

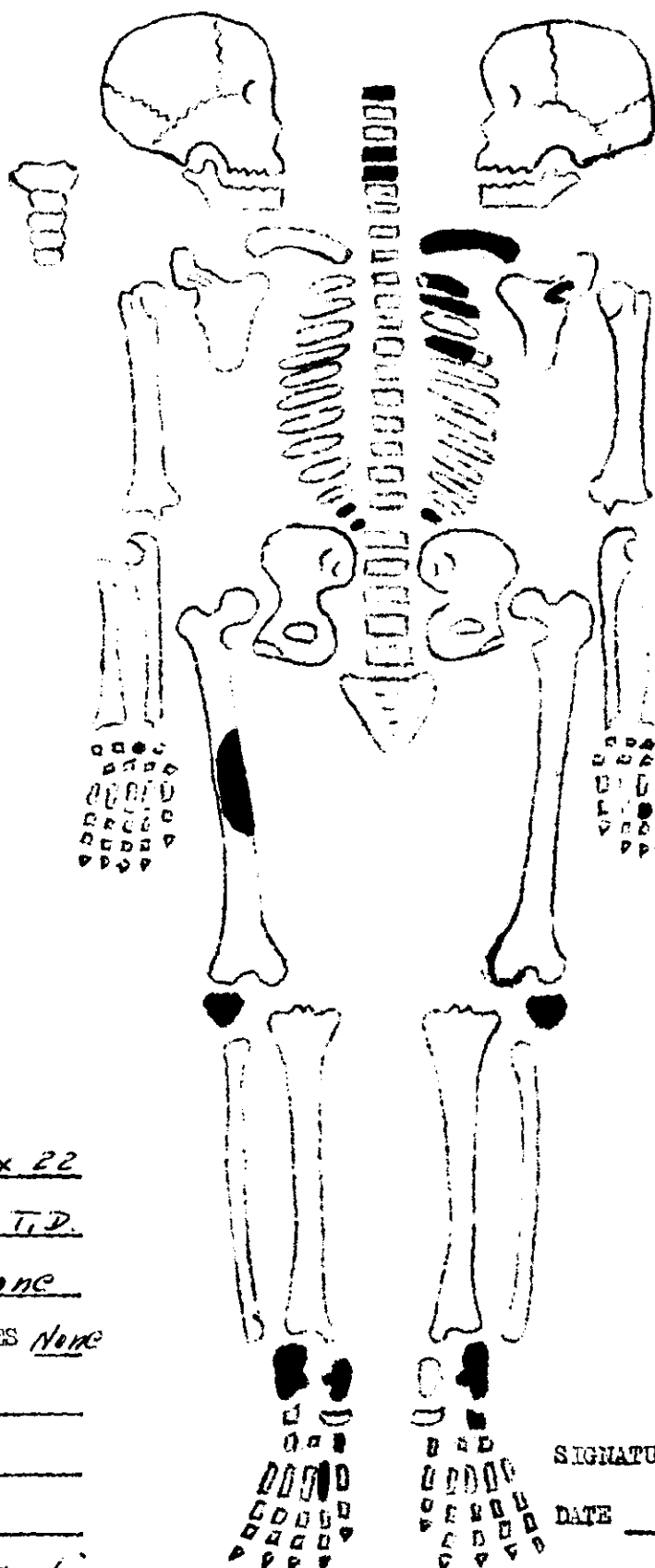


S K E L E T A L   C H A R T

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY ████ PRESENT)

#  
CIL 5092

(Previously  
X-70080  
Frankfurt (MED)  
Mausoleum)



HUMERUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

ULNA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

RADIUS \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FEMUR \_\_\_\_\_ cm

TIBIA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

FIBULA \_\_\_\_\_ cm

NOTES

BLACKED  
OUT  
PORTIONS  
ARE  
PRESENT

EST. AGE Apix 22

EST. HEIGHT U.T.D.

COLOR HAIR None

HEALED FRACTURES None

LESH None

BURNED No

EST. WEIGHT Medium

SIGNATURE MA Heff

DATE 3 July 1956

HEADQUARTERS  
USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT (7770)  
APO 757 NEW YORK

293 Unk Frankfurt Cof # 5092

3 July 1956

SUBJECT: CIL Remains

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

*Re: case 7/12/54*

1. Reference is made to letter, your Office, subject: Unknown X-70080, Frankfurt (MED) Mausoleum, dated 28 June 1956, requesting that Unknown X-70080 be assigned CIL designation.

