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FILE NUMBER

293 UNK. FOLTONICA, X-70

SUBJECT

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MEMO ROUTING SLIP

To the following in order indicated:

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*Information concerning
American paratrooper buried
without identification.*

*CDN
25 Apr 45*

*file 11-6-51
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*293
X-70 Follonica*

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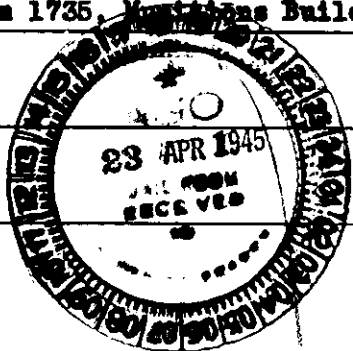
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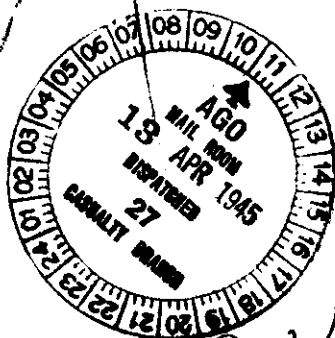
TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
1	Chief, POW Information Bureau, OPMG, Room 1735, Munitions Building.			DATE
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For necessary action.

1 Incl.



H.C. Keenan
file 11-6-57
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X-70 follow-up

FROM:	NAME Composite Section 4	ORGANIZATION Family Relations Sub Section	BUILDING AND ROOM 3711 Munitions	DATE 13 Apr 45
				TELEPHONE 79815

This form is prepared by W. D. A. G. O. Form 0118, 28 March 1944, which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

1 October 1944

W. D. A. G. O. Form 0118

DATE 4/21/45	TELEPHONE 76500	NAME <i>Major General</i>	ORGANIZATION <i>4 P 27 Bn.</i>	BUILDING AND ROOM <i>1712 Munitions</i>
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For necessary action.

1	<i>Major General</i>	<i>4 P 27 Bn.</i>	<i>1712 Munitions</i>
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TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

19 Mar 45,

SECRET MARKER

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office,
(Cas. P. S.)
Curzon Street House,
Curzon Street,
LONDON. W.1.

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Subject: Unofficial P.W. Report

Forwarded herewith for information are copies of statements regarding the death of an unknown Allied soldier in enemy hands.

The body has been exhumed but no clue to identity was obtained. If identity can be established by you, may this H. O. please be advised in order that the grave may be properly registered.

Cas Pw

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Capt

Brigadier,
D.A.C.,

G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.

26 MAR 1945

C.M.F.

D.A.L.S.

Copy to: D.A.D., G.R. & E. (records), C.M.F.

(Your GRCHE/600/105 dated 13 Mar 45 refers.
It is regretted that this H. O. cannot assist in identification.

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X-70 Follonica has been compared with all unidentified AC personnel of record in (per Casualty Roster) whose surname is Robert or Roberts (except Roberts, Richard F. 00677121 and Roberts, Richard B. 199117027; Roberts, Joseph H, 36238185). No conclusive evidence was found. A check in casualty Rosters for surnames Sergente and Maggiore was also made. No comparable unidentified deceased was of record.

Kirland 6 Nov 51.

Can we identify

Sergeant Maggiore?

Sergeant Major?

No. only similarity in name is Pvt. John T. Maggiore 38380665, KIA 26 Oct. '44

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATION
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Theater Provost Marshal
APO 887

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13 April 1945
(Date)

SUBJECT: Information regarding U.S. Military Personnel.

TO : Provost Marshal General, Hq Army Service Forces, War Department,
Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: Chief, PWIB.

Information received from various sources, regarding U.S. Military personnel, is herewith inclosed for information and necessary action.

Incls.

For the Theater Provost Marshal:

- I. Ltr. GHQ 2nd Echelon, dtd 19.3.45.
- II. Ltr. HQ Comzone NATOUSA, dtd 30.10.44.
- III. Statement by Cantarini, Maria.
- IV. Supplemental Statement by Cantarini, Maria.

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LCBT. J. G. GIBBS, MOD 1945
Colonel, Chief, PWIB



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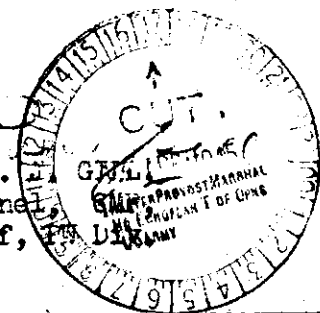
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ROBT. G. HILL
Colonel
Chief, PWIB
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HEADQUARTERS COLZONE, NATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army, 30 Oct 1944.

To: Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U. S. Army.

For appropriate action pursuant to paragraph 3 of 6th Ind, with report of findings by indorsement to this headquarters.

By Command of Major General LAMMIE :

/s/ E.L. White
/t/ E.L. White
1st Bt, A.G.D.
Asst, Adjutant General.

3 Incls n/c

AG 293 BPSUP (11 Aug 44) 8th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, 17 Dec 1944.

To: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. The only additional information that could be obtained in this case was another statement by Maria Cantarina, the guardian of the local cemetery at Cittaducalle, Italy, which has been attached to the correspondence and marked as inclosure #4.

