

AIR MAIL

293 Porter, William D. O-672 406

UNK. 293
Unk. X-134 (Solers) France
Unk. X-373 (Blowville)
France

22 November 1948

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference letter this office dated 21 May 1947, Subjects Identification of Unknown Deceased.

2. Inasmuch as consolidation requested in paragraph 4, of above letter was found to be impossible, all records of this office have been amended to reflect the following:

Unknown X-134, USMC, Solers, France, Plot H, Row 4, Grave 65, identified as PORTER, William D., 2/1A., O-672406.

Unknown X-373, USMC, Blowville, France, Plot DD, Row 6, Grave 111, to remain an Unknown.

3. Request records of your office be amended in accordance with above, and this office advised upon completion thereof.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. WEE
Lt. Colonel, GSC
Material Division

JFB:ejb

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X 293 Unk. France

373 (Blowville)

AIR MAIL

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

243 Unk. France X-373 (Blouville)

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SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3500 00000

DATE 12 11 47 DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME UNKNOWN X-000 373

SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWN X-000 373

RANK

ARM J DATE OF DEATH

CEMETERY BLOSVILLE - CARENTAN

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 3505 00 CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT DD ROW 0 GRAVE 111 COUNTRY FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH 6

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE SAINT LAURENT, FRANCE (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON REMAINS 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 Deleted

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE BY

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature) [Signature]

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE BY

[Signature]

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 GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

QMCMU 293

Unk. X-134, Solers, France

Unk. X-373, Blossville, France

243 Porter, William D.

0-672406

21 May 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. The remains interred in U.S. Military Cemetery Solers #1, France Plot H, Row 4, Grave 65 and U.S. Military Cemetery Blossville, France, Plot DD, Row 6, Grave 111 have been identified from information available to this office as those of William D. PORTER, 2nd Lt., O-672406, Air Corps.
2. The expressed religious preference of the deceased was Protestant. The designated emergency addressee is his father, Mr. Charles W. Porter, 905 West Mulberry Street, Springfield, Ohio.
3. War Department records now indicate that the deceased was missing in action on 26 November 1943 and declared dead on 27 November 1944.
4. In view of the fact that the greater portion of the remains of the deceased were buried in U.S. Military Cemetery Solers #1, together with the fact that the remaining crew members are buried in this cemetery, it is requested that the remains interred in U.S. Military Cemetery Blossville, Plot DD, Row 6, Grave 111, be disinterred and consolidated with those in Solers Plot H, Row 4, Grave 65. The Reports of Interment submitted to this office and all records have been amended.
5. It is further requested that the records of your office and the inscription on the grave marker be changed accordingly and this office advised upon completion thereof.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAMES C. MacFARIAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

C O P Y

Copy from 243 Porter, William D. - 373 (Blossville)

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
27 Nov. 1946

293 Unk X-373 France (Blasville)

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible
DO NOT TYPE



SECTION I. IDENTIFICATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) -PORTER, William D. Unknown X-373 -		Serial number Unk. - 672406-
Grade -Unk.-2nd Lt. -	Organization -Unk.-AAF	Branch of service AAF
Race Unk. -W	Religion Unk.-Protestant	If other than U. S. dead, Give name of country. 6

Place of death Doment, France	Cause of death Plane Crash	Date of death 27 PDD/Nov. 44 26-Nov. 1943
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Emergency addressee (Name, Relationship and Address.)
Unk. - Mr. Charles W. Porter, father, 905 West Mulberry St., Springfield, Ohio.

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 3 on reverse. Ident. approved by COM. Bd. of Rev. None April 28, 1947.
Were substitute tags provided (Yes or No) Yes	

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
U.S. Military Cemetery, Blasville, France

Date of burial	Hour	Buried in (Shroud, Blanket, or name of other)	Type of grave marker	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
27 Nov. 1946	2:00 P.M.	U.K. Casket	Wood Cross	DD	6	111

