAND/mmg/lc712		DATE 15 Nov. 49	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION PAB DISCIP. SEC. Pentagon		TELEPHONE 71461	

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

OR USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS,
CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

1 NAME OR TITLE Mr. Woodland	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Absentee Unit, PAB 1-C-712	DATE	COORDINATION
2		FILE
		INFORMATION
3		NECESSARY ACTION
		NOTE AND RETURN
4		SEE ME
		SIGNATURE

REMARKS

For fingerprint comparison as requested on attached sheet. Phys. exam. reports w/fps. of French & Wiggins are attached.

FROM NAME OR TITLE

BS
B. J. Sekowski, Major, OMC

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION

QM-Pentagon Liaison, 1-D-684

DATE

11/1/49

TELEPHONE

6679

NME FORM NO 95
1 OCT 48 Replaces DA AGO Form 895,
1 Apr 48, which may be used.

16-48487-8 GPO

WAR DEPARTMENT
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

1	NAME OR TITLE <u>Quartermaster General</u>	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <u>Memorial Division</u>	DATE	CONCURRENCE
2	ATTN: <u>Major Sekowski</u>		FILE
	<u>Room 1D684, Pentagon Bldg</u>		INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
<p>REMARKS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The fingerprints of Unknown X 18, (now designated X-841, St Avold, France) report of burial dated 6 May 1945, have been compared with the attached list (except Howard G. French and Edward Wiggins) and found to be <u>not</u> identical.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fingerprints for Howard G. French 36,183,932 and Edward Wiggins 34,434,868, are not available for comparison purposes.</p> <p>2 Incl: Reports of burial dated 6 May 45 List of Names</p>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE <u>Woodland/ 1k 1C712</u>		DATE <u>17 Oct 49</u>	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <u>PAB Discip Sec Pentagon Bldg</u>		TELEPHONE <u>71461</u>	

MEMO ROUTING SLIPFOR USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS,
CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

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	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Absentee Unit, PAB - 1-C-712	DATE	COORDINATION
2			FILE
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REMARKS

For fingerprint comparison as
requested on attached sheet.

FROM NAME OR TITLE B. J. Sekowski, Major, OMC	DATE 9-12-49
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION QM-Pentagon Liaison, 1-C-675	TELEPHONE 6679

NME FORM NO
1 OCT 48

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Id Sec Id Br Mem Div	Pentagon Liaison	16 Nov 49	<p data-bbox="812 346 1380 420">293 Unknown X-841 St. Aved, France (Fingerprint Comparison)</p> <p data-bbox="649 441 1575 577">1. In reference to a telephone conversation between Miss Dyer and Mrs. Harvey, Reports of Burial for X-18, Bensheim, Germany (now X-841, St. Aved, France) are forwarded with fingerprints.</p> <p data-bbox="649 609 1510 703">2. It is requested that the attached Reports of Burial be returned to this Office when findings are received.</p> <p data-bbox="649 829 974 1039"> 2 Attachments 1. R/B X-18 (Bensheim) 2. R/B X-841 (St. Aved) w/atcd papers </p> <p data-bbox="998 756 1380 903"> BARRY <i>Barry</i> HARVEY 2462 6817 </p>

