

SSGT Kenneth T. Herr  
(Evansville, Indiana)

Herr

32986, 52735

Downed 3-24-45 over

Dreiswalde, Germany



**INDIVIDUAL DECEASED  
PERSONNEL FILE**

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(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS

*Dental Corps, U. S. A.*

(Rev. Feb. 24, 1941)

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# \*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

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UPPER TEETH

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

LOWER TEETH

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CLASS II

Occlusion: none Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy ☒  
 Periodontoclasia: none  
 Dental foci suspected: Yes ☐ No ☒  
 Other conditions: none

Date 25 July, 19 44  
V. J. Vanden  
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

\*Restorable carious teeth by O  
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture  
 (horizontal line)

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge  
 (oval to include abutments)

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# REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

**Tyndall Field, Florida**

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Herr, Kenneth T.		15 364 238	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Pvt.	Sec. I-7	Cl. 44-32	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
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		(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMMUNICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	
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		(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	
		June 29 1944 From (Bottle) OK	
		(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS	
		Initial Class II A.D. Ardolino ADP Cl. IV	

*Redeemed*  
*OK*

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

Form 79—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.  
(Revised Feb. 26, 1941)

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\*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right      Left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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LOWER TEETH

Right      Left

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CLASS II

Occlusion n: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy  
 Periodontoclasia dm  
 Dental foci suspected: Yes      No  
 Other conditions None

Date 29 June, 1944  
A. D. Adolins 1st Lt.  
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture  
 (horizontal line)

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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge  
 (oval to include abutments)

(X)	(X)
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Shepard Field, Texas

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Maj. Dawood

*Dental Corps, U. S. A.*

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## UPPER TEETH

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## LOWER TEETH

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CLASS II

Occlusion \_\_\_\_\_: Calculus; Slight, Medium, Heavy.

Periodontoclasia \_\_\_\_\_

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Date 15, 1944

Maj. D. A. Hood  
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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Nonrestorable carious teeth by /  
Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture  
(horizontal line)

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge  
(oval to include abutments)

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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

**Bowman Field, Ky.**

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Herr Kenneth T		15364238	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Pvt.	G.C.T.C.		
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE YEARS
18	W	Ind.	6/12

										(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.
										(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS
										63 Exam Mar. 8, 1944
										(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
										Ad 4 Lt. Scholz

**JOSEPH F. SCHMID**

MAJOR DENTAL CORPS, U. S. A.

FORM 72—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.  
(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

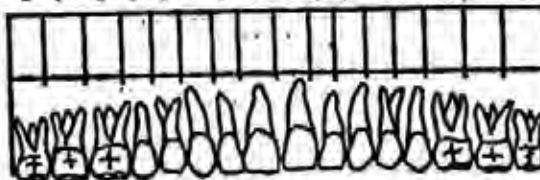
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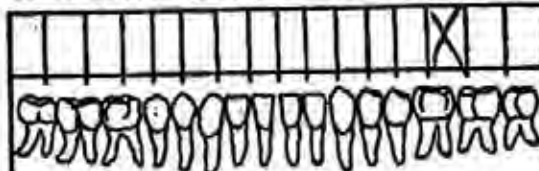
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LOWER TEETH

Right 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Left



CLASS

IV

Occlusion \_\_\_\_\_: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia \_\_\_\_\_

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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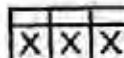
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply refer to QMGMF 293

Herr, Kenneth T.  
15364238

SUBJECT: Identification of former UNKNOWN deceased.

TO: Commanding Officer  
Quartermaster Activity  
Kansas City Records Center  
Kansas City 1, Missouri  
Attn: Effects Quartermaster

1. The remains which were previously interred as UNKNOWN X1769  
Plot P, Row 3, Grave 52, USMC Neuville-en-Condros, Belgium  
have been identified by a GRS Field Board of Review as those of Sgt. Kenneth  
T. Herr 15364238  
whose Next of Kin, according to the records of this Office, is  
Mr. Charles L. Herr - father - 1720 Glendale Ave., Evansville 15, Indiana

2. The identification has been approved by this Office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FELDMAN:

WORK SHEET

WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL  
Lt. Col. QMC  
Memorial Division

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# CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)

Herr, Kenneth T.

GRADE

Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

16 564 258

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
USMC, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium	P	3	52
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
Mr. Charles L. Herr	1720 Glendale Avenue		
RELATIONSHIP	Evansville 15, Indiana		
Father			

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
	<p><u>FORM LTR "A"</u>                      <u>INITIAL LOI</u></p> <p>Para. 1 - -</p> <p>Para. 2 - line 3 - Dreierwalde, Germany                    4 - Plot P, Row 3, Grave 52                    5 - USMC, Neuville-en-Condroz, _____.</p> <p>Para. 3 - -</p> <p>          No identification paragraph</p> <p>Paras. 5, 6, and 7</p> <p>Incls:</p> <p>          Note action sheet for letter to Effects QM</p>

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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Basic ltr, Dept of the Army, OQMG, QMGMT 293, GRS European, Subject:  
Identification of World War II Deceased, dated 20 January 1950.

RRE 314.6

1st Ind.

Chief, Registration Division, American Graves Registration Command,  
European Area, APO 58, U S Army, 9 February 1950

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

1. In compliance with basic communication, forwarded herewith are photostatic copies of Identification Data (QMC Form 1044) for Unknown X-1772, Neuville, now identified as Sgt Mark R. REYNOLDS Jr., 39713847. Also enclosed herewith are Check Lists of Unknown (AGRC Form #11) and Teeth Charts (GR Form #1-A) for Unknowns X-1769 and X-1771, Neuville, now identified as Sgt Kenneth T. HERR, 15364238 and S/Sgt Raymond L. BERRY, 35657653, respectively.

2. Insofar as this division is concerned, no discrepancy pertaining to these remains exists. Therefore, these cases will not be held in suspense status unless notified by your office.

FOR CHIEF, REGISTRATION DIVISION:

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1. QMC Form #1044  
for X-1772
2. AGRC Form #11  
for X-1769
3. GR Form #1-A  
for X-1769
4. AGRC Form #11  
for X-1771
5. GR Form #1-A  
for X-1771

EDWARD F. PRICE Jr.  
Capt, QMC  
Registration Division

A I R M A I L

*Handwritten:* 19364238, 35657653, Neuville (X-1771, X-1769)







OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
**INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET**

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

<sup>1</sup> NO.	<sup>2</sup> FROM—	<sup>3</sup> TO—	<sup>4</sup> DATE	<sup>5</sup> MESSAGE
1	Ident Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Rec Sec Repat Br Mem Div	26 Jun 1950	<p>1. Attached case file is forwarded for necessary correction of records and deflagging.</p> <p>2. All records in Ident. Section have been amended and the Field notified.</p> <p>1. For necessary Grave Location Letter to NOK.</p> <p>2. For dispatch of notification to Effects QM.</p> <p>1 Incl 293 file for HERR, Kenneth T. Sgt., 15364238</p> <p>LAY 74059</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 52462</p>
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THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE



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FOL INDIV IDENT APPROVED RAYMOND L. BERRY 35657653 KENNETH T BERRY  
15364238 STANLEY A LYNAM 12025602 RALPH GILSON 37290262 HARVEY H WEEKS JR  
15071813 JOE L WEILAND 0691814 PARA FOL GROUP IDENT APPROVED CARL F ELLINGER  
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cc: Admin Sec  
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QMGMT CAPT BERRY EXT 72993  
293 - GRS European

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CAPT QMG MEM DIV



Gladys Toyobo  
Investigator

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST				DATE 5 June 1950	
UNKNOWN X- NO. OR OTHER DESIGNATION X-1769		CEMETERY Neuville-en-Condroz, Belg.	PLOT P	ROW 3	GRAVE 52
IDENTIFIED AS Sgt. Kenneth T. Herr 15364238					
ITEM	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	UNKNOWN		
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH	X				
CAUSE OF DEATH	X				
DENTAL CHART	X (Excellent)				
COLOR HAIR	X				
ESTIMATED HEIGHT & Age	X				
ESTIMATED WEIGHT					
SCARS, FRACTURES, ETC.					
LAUNDRY MARKS					
SHOE SIZE					
TYPE CLOTHING	X (AAF)				
IDENTIFICATION TAG					
PERSONAL EFFECTS					
STATEMENT OF CIVILIANS					
ENEMY RECORDS					
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TAG					
PAY BOOK (EM/OFF.)					
SIGNED STATEMENT OF IDENTITY					
REMARKS					
<p>Nearly complete remains of X-1769 recovered from the civilian cemetery at Dreierwalde, Germany are identified as Sgt. Herr. Four identified crew members of Herr were disinterred from this same cemetery. The eight Americans buried at Dreierwalde were identified as indicated on Cemeterial Sketch.</p> <p>Excellent comparison of tooth charts, height, age and color hair. Tooth chart for the only unaccounted for crew member, S/Sgt. Brahm, compares negatively with tooth chart submitted for X-1769.</p> <p>Statements on MACR #14112 by the three returned crew members reveal subject aircraft encountered flak at the target (Hopsten Air Field) which set the right wing on fire. Entire crew of nine bailed out and eight are known to have landed safely; three are alive and five were killed by the Germans and buried at Dreierwalde. Remains of S/Sgt. Brahm, DED, the only unaccounted for crew member have not been found. Statements on MACR #14112 further reveal S/Sgt. Brahm definitely bailed out and cleared plane ahead of others. Efforts to associate Brahm with unknowns from the immediate vicinity of Dreierwalde have failed.</p> <p>Area Search on B/R indicates, investigation by the British Military Authorities in Sept. 1945, found this to be an atrocity case. The information from the British War Crimes report on B/R indicates, eight American disinterments from Dreierwalde had been killed by small arms fire.</p>					

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FROM QMG

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ADMSG DATE RESULTS INVESTIGATION WILL BE FWD REF XRAY 1769 XRAY 1771  
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QMG CAPT BERRY EXT 72993  
293 - GRS European  
(Neuville) Belgium

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D. A. REINER  
CAPT, GRC, MEM DIV

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293 - Neuville, Belgium T 15364238



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TO CQMG WASHINGTON 25 DC

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D. A. RENNERT  
CAPT, QMC, MEM DIV



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(Neuville) Belgium

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

Department of the Army, DSG, Washington 25, D. C. 17 February 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to paragraph 2, basic communication.
2. It is requested that the remains of X-1769 and X-1771 Neuville be reprocessed in accordance with paragraph 153 b, SR 830-110-5, and reports forwarded this Office by Air Mail. Originals of ACRC Form #11 and GR Form #1-A were previously forwarded with Reports of Burial for Unknowns X-1769 and X-1771.
3. Identification of Sgt. Herr and S/Sgt. Berry will be held in suspense pending receipt of reply from your headquarters.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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QMGHT 293  
QRS European  
~~(Newville) Belgium~~

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TO: Commanding Officer  
7867 Graves Registration Detachment  
APO 757, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to 2d indorsement this Office, dated 17 February 1950, copy inclosed, to which no reply has been received.

