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SUBJECT

HEADQUARTERS
RYUKYUS COMMAND
APO 331

AIGS

20 November 1948

SUBJECT: Remains of Deceased Persons in U. S. Tanks

293 unk X- 5-002 - *Manila Mains*

TO : Chief, AGRS
Headquarters, PHILCOM

1. Several weeks ago I heard a rumor to the effect that some bones had been seen inside U.S. tanks, medium, battle casualties on Okinawa that had been sold to BOSEY as surplus scrap. Obtaining the assistance of Mr. Olsen, head of Marsman Co. and Col Ho, Commanding Officer, BOSEY, I investigated all tanks in BOSEY'S Park.

2. I was assisted by Major Fellbaum, Mr. McCormick, Col Ho and Mr. Olsen's assistant whose name I do not recall. These tanks were just as they had been hauled in from the battleground with mud, ammunition, etc. covering the bottoms of the tanks. Among the debris of two tanks we found some bones including one skull, some rib bones and a few others. An effort was made to locate identification tags but this was not successful due to the accumulation of filth, mud and, particularly, sensitive ammunition in which the bones were found. These were turned over to Major Fellbaum who was to make the appropriate report to AGRS. The only identification Major Fellbaum and Mr. McCormick could make at the time was from some of the fillings in teeth which Mr. McCormick, at the time, believed to be American dental work. He scraped some of the metal with a point of a knife to determine this.

3. I then instructed our Ordnance Team engaged in demilitarizing these tanks to make a thorough and complete search of each tank and notify me if any other bones were found and instructed the Captain in charge that under no circumstances were any tanks to be loaded for shipment to BOSEY until he had done this.

~~FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:~~

T. G. Jenkins
T. G. JENKINS
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

STATION FILE

QMCMT 293
GRS Far East

15 May 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Philcom Zone
APO 900, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to the following Unknown remains now stored in the AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I.:

Unknown X-2320 (form. Unk. X-556, USAF Cem #1, Leyte, P.I.)
Unit 2, Page 13
" X-4569, Unit 2, Page 22
" X-5002, Unit 2, Page 24
" X-5003, Unit 2, Page 24

2. Subject cases have been reviewed and this Office approves the classification of the above listed Unknowns as Unidentifiable.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

JMN

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cc--Administrative Section
cc--Cincfe

X-5002

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1.	Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div	QML0 Attn: Major Sekowski	13 Apr. 1950	1. Request crew members and any other information pertinent to U S Army Tank M-3, Ser. No. 3099428. "ANN" was the name of the tank. Tank was also marked 77-706△ A-17. The serial number of the breech block was S-2565-T1-8. A star and the number 722 were on the turret. An identification tag for Albert A. Gamba, 32 708 778, was found approximately 50 feet away from this tank. This tank was lost on Okinawa. 2. Also request names of crew members and any other pertinent information relative to U S Army Tank M-3, Ser. No. 3099229. "CUT THROATS" written on the tank was apparently the name of the tank. Foundry markings on body casting were as follows: D-78104-B below turret, LOH & ODZ below turret, C-18 left front, the number 60 on turret. The following numbers were on the breech block: 1717-4-1 and 77-706△, C-18. This tank was lost on Okinawa. Both tanks were possibly of the 77th Division. <i>Fields</i> Fields 74158
2	QM-Pent Liaison Admin Br Mem Div	Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div	24 Apr 1950	We have not been able to obtain the names of crew members nor secure any other pertinent information relative to the following identified U.S. Army tanks: USA M-3, Ser No. 3099428 USA M-3, Ser No. 3099229 W.D., A.G.O. Form #24, Service Record, bearing the name of Technical Sergeant Albert A. Gamba, ASN 32,708,778, latest address: 1402 43rd Street, No Bergen, New Jersey, shows that he was a member of the 214th Ordnance Battalion. <i>B. J. S.</i> SEKOWSKI 6679 <i>E. M. D.</i> DYER 73090

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THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

/bpm		Interred 23 March 1950 L 6 80 Ft McKinley		DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE									
1	/cad	NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED Cemetary Superintendent CARL R. H. MARK		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 7748 02277		DATE 15 03 49 DAY MONTH YEAR							
		NAME UNKNOWNX - 005002		SERIAL NUMBER 800		GRADE 25		ARM Q		RACE O		RELIGION 6	
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE FT. MC KINLEY CEMETERY MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS							NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)						
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION													
NAME X-005002			SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE		DATE OF DEATH			DATE DISTINTERRED 31 Dec 48			
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ☒ REMAINS ☐ MARKER			ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN			RELIGION			IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY RICHARD HOYT Embalmer NAME AND TITLE				
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT													
NATURE OF BURIAL Shelter Half							CONDITION OF REMAINS Skeletal						
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION													
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)													
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET													
DATE 31 Dec 48 BY RICHARD HOYT							EMBALMER (Signature)						
CASKET SEALED BY RICHARD HOYT							s/ Richard Hoyt						
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED							SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY G. BRICK						
DATE 31 Dec 48 BY WEYMAN L McGUIRE, Sgt, MC													
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.													
s/ G. Brick SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR													
REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS													