2. With reference to the above mentioned supplemental statement, and the fifth paragraph of her first statement, the two people from Montenegro that furnished the information concerning the American paratrooper could not be contacted. It was ascertained that they were partisans, fighting in the Cittaducalle area at the time of death of the paratrooper and have since left for duty in another area. Further information regarding the identity or present whereabouts of the two partisans could not be obtained.

For the Commanding Officer :

/s/ L. J. Roberts
/t/ L. J. Roberts
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj. Gen.

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1 Incl: added, Statement a/s
in para I above in
Italian and translation.

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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT

The undersigned, Cantarini Maria, guardian of the local cemetery at Cittaducale, Italy, in addition to the previous statement that she made, declares that she saw the American paratrooper in the German hospital in Cittaducale while he was still living. On 1 March 1944, when the Germans brought the body in a box to the cemetery, she opened the coffin and recognized the dead body as the same person she had seen a few days before, possibly four or five, in the German hospital.

About fifteen days later a Montenegrino Partisan came to the cemetery looking for information about the body. The undersigned brought forth the description of the body and found out that he was looking for the same one she had buried, an American Paratrooper, whose family is in London. He was dropped behind the lines, was captured and remained about nine months in the Prisoner of war camp not far from Cittaducale.

On 8 September 1943, the date of the Armistice, he escaped and, to keep from being re-captured by the Germans, went to the woods with the Partisans gang, in which the Montenegrino was also a member.

On or about the fifteenth of February the American tried to cross the line and rejoin the Allied Army. He was wounded by a German patrol and was re-captured. He had no identification data with him as he had destroyed it prior to his attempt to cross the lines.

The Montenegrino said that he would return within a few days with complete information concerning this body but he failed to return. That is all I know.

/s/Cantarini Maria

"TRUE TRANSLATION"

/s/Jean V. Birdener.
/s/Jean V. Birdener.
1st Lt., O.M.C.

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STATEMENT

The undersigned, Cantarini Maria, guardian of the local cemetery was questioned about this subject and stated that on 1 Mar 44, at 0430 hours, four German soldiers carried the body of a soldier by truck, and in order to hide it, ordered it thrown into a ditch. These words were told to me by the Italian Interpreter who accompanied the above mentioned soldier.

The soldier was enclosed in a wooden coffin, the same as those used for the German soldiers. The above mentioned interpreter added, "This is an American spy, throw it into a ditch. We dont want it together with our soldiers". In fact the corpse was placed behind the cemetery wall, outside the gate.

The undersigned however, as soon as the German soldiers and the interpreter had left, awoke her daughter Iole, 20 years old, and her son Antonio Seminarist, 16 years old and with them carefully took the body and carried it to a little church in the cemetery where her son said prayers for the dead.

On the same day, about 0930, I went to see the Mayor in Cittaducale and told him what had happened. The Mayor told me to bury the corpse in the best way, in a good place in the cemetery. I obeyed immediately, adding also a very nice reinforced concrete cross and four little concrete columns. I also surrounded the grave with white, red and black lilies.

I also know, as two people from Montenegro who happened to be in Cittaducale told me, that the above mentioned American soldier was a "Sergente Maggiore" who was captured because he had been wounded while crossing the front lines in the Biella zone. The American did not surrender.

The same people from Montenegro told me that the American soldiers name was Robert and that he was very tall, had a full face ruddy complexion and reddish hair. As I saw some wounded soldiers at the Cittaducale hospital, I was able to state that the above description corresponded to the description of an American soldier I had seen there.

One of these people from Montenegro, who went to the Cemetery quite often, told me that he was going to notify the International Red Cross in Rome.

I also add that about the middle of February, while I was going to get water near the cemetery, I met two foreigners, all wet from the rain and badly dressed. I let them into the cemetery and into the little house where I was living. Talking with them, I found that they were English soldiers that had escaped from a POW camp. They also told me that after the War they were coming back to Cittaducale and that they wanted to compensate me, as I gave them loaves of bread, an umbrella and let them have their supper near the fireplace. That is all I know.

/s/Cantarini Maria

"TRUE TRANSLATION"

/s/George T. Nunez
/t/George T. Nunez
1st Lieut., OMC.

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Provost Marshal General,
Hq Army Service Forces,
War Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

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Died: Vic. of Cittaducale, Italy
 Buried: Civ. Cem., Cittaducale, Italy
 Reburied: US Mil Cem., Follonica, Italy P L R 119 G 1437
 Remarks: Buried in box in individual grave in Civ. Cem., Cittaducale, Italy. Civ. Claim body that of Am. r. parachutist who landed behind German lines and was shot as spy in an attempted escape from a German hospital. All clothing had been removed and body was nude. 5'9" 170# hair red (Civ. statement)

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s/ Cantarini Maria.

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Handwritten notes:
 The body was buried in the cemetery at Cittaducale.
 The paratrooper was identified as Robert Newman.
 He was captured by the Germans on 1 March 1944.

Handwritten signature:
 [Signature]

B 8 5 USMC FLORENCE

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

Walter H. Thomas
WALTER H. THOMAS
Capt USMC Cemetery Superintendent

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SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

5225 00007

DATE

15 08 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

UNKNOWN X - 000070

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

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RELIGION

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CEMETERY

FOLLONICA ITALY

PLOT

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ROW

1423

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

5201 80
CODE DIST. CTR.

