

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

293 Unknown, Belgrade, X-58

SUBJECT

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

WILLIAM J. ...
Major QMC, Cemetery Superintendent

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 9970 00285	DATE 15 03 49 DAY MONTH YEAR
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NAME	SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWNX-000058	GRADE	ARM 0	RACE 0	RELIGION 6
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CEMETERY BELGRADE YUGOSLAVIA	PLOT D	ROW 22	GRAVE 547	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 5202 80 CODE DIST. CTR.
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SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE NETTUNO, ITALY	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN (BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	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 (Prepare Discrepancy Report Form for minor discrepancies.)

UNABLE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)	FILE 10 MAY 1949
CASKET SEALED BY		LEGALIZATION BR N H MEM. DIV.	

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY Wm J. ...
DATE	BY

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 AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM NAPLES PORT MORGUE		TO USMC ANZIO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRAIN		NAME OF CONVOYER M SGT GERALD J RYAN	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER WILLIAM H. SPURLIN, 1ST LT QMC	DATE 11Apr49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> WILLARD E. BERTON, 1ST QMC	DATE APR 12 1949

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

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

6. SHIPPED

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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

Interred

USMC 210

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

WILLARD EDGERTON
Major QMC, Cemetery Superintendent

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 9970 00285	DATE		
		15	08	48
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION
UNKNOWN X-58	000058		0	0	6

CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
BELGRADE YUGOSLAVIA	D	22	547	5201 80
				CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
FLORENCE, ITALY	(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
UNKNOWN X-58				14 Jan 1948
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON	ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY	
<input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	UNKNOWN		T.C. ANDERSON QMC	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
	WILLIAM H. SPURLIN 1st LT. QMC
DATE	BY

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SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA		TO CCP, NAPLES	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRAIN		NAME OF CONVOYER JOSEPH F. NAHAN CAPT	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i> T.C. ANDERSON MAJ QMC	DATE 21 Jan 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> A.F. HUBBARD LT COL	DATE 24 Jan 1948

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

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

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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

To be used only when disinterment is made prior to receipt of OQMG Form 112. (Disinterment Directive)

Remains Storage Point Location

AGRS-MZ FORM SHEET DISINTERMENT

Date **JAN 61948**

No. **630**

SECTION A: Information obtained from Home Hd Records

NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	RACE
UNKNOWN AMERICAN X-58	Unk.	Unk.	USAAF

CEMETERY	RACE
U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY, BILGRADE	White

PLAT	NO.	GRAVE	COUNTRY	RELIGION
D	22	547	YUGOSLAVIA	Unk.

SECTION B: DISINTERMENT AND IDENT. (Info obtained from Remains and/or Grave Marker)

NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	DATE DISINTERMENT
Unknown American X-58	Unknown	Unknown	5 Jan. 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON	OQMG FORM #1012 with Remains	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY
Remains <u>0</u> Marker <u>0</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Unknown	JOSEPH F. NAHAN CAPT. A.C.

SECTION C: PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR STORAGE

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
Shroud	Skeletal Shattered

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION **None**

REASON DISCREPANCIES **None**

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASSETT **None**

Date **30 March 1948** By **Wm. L. JORDON**

CASSETT SEALED BY **Wm. L. JORDON** (Signature) *Wm L. Jordan*

IDENTIFY CASSETT FOR BURIAL PLACE OF CASSETT

Date **30 March 1948** Name **DALE TURSI** Title **Recorder**

REMARKS **None**

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

JOSEPH F. NAHAN
CAPT. A.C.
Signature of GCS Inspector
Grade and Organization

*Section "B" Omitted

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. Shipped

From: USMC, Naples
Kind of Conveyance: Truck
Signature of Shipper:
G.R. IVKY. 2dlt. Qmc
30 March 1948

To: GCP, Naples
Name of Convoier: FRANCIS M. GRIGSBY CAPT. QMC
Signature of Receiver:
JOSEPH T. ZIELINSKI, 1st Lt. ORD
30 March 1948

2. Shipped

From: GCP, Naples
Kind of Conveyance: Truck
Signature of Shipper:
JOSEPH T. ZIELINSKI 1st Lt. ORD
30 March 1948

To: Port Mergue
Name of Convoier:
Signature of Receiver:
WALTER E. THOMAS CAPT. QMC
30 March 1948

To be used only when disinterment is made prior to receipt of OQMG Form 1194 (Disinterment Directive)

Remains Storage Point Location

AGRS-MZ WORK SHEET DISINTERMENT

Date JAN 6 1948

No. 630

SECTION A: Information obtained from Zone Hq Record

NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	ARM	
UNKNOWN AMERICAN X-58	UNK.	Unk.	USAAF	
CEMETERY	U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY, BELGRADE		RACE White	
PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	COUNTRY	RELIGION
D	22	547	YUGOSLAVIA	Unk.

*SECTION C: DISINTERMENT AND IDENT. (Info obtained from Remains and/or Grave Marker)

NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	DATE DISINTERRED
Unknown American X-58	Unknown	Unknown	5 Jan 1948
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON	QMC FORM #1042	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY
Remains	with Remains	Unknown	JOSEPH F. NAHAN
Marker			Capt., AC
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>X</u> Yes <u> </u> No	Name & Title

SECTION D: PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR STORAGE

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
Shroud	Skeletal Shattered

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

None

MINOR DISCREPANCIES

None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

Date 30 March 1948

By Wm. L. JORDON

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

WM. L. JORDON

S/ WM L. JORDON

IDENTIFICATION PLATE PLACED ON CASKET

Date 30 March 1948

Name DALE TURSI

Title Recorder

REMARKS

None

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JOSEPH F. NAHAN
CAPT AC

Signature of GRS Inspector
Grade and Organization

*Section "B" Omitted

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA APO 777, U.S. ARMY

27 October 1947

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation on Unknown American X-58

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Mediterranean Zone
APO 794, U.S. Army

1. Submitted herewith is the Report of Investigation by this office on Unknown American X-58, KIA on 20 February 1944, rank and organization unknown.

2. Following exhibits are attached:

- a. Exhibit "A" Statement of Muhamed Cizmic
- b. Exhibit "B" Statement of People's Committee at Casin
- c. Exhibit "C" Statement of Hasan Rakic
- d. Exhibit "D" Statement of Ferid Duric

3. FACTS:

NAAGR concerning this case is not available on file in this office.