2. In compliance with your request subject Unknown remains has been redesignated CIL Remains 5092.

3. Attached hereto for your information and file is relevant Record of CIL Remains Form. Also, attached hereto for appropriate disposition is identification tag for William STUDEBAKER, 15 334 980.

*S. Gibbs*

- 2 Incls
- 1-Record of CIL Form
- 2-Ident. Tag (Studebaker)

S. GIBBS  
Maj QMC  
Commanding

*Ident. tag withdrawn  
see Studebaker file*

*File NAT  
11 July 56  
Approved  
[Signature]  
[Signature]*

7 May 1956

ONGISE-D 293  
Studebaker, William E.  
15 334 980

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding Officer  
U S Army Europe  
31 Mortuary Service Detachment  
7770th Army Unit  
APO 757, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to inclosed copies of correspondence regarding recovery of the remains of S/Sgt William E. Studebaker, 15334980. Photographs referred to in inclosures 3 and 4 were not received in this Office.

2. For your information Form 371 (in duplicate), covering identification data for S/Sgt Studebaker, is forwarded herewith.

3. Status of subject case is requested.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

5 Incls

1. Cy ltr fr ABMC,  
Wash D C dtd 2 Feb 56
2. Cy ltr fr ABMC, Rome  
dtd 16 Jan 56
3. Cy ltr fr Col Brown  
dtd 13 Jan 56
4. Cy ltr Italian Ministry  
of Defense dtd 12 Jan 56
5. Fm 371 (in dupe)

R. J. THOMAS  
Lt Colonel, GAC  
Memorial Division

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77756

Allbee  
56553

Coffey/mbb



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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

2 February 1956

Subject: Recovery of Remains

To: Chief, Memorial Division, OQMG  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attn: Registration Branch,  
Disposition Sect.

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2. Name of decedent has already been engraved on memorial wall at Nettuno.

*Edmund Bogaski*

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Lt. Colonel, AGC  
Chief, Research Division

Encl.  
as noted above.

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RECEIVED  
MEMBER SERVICE DIVISION

FEB 8 1 20 PM '56

ABMC Rome

16 Jan. '56

Letter No. 4007-R

Subject: Recovery of Remains of WILLIAM STUDEBAKER

To: Officer in Charge, American Battle Monuments Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief Research Division

1. The enclosed self-explanatory correspondence is furnished for information.

2. The name STUDEBAKER, William E. - S Sgt - 348 Bomb Sq  
99 Bomb Gp (H) - Indiana  
has already been blasted on the Nettuno Wall of the Missing.

3. It is not known whether the William E. Studebaker mentioned in par. 2 above is the same as the one referred to in the enclosed correspondence as we do not have the serial number of the former of record in this office.

Sgd.

F. F. GALLAGHER  
Colonel, USA  
Special Assistant  
to the Secretary

Incl.

- 1 ltr fr Col. Brown to  
USAREUR QM dtd 13/1/56
- 1 ltr fr Ministry of War to  
ABMC w/translation dtd  
12/1/56



Headquarters  
USAREUR QM Mortuary Service Detachment  
7770th Army Unit  
APO 757, U. S. Army.

PM/iv  
13 January 1956

Subject: Findings of Remains of William STUDEBAKER  
I-5334980

1. Letter No. Int. 157/20018 dated 12 January 1956 from the Italian Ministry of Defense is herewith inclosed with English Translation prepared by this Office.

2. Letter reports finding of remains of WILLIAM STUDEBAKER, I-5334980 - T43 -43A in locality "Punta Barbacale" about 5 Kms from Grado (Gorizia). Remains are reported to have been transported to the mortuary of the civilian cemetery at Grado.

3. The identification Tag and a pocket compass (photographs inclosed) which were found with the remains are being held at the main police Headquarters, Gorizia, at the disposal of the Officer who will conduct the recovery mission.

4. Information is submitted for action by your Office. Request this Office be notified as to your plans for subject recovery, so that the competent Italian authorities may be informed accordingly.

R. C. BROWN  
Colonel CE  
Officer in Charge

Incls:

Original Letter, Italian Ministry  
of Defense.