Was this a re-burial (Yes or No) Yes	If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location of grave. Doment Communal Cemetery, Doment, France. Sheet 7 S-06	Plot no. None used in cemetery.	Row no.	Grave no.
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Type of religious ceremony Christian	Person conducting burial rites Care, Mercier	If identification tags not used, describe identification data and containers buried with body
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Identification tag buried with body (Yes or No) No	Identification tag attached to marker (Yes or No) Yes, embossed plate.	Form 1042 buried with remains in burial bottle.
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Body buried on deceased left, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Mahneck, John F.	Rank Unk	Serial number 8120815	Organization Unk	Grave No. 112
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Body buried on deceased right, Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Unk-X372	Rank Unk	Serial number Unk	Organization Unk	Grave No. 110
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Signature of person preparing report Hugh C. Munro HUGH C. MUNRO, C.I.P.	Signature of GRS officer verifying report Julian E. Perkinson Cap. Inf.
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Remains assigned to CAS 7 per letter dated 11 Jan 49 subject CASX Remains

REMOVED FROM FILE

SECTION 3. 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 fingerprints 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
UTD.	UTD	UTD	UTD	UTD

Weapon and serial number	Laundry marks	Where body was buried or found
N o n e	N o n e	DOMONT, France

For tooth chart see attached Form I-A.

RKEMARS Letter from Hqs. AGRC, Versailles, France, dated 30 October 1946 lists, PORTER; WILLIAM D. 2nd Lt. O-672406, as PDD on Extract of MACR 7483, Eighth Air Force, 333 Bb.Sq. 94 Bb.Gp, AAF, Serial Number 42-37815, dated 26 November 1943/

Letter continues in paragraph (2) "Records of this Command indicate that the plane crashed in the vicinity of Domont, Department of Seine-et Oise, twenty (20) kilometer east of Pontoise near a cemetery. Remains of four (4) crew member were removed by the Germans and later recovered and reburied at Solers, US Military Cemetery. Later, a few bones were found in the wrecked aircraft and were buried in the town cemetery.

Paragraph (4) continues: "The unrecovered remains, believed to be those of Lt. Porter will be disinterred for possible identification and reburied in a US Military Cemetery".

According to civilian statement by a Maurice Cotty, an American plane crashed on the ground and Germans took away the bodies. Two or three days later, Mr. Cotty came back to scene of crash and found a fragment of a head, parts of a leg and a foot. Disintering team states that upon opening grave, a shoe with a foot in it, part of a skull and a few bones were found.

It is possible that this deceased is "PORTER, WILLIAM D. 2nd Lt. O-672406. However, as processing at Subordinate Identification Point revealed no supporting evidence, this case is classified "UNKNOWN".

Furnish sketch and map reference and coordinates for burial in other than established cemetery

Remarks Form # 11 Checklist of Unknowns accomplished. Unable to obtain fingerprints and toothchart (Form # 1-A) because of missing portions. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 2lbs.

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST

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

DD ~~7~~ 588, dtd 7 Nov 47

Unknown X - 373

Cemetery Blosville, France

Plot DD Row 6 Grave 111

Date reprocessed:

1. ~~Arrived at cemetery~~ 4 Dec 47
 (Hour) (Date)

2. Place of death _____
 (Name of closest town) (Coordinates and letter Prefix, maps)

(Sheet, scale and serials used)

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

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by _____
 (Name and organization)

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

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

Handwritten signature and initials
 J. R. R.
 R. A. D.

FEB 26 1948

Belt, web **NONE**

Drawers, wool **NONE**

Drawers, cotton **NONE**

Leggings, wool **NONE**

Socks, cotton **NONE**

* Shoes **NONE** (type)

Overshoes **NONE**

Web Equipment **NONE** (type)

(Other item) **Remnants of parachute**

(Other item)

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

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

Shoulder Patch **NONE**

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

6. Description of Remains: **All major bones missing and / or fractured**

Age **UTD** Height **UTD** Weight **UTD** Description of wounds **UTD**

Bandages or dressings **UTD** Scars **UTD** (Length, width, location)

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

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

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

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

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

Hair **Dark brown 3" long straight** (Color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

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

Sideburns **UTD** Mustache **UTD** Beard or **UTD** (Length, heavy)

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22 Apr 43
R. R. AD*

Goatee UTD
(Light, color, extent)

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

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

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

Teeth Missing
(White, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extracts)

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

Jaw UTD Circumference of head in inches Missing and fractured
(Large, small, normal) (Hat band)

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

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

Hands Missing

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

(Unusual characteristics of fingernails)

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

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

Back UTD Circumcision UTD Pubic Hair UTD
(Quantity and extent of hair) (Yes-no) (Color)

Hernioplasty UTD
(Yes-no; location)

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

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

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

*See page 49
12/27/49
Barker*

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

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

If not, explain Fingers missing

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

9. Remarks Net weight of processed remains 5 Lbs. Fluoroscopic examination not necessary. No clothing found. No QRS tag. Report of burial recovered and re-buried with remains. The remains of unknown X-373 will not consolidate with the remains of William D. Porter O-672406, formerly X-194, Plot H, Row 4, Grave 65, USMC. Solers owing to the duplication of certain anatomical parts. X-373, Plot DD Row 6, Grave 111, will be reinterred in same grave.

