

AIR MAIL

QUICMT 293

1st Ind.

Unk. X-48

(Cambridge) England

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

Department of the Army, GQG, Washington 25, D. C., 11 March 1949

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

The inclosed copies of correspondence pertaining to the association of the ring found on the remains of X-48 Cambridge, England, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl:  
(Cyps Corresp  
X-48)

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

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REB

*E. Flora*  
E. Flora  
Farmer  
REB

NJS

cc: Administrative Section



AIR MAIL



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MR. [illegible]  
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R. [illegible]

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RFE 200.2 Unknown X-48  
(Cambridge)

8 February 1949

IDENTIFICATION OF UNKNOWN DECEASED

1. Information in file of Unknown X-48 US Military Cemetery, Cambridge shows that this casualty was associated with the SS Dan Beard, a liberty ship destroyed off Wales, 12 October 1944.

2. The best clue to this casualty's identity is the finger ring found on the third finger, left hand, described as a gold and silver colored signet ring. The letter M appeared on the top over which was an Alladin lamp. On one side of the ring is 19, on the other side 39, suggesting a school or class ring, 1939. The manufacturer's name is Jestenick.

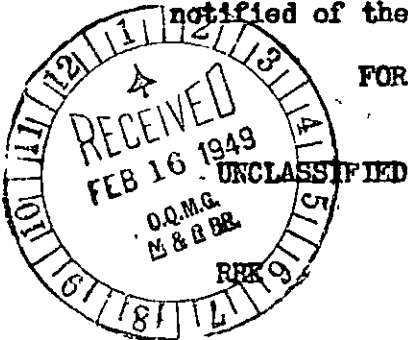
3. Copies of correspondence indicate that the parents of James H. FEURTADO, one of the seamen missing from the SS Dan Beard, definitely identified the ring as the property of their son. The address of the next of kin, is Miami, Florida, which suggests that the M on the ring represents Miami. According to the date of birth of Boatswain FEURTADO, as shown on the 371 Form, his age in 1939 would have been 13.

4. It is requested that the possible association between Unknown X-48, Cambridge and Boatswain FEURTADO be checked by contact with the next of kin or the Miami school authorities, and this office notified of the results.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE L. FREEMAN

8 Feb 49 1/Lt., QMC., Actg Asst Adj Gen



993 Unknown X-48 England (Cambridge)



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USMC CAMBRIDGE  
 PLOT E ROW 3 GRAVE 14 DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE  
 DATE OF BURIAL 27 SEP 48  
 VERIFIED BY: *W.C. Entzinger*

SECTION A —  
 NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

W.C. ENTZINGER

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

1615 00000

DATE

15 03 48  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ARM

DATE OF DEATH

UNKNOWN X0000048

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DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

CAMBRIDGE

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1601 80  
CODE DIST PT

PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY

CC 7 19 BRITISH ISLES

CAUSE OF DEATH

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## SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND

(BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

## SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISINTERRED

UNIDENTIFIED X-48

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FOUND  
16 JAN 45

9 APRIL 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

 REMAINS  
 MARKER GRS

UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN

D.W. BROWN 1/LT  
NAME AND TITLE

## SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

U.K. CASKET. MATTRESS COVER

CONDITION OF REMAINS CRUSHED SKULL MANDIBLE MAXILLA  
 MISSING. RIGHT RADIUS, RIGHT TIBIA, FIBULA, LEFT  
 TIBIA, FIBULA, RIGHT HUMERUS. BODY IN SKELETON  
 FORM. SMALL AMOUNT OF DECOMPOSED FLESH.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

BELIEVED TO BE MISSING FROM LIBERTY  
 SHIP SS. DAN BEARD. BODY FOUND OFF SHORE, PEMBERKESHIRE.