2. It is requested that this Office be advised the date results of the investigation may be expected.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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THOMAS E. COX  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

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Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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*293 2nd - Belgium (Neuville)*

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(Neuville) Belgium

*X-1772*

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20 January 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

1. Reference is made to Reports of Burial for Unknowns X-1772, Plot P, Row 5, Grave 105; X-1771, Plot P, Row 3, Grave 51 and X-1769, Plot P, Row 3, Grave 52 USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, identified by your headquarters as the remains of Sgt. Mark R. Reynolds, Jr. 39713847; S/Sgt. Raymond L. Berry 35657653 and Sgt. Kenneth T. Herr 15364238, respectively.

2. Inasmuch as reprocess reports are not of record in this Office, it is requested that subject reports be submitted by Air Mail. Identification of Sgt. Reynolds, S/Sgt. Berry and Sgt. Herr will be held in suspense pending receipt of reply from your headquarters.

FOR THE QUARTMASTER GENERAL:

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

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N. Farmer  
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*X-1769 2nd. Belgium X-1769 (Neuville)*

AIRMAIL

GRS European  
(Neuville) Belgium

20 January 1950

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

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**AIRMAIL**





October 1945.

BRIEF for INVESTIGATION TEAM of alleged atrocity at DEELERWIDE  
Aerodrome, near HOPSTEN on the 21st March 1945.

General Narrative.

1. At the Fliegerhorst HOPSTEN (Commandant, Major RAUER, Adjutant, Captain SCHARSCHMIDT) various British and American personnel are thought to have been murdered after capture.
2. In the course of investigations carried out into the murder of four British and Australian personnel, the survivor of whom, Flt/Lieut BERICK, has assisted in the investigation, it appears that on 21 March 1945, the day before the British were murdered, about seven or so pilots had been murdered by a Feldwebel LOLLERS, LANG and possibly a man called LAUCHOWSKI. On 23 March 1945 the alleged American victims were buried in a grave in the DEELERWIDE Cemetery, Map Reference 84521407, Sheet 611, HOPSTEN 1:250,000.
3. This grave has now been exhumed and the pathologist's report dated 28 September 1945 is now with you, from which it will be seen that eight bodies were found and according to marks on the grave cross the bodies are those of seven American airmen and one British.
- The set up at the Aerodrome was roughly as follows: there was the Aerodrome staff, commanded by Major RAUER, with his Adjutant SCHARSCHMIDT and various N.C.O's, and there was also an N.C.O's Training Cadre, and also a Fighting Squadron Unit - J.G. 27.
5. Captain Bentham-Green of No.1 War Crimes Investigation Team (British) has the complete story and all relevant documents and statements obtained to date, excluding the pathologist's report dated 28 September 1945, now with you. From a variety of sources, including the interrogation of the accused, it is thought that LOLLERS and LANG now both in custody were involved in the exterminating of the seven alleged American airmen on or about 21 March 1945.
6. The three individuals who are supposed to have shot the four British pilots on 22 March 1945 are Theo MEYER, Karl AMERGER and Herbert KRAUTH, none of whom have yet been found.
7. The Adjutant of the Aerodrome, Captain SCHARSCHMIDT, is now in arrest with the Team at HOPSTEN and has stated a report had been made to him by LOLLERS and his colleagues after they had shot the airmen, thought to be the Americans, and that SCHARSCHMIDT referred to them as a lot of bloody murderers.
8. It is thought that the investigations from the American angle can profitably be carried out by a thorough scrutiny of the documents now in the hands of Captain Bentham-Green, and a close interrogation of the following personalities now in custody:

(a) LOLLERS; (b) LANG (c) LAUTER (all NCO's on the Aerodrome)

and (d) SCHARSCHMIDT the Adjutant - rank Captain.

There is also available an Unteroffizier Joachim ARDLANN who has proved very reliable witness and may be able to give useful information.

10. I understand that you are approaching the American authorities in order that the exhibits can be tested to establish whether or not the victims were definitely American. Any information in the course of your investigations that will lead to the arrest of KRAUTH, MEYER or AMERGER will be very greatly appreciated.

Group Captain  
Legal Staff.

Ext. 2628

J.L.G.'s Branch (War Crimes Section)

This is to certify that the above

GENERAL CONCLUSION.

The bodies of 8 young males, all dressed in clothing which appeared to be of American origin except in the case of number six, where, although the flying overalls were American, the gloves were British. Six out of the eight had been shot through the back, only body number six having no shot in the trunk and number three had been shot through the chest from in front; 7 had also been shot in the head, only number 8 not having been shot in the head. The bullets had entered from all sides of the head, without relationship to the wounds in the trunks.

GENERAL CONCLUSION.

It is my opinion,

- (a) that a large number of bullets of small calibre had been deliberately fired at the deceased from relatively short distance,
- (b) that, in addition to being wounded in the chest, most of the deceased had been shot in the head.
- (c) in case number seven, the wounds in the back may have been caused by bullets which had already traversed another body,
- (d) that several of the wounds (viz, the abdominal wound in body number one and the chest wounds in number seven) had been caused while the trunk was in a horizontal position, and
- (e) that, in every case, there was one or more wounds that could have caused immediate death.

William L. Davidson

Major, R.A.M.C.

War Crimes Investigation Team,  
Specialist Pool,  
British Army of the Rhine.

WMD/S.P.

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*John B. Wagner*  
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1st Lt. Inf. 0552799  
Commanding.



October 1945.

Major G.W. Haley,  
U.S. War Crimes Liaison Det.

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Group Captain  
Legal Staff.

Ext. 2628

G's Branch (War Crimes Section)

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FORM\*

(3 copies to effects QA, UK; 1 copy to CG, European Theater of Operations, APO 887 (Attention:AG Casualty Division); 1 copy retained.)

12 April

1945

527th Bombardment Squadron (H), 379th Bombardment Group (H), APO 557

(Organization and APO Number)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO: Effects Quartermaster, UK, APO 507, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with letter, Hq, European Theater of Operations, 15 Nov 1944, file AG 332.3, Pub GA, subject: "Disposition of Personal Effects in UK", is an Inventory of Effects concerning the subject named below:

Herr Kenneth T. Sgt 15 364 238

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN) (Control No)  
(For use of Effects QA)

Organization: 527th Bombardment Squadron, 379th Bombardment Group (H), APO 557

(UNIT.....N Branch of Service)

Status: (Deceased Missing in Action Prisoner of War)\*\* on the 24th  
day of March 1945.

Cl. II Assets: Cash found in effects, less cost of postal money order inclosed herewith--

USMO No. 62716 Amt \$ 7.89 USMO No. Amt \$

USMO NO. Amt \$ USMO No. Amt \$

US Official Check No Amt Bank  
(Name and Branch)

(#) Bank Accounts None

(#) Debtors None

(#) Creditors None

(#) Inclosed is None

(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bonds, Travellers Checks--  
Describe fully.)

\* To be reproduced locally.

\*\* Strike out words not applicable.

(#) Negative report, where appropriate.

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INVENTORY OF EFFECTS  
(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

2 ea .Edelfeld, leather  
1 ea pipe, smoking  
1 ea note book  
1 ea drawers  
5 ea envelopes, airmail  
Misc papers

1 ea pen, fountain  
1 ea watch band, metal  
1 ea trunks, athletic  
1 ea supporter, athletic  
1 ea address book  
Form 5 (flight records)

REMARKS (if any): Designated Beneficiary:  
Mr. Charles L. Herr (Father)  
1720 Glendale Ave.,  
Evansville, Indiana

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that the effects were shipped to the effects Co., UK, APO 502, US Army by delivery to Sta 1, AAF Station 117, APO 527, on 13 April 1945.

Signature (IN INK)

JOHN W. VOORHIS,

1ST LT., AC, ADJUTANT  
527TH BOMB S., 379TH BOMB GP(H)

Rank and Organization

(Block letters)



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

472796

**-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

AS 801	<b>NAME</b> HERR KENNETH T ASN 15 364 238	<b>GRADE</b> SGT SON	<b>DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED</b>  9 APRIL 45
<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.</b>	CHARLES L HERR 1720 GLENDALE AVENUE EVANSVILLE INDIANA		<b>DATE TELEGRAM SENT</b>  10 APRIL 1945

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON, THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

RELATIONSHIP **SON**

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	P OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
SGT	HERR KENNETH T	15364238	AC	ETO	K	094

TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
HAS BEEN MISSING IN ACTION	OVER GERMANY	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
		24	MAR	45	9

IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

REMARKS:

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CORRECTED COPY

BJR

<b>ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION.</b>							
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				OR CHARGED TO <input type="checkbox"/>		DATE <input type="text"/>	
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED		NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>		(AS INDICATED BELOW):			
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE		DATE AND AREA		E. A. NOTIFIED	
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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

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European	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)		
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NAME Brahm, Roy M. Jr. 33689222

R-8  
R-7 oOA  
R-6 oOA  
R-5  
R-4  
R-3  
R-2 MS  
R-1

L-1  
L-2  
L-3  
L-4  
L-5 modA  
L-6 oOA  
L-7 oOA  
L-8

R-16 X  
R-15 oA  
R-14 modA  
R-13 doA  
R-12  
R-11  
R-10  
R-9

L-9  
L-10  
L-11  
L-12  
L-13 doA  
L-14 molA  
L-15 oA  
L-16

FPDIP: 24 Dec. 44

Ht: 5' 6 1/2"  
Hair: Dk. Brown

Well shaped teeth, small spaces  
between R & L - 1 & 2.