Three photographs.

cc: Wash Office.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE  
Graves Registration Division

12 January 1956

Sez. Int. 157 - File no. 20018

To: Officer in Charge  
American Battle Monuments Commission  
Rome

Info: Ministry of Interior  
Police Headquarters

Office of the Town Mayor  
Grado (Gorizia)

The Ministry of the Interior has forwarded to this office copy of letter no. 57072/2 dated 22 December 1955 from the Gorizia Police Headquarters, indicating that on December 7, 1955, the remains of an American Serviceman were discovered at "Punta Barbacale", 5 Km from the town of Grado (Gorizia) near the sea coast.

An identification tag and an unsearviceable compass were found with the remains. The tag is inscribed with the name STUDEBAKER, WILLIAM I-5334980 - T. 43 - 43-A. A letter P appears on the lower right hand corner.

The above objects, photographs of which are inclosed herewith are being held at the main Police Headquarters, Gorizia, at the disposal of your office.

The remains have been transported to the Mortuary of the Civilian Cemetery, Grado (Italy).

The above information is relayed to your office for action. Request this office be notified of action contemplated by your office for the recovery of subject remains.

S/Salvatore Talotta  
Colonel  
Chief Commissioner

*Att*

28 June 1956

QDR-293  
Unk X-70080  
Frankfurt

SUBJECT: Unknown X-70080, Frankfurt (MED) Mausoleum

TO: Commanding Officer  
U S Army Europe  
Quartermaster Service Detachment  
7770th Army Unit  
APO 757, New York, New York

1. Report of Burial and Report of Investigation and Recovery of World War II Remains, both dated 24 April 1956, pertaining to Unknown X-70080, are returned herewith without action for the following reason: A thorough examination of the available records of unresolved remains recovered in the Grado area failed to disclose any unknowns which could be associated with unresolved casualties or incomplete remains which could be associated with Unknown X-70080.

2. In view of the extremely fragmentary condition of the remains and the lack of substantiating data, identification of Unknown X-70080 as the recoverable remains of S/Sgt Studebaker is not acceptable.

3. It is requested that the identification tag recovered with the remains be forwarded to this Office and that Unknown X-70080 be designated a CIL number.

4. The present status of nonrecoverability for S/Sgt William E. Studebaker, 15 334 980, will remain unchanged.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

*X-293 Studebaker, Wm E.*

*15 334 980*

R. J. THOMAS  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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Kercher  
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*Howe*  
Womack  
56553

DISPATCHES  
O. Q. M. G.  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

JUN 28 17 29 '56

Incl  
a/s

Lederman

*Fields/73449/mbb*

**AIR-MAIL**

# REPORT OF BURIAL

24 April 1956

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

Date

Unknown X-70080

Unk

Unk

Unk

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No

Unk

Unit

Organization

Vic. Grado, Italy

Unk

Plane crash

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1600 Hrs 24 April 56

Frankfurt (MED) Mausoleum

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

82

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags:

How were remains identified?

What objects or identification were buried with the body?

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on?

Deceased's Right

Name

Serial No

Rank

Organization

Place of Death

Deceased's Left

Name

Serial No

Rank

Organization

Place of Death

If grave is Name, Rank, Row Number, Plot Number, Cemetery, Date of Burial, Cause of Death, or other reporting burial



Is there any other identification attached to the remains?

Is there any other identification attached to the remains?

Yes

Other

Other

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same

Recovered as SR # 799 from the sandy beach at FUNTA IARFACALB two (2) kms east of Grado, Italy. (Road Map 1:200,000 Sheet 673-57)

*Donald J. Eggum*  
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

DONALD J EGGUM, Captain, JMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

*Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner.*

# IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN <b>X-70080</b>				2. DATE OF REPORT <b>22 May 1956</b>	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY <b>Frankfurt (M.D) Mausoleum</b>		4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE <b>82</b>	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT
					REINTERMENT

### PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED AGE <b>Aprx 22</b>	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT <b>U.T.D.</b>	10. COLOR OF HAIR <b>None</b>	11. RACE
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12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS

**One (1) ID Tag  
(see imprint on left)**

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

**None**

14. WAS BODY BURNED? TO WHAT EXTENT?

YES  NO

15. WAS BODY MANGLED? TO WHAT EXTENT?

YES  NO

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

**None**

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

**Several portions of eletrically heated flying suit.  
Case of U.S. pocket compass (deteriorated)  
Nylon parachute cord.**

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**WESLEY A. NEEP : Ident Specialist**