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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1	Ident Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Disciplin- ary Sec PA Br Rm 1A-678 THRU: Major Sekowski	7 Sept 1949	<p>293 Unk X-841, St Avold (Fingerprint Comparison)</p> <p>1. Report of Burial for Unknown X-18, USMC Bensheim, Germany, (now designated X-841, St Avold, France) in duplicate, with attached fingerprints (FBI WC#592 attached to original copy and FBI WC#1224 attached to duplicate copy) is forwarded with request that comparison be made with those on file for the following eight casualties:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>ACKERLEY, Fred</td> <td>Sgt.</td> <td>38468424</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BONBRAKE, Otis E.</td> <td>1/Lt</td> <td>0-1318408</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CONDLEY, Mack E.</td> <td>Pfc</td> <td>33852590</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FRENCH, Howard G.</td> <td>Pvt</td> <td>36183932</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JUDAH, Clifford A.</td> <td>Pfc</td> <td>34795464</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WIGGINS, Edward</td> <td>Pfc</td> <td>34434868</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OWENS, Joseph H.</td> <td>T/Sgt</td> <td>33076669</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UNDERWOOD, Columbus F.</td> <td>Pfc</td> <td>38 352145</td> </tr> </table> <p>2. It is requested that this Office be advised of the findings, together with return of the inclosed Reports of Burial.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Barry</i> BARRY 2462</p> <p>1 Incl Rpt of Burial X-18 Bensheim, Germany (in dup)</p>	ACKERLEY, Fred	Sgt.	38468424	BONBRAKE, Otis E.	1/Lt	0-1318408	CONDLEY, Mack E.	Pfc	33852590	FRENCH, Howard G.	Pvt	36183932	JUDAH, Clifford A.	Pfc	34795464	WIGGINS, Edward	Pfc	34434868	OWENS, Joseph H.	T/Sgt	33076669	UNDERWOOD, Columbus F.	Pfc	38 352145
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1	USMC St. Avold Plot: F Row: 9 Gr: 4 Date of Burial: Verified by GRS Officer <i>[Signature]</i>				DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE	
	SECTION A NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED				DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3574 00000	DATE 15 01 48 DAY MONTH YEAR
NAME UNKNOWNX-000841			SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	ARM	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR
CEMETERY ST AVOLD - METZ						DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 3503 80 CODE DIST. PT.
PLOT CCC	ROW 1	GRAVE 6	COUNTRY FRANCE		CAUSE OF DEATH 6	
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 These remains are unidentifiable and are to be permanently interred. (Hq. AGRC-19 Dec 49) <i>[Signature]</i>		
SECTION C -- DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION						
NAME UNKNOWN X- 000841		SERIAL NUMBER		RANK Unk	DATE OF DEATH Est 20 Jan 45	DATE DISTINTERRED 29 Apr 48
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS EMB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER EMB		ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN		RELIGION Unk	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY Elijah H Fields, Embalmer NAME AND TITLE	
SECTION D -- PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT						
NATURE OF BURIAL Remnants of Uniform			CONDITION OF REMAINS Fractured right humerus and femur. Disarticulated. In skeleton form			
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Report of Burial found with remains - Embossed plate found with remains as X- 841.						
MINOR DISCREPANCIES ? Report of Burial found with remains, reads : "UNKNOWN AMERICAN X- 18 (R 180330) 6 May 1945						
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET						
DATE 6 May 48		BY Elijah H Fields, Embalmer				
CASKET SEALED BY Elijah H Fields, Embalmer			EMBALMER (Signature) <i>[Signature]</i> Elijah H Fields, Embalmer			
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED 6 May 48 Elijah H Fields, Embalmer			DATE BY 6 May 48 Elijah H Fields, Embalmer			
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.						
				NAT FILE Frank B Callaghan, 1st Lt PA SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR <i>[Signature]</i> 17 May 50		
1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies. Grave F-9-4 USMC St. Avold formerly occupied by: Unknown X-6365 Disinterred: 10 March 1950						

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC St Avold, France		TO OIC Neuville, Belgium	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER Cpl William H Bryant, RA 33720418	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER Frank B. Killian <i>Frank B. Killian</i>	DATE 28 Oct 49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER E. E. STOUT, 1ST LT, CE	DATE

2. SHIPPED

FROM LIDO REMAINS STORAGE AREA		TO CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT USMC ST. AVOLD, FRANCE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER E. N. HEISEY, 1ST LT, QMC	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Frank B. Killian</i> FRANK B. KILLIAN, Sup't	DATE 19 Apr 1950

3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE (RA ADMINISTRATION AREA)		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER ST. AVOLD FRANCE	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

6. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

7. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Unk France ~~241~~ (St Avoild)