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-70

GRADE

UNK

DATE OF DEATH

30 SEPT 48

DATE DISINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

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 MARKER

ORGANIZATION

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RELIGION

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IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

M G Borries
M G BORRIES 2 NAME TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

SKULL

CONDITION OF REMAINS

SKELTAL

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

NONE

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE 12 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)

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE 12 Nov 48

BY

MORTON LITTE

MADE C. HOLT 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.

MADE C. HOLT 1ST Lt QMC

Mack C. Holt

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

AGRS ANNOTATED
DATE 31 MAR 49
M. Holt

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED			
FROM	USMC FOLLONICA ITALY	TO	LEGHORN PORT MORGUE
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	TRUCK	NAME OF CONVOYER	R I CROCKER 2 LT QMC
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	<i>[Signature]</i>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	<i>[Signature]</i>
DATE	7 Oct 48	DATE	7 Oct 48
2. SHIPPED			
FROM	LEGHORN PORT MORGUE	TO	USMC FOLLONICA ITALY
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	TRAIL	NAME OF CONVOYER	CPT ROBERT S. HURT
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	<i>[Signature]</i>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	<i>[Signature]</i>
DATE	1949	DATE	1949
3. SHIPPED			
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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER		SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	
DATE		DATE	
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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER		SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	
DATE		DATE	

THOMAS R. PULLIAM, CAPT QMC 11 MAR 49
 JESS H. CANNAL, 1ST LT. QMC 11 MAR 49

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

DATE

DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM	RACE	RELIGION

CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS	
				CODE	DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
FLORENCE, ITALY	(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
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				NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
CASKET SEALED BY		
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY	
DATE	BY	

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

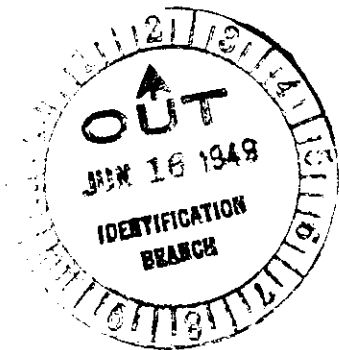


INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

293 *1. Chief Id Sect Id Br Mem Div* *7-76 (Liaison)*

DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1.	Chief Id Sect Id Br Mem Div	QM Liaison Officer Major Sekowski	16 June 49	<p>1. Please request the Central Intelligence Agency to provide information on the following deceased member of OSS in Italy.</p> <p>Name..... Robert (probably operational name)</p> <p>Height..... about 5' 9"</p> <p>Weight..... about 170 lbs.</p> <p>Hair..... reddish</p> <p>Complexion..... ruddy</p> <p>2. This man was captured early in 1943; he escaped and joined partisans composed of Montenegrans in September 1943. He was recaptured in February, 1944 and killed.</p> <p>3. There is a statement that his family lived in London, England at time of capture.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BARRY FISHER 2462 73650</p>
P F				
2	QM Pentagon Liaison	Chief Id Sect Id Br Mem Div	28 June 49	<p>No information can be obtained from Central Intelligence agency files unless further identifying information can be furnished.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B. J. Sekowski Dyer 6679 73090</p>



Pentagon Liaison

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**HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512**

Office of The Chief Quartermaster

In reply
refer to 293.8

3 May 1945

93.8 (unk. copy of MTCUSA)

SUBJECT: Supplement to Report of Reinterment.

TO : The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached correspondence is transmitted in supplement to report of reinterment for Unidentified American X-70, interred in grave 1423, row 119, plot L, United States Military Cemetery Follonica, Italy.

2. Report was forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General with letter this headquarters, 3 January 1945.

FOR THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER:

E B Vadsworth
E. B. VADSWORTH,
Lt. Col., GSC.
Theater GRO.

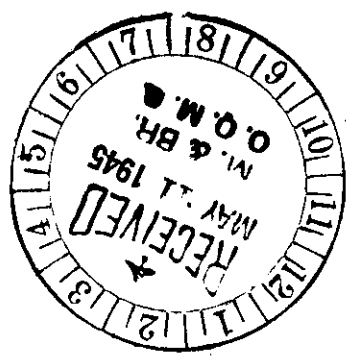
1 Incl: Ltr Hq MTCUSA, 31 January 1945
with 7 Inds and 3 Incls.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
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MAY 11 4 06 PM '45
MEMORIAL DIVISION



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HQ, EUROPEAN T OF OPNS, APO 887, US ARMY, 5 April 1945

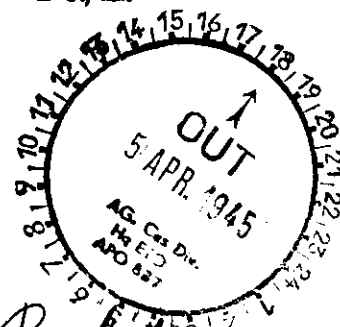
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TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army
Attn: AG Casualty Division

Attention invited to preceding correspondence.

