

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

243 unk Guadalcanal X-183

SUBJECT

50624
18 MAY 1951

From: Chief, Bureau of Aeronautics.
To: Department of the Army
Office of Quartermaster General (Memorial Division)

Subj: Airplane at Guadalcanal; identification of

1. Some time ago the Memorial Division requested the Bureau of Aeronautics to assist in identifying an airplane which had apparently been lost in combat and of which parts were later found on Guadalcanal.

2. The information that was provided to the Bureau of Aeronautics was the numbers on the following parts:

Fuselage	4061702
Landing gear, manufacturer's number	277017
Navy number	57461
Engine cylinder head, manufacturer's number	6901301
Navy number	78378
Engine Housing	G2974
	T38

The number "21" painted in 18 inch white numerals on the fuselage.

It was further suggested that the airplane might be an SBD or an SOC.

3. A search through the Bureau of Aeronautics records did not give positive indication as to what the airplane was.

4. The following notes are added for purpose of information:

- (a) The large white number on the fuselage ordinarily indicated the number of the airplane within a squadron. Marine Squadrons were equipped with as many as 24 aircraft while the complement of an inshore patrol squadron at Guadalcanal was 18 aircraft.

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- (b) A small part about 4 inches square used to couple the fuselage to the tail was numbered 4061702 on the SBD. 50024
- (c) The SBD used Wright R-1820-32, -52, -60, or -66 engines. One of the Wright R-1820 engines used cylinder heads with the number 69013. Since the Navy files did not indicate that this engine was used on the SBD the Wright Aeronautical Corporation was consulted. They advised that the engines with cylinder head number 69013 were of their G-100 series which were produced in or before 1941. Engines of this type were used in the DC-3 and in the North American O-47, but not on the SBD or any other Navy plane.
- (d) No engine housing parts with the numbers C2974 or T38 were found.
- (e) No airplane landing gear parts with the numbers 277017 or 57461 were found.

5. The Bureau of Aeronautics believes this information is too tenuous to identify the airplane, although, if allowance is made for the lack of complete records during the first two years of war, it could possibly be an SBD.

6. If any more information is available or becomes available later the Bureau of Aeronautics will be pleased to assist in making a more positive identification of the airplane.



W. H. MC REE
By direction

MAY 21 1951
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1. FILE UNDER NO.

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(Guadalcanal)

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: FORM

3. DATE: 6 Dec 49

4. FROM:

5. TO:

6. SUBJECT:

No. 1 - Disint. Dir. #8730 CG-30

covering Group or

Mass Burial from Guadalcanal, S. I.

to Nat'l. Mem. Cem. of Pac.

National Cemetery. T. H.

293 Unk. Solomon Islands X-182 (Guadalcanal)

7. DOCUMENT FILED

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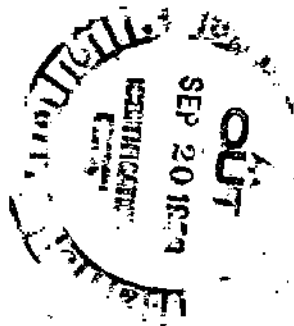
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PRIORITY

M 17958

FROM CNGM REURAD MIKE ONE SEVEN NINE FIVE EIGHT

SUBJECT AIRCRAFT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED WITH AVAILABLE ARMY OR
NAVY AIR FORCE RECORDS PD REQUEST APPROXIMATE DATE OF CRASH SO THAT
DETAILED CHECK CAN BE MADE

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

M 17958 IS MC IN 51179

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15 SEPT 47

CNGM 293
GRAVES REGISTRATION PAC

0830 NRS

O. J. MURRAY
MAJOR, CMC, MEM DIV

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G. P. S.
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FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Unk. X-183 Guadalcanal

I N D E X S H E E T

S Y N O P S I S

Letter.

15 Sep 45

FROM: OQMG
TO: Chief, Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department
SUBJ: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

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INVESTIGATION IN THE CASE OF

X182 and X-183, reburied 7/10/45

ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CEMETERY, GUADALCANAL

From the information contained in Report of Interment, WD QMC Form 1042, a thorough and complete exhaustive investigation was made into airplanes, engine and other pertinent parts, at the Bureau of Aeronautics with negative results.