4. FINDINGS:

- a. That an American bomber plane crashed at the village Coralici near Casin, Yugo., Co-ords: 45°00'N - 15°56'E.
- b. That apparently eight crew members bailed out and landed safely, while one dead burned man was found in the wreckage as stated by the civilians.
- c. That the date of crash is 20 February 1944, as stated by Muhamed Cizmic. All villagers declare the crash occurred in winter time and the ground was covered with snow.
- d. That the survivors declared that the plane took part in bombing of Austria and was hit by flak.
- e. That two other planes were seen flying with the subject plane. One of them later crashed in the vicinity but all crew members were rescued. No enemy planes were seen.
- f. That the remains of the deceased, which were found partly consumed by fire, were buried in the field near the school at Coralici, in a shallow grave and much of them were later taken away by the animals.

g. That upon exhumation only two fragments of ossa cranii cerebrials and a part of scapula with some burned fragments of American clothing were found. Impossible to take a tooth-chart.

h. That individual identification was impossible.

5. COMMENTS:

a. There is no MACR for a crash on 20 February 1944 on file in this office.

b. MACR for Lt. Gilbert F. Bradley on file in this office, indicates that he was forced to bail out over Yugoslavia on 25 February 1944. All crew members returned to duty except his gunner S/Sgt. Paul S. Biggart, 35374636, who was killed by flak and thrown clear of the ship and buried by natives in Yugoslavia.

c. The evidence given by the civilians and some other details given for Unknown X-58 correspond to the description of crash of the plane flown by 2nd Lt. Gilbert F. Bradley on 25 February 1944. This plane crashed in a farm yard, at the degrees 45°15'N - 15°30'E approximately as stated by MACR. An investigation was conducted in that area and no crash was discovered neither there nor in the vicinity. The place Coralici is only thirty five miles South East from that location.

d. A private information on file in this office given by some next of kin of the deceased S/Sgt. Biggart reveals that he was buried at Zoradora in Yugoslavia. There is no such place in this country. It appears that the place Coralici might be by error recorded as Zoradora.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That the disinterred remains be accepted as those of an Unknown American airman.

b. That the survivors of S/Sgt. Biggart's crew be contacted for the exact location of crash and the correct spelling of his place of burial in Yugoslavia.

7. CONCLUSIONS:

a. That we have buried the above remains in the U.S. Military Cemetery Belgrade as follows:

Unknown American X-58 in Plot D Row 22 Grave 547

b. That Report of Interment has been prepared and is attached herewith.

Incls: a/s

T. C. ANDERSON
Major QMC
Commanding

Coralici - Gazin

8 August 1947

S T A T E M E N T

of Muhamed Cizmic, employee of the L.P.C. Coralici

The plane was flying from North West to South East together with few other planes. I saw eight chutes and they all landed safely and went to Partisans. The plane crashed in the village Coralici and burned. A plane made a circle above the burning wreckage and went off. I saw one dead. He was completely broken and burned. His head was smashed. He was buried the next day at the scene of crash.

This happened on 20 February 1944. I recall of the date because my father died the same day. It was about 1300 hrs. in winter time. The day was cloudy and there was snow. The survivors stated that the plane was crippled above Maribor on the way back from Austria.

Informant : /s/ Muhamed Cizmic.

A TRUE COPY



T. C. ANDERSON,
Major QMC.
Commanding.

EXHIBIT "A"

LOCAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE AT CAZIN

No. 3001

26 December 1946

To : American Graves Registration Service
Sv. Save 36
Belgrade.

We hereby inform the American Graves Registration Service that an American plane crashed in the neighbourhood of Cazin in the village Coralici. It crashed in February 1944. One of the crew members was killed and buried at the scene of crash. His name is unknown but a civilian from the village Coralici who was once in the United States thinks that the airman could be from Chicago.

Secretary:
/s/ Ahmet Sepic

/SEAL/

President:
/s/ Mujo Sisic

A TRUE COPY

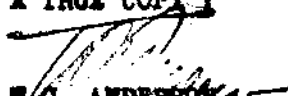

T.G. ANDERSON
Major QMC.
Commanding.

EXHIBIT "B"

Coralici - Casin.
9 August 1947

B-T-A-T-N-M-E-N-T

of Hasan Rakic, secretary of the People's Committee at Coralici

The deceased airman was buried in a shallow grave at Coralici, and covered with cork stocks. The owner of the field where is the grave, told that the dogs and animals were seen taking the remains away and it is very likely that therefore most of remains is missing.

Informant: s/ Hasan Rakic

A TRUE COPY:


T.C. ANDERSON
Major CMC

EXHIBIT "C"

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Casin, 7 August 1947

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

of Ferid Duric, from Casin

In February 1944 about 1600 hrs., three four engine bomber planes were flying from North to South. They were flying very low. I saw seven or eight chutes in the air and they all landed safely in the neighborhood of the village Coralici and were rescued by Partisans. The plane caught fire in the air. The last man who bailed was the pilot. He told us that he is the pilot and that he tried to land because on board of the plane he had two wounded crew members who remained in the plane when it crashed. Right after that the plane crashed in the field near the school at Coralici. I saw a body, only upper part with the head and arms sticking in the plane.

Two other planes were circling above the scene of crash and went towards South. One of them crashed in the village Stijene-Jezerake. I don't know if there were any casualties.

I know the plane was American by the army insignia on the survived airmen. The survivors stated that the plane was damaged while bombing Vienna, and the same happened to the two other planes.

The remains were buried the same day near the school in one grave without coffin. The one I saw had some clothing. I have not seen the identity tag.

The day was sunny but cloudy. It was winter and there was snow.

Informant: s/ Ferid Duric

A TRUE COPY:


T.C. ANDERSON
Major QMC

EXHIBIT "D"

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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Informant ; /s/ Muhamed Cizmic.

A TRUE COPY :

s/T. C. Anderson
t/T. C. ANDERSON
Major QMC
Commanding.

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Secretary:
/s/ Ahmet Sepic

/SEAL/

President:
/s/ Mujo Sisic

A TRUE COPY :

s/T.C. ANDERSON
t/T.C. Anderson
Major QMC
Commanding.

EXHIBIT "B"

C O P Y

Coralici - Gazin
9 August 1947

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Informant: s/ Hasan Rakic

A TRUE COPY:

s/T. C. Anderson
t/T. C. ANDERSON
Major QMC

EXHIBIT "C"

C O P Y

Cazin, 7 August 1947

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Informant: s/ Ferid Duric

A TRUE COPY:

s/T.C. Anderson
t/T.C. ANDERSON
Major QMC

EXHIBIT "D"

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HEADQUARTERS
 9107 TSU - QMC
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
 MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
 APO 794 US ARMY

IR 293

LVD/fv1
20 December 1948

SUBJECT: Remains, U.S. Deceased, Unidentifiable

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

1. Inclosed herewith are CIP Reports containing Revised QMC Forms 1044 for Unknown American deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries, Italy.