**E. BREITINGER : Professor of Anthropology**

HEADQUARTERS  
USAREUR OM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT, 7770TH ARMY UNIT  
APO 757 US ARMY

24 April 1956

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY OF  
WORLD WAR II REMAINS

CASE INVESTIGATED : Italy/Misc.  
REMAINS PROCESSED : SR # 799

1. Partial remains of an American airman were reported found by the Italian authorities at "Funta Barbacale" near Grado, Italy (sheet 6/H-57, Italy Road Map 1:200,000). Photographs were received of an American ID tag for "STUDEBAKER, WILLIAM - 15334980" and the case of a US pocket compass. (See Exhibit A). The remains were discovered on 7 December 1955 and were taken to the mortuary of the community cemetery at Grado pending transfer of custody. The ID tag and compass were taken to the main Police Headquarters at Gorizia. Recovery of the remains by this headquarters was delayed by the severe winter weather until the latter part of March 1956 when a recovery team was dispatched to investigate and return the remains.

2. On 21/22 March 1956 the undersigned visited the recovery site at an isolated strip of beach approximately two (2) kilometers east of Grado (see Exhibit B). The fisherman who made the initial discovery was contacted and he explained he had first noticed a section of "twine" stretched across the beach. On picking up the "twine" he pulled until noticing it was attached to something beneath the surface of the sand. Digging down about a foot he loosened some fragments of clothing with wires, bone fragments and the ID tag for STUDEBAKER. The Italian police were contacted and further digging resulted in the finding of several more bone fragments and the compass case. A visit was made to the local cemetery where the recovered remains were examined and the clothing remnants verified as being portions of a U.S. electrically heated flying suit as worn on B-17 and F-24 lumber type aircraft. The "twine" which led to the discovery was nylon parachute cord.

3. The local authorities provided several men to assist in the additional search of the recovery site in an effort to recover the missing portions of subject casualty. An intensive search in an area fifteen (15) feet in diameter and over three (3) feet in depth resulted in the recovery of several smaller portions but none of the major bones could be found with the exception of a center section of shaft for the right femur. The remains were designated SR # 799, boxed and sealed

CASE INVESTIGATED : Italy/Misc.  
REMAINS PROCESSED : SR # 799

24 April 1956

by the local authorities and arrangements made for the forwarding of the ID tag and compass from the Main Police station in Gorizia to the AEMC headquarters in Rome. The Mayor of Grado presented a large wreath of flowers in honor of the fallen airman and also provided his official automobile to transport the team and remains to the nearest railroad station some sixteen (16) kilometers distant. The remains were shipped by rail to Rome and flown from there by US Military aircraft to Frankfurt/Main for further examination and disposition.

4. Pending approval of identification this case has been re-assigned a tentative Unknown "X" number as follows:

SR # 799 is now designated UNKNOWN X-70080  
Frankfurt (MED) Mausoleum  
Grave 82

5. OQMG Form 371 received from Washington for S/Sgt WILLIAM E. STUDEBAKER, 15334980, indicates subject airman was a member of the 348th Bomb Squadron and was killed 20 January 1945 when his aircraft crashed in the Gulf of Trieste in the vicinity of Grado, Italy. Although no teeth were recovered or no long bones with which to determine the estimated height it is noted that the estimated age based upon the left clavicle is in excellent agreement with the given age of 20 5/12 years. The bone size is for a medium weight individual which also agrees with the given weight of 156 lbs for S/Sgt STUDEBAKER.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS: The possibility exists wherein major portions of S/Sgt STUDEBAKER may have been previously recovered but remain in an "Unidentifiable" status due to the non-recovery of ID tags or other means of identification. It is recommended that records of "Unknowns" recovered from the Grado area be compared with the currently recovered partial remains to determine the possibility of consolidation and identification. If no earlier recovered remains can be associated with subject current recovery it is further recommended that Unknown X-70080 be identified as the only recoverable remains of S/Sgt WILLIAM E. STUDEBAKER.

*Wesley A. Neep*  
WESLEY A. NEEP  
US DAC  
Identification Technician

I have examined the remains designated X-70080 Frankfurt (MED) Mausoleum and do concur with the above listed physical findings.