From the information of people familiar with the situation at Guadalcanal during the period of August 1942 until early 1943, it was determined that Marine Aircraft was the major Aviation unit thereat as part of MAG 21. It was further found that VMSB 232 made the initial landing at the airstrip under the Now Colonel Richard MANGUM (now on duty at the Navy Dept. Bldg. with Marine Corps Reserve). It was he who advised me that the SBD plane marked with the figures "21" was last known to have been flown by his Executive Officer, the late Major Fletcher L. BROWN. However, Colonel MANGUM stated that the plane crashed in water not far from the beach.

From personal experience with this type of crash I would say it was possible that after a sufficient period of time had elapsed the plane could be washed up on the beach. However, the Colonel advises that it is very hard for him to believe that these are the remains which include those of the late Major BROWN.

An investigation is under way now to determine what other SBD type squadrons were in the local above, during the period mentioned. As soon as Sgt. PETERS, Marine Corps Aviation unit, advises a check will be made to determine if any other squadron lost one of their planes marked "21" and if so, were the remains recovered, etc., in an effort to eliminate any other possibilities.

Submitted:

ERIC TAYLOR

*with negative results
to negative results
for info*

Common Grave #30

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN X-183				2. DATE OF REPORT 24 June 1948				
3. NAME OF CEMETERY U. S. Army Mausoleum No. 2 Formerly of Guadalcanal				4. PLOT D	5. ROW 117	6. GRAVE 13 4	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT 23 June 48	REINTERMENT 24 June 48

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION Age 24 1/2 years.

8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT 135 to 145 lbs.	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT 168-66.14-5'6 1/8"	10. COLOR OF HAIR U.T.D.	11. RACE Probably White
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12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS
 One (1) embossed plate reading: C.G. #30 X-182, X-183, Guadalcanal.
 One (1) embossed plate reading: Unknown X-182, X-183, P-D, R-117, Gr.-4.

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES
 None

U N I D E N T I F I A B L E
 BY REASON OF LACK OF SUFFICIENT IDENTIFYING DATA

CYRIL C. DISNEY
 1st. Lt., FA O-1167395 *Cyril C. Disney* 20 Jan 1949

14. WAS BODY BURNED? TO WHAT EXTENT?
 YES NO

15. WAS BODY MANGLED? TO WHAT EXTENT?
 YES NO
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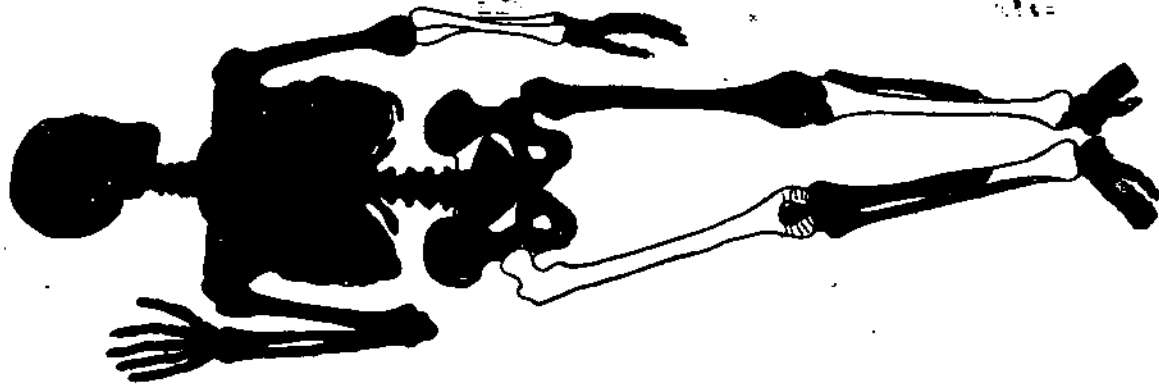
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS
 None

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 specimens forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area)
 None

June 25

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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 _____ DECEASETS BASED ON THE PRESENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ANATOMICAL PARTS: NUMBER

See attached narrative.

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M. TROTTER SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER ANTHROPOLOGIST

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Picture a short, slight man 24 years or older. This age estimate is a minimum estimate. A more definite age estimate is difficult due to the few skeletal parts present.

The height estimate is based on the presence of only Two (2) measurable long bones. Due to the absence of the skull, no further description is possible. In addition of the skeletal parts listed on the bone list, there are approximately 20 fragments of bone that are too small and eroded to properly classify.

See also attached narrative.

Fluoroscopical examination negative.

No teeth present.

