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NARRATIVE

Processing of remains of Pvt Charles G. Stout, 15114250, Ste Mere Eglise #2, Plot P, Row 9, Grave 163, revealed this to be a mass burial. Blackout charts are inclosed with this report to show the parts of two different bodies found.

Isolated burial files at Second Zone show that Pvt Stout was a paratrooper killed in the crash of a C-47. S/Sgt Orlo A. Montgomery, 17089122, radio operator of the plane was the only other person killed in this crash. According to burial records Stout's remains were removed from the wreckage of this plane and buried as Unknown X-40 at Ste Mere Eglise #2 for lack of positive identification. Laundry mark "S-4251", Staff Sergeant chevrons, and a size 12-D paratrooper boot were found with remains. Laundry mark and boots have been associated with Stout.

Since all correspondence indicates that remains were badly broken up and mangled, it is possible that the remains recovered from the wreckage of the plane were those of both Stout and Montgomery. Presence of S/Sgt Montgomery in this burial is indicated by chevrons found at time of original interment.

It is suggested that an Identification Team, equipped with all available physical description information on Stout and Montgomery, be sent to process these remains in an effort to clear status of Montgomery still carried as an Unresolved Casualty by AGRC.

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