I N D E X S H E E T

SYNOPSIS

1st Ind

1 April 47

FROM: OCMG
TO: CO, AGRC, European Theater Area, APO 887, New York

RE: GR Form #1, Report of Burial Transmittal Letter Number 2161

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - Unkns (Misc) (St Avoild) France

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INDEX NO. 293 - Unknown France ~~1/1/47~~ ^{X-841} (St. Avoird)

I N D E X S H E E T

S Y N O P S I S

Letter

17 Feb. 1947

FROM:
TO:

OMG
ADJ, A SF

SUBJ:

Fingerprint Comparison. - re Identification of Unknown Deceased.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - Unknown France (Misc) (St. Avoird)

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SPQYS 293

Unknown I-16, Germany

2nd Ind

Hqs., ASF, OQMG, Washington, D. C.

15 March 1946

TO: Historical Division, WDSS, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to the 1st Ind. wherein this office is advised that all records have been transferred to the United States.

2. It is requested that information required in basic communication for personnel known to have been missing or killed in action on or about 20 January 1945 in the Vicinity of Hatten, France, be forwarded this office at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ARTHUR S. ROSENGARD
2nd Lt., QMC
Assistant

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O. O. M. G.
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AGREE (Bensheim, H-1 1014)
HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND,
AREA, APO 887, U.S. ARMY.

1st. Ind.

AJO/WJS/ke
EUROPEAN THEATER

20 February 1946

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

1. The Theater Historian has advised that all records have been returned to the United States. It is suggested that information requested in basic communication be obtained from the Historical Division, WDSS, Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

F. J. GERAGE,
Lt. Col., QMG,
Acting Asst. Adj. Gen.

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SPQYG 293
Unknown X-18
Germany (Bensheim)

26 January 1946

SUBJECT: Fingerprints of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commanding General, American Graves Registration Service
European Theater Area, Versailles, France
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. The fingerprints of Unknown X-18, US Military Cemetery, Bensheim, Plot H, Row 13, Grave 1014, have been compared, insofar as possible, but were not identified.

2. Lists of personnel known to have been missing or killed in the vicinity of where the remains were recovered, and for whom reports of burial have not been received, should be obtained from the organizations known to have been in that area and forwarded as an aid in the identification of this deceased.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ARTHUR S. ROSENGARD
2nd Lt., QMC
Assistant

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JAN 25 3 08 PM '46

Q-1116
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
JAN 25 1 22 PM '46
MEMORIAL DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGPC-S 704 (14 Nov 45)

TJH/JHA/sdt/4602

14 November 1945

SUBJECT: Reports of Burial
TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Chief, Registration and Planning Branch,
Room 1100, Temporary Building C.

1. Fingerprints on attached Report of Burial for Unknown X-18, Bensheim, Germany, have been searched in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and could not be found.

2. Fingerprints on attached Report of Burial for Unknown X-132, Bensheim, Germany, have insufficient ridge detail for search, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A search for the laundry mark disclosed a Private Thomas K. Cunningham, 32776716, Company E, 15th Infantry Regiment, who was missing in action 25 January 1945 in France. We are advised, however, that fingerprints on Report of Burial for Unknown X-132 are definitely not comparable with those of Private Cunningham's.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

John T. Burns
JOHN T. BURNS
Lt Col, AGD
Officer in Charge
Status Review and
Determination Section
Casualty Branch, AGO
JTB

2 Incls.

293 (misc) (see memo)

*file
23 Jan 46
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FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Unk. X-18, Germany (Bensheim)

I N D E X S H E E T

SYNOPSIS

Letter

8/9/45

FROM: OQMG
TO: FBI
ATT: J. Edgar Hoover

SUBJ: Fingerprints of Unk. Doc.

