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16 May 1945

SUBJECT:

Identification of U.S. Airman.

TO:

The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

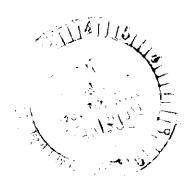
- 1. Attached copy of correspondence is forwarded in supplement to reinterment report for Unidentified American X-106 interred in grave 1509, row 126, plot L, U.S. Military Cemetery at Follonica, Italy. Report was forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General by transmittal letter, this headquarters, dated 18 April 1945.
- 2. Pursuant to information contained in attached copy of letter, 2616th Repatriation Unit, 21 April 1945, reinterment records have been amended to show remains interred as Unidentified X-106, Follonica, tentatively identified as those of S/Sgt. Norman H. Derau, 33185623, reported missing in action 21 January 1944. It is requested that records of the Office of The Quartermaster General likewise be amended.

FOR THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER:

E. B. WADSWORTH, Lt. Col., QMC, Theater GRO.

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18 April 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Reinterment.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Tashington 25, J. C.

- 1. Report of reinterment is transmitted herewith for Unidentified American X-106 interred in grave 1509, row 126, plot L, United States Military Cemetery, Follonica, Italy.
- 2. Original interment report has not been submitted through this headquarters.

For the Chief Quartermaster:

J. J. WADSWORTH,

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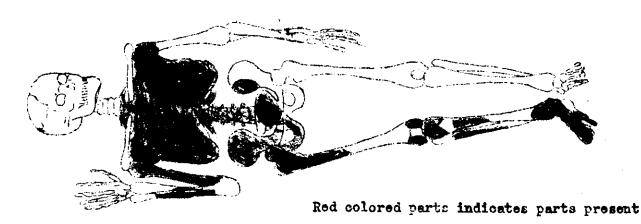
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21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL TRECHT MION

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.

/s/t/ DR. ALEXANDER TARDY,
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Paragraph 1-17 and 19-21, Identification Data QMC 1044 and 1044b Paragraph 18 - Identification Dental Chart

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/s/t/ CURTISS D. PAYE
Pfc. 15216985
CIL Technician

/s/t/MACK C. HOLT lst Lt. QMC CIL Officer

(Signature of Officer)

/s/t/ DR. ALEXANDER TARDY, M.D., (Antropology) G.S.D., O.S.D.

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REPORT OF HURIAL REBURIAL

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	6 March 1945
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Unidentified X-106 (A525595) (B-26B 42-43276) (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)	Unknown White (Serial No.) (Race)
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Identification Tags found on body: Yes (); No (0). If no identification tags, other means used to identify body (identification)	ion card, letters, etc.)
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Complete fingerprint chart of both hands on reverse side if body can Complete tooth-chart on reverse side and list anatomical characteristes a	
If unidentified, give circumstances: See Reverse Side List of Personal Effects found on Body and disposition of Same: None	
Unknown (Name of Emergency Addressee)	Unknown (Address of Emergency Addressee)
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	(Organization) (Grave No.)
(Signature of Person Reporting Burial)	(Verified by G.R.S. Officer) JEAN V. BIRDENER, 1st Lt., QMC
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT BURIAL, REPORT: Make out QMC additional copy for allied and enemy dead. Sign all copies. Submit report to Registration Service will forward the original and two copies through at least against Casualty Reports and allied papers and all copies verified by the Grave Section Graves Registration Service Officer. OVER FOR BURIAL INSTRUCTION	Form 1 - GRS in quadruplicate for U.S. dead, one nearest member of Graves Registration Service. Graves one higher administrative headquarters (to be checked as Registration Officer of that headquarters) to Base

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1. PREPARATION OF BODY: Have body examined by mender of Medical Department whenever possible (to attach E.M.T. 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 sealed bottle, canteen, spent shell, or best available container and bury 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 hair tattoo marks, birthmarks, 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, row 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. If identification tag cannot be fastened to peg a placed in container, do not leave at grave but forward with report of burial. If only the fag is found on body, it should be buried with body. The information thereon should he 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, www. 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 promipent permanent landmarks. Information must be specific, accurate, complete. Stand at foot f grave facing head to determine bodies buried to the left and right.
- 5. PERSONAL EFFECTS: List only personal effects taken from body on the Burial Report form. Place these with information as to identity 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

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Collecting Point . SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE: TOOTH-CHART Remains disinterred from Coords: A525595 Sheet 137-I, 1/50,000 Map of Italy by (horizontal line.) the 1st Plat., 602nd QM GR Co., ģ tooth 1 March 1945. anchor æ Crowits Remains removed from small casket buried in the garden of Signora **ta IS** inkangs. 1 × Ferdindi Bice, Montecchio, Italy. 60 Careful examination uncovered no Š ဌ identification evidence. Remains Çā consisted of two clinker-like pieces Dapossible z. of bone and torn pieces of flight cossing naturel clothing and parachute. Anatomical â o. denture characteristics were impossible to obtain. Major Robert Wexelblatt, Surgeon, 41st Service Gp, collaborated eplacements by in the above findings. Since only two crew members of aircraft B-26-B42-43276 are MIA, ... these remains must be those of either a Albert C. Bracke, 2nd Lt. 0-677238 or John D. Calnam, S/Sgt. 33318579.