2. Inclosed Reports pertain to those remains for which group or individual identity is considered impossible as indicated thereon.

3. Subject Reports are forwarded for review and administrative approval by your office.

7 Incls:

- #1 - X-125, D-5-57, R. Fratelle
- #2 - X-139, D-8-87, R. Fratelle
- #3 - X-144, D-11-129, R. Fratelle
- #4 - X-89, W-2-20, Marzanello Nuovo
- #5 - X-71, U-893, Marzanello Nuovo
- #6 - X-75, D-24-574, Belgrade
- #7 - X-79, E-20-668, Belgrade

s/ Whitfield W. Watson
 t/ WHITFIELD W. WATSON
 Colonel QMC
 Commanding

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vr/

QMGMT 293 1st Ind.
GRS Mediterranean
SUBJECT: Remains, U.S. Deceased, Unidentifiable

Department of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C. 2 February 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Service
Mediterranean Zone, APO 794, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to basic communication.
2. Subject cases have been accepted by this office and classified as unidentifiable.
3. The inclosed copies of GIP Reports are being returned for proper disposition.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

Incls: n/c

/s T. H. Metz
/t T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

C O P Y

Sgt. Paul S. - S/Sgt
35374636

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF OFFICERS

Organization: Headquarters, 9107 TSU-QMC
American Graves Registration Service
Mediterranean Zone
APO 794, U. S. Army

Place : Rome, Italy

Proceedings of a Board of Officers which convened at Rome, Italy, pursuant to Par. 14, Special Order No. 124, Headquarters, 9107 TSU-QMC, AGRS/MZ, APO 794, dated 3 July 1948, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A".

The board met pursuant to the foregoing order at 1300 hours on AUG 17 1948

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Major	BAILLY SPINNER	O-497876	QMC	Pres
Major	TOWNSEND C ANDERSON	O-30195	QMC	
Major (ChC)	WILLIAM D KIRKPATRICK	O-419138	USA	
Capt	THOMAS P FULLIAM	O-1588061	QMC	
Capt	SAMUEL F FRITZ	O-410379	QMC	
Capt	ROBERT C OLSEN	O-444621	MC	
1st Lt	HENRY B ZUIDEMA	O-454611	QMC	
1st Lt	LEON W ANDERLIN	O-1547886	MSC	

MEMBERS PRESENT INDICATED BY SIGNATURE BELOW

PURPOSE

(a) To review and act upon all cases pertaining to the identity of unknown remains referred to the Board by Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

(b) To review and determine in all cases, from evidence presented the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board by Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

(c) If approved, these cases will be removed from the agenda for further search and attempts to identify and no further search or investigation will be made unless additional information is forthcoming or orders, are received from OAG to the contrary.

*See memo at -
last of 1948
Undent. made*

(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on BIGGART, Paul S., S/Sgt.,
35374636, continued)

The following case was brought before the board:

S/Sgt Paul S. Biggart, 35374636, 716th Bomb Sq. 48th Bomb Gp.
Killed in Action on 25 February 1944. The identifiable remains of the
subject deceased have not been recovered by this headquarters.

FINDINGS

The board having carefully considered the evidence presented
finds that:

(a) S/Sgt Paul S. Biggart, 35374636, was killed in Action on
25 February 1944, while on a Bombing Mission to Regensburg, Germany.
(Exhibit "B" OGD Form 371).

(b) S/Sgt Biggart was a gunner and a crew-member of a crew of
ten (10) aboard aircraft B-24M AAF Serial No. 42-29214, piloted by 2nd Lt.
Gilbert F. Bradley, O-745509. At approximately 14:00 hours, while on a
Bombing Mission, subject aircraft was seen to crash due to enemy aircraft,
on position 45°15'N - 15°30'E. (Exhibit "C" MACH - Incl. 1 Statement by
Lt. Edward V. Drinan - Incl. 2 Statement by James H. Bringer - Incl. 3
Statement by Sgt. Richard J. Daignault - Statement by Cpl. Edward L. Elser -
Incl 4 Map Overlay).

(c)

1. Report of Investigation on 2nd Lt. Gilbert F. Bradley
and crew indicates that no trace of crash of the subject aircraft was found
on co-ordinates given by MACH. (Exhibit "D" Report of Investigation - Par. #4).

2. Information reveals that S/Sgt Biggart was buried in
Zeradona, Yugoslavia, no such place exists in Yugoslavia. (Exhibit "D"
Report of Investigation - Par. # 5).

3. An unidentified American Bomber plane crashed in
February 1944 near the village Ceratici, county Cazin, Yugoslavia on
co-ordinates 45°02'N - 15°35'E. The plane is about twenty (20) miles SE
from the location of crash given by MACH for Lt. Bradley's plane and that
one (1) man perished and recovered as Unknown X-55. It was suggested by
the Report of Investigation that the remains for Unknown X-55 might be
those of S/Sgt Biggart. (Exhibit "D" Report of Investigation - Par. #5).

(d)

1. Report of Investigation for Unknown Bomber reveals

that the plane crashed on the 20th February 1944 at the village of Coralic
on co-ordinates 45°00'N - 15°05'E - 15°05'E. (Exhibit "E" Paragraph # 4 -
See Exhibit "C" MACR).

2. That two (2) other planes were seen flying with the
unknown aircraft and later one of them crashed in the vicinity, but all the
crew-members were rescued. (Exhibit "E" Paragraph # 4).

3. Remains of the deceased X-55, which were found partly
consumed by fire were buried in the field near the school at Coralic.
(Exhibit "E" Paragraph # 4).

4. Upon examination only two fragments of ossa cranii
occipitalis and a part of scapula with some burned fragments of american
clothing were found. (Exhibit "E" Paragraph # 4).

5. Statements concerning the unknown aircraft and Unknown
X-55 were made by civilians. (Exhibit "A" through "D" of the Report of
Investigation in Exhibit "E").

(e) A report of burial was made on 25 October 1947 for "Unknown
American X-55" in the USMC Balgrade, Plot D, Row 22, Graves 547. (Exhibit
"F" Report of Burial).

(f) CIP Report indicates there is no possible association between
"Unknown American X-55" and S/Sgt Biggart.

1. Only one (1) piece of frontal bone is present and one (1)
piece of left scapula is present. (Exhibit "G" CIP Report GAC Form 1044b)

COMMENTS

The above evidence presented by the Report of Investigation on
EIA Lt. Gilbert F. Bradley and crew failed to compare with the Report of
Investigation on "Unknown American X-55".

