

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

293 UNK. CASTELFIORENTINO, X-277

SUBJECT

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

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER <b>5217 00118</b>	DATE <b>15</b> DAY <b>05</b> MONTH <b>48</b> YEAR
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NAME <b>UNKNOWN X - 000277</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>X-277</b>	RANK	ARM <b>J</b>	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR
CEMETERY <b>CASTELFIORENTINO</b>			DISPOSITION OF REMAINS <b>0</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>6</b>
PLOT <b>2J</b>	ROW <b>93</b>	GRAVE <b>4854</b>	COUNTRY <b>ITALY</b>	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS CODE DIST. PT. <b>5201 80</b>

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <b>FLORENCE, ITALY</b>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <b>(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)</b>
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SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME <b>UNKNOWN</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>X-277</b>	RANK <b>UNK</b>	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED <b>16 SEPT 48</b>
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION <b>UNKNOWN</b>	RELIGION <b>UNK</b>	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY <i>Li G Borres</i> <b>LI G BORRES 2 LT COL</b> NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL <b>UNRO ID</b>	CONDITION OF REMAINS <b>SKELETAL</b>
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION <b>BURIAL REPORT</b>	

MINOR DISCREPANCIES ?  
**NONE**

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET	
DATE <b>26 Oct 48</b>	BY <b>CLYDE B ROSEBOOM ( EMBALMER )</b>
CASKET SEALED BY <b>CLYDE B ROSEBOOM ( EMBALMER )</b>	EMBALMER (Signature) <i>Clyde B Roseboom</i>
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED <b>( CLERK RECORDER )</b>	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
DATE <b>26 Oct</b>	BY <b>THOMAS COX</b>

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.  
**BLACK C. HOLT 1ST LT QMC**

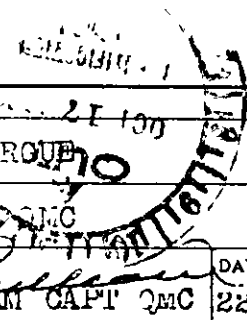
*Black C. Holt*  
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

NAT  
FILE  
RECORDS ANNOTATED  
DATE **11 MAY 1949**  
NAME *Thomas*  
R & R BR.

QMC FORM REV 15 MAR 46 **1194**  
*m-r*

# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER



## 1. SHIPPED

FROM <b>USMC CASTELFIORENTINO ITALY</b>		TO <b>LEGHORN PORT MORGUE</b>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <b>TRUCK</b>		NAME OF CONVOYER <b>R L CROCKER 2 LT QMC</b>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i> <b>I R HALEY 1 LT FA</b>	DATE <b>22 Sept 48</b>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> <b>THOMAS P PULLIAM CAPT QMC</b>	DATE <b>22 Sept 48</b>

## 2. SHIPPED

FROM <b>LEGHORN PORT MORGUE</b>		TO <b>USMC FLORENCE, ITALY</b>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <b>TRUCK</b>		NAME OF CONVOYER <b>PATRICK J. KENNEY CAPT QMC</b>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <b>THOMAS P. PULLIAM CAPT QMC</b>	DATE <b>22 Mar 49</b>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> <b>WALTER E. THOMAS CAPT CMP</b>	DATE <b>22 Mar 49</b>

## 3 SHIPPED

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

## 4 SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
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 <b>FLORENCE 1 LT FA</b>	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> <b>THOMAS P PULLIAM CAPT QMC</b>	DATE

## 6 SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
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

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN : 2. DATE OF REPORT  
 X-277 : 15 October 1948

3. NAME OF COUNTRY : 4. PLOT : 5. ROW : 6. GRAVE : 7. DATE OF  
 USMC Castelfiorentino, Italy : 2-J : 93 : 4854 : DISIN- REIN-  
 TREATMENT TREATMENT

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

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

12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS  
 Non-identifiable by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data:  
*W. Anderson*  
 T. C. ANDERSON  
 Major OMC