Only unidentified crew member.

# DENTAL CHART

Unknown X-1769 Neuville

NAME Herr, Kenneth T. 15364238 Sgt.

R-8 oA  
R-7  
R-6 oA  
R-5 doA  
R-4  
R-3  
R-2  
R-1 mS

R-8 oA  
R-7  
R-6 oA  
R-5 doA  
R-4  
R-3  
R-2  
R-1 mS

L-1 mS overlaps R-1  
L-2  
L-3  
L-4  
L-5  
L-6 oA  
L-7 oA  
L-8 oA

L-1 mS  
L-2  
L-3  
L-4  
L-5  
L-6 oA  
L-7 oA  
L-8 oA

R-16  
R-15 oA  
R-14 moA  
R-13 doA  
R-12  
R-11  
R-10  
R-9

R-16  
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L-9  
L-10  
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L-15 oA  
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L-9  
L-10 X no space  
L-11  
L-12  
L-13  
L-14 X  
L-15 oA  
L-16

Est. Ht: 5' 8 3/4"  
Est. Age: 20/24  
Hair: Blond

FPDIF: 24 Dec. 44  
Ht: 5' 7"  
Age: 20 yrs.  
Hair: Blond

(19 yrs. - 7 yrs)

MIS IN ACTION

**FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION FORM**  
Office of the Dental Surgeon

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Station

Hennrich H. Zarr  
Name

Epl.  
Rank

15364238  
M314

527  
Organization

19  
Age

1 1/2  
Service

Dec 29, 1944  
Date

Gunner

Aeronautical Rating

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A		A	A				S	S					A	A	A
	A	A	A					X					X	A	
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS IV

OCCUSION \_\_\_\_\_ CALCULUS \_\_\_\_\_ PERIODONTOLASIA \_\_\_\_\_ FOCL SUSPECTED \_\_\_\_\_

ANOMALIES, OTHER CONDITIONS, REMARKS:

L10 No space; 22 lingual to arch;

OUTLINE CARIES ON DIAGRAM OF TEETH

CHART FILLINGS ON TEETH. INITIAL THE TYPE IN SPACE ABOVE AND BELOW

AS G-gold, A-amalgam, S-synthetic, O-oxophosphate

CHART ALL SUBSEQUENT FILLINGS

NONRESTORABLE CARIOUS TEETH BY /

MISSING NATURAL TEETH BY X

TEETH REPLACED BY DENTURE



TEETH REPLACED BY FIXED BRIDGE



APPROVED

Station Dental Surgeon

Examining Dental Officer



M A C R

No. 8-7e

379 Bmb Group  
repted missing 24 March 1945

Plane \* B-17 G Ser. No. 43- 38685

Schwab, Charles A. - 2 Lt.	- O-832e22
Martin, Billy G. 2 Lt.	- O-2e32ee9
Sterchak, George Jr. 2 Lt.	O-2e68487
Brahm, Roy M. Jr. S/Sgt.	33689222
Berry, Raimond L. S/Sgt.	35657653
Halverham, Jerome S/Sgt.	33696345
Herr, Kenneth T. Sgt.	15364238

reported crashed near Hopsten. K - 53 , V-9121



## ACCOUNTING INVENTORY

CASE NO.

472,796

TYPED BY

lg

DATE

10-29-45

STATUS

MIA

NAME

Kenneth T. Herr

A.S.N.

1564258

RANK

Sgt.

ORGANIZATION

CONSIGNOR

Q-114

AMOUNT

7.89

AMOUNT PAID

PAID-Check No. 161786746

171958 lg

LIST NO.

uk 570

CHECK DESCRIPTION:

INCLUDED IN ONE U.S. TREASURER'S CHECK  
NEGOTIABLE BY EOM

DATED

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

REMARKS:

L/T sec flb

GWA  
JH

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# DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1260 00967		DATE 26 07 50 DAY MONTH YEAR	
NAME HERR KENNETH T		SERIAL NUMBER 15364238	GRADE SGT	ARM 1	RELIGION 1 2
CEMETERY NEUVILLE BELGIUM		PLOT P	ROW 3	GRAVE 52	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 5100 01 CODE DIST. CTR.
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE ZIEMER FUNERAL HOME 626 FIRST AVENUE EVANSVILLE, INDIANA			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN MR. CHARLES L. HERR (FATHER) 5408 WASHINGTON AVENUE EVANSVILLE, INDIANA		
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION					
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION USAAF	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE	
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT					
NATURE OF BURIAL		CONDITION OF REMAINS			
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION					
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)  SEE ATTACHED SHEET					
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET					
DATE		BY		EMBALMER (Signature)	
CASKET SEALED BY					
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED		SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY			
DATE		BY			
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.					
SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR					
REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS PREV. UNKNOWN X-1769  ✓					

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# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

## 1. SHIPPED

FROM LIDO REMAINS STORAGE AREA		TO AGRC (WATER DIVISION) BREMERHAVEN PORT OF EMBARKATION	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 29 AUG 50	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER THEODORE R. PETERSON 2/11	DATE

## 2. SHIPPED

FROM AGRC (Water Division) Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation		TO USAT James E. Robinson	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>Theodore R. Peterson</i>	DATE 29 AUG 1950	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>John A. Holodny Capt. Sig C.</i>	DATE 29 AUG 1950

## 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO N Y P E	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> LIEUT. COLONEL, TC. PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	DATE SEP 8 1950

## 4. SHIPPED

FROM N Y P E		TO DC 01	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRAILER		NAME OF CONVOYER	
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AGR BRANCH, PQM  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

"I certify that this message is on official business and that its transmission with a lower precedence, or by air mail, regular mail, or scheduled messenger would be prejudicial to the public interest."

MR CHARLES L. HERR  
5408 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

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JAMES MCCARTHY

Major, US

Executive Officer, AGRS

ROBINSON

W. S. YOUNG  
Captain, AGC

SGT KENNETH T HERR

PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE  
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED  
TO **ZIMMER FUNERAL HOME, 626 FIRST AVENUE, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA**

WE CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN INTERVAL OF  
SEVERAL WEEKS WILL ELAPSE BEFORE DELIVERY CAN BE EFFECTED. YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR  
WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS PRIOR TO DELIVERY GIVING DATE AND TIME  
REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO  
ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION ON ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO INFORM  
YOU SO YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
MILITARY ESCORT. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS' ORGANIZA-  
TION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY  
INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM  
COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION OR SUBMIT NEW  
INSTRUCTIONS. WE REGRET IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE  
WITH CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT  
HOURS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

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J. A. ST LOUIS,  
G-1, COL. QMC

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

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

**REPORT OF DEATH**

DATE **22 OCTOBER 46** ctm

FULL NAME <b>HERR, KENNETH T.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>15 364 238</b>	GRADE <b>SGT</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Evansville, Indiana</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>AC</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>11 Aug 1924</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>24 Mar 1945</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>25 Aug 1943</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

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INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*Andrew Gula, Jr.*

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED

DATE TELEGRAM SENT

21 Oct 46

AS 201	NAME <b>HERR KENNETH T</b> ASN 15364238	GRADE <b>SGT</b> <b>SON</b>
NAME AND ADDRESS OF F.A.	<b>CHARLES L HERR</b> <b>172 SUNDAY AVE</b> <b>EVANSVILLE INDIANA</b>	

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAM AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	P OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
<b>SGT</b>	<b>HERR, KENNETH T.</b>	<b>15364238</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>ETO</b>		<b>266032-1</b>
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
<b>KILLED IN ACTION</b>		<b>IN</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>45</b>	

*See Letter*

REMARKS: **AS 704 / 18 SEP 46/** ☐ CORRECTED COPY

**HQS USFET. CAS LISTING MBR 51. CHANGE OF STATUS IN U PROJ, PDD TO KIA. PL -- ETO.**

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Report of death issued 22 October 46 skm

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		FORM 42	AS 201 REG
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		OR CHARGED TO	DATE
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	NO	YES	(AS INDICATED BELOW):
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA
<b>Public Law 490</b>		<b>DED</b>	<b>25 Mar 46 ETO 25 Mar 46</b>
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IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

FEB 25 10 42 AM '49

MEMORANDUM



MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

DATE: 2/25/49

BY: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

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# BURIAL INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>HERR, Kenneth T.</b>	ASN <b>15 36 4238</b>	GRADE <b>Sgt</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>93379th Bomb Gp (H)</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>10 May 45</b>	DATE OF DEATH <b>10 May 46</b>
PLACE <b>Vic of Druiswald, Germany</b>	DATE OF BURIAL <b>10 May 46</b>	DATE OF REBURIAL <b>10 May 46</b>
REMARKS <b>US Mil Corp, New York, New York</b> <b>Belgium</b> <b>Report of interment is being held by the Identification Section. Case requires further investigation. Do not release burial information until notice of identification has been filed.</b> <b>THIS FORM TO REMAIN ON TOP OF 293 FILE CONCERNED</b> <b>File 15 Oct 46</b> <b>W. G. Barry</b> <b>NAT.</b>		
FROM <b>MEMORIAL DIVISION, IDENTIFICATION SECTION, ROOM 2450 TEMPO "B" BUILDING</b>		

FORM 319a  
28 MAY 46

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# REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

21 August 1946

Date

H E R R Kenneth T Sgt 15364238  
Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.  
(V-8918) 379 Bomb Gp (H)  
Unit Organization  
Vic. of DREIERWALDE, Germany 24 March 1945 K I A  
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death  
1230 - 16 May 1946 U.S. Military Cemetery NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, Belgium  
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location  
52 3 P Cross  
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 Previously buried as Unknown X-1769 (Neuville-en-Condroz)  
How were remains identified? Identified through:

1. Favorable comparison of tooth charts of X-1769 and Sgt Herr. 2. Est. date and place of death of X-1769 in agreement with MACR for A/C 43-38685 of which Sgt Herr was a crew member. 3. X-1769 disinterred from same civilian cemetery (common

grave) with other crew members of A/C 43-38685. 4. Dulag report indicates Sgt Herr as being buried in civ. cem. Dreierwald, Germany from which X-1769 was disinterred. 5. Crew members of A/C 43-38685 only Americans buried in this cemetery.

