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SUBJECT

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21 April 1949

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Walter E. Thomas
WALTER E. THOMAS
Capt. CMP. Cemetery Superintendent

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

5217 00126

DATE

15 01 49
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

UNKNOWN X - 000290

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

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RELIGION

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CEMETERY

CASTELFIORENTINO ITALY

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

2J 94 4869

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

5201 80

CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

FLORENCE, ITALY

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISTINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

UNKNOWN

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

- REMAINS
- MARKER

NAME AND TITLE

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

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE

BY

Thomas P. Pullata
THOMAS P. PULLATA, CAPT QMC

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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DATE 11 MAY 1949
NAME Ramsey
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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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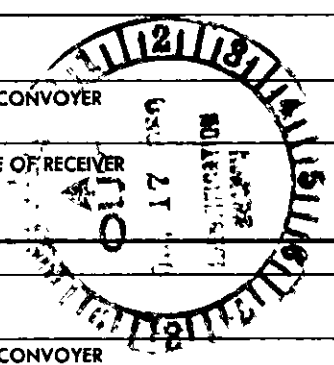
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USMC OFFICE

DISINTERMENT OPERATIONS RECORD

WALTER E. THOMAS
Capt. CMP. Cemetery Superintendent

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NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS

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SKELETAL

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

NONE

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

EMB TAG READS: JOSEPH

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 8 Nov 48

BY HOMER J. LESLIE (EMBALMER)

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

HOMER J. LESLIE (EMBALMER)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

(CLERK RECORDER)

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE 8 Nov 48

BY ROBERT L. ROONEY

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

MACK C. HOLT 1ST LT OMC

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

FROM
USMC CASTELFIORENTINO ITALY
CONVEYANCE

TO
LEGHORN PORT MORGUE
CONVOYER

TRUCK
SHIPPER *[Signature]*
NR: HALEY 1 LT FA

R L CROCKER 2 LT QMC
DATE
22 Sept 48

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RECEIVER: THOMAS P PULLIAN
CAPT QMC

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UNITED STATES DISCIPLINARY BARRACKS

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

DJD/wkn
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

In Reply 293

Refer to Fowler, Harry Jr.
(Former General Prisoner)

11 July 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

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

1. In compliance with letter, your office, dated 20 June 1947, pertaining to former General Prisoner Harry J. Fowler, inclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received from M. E. Staley, Chief Probation Officer of the Eastern District of Kentucky as to identification of colored soldier.

2. Any further correspondence in this matter will have to be directed to above Probation Officer as subject Fowler is on Home Parole from this institution.

FOR THE COMMANDANT:

David J. Duff
DAVID J. DUFF
Captain, CMP,
Legal Officer.

1 Incl: Ltr. of M.E. Staley.

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RECORDS BRANCH
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MEMPHIS BRANCH



WD, OQLE, Washington 25, D. C.

Commandant
United States Disciplinary Barracks
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

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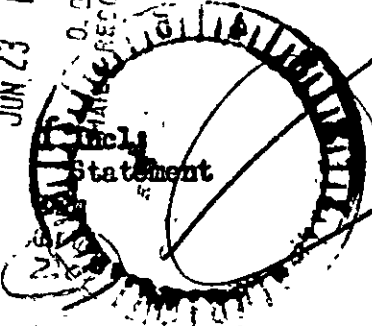
Identification of Unknown Deceased

20 June 1947

1. This office is attempting to establish the identity of a deceased member of our Armed Forces. From records available to this office, it has been established that a prisoner in your command, FOWLER, HARRY JR., Pvt. ASN 15054460, and several colored soldiers, were AWOL, and arrested in La Spezia, Italy at the time the unknown was killed.
2. It will be noted from the inclosed copy of statement by Sgt Gozonas, AFCCD, dated 21 August 1946, that "Enrico" was known as the ringleader of these men. Upon reinvestigation instigated by this office, it has been determined that "Enrico" is Harry Fowler, Jr.
3. It is requested that your office interrogate Pvt Fowler, and if possible, secure from him the name of the colored soldier who was fatally wounded 24 August 1945, at the Concordia Hotel, La Spezia, Italy. This together with any other information that may lead to the identity of this unknown should be forwarded to this office, at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JUN 23 10 05 AM '47
O. O. H. RECORDS



JUN 23 11 AM '47
MEMORIAL DIVISION
JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, OLC
Memorial Division
DISPATCH AND RECORDS BRANCH

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X 201 Fowler, Harry Jr. - 15,054,460

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5 Jun 1947.

FROM: Office of Provost Marshal Gen.
TC: QMG, Ident. Sect, Mem. Div.-

RE: Identity of Deceased Soldier.

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Identification of Deceased

Office of the Provost
Marshal General
5 D 484, Pentagon Bldg.
Washington 25, D. C.

Identification Section 11 March 1947
Memorial Division
2nd & T-Sts., S. W.,
Washington, 25, D. C.

ATTN: Major N. R. Seidel

Per telephonic request with Mrs Mindell, this office, forwarded herewith are photostatic copies of statements requested.

FOR THE QUARTEMASTER GENERAL:

Incls:
Photostatic copies of
Statements.

JAMES B COLSON
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

copy.

X 293 - Unknown - Italy (Castelfiorentino)

M. E. STALEY
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER
329 FEDERAL BUILDING
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES PROBATION OFFICE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

July 9, 1947

Captain David J. Duff
CMP, Legal Officer
U. S. Disciplinary Barracks
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas

Re: Harry Fowler Jr. # 13284

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request for this office to have above named subject interviewed, I was able to interview him today. He was very pleasant during the interview and seemed to be delighted to give me such information as he could.