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IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

DD #220, dtd 28 Feb. 1947

Unknown X X-841
 Cemetery St. Avold, France
 Plot 000 Row 1 Grave 6

Date reprocessed: 25 Nov. 1947

1. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Hour) (Date)

2. Place of death (Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)
 (Sheet, scale and serials used)

3. Remains ~~reprocessed~~ disinterred ~~by~~ and reprocessed by Mobile Team #1, 1st Zone
 (Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by (Name and organization)

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

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Indicate unusual markings color, wear, tear, repairs, etc.
* Headgear	<u>None</u>		
Raincoat	<u>None</u>		
Overcoat	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Field	<u>None</u>		
Jacket, Combat	<u>None</u>		
Mackinaw		<u>None</u>	
Sweater		<u>None</u>	
Jacket, HBT		<u>None</u>	
* Shirt, Wool OD		<u>None</u>	
Undershirt, Wool		<u>None</u>	
Undershirt, Cotton		<u>None</u>	
Trousers, HBT		<u>None</u>	
* Trousers, Wool OD		<u>None</u>	

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Belt, web **None**

Drawers, wool **None**

Drawers, cotton **None**

Leggings, wool **None**

Socks, cotton **None**

* Shoes **None** (type)

Overshoes **None**

Web Equipment **None** (type)

(Other item) **None**

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

Chevrons or Insignia **None**
(Type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch **None**

Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Force? **UTD**

6. Description of Remains: **Est.** L. Humerus 24.5 L. Ulna 26.7 L. Radius 25.5 L. Femur 47.0
L. Tibia 38.6 L. Fibula 38.4

Age **UTD** Height 5'9 1/4" Weight **UTD** Description of wounds **UTD**

Bandages or dressings **None** Scars **UTD**
(Length, width, location)

UTD Tattoos **UTD**
(Number, location -- illustrate on separate page)

Outstanding moles, warts or birthmarks **UTD**
(Yes-no; description, location)

Sunburn or tan, other than hand and face **UTD**

Complexion **UTD**
(Light, medium, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles)

Build **UTD**
(Large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair **None found**
(Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

Hair **UTD**
(Baldness, widows peak, distinctive cutting or other characteristics)

Sideburns **UTD** Mustache **UTD** Beard or **UTD**
(Color, setting, shape) (Color, size, shape) (Length, heavy)

Goatee **UTD**
 (Light, color, extent)

Eyes **UTD** Eyebrows **UTD**
 (Color, setting, shape) (Color, lushiness, extent across nose)

Nose **UTD** Ears **UTD**
 (Size, shape, straight) (Size, set close to or far from head)

Mouth **UTD** Lips **UTD**
 (Large, medium, small) (Small, large, full)

Teeth **See tooth chart**
 (White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

Chin **UTD**
 (Prominent, receding, pointed, dimples, double)

Jaw **UTD** Circumference of head in inches **Est. 21 1/2"**
 (Large, small, normal) (Hat band)

Neck **UTD** Larynx **UTD**
 (Size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) (Prominent, normal)

Shoulders **UTD** Arms **UTD**
 (Broad, straight, small, rounded) (Length, muscular, color, extent and quantity of hair)

UTD

Hands **UTD**

Fingers **UTD**
 (Short, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

UTD
 (Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest **UTD**
 (Size of nipples, color, quantity and extent of hair, large, small, normal)

Waist **UTD**
 (Size of navel, appendectomy, amount, quantity, and color of hair)

Back **UTD** Circumcision **UTD** Pubic Hair **None found**
 (Quantity and extent of hair) (Yes-no) (Color)

Hernioplasty **UTD**
 (Yes-no; location)

Legs **UTD**
 (Muscular, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color and extent of hair)

Feet **UTD** Toes **UTD**
 (Size, corns, callouses, flat) (Slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

Evidence of healed fractures **UTD**
 (Nose, arms, legs, etc.)

NOTE: Use attached charts "A" and "B" to indicate parts not received.