For the Theater Commander:

William C. Cuberley
WILLIAM C. CUBERLEY
Captain, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General



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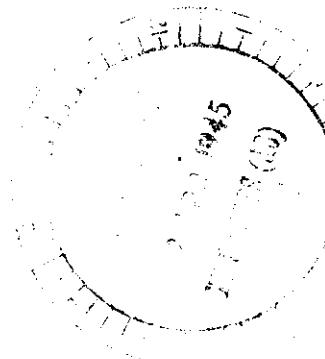
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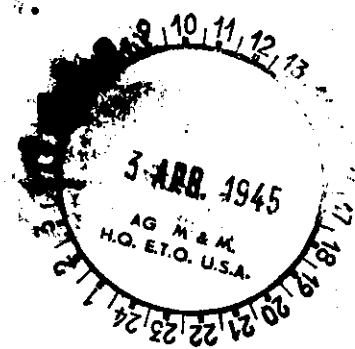
HEADQUARTERS XVIII CORPS (AIRBORNE) APO 109, U. S. Army, 1 April 1945.

To: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 867, U. S. Army,
(ATTENTION: AG Casualty Division)

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HEADQUARTERS, 504TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY, APO #469, U. S. Army, 27 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO #512, U. S. Army.

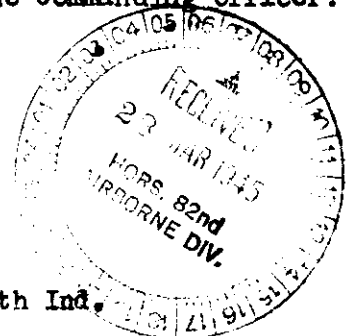
THRU : Commanding General, European T of Opns, APO #887, U. S. Army and
Commanding General, 82nd Abn Division, APO #469, U. S. Army. (In Turn)

1. A thorough investigation has been conducted by this Headquarters in an effort to identify deceased to no avail. Casualty records of this command have been checked and all personnel carried "MIA" for the period from July 9, 1943 to March 31, 1944 were the subject of inquiry to determine a possible resemblance to unidentified American X-70.

2. The following was a basis used by this Headquarters in an attempt to establish identity:

- (a) Soldier's name was ROBERT _____.
- (b) Soldier's Height was 5 Ft, 9 Inches; weight: 170 lbs; color of hair: red.
- (c) Soldier may have been a Sergeant. (Sergento Maggiore)
- (d) Soldier was probably taken prisoner in Sicily since it is stated he was held prisoner for 9 months prior to his death.

For the Commanding Officer:



John Pellman
 H. M. PELLMAN,
 WOJG USA,
 Ass't Pers. O.

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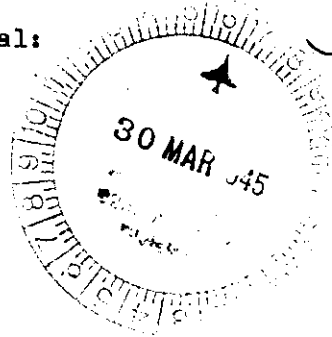
HEADQUARTERS, 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO # 469, U. S. Army, 30 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U. S. Army,
APO # 512, U. S. Army.

THRU: Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne) APO # 109, U. S. Army.

Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding General:



M. E. Stuart
 M. E. STUART
 Major, A.G.D.
 Adjutant General

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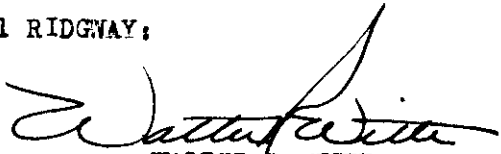
BASIC: Letter, Letter, MTOUSA, file AG 704/084 - C, subject: "Unidentified Deceased", dated 31 January 1945.

704 (AG) 2d Ind. WRW/rjm
HEADQUARTERS XVIII CORPS (AIRBORNE) APO 109, U. S. Army, 17 March 1945.

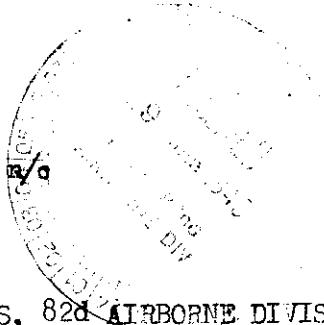
To: Commanding General, 82d Airborne Division, APO 469, U. S. Army.

Request records available at your headquarters be searched in an attempt to locate this individual.

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:


WALTER R. WITTE
2d Lt., AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

3 Incls: n/c




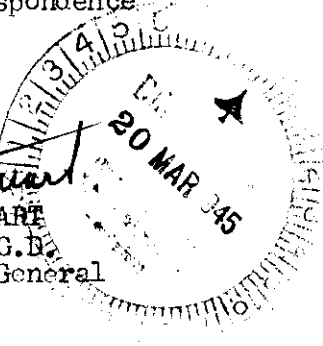
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HEADQUARTERS, 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO # 469, U. S. Army, 19 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

For compliance with basic communication and return of correspondence through this Headquarters.

By command of Major General GAVIN:


M. E. STUART
Major, A.G.D.
Adjutant General


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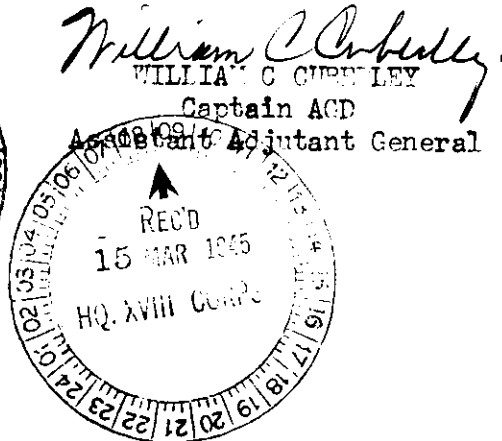
HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, US ARMY, 12 Mar 45

TO: CG, XVIII Corps (Airborne), APO 109, US Army,
Attn: Battle Cas Section.