1. That the distance of crash for Unknown Aircraft seems too far
off as stated on Co-ordinate in MACR (Exhibit "C")

2. The unknown Aircraft crashed on the 20th February 1944 and not
the 25th February 1944.

3. S/Sgt Biggart was believed to be buried in Zoradona, Yugoslavia.
Maps and gazetteers do not show a "Zoradona" in Yugoslavia.

(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on BIGGART, Paul S., S/Sgt., 35374636, continued)

4. Statements by civilians appear to be contradictory with the statements of witnesses on the same flight mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the findings and in accordance with provisions of letter, The Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 1947) D-M, Subject "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", dated 9 April 1947, the Board recommends that the remains interred in USMC Balgrade, Plot D, Row 22, Grave 547 as "Unknown American X-55" be declared "Unidentifiable" and the remains for subject deceased Biggart, Paul S., S/Sgt., 35374636, be declared Non-Recoverable.

The Board adjourned at 1730 hours on AUG 17 1948

TOWNSEND C ANDERSON
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Billy Skinner
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1st Lt MSC

ACTION BY COMMANDING AUTHORITY 26 AUG 1948

Approved:

Whitfield W Watson
WHITFIELD W WATSON
Colonel OMC
Commanding



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(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on BIGGART, Paul S., S/sgt.,
35374636, continued)

7 Exhibits

- "A" Special Order Appointing Board of Officers
- "B" OGD Form 371
- "C" MACR w/3 Incls
- "D" Report of Investigation
- "E" Report of Investigation Unknown American X-88
- "F" Report of Burial
- "G" CIP Report

HEADQUARTERS
9107 TSU - QMC
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
APO 794 US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS

3 July 1947

NUMBER 124

E X T R A C T

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14. The fol Officers, Det #1, this comd, are aptd as a Bd of
Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, eff 9 July 1947:

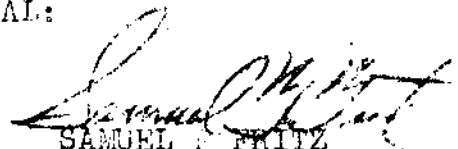
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	1st Lt	LEON W ENDERLIN	0-1547286	PSC	

The Junior Member of the bd in proceedings will act in the capacity
of recorder. Subj Bd will meet at the call of the President. WDAGO
Ltr: AGAO-S/293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, 9 Apr 47.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WATSON:

OFFICIAL:


SAMUEL F FRITZ
Captain QMC
Adjutant

SAMUEL F FRITZ
Captain QMC
Adjutant

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, first, Middle Initial)		Grade	Present Serial Number	
Biggart, Paul S		S/Sgt	35374636	
Organization:	Race:	Creed:	Former Serial Number	
716th Bomb Sq	449th Bomb Gp W.	Protestant		
Date of Death/MIA	Cause of Death	Place of death or place last seen if MIA		
25 Feb 44	Killed in Action	Regensburg, Germany		
Date of PCD				
Height	Weight	Color Eyes	Color Hair	Shoe Size
6'2"	152	Blue	Brown	11 1/2

DENTAL CHART

Upper Right	Upper Left
X 7 / 5 X 3 2 1	1 2 3 X 5 6 7 8
Lower Right	Lower Left
16 15 X 13 12 11 10 9	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X - Extracted O - Carious L- Carious non-restorable

Fractures and/or breaks Tattoos and/or birthmarks

Additional Information :

Crew member of B-240 plane, No. 41-29214, on mission to Regensburg, Germany when it crashed.

AGE: 23

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be so piled in triplicate by each Army air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

Grottaglie

1. Organization Location... Italy Air Force... 15th
Group 442 Sqdn... 716 Det... 4106N 1642E
2. Specify Point of Departure Grottaglie AAB Course... 1642E to 4330N-1617E
Intended destination Regensburg, Germany Type of mission bombing (4753N-1228E)
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR TIME LAST REPORTED to IP to T
CAVU
4. GIVE: Date 25 Feb 44 Time 1400 and Location Approx 45°15'N-15°30'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft: Specify whether
() Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio () Forced down; (X) Seen to crash: (): Information not available
5. AIRCRAFT IS LOST OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF:
Check only one (X) Enemy aircraft; () Enemy Anti Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows _____

6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series B-24-H AIF SN 42-29214
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43 AAF SN 42-93416
(b) 42-93494 (c) 42-93454 (d) 42-62432

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: Furnish make, type & Serial Number:
a. See reverse side c. _____ d. _____
e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____
i. _____ j. _____ k. _____ l. _____

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

1). NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew: 10 Passengers _____
Total 10

Starting with pilot furnish the following particulars: If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach hereto.

CREW POSITION	LAST NAME FIRST	RANK	ASN	STATUS
1. Pilot	Bradley, Gilbert F.	2nd Lt	0-746509	RTD
2. CP	Hughes, Anson F.	2nd Lt	0-689057	RTD
3. Bomb.	Sbarsole, Kenneth E.	2nd Lt	0-1288718	RTD
4. Nav.	McMenimen, Joseph P.	2nd Lt	0-809281	RTD
5. E.	Montagna, Joseph W.	T/Sgt	32555357	RTD
6. R.O.	Clements, Herbert R.	S/Sgt	36160780	RTD
7. Asst E.	Prescher, Roland J.	S/Sgt	17106991	RTD
8. Asst E.	Grubough, Franklin A.	S/Sgt	35622757	RTD
9. G.	Mills, Irving J.	S/Sgt	20121847	RTD
10. G.	Biggart, Paul S.	S/Sgt	35374536	KIA
11.				
12.				

EX-107

1. IDENTITY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

Name in full (Last name first)	Rank	A. SN.	By Radio	last Sighted	Saw Crash	Force Land
Drinan, Edward V.	1st Lt	0-679058			X	
Brunger, James H	2nd Lt	0-684477			X	
Daignault, Richard J.	Sgt	11105922			X	
Eisler, Edward I.	Cpl	13039510		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED ANSWER TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS (a) Parachutes were used X (2) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ or (3) Any other reason Eight chutes seen

14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF THE CRASH. FORCED LANDING. OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT see attached sheet

14. ATTACH AREAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR CHART OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. see attached sheet

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, ASN OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

DATE OF REPORT 29 Feb 1944

5 Incls

- Incl - 1 Stmt of Lt Drinan
- 2 Stmt of Lt Brunger
- 3 Stmt of Sgt Daignault
- 4 Stmt of Cpl Eisler
- 5 Chart

s/ W. C. McSween

Signature of Preparing Officer

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS:

- left Emerson - 705678
- Right Emerson - 926108
- Left Martin - 400490
- Right Martin - 704929
- Left Ball - 704355
- Right Ball - 400487
- Left waist - 706165
- Right waist - 925526
- Left Tail - 905628
- Right Tail - 400666

t/ W. C. MCSWEEN

1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

29 February 1944.

S T A T E M E N T

After we left the target area, I noticed that the Aircraft 42-29214, which was piloted by Lt Gilbert F. Bradley, had #1 engine smoking and #2 engine feathered. The ship stayed with the formation for about an hour after that. Then it began to lose altitude. I could see things being thrown from the plane in order to lighten it.