He informed me that he was in Italy as outlined in your inquiry and that he was AWOL from the army at La Spezia, Italy. He does not deny that he was in a ring of AWOL soldiers in stealing whatever they could get their hands on and selling it in the black markets. He does deny however, that he was Enrico. He says he heard the name Enrico one time. He informs me that on the night of the killing at the hotel in La Spezia, he was not at the Concordia Hotel and denies that he was ever at the Concordia Hotel. He admits he was in a room in another place in bed with a girl, when he was arrested and taken immediately from the room to the jail and that he was in jail during all the night and the next day he heard that there had been a fight in the hotel mentioned and that two soldiers were wounded and also two Italian Police and that one of the soldiers had died.

He says he does not know who the soldier was, advising me that if he could, he would be glad to tell me. However he does tell me that he did associate with some of the negro soldiers but he does not recall any of their names except that one with whom he associated went by the name of Robinson or Robertson and he remembers that one of the negroes was called Joe.

I think this is all the information I can give you since it is all I secured from subject. He is now living near Maysville, Kentucky with his father and is reunited with his wife and seems to be getting along very nicely under our supervision. If we can further serve you in this case, do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

M. E. Staley
Chief Probation Officer

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**ARMY SERVICE OFFICES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP**

TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE ORDER INDICATED		CHECK ACTION	
1 TO: (Name, organization, building) Major James MacFarland	INITIALS		CONCURRENCE
	DATE		SIGNATURE
2. Rm 2325B 2d & T Sts., S. W.			NOTE AND RETURN
			NOTE AND FORWARD
3.			COMPLETE ACTION
			CIRCULATE
			INFORMATION
			FILE

Forwarded pursuant to telephone conversation between Mrs. Mindell of your office and Major Keltz this office.

FROM: (Name, organization, building)
Major C E Keltz, Provost Div, PMGO
2E315a Pentagon

DATE
23 May 47
TEL.
5156, 5780

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File: PMGPR 333.5 (25-Giuseppe, Jos) SUBJECT: Identification of Deceased
TO Identification Sec, Memorial Div FROM THE PMG DATE 18 Mar 47 COMMENT NO. 2
2d & T Sts SW ATTN: Col J B Colson Capt Nichols/5315

1. A thorough examination of the photostatic file which you forwarded to this office failed to reveal any means of identifying the American negro soldier called "Joe" or in Italian "Giuseppe".
2. Had fingerprints been taken at the time of death, positive identification might have been made. However, nothing in the file would indicate that fingerprints were taken and due to the length of time since the body has been interred decomposition would preclude obtaining them at this time.
3. The photostatic copy of report is being forwarded to the appropriate overseas command to attempt to identify the other soldiers arrested at the time "Joe" was shot. You will be notified when this report is received.

FOR THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL:

Incls
w/d

ALTON C. MILLER, Col., CMC
Chief, Provost Division

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AIR FORCE CASUALTY CLEARANCE DIVISION (OVHD)
APO 794 Team # 4

21 August 1946

SUBJECT: Field Report #4-26 (Misc)

TO : Commanding Officer, Air Force Casualty Clearance
Division (OVHD) APO 794, Rome, Italy.-

1. Submitted herewith, is a field report concerning the shooting of an American negro soldier by the Italian police of La Spezia, Italy, on the night of the 24 of August, 1945.

2. Following exhibits are attached:

- a. Exhibit "A" Roster of Allied dead buried in the Cemetery of Boschetti, in La Spezia, Italy.
- b. Exhibit "B" Sworn Statement by the Custodian of Boschetti Cemetery, of La Spezia, Italy.
- c. Exhibit "C" Sworn Statement of URTIS, Bartolo, who was the Brigadier of Public Security.
- d. Exhibit "D" Sworn Statement of STRATTA, Giuseppe, who is the Vice Brigadier of Public Security.
- e. Exhibit "E" Sworn Statement of GIORGI, Gino, who was the Commissary of Public Security.
- f. Exhibit "F" Sworn Statement of MELANI, Sterano, who was the porter of Concordia Hotel, where the soldier stayed, and where the shooting occurred.
- g. Exhibit "G" Medical Report, from the civilian hospital of La Spezia, concerning the colored soldier that was shot.

3. **FACTS:**

That the colored soldier, known only by the name of "Joe", was shot by Italian police, on the night of August 24, 1945, and is now buried in the Civilian Cemetery of Boschetti, in La Spezia, Italy.

4. **FINDINGS:**

Shortly after the liberation of La Spezia, one white American soldier, by the name of "Enrico", and possible three or four colored American soldiers, were living in La Spezia, and all of these men were AWOL at the time. The ringleader of these men, was the white soldier, known only by "Enrico". The