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

NONE

MAX  
 FILE  
 RECORDS APPROVED  
 DATE APR 13 1949  
*David L. Benshoff*  
 B & B

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 22 JUNE 1948

BY

s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

CASKET SEALED BY

s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

EMBALMER (Signature)

s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

DATE 22 JUNE '48 BY A. McQUIRK

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

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

s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies  
 See Tentative Directive attached hereto for certification of signatures.  
 A true copy except for: Tentative Directive reads Section C ( UNIDENTIFIED X-48)  
 WILLIAM C. ENTZINGER, 1st Lieut, QMC

*W.C. Entzinger*

# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ARM

DATE OF DEATH

UNKNOWN X0000048

Q

DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

CODE DIST PT

PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY

CAUSE OF DEATH

CC 7 19 CAMBRIDGE BRITISH ISLES

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

Form with fields: NAME, SERIAL NUMBER, RANK, DATE OF DEATH FOUND, DATE DISTINTERRED, IDENTIFICATION TAG ON, ORGANIZATION, RELIGION, IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY. Includes text: UNIDENTIFIED X-48, 16 JAN '45, 9 APRIL 1948, D.W. BROWN 1/LT

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

Form with fields: NATURE OF BURIAL, CONDITION OF REMAINS, OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION. Includes text: U.K. CASSET. MATTRESS COVER, CRUSHED SKULL MANDIBLE, MAXILLA MISSING, BELIEVED TO BE MISSING FROM LIBERTY SHIP SS.DAN BEARD.

MINOR DISCREPANCIES / NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET DATE 22 JUNE 1948 BY s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

CASKET SEALED BY s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF EMBALMER (Signature) s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED DATE 22 JUNE '48 BY A. McQUIRK SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

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

s/ DAVID L. BENSHOFF

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies I certify that the entries on this form are true copies of the entries on Copy # 4 of this Disinterment Directive which contains the signatures of the persons whose names are typed hereon.

WILLIAM C ENTZMINGER, 1st Lieut, QMC

William C Entzinger

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 200.2

Date 25 OCT 1948

SUBJECT : Reprocessing of Remains

TO : The Quartermaster General  
2nd & T Sts. S.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.


The remains of X-48  
interred in Plot CC, Row -7, Grave 19, USMC Cambridge  
England, have been reprocessed and the information  
not previously forwarded to your Headquarters is herewith submitted.

Est. Height : 5' 9  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Remains in skeletal form.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL :

1 Incl :  
- Skeletal Chart

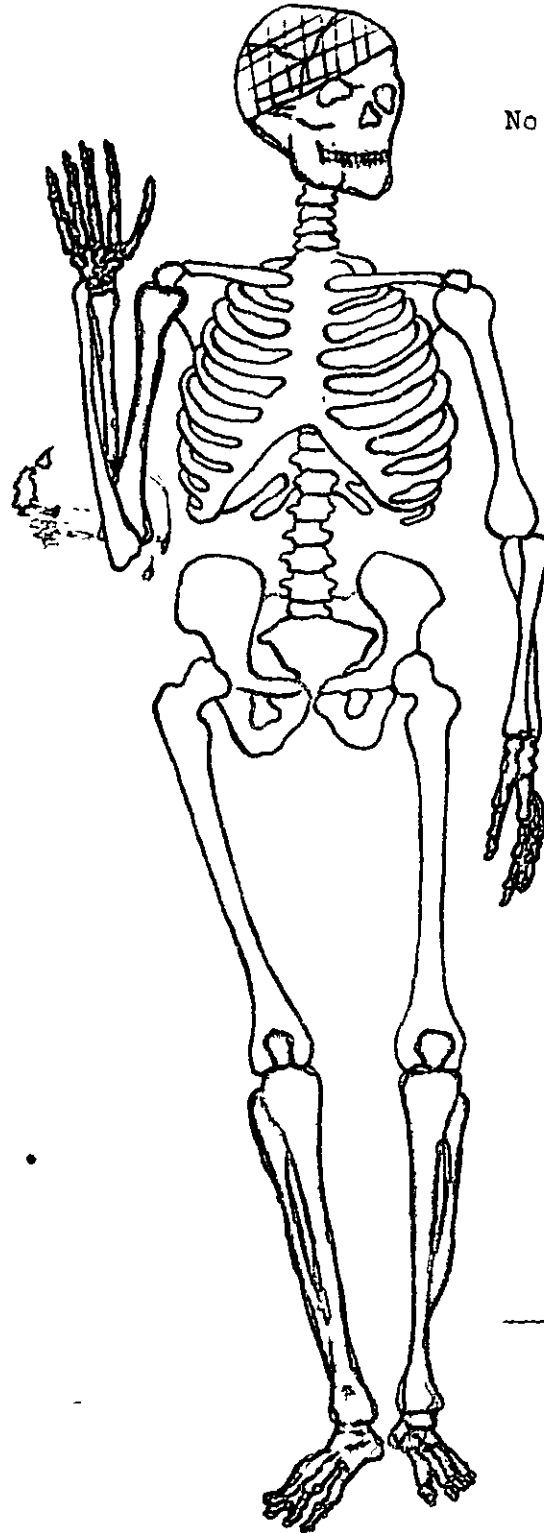
  
GEORGE L. FREEMAN  
1st Lt. QMC  
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