In about ten minutes the men began to bail out. Eight chutes blossomed, but the last two men jumped when the ship had almost reached the ground. Our plane circled low and I could see the ninth's man parachute open just as it reached the ground. The man lay motionless on the ground. Our plane circled low again and noticed that the tenth man's chute did not even get a to open before he reached the Earth. However, as there was deep snow on the ground it seems possible that those two men might be alive. The other eight men were probably unharmed as we could see some of them moving after they had hit the ground.

The plane itself crashed and in doing so just missed hitting a farm house. The last two men to leave the plane landed in the back yard of the farm house and I could see occupants of the house running outside.

EDWARD V. DRINAN
1st Lt., Air Corps.

A.P.O. 520 U.S. Army

29 February 1944

S T R E M E N T

We were over Yugoslavia about an hour after having left the target area when I noticed that Aircraft 42-29214, which was piloted by Lt Gilbert F. Bradley, was losing altitude. I was then throwing things out of the plane in order to make it lighter. In about ten minutes the men began to bail out I counted ten men who left the plane, but only eight chutes opened. The last two men jumped just before the plane crashed to the ground. With a deep snow on the ground it is possible that these two men also are alive, even without the aid of a parachute. The plane crashed in the back yard of a farmhouse and I could see people running from the house to where the last two men lay.

JAMES H. BRUNGER
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

29 February 1944

S T A T E M E N T

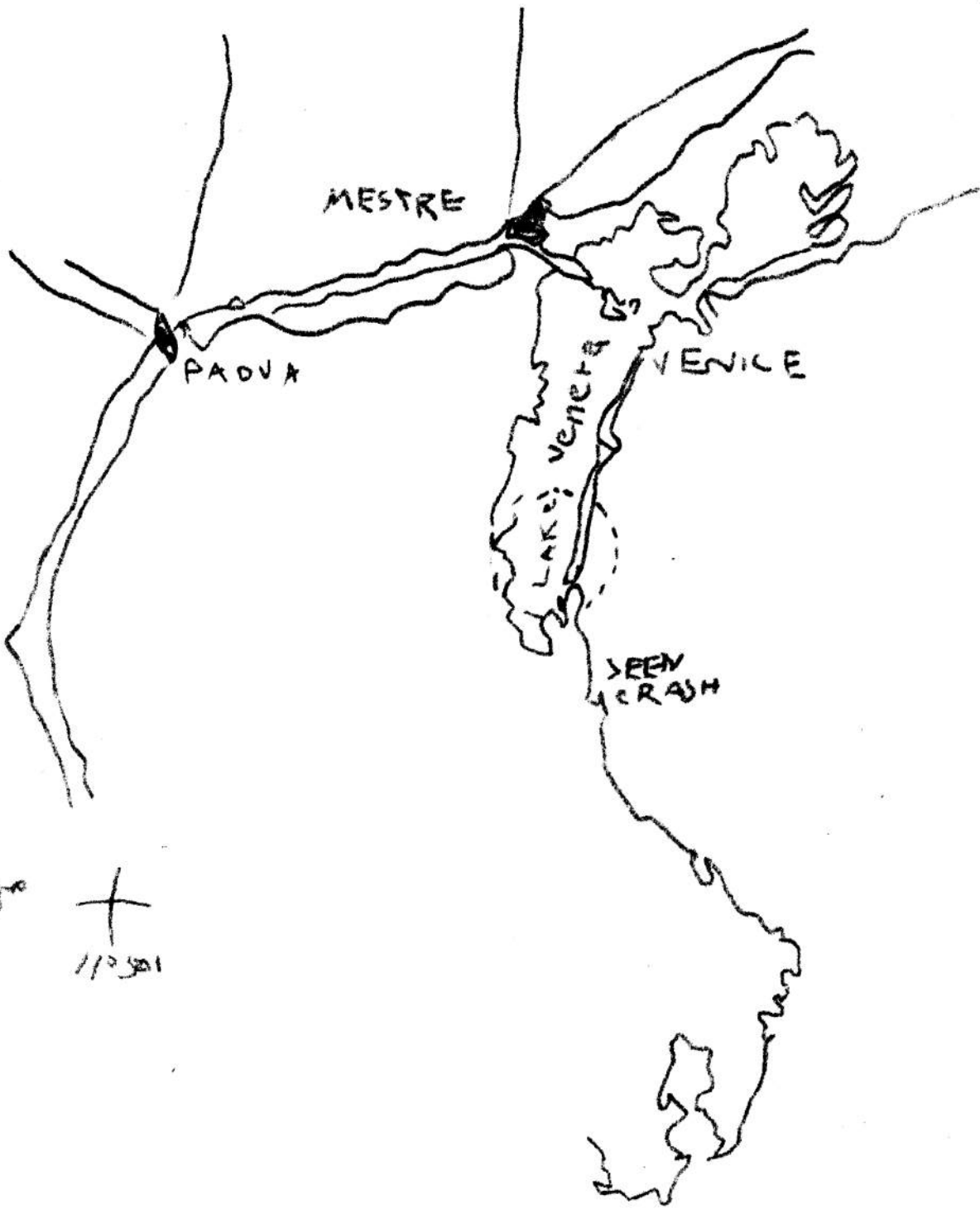
It was over Yugoslavia that I saw Aircraft 42-29214, which was piloted by Lt Gilbert F. Bradley, go down hit the ground and explode. I saw nine chutes come out of the plane, but one did not open.

RICHARD J. DAIGNAULT
Sgt 11105922

When we were over Yugoslavia, I noticed two planes continue to go straight while the rest of the formation turned right. One of these planes was Aircraft 42-29214, piloted by Lt Gilbert H. Bradley, but I cannot identify the other. Lt. Bradley's ship was limping badly. This is the last I saw of the plane

Cpl. Edward I Eisler
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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
9107 TSU - QMC
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA APO 794, U.S. ARMY

23 January 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation on 2nd Lt. Gilbert F. Bradley and crew

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
9107 TSU - QMC
Mediterranean Zone
APO 794, U. S. Army

1. Submitted herewith is the Report of Investigation by this office on 2nd Lt Gilbert F. Bradley and crew, reported missing as of 25 February 1944, of the 15th Air Force, 449th Gp. 716 Sqd.