Forwarded for compliance with basic communication and reply through this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL DISTINGUISHED:

Incls.: n/c.



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THEATER OF OPERATIONS

UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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In reply
refer to

31 January 1945

AG 704/084 - C

SUBJECT: Unidentified Deceased.

TO : Commanding Officer, 504th Para Inf Bn.

THRU : Commanding General, COMZONE ETOUSA, APO 887, U. S. Army.
(Att: Casualty Branch)

1. Attached is a copy of report of reinterment and two (2) statements pertaining to remains of an unidentified US deceased. It has not been possible to obtain more definite or complete information.

2. It is requested this headquarters be advised as to whether available information will serve to identify remains as a former member of your command.

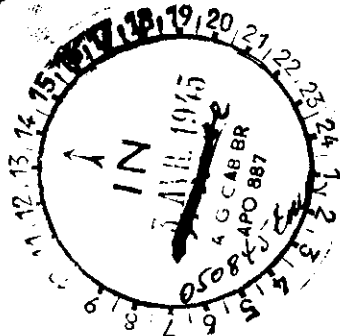
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For the THEATER COMMANDER:



OWEN ELLIOT,
Major, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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AG 293 BPSUP (11 Aug 44) 8th Ind. MJG/rgs
HEADQUARTERS, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, 17 Dec 1944.

TO: Commanding General, LTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army

1. The only additional information that could be obtained in this case was another statement by Maria Cantarina, the guardian of the local cemetery at Cittaducalle, Italy, which has been attached to the correspondence and marked as inclosure #4.

2. With reference to the above mentioned supplemental statement, and the fifth paragraph of her first statement, the two people from Montenegro that furnished the information concerning the American paratrooper could not be contacted. It was ascertained that they were partisans, fighting in the Cittaducalle area at the time of death of the paratrooper and have since left for duty in another area. Further information regarding the identity or present whereabouts of the two partisans could not be obtained.

For the Commanding Officer:

L. J. Roberts
L. J. ROBERTS,
Captain, AGD,
Ass't Adj. Gen.

(Cantarina)

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1 Incl : added, Statement a/s
in par 1 above in
Italian and translation.

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AG 293 BPSUP (11 Aug 44) 4th Ind. JPM/rgs
HEADQUARTERS, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, 2 Oct 1944.


P. 196 TO: Commanding General, Communications Zone, NATOUSA, APO 750, U.S. Army

1. Transmitted herewith one (1) QMC Form No. 1-GRS, in duplicate, pertaining to the reburial of Unknown American X-70 in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Follonica, Italy, Plot L, Row 119, Grave 1423.

2. True translation of Maria Cantarini's Italian statement has been made a part of the report of burial. The original Italian statement is attached herewith and marked as inclosure #3.

3. Request acknowledgement of receipt of the QMC Form No. 1-GRS, mentioned above by notation hereon.

For the Commanding Officer:


L. J. ROBERTS,
Captain, AGD.


2 1 QMC Form No. 1-GRS (dup)
" #3 Italian Ltr.

293. 5th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS COMZONE, NATOUSA, APO 750, U.S. Army, 11 October 1944

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U.S. Army.

It is requested correspondence and inclosures be reviewed by Fifth Army Graves Registration Officer for possible identification of remains through association with records of personnel reported missing in action by units assigned Fifth Army, and return to this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:


J. V. SHELDON
Major, A.G.D.
Asst. Adjutant General.

3 Incls; n/c

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Date 10-10-57
Time 15:00
A. P. O. 484, U. S. AIRMAIL

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AG 704 1st Ind. WLS/wk
HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (U.S. Contingent)(Ovhd), APO 777, U.S. Army,
12 August 1944.

TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U.S. Army.
(Attention: Casualty Branch).

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W. L. S.

1 Incl:
Ltr subj: "Burials -
American".

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AG 704/084-C 2nd Ind. JKR/hb
(11 August 1944)
HQ., NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army, 14 August 1944.

TO: CG, SOS, NATOUSA, APO 750., U. S. Army, (Att: GRS Officer).

1. For necessary action.
2. Report of findings will be furnished this headquarters by indorsement hereon.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:



Jack K. Roberts
JACK K. ROBERTS,
1st Lt., AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c.

293. 3rd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS SOS, NATOUSA, APO 750, U.S. Army, 17 August 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U.S. Army.

Forwarded for appropriate action towards registration and/or reinterment of remains. Report of findings is to be furnished to this headquarters.

By command of Major General LARKIN:

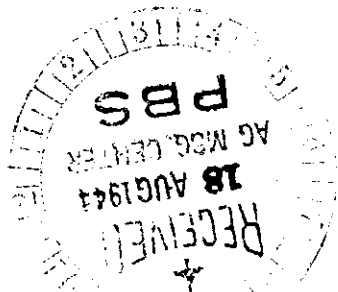
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Major, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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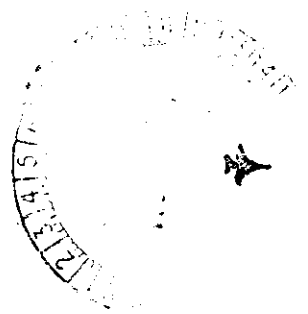
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AG 293-Q 6th Ind. AIW/EWS/evs
 HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army, OCT 25 1944


To: Commanding General, Communications Zone, NATOUSA, APO #750, U.S. Army.