Incl #14

23 Sept. 1948  
UNK X-48  
CG-7-19  
Cambridge USMC

# SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECEIVED)



No teeth found

33.6 CM HUMERUS

25.9 CM RADIUS

27.7 CM ULNA

47.4 CM FEMUR

\_\_\_\_\_ CM TIBIA

\_\_\_\_\_ CM FIBULA

5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ESTIMATED HEIGHT

PROCESSED BY. \_\_\_\_\_

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 58 US ARMY

25 October 1948  
Date

SUBJECT : Unidentifiable Remains .

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

1. The records pertaining to Unknown A- 48, Plot CC,  
Row 7, Grave 19, USIC Cambridge, England 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. 3167, dated 25 Oct. 1948. No  
further information is available.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL :

*George L. Frank*  
GEORGE L. FRANK  
1st Lt            J C  
Actg Asst QM Gen

26 Oct 48  
TL # 2172 OQMG

Not responsible for  
information presently  
available -

*J. J. James*  
1 Nov. 48

Incl #7

REBURIAL:

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Case # 6330

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  
**10 Sept. 1946**

*Imprint Identification Tag If Possible  
DO NOT TYPE*

**UNIDENTIFIED 3-48**

**THIS TAG MADE  
AT CAMBRIDGE**

**Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.**

NAME (Last, first, middle initial) <b>UNKNOWN - X-48</b>		SERIAL No <b>UNKNOWN</b>
GRADE <b>UNKNOWN</b>	ORGANIZATION <b>UNKNOWN</b>	BRANCH OF SERVICE <b>U.S.M.M.</b>
RACE <b>UNKNOWN</b>	RELIGION <b>UNKNOWN</b>	IF OTHER THAN U.S. DEAD GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY

PLACE OF DEATH <b>off shore Cwy-yr-Eglwys, Pembroke, Wales.</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Shell Fragments</b>	DATE OF DEATH <b>body found 16 Jan. 1945</b>
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)  
**UNKNOWN**

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY (1, 2, or none) <b>None</b>	IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse)  <b>NONE</b>
WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED?(Yes or no) <b>Yes</b>	

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME  
  
**SEE REMARKS.**

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

NAME NUMBER COORDINATES AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (Ref Map Eng. & Wales G.S.G.S. 3907 Sheet 85)  
**CAMBRIDGE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY, MADINGLEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND.  
No.1. ( L 5856 - 2785)**

DATE OF BURIAL <b>11 SEPT ' 46</b>	HOUR <b>1530</b>	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) <b>CASKET</b>	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER <b>Temp. Wooden Cross.</b>	PLOT No <b>CC</b>	ROW No <b>7</b>	GRAVE No <b>19</b>
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WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) <b>YES</b>	IF A REBURIAL INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY AND LOCATION OF GRAVE <b>Llanwnda Cemetery, Goodwick, Pembroke, Wales, (Ref: Map Eng. &amp; Wales G.S.G.S. 3907 Sheet 88) (N 388 - 618)</b>	PLOT No <b>610</b>	ROW No <b>....</b>	GRAVE No <b>....</b>
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TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY <b>Joint Service</b>	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES <b>H. M. TREBAOL - Capt O-474597</b>	IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY <b>One copy WD QMC Form 1042 "Report of Interment", placed in a metal bottle and buried with the remains.</b>
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IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) <b>YES (Substitute)</b>	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) <b>YES (Substitute)</b>
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT NAME (Last, first, middle initial) <b>LEMI, Frank Lewis</b>	RANK <b>Chief Cook</b>	SERIAL No. <b>Z-134186-D3</b>	ORGANIZATION <b>s.s. Benjamin H. Bristow</b>	GRAVE No <b>18</b>
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT NAME (Last, first, middle initial) <b>SANFORD, Jack Wesson</b>	RANK <b>Seaman 3rd. Ref. Eng.</b>	SERIAL No. <b>- -</b>	ORGANIZATION <b>s.s. Zacapa</b>	GRAVE No <b>20</b>
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT  
**H. Klafke - Sgt. Harvey Klafke**  
349th QM. Bn. A.G.R.C.