7. Have finger prints been placed on Report of Interment? **No** (Yes-no)

If not, explain **Skeletal Form**

8. Has tooth chart been prepared? **Yes** (Yes-no) If not, explain

9. Remarks **Remains found in skeletal form, wrapped in a mattress cover. Remnants of a campaign bar found. Teeth found and charted. Burial Report found. No clothing found. Estimated weight of reprocessed remains: 10 lbs. Fluoroscopic Examination: Negative. Remnants of campaign ribbon forwarded to Chemical Lab. for further examination. Chem. Lab. Exam. is attached hereto.**

I certify that I have personally viewed the remains of subject deceased and all resulting information has been recorded to the best of my knowledge.

Woodrow

(Officer's Name)

WOODROW

W.

WOLF

Rank

CAPTAIN

Service

MC

(Organization)

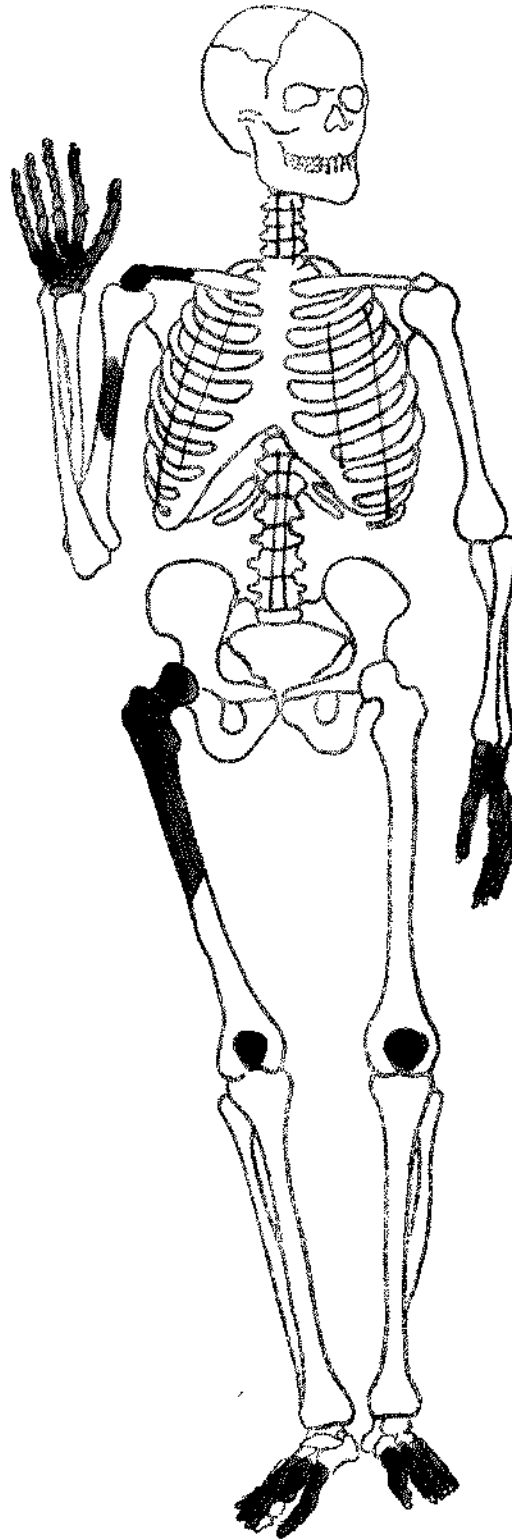
Operations Officer, I.S., 1st Zone.

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SKELETAL CHART

USMC, St. Avold, France

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)



LEFT

Humerus	34.5
Ulna	26.7
Radius	25.5
Femur	47.0
Tibia	38.6
Fibula	38.4

Est. height: 5'9½".

