

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

293 UNK. CASTELFIORENTINO, X294

SUBJECT

1

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

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A -
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER
5217 00127

DATE
15 06 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME: UNKNOWNX-000294 SERIAL NUMBER: RANK: ARM: J DATE OF DEATH: DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY: CASTELFIORENTINO DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: O 5201 80 CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT: 2J ROW: 9A GRAVE: 4873 COUNTRY: ITALY CAUSE OF DEATH: 6

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: UNKNOWN SERIAL NUMBER: X-294 RANK: UNK DATE OF DEATH: DATE DISTINTERRED: 16 SEPT 48

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON: 0 REMAINS 0 MARKER ORGANIZATION: UNKNOWN RELIGION: UNK IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY: M G BORRES 2, JTG NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL: SHROUD CONDITION OF REMAINS: SKELETAL

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION: NONE

MINOR DISCREPANCIES: NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET
DATE: 15 Nov 48 BY: HOMER J. LESLIE (EMBALMER)

CASKET SEALED BY: HOMER J. LESLIE (EMBALMER) EMBALMER (Signature): *Homer J. Leslie*

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED (CLERK RECORDER)
DATE: 15 Nov 48 BY: MORTON LIPPEN SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY: MACK C. HOIT 1ST LT QMC

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. HOIT 1ST LT QMC

Mack C. Hoyt
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

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

RECORDS ANNOTATED
DATE: 21 MAY 1949
NAME: Ramsey
R & R BR.

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC CASTELFIORENTINO ITALY		TO LEGHORN PORT MORGUE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER R L G. OCKER 2 LT QMC	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>N R HAILEY</i>	DATE 22 Sept 48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Thomas P. Pulliam</i>	DATE 22 Sept 48

2. SHIPPED

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

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 FLORENCE ITALIA	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>William ...</i>	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

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER SEPARATE ZONE COMMAND-MTOUSA
APO 794 US ARMY

BK

mail # 2631

PO 200.2

8 March 1947

293 Unknown Italy # 294 (Castelfiorentino)
SUBJECT: ~~Unknown deceased.~~

TO : The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.
Attention: Memorial Division

1. An investigation carried out this Headquarters revealed that there are some possibilities of associating the remains of Unknown American X-294 interred in U.S. Military Cemetery, Castelfiorentino, Italy, plot 2-J, row 95, grave 4873, with the following Airmen who are as yet unrecovered:

<i>293</i> ✓ Graves, Thurman D.	35 366 673
<i>293</i> ✓ Bessey, Howard	32 733 214
<i>293</i> ✓ Smith, Clair J.	36 525 925
<i>293</i> ✓ Devoe, Bernard F.	11 107 345
<i>293</i> ✓ Berkowitz, Israel M.	13 151 681

It will be noted that the above indicated deceased were all crew members of aircraft 42-38134 piloted by 2nd Lt Melzer, Fred W., O- 800 382, which crashed 22 February 1944 on the Adriatic sea.

2. It is requested that your Office compare the data on the remains made part of the report for Unknown American X-294, GRS #1 No. 60178 against records on file the War Department for the above indicated deceased. It is further requested that a report of findings be submitted this Headquarters upon completion of action.

293 Unknown Italy X-294 Castelfiorentino

George A. King
GEORGE A. KING
Colonel QMC
Commanding

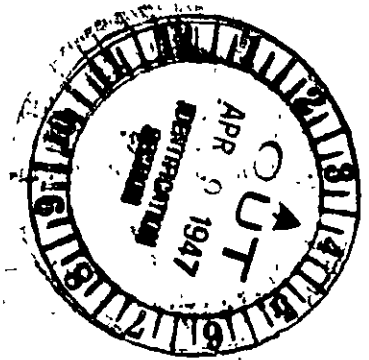
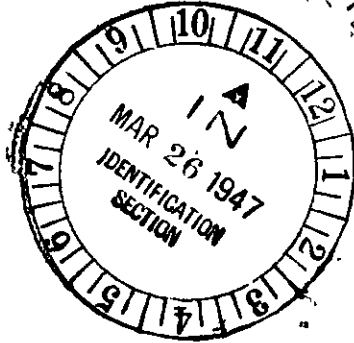
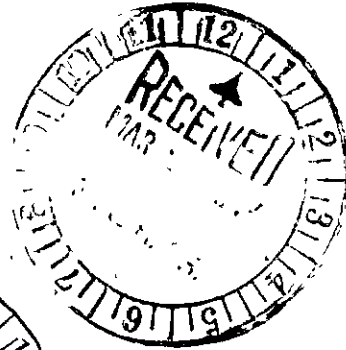
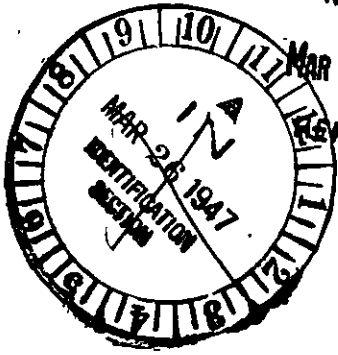
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REGISTRATION AND
RECORDS BRANCH