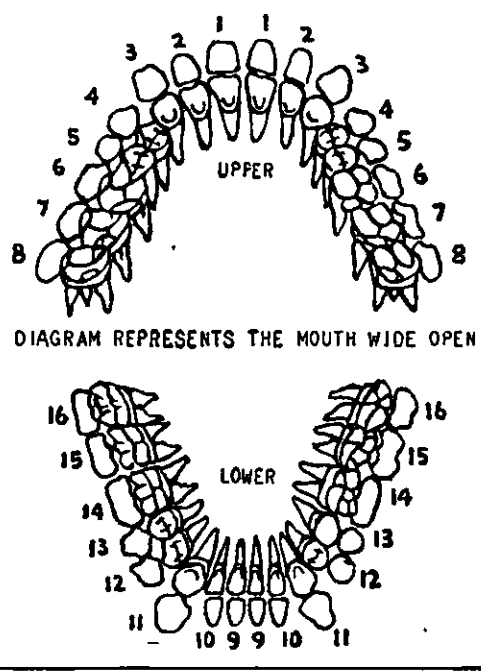




SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT  
**HARVEY B. CUNNINGHAM**  
Captain, QMC, 60th QM. Bn.

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT Signed original for U S and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Officer Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander

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	<b>Section</b>	<b>UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.</b>		
LEFT LITTLE FINGER	<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b> (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.			
LEFT RING FINGER	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
	5'7" Est.	UTD	UTD	NONE FOUND
	WEAPON AND SERIAL NO		LAUNDRY MARKS	BIRTHMARKS SCARS OR TATTOOS
LEFT MIDDLE FINGER	NONE		NONE FOUND	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND <b>BODY WAS FOUND FLOATING OFF SHORE CWY-YR-EGLWYS.</b>
	<b>OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES</b> Deceased BTB one missing from Liberty ship s.s. Dan Beard. Body found off shore Cwy-yr-Eglwys, Pembroke.			
LEFT INDEX FINGER	<b>FILLINGS</b>  SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING		 DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN	
LEFT THUMB	<b>CAVITIES</b>  CAVITY DECAYED			
RIGHT THUMB	<b>MISSING TEETH</b>  TOOTH MISSING			
RIGHT INDEX FINGER	<b>CROWNED TEETH</b>  PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN			
RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER	<b>BRIDGE WORK</b>  GOLD BRIDGE			
RIGHT RING FINGER				
RIGHT LITTLE FINGER	FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY One ring marked "M" and "Alladin" with date "1939". Make Mark: "Jestenick". Present disposition of the ring unknown. (BTB forwarded to the parents of the deceased at the time of his death. Parents and deceased address and names Unknown at this time.) Information obtained from attached statement by J.L. Weldron.			
	<b>REMARKS:</b> Form 11 "Check list of Unknowns" - accomplished. - Impossible to obtain tooth chart, because of missing portions. Impossible to obtain finger prints, because; Left hand decomposed, Right hand missing.			

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Sheet 1.

PEMBROKESHIRE POLICE

Return of Bodies washed ashore - Death being due to enemy action

Time and date body recovered: 1130 hrs, 16.1.45

Male or female: Male.

Name and address if identified: Not known

Age: Not known

Height: 5 ft. 8 inches.

Hair: Not known

Eyes: Not known

Build: Medium

Remarks: Face, right arm, both legs below knee missing.  
Body decomposed. Wearing on 3rd finger of left hand  
gold and silver colored signet ring. Letter "M" on signet  
with "Alladin" lamp above letter "M". Date 1939 inscribed  
thereon. Maker's mark inside ring JESTEWICK.  
On body. Small portion of US pattern mercerised U/pants  
and blue dungaree overall, held on by narrow blue web belt.

Name of body if available : Not known

District where body was recovered: Cwff-yr-Eglwys.

Where buried: Llanwnda Cemetery, Plot 610

Sheet 2

STATEMENT made to W.G. Victor Jones, Inspector at Goodwick Police Station,  
at 2145 hrs., Tuesday, 16 January 1945 by Surgeon Lt. Charles Frederick  
Colvill PARKINSON, R.N.V.R. attached Royal Marines, Trecwm.