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

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

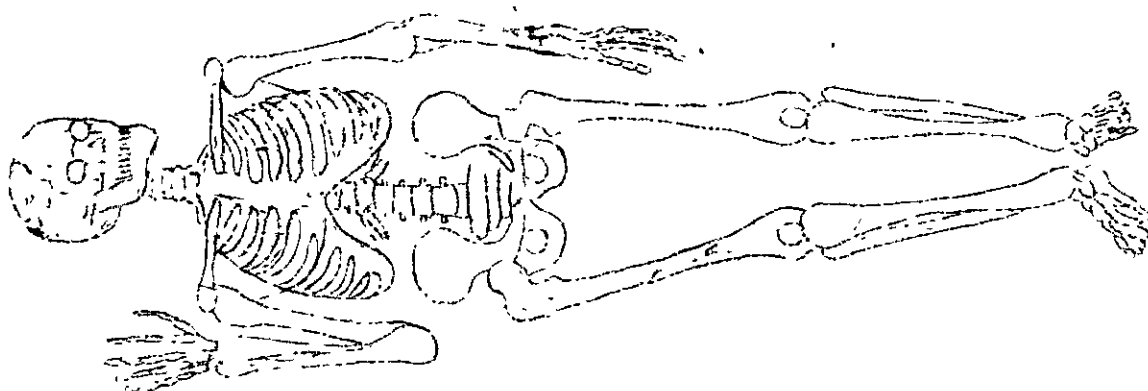
15. WAS BODY BURNED? : TO WHAT CATEGORY?  
 YES  NO

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 such facilities are not available in the area).  
 None

*etc. 11 Feb 49*  
 Received Remains US OOMG  
 Not identifiable from Declass  
 information presently incident.  
 available Rev

19. BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECOVERED



20. UNASS BUREAU CERTIFICATE (If applicable)  
(When reburial 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 indivi-  
dual.

t/s/ Dr ALEXANDER TARDY  
ED, BA (Anthropology)  
C.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
t/s/ JACK C. HOLT, 1st Lt., Q.C., 9107 TSU-Q.C., AGRS/12	(Signed)

HEADQUARTERS  
9107 TSN - OMC  
AMERICAN CASUALS REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE  
APO 794 US ARMY

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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

C.I.P. Case No. L-171

Date of Investigation \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown American X- 277

Am. Mil. Cem. Castelfiorentino Italy: Plot 2J Row No. 93 Grave 1854

Place of Death Vic, Mt. Canala, Italy Date of Death Unk

Map Reference 965 965 Sheet 104 Map of Italy 1/100,000

Other American Dead Found in Same Area \_\_\_\_\_

Cause of Death KIA clinical cause unknown

22. Description of Remains

Skeletal state.

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

23 Skeletal Data

HEAD Missing

TOOTH CHART Impossible

TRUNK Present are: L and R scapulae; 1 cervical, 1 dorsal, 3 lumbar  
vertebrae; 5 ribs; <sup>R</sup>pelvis.

UPPER EXTREMITIES (Give measurements of long bones).

R Humerus Missing L Humerus Lower portion 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 Part of shaft present L Femur Missing

R Tibia Head missing L Tibia Missing

R Fibula Part of shaft present L Fibula Lower portion present

Calcanea, Tarsals, Patallae, Metatarsals, Phalanges

Partly present. R patella missing

24. AGE ESTIMATED AT Over 20 yrs

BASED ON The epiphyseal lines of the L humerus are closed.

25. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Age estimation - over 20 years  
Tooth chart - impossible  
Height estimation - Impossible

26. RECOMMENDATIONS:

PROCESSED BY:

t/s/ ROBERT S. HUFF,  
Pfc., 16216004  
CIP Technician

t/s/ Dr ALEXANDER TARDY  
LD, DA (ANTHROPOLOGY)  
G.S.D., O.S.D.

t/s/ MACK C. HOLT

(Signature of Officer)  
1st Lt., QMC  
CIP Officer



IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
REPATRIATION RECORDS BRANCH  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

CATEGORY III CASE  
NO CLUES  
IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE  
AT PRESENT TIME

X 277



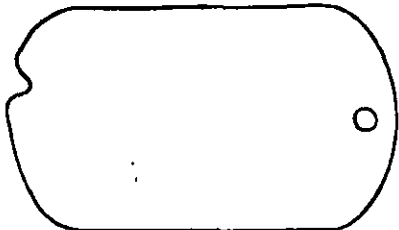
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(Rev. 1 Apr. 1946)  
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

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

DATE OF REPORT  
24 August 1946

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.  
DO NOT TYPE



Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

REBURIAL

SERIAL No.