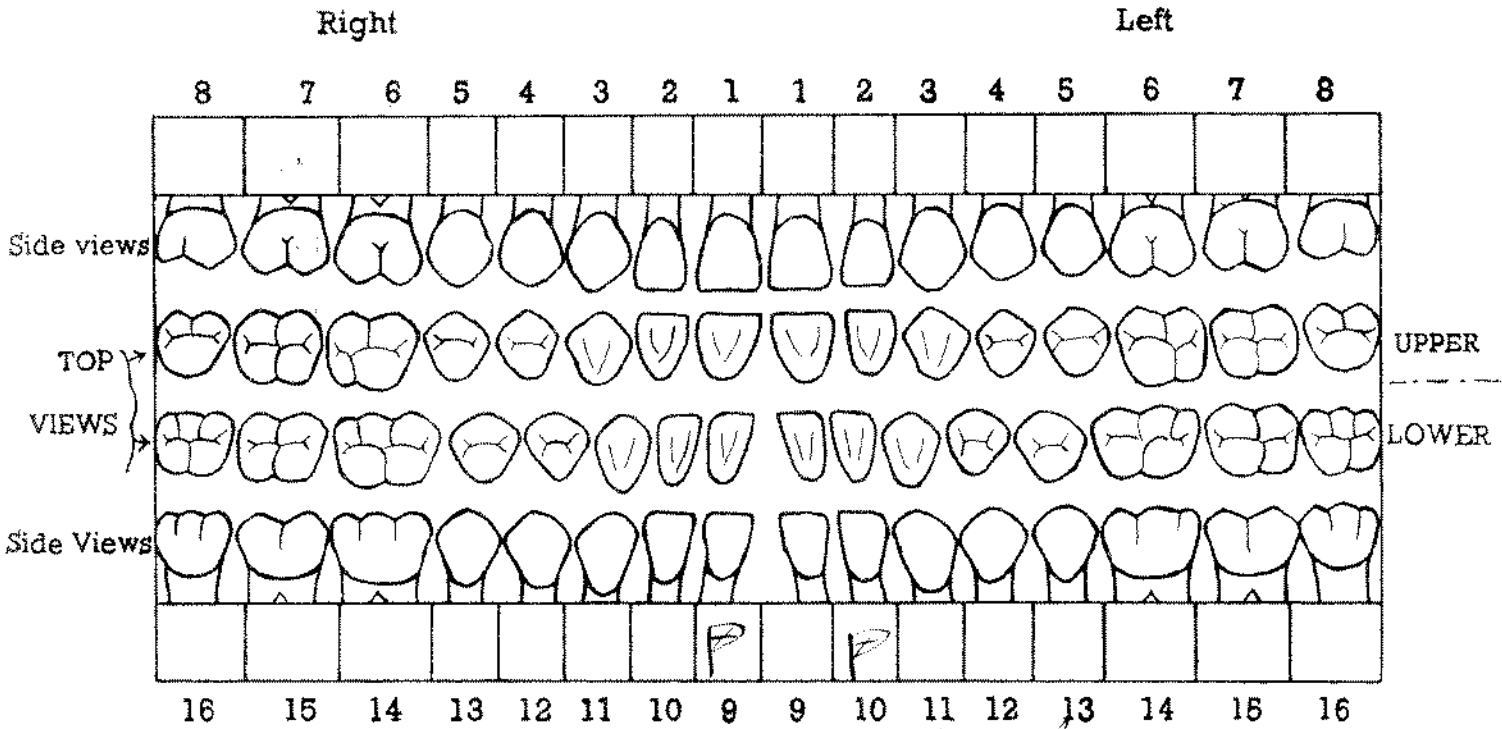
TOOTH CHART

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USMC, St. Avold, France

25 Nov. 1947

Last Name Unk X-841	First Unk	Initial Unk	Grade Unk	Date 25 Nov. 1947
Unit Unk			Organization Unk	

Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
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SEE REMARKS

see remarks

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.

/s/ IVOR J. FOSCO, 2nd Lt., Inf.