MAR 24 4 50 PM '47

MEMORIAL DIVISION



TELEPHONE INFORMATION RECORD

DATE

10 Apr 47

TELEPHONE NUMBER AND BRANCH CALLED

8122 X 232 Map Svc.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING CALL

Mindell

CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION (X or Case Number)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ X-294

CEMETERY

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Castelfiorentino, Italy

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Coords: S-6.2-4.8, Sheet 14, 1/200,000 Map of Italy

DATE CALLED BACK

11 Apr 47

PERSON GIVING INFORMATION

Wargo

INFORMATION RECEIVED

43° 37' 15" N

13° 31' 37" E 1/2 mi. NE of Ancona

There are no coordinates available on "10 mi West of Sestrice, Pugo, in the Adriatic Sea. (This is shown as being the place the plane went into the sea.)"

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. NUMBER OF REMAINS	:	2. DATE OF REPORT								
X-294	:	29 October 1948								
3. NAME OF CEMETERY	:	4. POINT	:	5. ROW	:	6. GRAVE	:	7. DATE OF DISTIN- TEMENT	:	REIN- FORCEMENT
US Military Cemetery Castelfiorentino, Italy	:	2J	:	95	:	4873	:		:	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

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

12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS
 Non-Identifiable by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data.

T.C. Anderson
 T.C. ANDERSON, Major QMC

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

14. WAS BODY INJURED? YES NO TO WHAT EXTENT?

15. WAS BODY MUTILATED? YES NO TO WHAT EXTENT?

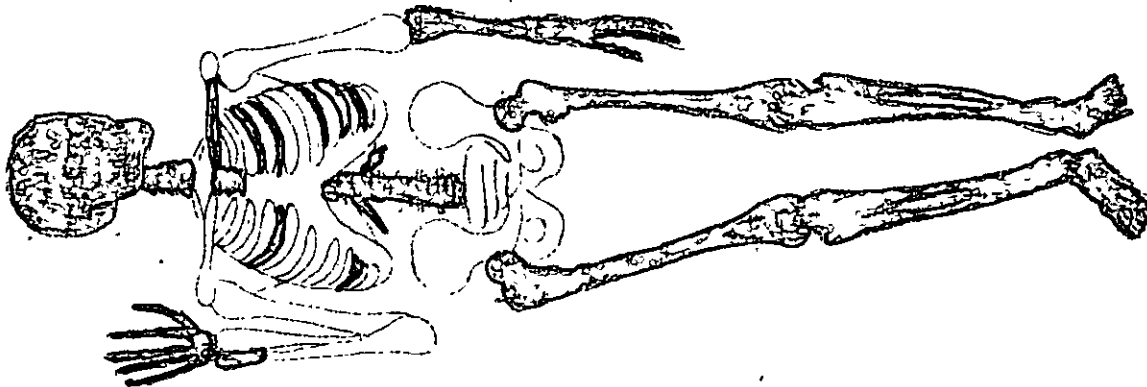
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF WEARIED EQUIPMENT AND POSE MODIFICATIONS
 None

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).

1 S/Sgt stripe
 1 Air Force shoulder patch

Received *T/k 89 Feb 49*
Det. US Rec. Indent OQMG

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 represented 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 DECLASED 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 614

Date of Investigation 29 Oct 48

Unknown American X- 294

Am. Mil. Com. Castelfiorentino, Italy: Plot 2J Row No. 95 Grave 4873

Place of Death Unknown Date of Death Unknown

Map Reference None Sheet --- Map of Italy ---

Other American Lead Found in Same Area _____

Cause of Death Unknown

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 Missing

TOOTH CLUST Impossible

TRUNK Parts present are: L & R scapula; R clavicle; sternum; 3 dorsal vertebrae; complete pelvis region; 15 ribs.

