

REGISTRATION DIVISION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
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RRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

1. It is recommended that the board take action on the following case:

NAME: MONTGOMERY, Orlo A. S/Sgt 17 089 122

ORGANIZATION: 14th Trp Carrier Sq - 61st Trp Carrier Gp

DATE OF DEATH: 6 June 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity of Valognes, France.

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above mentioned unresolved casualty was a crew member of aircraft C-47 A #42-23638 that was on an assigned troop carrying mission over the coast of France on the morning of June 6 (D-Day) 1944. Information contained in statements of survivors indicates that subject aircraft was hit by enemy machine gun and anti-aircraft fire shortly before entering the "Drop Zone". Aircraft burst into flame and crashed in the vicinity of Rouville, France. One (1) member of the crew (S/Sgt Montgomery) and at least four (4) paratroopers were wounded prior to the crash. Statements indicate that all members of the crew, with the exception of subject casualty, and all passengers except Pvt C. G. Stout, were able to leave the aircraft before the crash occurred. Five (5) paratroopers were later killed in combat on the ground, their remains have been recovered and identity has been established and verified. The remains of Pvt Charles G. Stout were recovered from an isolated grave near the scene of the crash and reburied in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Ste Mere l'Eglise #2. The processing of these remains, during the establishment of the identification of Pvt Stout, revealed

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the presence of remains in excess of those of one individual. These remains were designated as Unknown X-153 Ste Mere l'Eglise #2 and are at present buried in U.S. Military Cemetery, St Laurent, France. Due to lack of conclusive evidence and the small quantity of remains present, these remains have been declared and approved as UNIDENTIFIABLE. Field Investigations were conducted in the appropriate area in March 1947 and January 1950 with negative results. Investigation conducted in January 1950 definitely established the fact that subject aircraft crashed at the place indicated and that no additional remains were recovered. It is logical to conclude that S/Sgt Orlo A. Montgomery was killed in the crash of the aircraft in which he was a crew member at Rouville, France, on 6 June 1944 and that his remains were reduced by the crash ensuing explosion and fire to a state which precludes recovery and identification. The fact that Field Investigations were negative and the fact that the only unknown on record that may be associated with subject casualty has been declared UNIDENTIFIABLE would tend to substantiate this conclusion: It is therefore recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; MACR #6139; Statement of Alfred Mazurkewitz, Michael Zapf, Paul F. Smith, Blair M. Terryberry, John N. Hendry, William R. Hitztaler and Berlin I. Middlebrooks; Report of Field Investigation, dtd 24 March 1947; Report of Field Investigation, dtd 10 January 1950.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters American Graves Registration Command.

3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.

4. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.


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