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

[Signature]

Verified by G. R. C. Officer

WOODROW W. WOLF, Capt., QMC, I.S., 1st Zone

MISSING TEETH... All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :



CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :



BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :



FILLINGS... Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :



CARIES (CAVITIES). Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :



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"

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

F - Posthumously missing

R-5 and L-5 have a facial version

Color - dull ivory

Size - Average

Alignment - Good

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
341 QUARTERMASTER BN 1ST ZONE
APO 58 (LIEGE) US ARMY

5 February 1948.

Chemical Laboratory Case No: 2389

Other designations: X-841 St Avoild, Plot CCC
Row 1
Grave 6

Inventory of effects:

Remnants of campaign bar,
(badly deteriorated)

Laboratory findings:

Deterioration makes service ribbon of
Armed Forces beyond recognition. However,
there does exist slight evidence that
service ribbon could have been Army Good
Conduct Medal, along with one or two
other ribbons.

Livio L. Vagnina
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Physical Science Technician

Telephone: Liege 69308
Ext 70

REPORT OF BURIAL

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:

Est Height: 5'10" Laundry Marks: None
 Est Weight: 165 lbs. Number of Rifle;
 Color of Eyes: Wear Glasses?
 Color of Hair: Brown Is Tooth Chart Attached? Yes
 Race: White

(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, freckles, etc.

Body badly decomposed.
 Skin missing from all fingers on rt. hand and first finger of left hand.
 Fingerprints taken by Sgt. Samuel Serino, 48th QM GR CO.

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

Fatigue trousers 34-33
 Combat Trousers 36-32
 Woolen drawers 36
 O.D. shirt 16-33
 79th Div. patch found in pocket of O.D. trousers.

4	3	2	1	Thumb
Left Hand				

4	3	2	1	Thumb
Right Hand				

TOOTH CHART

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

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

Characteristics: All teeth in good condition
 None missing

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.

Body of deceased disinterred from Common Grave D, at Hatten, France (R10330)

6 DEC 1945

REPORT OF BURIAL

6 May 1945
Date

X-841 St. Avold TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

Unknown American X-13 (R-180330) Unk.	Unknown	Unknown
Last Name	Rank	Serial No.
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Unit	Organization	
Vic. Hatten, France, (R-180330) (Det)	20 January 1945	S.T.W. back of ri. arm.
Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
1520 hrs. 10 April 1945, U. S. Mil. Cem. Bensheim, Germany, R-622218		
Time and Date of Burial	Name of Cemetery	Name or Coordinates of Location
1011	25	Temp. Wooden
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? (See Reverse)

CCC-1-6 (St. Avold)

What means of identification were buried with the body?

QND Form 1-GRS in sealed bottle buried with body.

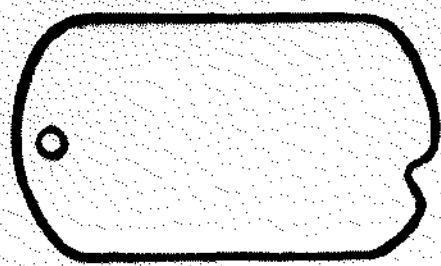
To determine Right or Left use **Deceased's** Right and Left.

Who is buried on : Whalen, James E., O-1636811, 1st. Lt., Co. B, 57th Sig. Bn., 1013
Deceased's Right: Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Greenough, Frank E., 31132970 Pvt., Co. B, 57th Sig. Bn., 1015
Deceased's Left: Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Sgt. J. Peterson, 605th QM G. B. Co.

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 Unknown

List only Personal Effects **Found on Body** and disposition of same: None.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