Unk.

UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER X-277

GRADE

Unk.

ORGANIZATION

Unk.

BRANCH OF SERVICE

Ground Force

RACE

Unk.

RELIGION

Unk.

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

U. S. A.

Vic. of Mt. Canala, Italy

PLACE OF DEATH: Coord: (96.5-96.5)

Sh. 104, Pisa Map of  
Italy 1/100,000.

CAUSE OF DEATH

KIA

DATE OF DEATH

Unk.

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)

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 at Castelfiorentino Q(549-507)

DATE OF BURIAL	HOUR	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER	PLOT No	ROW No	GRAVE No
24 Aug. 1946	1500	Wooden Casket	Wooden Cross	2-J	93	4854

WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no)	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE	PLOT No	ROW No	GRAVE No
YES	Shallow grave vic. Mt. Canala, Italy Coord: (96.5-96.5) Sh. 104, Pisa Map of Italy 1/100,000	-	-	-

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES	IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY
General	Local Chaplain	QMC form #1042 sealed in glass container and buried with body. QMC form #1042 sealed in glass container and buried one foot below grave marker.

IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no)	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no)
No	No

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)	RANK	SERIAL No	ORGANIZATION	GRAVE No.
UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER X-276	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.	4853

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)	RANK	SERIAL No.	ORGANIZATION	GRAVE No.
UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER X-278	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.	4855

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT	SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT
Frank L. Malocu S/Sgt.	Spencer M. Records Capt., Inf.


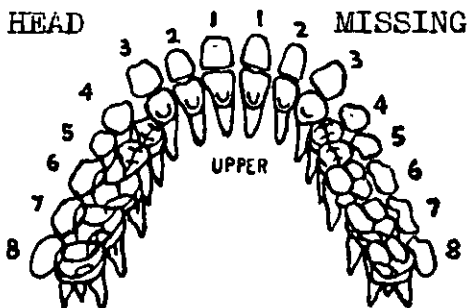

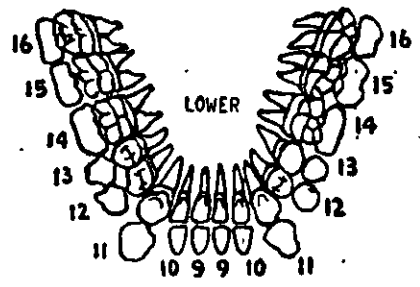




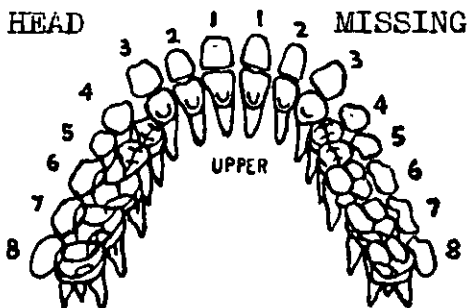

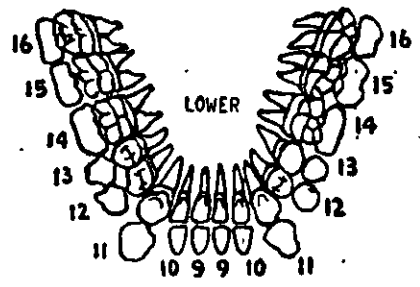




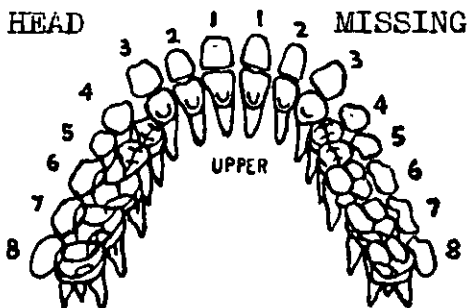

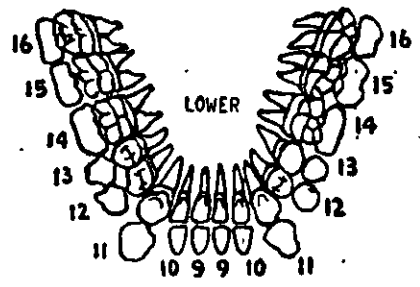



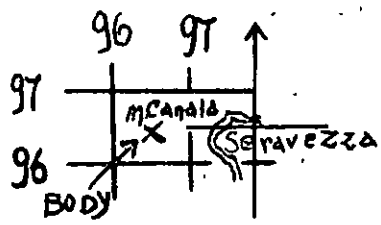
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U S and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