were using criminal tactics, by stealing jeeps, and then selling them in this town. The Italian police could have put a stop to these things, but they had no authorization to do so, because these men were American soldiers. The Italian police asked for authority to apprehend these men. They asked an English officer, by the name of Capt. Davis, but were not given authorization at the time. On August 22, 1945, the police saw an American jeep being driven around La Spezia by a colored soldier, and the man sitting next to him was a white soldier. The following morning, a negro American soldier walked into the Italian police station, and reported that the night before, his jeep was stolen by a white and colored soldier at the point of a gun. The next morning, the Italian police, with an interpreter, went to the Concordia Hotel, and searched the room of a colored soldier. The room was number 41. They found a set of safe-cracking tools, a pair of pliers, a wrench, a file, and a jeep mirror. They did not take any of these tools from the room. Again the police asked this interpreter to get them the authorization so they could get these men, but it could not be gotten. On the night of the 24th of August, 1945, the Italian police met this interpreter, and he told them that he had spoken to an Allied officer, and the officer told him to tell the police, that they could get any soldiers that were doing criminal things in their town. On that same night, three Italian police went to Via 27 Marzo, where the white soldier was staying. They knocked on the door, and asked the man who opened the door, if there was an American white soldier staying there. The man said that there was no soldier there. Then the police told the man that they were going to search the house, and the man then told them that there was an American white soldier there, and at that time, he was in bed with his daughter. They went into the room, and arrested the soldier. He went with them without causing any trouble. After searching the room, they found a German P-38 pistol. They asked this soldier where the colored soldier were staying, and he told them at the Concordia Hotel, in room number 41. They took this soldier to the Carabinieri Station. The Italian police then went to the Concordia Hotel, and knocked on the door of room number 41, but no one answered. They noticed that the room next to this one, which was number 40, had the door half open. They went inside, and asked a colored soldier there if he knew a white soldier by the name of "Enrico". The soldier didn't answer, but he seemed to be very nervous. One policeman stayed in this room, and started to search it, while the other two policemen went to search rooms number 41, 47, and 48, where other negro's were staying. Then this soldier in room number 40,

pulled out an Italian Berretta, which he had hidden under the pillow. He then shot this policeman in his left knee. One of the other policeman ran into the room, and after a struggle, took the pistol from the soldier. The soldier then ran over to the man he had just shot, and tried to take away the sub-machine gun he was holding. He grabbed the gun by the barrel, and a big struggle followed. The machine gun went off, shooting the other policeman in his knee too, and also shooting the negro soldier three times. Then the Carabinieri was called, and they took this soldier and the two policeman to the hospital. The colored soldier died in the hospital eight hours after he was admitted. He had no chance of living at all. After he was shot, he was not able to talk at all. One policeman and some carabinieri stayed out side the door of room number 41, until 0930 the next morning, when another colored soldier came out with his hands up. They took this soldier to the carabinieri station. That same day, the Italian police gave 36,000 Lire to the Allied police. This money was found on the dead negro soldier. The dead soldier had no identification on him at all, but was just called by the name of "Joe". All his clothes were searched for identifications, but none were found. This is the full story, as told to us by the police, and according to exhibits, C,D, and E.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

6. COMMENTS:

I believe that this shooting was accidental, and that it was the soldier own fault for causing his death. The Italian police were only doing their job, trying to rid their town of these AWOL soldier. Also, the Commissary of Public Security during the time of this incident, lost his job because of this. The soldier was supposed to be brought back alive, and when the soldier died, the Commissary lost his job. I thing the story of this shooting is very clear now, and no other investigation in necessary.

/t/ AUGUSTUS J. GAZONAS,
Sergeant, A.F.C.C.D.
Team #4 Commander.

COMMUNE of LA SPEZIA
CIVILIAN CEMETERY

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I declare that in this Cemetery results being buried the following American soldiers:

ANDREA FOSTER - Aviator.

PLOT D IV - ROW 7 - GRAVE IV.

On the grave is a wooden cross with the last name, the name and the number 20819945 - Died Aug. 2, 1944.

Black soldier named GIUSEPPE (Joseph)

PLOT A XV - ROW 33 - GRAVE II.

On the grave there are no marks.

There use to be an English soldier.

WILLIAM STANLEY Fod - Aviator.

Buried in PLOT C VI - ROW 10 - GRAVE II

About three months ago a Captain of the English Army brought away the remains and transported them to Milan.

Aug. 12, 1946

The guard inspector of
the Civilian Cemetery

Translation



SPENCER M. RECORDS
CAPT. INF.

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Comune of La Spezia

Divisione Servizi Demografici

Stato Civile

INDEX OF THE DIED ALLIES BURIED IN THE CEMETERY OF BOSCHETTI:

No.	Name	Last name	Rank	Date of birth	Date of death	Place of grave	Remarks
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EXTRACT

3	Giuseppe	Black soldier U.S.A.	23 years old	Aug. 25 1945	A XV 33 II	
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EXTRACT

Died in consequence of a wound in the abdomen with bad injuries (wounded in conflict with the police). The date of death is not declared.

EXTRACT

A true extract

DONALD H. LANTIER
2nd Lt., Inf.

EXTRACT

Heard about a soldier, belonging to the U.S. Army named "Enrico" that was in this city with other colored soldiers since the day of the occupation of the Allied Forces, was using criminal tactics stealing with the help of the other black soldiers. I undersigned started to search for the criminal.

Just a few days before about 1 A.M., I and the personel of the bar where I was in Via Pione, happened to see hidden by the right leg of a negro a few pick-locks. At this fact was present the agent of P.S. COSTA that can approve it.

