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Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean Theater
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- TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C. ATT: Memorial Division.
- 1. The remains of Unknown American X-233 interred in Plot 2H, Row 87, Grave 4635, U.S. Military Cemetery, Castelfiorentino, Italy, cannot be associated with T Sgt Thomas H. McDonald, 38 379 003, interred in Plot H, Row 9, Grave 1110, U.S. Military Cemetery, Bari, Italy for the following established facts:
- a. T Sgt Thomas H. McDonald died of wounds as a result of a plane crash at Foggia, Italy on 25 August 1944 and was interred the next day in U.S. Military Cemetery, Bari.
- b. The remains of Unknown American X-233 were recovered from a civilian cemetery at Palleroso, Italy on 14 September 1945 and reinterred in U.S. Military Cemetery, Castelfiorentino.
- c. The approximate distance between Foggia and Palleroso, Italy, is 150 miles and location on opposite sides of the peninsula.
- 2. Upon receipt at this headquarters of further information pertaining to the possible identity of deceased, notification will be made to the Office of The Quartermaster General.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Captain QMC

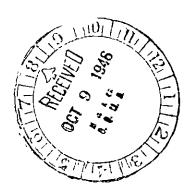
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### OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGYG 293

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Unknown X-233 (Castelfiorentino) Italy

13 September 1946

SUBJECT: Information Required for Graves Registration

Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations
ATTENTION: Theater Graves Registration Officer, APO 794,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

- 1. Reference is made to radio message, dated 7 August 1946 in regard to an Unknown American whose body was recovered from a Civilian Cemetery at Palleroso, Italy, estimated date of death 25 August 1944, also report of reburial for Unknown X-233, U. S. Hilitary Cemetery, Castelfiorentino, Italy, Plot 2-H, Row 87, Grave 4630.
- 2. An investigation conducted by this office to associate the names "Thomas McDandal" or "Thomas McDaniel" and verification of Browning Machine Gun numbers 1252363 and 1252430 with a missing aircraft, met with negative results.
- 3. Records in this office show interment in U. S. Military Cemetery, Bari, Italy, Plot H, Row 9, Grave 1110, of T/Sgt. Thomas H. McDONALD, 38 379 003, 347 Bomb Sq. 99 Bomb Gp., KIA 24 August 1944 in plane crash at FOGGIA, Italy. Identification was established by tags.
- 4. Information is requested as to whether there is any possibility that Unknown X-233 might be a part of the remains interred as T/Sgt. McDONALD. Any additional data which may aid in establishing identity of subject unknown should be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERIASTER GENERAL:

James C. MacFARLAND

Major, QMC

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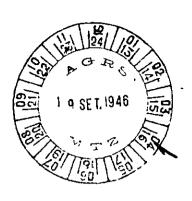
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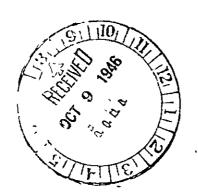
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- a. T Sgt Thomas II. McDonald died of wounds as a result of a plane crash at Foggia, Italy on 26 August 1944 and was interred the next day in U.S. Military Comstery, Earl.
- b. The remains of Unknown American X-238 were recovered from a civilian cometery at Palleroso, Italy on 14 September 1945 and reinterred in U.S. Military Cometery, Castelfiorentine.
- c. The approximate distance between Foggia and Palleroso, Italy, is 150 miles and location on opposite sides of the peninsula.
- 2. Upon receipt at this headquarters of further information portaining to the possible identity of deceased, notification will be under to the Office of The Quarternister General.

FOR THE COMMANDIO OFFICER:

SAMUEL F. FRITZ Captain GMC 8-1



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From: Hq HTOUSA, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department attention: Casualty Branch

Nr: C 57502

7 August 1946

Body recovered from civilian cemetery Palleroso
Italy, estimated date death 25 August 44. Browning machine
guns numbers 1252365 and 1252450 recovered from wreckage of
American aircraft, all identification removed by Germans.
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#### 2nd Ind.

Office of the Chief Graves Registration Officer, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, APO 794, U.S. Army, 29 December 1945.

TO: Organization Records Branch, AGO Savannah Depot, Savannah, Georgia.

- 1. Attention invited to inclosed report of reinterment for Unknown American X-235, Castelfiorentino.
- 2. If available request information desired in basic communication be furnished this headquarters.