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

Who is buried on:  
Deceased's Right: BERRY 35657653 S/Sgt 379 Bomb Gp(H) 51  
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.  
Deceased's Left: STEINMILLER 12239759 S/Sgt 44 Bomb Gp(H) 53  
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

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

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



Emergency Addressee UNKNOWN  
**IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED**  
22 June 1950 Address UNKNOWN  
Religion Protestant

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:  
NONE

**REBURIAL**  
Previously buried in isolated grave  
located at: Civ. cemetery DREIERWALDE, Ger.  
V-8415, Sh K-53 GSGS 4546 1/25,000  
left side, Row 1.

This corrected copy of Report of Burial prepared in the Office of the American Graves Registration Command.

**IDENTIFICATION  
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*File 28 June 50 Roe*  
*Dr. B. Maltz*  
*Maj. J. Wolf*  
PHILIP J. WOLF  
Maj., QMC

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# OF 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

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Thumb

Right Hand

Thumb

## TOOTH CHART

Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper															
Lower															

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

Characteristics:

Other Data:

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



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DEPUTY THEATER JUDGE ADVOCATES OFFICE  
WAR CRIMES GROUP  
UNITED STATES FORCES EUROPEAN THEATER  
APO 633

File No.: 12-2362

12 August 1946

SUBJECT : Investigation of War Crimes.

TO : Commanding General  
Theater Graves Registration Command  
APO 887, United States Army

1. Reference is made to our letter of 19 July 1946, subject as above, which reads as follows:

IN-915  
14 AUG 1946

\*Information on file in this group indicates that on or about 25 March 1945, eight unidentified flyers landed in Germany and were brought to the nearby HOPSTEN Airfield, Germany (GSGS 4346, Sheet K-53, Coordinates V-92), British Zone. It is indicated that seven of the flyers were killed the same day as the landing was made by four guards named Hermann LOOMES, Ludwig LANG, Emil GUNTHER, and ZAKOWSKI (fnu). The eighth flyer, who had sustained a leg injury, was killed the following day by LOOMES and LANG in the sidecar of a motorcycle. The Commandant of the field was Major Karl RAUER. There is evidence that Hauptmann Bruno BOTCHER gave orders to have the wounded flyer removed and brought on a detour to the cemetery at DREIERWALDE, Germany (GSGS 4346, Sheet K-53, Coordinates V-81), British Zone. It is also indicated that the bodies were put in a red brick building called the "death house" at DREIERWALDE and were evidently later buried in the cemetery at DREIERWALDE.

The identity and nationality of the flyers mentioned in paragraph 1 are not known. The only indication that the victims might have been Americans is found in the statement of Bruno BOTCHER in which he states, "I think this party were Americans".

As this case is currently under investigation by this group, it is requested that all available information concerning this atrocity and the identity of the victims be forwarded to this group.

2. As yet no reply has been received in this group.

Colonel  
Deputy Theater Judge Advocate  
for War Crimes

Telephone WIESSADEN 7251, Ext. 179.

HEADQUARTERS  
6889th QUARTERMASTER GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY (PROV)  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND ETA  
APO 751 US ARMY

4 May 1946

SUBJECT : Information on attached case.

TO : Commanding Officer, First Field Command, AGRC-ETA, APO 751,  
US Army.

1. An investigation was conducted in the town of Dreierwalde, Germany, V -8451, Osnabruck Sheet K-S3, scale 1/250,000, G.S.S. 4346 for the purpose of locating the remains of 8 unknowns of the attached atrocity case.

2. Subject remains were located, disinterred, and evacuated to US Military Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, where they were reburied as unknowns X-1769, X-1770, X-1771, X-1772, X-1773, X-1774, X-1775, and X-1776.

3. Personnel effects, which attached letter, US GR liaison officers with USWCH, 1st Lt. Gilbert E. Gerald, dtd. 8 Dec. 1945, wrote, states they are in possession of the British War Crimes branch, with the personnel effects are laundry marks from the 8 deceased.

4. This unit tried to locate the personal effects and laundry marks but on contacting the British War Crimes Branch they said, "They didn't know where they were." It is advised that these personnel effects and laundry marks be located and put with the bodies to aid in the identification.

Incl:  
1-case # 223

Telephone : Lengerich 243.

*John B. Wagoner*  
O JOHN B. WAGONER  
1st Lt INF  
Commanding

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Atrocities

WD AG Form 8042  
(Rev. 1 Apr. 1945)  
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)REPORT OF INTERMENT  
(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)DATE OF REPORT  
22 April 1946Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.  
DO NOT TYPE

## Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial) <b>HERR, Kenneth T.</b>		SERIAL NO. <b>15364238</b>
<del>X-1769 Neuville-en-Condros, Belgium</del>		<del>Unk</del>
GRADE <b>Sgt.</b>	ORGANIZATION <b>unk</b>	BRANCH OF SERVICE <b>A.A.F.</b>
RACE <b>White</b>	RELIGION <b>unk</b>	IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY

PLACE OF DEATH: German Airfield  
V-8918 Sheet K-53 GSGS  
4346 1/250,000CAUSE OF DEATH  
Small arms fireDATE OF DEATH  
21 March 1945

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

unk

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY  
(1, 2, or none)

none

IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 2 on reverse)

Unidentified see reverse

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no)

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

Identified by field, accepted by Capt. Lay, 22 June 1950, MWL.  
none

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

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY

Sheet 3 K-379183 US Military Cemetery ~~Neuville-en-Condros, Belgium~~ Neuville-en-Condros, Belgium  
G.S.G.S. 4042

DATE OF BURIAL 16 May/46	HOUR 1230	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Coffin	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Coffin	PLOT NO. P	ROW NO. 3	GRAVE NO. 52
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WAS THIS A REBURIAL?  
(Yes or no)  
yesIF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE  
Dreierwalde, Cemetery Dreierwalde, Germany V-8415  
Sheet K-53 G.S.G.S. 4346 1/250,000

PLOT NO. left side	ROW NO. 1	GRAVE NO. unk
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TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES

IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY

IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no)  
noIDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no)  
no

Report of interment in burial bottle

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)  
STEINMIER, W. E.RANK  
UnkSERIAL NO.  
12239759ORGANIZATION  
Unk

GRAVE NO.  
53

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)  
UNKNOWN X-1771

RANK  
Unk

SERIAL NO.  
Unk

ORGANIZATION  
Unk

GRAVE NO.  
51

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT

Armand A. Cure  
Armand A. Cure 1st Lt. Inf. O 1327335

SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT

William E. Leftwich  
WILLIAM E. LEFTWICH, 1st Lt. Inf.

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U. S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Office. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

6889 G.M.G.R.Co. (Prov)  
Disinterring Officer

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**Section 1 - UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS**

**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.

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS
unk	unk	unk	unk	unk

WEAPON AND SERIAL No.	LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND
none	none	Dreierwalde, Germany V-8415 Sheet K-53 GSGS 4346 1/250,000

**OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES**

See attached Pathologist report

**FILLINGS**

See tooth chart



SILVER FILLING  
GOLD FILLING

**CAVITIES**



CAVITY  
DECAYED

**MISSING TEETH**



TOOTH MISSING

**CROWNED TEETH**

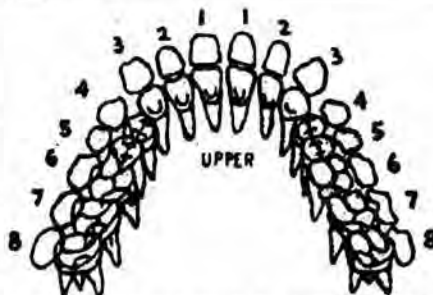


PORCELAIN CROWN  
GOLD CROWN

**BRIDGE WORK**

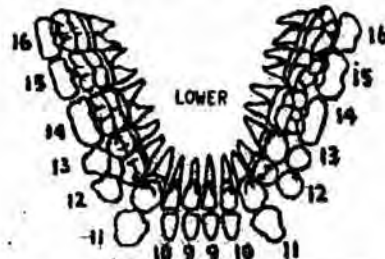


GOLD BRIDGE



UPPER

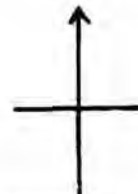
DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN



LOWER

FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY

See attached Sketch



**REMARKS:**

Attached is the Pathologist of the Atrocity case.

X-1769 is assumed to be one of the men on the attached MAFR

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12 April 1946.

There were 8 unknown Americans in the civilian cemetery of Dreierwalde. These men had been removed by the British and examined by the doctors of a British war crimes team on the 26 and 27 September 1945. Upon being examined all of the bodies were found to have been wounded by small arms. The pathologist report is attached.

They were reburied by the British in coffins in the Dreierwalde cemetery V-8415 Osnabrueck Sheet K-53, 1/250,000 GSGS 4346.

Those contacted for information are:

Terbille (Pastor), Dreierwalde, House No. 13

Wiesohmeyer, (Burgermeister), Dreierwalde, House No. 44

Herrler (cemetery caretaker), House No. 1 A.

U.S. GR LIAISON OFFICER  
WITH USWCB

5 Dec 1945

K-53

Subject : Report of graves locations

To : C.O. 1st A.M. Group

DREIERWALDE  
(#84-15)

1. The following is for your information and guidance :

In the cemetery at DREIERWALDE, GERMANY (MR 84521407, sheet 3611, HOPTEN, 1:25000 ) there are seven bodies believed to be those of US flyers.

2. Attached you find pathologist report and brief of investigation, obtained from the British War Crimes Branch, which may be of value in establishing the identities of the deceased persons.
3. Personnel effects taken from these bodies are now in the possession of the British War Crimes Branch and will be available to your office as soon as the case is completed.