Other criminal activities of the same soldiers is affirmed by the following:

In the morning of the 21st of August about 1.30 A.M. I saw passing in the tunnel of the railway of Ponte della Scora a jeep driven by a negro, with him there were also another negro and "Enrico". The next morning when I went to the police station I heard that the night before there had been stolen a jeep from a black soldier. This soldier (negro) reported at the police station that he had to give the jeep because he was threatened by an armed American soldier and two negroes. Another particular, in the evening of the 22nd of August I was with the interpreter of an English Captain (Davis). We went to gether to the hotel "Concordia" in Via Fiume in this city. In one of the rooms of this hotel and exactly room No. 41 occupied by one of those negroes, we found a set of safe-cracking tools, a file, a wrench, a plyer and a mirror from a jeep. We left them were they were. I insisted to the interpreter to ask the Allied Command the authority to apprehend these soldiers.

Last evening (24 Aug. 1945) I met the English Captain's interpreter and he said that an Allied officer told him it was allowed to arrest these criminals. The interpreter begged me to go with him near the place where "Enrico" lived, so I asked some help from the officer in charge of P.S. GIORGI Gino, the Chief Police and the V. Brig. STRATTA Giuseppe. I went with them in Via 27 Marzo where lived a certain man named BUONDONIO from Naples, here "Enrico" use to sleep.

I knocked on the door of this place, BUONDONIO answered and he told us that "Enrico" left for Genova, but when we told him we were going to search the house, he said that "Enrico" was in bed with his daughter. We found him and invited him to follow us and he came with out any resistance. We found also in his night table a gun P. 38. After we took him to the Station of the Carabinieri of Piazza R. Ginocchio. Right away after we went, always in automobile, to hotel Concordia to find the other black soldiers. We asked the landlord which were the rooms occupied by "Enrico" (not to be confused with the other "Enrico" we just arrested) and the negroes. The landlord told us that in the room No. 41 came to sleep a certain man with a false name of "Enrico", but he didn't know his friend. He told us though that on the same floor and exactly in room No. 40-47- and 48 lived other negroes.

We went up stairs to the third floor and decided to knock first on the door of room No. 41 but nobody answered. In the mean while we noticed the door next to this room (No. 40) was half open. From out of the room in the hall we opened the light before we went in and we saw a negro sleeping. We asked the landlord-if the man sleep-

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ing was "Enrico" he answered, "No". After we tried to ask the negro in the best way we could, if he knew "Enrico". He didn't give a sure answer and his conduct was quite suspicious. In the mean while the negro lighted a cigarette and went near the wash stand. I instead left to visit the other rooms (No. 47 and 48) while the V. Brig. STRATTA and the officer in charge remained.

A few minutes later I heard a few shots and shouts coming from room No. 40, then I saw the V. Brig. STRATTA come out with a leg covered with blood and the officer in charge that was helping the Brig. I didn't go in the room right away because I expected a reaction from the other negroes in room No. 41-47 and 48, so I hid myself behind a column so I could see all the rooms but it was only for a few moments because the V. Brig. STRATTA and Officer in charge told me that the negro has been disarmed and was laying on the floor wounded. While the Brig. and officer GIORGI went for the first aid. I called an ambulance to carry the negro to be cured and called also the Command of Carabinieri of Piazza R. Ginocchio for help. I waited at the hotel for the Carabinieri, just as soon as they arrived I went to see my wounded companion and from there I , with Captain Davis's interpreter and V. Brig. STRATTA went to the hospital where the negro was already because transported by ambulance.

I with the agents and the carabinieri went back to hotel Concordia and guarded room No. 41 until about 9.30 A.M. a negro came out half dressed with his hands up. After we searched the room we took him to the Station of the Carabinieri at Piazza R, Ginocchio. Right away after the incident I received from the V. Brig. STRATTA 36.000 Italian lires which I gave to an Allied Police Officer the same day.


I affirm that before we started this action the Captain's interpreter received an assent that if we could get to the end of it he would be satisfied.

/s/ URTIS Bartolo

For copy conform

The Chief Police

Translation


SPENCER M. RECORDS
CAPT. INF.

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I undersigned STRATTA Giuseppe V. Brig. of P.S. belonging to the local police station, am proud to give the following statement: Friday night (Aug. 24, 1945) about eleven o'clock while I was passing Via 20 Settembre and exactly near the steps of S. Giorgio, I met the brigadier URTIS Bartolo who invited me to go with him to arrest an American soldier (white) and two negroes. The first named "Enrico" was reported as a deserter.

As the three individuals disappeared at La Foce we directed the automobile (belonging to the English Capt. of the office of transportations) in that direction. It was not possible to find them so we returned and went to the house of "Enrico's" fiancée on Via 27 Marzo. Just as we arrived we searched the rooms and in one of them we found "Enrico" who was in bed sleeping. We found also a gun P 58 in his night table. Then we invited him to follow us. Before we left the place we asked "Enrico" where we could find his two companions. He answered that they were living at hotel Concordia.

We went to that hotel and heard from the doorman that the two searched were already in their rooms, I don't remember the number. We knocked on the door but nobody answered nor opened the door. As there was a door half opened next to that room, I with two others (Chief Police and Brigadier URTIS) went in the room where we found a black soldier in bed. We asked him if he knew "Enrico" the American, he answered no so we left and tried again to knock on the door of the other negro. I came back at the door suspicious of the impatient conduct of the negro walking back and forth in the room. I went in again and asked him if he was armed he answered, "No".

Searching we found under the mattress 36 mila Italian liras. It happened then, that the negro tried to disarm me, but he could not so he pushed me with all his strength against the window and in the same time got in possession of a gun Beretta. that he kept under the pillow. He shot towards me and wounded me in the left knee. Afraid that the negro would shoot me again I used my machine gun and wounded him in different places. After this happened the negro was carried to the civilian hospital to be cured but he died in consequence of the wounds. In the mean while I was also carried to the hospital to cure the wound I received by a fire arm in the left knee.