*E. Breiting*  
E. BREITINGER  
Professor, Institute of Anthropology  
University of Frankfurt  
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY [ ] PRESENT)

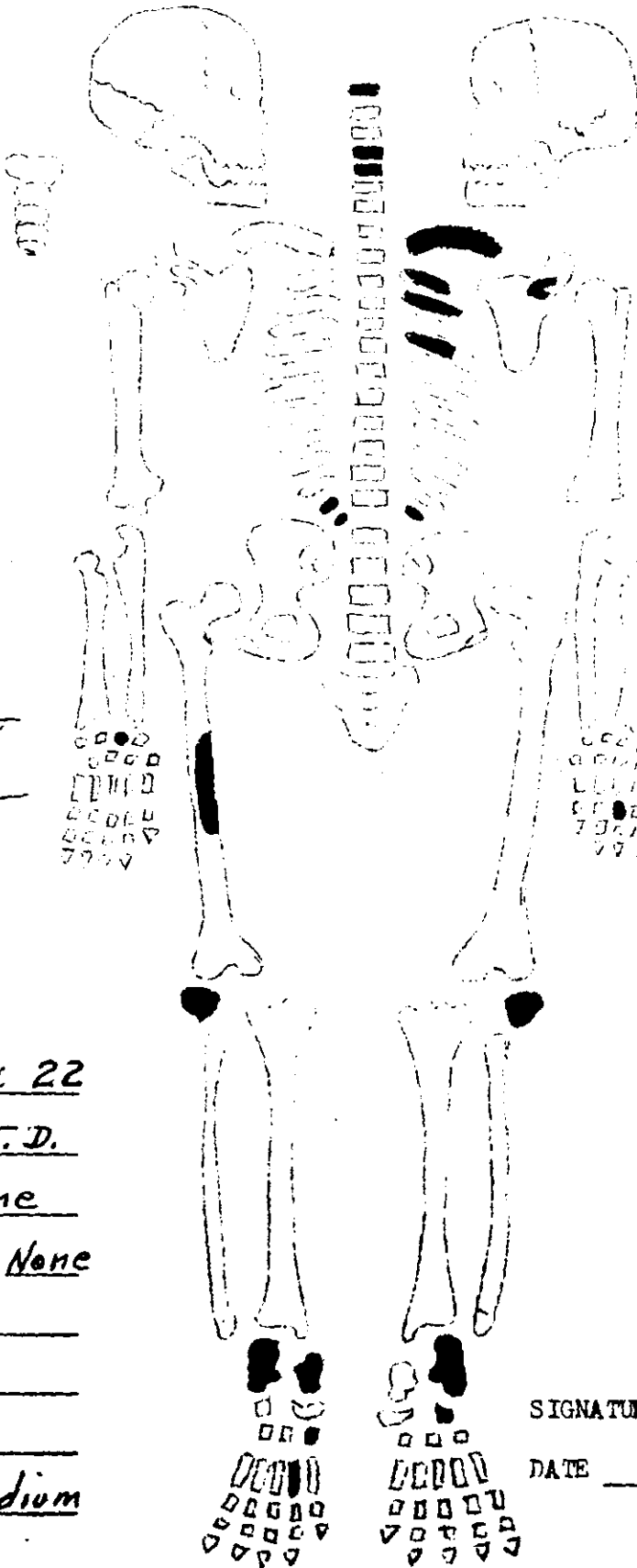
SR 799

X-70080

Frankfort  
(MED ZONE)

Mausoleum

Grave 82



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NOTE:

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EST. HEIGHT U.T.D.

COLOR HAIR None

HEALED FRACTURES None

FLESH None

BURNED No

EST. WEIGHT Medium

SIGNATURE W.A. Keef

DATE 24 April 1956

one (1) ID Tag →



TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE  
Graves Registration Division