24 APR 1950
REPATRIATION
BRANCH
Johns

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM ACRS Mausoleum		TO Fort McKinley Military Cemetery	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Barrett Hornak</i>	DATE MAR 23 1968

2. SHIPPED

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

3. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
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FROM Fort McKinley Military Cemetery		TO (BY VERIFICATION DECISION)	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

7. SHIPPED

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

13 March 1950

Date

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 5002,
Hangar 800, Bay 2, Crypt 25, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I., have been reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient evidence is available to establish the identity of this deceased, and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

B. McNEER
B. McNEER
Capt., QMC

Received 31 March 1950 **QMG**
Not identifiable from T. G. Fields - ID
information presently 11 May 1950
available

June 71

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN UNKNOWN X-5002				2. DATE OF REPORT 13 March 1950	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY AGRS MAUSOLEUM, Manila P.I.		4. PLOT HANGER 800	5. ROW BAY 2	6. GRAVE CRYPT 25	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT REINTERMENT

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT U T D	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT U T D	10. COLOR OF HAIR U T D	11. RACE U T D
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12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS

N O N E

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES

U T D

14. WAS BODY BURNED? ☐ YES ☒ NO	TO WHAT EXTENT?
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? ☒ YES ☐ NO	TO WHAT EXTENT? mostly bone fragments.

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

N O N E

17. LIST EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, MARKINGS, SERVICE, ETC. (If laundry marks are indistinct such notation should be made and specimen forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area)

N O N E

"UNIDENTIFIABLE"
"BY REASON OF LACK OF SUFFICIENT IDENTIFYING DATA"

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18. TOOTH CHART		
	TOP VIEW	SIDE VIEW
MISSING TEETH: ALL TEETH MISSING THROUGH EXTRACTION (NOT THOSE FRACTURED OR DISPLACED BY RECENT WOUNDS) SHOULD BE "X" OUT AND LABELED THUS:		
CROWNED TEETH: BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD, PORCELAIN, SILVER OR GOLD AND PORCELAIN), THUS:		
BRIDGE WORK: BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD BRIDGE, GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE), THUS:		
FILLINGS: DRAW FILLING ON TOOTH AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE (BLOCK IN AND LABEL GOLD, SILVER, CEMENT), THUS:		
CARIES (Cavities): OUTLINE LOCATION AND SIZE OF CAVITY, SHADE IN THUS:		

RIGHT								LEFT							
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16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

DENTURES (Plates): DRAW DIAGRAM OF RELATIVE SIZE AND SHAPE OF PLATE, BLOCK IN TEETH ATTACHED AND INDICATE RETAINING CLASPS ON NATURAL TEETH WITH THE WORD, "CLASP."

REMARKS: Maxilla from L5 - R8 and mandible are missing, Loose L4 is present with remains.

"UNIDENTIFIABLE"
"BY REASON OF LACK OF SUFFICIENT IDENTIFYING"
Paul R. Nichols
PAUL R. NICHOLS
Chief, Ident. Section

19. BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECORDED



20.

MASS BURIAL CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE)
(Wherein segregation in whole or parts is impossible)

I CERTIFY THAT THE GROUP REMAINS CONSIST OF PARTS OF _____ DECEDENTS BASED ON THE PRESENCE OF ONE OR MORE
OF THE FOLLOWING ANATOMICAL PARTS: NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No identification tags, burial bottle, personal effects, or other means of identification found with remains.