The V. Auxiliary Brigadier of P.S.

For copy
The Chief Police

/S/ STRATTA Giuseppe

True translation



SPENCER M. RECORDS

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CAPT.

INF.

The 24th of August 1945 at 10.30 P.M.- I was at the Sirena bar where I met the Brigadier URTIS and the V. Brig. STRATTA. They told me they wanted to find the famous "Enrico", deserter of the U.S. Army so I followed them. 9

I heard about this case from the Chief Police and he told me it was necessary to find all the deserters in the city to stop their criminous actions.

We obtained a vehicle from the interpreter of Captain Davis. This interpreter heard about the case before from one of his officers.

I with the brigadiers went to find "Enrico" and his companions. First we went in Via Prione, then to a meeting place "Dal Zot" where we thought "Enrico" usually used to go. From here we went to the place where the Partisan's Police stop all the vehicles. Here we spoke to two partisans in service, they told us they saw the wanted persons pass and going towards La Chiappa or La Foce.

With the same vehicle I went to speak to the Chief Carabinieri MARRA and the Commanding Police of the Partisans PEREGO whom were going in service to explore as far as Bracco. I told them I was looking for "Enrico" and his companions. Not finding any important informations I returned to the city and went to hotel "Concordia", another place where these men use to go. As we arrived I asked the landlord if he knew of any soldier living there in his hotel was named "Enrico". He answered that there was one with a false name as "Enrico" (but didn't know the other negro). He told us also that on the same floor and exactly in room 40-47 and 48 were living other negroes.

For exactness I affirm that "Enrico" (white soldier) was not in the hotel that night. So later I went with my men in Via 27 Marzo where there lived a certain man named Buondonio (another place where "Enrico" use to go). The Brig. URTIS and V. Brig. STRATTA went in the house and arrested "Enrico" and confiscated a gun P. 38 and a few clothes. Transportated by a vehicle of the Carabinieri of Piazza R. Ginocchio we gave him to the Carabinieri. We asked the American soldier (Enrico) where were his other friends, he told us that they were at hotel Concordia. So we went there right away and with precaution we went to the rooms indicated. The Brig. URTIS knocked on the door insisently but didn't get any answer. In the mean while they noticed that the door of room No.40 next to this room was half open. But suspecting that there could be present some one of the searched, the Brig. URTIS opened the light of the room outside in the hall. In the room was a negro. We asked the landlord that was present if the negro was "Enrico"s friend, he answered, "No". At the question made by Brig. URTIS to the negro if he knew "Enrico", the negro answered in an uncertain way which made me suspicious and I thought best to put my men on guard. I came out of the room and while Brig. URTIS left to search room No. 47-48. I with a non commissioned officer went in again where the negro was. Brig. STRATTA, armed because suspicious of the conduct of the negro, searched the room and found under the mattress 36.000 Italian lires. In that moment the negro after pushing STRATTA, he got in possession of a gun that he had under the mattress or pillow and fired at me. In the same


time STRATTA with quick action grabbed from the negroes hand the 10
gun. The negro then grabbed immediately my machine gun by the
barrel and turned it a few times provoking a few shots that
wounded my left-leg. After this happened I went in the hall with
the impression to be badly wounded. I heard a few-shots more and
after I saw coming towards me V. Brig. STRATTA limping with the
left leg covered with blood asking help. We both were transpor-
tated to the first aid section. Before we left the hotel we told
Brig. URTIS to call for a n ambulance to carry the negro to the
hospital and the Carabinieri, all was done right away.

Commissioner of P.S.
(Giorgi Gino)

For copy conform

The Chief Police

Translation



SPENCER M. RECORDS

CAPT. INF.

I-undersigned Stefani Melani declare that I was working in the hotel "Concordia" , when a black soldier of U.S. Army was shot. //

Here in this hotel were living four or five negroes, one of these stole a jeep and sold it. The M.P.'s came to arrest the soldier but they couldn't find him. Two or three days later came the Italian Police, the negro was in his room. The Italian Police knocked at the door and this negro had a gun with which he shot the Italian Police in the left knee. - The Italian Police returned the shot with his machine gun wounding the negro in different places.

After the negro was transported to the hospital where he died.

That night four other negroes were arrested by the Police.

21 August 1946

Signed
Melani Stefano

True Translation


SPENCER M. RECORDS
Capt Inf.

80148

Province of La Spezia

CIVILIAN HOSPITAL
(Opera Pia di Sant'Andrea)

DOCTOR'S REPORT - LEGAL

No. 1

Today (Aug. 25, 1945) at 2.15 hrs. in this hospital came a soldier of the U.S. Army named "Joseph" to be cured of wounds received by a fire arm. One wound was caused by a shot passing the muscle of the shoulder (deltoid) into the left breast, another caused by a shot passing the left side to the abdominal (belly) and a gash in the right glutea.

His recovery seems critical. - -

The soldier died eight hours after he entered the hospital. (Anti-tetanus).


Aug. 25, 1945

The doctor on duty
(Dr. Milani)

Signed for the Chief Secretary

Seen by the
Sanitary Director

True Translation


SPENCER M. RECORDS
CAPT. INF.

D/D 24 August 45

Deserter named Joseph (?) colored. -- Died GSW abdomen and shoulder at Civ. Hospital Opera Pia di St. Andrea La Spezia, Italy.