1. Present papers offer little information beyond the unsupported statement in the SAC Form I-288 that the deceased was a parachutist (no basis for this statement is evident), that he was captured in the "Maiella Zone", and very meager personal information.

2. It is believed that the "Maiella Zone" referred to may be the area about 27 miles southwest of Pescara, Italy. The 504th Parachute Infantry Battalion operated in the area southwest of Isernia, Italy, about 1 November to 11 December 1943. There is some possibility that the deceased may have been a member of this unit.

3. As the unit referred to above is no longer operating with the Fifth Army, it is suggested that further investigation be made by the unit recovering the body and an effort be made to see and interview "the same people from Montenegro" who told the cemetery caretaker, Cantarini Maria, the first name and other personal information relative to the deceased. (Sixth paragraph, statement of Cantarini Maria, attached to Report of Burial.) It is believed these parties may have more definite and complete information which would be desirable before these papers are referred to the 504th Parachute Infantry Battalion.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:


 B. W. SAUPEL,
 Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
 Asst. Adjutant General.


3 Incls:
 n/c

293. 7th Ind.
 HEADQUARTERS COMZONE, NATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army, 30 October 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U.S. Army.

For appropriate action pursuant to paragraph 3 of 6th Ind. with report of findings by indorsement to this headquarters.

By command of Major General LARKIN:


 E. L. WHITE,
 1st Lt., A.G.D.,
 Asst. Adjutant General.

3 Incl: n/c

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HQ, ALLIED ARMYES ITALY

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11 Aug 44

GI/AG (US)

The attached copy letter Region IV ACC R/5011 dated 7 Aug 44, passed to this HQ by HQ ACC is sent to you for necessary action.

Rec'd
AUG 12 1944

0900 hrs
copy

[Handwritten signature]

to Brigadier,
D.A.C.

JLT/IKK.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION IV
AIO 394

R/5011

7 August 1944

SUBJECT : American Grave.

TO : Headquarters
Allied Control Commission.

1. The Sindaco of Cittaducale reports the presence of the grave of an unknown American soldier in his Comune in the Province of RIETI.
2. It is stated that this soldier was in the Hospital at Cittaducale having been wounded, but was subsequently killed by Germans.
3. May the information please be forwarded to Graves Registration Service, U.S. Army.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D.A. BOELAM CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer
(Provinces)

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S U P P L E M E N T A L S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned, Cantarini Maria, guardian of the local cemetery at Cittaducale, Italy, in addition to the previous statement that she made, declares that she saw the American paratrooper in the German hospital in Cittaducale while he was still living. On 1 March 1944, when the Germans brought the body in a box to the cemetery, she opened the coffin and recognized the dead body as the same person she had seen a few days before, possibly four or five, in the German hospital.

About fifteen days later a Montenegrino Partisan came to the cemetery looking for information about the body. The undersigned brought forth the description of the body and found out that he was looking for the same one she had buried, an American Paratrooper, whose family is in London. He was dropped behind the lines, was captured and remained about nine months in the prisoner of war camp not far from Cittaducale.

On 8 September 1943, the date of the Armistice, he escaped and, to keep from being re-captured by the Germans, went to the woods with the Partisan's gang, in which the Montenegrino was also a member.

On or about the fifteenth of February the American tried to cross the line and rejoin the Allied Army. He was wounded by a German patrol and was re-captured. He had no identification data with him as he had destroyed it prior to his attempt to cross the lines.

The Montenegrino said that he would return within a few days with complete information concerning this body but he failed to return. That is all I know.

s/ Cantarini Maria

"TRUE TRANSLATION"

Jean V. Birdener
JEAN V. BIRDENER,
1st Lt., Q.M.C.

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1944 15 novembre 1944 - 11

La sottosegretaria Cantarini Maria, guardiana
del cimitero di Città Ducale, in aggiunta a
quanto ha dichiarato nella sua nota datata
[redacted], dichiara di aver visto il soldato
[redacted] paracadutista americano, quando egli
era ancora vivente e ricoverato presso l'ospede-
dale Tedesco di Città Ducale - Quando, la
mattina del 1° marzo, i Tedeschi portarono
al cimitero il cadavere, racchiuso in una
cassa, essa, aperto il cofano, riconobbe il
morto per la stessa persona che essa aveva
visto in ospedale circa quattro giorni prima.
Circa 15 giorni dopo un capitano fiacco Mont-
negrino si presentò al cimitero cercando di
sapere qualche cosa riguardo a questo cade-
vere. La suddetta, per messo dei comandi
del cadavere che essa seppe, poté sapere
che quello era il cadavere di un parac-
cadutista americano, la cui famiglia
abitava a Sondra, il quale era stato
lasciato dietro le linee - fatto prigioniero
rimase per circa 9 mesi in un campo
di concentramento vicino a Città Ducale.
L'8 settembre 1943 fu lasciato libero, in
seguito all'armistizio, e, per sfuggire
alle catture dei fascisti si assoglia ad
una banda di partigiani della quale
faceva parte questo montenegrino -
Verso la metà di febbraio [redacted] cercò
di attraversare il fronte [redacted]
[redacted] tornare

fra gli arresti - frutto delle reti nelle Federazioni
fu catturato. Egli non aveva con sé alcun
documento poiché egli stesso se ne era disatto.
Il Montenegro disse anche che egli sarebbe
tornato pochi giorni dopo con delle informazioni
in più precise, ma non si fece più vedere.