2. Following exhibits are attached:

- a. Exhibit "A" Statement of Ante Bilin
- b. Exhibit "B" MACR (one copy)

3. FACTS:

a. That the plane B 24-D AAF Ser. #42-29214, piloted by Lt. Gilbert F. Bradley, was seen to crash at the degrees 45°15'N - 15°30'E.

b. That out of ten crew members nine are MIA and S/Sgt. Biggart, Paul S. is KIA.

4. FINDINGS:

a. That all area at the said degrees 45°15'N - 15°30'E was searched and no trace of crash of the subject plane was found there,

5. COMMENTS:

a. Information on file in this office given by Lt. M. Kinder, O-787204, 200 South 20 St. Richmond, Ind., reveals that S/Sgt Biggart was buried in Zoradona, Yugo. There is no such place in Yugoslavia.

b. An unidentified American bomber plane crashed in February 1944 near the village Coralici, county Cazin, Yugo., Co-ords: 45°02'N-15°33'E. This place is about 20 miles Sd from the location of crash as given by MACR for Lt. Bradley's plane. One man perished in crash while the rest of crew escaped. It appears very likely that the remains of

EX-1011

Unknown American A-58 found at Cotacachi are those of S/sgt Paul J. Biggart as stated in the pertaining report of investigation on Unknown American A-58 forwarded to your office.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That action be taken as suggested by our report of investigation on Unknown American A-58.

Incl: a/s

s/ T.C. Anderson
t/ T.C. Anderson
Major, USA
Commanding

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
BELUR DE, YUGOSLAVIA APO 777, US ARMY

27 October 1947

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation on Unknown American X-58

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Mediterranean Zone
APO 794, U. S. Army

1. Submitted herewith is the Report of Investigation by this office on Unknown American X-58, KIA on 20 February 1944, rank and organization unknown.

2. Following exhibits are attached:

- a. exhibit "A" Statement of Muhamed Cizmic
- b. exhibit "B" Statement of People's Committee at Cazin
- c. exhibit "C" Statement of Hasan Haskic
- d. exhibit "D" Statement of Merid Duric

3. FACTS:

None concerning this case is not available on file in this office.

4. FINDINGS:

- a. That an American bomber plane crashed at the village Coralici near Cazin, Yugo., Co-ords: $45^{\circ}00'N - 15^{\circ}56'E$.
- b. That apparently eight crew members bailed out and landed safely, while one dead burned man was found in the wreckage as stated by the civilians.
- c. That the date of crash is 20 February 1944 as stated by Muhamed Cizmic. All villagers declare the crash occurred in winter time and the ground was covered with snow.
- d. That the survivors declared that the plane took part in bombing of Austria and was hit by flak.
- e. That two other planes were seen flying with the subject plane, one of them later crashed in the vicinity but all crew members were rescued. No enemy planes were seen.
- f. That the remains of the deceased, which were found partly consumed by fire, were buried in the field near the school at Coralici, in a shallow grave and much of them were later taken away by the animals.

g. That upon exhumation only two fragments of ossa cranii cerebrials and a part of scapula with some burned fragments of American clothing were found. Impossible to take a tooth-chart.

h. That individual identification was impossible.

5. COMMENTS:

a. There is no MACH for a crash on 20 February 1944 on file in this office.

b. MACH for Lt. Gilbert F. Bradley on file in this office, indicates that he was forced to bail out over Yugoslavia on 25 February 1944. All crew members returned to duty except his gunner S/Sgt Paul S. Biggart, 35374636, who was killed by flak and thrown clear of the ship and buried by natives in Yugoslavia.

c. The evidence given by the civilians and some other details given for unknown X-58 correspond to the description of crash of the plane flown by and Lt. Gilbert F. Bradley on 25 February 1944. This plane crashed on a farm yard, at the degrees 45°15'N - 15°30'E approximately as stated by MACH. An investigation was conducted in that area and no crash was discovered neither there nor in the vicinity. The place Coralici is only thirty five miles south east from that location.

d. A private information on file in this office given by some next of kin of the deceased S/Sgt Biggart reveals that he was buried at Zoradora in Yugoslavia. There is no such place in this country. It appears that the place Coralici might be by error recorded as Zoradora.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That the disinterred remains be accepted as those of an Unknown American airman.

b. That the survivors of S/Sgt Biggart's crew be contacted for the exact location of crash and the correct spelling of his place of burial in Yugoslavia.

7. CONCLUSIONS:

a. That we have buried the above remains in the U.S. Military Cemetery Belgrade as follows:

Unknown American X-58 in Plot D Row 22 Grave 547

b. That report of interment has been prepared and is attached herewith.

Incls: w/s

I. C. ANDERSON
Major SAC
Commanding

Casin 7 August 1947

S T A T E M E N T

Of Ferid Duric, From Casin

In February 1944 about 16:00 hours, three four engine bomber planes were flying from north to south. They were flying very low. I saw seven or eight chutes in the air and they all landed safely in the neighborhood of the village Coralici and were rescued by partisans. The plane caught fire in the air. The last man who bailed was the pilot. He told us he is the pilot and that he tried to land because on board of the plane he had two wounded crewmembers who remained in the plane when it crashed. Right after that the plane crashed in the field near the school at Coralici I saw a body, only upper part with the head and arms burning in the plane.

Two other planes were circling above the scene of the crash and went towards south. One of them crashed in the village Stijeme-Jezerske. I don't know if there were any casualties.

I know the plane was American by the Army insignia on the survived airman. The survivors stated that the plane was damaged while bombing Vienna, and the same happened to the other planes.

The remains were buried the same day near the school in one grave without coffin. The one I saw had some clothing. I have not seen the identity tag.

The day was sunny but cloudy. It was winter and there was snow.

Inferment s/Ferid Duric

T.C. Andersen
Major QMC
Commanding

Coralici- Casin
9 August 1947

S T A T E M E N T

Of Hasan Rakic, Secretary of the People's Committee at
Coralici

The deceased airman was buried in a shallow grave at Coralici, and covered with corn stocks. The owner of the field where is the grave, told that the dogs and animals were seen taking the remains away and it very likely that therefore most of the remain is missing.

Informant: s/Hasan Rakic

T.C. Anderson
Major QMC
Commanding

LOCAL PEOPLES COMMITTEE AT GAZIN

No. 3001

26 December 1946

**To: American Graves Registration Service
SV, Save 36
Belgrade**

We hereby inform the American Graves Registration Service that an American plane crashed in the neighborhood of Gazin in the village Ceralici. It crashed in February 1944. One of the crewmembers was killed and buried at the scene of crash. His name is unknown but a civilian from the village Ceralici who was once in the United States thinks that the airman could be from Chicago.

