

293 UNKNOWN X-14

FRANCE (SOLERS)

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CHARGE OUT FOR FILES

FILE NO. *293 Cent X-14 France (Solow #1)*

DATE CHARGED	CHARGED TO (Organization and Person)	LAST ACTION	CHARGED BY	DATE RETURNED
<i>9-24-46</i>	<i>RR Susg</i>	<i>let 9-5-46</i>	<i>Calloway</i>	<i>10-8-46</i>

QMGMT 293
 SERAFIN, Joseph F.
 ASN 36036178

11 October 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Attached information relative to circumstances surrounding death of T/4 Joseph F. Serafin, 36036178 is forwarded in accordance with request contained in radio AGRC 5825.
2. Investigation in this Office reveals a possible association between X-10, USMC Solers, France and T/4 Serafin.
3. It is noted that the seven (7) casualties listed for Reconnaissance Company, 32nd Armored Regiment on 3 September 1944 (see attached copy After Action Report, 32nd A.R.) were interred at Solers. Burial information contained on Reports of Interment for those seven men is quite similar to that contained on Reports of Interment for Unknowns X-6, Z-9, X-10 and X-14, USMC Solers. Unknowns X-6 and X-9 may be eliminated inasmuch as the fingerprints do not compare favorably. X-14 was recovered from a tank, and this is not in agreement with the known facts surrounding T/4 Serafin's death. Original Report of Interment for Unknown X-10 indicates T/4 stripes and 3rd Armored Division Patch, which are in agreement with T/4 Serafin's rank and organization.
4. It is requested that an investigation be conducted, and if the evidence warrants, that the facts be presented to a Field Board of Review and the findings forwarded this Office by Air Mail.
5. A Congressional inquiry has been received for T/4 Serafin.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

- 6 Incls
- 1- Missing Rpt
 - 2- Stmt (McGuire)
 - 3- Stmt (McCormick)
 - 4- Ltr dtd 21 May 45
 - 5- After Action Report
 - 6- Physical & dental info

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

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

28 Sept 1948
Date

293 unk France X14 (Solers)

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown X- 14, Plot B,
Row 1, Grave 6 USMC Solers, France 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.

2. Report of Reprocessing was forwarded to your office by
letter of transmittal No. 2256, dated 4 April 1947. No
further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ George L. Freeman
/t/

Received 15 OCT 1948 EQMG
Not identifiable from
information presently
available

FILE 28 OCT 1948
C. Duncan
3d R

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USMC EPINAL, FRANCE
 PLOT B ROW 26 GRAVE 14
 DATE REBURIED: 1 Sept. 1948

BURIED AT DECEASED'S LEFT: HARGER, JACK
 38209229 S/SGT

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE RIGHT:

SECTION A — **RAYMOND W. ASHLEY**
 WOJG AUS
 NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

3568 00019

DATE

15 05 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ARM

DATE OF DEATH

UNKNOWNX-000014

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DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY

SOLERS MELUN

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DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

3502 80
CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

COUNTRY

B 1 6 FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH

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SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

EPINAL, FRANCE

(BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISTINTERRED

Unknown X-14

UTD

6 July 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

 REMAINS
 MARKER

ORGANIZATION

UNKNOWN

RELIGION

UTD

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

George Avakian
Embalmer

NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

Wood blanket & mattress cover

CONDITION OF REMAINS Skeletal form

Fragmented skull, multiple fractures
of upper & lower appendages.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

None

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ transfer case

DATE 7 July 1948

CASKET SEALED BY

J.R. Sprinkle

EMBALMER (Signature)

s/ J.R. Sprinkle

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

DATE 8/30th 48 BY H.B. Ryder Jr.

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY All tags, markings and plates verified by:

James B. JOHNS

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision
 and that the report above is correct. except casketing

KANEMITSU ITO, 1st Lt, Inf

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED			
FROM USMC Solers	TO USMC Epinal		
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Train	NAME OF CONVOYER Galant		
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>Joseph A. Peacock</i> JOSEPH A. PEACOCK, Capt, Inf	DATE 17 May 44	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>W. H. ...</i>	DATE 27 May 44
2. SHIPPED			
FROM	TO		
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	NAME OF CONVOYER		
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
3. SHIPPED			
FROM	TO		
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	NAME OF CONVOYER		
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
4. SHIPPED			
FROM	TO		
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	NAME OF CONVOYER		
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
5. SHIPPED			
FROM	TO		
KIND OF CONVEYANCE (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)	NAME OF CONVOYER		
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER ЕПИНАГЪ ЕВАНСЕ	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
6. SHIPPED			
FROM B I E EVANSE	TO		
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

