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1. The records pertaining to Unknown X-70042, Plot -, Row -Griesheim/Main (MED) Grave 44 , USMC Mausoleum have been reviewed in accordance with par 159. SR 830-110-5, DA dated 3 March 1949, and it is the opinion of the Board of Review appointed by par 17, SO 149, Headquarters, Northern Area Command, dated 19 August 1953, that sufficient evidence is not available to establish the identity of the deceased concerned, and it is recommended these remains be classified as unidentifiable,

- 2. Report of reprocessing of remains was forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General by Transmittal Letter No. 6444 dated 27 February 1953 .
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Major H. O. YOUNG, 0-319334, QMC (Prasident)

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1st Lieut. SIMEON J. LARKENS, 0-130247, QMC

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Case History

Unknown X-70042

Griesheim/Main (Med) Mausoleum grave 44

The remains of Unknown X-70042 were recovered from an isolated grave at PASSO DELIA NOCCHIA, 5 kilometers south of IANUVIO at coordinates (150/9241). Remnants of equipment found with the remains indicate that the Unknown deceased was a member of U.S. Ground Forces.

Dental and physical characteristics for X-70042, were compared with recorded data for all unresolved casualties of ground units operating in the area of recovery.

This Search of records resulted in an association with Private John F. RICRDAN, 31372344, Company "F" 168th Infantry Regt., 34th Division. Pvt RICRDAN was reported KIA 29 May 1944 in the vicinity of GENARO HILL, (150/9341) Italy. This locality is approximately one kilometer east from the site where X-70042 was recovered.

Unknown X-70042 was identified by this headquarters as Pvt RICRDAN on the basis of the above circumstances and a favorable comparison of estimated age, height and weight. Although there is disagreement between tooth chart of remains and corresponding data for subject casualty it was believed that Form 371 held by this office may be in error. This identification has been disapproved by CQMG as examination of dental records for Pvt RICRDAN confirms discrepancy in the tooth chart comparison.

Identifying media for X-70042 checked negatively with all other unresolved casualties reported in the same area.

In view of the above it is believed that Unknown X-70042 must be considered Unidentifiable.

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REMARKS: Pvt John F. RIORDAN was killed in action in the vicinity of GENARO HILL, (150/9341) Italy. Unknown X-70042 was recovered from an isolated grave in the immediate vicinity (150/9241). Identification media listed above in addition to anthropological findings indicates conclusively that X-70042 represents the remains of Pvt RIORDAN.

WESLEY A. NEEP 6 February 1953

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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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SKELETAL CHART

(BLACK CUT PARTS OF BODY VOT PRESENT)

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Griesheim/M (MED ZONE)

Grave 44

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TOOTH CHART

X- 70042 Griesheim/M (MED) Maus. Grave 44

29 Jan. 53

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This dental chart is very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found. See reverse side for illustrations.

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Missing - R1,2,3,10,11,12; 11,9,11.

Spaces - R8-3 26mm

Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

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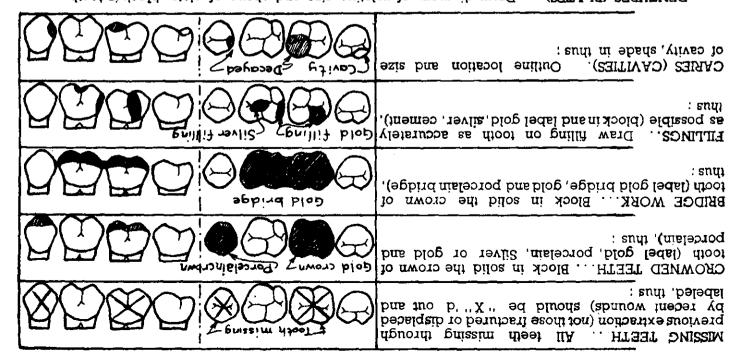
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Alignment - Good.

ET FORM 1-22 (29 AUG. 46).

Culculus - Medium.

(OLD GRAVE REGISTRATION FORM 1-A)



stached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp".

DENTURES (PLATES)... Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp".

ADDITIOUAL SPACE FOR FURTHER REMARKS

HEADQUARTERS 7770 USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHLENT US ARMY APO 757

6 February 1953

INVESTIGATION DIRECTIVE : 1025 : 209 PROCESSING DIRECTIVE SEARCH AND RECOVERY CASE: 732

IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY REPORT

- 1. Search and Recovery Case 732 pertains to one (1) remains recently recovered from an isolated grave in the vicinity of Lanuvio (150/92hl), Italy. Clothing and equipment found with this remains is of US Army issue. Available records indicate that Pvt John F. RIORDAN, 31 372 341, a member of Co "F", 163th Infantry Regiment, 3hth Infantry Division was killed in the vicinity of Genaro Hill (150/9341), Italy which is in the immediate vicinity of the recovery site of subject remains.
- 2. Pending identification and approval by OQNG a tentative Unknown "X" number has been assigned this case as follows:

SR 732 is now designated UNKNOWN X-70042 Griesheim/Main (MED) Mausoleum-Grave 44

3. Physical characteristics of this deceased are compared with like data on COMG Form 371 for Pvt John F. RIORDAN as shown below:

	•	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	
X-70042	(Remains)	28 -3 0 Yrs	51_9"	140-160 Lbs	None found	
Pvt RIORDAN	(Fm. 371)	31 Yrs	5'-72"	171 Lbs	Brown	

Teeth with this remains agree very favorably with dental data available for Pvt RIORDAN with the exception of teeth R3, R16, L8 and L16 which, actually, are present but shown as missing on the Form 371. Noting the exceptionally favorable comparison in regards to tooth extractions and all other aspects of association it is believed that The Form 371 is in error. The teeth articulate with the skull and the skull portions articulate with the vertebral column.