UPPER EXTREMITIES (Give measurements of long bones).

R Humerus 33.8 L Humerus 33.8

R Ulna Lower portion missing L Ulna Missing

R Radius 25.3 L Radius Missing

Carpals, Metacarpals, Phalanges

Missing

LOWER EXTREMITIES (Give measurements of long bones).

R Femur Missing L Femur Missing

R Tibia " L Tibia "

R Fibula " L Fibula "

Calcanea, Tarsals, Patallae, Metatarsals, Phalanges

Missing

24. AGE ESTIMATED AT Over 30 years

BASED ON Degree of closure of epiphyseal lines of bones

25. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Age estimation - Over 30 Years

Height estimation - 5'8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Tooth chart - Impossible

- 1 S/Sgt stripe

- 1 Air Force shoulder patch

26. RECOMMENDATIONS:

PROCESSED BY:

Curtiss D. Payne /s/

Pfc. 15216985

CIP Technician

s/ Mack C. Holt

(Signature of Officer)

MACK C. HOLT

1st Lt QMC

CIP Officer

Dr. Alexander Tardy /s/
M.D., D.A. (Anthropology) G.S.D., O.S.D.- 3 -

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
REPATRIATION RECORDS BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

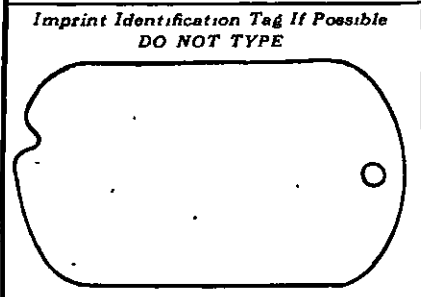
CATEGORY III CASE
/ NO CLUES
IDENTIFICATION IMPOSSIBLE
AT PRESENT TIME

RESTRICTED

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

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

DATE OF REPORT
23 Nov. 1946



Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.

NAME (Last, first, middle initial) **UNKNOWN AMERICAN AIRMAN X-294**

GRADE **S/Sgt.** ORGANIZATION **Unk.** BRANCH OF SERVICE **Air Corp**

RACE **Unk.** RELIGION **Unk.** IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY **U.S.A.**

PLACE OF DEATH **Unk.** CAUSE OF DEATH **Unk.** DATE OF DEATH **Unk.**

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)
Unk.

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

*X-12 (3)
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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 Q(549-507)

DATE OF BURIAL **23 Nov. 1946** HOUR **1500** BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) **Coffin**

TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER **Wooden Cross** PLOT No. **2-J** ROW No. **95** GRAVE No. **4873**

IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE
British Empire Cemetery Ancona, Italy Coord: (S-6.2-4.8) Sh.14, Map Ref: 1/200,000.

WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) **YES**

PLOT No. **1** ROW No. **M** GRAVE No. **6**

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY **General** PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES **Local Chaplain**

IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY
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) **No** IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) **No**

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) **Beginning of Row**

RANK **Unk.** SERIAL NO. **36801728** ORGANIZATION **88th Div** GRAVE No. **4874**

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) **OLSON, Frederick F.**

RANK **Unk.** SERIAL NO. **36801728** ORGANIZATION **88th Div** GRAVE No. **4874**

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT
Frank L. Malocu
Frank L. Malocu 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

RESTRICTED

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Section 3. 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.

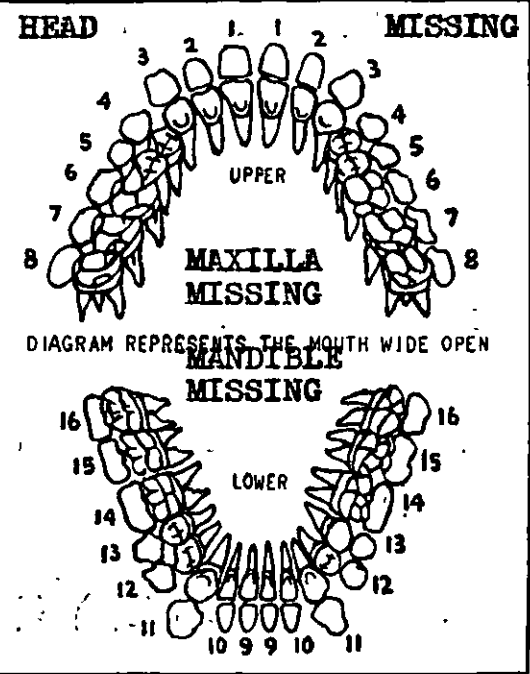
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS
-	-	-	-	-

