

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

243 unk Leyte #1 CIL # 220

SUBJECT

Formerly 243 unk Leyte #1 X-465
Also 243 unk Manila Maus X-3675 A

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED IDENTIFIED

MOR, Melvin Antoni Lt. (jg) USNR, 125 528
UNKNOWN X-3675-A, AGRS Mausolam, Manila, P.I.
(Formerly UNKNOWN X-465, USAF Cemetery Leyte #1, P.I.)

BASIS FOR IDENTIFYING REMAINS IDENTIFIED

1. Place, cause and estimated time of death for UNKNOWN X-3675-A, shown on ROI's and ROS is in agreement with data on OQMG Form 371 for Lt. (jg) Melvin Antoni Mor, 125528. (See Incls. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8).
2. Additional information on OQMG Form 371, states that Lt. Mor was a crew member in a F6F-5 aircraft which took off from the USS WASP, for an attack on Alicante airfield in northwestern part of Negros, P.I. Plane was last seen over the target making its dive when it caught fire and crashed just north of the airfield. (See Incl. 1).
3. Letter from 2nd Lt. Milton Surasky dated 21 September 1945, Subject: "Report of Interment", to Commanding General, USAF Western Pacific, is confusing as to the recovery of the remains of MA BEN, Antony. Evidently the guerrillas had gathered the remains from different plane crashes. Upon the arrival of AGRS personnel at the scene, they found that bodies of plane crash victims (including that of Antony Melben) had all been properly tagged by the guerrillas. (See Incl. 2).
4. Antony Melben was originally interred as a known, later at USAF Cemetery Leyte #1, Leyte, P.I. was made an Unknown, believed to be Antony Melben. It is believed that the Filipino guerrillas were probably mistakes in the name and the correct name should have been Melvin Antoni Mor. (See Incls. 6, 7 and 8).
5. Administrative search, reveals no casualty listed as Antony Melben.
6. Estimated height for UNKNOWN X-3675-A, shown on QMG Form 1044 compares favorably with those of shown on OQMG Form 371 for Lt. (jg) Melvin Antoni Mor. (See Incls. 1 and 4).
7. Dental chart of UNKNOWN X-3675-A, shown on QMG Form 1044a is in agreement with that shown on OQMG Form 371 for Lt. (jg) Melvin Antoni Mor. (See Incls. 1 and 5).

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filed 243 unk Manila #2
CIL #228

Incl 4

(Case History for Melvin Antoni Mer, cont'd)

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8. Upon processing of UNKNOWN X-3675-A, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila P.I. formerly UNKNOWN X-365 USAF Cemetery Leyte, #1, P.I. at CIP Lab. an extra bone was found with remains which does not compare in length to that of the left humerus of said UNKNOWN. Therefore, the extra bone was segregated and both remains were designated as UNKNOWN X-3675-A and UNKNOWN X-3675-B. The later comprises one bone the right humerus and is being recommended for "CIL" and given a "CIL" number.

9. OQMG Form 371 for Lt. (jg) MOR was compared with all UNKNOWNs recovered from the same area with negative results.

10. It is recommended that UNKNOWN X-3675-A, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila P.I. (Hangar 812, Bay U, Crypt 5438, be identified as those of Lt. (JG) Antoni Melvin Mer, 125528.

IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: 3 March 1949

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HEADQUARTERS
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UNITED STATES ARMY

OSGR 293

AFO 707

SUBJECT: Assignment of CIL Numbers

3 March 1949

TO: The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Memorial Division

1. In accordance with the provisions of QMG letter, file QMGMT 293, dated 2 April 1948, subject: Disinterment Discrepancies, the following Unknowns presently stored at ACRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I., have been assigned CIL numbers as indicated below:

a. Unknown X-1465 (formerly X-209, USAF Cemetery Sta. Barbara #1) assigned CIL # 219.

b. Unknown X-3675-B (formerly X-465, USAF Cemetery Leyte #1) assigned CIL # 220.

c. Unknown X-3886-C (formerly X-1214, USAF Cemetery Manila #2 assigned CIL # 221.

d. Unknown X-4314-B (formerly X-1838, USAF Cemetery Manila # 2) assigned CIL # 222.

e. Unknown X-4025-C (formerly X-57, USAF Cemetery Finschhafen # 3) assigned CIL # 223.

f. Unknown X-4733-B (formerly X-1622, USAF Cemetery Manila # 2) assigned CIL # 224.

g. Unknown X-3417-B (formerly X-155, USAF Cemetery Leyte # 1) assigned CIL # 225.

h. Unknown X-4173-B (Search and Recovery Evacuation # 2-A-73-29) assigned CIL # 226

i. Unknown X-4042-B (formerly SWAIN, Eugene C., USAF Cemetery Finschhafen # 5) assigned CIL # 227.

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j. Unknown X-4791-B (formerly X-645, USAF Cemetery Manila # 2) assigned CIL # 228.

k. Unknown X-2091-B (formerly X-2581, USAF Cemetery Manila # 2) assigned CIL # 229.

l. Unknown X-3690-B (formerly X-36, USAF Cemetery Leyte # 1) assigned CIL # 230.

2. It is requested that all pertinent records, your office, be amended to indicate that the above mentioned Unknowns have been assigned CIL numbers.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

(s) Franks O. Calohan, Jr.

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843 unk Leyte #1 CIL # 220

QMGYG 293
Unknown X-465
(Leyte #1) P. I.

21 August 1946 *mz*

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces
Western Pacific (Manila)
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to Report of Reburial for Unknown X-465, USAF Cemetery, Leyte #1, P. I., Grave 6547, previously buried as "Anthony Melben", USAF Cemetery, Bacolod #1, Occidental Negros, P. I., Plot 1, Row 3, Grave 53.
2. According to information received this Unknown was killed in a plane crash o/a December 1944, on Negros, P. I., and buried with other crew members by Filipino guerillas who identified him as Melben from information given by the one surviving member of the crew.
3. It is requested that this office be furnished the names of the other crew members who were identified and buried by the Filipinos with Unknown X-465. Should any further information be available to your headquarters this office should be so advised.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Leyte #1 #220 CIL

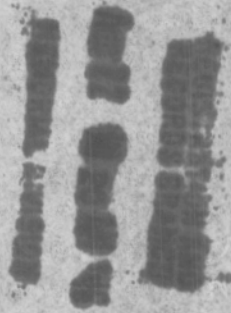
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