4. CAUSE OF LEATH: Eurned and shattered condition of the skeletal remains indicates that death was caused by explosion and/or fire.

US DAC

Laboratory Ident. Technician

Professor, Institute of Anthropology University of Frankfurt Frankfurt/Main, Germany

HEADQUARTERS
7770TH USAREUR QM MORTUARY SERVICE DETACHMENT
APO 757 US ARMY

12 January 1953

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to instructions contained in ID # 1025, dated 4 December 1952, an investigation was conducted at "Passo Della Nocchia." Di Lanuvio, Italy (Coordinates 150/9241) Road Map of Italy 1:100,000, to determine if the remains present were those of a World War II deceased.

Upon arrival in Lanuvio we proceeded to the local cemetery for an examination of the remains, which proved to be partially complete with portions of a protective hood and buttons from US military clothing present.

We then proceeded to the home of Mr. Benuto Soppi, the man on whose land the isolated grave site was discovered and who made the original discovery. In questioning Mr. Soppi he stated that he discovered the remains in question while breaking a new piece of ground next to his home but knew nothing further about these remains.

With Mr. Soppi we proceeded to the original grave site for a thorough search of the surrounding area and to reexcavate the isolated grave site.

The original grave site was reexcavated to a depth of one meter twenty (1.20cm) till we struck solid earth, also to each side we excavated another meter. In this excavation we discovered many portions of a protective hood gas, also different portions of American field equipment such as snaps from a rifle belt with the buckle and a portion of the belt present, however, we discovered no further portion of human remains present.

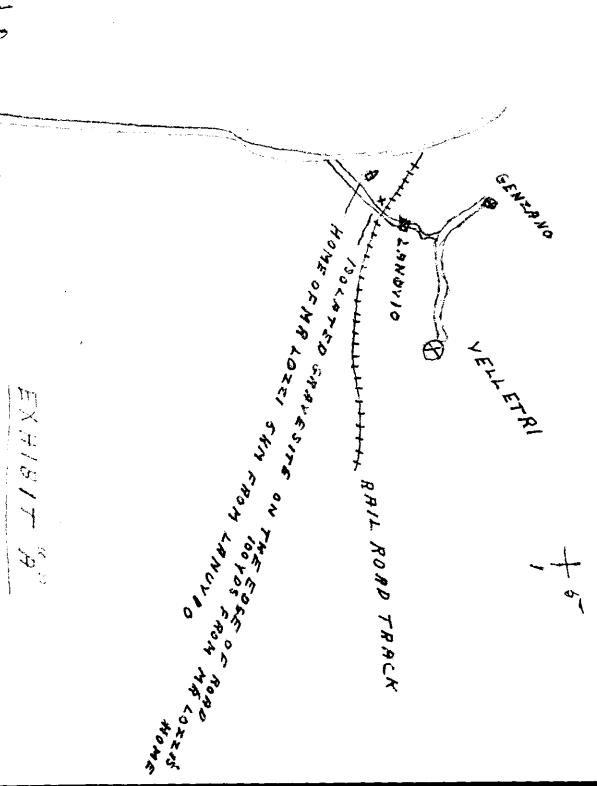
A thorough search of the surrounding area was made, discovering nothing further.

Remains were evacuated and assigned SR # 732.

ELDEN J. ELLI RA-36203110

Investigator

1. Inclosure:
EXHIBIT "A" sketch of grave site



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TRANSLATION

13 October 1952

PRETURA OF GENZANO OF ROME

N. 389

Subject: Finding of Remains of Human Bones

To : American Military Cometery of A N Z I O

This is to inform you that on 27 September 1952, in the locality "Passo della Noccia" of Lanuvio, human bones were discovered while excavation works were on. Because of the nature of fragments of equipment found with the remains, we believe them to be those of an American soldier. However, no useful data for his identification were found.

Before finally interring the above remains in the cemetery of Lanuvio where they are presently held in storage in the Morgue, we beg to inform this office if it is your intention to have the above remains transferred into your custody.

IL PRETORE /s/ illegible

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TRANSLATION

9 October 1952

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA Commissariato Generale Onoranze Caduti in Guerra Via Guidubaldo del Monte 24 ROMA

IS/2609 Prot. N. 4511

TO: Headquarters 7770 ENCOM M Mortuary Service Detachment US Army

e.c.: Carabinieri Headquarters of VELLETRI (ROMA)

(ref. no. 126/76 dated 28/9/52) (" " 126/76-I " 3/10/52)

Subject: Commune of Lanuvio (Roma) - Relains of an American national.

The Carabinieri Headquarters of Velletri, to whom a copy of present letter is forwarded for information, has informed us that on 27 september 1952, in the locality named "Passo della Nocchia" in the territorial jurisdiction of the Comune of Lanuvio (Prov. of Rome), the remains of a believed to be American national have been found in the 1 nd owned by Renato Lozzi, during the execution of works.

We are kindly asking you to let us know what steps will be taken by you in relation to above information.

IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO (G. Morandi) /s/ G. Morandi

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Graves Registration Form No. 1 (Revised | Sept. 1943)

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REPORT OF BURIAL

5 February 1953

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Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

I. ESSENSMITH, Captain, OMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

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