† Seal/

President

/s/ Mujo Sisic

Secretary:
/s/ Ahmet Sepic

F.O. Anderson
Major qsc
Commanding

Cerslicoi-Casin
8 August

S T A T E M E N T

Of Mohamed Ciznie, emploe of the L.P.C. Cerslicoi

The plane was flying from Northwest to Southwest together with few other planes. I saw eight chutes and they all landed safely and went to Partisans. The plane crashed in the village Cerslicoi and burned. A plane made a circle above the burning wreckage and went off. I saw one dead, He was completely broken and burned. His head was smashed He was buried the next day at the scene of crash.

This happened on the 20 February 1944. I recall of the date because my father died the same day. It was about 13:00 hours in winter time. The day was cloudy and there was snow. The survivors stated that the plane was crippled above Maribor on the way back from Austria.

Informant: /a. Muhammed Ciznie

T.O. Anderson
Major (MC)
Commanding

Exhibit "A"

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

25 October 1947

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.
DO NOT TYPE



Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

Unknown American A-58

SERIAL No.

GRADE

ORGANIZATION

BRANCH OF SERVICE

Air Corps

RACE

RELIGION

IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE
NAME OF COUNTRY

White

Unknown

USA

PLACE OF DEATH

Coralici near Cazin, Yugo.
45°00' - 15°56'E

CAUSE OF DEATH

Plane crash

DATE OF DEATH

20 Feb 1944

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

None

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)

See report of Investigation

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED?(Yes or no)

No

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 Belgrade, Yugo., 44°47'N - 20°25'E
Air Map Europe 1:500,000 Belgrade Sheet

DATE OF BURIAL	HOUR	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER	PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
24 October 1947	1100	Shroud	Wooden Cross	D	22	547

WAS THIS A REBURIAL?
(Yes or no)

Yes

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Isolated grave at Coralici near Cazin, Yugo.
45°00'N - 15°56'E

PLOT No.

ROW No.

GRAVE No.

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS
CEREMONY

General

PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES

IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND
CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY

GRS Form in burial bottle buried
in grave with remains
GRS Form in burial bottle buried
in grave 1 ft below cross

IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH
BODY (Yes or no)

No

IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO
MARKER (Yes or no)

No

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

Unknown American A-57

RANK

SERIAL No.

ORGANIZATION

GRAVE No.

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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

Jacobson, Merwin W. Jr

RANK

SERIAL No.

ORGANIZATION

GRAVE No.

2nd Lt

O-2060980

485 B.Jp.

548

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT

s/ Nich. Skrblich

SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT

s/T.C. Anderson

s/T.C. ANDERSON, Major GAC

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WEAPON AND SERIAL No.	LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND
		Coralici n. Casin, Yugo

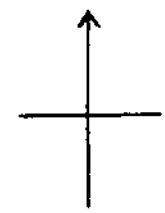
OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

**Only two fragments of osseae cranii cerebrials
and a part of scapula
Impossible to take a tooth-chart.**

Body disintegrated. Impossible to take fingerprints.

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

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



REMARKS:

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN		: 2. DATE OF REPORT	
Unknown X-58		: 20 July 1948	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY	: 4. PLOT	: 5. ROW	: 6. GRAVE
USMC Belgrade, Yugoslavia	: D	: 22	: 547
	: :	: :	: :
	: :	: :	: :
	: :	: :	: :
	: :	: :	: :

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT	: 9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT	: 10. COLOR OF HAIR	: 11. RACE
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:

12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS

None

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

14. WAS BODY BURNED? : TO WHAT EXTENT?

YES NO :

15. WAS BODY MANGLED? : TO WHAT EXTENT?

YES NO :

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURE AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

None

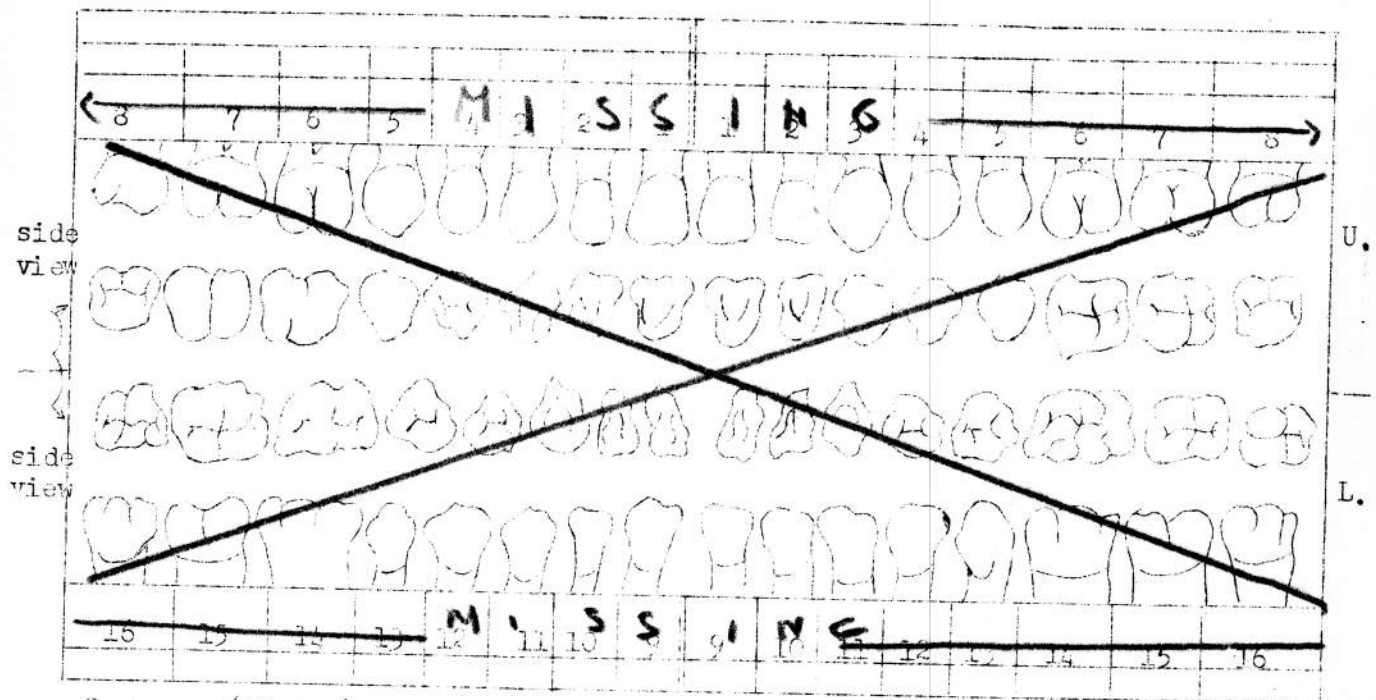
17. LIST EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, MARKINGS, SERVICE, ETC. (If laundry marks are indistinct such notation should be made and specimen forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area).