Case Number B-11. (34-40) Trip Number 1.

Period of investigation 18 January 1945

INVESTIGATION OF ALL PACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURFOUNDING THE CASUALTY STATUS OF:

1ST LT	ZW RDS, JOHN C	0-659962	CAP
2No LT	BRACKA, / LBERT C.	0-677328	MIA
1ST LF	ROBINSON, BLYON D.	0-731225	$\Im LP$
2HD LT	MODERALL, SHARLES D. JR.	0-807226	RTD
ľ/Sgt	UEYER, JARL 5.	36038743	JAP
S/Sgt.	CALNAM, JOHN D.	33318579	IIIA
Sgt.	LANIER, WILTON D.	14067698	RTD

The above named personnel constitute the crew of B-26-3 number 42-43278 all formerly members of the 444th Bomb Squadron, 320th Bomb Group, originally reported missing in action as of 1226 hours, 21 January 1944.

Furpose of investigation: To investigate, evaluate and report upon any and all facts leading to the correct casualty status of those persons named above who are carried as missing in action.

Discussion: At time end date stated above, B-26-B number 42-43276 was hit by flak during the bomb run, caught fire, but continued to stay in the formation until the bombs were dropped. It then dropped out of formation in flames and was seen to crash on the side of a mountain in a small valley. In a signed statement an eye witness Capt Villiam NMI Cook, member of another plane in the same flight, stated that he saw seven parachutes leave the simplane before it crashed. Sgt. Milton D. Lanier, upon is return to duty, reported that he was the fourth man to leave the plane, and he saw aparach to open above him. Sgt. Lanier landed on the farm of Signor Guerrieri Civlio, in the country of Pilli, Community of Baschi, Province of Terni, and was aided to escape by the above named civilian. Upon questioning the farmer and his wife both immediately remembered the correct mane of Milton D. Lanier, and also that Sgt. Lanier frequently tried to tell them by signs that two men died in the crash of his airplane.

Lege witnesses who were near the scene gave conflicting information upon being questioned as to whether there were any bodies seen in the crash. Signor Suerrieri Giulio reached the plane within a half hour after it crashed, and reported that he saw ammunition exploding and part of one body attached to a parachute burning in the wreckage. All other civilians agreed that they had been unable to get close to the burning wreckage because of the Germans, who were seen tearing up a bloodied parachute into strips for souvenirs. The Jermans were then reported to have carried away the tail of the aircraft, which was the only part left above ground. Other civilians who were interrogated said that they approached the wreckage two hours after the Germans had cone and could see no evidence of bodies, everything in sight having been completely burned. Two oxen were employed in trying to pull out the engines and the front half of the plane, without success.

The investigator located the daughter of Signora Ferdinandi Bice, a resident of the town of Montecchio Di Baschi. Signora Ferdinandi Bice verified the fact

thet her daughter, Signorine Ferdinandi Jlaudia had found some charred human new approximately 50 meters from the aircraft and had transported these human remains to Montecchio and buried them in the yard of their home.

Due to the passage of time and the fact that the ground had been recultivated no visible remains of the crash were evident.

All persons interrogated gave the same information as to the time and date of the crash.

- Findings: 1. That B-26-B aircraft number 42-43276 crashed at the location given above.
- 2. That five occupants of this plane parachute to safety, of which three were captured by the Germans and two returned to duty.
- 3. The one of the two remaining crev members of the aircraft perished beyond any reasonable doubt in the crash.
- 4. That the bones in the possession of Signora Ferdinandi sice are the mortal remains of one of the remaining crew members.

Recommendations: It is recommended that:

- 1. Action not to be taken by this Headquarters to change the status of 2nd Lt BRACKE, ALBERT C., 0-677238, and S/Sgt. CALNAN, JOHN D., 33318579 inasmuch as a period of one year has elapsed since the date of the crash and the far Department has probably utilized the provisions of Public Lem #490 and declared them killed in action.
- 2. Graves Registration Service take necessary action as to recovery of the remains in the possession of Signore Ferdinandi sice. Civil authorities have been requested to assist any American personnel in locating the grave.

/s/ Paul V. Vineberg, PAUL T. VIUUBERG lst Lt., Air Corps 5th Ind.

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TD, AGO, Washington, 25, D. C., 23 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, APO 512, c/o PM, New York, New York.

1. Records of this office indicate present casualty status of personnel listed in inclosure 1 as crew members of B-26 aircraft 42-43276 is as follows:

1st Lt. John C. Edwards	0659962	POW
1st Lt. Elton E. Robinson	0731225	POW
2nd Lt. Albert C. Bracke	0677238	PCW/
2nd Lt. Charles D. McDovall, Jr.	0807226	RTD
T Sgt. Carl E. Meyer	36038743	POV
S Sgt. John F. Celnan	33318579	PON/
Sgt. Vilton D. Lanier	14067698	RTD

2. In view of this information it would appear that the remains buried as X-105 in Grave 1509, Row 125, Plot L, of the United States illitary Cemetery, Follonica, Italy are not those of any member of the crew of aircraft 42-43276.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETERY OF WAR:

/s/
Adjutant General.

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