LH 52

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

293 Unit France X-14 (Solers)

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3568 00019	DATE 15 03 48 DAY MONTH YEAR
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NAME UNKNOWN X-000014	SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	ARM 0	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR
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CEMETERY SOLERS MELUN	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 3502 80 CODE DIST. PT.
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PLOT B 1	ROW 5	GRAVE 5	COUNTRY FRANCE	CAUSE OF DEATH 6
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SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE EPINAL, FRANCE (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
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SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
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CASKET SEALED BY	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
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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.

RRE (Solers, B-1-6)

1st Ind.

PJW/ES/pr

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA, APO 887, U. S. ARMY. 18 September 1946.

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

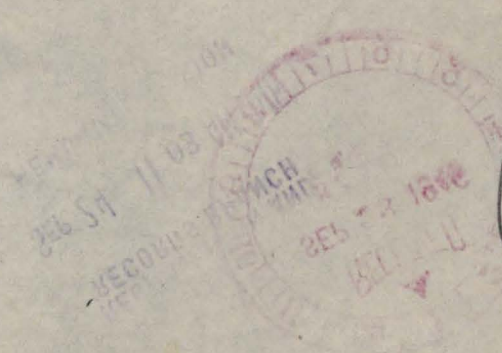
1. Your attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Information requested in paragraph 3, is not available in this theater inasmuch as all combat Armored Units have been redeployed to the United States.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Philip J. Wolf
 PHILIP J. WOLF
 Major QMC
 Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS A. G. R. C.
18 SEPT. 1946 22393
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGYG 293

Unknown X-14
(Solers #1) France

5 September 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

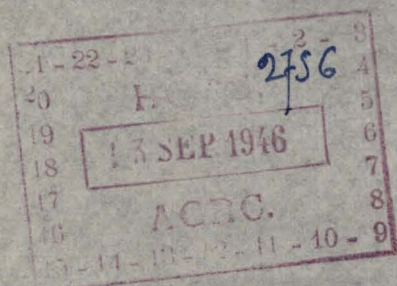
TO : Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area, Versailles, France
APO 887, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Report of Burial dated 6 September 1944 for Unknown X-14, Solers #1, France, Plot B, Row 1, Grave 6.

2. Notation on subject Report of Burial indicates the unknown deceased was the driver of tank No. 14 USA 4082059 44542.

3. It is requested that a list of the crew members, together with position of each, be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:



James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Assistant

QMGYG 293
Unknown X-14
(Solers #1) France

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Assistant

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C. G. M. S.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

REGISTRATION AND
RECORDS BRANCH
SEP 5 2 02 PM '46
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 US ARMY

293 unk. France (Solers) X-14

28 Sept. 1948
 Date

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains.

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 Memorial Division
 Washington 25, D.C.

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2. Report of Reprocessing was forwarded to your office by letter of transmittal No. 2256, dated 4 April, 1947. No further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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

Received 10-15-48 OQMG
 Not identifiable from
 information presently
 available

AGRC
FORM NO. 11
Revised 5 January 1946

CHECK LIST OF UNKNOWN

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

Unknown X - 14
Cemetery Solers, France.
Plot B Row 1 Grave 6

1. ~~Strasbourg~~ Date reprocessed: 17 Febr. 1947.
(Hour) (date)

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

Sheet, scale and serials used.

3. Remains ~~recovered~~ disinterred by Mobile Laboratory Central Identification Point
(Name and organization) Strasbourg

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	Color	Indicate unusual markings wear, tear, repairs, etc.
*Headgear	none (type)			

Raincoat Remnants of,

Overcoat none

Jacket, Field none

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

Belt, Web **Remnants of,**
 Drawers, Wool **none**
 Drawers, Cotton **none**
 Leggings, Wool **none** (Note unusual lacing)
 Socks, Cotton **none**
 *Shoes (type) **none**
 Overshoes **none**
 Web Equipment (type) **none**
 (Other item) **Remnants of wool OD blanket,**
 (Other item) **none**

*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
Ground Forces

8. Description of Remains

Age **Utd** Height **5'7 5/8"** 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 **None found**
(color, length, quantity, curly, wavy, straight, whorls, or definite parting)

Hair **None found**
(badness, 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 **See Tooth Chart** (white, size, unevenness, spacing, noticeable crowns, fillings, extract)