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

Woodrow W. Wolf
WOODROW W. WOLF

(Officer's Name)

CAPT OMS

Rank

Service

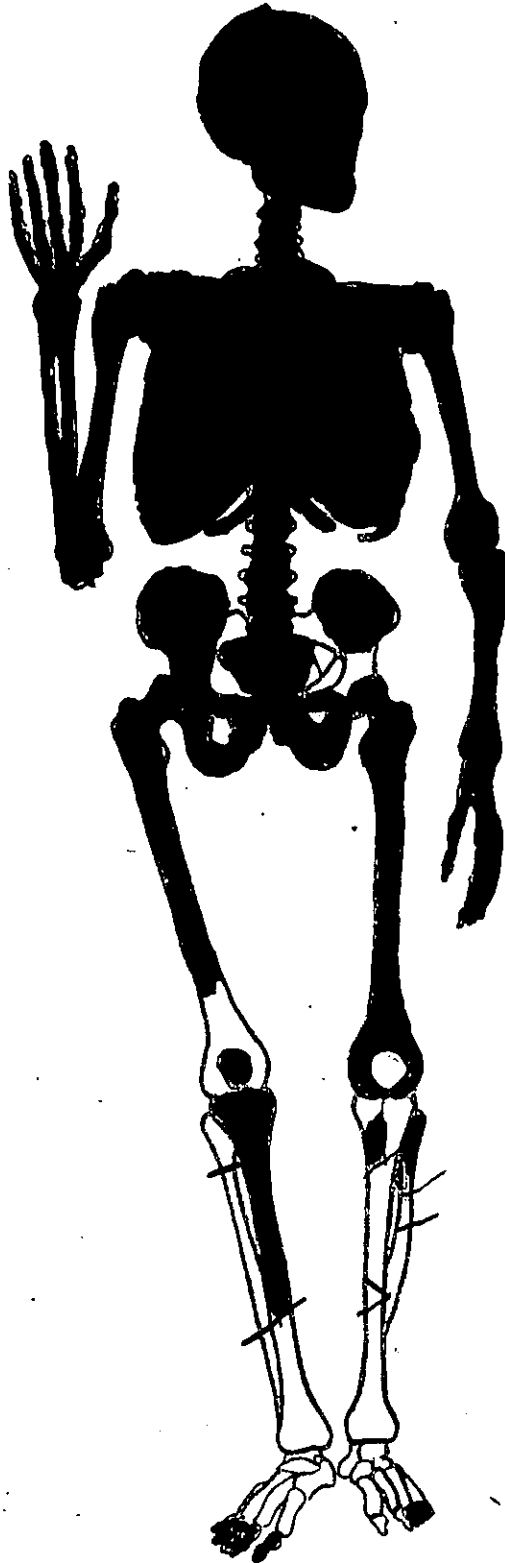
OPERATION'S OFFICER

(Organization)

*See file
22 Apr 49
Baker*

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)



*File
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H. K. ...*

CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

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

Unknown X -373
Cemetery Blosville, France
Plot DD Row 6 Grave 111

1. ~~APPROXIMATE~~ Date of Processing: 25 November 1946
(Hour) (date)

2. Place of death DOMONT, France
(Name of closest town) (ordinates and letter Prefex, maps)

Sheet: 7, S-06

Sheet, scale and serials used.