UNIDENTIFIABLE
"BY REASON OF LACK OF SUFFICIENT DATA"

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF DECEASED AND THAT ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

TYPED NAME, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE, AND ORGANIZATION

PAUL R. NICHOLS
Chief, Ident. Section

SIGNATURE

Paul R. Nichols

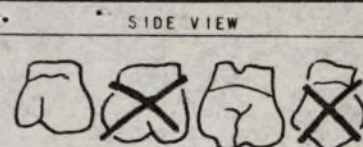
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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT UTD	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT UTD	10. COLOR OF HAIR UTD		11. RACE UTD	
12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS One (1) identification tag found 50 ft away from tank in which remains were found. GAMBA, ALBERT A 32708778 T-43-44 O, C.					
13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES UTD					
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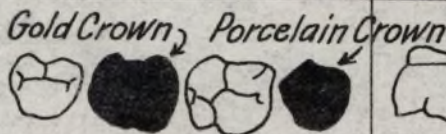
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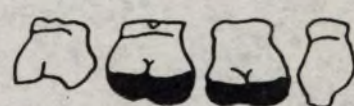
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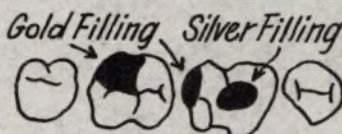
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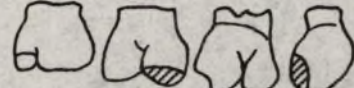
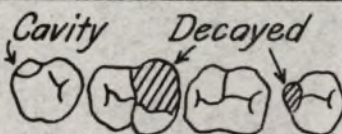
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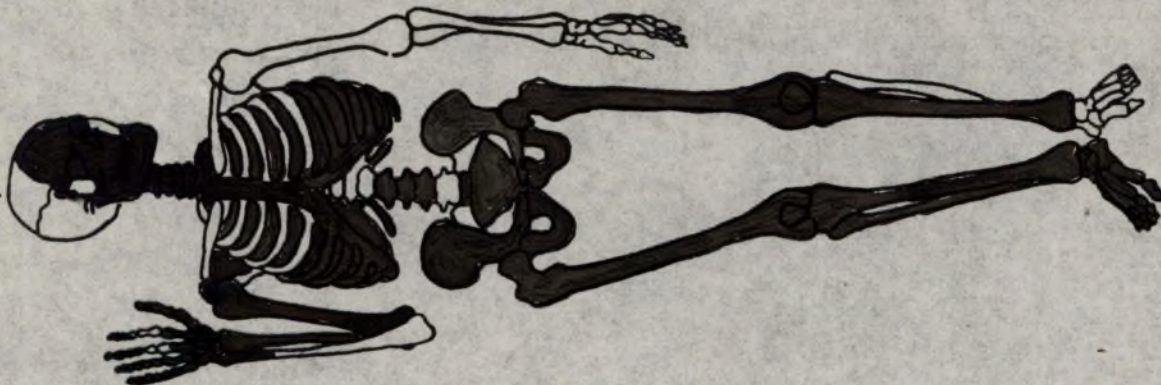
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

John Shypula
JOHN SHYPUA
1st Lt., Inf

s/ J J McDermott

X-5002

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20.

MASS BURIAL CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE)
(Wherein segregation in whole or parts is impossible)

I CERTIFY THAT THE GROUP REMAINS CONSIST OF PARTS OF _____ DECEDENTS BASED ON THE PRESENCE OF ONE OR MORE
OF THE FOLLOWING ANATOMICAL PARTS: _____
NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

One (1) identification tag found with remains, described in Item 12 of 1044. Said tag was placed with remains.
Nothing found to warrant identification.
UTD circumference of skull.
Estimated weight of remains - 2 lbs.
Remains recovered from U S Army tank M-3. Ser No 3099428 "ANN",
77-706 Δ A-17. Ser No. of Breech Block S-2565- T1-8.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

John Shypula
JOHN SHYPUŁA
1st Lt., Inf

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TYPED NAME, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE, AND ORGANIZATION

p/ JAMES J McDERMOTT
Laboratory Officer, CIP

SIGNATURE

s/ J J McDermott

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILRYCOM ZONE

FIELD OPERATING DETACHMENT NO. 1-K-9

INTERROGATION, SEARCH, AND RECOVERY REPORT
REPORT NO. _____

SEARCH AREA NO. 68

PART I - INTERROGATION

Place Shori Okinawa Geo.
(City, Barrio, etc.) (Province, Island, etc.) Coord. _____

Name of Informant or Source of Information _____

Title or Occupation of Informant _____

Years Lived in Area _____ Combat or Patrol Action in Area _____
(yes or no)

Details of Information Obtained Which May Lead to Recovery of Remains of World War II Dead: (List here all of the information obtained from informant or other source which will be useful in finding or recovering or identifying remains when recovered, such as: names of deceased if known, location of crash or burial, names of locations of persons who buried remains or knew of their location, date casualties occurred, and any other pertinent information.)