"About 2130 hrs., 16 Jan 1945, I inspected the remains of the body  
of a man at Goodwick Mortuary. His height was approximately 5'8". He is  
in an advanced state of decomposition, portions of his face, both legs below  
knee and right arm were missing. Small portion of clothing around waist  
fastened by belt and buckle. Body eroded by shingle penetrating through  
muscles of the buttock down to the pelvic bones.

Fatty waxy degeneration had begun in the remaining flesh at the  
back of the head and neck.

(Signed) C.F.C. Parkinson, Surgeon Lt.  
R.N.V.R.

Pembrokeshire Police

Police Station  
Goodwick  
20th January 1945

Mr. Supt. R. Davies  
Goodwick

Sir,

Body of Unknown Seaman recovered from the sea  
at Cwm-yr-Eglwys

I beg to report that in consequence of information received from Pc 49 Richards, Dinas, on 16 Jan 1945, that a body was floating in the sea near Cwm-yr-Eglwys, with Pc 37 Thomas I went to Cwm-yr-Eglwys, there I met Pc 49 Richards.

Mr. Evans, the Pont, Cwm-yr-Eglwys, loaned us his rowing boat and in this with Pc 37 Thomas I went in search of the body. We found it floating in the water about half a mile nearer Newport from Cwm-yr-Eglwys Bay. I attached a rope to a belt that was around the waist of the body and towed it to Cwm-yr-Eglwys Bay, from where we removed it to the Mortuary, Goodwick.

It was the body of a male, the face, right arm and both legs below the knee were missing. A small portion of U/pants and a portion of blue dungaree overall were still around the waist being held there by a blue web belt 1" wide, fastened with a metal buckle. The U/pants was of U.S. pattern, the material being of mercerised cotton.

On the third finger of the left hand was a metal signet ring the metal was silver and gold color, on the signet was the letter "M" above this letter was an Alladin lamp. Inscribed on the shank of the ring was the date 1939. 19 being on one side of the letter "M" and 39 on the other side. A maker's name inside the ring is "JESTENICK".

I notified the Naval authorities who endeavoured to establish identity through the U.S. War Shipping and U.S. Navy at Cardiff. This without success. It is thought that the body is one of those missing from the U.S. Liberty Ship "Danbeard".

The body was examined at Goodwick Mortuary at 2145 hrs, Tuesday, 16 Jan 1945 by Surgeon Lt. Charles Frederick Colville Parkinson, RNVR attached to Royal Marines, Trecwm (Statement attached)

The Clerk to Local Authority was notified.

On Saturday 20th inst at 1430 hrs, the body of the Unidentified seaman was buried at LLanwnda Cemetery in plot 610.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd) W.G. Victor Jones  
Inspector.

Respectfully submitted for the information of  
The Chief Constable.

(Sgd) R. Davies  
Superintendent.

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FROM: THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M. NAVAL BASE MILFORD HAVEN".

DATE: 25 July 1945

TO : THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, FISHGUARD.

With reference to the body of an unknown seaman found on the beach at Cwm-yr-Eglwys on 17 Jan 1945 the following enquiries have been received from the American authorities:

"Were identification discs found on the remains, were any personal effects found in the pockets of the deceased's dungarees, was it possible to obtain a dental chart and was one made, was it possible to obtain fingerprints and were prints made, did the dungarees or underclothes have any identifying laundry marks, were there any particularly significant personal characteristics, such as birth marks tattoos, etc, location where remains were found, condition of remains when found and estimated date of death".

2. It is requested please that if any of the required information is in your possession, this may be forwarded to me as soon as possible.

??????  
Captain



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Goodwick  
29th July

32R/1644  
637 (8)A/45

The Commanding Officer, H.M. Naval Base,  
Milford Haven.

Body of an Unknown Seaman recovered from the sea at Cwm-yr-Eglwys,  
Pembrokeshire.

Mr. Superintendent R. Davies,  
Police Station,  
Goodwick.

Sir,

With reference to the attached letter dated 25th instant respecting  
the above mentioned matter.