12 January 1956

Sez. Int. 157 - File no. 20018

To: Officer in Charge  
American Battle Monuments Commission  
R O M E

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Police Headquarters

Office of the Town Mayor  
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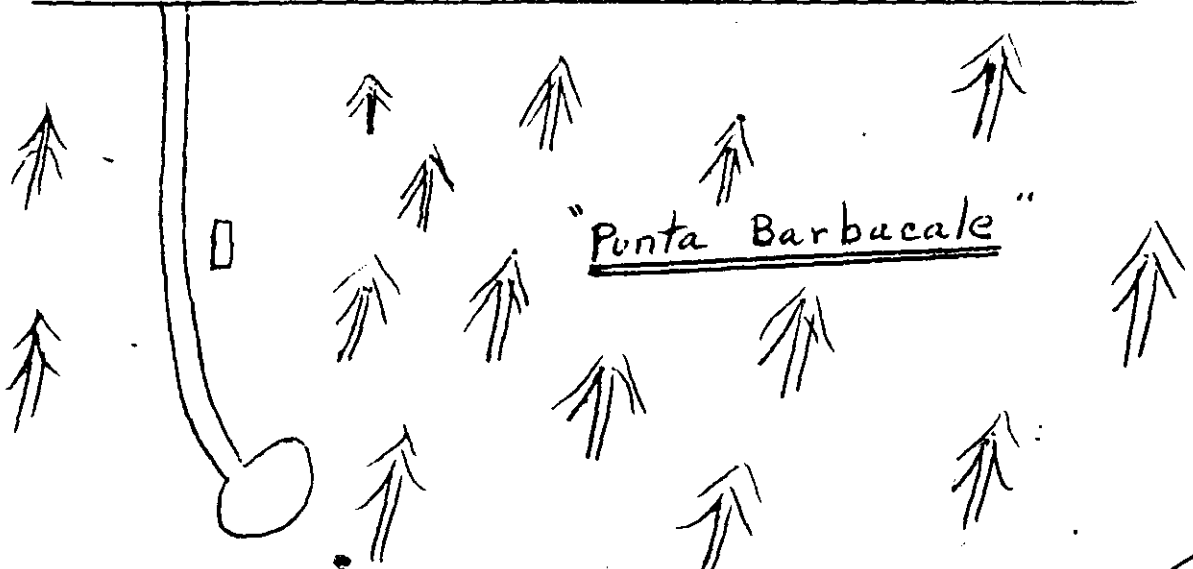
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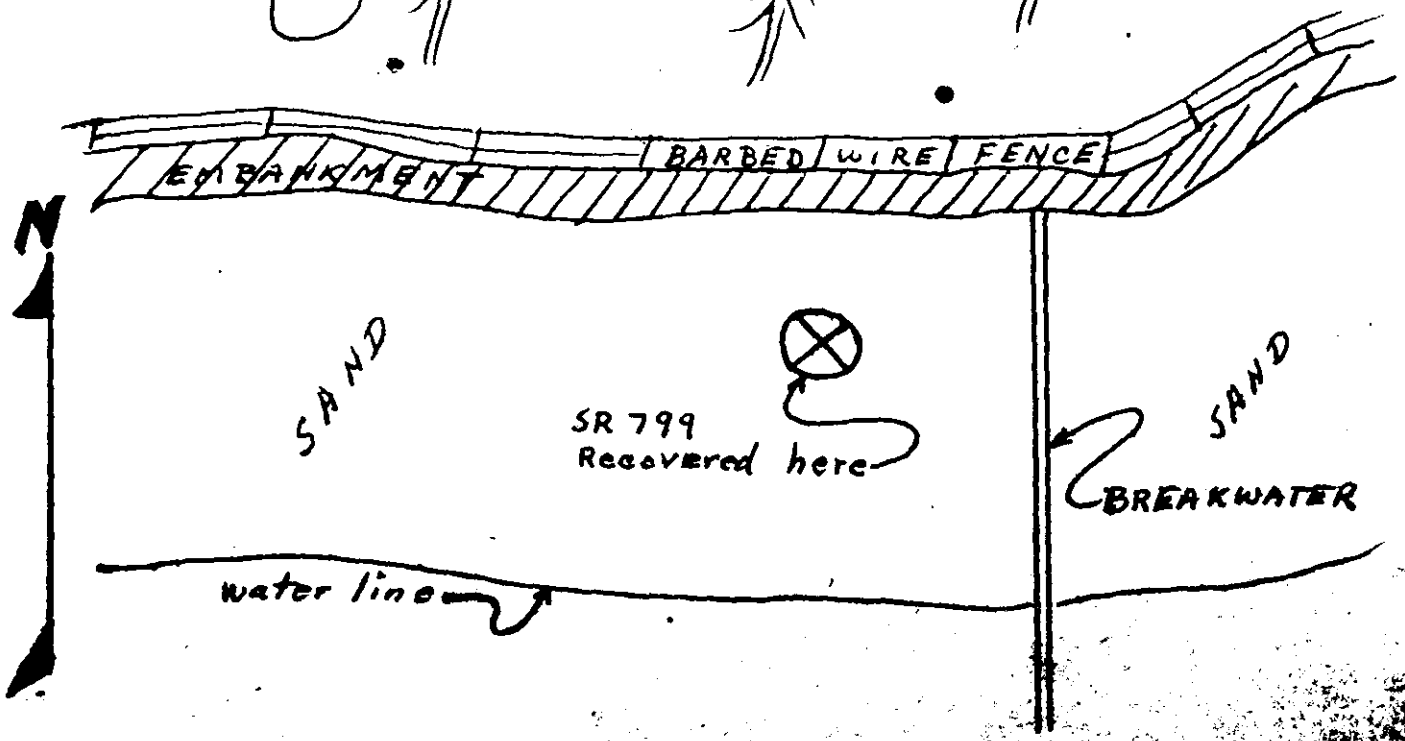
S/ SALVATORE TALOTTA  
Colonel  
Chief Commissioner