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E. B. WADSWORTH Colonel, QMC, Theater GRO

AGRS-AC 293 (25 Oct 45)

3rd Ind.

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WD, AGO, Orgn Records Br, Records Adm Center, 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, St. Louis 20, Mo., 17 Apr 46

TO: Chief Graves Registration Officer, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, APO 794, c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.

- 1. A search of the retained records of the 12th and 15th Air Forces in the custody of this office, has resulted in failure to find any information relative to identity of unknown American X-233, interred in grave 4635, row 87, plot 2H, U.S. Military Cemetery, Castelfiorentino, Italy.
- 2. Retained copies of Morning Reports and Battle Casualty Reports for these organizations do not list a "Thomas McDandal" or "Thomas McDandal" Donald."

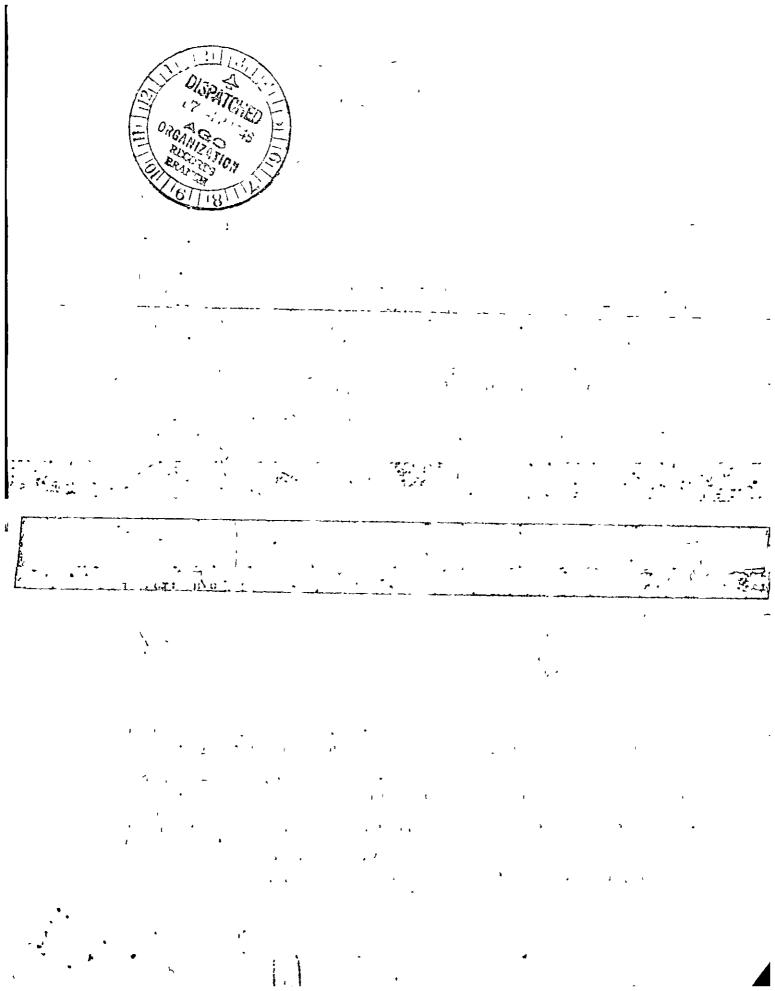
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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293 - (25 October 1945) 1st Ind

MTOUSA RECORDS DEPOT, APO 512, U.S. Army, 27 November 1945.

TO: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512. ATTENTION: Chief Quartermaster.

- l. A check of Air Force records in the custody of this office has failed to reveal any information which would be of assistance in this case.
- 2. For your information, the majority of Air Force records received at this depot have been shipped to Organization Records Branch, AGO, Savannah ASF Depot, Savannah, Georgia.

Ernest Saunders. Jr.

l Incl n/c ERNEST SAUNDERS, JR.
Captain, AGD
Theater Records Administrator



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# HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS UNITED STATES ARMY

APO 512

in reply refer to 293

Office of the Chief Quartermaster

Identification of Unknown Deceased. SUBJECT:

TO

Commanding Officer ... MTOUSA Records Depot., APO 512, U.S. Army.

- 1. Reference is made to attached copy of report of reinterment for Unknown American X-233, interred in grave 4635, row 87, plot 2H, U.S. Military Cemetery, Castelfiorentino, Italy. A
  - 2. This headquarters is unable to associate the plane with a missing air crew report now in file, or to associate the name "Thomas McDandal" with a casualty. It is requested that reinterment report and statements made a part thereof be reviewed and that retained records of Air Forces be searched in an effort to identify the plane or to associate the remains with a casualty. If identified, listing of crew members together with reported casualty status also is requested.