*Gilbert E. Geraids*  
GILBERT E. GERAIDS  
1st Lt. Inf.  
GR Liaison Officer

Incl #2



AMOUNT OF CHECK <i>789</i>	NOTE DISCREPANCY IN	INCLOSE VALUABLES	RECIPIENT FROM
ACCOUNT NUMBER <i>171 958</i>	NAME	SHIP VALUABLES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASUALTY REPORT
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	RANK		FORM 20
<p><b>Mr. Charles L. Herr</b>  <b>1720 Glendale Avenue</b>  <b>Evansville, Indiana</b></p> <p><b>Sgt. Kenneth T. Herr</b>  <b>15364238</b>  <b>472796-M</b></p>			LETTER
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November 8

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Charles L. Herr

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

RTB:BH:dbb  
November 8, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 472796

Mr. Charles L. Herr  
1720 Glendale Avenue  
Evansville, Indiana

Dear Mr. Herr:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your son, Sergeant Kenneth T. Herr:

- 1 Bureau check for \$7.89--inclosed
- 1 Carton and contents

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending final determination of the owner's status.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

*C. B. Quinn*

C. B. QUINN  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Files Branch

Incl—  
Envelope  
Check

Receipt acknowledged:

*Charles L. Herr*  
(Signature of Bailee)

*11/19/45*  
(Date)  
472796



ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		STATUS	
X	INBOUND INVENTORY			DECEASED	
	G. H. OR SUB GR LABEL			MISSING	
	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.			P. O. W.	
I	TALLY IN FORM AS			ABANDONED	
				UNKNOWN	

BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY) BILLFOLD (NO MONEY) BOOKS BRACELET, IDENT. CAMERAS CLOTHING MISC. ARTICLES RELIGIOUS ARTICLES RIBBONS, DECORATION SHORT SNOTTER SOUVENIR MONEY SOUVENIRS TESTAMENTS TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT) WATCH WINGS	BELT BOOKS, ADDRESS BOOKS, PILOT LOG BRUSHES CASE CLOTH, WASH COATS FOOTLOCKER FOOTWEAR, PR. GLASSES GLOVES, PR. HANDKERCHIEFS HEADWEAR JACKETS KITS KNIVES LETTERS LIGHTERS	OVERCOATS PAPERS, PERSONAL PENCIL, MECHANICAL PEN, FOUNTAIN PHOTOS PIPES RINGS SCARFS SHIRTS SOCKS, PR. STATIONERY TIES TOBACCO TOILET ARTICLES TOWELS TROUSERS, PR. TRUNKS, PR. UNDERWEAR	
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CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO  <div style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 20px;">None</div>	INFORMATION  <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 20px;">           Father            Mr Charles L. HEHR,            1720 Glendale ave.            Evansville, Ind.         </div>
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NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS  <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 20px;">           43 show X.T Herr Sgt         </div>	CROSS REFERENCE
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DATED

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FOREIGN CURRENCY			AMOUNT
U. S. CURRENCY		DATE	TO ISSUING AGENCY
		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	
		PAYEE	
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

TALLY NO. 4808	ORIG. NO. OF PGS.	EXAMINING DATE 7 Nov 43	BOX NO.	SHEET OF SHEETS
NAME KENNETH T. HEHR			A.S.N. 15-564238	
ORGANIZATION			RANK 3/SGT	CASE NO.
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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PENALTY FOR NON-DELIVERY



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# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

BUDGET BUREAU NO. 42-R277.

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

Sgt Kenneth T. Herr, 15 364 238  
Plot P, Row 3, Grave 52  
United States Military Cemetery  
Neuville-en-Condros, Belgium

DATE:

12 July 1950

*Per 70-7-7-50*

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.  
If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

## PART I

I, Charles L. Herr

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☒ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☐ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- ☒ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

St. Joseph Cemetery, Evansville, Indiana.

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_
- (FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_
- (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
- (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
- ☐ YES ☐ NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

NONE

*DD Rec 20 July 50*  
*boxed 7-26-50*  
*L. Herr*

DD FORM 1345 345 MILITARY

JUL 25 1950

*filed 31 Aug 50*

*Clark*  
*25 July 50*

**PART I (Continued)**

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

1. AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		TELEPHONE NO.

OR

1. AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
ZIEMER FUNERAL HOME			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
FIRST Ave. 626	EVANSVILLE	Vanderburgh	Indiana
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.	
Union Station	Evansville Indiana	8th.	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
HERR	Matilda	M	Mother
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
5408 Washington Ave.	Evansville	Van.	Indiana

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Charles L. Herr 5408 Washington Ave.

CHARLES L. HERR EVANSVILLE INDIANA.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 18th day of July

1950 at city (or town) of Evansville, county of Vanderburgh, and State (or Territory or

District) of Indiana

My Commission Expires  
June 15, 1952

Elizabeth Ziemer  
Notary Public

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

# RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED  
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)  
NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.  
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____	_____
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(DATE)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
	(CITY AND STATE)

## PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

_____	_____
(SIGNATURE)	(DATE)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
	(CITY AND STATE)



ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.



# REPLY FORM ACTION REQUEST

TO: <i>Corresp</i>		FROM: <i>Reso</i>	
NAME (Last, First, Middle) <i>Herr, Kenneth G</i>		RANK <i>Sgt.</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>15 364 238</i>
CEMETERY <i>Deinville</i>	PLOT <i>P</i>	ROW <i>3</i>	GRAVE <i>52</i>
NEXT OF KIN <i>Mrs. Charles L. Herr</i>		ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>5408 Washington Ave., Cranston, Indiana</i>	
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <i>Father</i>		OPTION SELECTED	DDMB FORM 345 EXECUTED BY

WRITE NOK FOR CORRECTION OR COMPLETION OF REPLY FORM ON ITEMS CHECKED BELOW

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED   | <input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE OF NOK                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPTION DESIRED   | <input type="checkbox"/> NOTARIZATION                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL OR PRIVATE CEMETERY INTERMENT DESIRED   | <input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED IS CLOSED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTRY (Homeland) OF DECEASED OR NOK  | <input type="checkbox"/> REPLY TO "REMARKS" ON FORM 345       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NAME AND/OR <input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SECURE DOCUMENTS: <input type="checkbox"/> REMARRIAGE <input type="checkbox"/> BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |   |

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

*3 way letter to father. Previous letter  
non Del.*

DATE <i>11 July '50</i>	CLERK'S SIGNATURE <i>E. Bethel</i>
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O. G. M. G.  
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# CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MRS. MISS	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
RELATIONSHIP			

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
	<p>Retype ltr dtd 29 June 50 Above address obtained from U.A.</p> <p>Indls: Via Air Mail 2 Copies to FR</p>

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)

GRADE

SERIAL NUMBER

Holt, Kenneth J.

1st Lt.

15 364 238

# REQUEST FOR NEW LETTER OF INQUIRY

TO LETTER OF INQUIRY SECTION REPATRIATION RECORDS BRANCH		FROM	
NAME OF DECEDENT (First, Middle, Last) <i>Sgt. Kenneth J. Herr</i>		GRADE <i>Sgt.</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>15364238</i>
GRAVE LOCATION			
CEMETERY <i>henville</i>	PLOT <i>P</i>	ROW <i>3</i>	GRAVE <i>52.</i>
LETTER OF INQUIRY TO BE SENT TO: MR. MISS MRS. <i>DO + 7</i>		RELATIONSHIP	
ADDRESS			
STREET		CITY AND STATE	
AUTHORITY FOR LETTER OF INQUIRY AND REMARKS			
<p><i>XC 6128461. Please furnish this office current address of parents of</i></p> <p><i>XC 6128461 Please advise this office current address of parents Sgt Kenneth J. Herr, 15364238. Reply by telegram. Urgent.</i></p> <p><i>7 July 1950</i></p>			
DATE <i>7 July 1950</i>		CLERK'S SIGNATURE <i>Drum</i>	



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DATE 2 July 50

Requested By

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>ROOM NO.</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
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Request:

Herr, Kenneth J. Sgt 15364238  
Evansville P-3-52

Current address of parents

Information Received From: Miss

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Charles L. Herr  
1720 Glen Dale Ave  
Evansville, Indiana

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QMGWF 293  
Herr, Kenneth T.  
SN 15 364 238

12 July 1950

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Evansville, Indiana

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May I extend my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. WOOL  
Captain, QMC  
Memorial Division

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CHARGE GRAVES

XC 6128461 PLEASE ADVISE THIS OFFICE CURRENT ADDRESS OF PARENTS  
SOT KENNETH T MERR 15364238. REPLY BY TELEGRAM. URGENT END WOOL

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
**INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET**

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DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
2	Rec Sec Repat Br Mem Div	Chief Repat Br Corr Sec  IN TURN  Resol Sec	28 June 1950	<p>1. For necessary action.</p> <p>1. Send to M&amp;R upon completion of case.</p> <p>1 Incl 293 file for HERR, Kenneth T.</p> <p><i>for M. Franklin</i> ODENWALDER 73836 MCMORRIS 71672 msh</p>
3	Chief Repat Br Corr Sec Mem Div	Chief Repat Br Resol Sec Mem Div	29 June 1950	<p>1. Forwarded herewith is 293 file for HERR, Kenneth T.</p> <p>2. Combination grave location - LOI and letter to Effects QM have been dispatched.</p> <p><i>Z</i> Incl n/c ZIEG 5-4428 Spell</p>

Name *W. H. H.*  
Action *W. H. H.*  
Acceptance Section  
Family Cost. Branch  
*30 June 50*

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE



# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

BUDGET BUREAU No. 49-R277.

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE

29 June 1950

Sgt Kenneth T. Herr, 15 364 238  
Plot P, Row 3, Grave 52  
United States Military Cemetery  
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.  
If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

## PART I

I, \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- |  |                                  |  |   |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW   | <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER | <input type="checkbox"/> SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD     | <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER  | <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER  | <input type="checkbox"/> BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____ |                                  |  |   |

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☐ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- ☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY) THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

☐ YES ☐ NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

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# **PART I (Continued)**

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.  
 I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NO.

OR  
 I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at city (or town) of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, and State (or Territory or District) of \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

## PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED  
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)  
 NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.  
 THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

	<small>(DATE)</small>
<small>(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)</small>	<small>(STREET AND NUMBER)</small>
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(CITY AND STATE)</small>

## PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

	<small>(DATE)</small>
<small>(SIGNATURE)</small>	<small>(STREET AND NUMBER)</small>
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(CITY AND STATE)</small>



Lined area for additional remarks and information.