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	<b>Section UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.</b>	<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b>                  (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</p>									
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LEFT MIDDLE FINGER	OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES	Pisa Map of Italy 1/100,000.									
LEFT INDEX FINGER	None										
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RIGHT THUMB	<p><b>FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY</b>                  Shallow grave vic.                  Mt. Canala, Italy                  Coord: (96.5-96.5)                  Sh.104, Pisa                  Map of Italy 1/100,000.</p>										
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RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER	<p>REMARKS: MEMORIAL MONUMENT</p>										
RIGHT RING FINGER	<p align="center">None</p>										
RIGHT LITTLE FINGER	<p align="center">REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BRANCH                  Oct 9 10 37 AM '46</p>										

FINGERPRINTS NOT POSSIBLE BODY IN SKELETON FORM.

U. S. Military Cemetery at Castelfiorentino  
Field Sector Unit #2, AGRS-MT2  
APO 790 (Florence) U. S. Army

24 August 1946

SUBJECT: Unknown American Soldiers, X-277 and X-278.

TO : Commanding Officer  
Zone #2, 2621 G.R.U.  
APO 790 (Florence) U. S. Army

1. Submitted herewith is report of investigation concerning the recovery of the remains referred to as Unknown X-277 and X-278.

2. Remains were recovered by Pfc Henry Sowell from unmarked shallow grave at Coordinates 96.5-96.5 Sh. 104, Pisa Map of Italy, 1/100,000 in the vicinity of Mt. Canala, 15 August 1946 acting on information supplied by an Italian who handed Pfc Sowell some papers and letters bearing the name of Hampton C. White. Remains were originally thought to be remainder of the remains referred to as Believed to Be, Hampton C. White, Plot 2-J, Row 92, Grave 4899.

3. Excerpt from report submitted by Pfc Sowell is as follows:

"The Italian civilian guide used on a previous trip gave me some letters he had found bearing the name Hampton C. White and led me to a shallow grave of partially filled in foxhole from which I recovered the bones referred to here as X-277 and X-278. None of the civilians knew anything about the remains except that one had found them since our previous trip into that area."

4. Examination of the remains before interment disclosed the following:

Comparison with the remains of Believed to Be, Hampton C. White indicated that the remains were not the remainder of the remains previously recovered as Believed to Be, Hampton C. White was of much larger and heavier build than the other remains. No matching could be accomplished.

Further study of the bones indicated strongly that they were the remains of two other persons as indicated below.

	X-277	
Right		Left
Toe-1st phalanx		
Tarsal		Tarsal
Heel bone		
Piece of Fibula 27 cm long		Top part of Fibula 10.4 cm long

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Right	Left
Tibia (upper end missing) (36.7 cm)	
Piece of Femur 8.9 cm	
4 Metacarpal bones	Ilum
	3 Lumbar vertabrae
	1 Dorsal "
	1 Cervical
4 Ribs	Floating rib
Humerus 25.4 cm	
Scapula	Scapula

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X-278

Right	Left
Tibia lower part 30.4 cm	Fibula 38.6 cm
	Tibia (top missing) 36.7 cm
3 Metacarpal bones	
Radius 27.6 cm	
	4 Dorsal vertabrae
	4 Ribs
	4 Cervical vertabrae
	Cleavicle 14.3 cm
	Occipital bone
Parital	Parital
, right half Frontal bone	
estimated circumference of skull 29 cm x 2 - 58 cm	

5. No clothing present which could be recognized. Tooth chart was not accomplished as no jawbones were recovered.

6. Remains have been interred as Unknown X-277 Plot 2-J, Row 93 Grave 4854 and Unknown X-278 Plot 2-J, Row 93, Grave 4855, U. S. Military Cemetery at Castelfiorentino and report of Re-interment will be forwarded with weekly report of 18-24 August 1946.

Spencer M. Records  
Capt. Inf.