Tooth chart

Shot by Italian Police - buried in Civ. cemetery of Boschetti in La Spezia, Italy.

Data: 1 white Am sol and 3 or 4 col sol were living in La Spezia - all AWOL - white sol - ringleader - named "Enrico" who was arrested in an Italian home, man named Buondonio, from Naples who was residing at Via 27 Marzo/ -- col sols were residing at the Concordia in Via Fiume Hotel in Rms 40 & 41, 47 & 48. During the search the col sol in rm 40 pulled out an Italian Berretta and shot the policeman.. He then grabbed a sub machine gun the policeman was holding and in the struggle it went off wounding the sol and another policeman

Above sol had no id on him - but was called by the name of Joe.

Steps to be taken: Call Provost Marshall's office CID and ask for ~~report~~ search for report in which this white sol and the col sols were involved ... From CID office name of above sol shld be ~~available~~....available

CID X-5021 6276 - Maj. Seidel
5156 - Maj. Kelso

When the photostats of copies of statements attached to burial report come back, put DF on them, send to PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE: "5D484" Attn: Major N. R. Seidle.

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21 May - Called Maj. Seidel - no news
" Mrs Emerson for search of crime activities in Hist. Rec.
Advised that 428th CID were in Caserta, Italy during 45. She suggested calling Maj Kelso and

22 May req. search of their records.
Spoke to Maj. Kelso. He will find out where these CID records are and call back.

Investigation revealed that the white Am Sol arrested the night of 24 Aug 1945 was Pvt Harry Fowler, Jr., 15054460, and organization in Sept. of 1946 was the 209th AAA Group, APO 761, U S Army.

s/s Carl F. Anderson, Agent CID
Henry L Manfredi, Chief Agent CID

Pfc Leonard Randall, 38161899, Co B., 838 Aviation Engr. Bn
arrested 5 days prior to other incident....

Arrest of other sols involved was handled by Capt Chas. Zittel, 01797538, Co. N. 2675 TAC Regt., APO 394 U S Army in the capacity of Chief of Police in the La Spezia Area. The present address of Capt. Zittel is Police Department, Tacoma, Washington. Records of Co. N 2675 TAC Regt were sent to St. Louis, Mo. from MTOUSA Records Depot 17 July 1946 in boxes 49-51 inclusive to Chief Organization Records Branch, Bldg. # 102 Records Administration Center, AGO, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

Present addresses:

Fowler, Harry, Jr. 15054460 - Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. *em 244399*
Randall, Leonard 38161899
524 Oakland Ave SW,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Prisoners & DIB's

*May Kilghren
71610*

*Capt. Kerw
5978*

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN :	2. DATE OF REPORT				
AMERICAN X-290 :	29 October 1948				
3. NAME OF CEMETERY :	4. PLOT :	5. ROW :	6. GRAVE :	7. DATE OF DISIN-TERMENT :	REIN-TERMENT :
USMC, Castelfiorentino, Italy 2J :	94 :	4869 :			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT :	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT :	10. COLOR OF HAIR :	11. RACE :
Impossible :	5' 4 1/2" :	Unknown :	Colored :

12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS
 Non-identifiable by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data.
 None

T.C. Anderson
 T.C. ANDERSON, Major QMG

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

14. WAS BODY BURIED? : TO WHAT EXTENT?
 YES NO

15. WAS BODY BURIED? : TO WHAT EXTENT?
 YES NO

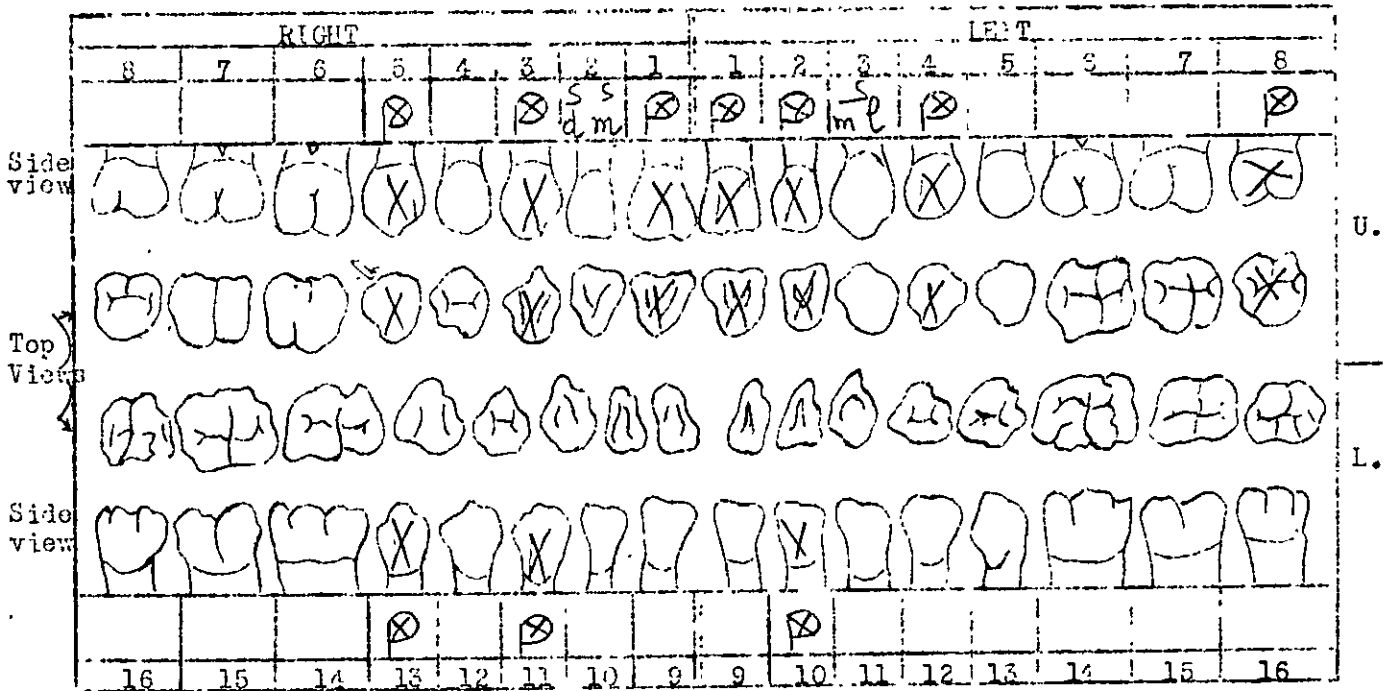
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED OR OTHER AND BONE INFORMATION
 None