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO  
QMCMF 293

29 June 1950

Herr, Kenneth T.  
SN 15 364 238

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Captain, QMG  
Memorial Division

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J. F. VOGL  
Captain, GME  
Memorial Division

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To QMGMP 293

29 June 1950

Herr, Kenneth T.  
SN 15 364 238

SUBJECT: Identification of former UNKNOWN deceased

TO: Commanding Officer  
Quartermaster Activity  
Kansas City Records Center  
Kansas City 1, Missouri  
Attn: Effects Quartermaster

1. The remains which were previously interred as UNKNOWN X 1769  
Plot P, Row 3, Grave 52, USMC Evansville, Indiana, Indiana  
have been identified by a GRS Field Board of Review as those of

Det. Kenneth T. Herr 15 364 238  
whose next of kin, according to the records of this Office, is  
Mr. Charles L. Herr, Father  
1720 Glendale Avenue Evansville 15, Indiana

2. The identification has been approved by this Office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL FELDMAN:

*J. F. Vogl*  
J. F. VOGL  
Captain, QMC  
Memorial Division

Green Copy

ADJUSTMENT OF RECORDS  
ON X-NUMBER CASES

X-Number	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>HERR, Kenneth T.</b>	Rank <b>Sgt.</b>	Serial No. <b>15364238</b>
Cemetery <b>Neuville-en-Condrez, Belgium</b>	Plot <b>P</b>	Row <b>3</b>	Grave <b>52</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED IDENTIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> REDESIGNATION
<input type="checkbox"/> CANCELLATION	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW X-NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSOLIDATION	

Remarks

**Previously Unknown X-1769 Neuville-en-Condrez, Belgium.**

**M. W. Leake**



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PLEASE SHIP AS ADVISED THE SGT KENNETH T HERR

CHARLES L HERR

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RRE Form #39  
13 Jul 48

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Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

293 HERR Kenneth T. Sgt 15364238  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASF)

29 August 1950

Repatriated to the United States:

Incl 4

7/26/51  
3-30-51  
JH

STATEMENTS:

MACK 13223

At 1050 hours Lawyer Blue 4, Lt. Brock, called me on the R/T saying that he was over the field and in trouble and asked me for advice. I told him to take the canal that ran alongside the airdrome and fly west and that I'd pick him up. I also told him to try and gain some altitude.

At one time he said he was at 2000 feet, but could'nt hold it. He asked whether to bail out or belly in and I told him to use his own judgement.

I was never able to pick him up but Lt. Petticrew saw him and flew with him until he bellied it in.

/s/ GORDON B. COMPTON  
Capt., A.C.

Ater making an East to West pass on the target (Achmer A/D) I pulled up to 300 feet and made ready for another pass. While circling I observed one of our ships cross the target and he was in trouble. His ship was smoking collant. I dropped down to join him as he headed west following the canal. The time was about 1050 hours.

After I picked him up I head him on the R/T asking the Squadron Leader, Capt. Compton, for advice. We flew along about 2 or 3 minutes at 1000 feest, after which time he lost his altitude, made a last low turn and bellied into a nearby field. Upon hitting, the planeslide sideways the tail breaking off from the rest of the fuselage. The plane did not burn, just smoked slightly. He jettisonned the canopy just before hitting the ground, but I did not see the pilot at any time. He was eigher thrown out when he hit, or else made a hasty exit while I was turning to position myself for a better view.

I did not see the letter son the ship because of the collant smoking, nor did I talk to the pilot, but I did identify it as one our ships, and the time, circuntances and conversation between this pilot and the squadron leader all indicate that the pilot must have been Lt. Brock.

/s/ STANLEY S. PETTICREW, JR.,  
2d Lt., A.C.

COORDINATES

Dreierwalte	5218N-0730E	place of disinternment of X-1769, X-1771
Ostenwalte	5218N-0733E	place of disinternment of six crew members listed on MACR 13605
Hopsten	5223N-0735E	on MACR #14112 and #13605



1st Ind.

2. Lt. Sterchak was a member of a B-17 that was hit by flak about seven minutes away from the target. He flew the plane for about 1 1/2 minutes away from the target. This happened about 10:20 on the morning of 24 March 1945. Everybody had time to get ready to bail out. When ~~he~~ received the order to bail out I jettisoned the nose hatch and had the nose gunner go out ahead of me. I checked the pilot's and co-pilot's compartment to see how they were getting along. The co-pilot was on his way out through the bomb bay. The pilot was still flying the plane. I couldn't see the engineer. After I checked that, I went out myself. On my way down I counted six parachutes, including my own. The plane finally exploded. I was the second one that reached the ground out of the six that parachuted out. There are only three of us that anybody knows anything about. Sgt. Leroy Piper and I were the only two that were captured and sent to the same prison camp together. Sgt. Ford received injuries upon bailing out and was taken care of by German civilians until American armies liberated him. According to Sgt. Piper everyone in the waist was all set to bail out. He was the second one to bail out in the waist.

To the best of my knowledge the following happened on 24 March 1945.

From the other two boys on the crew who were liberated I received the following information. The navigator said he seen the co-pilot standing on the bomb-bay catwalk and the en iner couldn't be seen, and the pilot was still in his seat. From the spot jammer the following info. was gotten. The radio man left the ship ahead of him/~~he~~ supposedly the ball gunner followed the jammer.

Sincerely yours,

/a/ Sgt. James C. Ford

In regards to your letter of 22 Dec. 45 concerning my mission to Hopsten, Germany and the whereabouts of the remaining crew members I submit the following information.

On the 24 March 1945 we were to bomb the Hopsten Air Field which was our primary target. Somewhere between the I.P. and the target our plane was hit by flak in back of the number 3 engine. The wing began to burn fiercely and smoke poured into the fuselage of the plane. Because my position on the plane was that of an RCM operator (Spot jammer). I was not on inter-phone. Evidently the pilot had given orders to abandon the plane, because the rad. Op. removed his flak suit and secured his parachute. I did likewise.

1 // Sgt. Brahm was the first man to reach the waist escape door and he salvaged the door.  
2 I was the second man to reach the door, having passed Sgt. Silverman, the ball  
3 ~~and~~ turret operator, who was having some trouble disconnecting his oxygen mask from the oxygen tube. While pausing at the door momentarily, someone tapped me on the shoulder and without looking back I immediately tumbled out of the plane. Sgt. Brahm was definitely the only man I saw clear the plane.

I pulled the rip cord of my chute shortly after leaving the plane, and it was approximately fifteen minutes before I reached the ground, while I was descending I counted some five or six other chutes which had evidently left our plane since our plane was the only plane hit badly enough to warrant abandoning plane. This was verified by fellow group members whom I talked to later. I also saw a large piece of the plane which was burning go down. I presumed it was a wing.

I landed alone since the parachutes were well scattered in the sky. The terrain I landed in was quite hilly and covered with trees which enabled me to escape immediately.

Two days later I was picked up in some woods near the outskirts of Rheine, Germany. I had waded there during the two nights I was free which evidently wasn't very far since my sprained left ankle impeded my travel considerable.

The Wehrmacht soldiers who caught me turned me over to the Luft Waff. After the usual procedure of being fricked and lectured to; I was put into a cell of their guard house where I made contact with my navigator, Lt. George Sterchak. Lt. Sterchak told me he was captured immediately since he had landed in a concentration camp for Russian prisoners of war who being worked in a coal mine nearby.

Lt. Sterchak and I were together until we parted at Camp Patrick Henry, Va.

I never met any one else of my crew after abandoning ship except Lt. Sterchak. Sgt. Ford, the nose gunner of our crew, is back safely, but I don't have any details from him since I have not made contact with him.

I hope the above information has been of some help to you, and if I can be of further service do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely Yours,

(Leroy F. Piper)



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

**-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

SEP 23 14 50

DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED

DATE TELEGRAM SENT

21 Oct 46

AS 201	NAME <b>HERR KENNETH T</b> ASN 15364230	SGT GRADE <b>SON</b>
NAME AND ADDRESS OF F. A.	<b>CHARLES L HERR 172 WINDALE AVE EVANSVILLE INDIANA</b>	

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
<b>SGT</b>	<b>HERR, KENNETH T.</b>	<b>15364238</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>ETO</b>		<b>266033-R</b>
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
<b>KILLED IN ACTION</b>		<b>IN</b>	DAY <b>24</b>	MONTH <b>MAR</b>	YEAR <b>45</b>	

*See Letter*

REMARKS: **AG 704 /18 SEP 46/**

☐ CORRECTED COPY

**WQS USFET. CAS LISTING NBR 51. CHANGE OF STATUS IN U PROJ, PDB TO KIA. PL -- ETO.**

Finding of death has been issued previously under Sec 5 Public Law 490, 7 Mar 42, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 25 March 1946. This report of death, based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Sec 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Sec 9.

**FILE**

Report of death issued 22 October 46 ekm

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		FORM 43	AG 201 REQ.
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		OR CHARGED TO <i>Posthumous</i>	DATE
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	NO	YES	(AS INDICATED BELOW)
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

SEP 23 14 54

AS 201	NAME <b>HERR KENNETH T</b> ASN 15364238	SGT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED
NAME AND AD. DRESS OF E. A.	CHARLES L HERR 1724 HENDALE AVE EVANSVILLE INDIANA		DATE TELEGRAM SENT <i>21 Oct 46</i>

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON, THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
SGT	HERR, KENNETH T.	15364238	AC	ETO		266033-1
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
				24	MAR	45

*See Letter*

REMARKS: **AS 704 /18 SEP 46/** ☐ CORRECTED COPY

**WQS USFET. CAS LISTING NBR 51. CHANGE OF STATUS IN U PROJ, PDB TO KIA. PL -- ETO.**

Finding of death has been issued previously under Sec 8 Public Law 490, 7 Mar 42, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 25 March 1946. This report of death, based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Sec 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Sec 9.

Report of death issued 22 October 46 ekm

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		FORM 43	AS 201 REQ
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		OR CHARGED TO <i>Postoffice</i>	DATE
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# REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)

1. DATE

23 Sept 48

2. NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)

HERR, CHARLES T

3. BRANCH OF SERVICE

AAF

6. A. ☒ INTERMENT EXPENSES  
(Civilian or Private Cemetery)B. ☐ TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES  
(National or Post Cemetery)

4. RANK OR GRADE

SGT

5. SERIAL NO.

15304230

☒ IF WORLD WAR II DECEASED, CHECK BOX.  
IF CURRENT DECEASED, ENTER DATE OF DEATH.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO INITIATING INSTALLATION

Fill in items 1 through 7 and item 10.