WEAPON AND SERIAL No.	LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND
-	D 63252	British Empire Cemetery, Ancona, Italy Coord: (S-6.2-4.8) Sh14

OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES
 D. 3252
 Capt. Dodson, AC. 0413252
 None

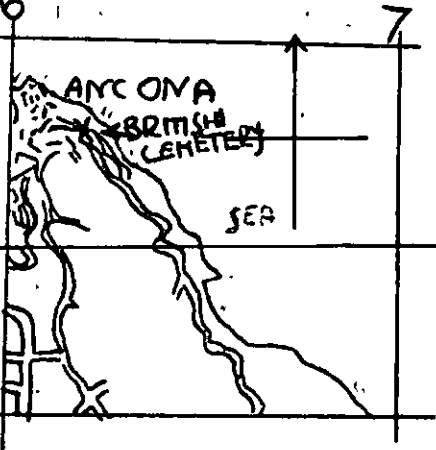
FINGERPRINTS IMPOSSIBLE BODY IN SKELETON FORM.

FILLINGS	SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING
CAVITIES	CAVITY DECAYED
MISSING TEETH	TOOTH MISSING
CROWNED TEETH	PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN
BRIDGE WORK	GOLD BRIDGE



FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY

British Empire Cemetery
Ancona, Italy Coord: (S-6.2-4.8) Sh14
 Map Ref: 1/200,000.



REMARKS:
 None

U. S. Military Cemetery at Castelfiorentino
Field Sector Unit #2, AGRS-MTZ
APO 782 (Florence) U. S. Army

23 November 1946

SUBJECT: Unknown American Airman X-294

TO : Commanding Officer
Headquarters, F.S.U. #2, AGRS-MTZ
APO 782 (Florence) U. S. Army

1. Submitted herewith is report of investigation concerning the recovery of the remains of unknown American Airman X-294, interred in Plot 2-J, Row 95, Grave 1873, U. S. Military Cemetery at Castelfiorentino.

2. Remains were recovered from the British Empire Cemetery at Ancona, Italy, coordinates (S6.2-4.8) Sh. 14, Map Reference 1/200,000.

3. Excerpt from report submitted by Sgt. Nobile is as follows:

"Went to the British Empire Cemetery at Ancona where we spoke to the British caretaker. He was in no position to give any information as he was not on hand when body was received at the cemetery. Showed us the cemetery records which revealed the date that remains were interred, 25 April 1946. Questioned the Italian caretaker who stated that remains were brought to the cemetery by some civilians who had recovered it from the beach at Ancona. The exact location could not be obtained from him as it had not been given.

As no other information could be obtained we disinterred the remains which were in Plot 1-M-6.

On grave was a cross with the following inscription:

U. S. A. A. F. T/SGT

Tried to contact persons who may of had some knowledge of the case but met with negative results."

4. Examination of remains before reinterment disclosed the following:

Right	Left
Humerus 33.5cm	Radius 25.2cm
	Ulna, end broken 23.4cm
	Humerus 33.6cm
Clavicle, ends missing 13.1 cm	

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	Right		Left
	Ilium		Ilium
		Sacrum	
		3 Dorsal vertebrae	
		Part of cervical vertebrae	
7 Ribs			Elements 9 ribs
		Sternum	
Scapula			Scapula

Portion of parachute
 Portion of heating apparatus
 Portion of flowered curtain material
 Khaki trousers marked (D-63252)
 Remnants of flight jacket
 S/Sgt. stripes and Air Force Insignia also found

5. The remains have been reinterred as those of Unknown American Airman X-294, Plot 2-J, Row 95, Grave 4873, U. S. Military Cemetery at Castelfiorentino and reports of interment will be forwarded with weekly report of 17-23 November 1946.

Spencer M. Records
 Capt. Inf.