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

7/2 - 8 Feb 49
 Received *Sub US Dec Assistant* **QMG**
 Not identifiable from
 Information presently *E. Flora*

18.

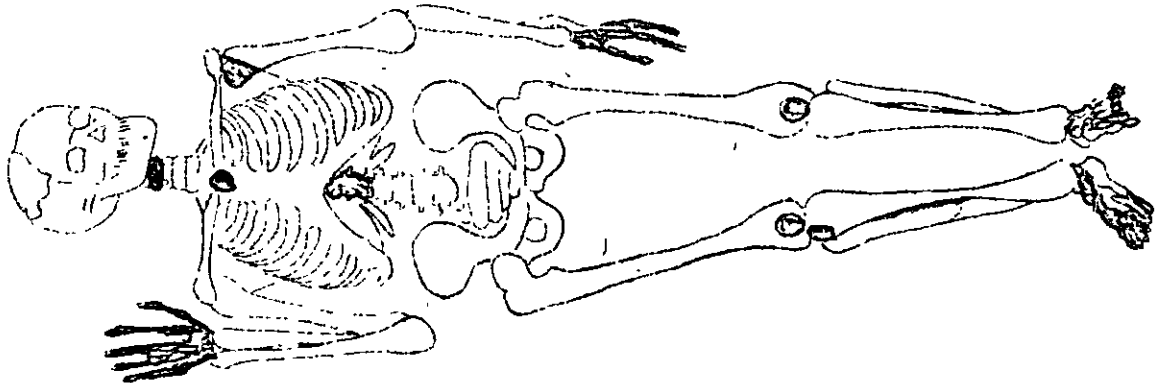
TOOTH CHART



Dentures (Plates):

Note: The filling is well made.

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 presence of one or more of the following anatomical
parts..

(Signature of Medical Officer)

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the opinion of the undersigned,
the representative parts of a human remains
graphically represented in par 19 are those
of one and the same individual,

Dr. Alexander Tardy /s/
M.D., D.A. (Anthropology) G.S.D., O.S.D.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED AND THAT
ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Typed Name, Grade, Arm or Service and Organization

SIGNATURE

MACK C. HOLT, 1st Lt. QMC, 9107 TSU-QMC, AGRS/MZ

s/ Mack C. HOLT

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

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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

C.I.P. Case No. L-574

Date of Investigation 29 Oct 1948

Unknown American X- 290

Am. Mil. Cem. Castelfiorentino Italy: Plot 2J Row No. 94 Grave 4869

Civ. Hospital "Opera Pia St. Andrea"

Place of Death La Spezia, Italy Date of Death 24 August 1945

Map Reference --- Sheet --- Map of Italy ---

Other American Dead Found in Same Area None

Cause of Death G.S.W. abdomen and shoulder.

22. Description of Remains

Skeletal state.

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

23. Skeletal Data

HEAD Skull intact

TOOTH CHELSE Accomplished

TRUNK Complete except for: one (1) cervical vertebra; manubrium.

UPPER EXTREMITIES (Give measurements of long bones).

R Humerus	<u>30.5 cm.</u>	L Humerus	<u>Head missing</u>
R Ulna	<u>26.7 cm</u>	L Ulna	<u>26.8 cm</u>
R Radius	<u>24.5 cm</u>	L Radius	<u>24.5 cm</u>
Carpals, Metacarpals, Phalanges		<u>Missing</u>	

LOWER EXTREMITIES (Give measurements of long bones).

R Femur	<u>42.5 cm</u>	L Femur	<u>43.3 cm</u>
R Tibia	<u>36.4 cm</u>	L Tibia	<u>36.3 cm</u>
R Fibula	<u>36.1 cm</u>	L Fibula	<u>36.2 cm</u>
Calcanea, Tarsals, Patallae, Metatarsals, Phalanges		<u>Partly present.</u>	

24. AGE ESTIMATED AT 27 to 30 years.

BASED ON Degree of the closure of the sutures of the skull and epiphyseal lines of the bones.

25. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

1. Tooth Chart accomplished.
2. Age estimated at 27 to 30 years
3. Height estimated at 5' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

26. RECOMMENDATIONS:

PROCESSED BY:

CURTISS D. PAYE /s/
Pfc 16216985
CIP Technician

Dr. Alexander Tardy /s/
M.D., D.A. (Anthropology) G.S.D., O.S.D,

/s/ Mack C. Holt

(Signature of Officer)

MACK C. HOLT
1st Lt. QMG
CIP Officer

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WD OMC FORM 1042
(Rev. 1 Apr 1945)
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

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

DATE OF REPORT

7 Oct. 1946

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible
DO NOT TYPE



Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

JOSEPH UNK. AMER. SOLDIER Z-290

SERIAL NO.

Unk.

GRADE

Unk.

ORGANIZATION

Deserter from
U. S. Army

BRANCH OF SERVICE

Army

RACE

Colored

RELIGION

Unk.

IF OTHER THAN U S DEAD, GIVE
NAME OF COUNTRY

U.S.A.

PLACE OF DEATH Civ. Hospital
Opera Pia di St. Andrea
La Spezia, Italy

CAUSE OF DEATH

G.S.W. abdomen and shoulder

DATE OF DEATH

24 Aug. 1945

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)

See attached correspondence.

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no)

None.

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 at Castelfiorentino, Italy Q549-507)

DATE OF BURIAL	HOUR	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER	PLOT NO	ROW No.	GRAVE No
7 Oct. 1946	1500	Coffin	Wooden Cross	2-J	94	4869

WAS THIS A REBURIAL?
(Yes or no)

Yes

IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE

Civ. Cem. Boschetti, La Spezia, Italy. Coord:
D-654-104 Sh. 95 Map. Ref: 1/50.000

PLOT NO

A-15

ROW NO

99

GRAVE NO

2

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

General

PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES

Local Chaplain

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

OMC Form #1042 sealed in glass container and buried with remains.

OMC Form #1042 sealed in glass container and buried one foot below grave marker.

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 SOLDIER Z-291

RANK

Unk.

SERIAL NO

Unk.

ORGANIZATION

Unk.

GRAVE No

4868

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

Empty at time of report

RANK

SERIAL NO.

ORGANIZATION

GRAVE No

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT

Frank L. Malacu
Frank L. Malacu, S/Sgt.

SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT

Spencer M. Records
Spencer M. Records, Capt., Inf.

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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Section -- UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.

INSTRUCTIONS.

(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


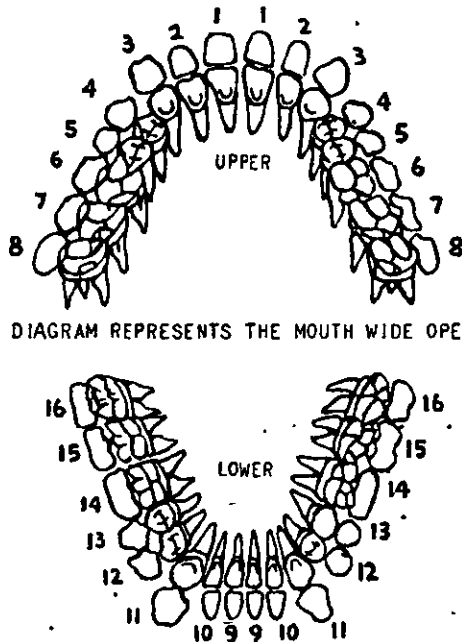




(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS

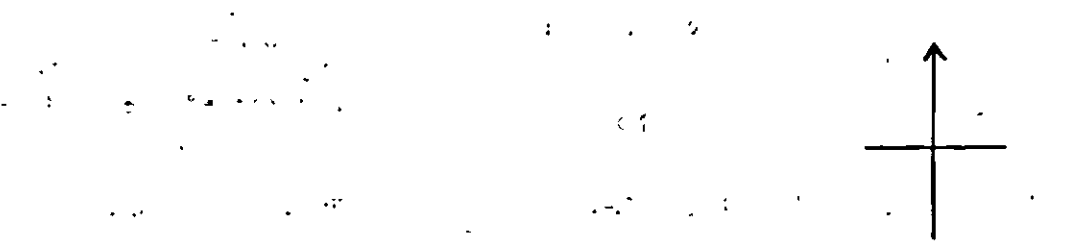
WEAPON AND SERIAL No.	LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND

OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

FINGERPRINTS IMPOSSIBLE, BODY IN SKELETON FORM.

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



REMARKS:

IDENTIFICATION DENTAL CHART
 to be used with GAO forms N 1082 & 1084 in place of chart
 thereon and to be attached to and filed with those forms.

REBURIAL

7 Oct. 1946
Date

"JOSEPH" UNK. AMER. SOLDIER X-290
Last Name First Initial

Unk. Unk.
Rank Serial No.

Army
Branch

Deserter from the U. S. Army
Classification

Giv. Hosp. Opera Pia di St.
Andrea La Spezia, Italy
Place of capture

Castelfiorentine 2-J 94 4869
Place of burial Plot Row Grave No.

		RIGHT					UPPER TEETH					LEFT						
		8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
type					D												A	type
location																	f	location

INSIDE -- LOOPING CUT

		RIGHT					LOWER TEETH					LEFT							
		16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
type																		type	
location																		location	

REMARKS:

Gold cap for L-2 present.

Frank L. Malocu
Signature

Spencer M. Records
Signature Officer

Frank L. Malocu S/Sgt.
Name & Rank Typed
U.S. Military Cemetery at
Castelfiorentine, Italy
Place or HQ, where this form acc.

Spencer M. Records, Capt., Inf.
Name & Rank Typed
7 Oct. 1946
Date

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