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

SIGNATURE

O. W. GREENWOOD, CAPT., QMC

O. W. Greenwood
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CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY

1115 MANASSAS BLVD, APO 957

**CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY & MUSEUM
BONE LIST**

NAME	SIDE	NO	BONE LENGTHS IN CM	REMARKS (IF MISSING OR FRACTURED, LIST PARTS AND LOCATION)
SKULL		0	U.T.D.	Missing.
VERTEBRAE	CERVICAL	0		Missing.
	THORACIC	0		Missing.
	LUMBAR	0		Missing.
SACRUM		0		Missing.
INNOMINATES	RIGHT	0	BI-ILIAC DIAM	Missing.
	LEFT	0	U.T.D.	Missing.
RIBS		0		Missing.
STERNUM		0		Missing.
CLAVICLES	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	0		Missing.
SCAPULAE	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	0		Missing.
HUMERI	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	0		Missing.
RADII	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	1	21.4	
ULNAE	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	1		Distal end missing.
HANDS	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	0		Missing.
FEMORA	RIGHT	1	45.2	Distal end eroded.
	LEFT	0		Missing.
PATELLAE	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	0		Missing.
TIBIAE	RIGHT	1		Distal 1/2 present only.
	LEFT	1		Superior anterior surface eroded.
FIBULAE	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	0		Missing.
FEET	RIGHT	0		Missing.
	LEFT	0		Missing.

HUMERO-CLAVICULAR RATIO	U.T.D.		APPROXIMATE
ESTIMATED HEIGHT	168 - 66.14 5'6 1/8"	AGE	24 1/2 YEARS
ESTIMATED WEIGHT	135 to 145 lbs.	LEG-HIP BR RATIO	U.T.D.

ENCLOSURE TO: X-183 C.G. #30

M. Trotter
M. TROTTER
ANTHROPOLOGIST

NARRATIVE

Common Grave #30
Unknown X-182
Unknown X-183

Common Grave #30 U. S. Army Mausoleum No. 2, R-J, G-13 formerly of U. S. Military Cemetery, Guadalcanal, P-D, R-117, G-4, contained the remains of two (2) individuals, Unknowns X-182 and X-183.

These two (2) remains were segregated on the basis of size, color, and general morphology, and each completely processed.

The two (2) remains have been wrapped separately, tagged with their respective number and both returned to the one (1) temporary casket in which they were received.

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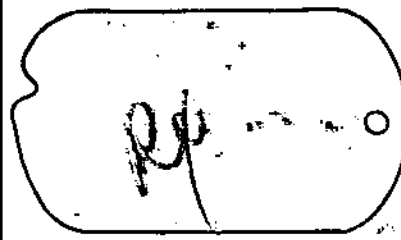
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REPORT OF INTERMENT
(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

DATE OF REPORT
5 July 1949

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.
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Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial) UNKNOWN X-183 (UNIDENTIFIABLE)		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 Northwest coast of Guadalcanal.	CAUSE OF DEATH KIPC	DATE OF DEATH Unknown
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)
Unknown

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) UNIDENTIFIABLE
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
National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, T. H.

DATE OF BURIAL 13 June 1949	HOUR 1000	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Permanent Type Casket	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Cross	PLOT No. Q	ROW No.	GRAVE No. 493
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WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) Yes	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE ANM Cemetery, Guadalcanal BSI	PLOT No. D	ROW No. 117	GRAVE No. 4
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TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY Catholic Protestant	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES Eugene L.A. Fisher, Chaplain Albert F. Click, Chaplain	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.
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Krouse, Ralph M.	RANK S/Sgt	SERIAL No. 3774130	ORGANIZATION USAAF	GRAVE No. 522
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT <i>Margaret E. Parry</i> Margaret E. Parry, Chief Clerk, HDC	SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT <i>James B. Harris</i> James B. Harris, Captain, QMC
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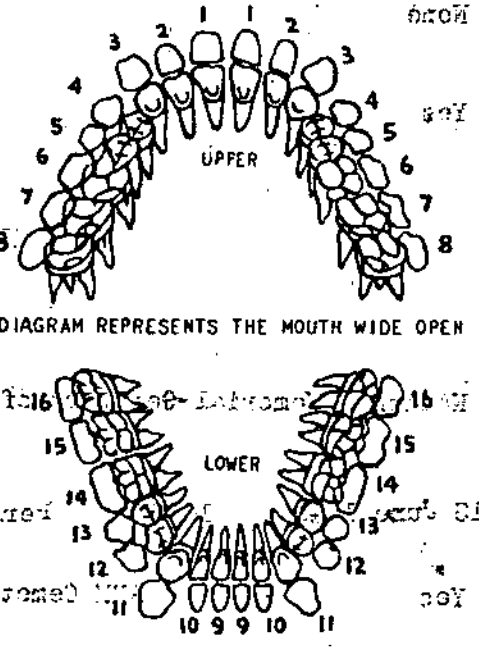