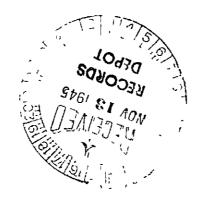
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Date of crash 25 Aug 1944.

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Signed: Lassi, Felice

Address: Castelnuovo of Garfagnana,

Lucca.

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2nd Lt. Inf.

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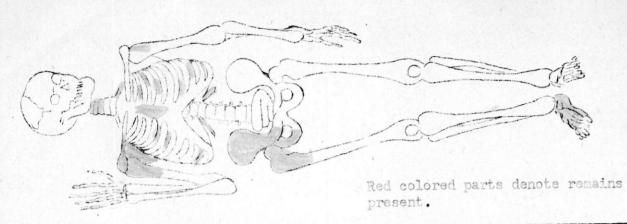
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(Signature of Medical Officer)

# 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.

t/s/ Dr ALEXANDER TARDY
MD, DA (Anthropology)
G.S.D., O.S.D.

I GENTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY VIDENED THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED AND THAT ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECOLDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Typed Name, Grade, Arm or Service and Organization SIGNATURE

t/s/ MACK C. HOLT, 1st Lt., QMC, 9107 TSU-QMC, AGRS/MZ (signed)

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## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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

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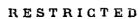
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None

t/s/ MACK C. HOLT

(Signature of Officer)
lst Lt., QMC
CIL Officer

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REPORT OF XXXXXX AR 30-1815 & TM 10-630

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT BURIAL, REPORT Make out QMC Form 1-GRS in quadruplicate for US dead, one additional copy for allied and enemy dead Sign all copies Submit report to nearest incinber of Graves Registration Service will forward the original and two copies through at least one higher administrative headquarters (to be checked against Casualty Reports and allied papers and all copies verified by the Graves Registration Officer of that headquarters) to Base

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"TREPARATION OF BODY Have body examined by member of Medical Department whenever possible (to attach EMT Form 52b) Remove all personal property, remove one identification tag, leave other on body in protected position (in case of enemy dead, leave ½ tag on body, forward ½ with personal effects) If no tag present, make notation of identifying data on form, protect in scaled bottle, canteen, spent shell or best available container and biny with remains If unidentified, take fingerprints of both hands, if this not possible, fill out tooth chart and note height weight, color of eyes and ban tattoo marks, birthininks, etc., and other data as serial no of weapon, laundry marks, where body found, etc. Wrap body in shelter half, mattress cover, or blanket when available

- 2 BURIAL Dig grave to a depth of five feet (hasty battlefield burials, to sufficient depth to prevent elements from exposing the body) -Place only one body in a grave Dig graves side by side, now behind row
- 3 MARKING OF GRAVE. Fasten identification tag to temporary name peg and place at head of grave. For enemy dead, write data on peg. When pegs are not available copy data on a piece of paper, place in bottle, spent shell, or other receptacle seal tightly and place so as to mark and identify grave. It identification tag cannot be fastened to peg or placed in container, do not leave at grave but forward with report of burnal. If only one tag is found on body, it should be burned with body. The information thereon should be written on marker or placed in container at head of grave. Do not use weapons or helmets to mark graves.
- 4 LOCATION OF GRAVE Report burials in established cemeteries by plot, row, and grave number (or show on cemetery map). For all other burials prepare sketch in space provided below, and give location by means of map references or by reference to prominent permanent landmarks. Information must be specific, accurate, complete. Stand at foot of grave facing head to determine bodies buried to the left and right
- 5 PERSONAL EFFFCIS I ist only personal effects taken from body on the Burial Report form Place these with information as to identify of owner, organization, emergency addressee, in personal effects bag, or wrap in handkerchief, towel, or other available material and turn over to Grave Registration Service Personnel with report of burial Government property is not to be included in personal effects but is to be turned in to Salvage Collecting Point

SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE

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Remains were disinterred from civilian cemetery at Palleroso, Italy coord: (L-155 086) by a detail of 602nd QM GR Co., 4th Platoon, on 14 Sept. 1945.

Browning machine gun, M2. 50 Cal.
Serial number "1252430" was recovered of from wreckage of plane, referred to on attached statement.

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