None

EXHIBIT "G"

18.

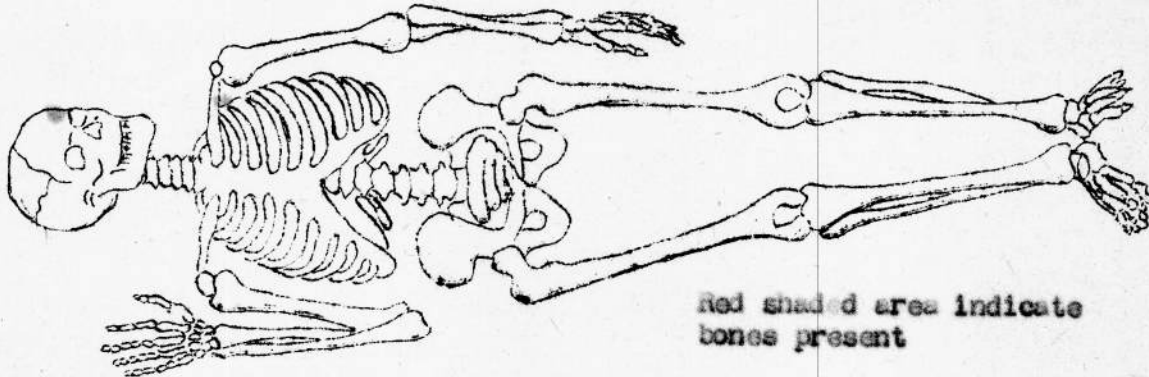
TOOTH CHART



Dentures (Plates):

QMC Form 104/4a
18 March 1947

19. Black out parts of body not recovered



20. MASS BURIAL CERTIFICATE (If Applicable)
(Wherein segregation in whole or parts is impossible)

I certify that the Group remains consist of parts of _____ (Number)
decedents based on the present of one or more of the following
anatomical parts.

(Signature of Medical Officer)

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The representative parts of a human remains graphically represented in paragraph 19 are those of one and the same individual

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
DOMINIC A. NETT, end Lt, QMC Det #3,9107 TSU-QMC, AGRS/MZ

SIGNATURE
s/Dominic A Nett

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HEADQUARTERS
9107 TCU - 210
AMERICAN GRAVE REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
APO 794 US ARMY

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Paragraphs 1-17 and 19-21, Identification Data QMC 1044 and 1044b
Paragraph 18 - Identification Dental Chart

C.I.P. Case No. _____

Date of Investigation 20 July 1948

Unknown American X- 58

Am. Mil. Com. Belgrade, Yugoslavia Italy: Plot D Row No. 23 Grave 547

Place of Death Coralici near Cazin, Yugoslavia Date of Death 20 Feb 1944

Map Reference _____ (Sheet _____ Map of Italy _____)

Other American Dead Found in Same Area _____

Cause of Death _____

22. Description of Remains

Skeletal state

(If the remains have not been decomposed, attach to this form QMC Form 1042, completely filled out to physical characteristics.)

EXHIBIT 'G''

HEAD

only 1 piece of frontal bone is present

TOOTH CHART

Impossible

TRUNK

1 piece of left scapula is present

UPPER EXTREMITIES. (Give measurements of long bones).

R Humerus

Missing

L Humerus

Missing

R Ulna

Missing

L Ulna

Missing

R Radius

Missing

L Radius

Missing

Carpels, Metacarpels, Phalanges

Missing

LOWER EXTREMITIES. (Give measurements of long bones).

R Femur

Missing

L Femur

Missing

R Tibia

Missing

L Tibia

Missing

R Fibula

Missing

L Fibula

Missing

Calcaneus, Tarsals, Metatarsals, Phalanges

Missing

24. AGE ESTIMATED AT None
BASED ON _____

25. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Tooth-chart - Impossible
Age estimate - None
Height estimate - None
The partial remains of only one (1) man is present

26. RECOMMENDATIONS

None

Processed by:
Dr. Alexander Tardy, MD
Chief Anthropologist
and
Mario Palego
Anthropologist

(Signature of Officer)

-3- s/ Domenic A. Nett

t/ DOMENIC A NETT
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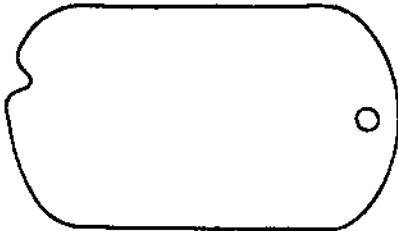
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WD QMC FORM 1042
(Rev. 1 Apr. 1945)
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

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

DATE OF REPORT
25 October 1947

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.
DO NOT TYPE



Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown American X-58		SERIAL No. -
GRADE -	ORGANIZATION -	BRANCH OF SERVICE Air Corps
RACE White	RELIGION Unknown	IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY U.S.A.

PLACE OF DEATH Coralici near Cazin, Yugo. 45°00'N - 15°56'E	CAUSE OF DEATH Plane Crash	DATE OF DEATH 20 February 1944
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)
None

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 8 on reverse) See Report of Investigation
WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no) No	

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 Belgrade, Yugo., 44°47'N - 20°25'E
Air Map Europe 1; 500,000 Belgrade Sheet**

DATE OF BURIAL 24 October 1947	HOUR 1100	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Shroud	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Wooden Cross	PLOT No. D	ROW No. 22	GRAVE No. 547
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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 Isolated grave at Coralici near Cazin, Yugo. 45°00'N - 15°56'E	PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Unknown American X-57	RANK -	SERIAL No. -	ORGANIZATION -	GRAVE No. 546
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BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Jacobson, Merwin W. Jr.	RANK 2nd Lt.	SERIAL No. 0-2060920	ORGANIZATION 485 B. Gp	GRAVE No. 548
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT <i>Nich. Skrbich</i> Nich. Skrbich, Civ. Investigator	SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT <i>T.C. Anderson</i> T.C. ANDERSON, Major QMC
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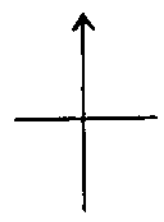
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