Chin **Normal** (prominent, receding, pointed, dimple, double)

Jaw **Large** (large, small, normal) Circumference of head in inches **Utd "crushed"** (hat band)

Neck **Utd** (size, length, short, normal, wrinkled) Larynx **Utd** (prominent, normal)

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

Utd (extent and quantity of hair)

Hands **Utd**

Fingers **Utd** (sort, thick, long, slender, size of knuckles, missing fingers or joints)

Utd (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)

Utd (quantity & color of hair) Circumcision **Utd** (yes-no) Pubic hair **None found** (color)

Hernioplasty **Utd** (yes-no, location)

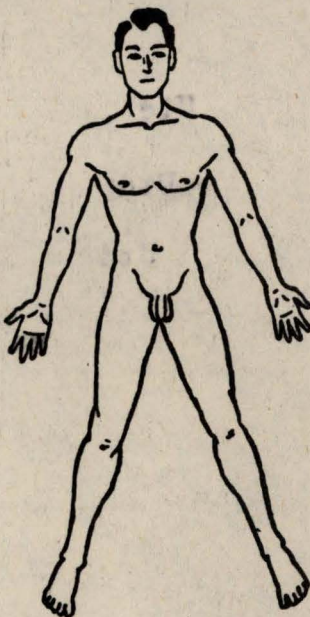
Legs **Utd** (inseam, muscular, knock-kneed, bowed, normal, quantity, color & extent of hair)

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

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

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

See attached anatomical chart.



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

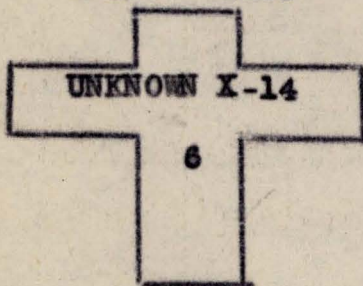
If not, explain hands missing

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

12. Remarks: Remains recovered with small amount of decomposed flesh, only badly decomposed remnants of clothing remaining.
Body, clothing and debris fluoroscoped results negative.
Estimated weight of remains recovered: 20 lbs.
Nothing found to warrant Chemical Laboratory Examination.
As no means of identification was found the deceased remains to be unknown.

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



Ellsworth T. Mac Intyre
Officers Name

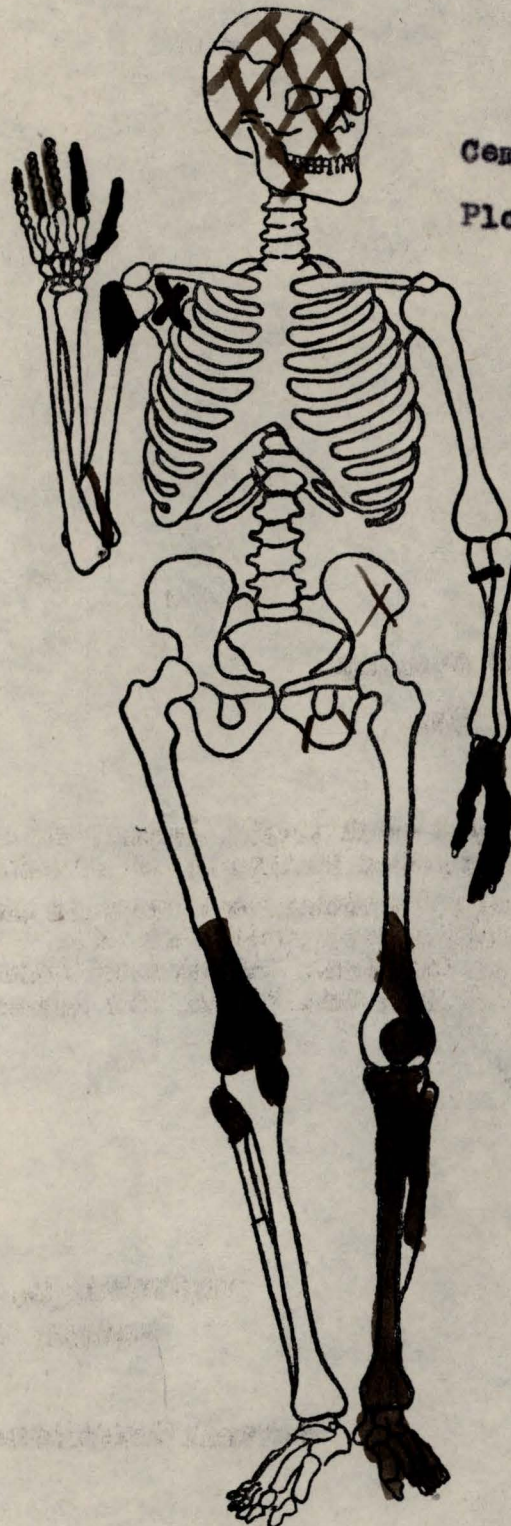
ELLSWORTH T. MAC INTYRE
Captain Q.M.C.