(See attached statement of Col T. G. Jenkins)

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Interrogator)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

JOHN Sheppula, 1st Lt., Inf

(Signature of Informant)

(Address of Informant)

PART II -- SEARCH

Is Search Warranted ? Yes

Search Conducted on Nov 11 - 18, 1948 By Team No. FOD 1-K-9

Brief Outline of Extent and Results of Search FOD 1-K-9 found remains
at U. S. Armed Forces Mortuary, Okinawa.

Did Search Reveal Information to Be Correct as Given ? Yes

Was Case Previously Investigated ? _____ By Whom ? _____

Remarks _____

If Aircraft Crash Was Discovered, Give Following Information If Available:

Type of Plane _____ No. of Engines _____

Serial Number of Engines _____ , _____

Weapon Serial Numbers _____ , _____

AAF Serial Number of Aircraft _____

How Did Crash Occur _____

Direction of Flight _____ Was Plane Turned ? _____

If any occupants of plane survived crash, what happened to them ? _____

PART III - RECOVERY

Number of Remains Recovered One (1)
(In case of a group of inseparable remains, use term "1 or more")

Where Were Remains Found Inside tank 77-706-△ A-17
(Attach sketch of area)
(the held at U.S. Armed Forces Mortuary, Okinawa)

Condition of Remains Partial

EVACUATION NUMBERS Assigned to Remains Recovered Per This Report

EVAC. NO. <u>1-K-9-68-7</u>	EVAC. NO. _____
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(NOTE: An "Individual Remains Recovery Report" will be prepared for each individual remains or inseparable group of remains listed above.)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
John Shypula
JOHN SHYPULA
1st Lt., Inf

(Signature of Investigator)

s/t/ HERBERT O. THREET, 1st Lt., Inf

(Signature of CO of Field Operating Detachment)

(Use reverse side of this form to record any additional information.)

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONE
FIELD OPERATING DETACHMENT NO. _____

EVACUATION NO. 1-K-9268-7

INDIVIDUAL REMAINS RECOVERY REPORT

For Details Concerning the Search and Recovery of these remains see
Interrogation, Search and Recovery Report No. _____

Name Unknown Rank Unknown Serial No. _____

Organization Unknown

Identification Tags On: a) Remains No b) Grave Marker No
(Yes or No) (Yes or No)

Clues to Identity: Star #722 on turret USA Ser No. 3099428 Ser. No. on

Breech Block S-2565- T1-8. Tan named "Ann". Also the marking 77-706 Δ

A-17. Dogtag found 50 feet away from Tank bearing name Gamba, Albert

A. 32708778 T43440

Personal Effects and Possessions Included with Remains: _____

If remains were recovered from an established cemetery, give name of
cemetery, complete location, and plot, row, and grave number whose remains
were found.

(Time and Date of Recovery or
Disinterment)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

John Shypula
JOHN SHYPULA
1st Lt., Inf

(Signature of Team Captain)

s/t/ HERBERT C THREET-1st Lt., Inf

(Signature of CO of Fld. Opr. Det.)

20 NOVEMBER
MARSMAN CO.
OKINAWA, APO 331

I, C.O. WINFREY, FOUND THIS DOGTAG ABOUT FIFTY FEET FROM TANK M3 U S ARMY 3099428, FREE NAMED "ANN", WITH STAR AND #722 ON THE TURRET. NAME ON DOGTAG ALBERT A. GAMBA, ASN 32708778. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THIS TAG MAY HAVE BELONGED TO REMAINS FOUND IN THIS TANK. I DID NOT KNOW THAT SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAMS WERE WORKING OKINAWA UNTIL MY FOREMAN, MR. MACGREGOR BROUGHT LT. THREET TO ME FOR INFORMATION ON THIS DOGTAG WHICH I HAD KEPT.

s/ C. O. Winfrey

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

John Shypula
JOHN SHYPULA
1st Lt., Inf

HEADQUARTERS
RYUKYUS COMMAND
APO 331

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20 November 1948

SUBJECT: Remains of Deceased Persons in U. S. Tanks

TO : Chief, AG RS
Headquarters, PHILCOM

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s/t/T. G. JENKINS
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

John Shypula
JOHN SHYPULA
1st Lt., Inf

/lbm

~~RESTRICTED~~

WD QMC FORM 1042
(Rev. 1 Apr. 1945)
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

REPORT OF INTERMENT
(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

DATE OF REPORT

22 Dec 48

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.
DO NOT TYPE

Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

UNKNOWN X-5002

SERIAL No.