J. Reardon

Verified by G. R. S. Officer

P. J. REARDON, 1st. Lt., QND 301st QM G.R. Co.

17 MAY 1945

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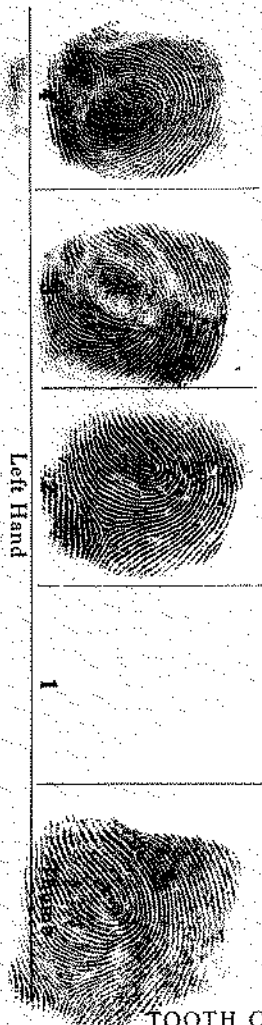
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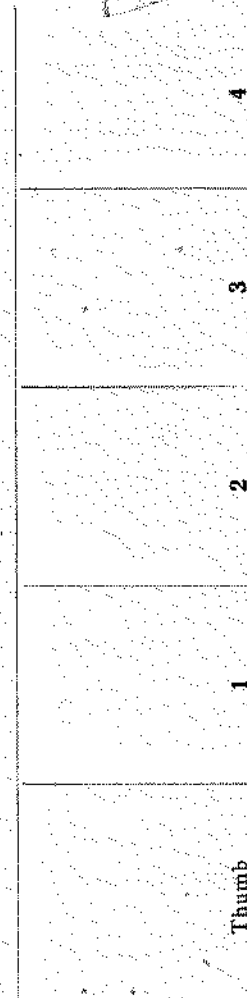
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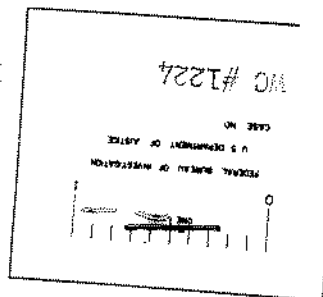
Other Data: *11 March 1917*

W. B. D. 7. B. D.

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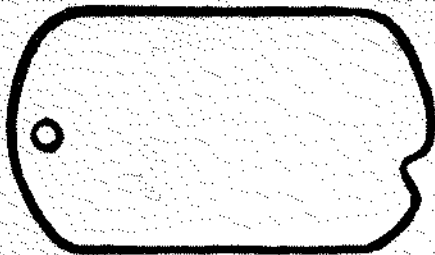
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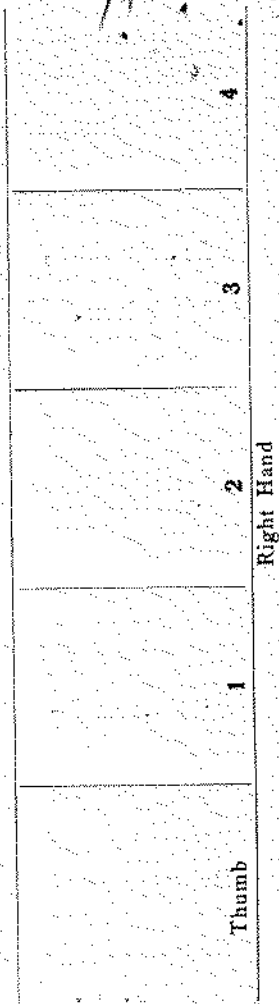
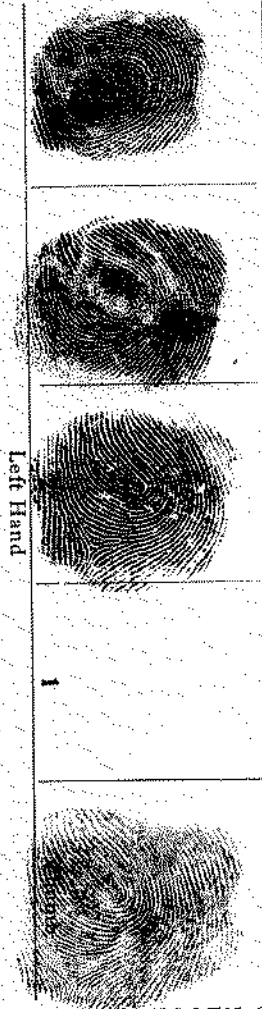
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*Not identified by F.B.I. - War Dept
 Bennett 5 Sept 45
 W.C. 592 a*