Rank Service

Central Identification Point
Organization

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED AT CEMETERY)



Unknown X-14
Cemetery Solers, France
Plot B, Row 1, Grave 6.

X-14, Cemetery S lers, France.
Plot Row 1, Grave 6.

G. R. & E. DIV.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER
H.Q. COM. ZONE, ETOUSA

TOOTH CHART

17 Febr. 1947

Date

Unknown X-14

Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.

Unit

Organization

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

Right

Left

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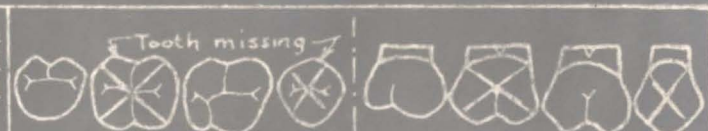
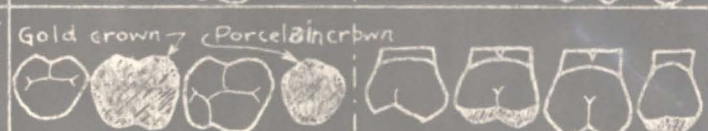
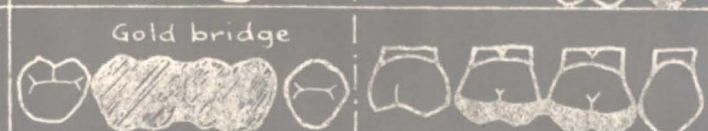
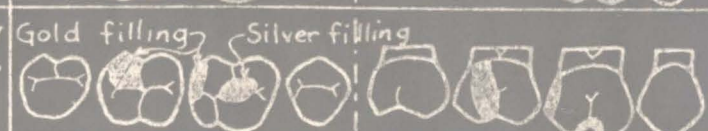
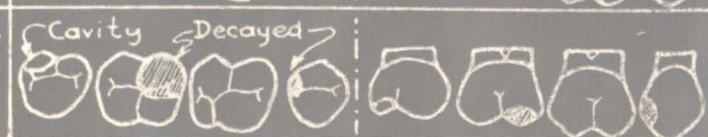
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	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

- See Remarks -

This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

Lawrence De Shaw 16 D
Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Ellsworth T. MacIntyre
Verified by G. R. S. Officer
ELLSWORTH T. MAC INTYRE
Captain Q.M.C. C.I.P.

<p>MISSING TEETH .. All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be "X" 'd out and labeled, thus :</p>	
<p>CROWNED TEETH... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, Silver or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p>BRIDGE WORK... Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p>FILLINGS.. Draw filling on tooth as accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES). Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	

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."

ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

Teeth are average size. Color is a dull clean white.

L-8, R-14 and R-16 are missing before death.

Alignment is good.

L-16 and R-8 both have very large cavities on the facial surface making it appear as though they may have had fillings where the cavities are.

RESTRICTED

IF 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.:

GR. Form # 1 and Embossed Plates.

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

Who is buried on:
 Deceased's Right: _____
 Deceased's Left: _____

Left Hand

Right Hand

Thumb

1

2

3

4

Date

Serial No.

Case of Death

Place of Death

Time and Date of Burial

Grave Number

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

How were remains identified?

What means of identification were found with the body?

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

TOOTH CHART

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.

Deceased's Right	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Upper															
Deceased's Left	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Lower															

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

Characteristics: _____

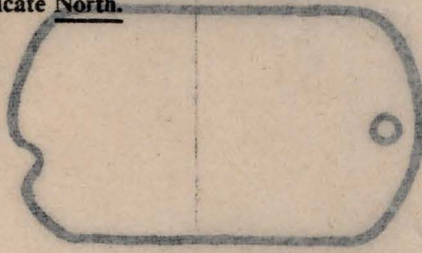
Other Data: _____

Signature of Officer or other person reporting: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Address: _____

Religion: _____



List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:
 No Effects.

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