I have to report that with Pc 37 Thomas on the 16th January 1945, I  
recovered from the sea at Cwm-yr-Eglwys, Pembrokeshire. Map.Ref. Sheet  
88/628465, the body of a male, the face, right arm and both legs and mer-  
cerised cotton underpants were still around the waist, held there by a  
webbing belt about 1 inch wide, fastened with a metal buckle. There were  
no marks of any description on the pieces of clothing, nor did they contain  
any personnel property.

*Coords read  
North & East  
should read  
465 628*

The body was in a bad state of decomposition, the flesh was leaving the  
bones on the left hand and arm and it was impossible to take fingerprints.  
The face and jaw bones were missing.

The only personal property on the body was a ring on the third finger  
of the left hand. This I cut off the finger and it is forwarded herewith.  
It is a metal signet ring, silver and gold in color. On the ring is the  
letter "M", above this letter is an alladin lamp. Inscribed on the  
shank is the date 1939, 19 being on one side and of the letter "M" and  
39 on the other side. The maker's mark inside the ring is "JESTENICK".

The body was examined at Goodwick Mortuary at 2130 hrs, Tues, 16 Jan  
1945 by Surgeon Lt. Charles Frederick Colville Parkinson, RNVR attached  
to Royal Marines, Trecwm, and he made to me the following statement.

"About 2130 hrs, 16.1.45, I inspected the remains of the body of a man  
at Goodwick Mortuary. High height was approximately 5' 8". He is in an  
advanced state of decomposition, portions of clothing around waist fast-  
ened by belt and buckle. Body eroded by shingle penetrating through mus-  
cles of the buttock down to the pelvic bones. Fatty waxy degeneration had  
begun in the remaining flesh at the back of the head and neck".

(Sgd) C.F.C. Parkinson, Surgeon Lt. RNVR.

On Saturday 20th January 1945 at 1430 hrs, the remains were interred  
at LLanwnda Cemetery Goodwick,--in plot 610.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
W.G. Victor Jones, Inspector  
25th July 1945.

To: Mr. Howard K. Hyde, RMO

From: Marine Section, Vessels Operations Division.

Reference is made to our memorandum to you of February 18, relating to correspondence from Mr. Hughes of the Recruitment and Manning Organization in London, in connection with the findings of a body which was presumed to be that of a member of the crew of the "Dan Beard". Reference is also made to Mr. Owen's letter to you dated March 23, 1946, which you referred to this office.

In order that Mr. Owen may be in a position to pursue the matter further, we are attaching copy of Mrs. Hughe's letter to Mr. Stone, dated October 15, 1945, with the attachment referred to by Mr. Hughes, including letter addressed to the Superintendent of the Police Station at Goodwick by the Chief Constable, dated July 29, 1945, which relates to a ring which was on a finger of the body which was found.

As indicated in our memorandum to you of February 18, the parents of James H. Feurtado, one of the seaman missing from the ss "Dan Beard", definitely identified the ring as the property of their son, and requested that if at all possible it be delivered to them.

Your representative in London may be able to contact the Surgeon Lt. Charles F.C. Parkinson, RNVR, or the police authorities in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of the ring and the probability of its being delivered to the parents of the deceased seaman.

Signed: J.L. Waldron

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UNITED STATES  
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION  
Recruitment and Manning Organization

2 Harewood Place  
London, W.1.

Mayfair 9881-9

Mr. Superintendent R. Davies  
Police Station  
Goodwick, Pembrokeshire.  
S.Wales.

Re: Body of an unknown seaman recovered from the  
sea at Cwm-yr-Eglwys, Pembrokeshire, Jan 1945.

Dear Sir,

We have on file a copy of the letter submitted to you by this Chief Constable, Goodwick Station, regarding the above subject.

In this connection we enclose a copy of memorandum just received from our organization in Washington and would particularly draw your attention to the third paragraph therein.

We shall be glad if your will let us have any information in your possession regarding the ring which was cut from the finger of the deceased, in order that we may make further efforts to recover the ring as requested, and return it to the seaman's parents.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) Somerset A.Owen

War Shipping Administration (UK)

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Goodwick  
9th May 1946

Fishguard 225

The United States War Shipping Administration  
Recruitment and Manning Organization  
2 Harewood Place  
London, W.1.

Dear Sir,

Re: Body of unknown man recovered from sea  
at Cwm-yr-Eglwys, Pembrokeshire,

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated  
the 1st May 1946, and have to inform you that the matter is receiving our  
attention.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) R. Davies

Superintendent.