Cross out item 8 or item 9, whichever is not applicable.

Stamp "Ribbon" copy "ORIGINAL."

Stamp carbon copies "COPY."

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM

This form is to be signed by the claimant and NOT by the funeral director.

Complete the original and three copies.

SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY.

### 8. FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED

I certify that the sum of \$ 75.00 was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below:

NAME: St Joseph

CITY OR COUNTY: Evansville, Vanderburgh  
Indiana

STATE:

### 9. FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED

I certify that the sum of \$ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above-named decedent from: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped)

TO: (Name and location of National or Post Cemetery)

Charles L. Herr.

### 10. RETURN THE ORIGINAL AND THREE COPIES TO:

### 11. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT

5103 Washington Ave Evansville Ind.

### 12. ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State)

Father

### 13. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT

REMARKS:

W. C. Steiger  
Col., F.D.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

001 1900

Syn. 215-219  
Sta. 623

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#### EXPLANATION OF BOX "A"

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1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the Government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.

3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the Government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: Hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.

4. Reimbursement by the Government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipted bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

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#### EXPLANATION OF BOX "B"

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1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the Government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the Government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the Government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. **WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.**

3. Reimbursement by the Government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.

4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.



ORIGINAL

RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER HEADQUARTERS  
DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1, AGRS ROUTINE

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: 58th ST & 1st AVE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

ZIEMER FUNERAL HOME

626 FIRST AVENUE

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

REMAINS OF THE LATE SGT KENNETH T HERR ACCOMPANIED BY AN  
ESCORT ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON TRAIN

NUMBER 67 PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AT EIGHT TWENTY FIVE PM

ON THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER AND DUE TO ARRIVE AT EVANSVILLE

AT SEVEN PM STANDARD TIME ON FRIDAY 22 SEPT

ON TRAIN NUMBER 3 C & E I RAILROAD.

PLEASE ARRANGE TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND

PLEASE NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL. NEXT OF

KIN IS: MR CHARLES L. HERR (FATHER), 5408 WASHINGTON AVENUE, EVANSVILLE,  
INDIANA.

Escort: S/Sgt Raymond F. Diener  
AF 36 331 889  
Det 5, 1300 ASU

COPIES  
J. A. ST LOUIS  
COLONEL, QMC

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FILE

RECORDS ANNOTATED

DATE 14 Oct 50

NAME Eugene Shorter  
Report to Mr. HERR, HERR, DIV.

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept, 1950  
(Day) (Month)

Sgt. Raymond F. Diener  
(Witness (Escort))  
AF-36331889

Ziemer Funeral Home  
(Consignor)  
Leo J. Ziemer

CASE NO.		<b>INSPECTION CHECK LIST</b>				SPACE NO.
NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle Initial)		BRANCH OF SERVICE	RACE	RELIGION	SEX	DATE
HERR KENNETH T		A.F.	W			
RANK OR GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	CONSIGNEE				
SGT	15364238	ZIEMER FUN'L HOME 626 FIRST AVE EVANSVILLE, INDIANA				
SHIPPING CASE—GENERAL APPEARANCE (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY				
FINISH (Exterior) FINISH (Interior) HANDLES HANDLE BOLTS STENCILING—NAME PLATE HEALTH PERMIT MARKER HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER		REMARKS  <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">OK</div>				
CASKET—GENERAL APPEARANCE (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF CASKET (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY				
FINISH (Exterior) HANDLES AND FASTENINGS STENCILING—NAME PLATE CAM LOCKS (Sealing) ODOR OR MOISTURE		REMARKS  <div style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">Respray casket</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">OK</div>				
<b>ROUTED THROUGH</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM CONDITION OF REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		<input type="checkbox"/> REPAIR SHOP CASKET REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (Explain)		CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
		SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
		SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
		REMARKS				
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	
				9/18/50	Harrill	
REMARKS						



WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Kimbolton, England COMMAND OR AIR FORCE: 8th A.F.  
GROUP: 379th Bomb. Gp. (H) SQUADRON: 524 DETACHMENT: \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE: Kimbolton, England COURSE: Hopsten, Germany  
INTENDED DESTINATION: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF MISSION: Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CLEAR
4. GIVE: (A) DATE: 24 March 1945 TIME: 1023 AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT: Target Area  
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER: ( ) LAST SIGHTED: ( ) LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO:  
( ) FORCED DOWN: ( ) SEEN TO CRASH OR ( ) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY ONE): ( ) ENEMY AIRCRAFT: (X) ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT: ( ) OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS: \_\_\_\_\_
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: B-17 G AAF SERIAL NO.: 43-38818
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: \_\_\_\_\_ AAF SERIAL NO. (A): \_\_\_\_\_  
(B): \_\_\_\_\_ (C): \_\_\_\_\_ (D): \_\_\_\_\_
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBERS  
(A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_\_  
(E) \_\_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_\_ (G) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY  
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY: \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW: 8 PASSENGERS: 0 TOTAL: 8  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS	all Identified
(1) PILOT	* Howell, Sylvester V. Jr.	2d Lt.	0-835204	KIA	X-1796 N
(2) COPILOT	* Noble, Kenneth R.	2d Lt.	0-777780	"	X-1794 N
(3) ENGINEER	* Weaver, Melvin E.	"	0-2069738	"	X-1793 N
(4) RADIO OP.	* Barnett, Bert W. Jr.	Sgt.	12138585	"	X-1797 N
(5) RO	* Villanar, Pablo (NM)	T/Sgt.	39577219	"	X-1792 N
(6) TT	* Fairbanks, Thomas F.	S/Sgt.	37227150	"	P-6-147 N
(7) BT	* Kennan, Milton S.	Sgt.	14109569	"	X-1770 N
(8) TG	* Reynolds, Mark R. Jr.	Sgt.	39713847	"	X-1772 N

(11) \* Six crew members were disinterred from Ostenwalde, Germany. Only Americans buried there.

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT. AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Moderate, accurate flak was encountered at the target - A/C was hit by flak.						
(2) burst into flames and exploded. No chutes were seen.						
(3)						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED: \_\_\_\_\_ (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH: \_\_\_\_\_ OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_
13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

(Date of Report)

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS (Use additional sheet if necessary)

# MISSING AIR CREW REPORT WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

MACK NO. 13223

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: LOCATION: Raydon, England COMMAND OR AIR FORCE: 3rd Air Div.  
GROUP: 353rd; SQUADRON: 351st; DETACHMENT: \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE: Raydon, England COURSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
INTENDED DESTINATION: Achmer Airdrome, Germany TYPE OF MISSION: Bomber Escort & Stra  
-fing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clear
- GIVE: (A) DATE: 21st Mar. 45 TIME: 1050 AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN  
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT: SE of Hopsten, Germany 5223N-0743E  
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER ( ) LAST SIGHTED; ( ) LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO;  
(X) FORCED DOWN; ( ) SEEN TO CRASH; OR (X) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY  
ONE: ( ) ENEMY AIRCRAFT; ( ) ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT; ( ) OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS  
FOLLOWS: Enemy ground fire
- AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: P-51 K 5NT AAF SERIAL NO.: 44-11698
- ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: \_\_\_\_\_ AAF SERIAL NO. (A): \_\_\_\_\_  
(B): \_\_\_\_\_ (C): \_\_\_\_\_ (D): \_\_\_\_\_
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER  
(A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_\_  
(E) \_\_\_\_\_ (F) \_\_\_\_\_ (G) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY  
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW: \_\_\_\_\_ PASSENGERS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar  
particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)  

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
(1) PILOT	<u>Brock, Thomas C.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-2000298</u>	<u>X-1773</u> <u>Accident</u>
(2) CO-PILOT				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				
(11)				
- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT.  
AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:  

NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED; (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE  
OF CRASH; OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_
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WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL  
NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_

(Date of Report)

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS (Use additional sheet if necessary)



# HEADQUARTERS 8TH AIR FORCE WASHINGTON

REPORT OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT BY MEMBERS OF 8TH AIR FORCE AND OTHERS WHO WERE IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT OR WERE OFFICIALLY REPORTED MISSING.

1. **IDENTIFICATION** (Location) Kimbelton, England **COMMAND OR ORIGIN** 8th AF  
**GROUP** 379 Bomb. (H) **SQUADRON** 527 **DEPARTMENT** Y
2. **SPECIFY PORT OF ORIGIN** Kimbelton, Eng. **THEATRE** European, Germany  
**OPERATIONAL STATUS** Operational
3. **DATE AND TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED**

**Clear**

**DATE** 24 Mar 45 **TIME** 1020

**Target, Area**

4. **ALLEGEDLY LAST SEEN** (a) IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION (b) END OF REPORT (c) OTHER INFORMATION (d) OTHER INFORMATION

5. **AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES** B-17 D **AAP SERIAL NO.** 43-38685
6. **ENGINE: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES** B-17 D **AAP SERIAL NO.** 43-38685

7. **INSTALLED WEAPON** (a) FORWARD GUN (b) TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER

8. **THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS:** (a) BATTLE CASUALTY (b) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY

9. **NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT:** (a) PILOTS 2 (b) PASSENGERS 0 (c) TOTAL 2  
(Including with pilot, include the following particulars: (1) more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list all the particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)

NAME IN FULL	LAST NAME FIRST	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
1. PILOT	Schwab, Charles A.	2d Lt.	0-832022	KIA Ident. Proc. X-1776
2. CO-PILOT	Martin, Billy G.	"	0-2062009	KIA Ident. Proc. X-1775
3. NAV.	Sterchak, George Earl Jr.	2d Lt.	0-2068487	EUS
4. NO	Ford, James C.	Sgt.	35903945	EUS
5. (NO)	Brahm, Roy M. Jr.	S/Sgt.	33689222	DED Unident.
6. TT	Berry, Raymond L.	S/Sgt.	35657653	DED RX-1771
7. BT	Silverman, Jerome S.	"	33696345	KIA Ident. Proc. X-1774
8. SPOTJAMMER	Piper, Leroy F.	Sgt.	38367095	EUS
9. TO	Herr, Kenneth T.	"	15364238	DED RX-1769

10. **Identification of the 3 ident. c/n's approved this office.**
11. **IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:**

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY	DATE	HOW	BY FORCE
1. NAME FIRST	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY	DATE	HOW	BY FORCE

12. **Statement by Statement Moderate, accurate flak was encountered at the target. Right wing was on fire. A/C later went into a spin and exploded.**
13. **A/C nosed down, leveled off, made a 360, then went into a spin.**
14. **IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) PARACHUTES WERE USED (b) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH (c) OR (d) ANY OTHER REASON (Specify)**
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(Date of Report)

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS (Use additional sheet if necessary)



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GENERAL CONCLUSION.