In fede

Cantavini Maria

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IDE APPLICATION DATA

1. NUMBER OF REMAINS :	2. DATE OF REPORT			
X-70 :	8 Nov. 48			
3. NAME OF CEMETERY :	4. PLOT :	5. ROW :	6. GRAVE :	7. DATE OF DISTIN- REIN- TANCEMENT
U.S. Military Cemetery :	L :	119 :	1423 :	
POLIGNA, ITALY :				

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

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

12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS
 "Non-Identifiable by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data".
 (None)

W. C. Anderson
 W. C. ANDERSON, Major OMC

13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF MARKS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

None

14. WAS BODY BURIED? : TO WHAT DEPTH?

YES NO

15. WAS BODY BURIED? : TO WHAT DEPTH?

YES NO

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF BURIAL AND INTERMENTS AND MARKS AND/OR OTHERS

None

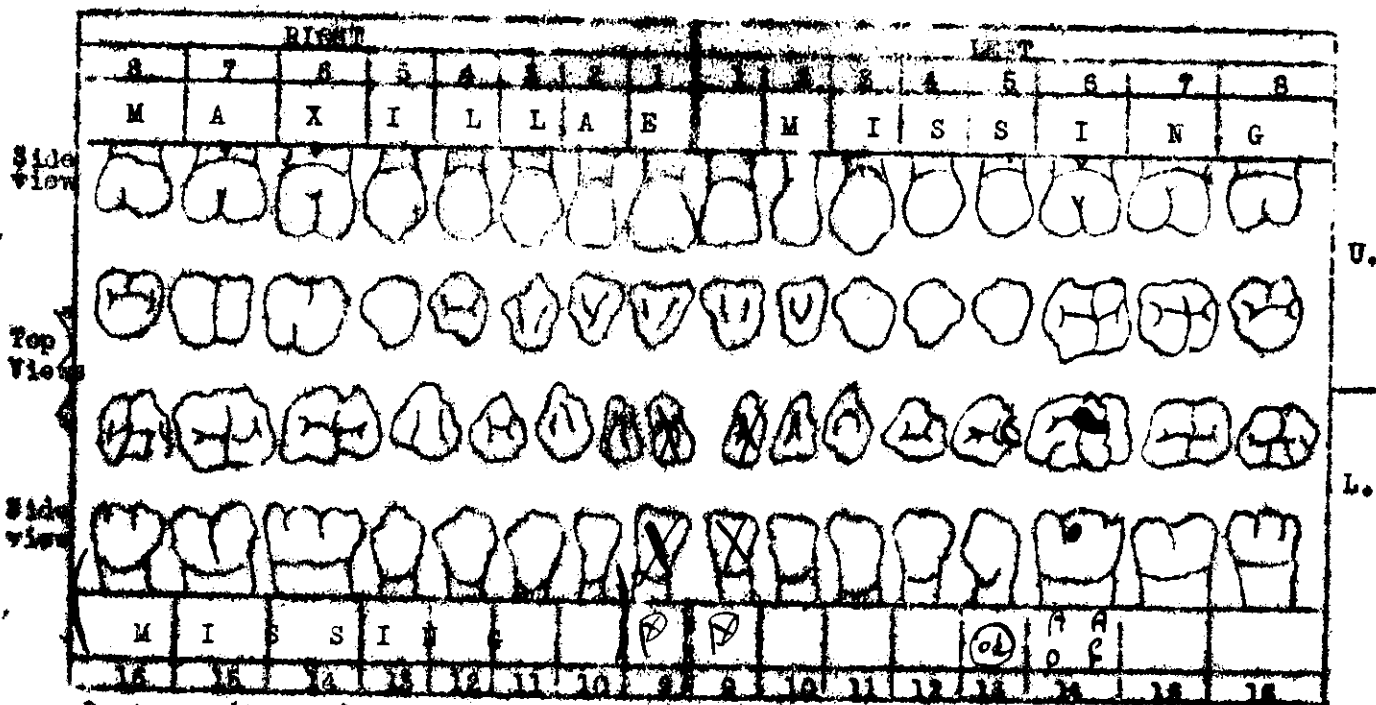
17. LIST EVERY MARK ON CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, LOCATION, OR OTHER DATA. (If laundry marks are indistinct, such notation should be made and specimen forwarded through channels for examination when such facilities are not available in the area).