Unknown

GRADE

Unknown

ORGANIZATION

Unknown

BRANCH OF SERVICE

Unknown

RACE

Unknown

RELIGION

Unknown

IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE
NAME OF COUNTRY

PLACE OF DEATH

Unknown

CAUSE OF DEATH

Unknown

DATE OF DEATH

Unknown

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Unknown

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

Yes (1)

IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse)

Evac. No. 1-K-9-68-7

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no)

Yes (2)

See Remarks

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

None

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

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY

AGRS MAUSOLEUM, MANILA, P. I.

DATE OF BURIAL

3 Jan 49

HOUR

1400

BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)

Casket

TYPE OF GRAVE
MARKER

None

PLOT No.

800

ROW No.
Row

2

GRAVE No.
File

25

WAS THIS A REBURIAL?
(Yes or no)

No

IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE

Recovered inside a tank 77-706 A-17 Okinawa

PLOT No.

ROW No.

GRAVE No.

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)

Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO
MARKER (Yes or no)

Yes

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

RANK

SERIAL No.

ORGANIZATION

GRAVE No.
CRYPT

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

RANK

SERIAL No.

ORGANIZATION

GRAVE No.
CRYPT

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT

JAMES J. McDERMOTT, Adm Asst

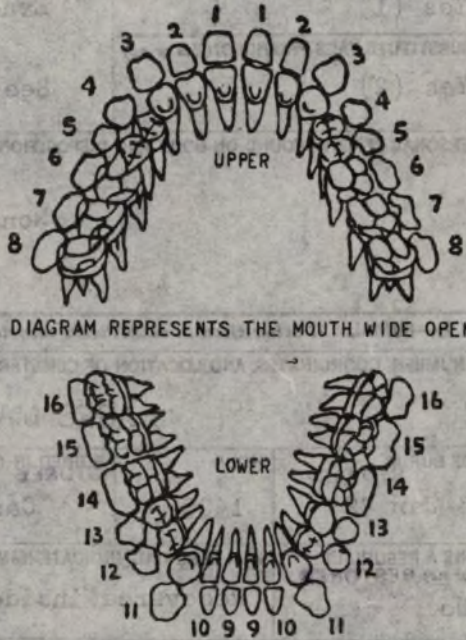
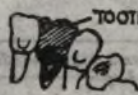
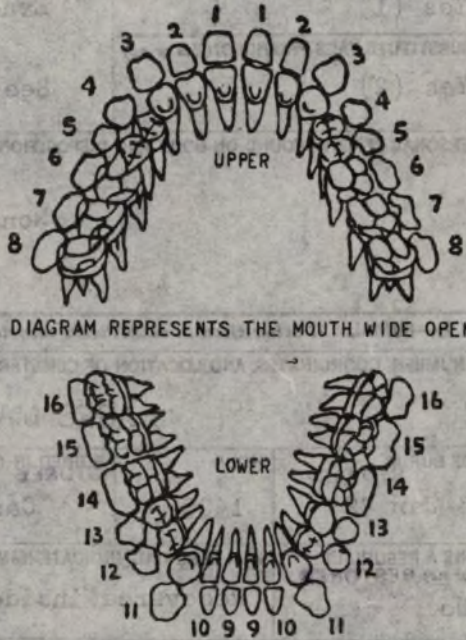
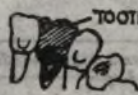
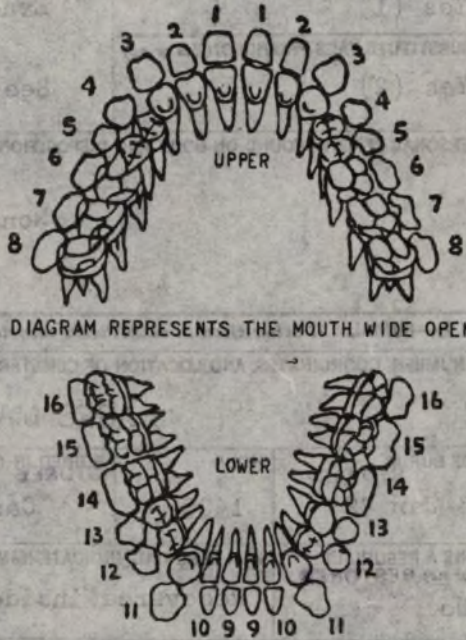
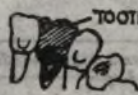
SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT

JOHN SHYPULA, 1st Lt., Inf

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Section 3 UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.											
LEFT LITTLE FINGER	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.										
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RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER	QMC Form 1044, 1044a and 1044b accomplished.										
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RIGHT LITTLE FINGER											

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