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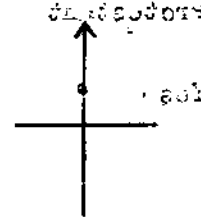
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS
WEAPON AND SERIAL NO.		LAUNDRY MARKS		WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND

OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

FILLINGS	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>	 <p>UPPER</p> <p>LOWER</p> <p>DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN</p>
CAVITIES	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED</p>	
MISSING TEETH	 <p>TOOTH MISSING</p>	
CROWNED TEETH	 <p>PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>	
BRIDGE WORK	 <p>GOLD BRIDGE</p>	

FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY

MEMORIAL DIVISION
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REMARKS: **GROUP BURIAL**
 Unknown X-182 (Casket of 2) Guadalcanal Cemetery, Sec. Q, Gr 493
 Unknown X-183 (Casket of 2) Guadalcanal Cemetery, Sec. Q, Gr 493

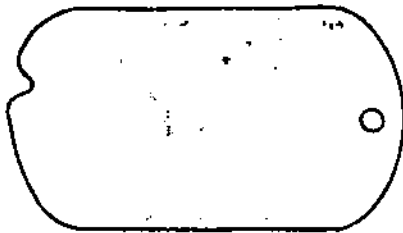
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NAME (Last, first, middle initial) UNKNOWN X-153 (GUADALCANAL (UNIDENTIFIABLE))		SERIAL No. Unknown
GRADE Unknown	ORGANIZATION Unknown	BRANCH OF SERVICE Unknown
RACE Unknown	RELIGION Unknown	IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY

PLACE OF DEATH Northwest coast of Guadalcanal.	CAUSE OF DEATH KIPC	DATE OF DEATH Unknown
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)
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WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED?(Yes or no) Yes	

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME
None

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WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) Yes	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE ARM Cemetery, Guadalcanal BSI	PLOT No. D	ROW No. 117	GRAVE No. 4
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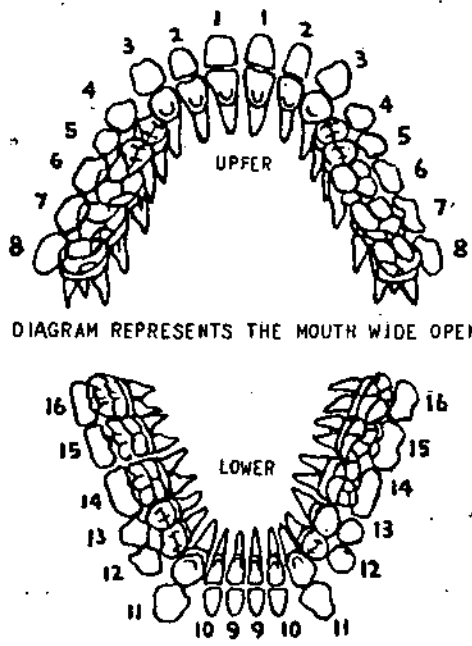




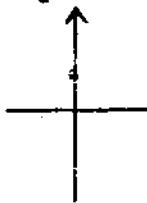
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT <i>Margaret E. Perry</i> Margaret E. Perry, Chief Clerk, HHC	SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT <i>James B. Harris</i> James B. Harris, Captain, QMC
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LEFT MIDDLE FINGER	WEAPON AND SERIAL No.		LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND
	OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES			
LEFT INDEX FINGER	FILLINGS  SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING		 UPPER LOWER DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN	
LEFT THUMB	CAVITIES  CAVITY DECAYED			
RIGHT THUMB	MISSING TEETH  TOOTH MISSING			
RIGHT INDEX FINGER	CROWNED TEETH  PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN			
RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER	BRIDGE WORK  GOLD BRIDGE			
RIGHT RING FINGER				
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	REMARKS: GROUP BURIAL Unknown X-182 (Case No. 1 of 2) Guadalcanal Cemetery, Sec Q, Gr 493 Unknown X-183 (Case No. 2 of 2) Guadalcanal Cemetery, Sec Q, Gr 493			