3. Remains recovered or disinterred by Hqs. 2nd Zone, AGRC.
(Name and organization)

4. Evacuated to Cemetery by Subordinate identification Point
(Name and organization)

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

Item	Clothing Markings	Sizes	Color	Indicate unusual markings wear, tear, repairs, etc.
*Headgear	<u>none</u>			
	(type)			

Raincoat none

Overcoat none

Jacket, ~~Field~~ Flying, leather, fleece-lined, Remnants of

Jacket, Combat none

Mackinaw none

Sweater none

Jacket, HBT none

*Shirt, Wool, OD none

Undershirt, Wool none

Undershirt, Cotton none

Trousers HBT none

*Trousers, Wool OD none

See April 1949 Jacket

Belt. Web none

Drawers. Wool Remnants of

Drawers. Cotton none

Leggings. Wool none (Note unusual lacing)

Socks, Cotton One (1) Pair

*Shoes (type) One (1) Service, Size 8 1/2 B

Overshoes none

Web Equipment (type) none

(Other item) Remnants of electrically heated flying suit

(Other item) Remnants of Parachute

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

6. Chevrons or Insignia none
(type & location; shirt, jacket, coat, helmet)

Shoulder Patch none

7. Does clothing indicate that deceased was a member of the Air, Ground or Naval Forces
AIR FORCE

8. Description of Remains:

Age UTD Height UTD Weight UTD Description of wounds UTD

Bandages or dressings UTD Scars UTD
(Length, width, location)

Tattoos UTD
(Number, location — illustrate on sep. page)

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

Sunburn or tan, other than hands & face UTD

Complexion UTD
(light, med, dark, clear, pimples, pocks, freckles)

Build UTD
(large, fat, thin, muscular)

Hair Brown, 3 inches long, wavy
(color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

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

Sideburns UTD (color, setting, shape) Mustache UTD (color, size, shape) Beard or Goatee UTD (length, heavy, light, color, extent)

Eyes UTD (color, setting, shape) Eyebrows UTD (color, bushiness, extent across nose)

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

Mouth UTD (large, medium, small) Lips UTD (small, large, full)

Teeth UTD (white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extract)

Chin UTD (prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double)

Jaw UTD (large, small, normal) Circumference of head in inches UTD (hat band)

Neck UTD (size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) Larynx UTD (prominent, normal)

Shoulders UTD (broad, straight, small, rounded) Arms UTD (length, muscular, color)

(extent and quantity of hair)

Hands UTD

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

(unusual characteristics of fingernails)

Chest UTD (size of nipples, color, quantity & extent of hair, large, small, normal)

Back UTD (quantity & extent of hair) Waist UTD (size of navel, appendectomy, amount)

Circumcision UTD (yes-no) Pubic hair UTD (color)

Hernioplasty UTD (yes-no; location)

Legs UTD (inseam, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color & extent of hair)

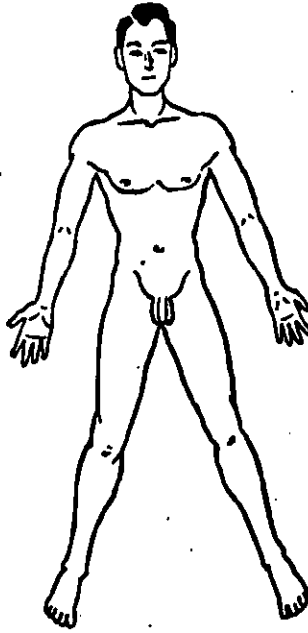
Feet UTD (Size, corns, callouses, flat) Toes UTD (slender, straight, crooked, overlap)

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

See page 49
J. D. [Signature]

9. Black out parts of body not received at cemetery:

SEE ATTACHED CHART



10. Have fingerprints been placed on Report of Internment No
Yes-no

If not, explain Hands missing

11. Has tooth chart been prepared No If not, explain
Yes-no

Head missing

12. Remarks: Remains consist of few fractured bones. All clothing charred, no markings. Estimated weight of remains recovered: 2lbs. No burial bottle found in grave. Fluoroscopic examination report: "negative." Chemical laboratory examination unavailable. Processing at Subordinate Identification Point revealed no positive identifying clues, therefore this case is classified: "UNKNOW"

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

GRAVE MARKER

Pour le Repos
de quatre aviateurs Allies
Morts Pour La France

Le
26.
Nov.
1943

Ellsworth T. Mac Intyre
Officers Name
ELLSWORTH T. MAC INTYRE

Captain OMC.

Rank

Service

Central Identification Point

Organization

BLOSVILLE, CEMETERY
Plot DD, Row 6, Grave 111



*File open 49
1933
Jackson*

QMCMT 293, 22 Nov 48

Subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased

RRE 314.6

1st Ind

Hq, AGRC-EA, APO 58, US Army, 6 Dec 48

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

Basic communication complied with; all records
this headquarters amended accordingly.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt, QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen



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*See App. 49
J33
[Signature]*

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