EXHIBIT A

← GRADU 2 Kms →



"Punta Barbucale"



EMBANKMENT

BARBED WIRE FENCE

SAND

SR 799  
Recovered here

SAND

BREAKWATER

water line

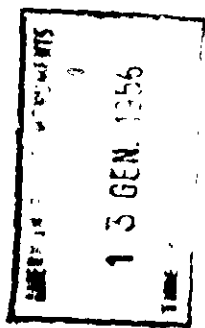


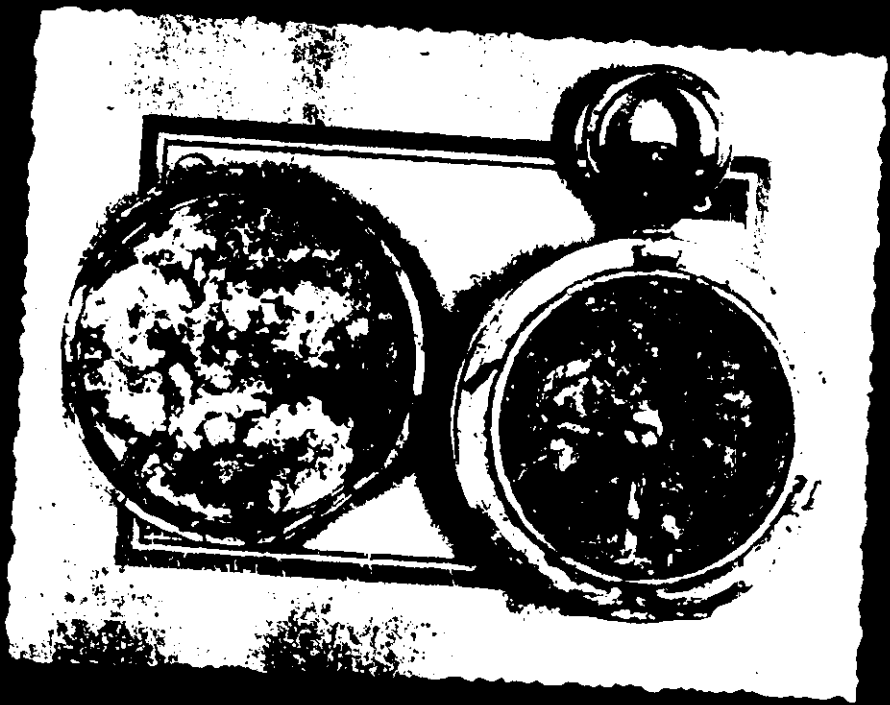


Tanto si comunica per dovere d'ufficio, con preghiera  
di voler far conoscere i provvedimenti che saranno presi al  
riguardo. -

p. IL COMMISSARIO GENERALE  
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO  
(Salvatore TALOTTA)

*Alota*





293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
STUDEBAKER, WILLIAM E.			S/Sgt	15 334 980	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
348th Bomb Sq 99th Bomb Gp		W	P	-	
DATE OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
20 January 1945	Plane Crash		Plane crashed in the Gulf of Trieste - vicinity of Grado, Italy		
DATE OF FOD					
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	
5'9"	156	-	Brown	9 1/2	
DENTAL CHART 31 August 1943					
UPPER RIGHT			UPPER LEFT		
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT		
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted                      O = Cavity                      1 = Cavity Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
Fracture Rt Scapula - 1937			- - -		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
DOB: 21 August 1924                      20 5/12					
Physical Exam (201 file) dated 31 August 1943, Item #41 - "Corrective measures or other action recommended: <u>Dental treatment.</u> " No subsequent dental forms, indicating treatment, are of record.					
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8   7   6   5   4   3   2   1			1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8 <b>0</b>		
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