It is my opinion,

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- (c) in case number seven, the wounds in the back may have been caused by bullets which had already traversed another body,
- (d) that several of the wounds (viz, the abdominal wound in body number one and the chest wounds in number seven) had been caused while the trunk was in a horizontal position, and
- (e) that, in every case, there was one or more wounds that could have caused immediate death.

William L. Davidson

Major, R.A.M.C.

War Crimes Investigation Team,  
Specialist Pool,  
British Army of the Rhine.

WMD/SP.

This is to certify that the above pathologist report is a true copy.

*John B. Wagoner*  
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1st Lt. Inf. 0552799  
Commanding.

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GENERAL SUMMARY.

The bodies of 8 young males, all dressed in clothing which appeared to be of American origin except in the case of number six, where, although the flying overalls were American, the gloves were British. Six out of the eight had been shot through the back, only body number six having no shot in the trunk and number three had been shot through the chest from in front; 7 had also been shot in the head, only number 8 not having been shot in the head. The bullets had entered from all sides of the head, without relationship to the wounds in the trunks.

GENERAL CONCLUSION.

It is my opinion,

- (a) that a large number of bullets of small calibre had been deliberately fired at the deceased from relatively short distance,
- (b) that, in addition to being wounded in the chest, most of the deceased had been shot in the head,
- (c) in case number seven, the wounds in the back may have been caused by bullets which had already traversed another body,
- (d) that several of the wounds (viz, the abdominal wound in body number one and the chest wounds in number seven) had been caused while the trunk was in a horizontal position, and
- (e) that, in every case, there was one or more wounds that could have caused immediate death.

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26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? unk
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? no
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash 100 or more
29. State precise time and date of plane crash 17,00 hrs. 21 March 1945  
(Night?) (Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? yes How many? 3 or 4 Escaped? one

Prisoners? yes

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, assistant driver or . . . front, side, or back)
- b. Near wreckage?
32. Location of destroyed tank must 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)  
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?
40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased

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

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? no  
If not, state ~~where~~ Luftwaffe has them or the British
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? unk  
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 is abandoned.

- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? unk  
 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 civilian hospital? no  
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Names of 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? no  
 (Burnt? Decapitated? etc) \_\_\_\_\_
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? yes  
 a. If so, give basis for positive assumption Attached British medical report and report of British war crimes  
 b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? Yes
47. Was case previously investigated? yes By whom? British  
 When? 26-27 September 1945
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed  
Wieschmeier, House No. 24, Herrler No. 1a, Terbille House No. 13 all from Dreierwalde
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 attached narrative

(Use attached, sheets if necessary)

*Johannes Pfeiffer*  
 Signature of Interpreter  
 Civilian

Rank ASN

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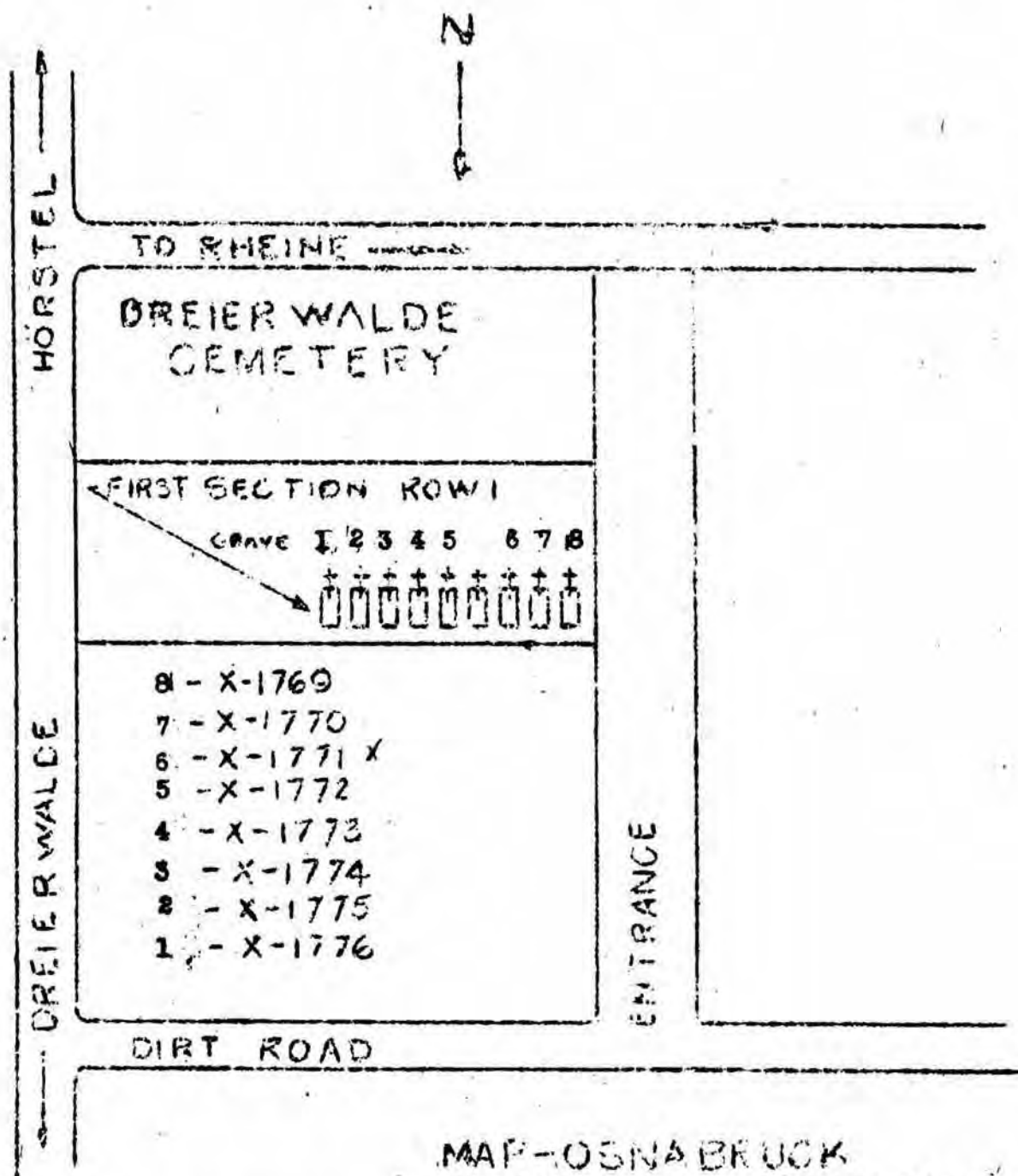
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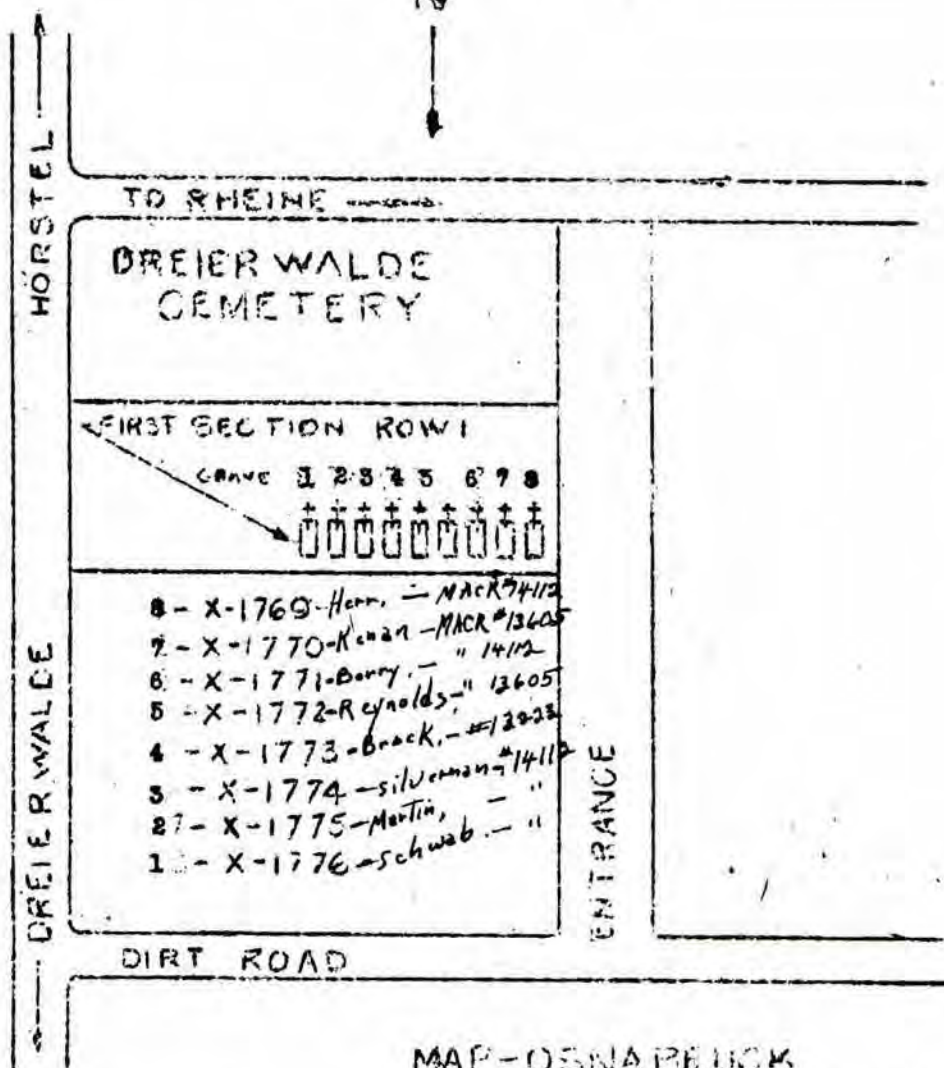
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