Scraps of aluminum from an airplane

Received *Sub U.S. Army* **OQMG**
 Not identifiable from information presently available
E. Flora

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TOOTH CHART

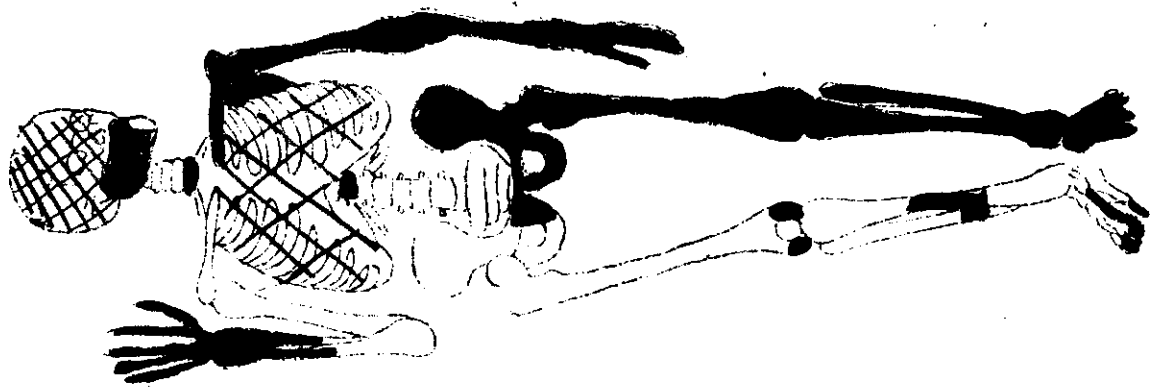


Dentures (Plates):

16-L not fully developed and also impacted mesially.
 Shaded areas denote tooth chipped
 Well made fillings.

QMC Form 1044 a
 18 March 1947

19. BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECOVERED



20. MISS 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 representative parts of a human remains
graphically represented in par. 19 are those
of one and the same individual.

/s/t/ DR. ALEXANDER TARDY,
M.D., D.A. (Antropology) GSD-OSD

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED AND THAT
ALL RESOLVING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Typed name, Grade, Arm or Service and Organization

SIGNATURE

MARK C. FOLT, 1st Lt., OMC, 9107 TSU-OMC, AGRS/MZ

(Signed)

HEADQUARTERS
9107 TSN - CMC
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
APO 794 US ARMY

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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

C.I.P. Case No. L 730

Date of Investigation 8 Nov. 48

Unknown American X- 70

Am. Mil. Cem. FOLLONICA, ITALY Italy: Plot L Row No. 119 Grave 1423

Place of Death Via. of Cittaducale, Italy Date of Death Unk.
(Civ. Cem.)

Map Reference B -014021 Sheet 16 Map of Italy 1/200,000

Other American Dead Found in Same Area -----

Cause of Death Unknown

22. Description of Remains

Skeletal State

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

HEAD Skull shattered

TOOTH CHASE Accomplished on portion of mandible.

TRUNK Present area: R scapula, R clavicle, sternum, 6 cervical, 11 dorsal
and 5 lumbar vertebrae, sacrum R pelvis has pubis missing.

UPPER EXTREMITIES (also measurements of long bones).

R Humerus 30.8 broken Missing

R Ulna Lower $\frac{2}{3}$ missing Missing

R Radius " " $\frac{2}{3}$ missing Missing

Carpals, Metacarpals, Phalanges

Missing

LOWER EXTREMITIES (also measurements of long bones).

R Femur Condyles missing Missing

R Tibia Portion of shaft missing I Tibia Missing

R Fibula Broken portion of shaft missing Missing

Calcaneus, Tarsals, Patellae, Metatarsals, Phalanges

R Foot present

24. AGE ESTIMATED AT Between 18-20 yrs.

BASED ON Degree of closure of epiphyseal lines of the bones.

25. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:
Age estimated at 18-20 yrs.
Height estimation: impossible.
Tooth Chart : Accomplished

26. RECOMMENDATIONS:

PROCESSED BY:

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

/s/t/ MACK C. HOLT,
1st Lt. QMC
CIL Officer

(Signature of Officer)

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

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Q.M.C. FORM 1 - GRS
SOS NATOUA
July 1943

REPORT OF BURIAL REBURIAL
AR 30-1815 & TM 10 630

23 September 1944

Date Report Filled Out

UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN X-70 (B-014021)	Unknown	White
(Last Name)	(Serial No.)	(Race)
Unknown	Unknown	U.S.A.
(Rank)	(Branch)	(Country)
Vic. of Cittaducale, Italy	Unknown	Unknown
(Place of Death)	(Cause of Death)	(Religion: P. C. H. etc.)

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

Identification Tags found on body : Yes () ; No (O).

If no identification tags, other means used to identify body (identification card, letters, etc.): None

Complete fingerprint chart of both hands on reverse side if body cannot be identified.

Complete tooth-chart on reverse side and list anatomical characteristics and other data if fingerprints cannot be taken.

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)

Ted Malerich, S/Sgt., QMC

(Signature (or Name) of Person furnishing above data when other than the Officer reporting burial.)

Shroud 1500 hours 23 September 1944 U. S. Military Cemetery at Follonica, Italy.

(Time and Date of Burial) (Location, Name, & No. of Cemetery)

IF BURIAL OTHER THAN IN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE REVERSE SIDE THIS FORM

L	119	1423	Wooden Cross	General Service
(Plot No.)	(Row No.)	(Grave No.)	(King Grave Markers)	(Type of Religious Ceremony)

Identification Tag buried with body (O) ; Identification Tag attached to marker (O).

If identification Tags not present, what other identification data were buried with the body and in what kind of container?

Copy of QMC Form 1-GRS sealed in bottle and buried one foot below grave marker. Copy sealed in bottle and buried with body.

Bodies buried on either side (See paragraph 4 on reverse side this form.)

Right side :	Unidentified American X-69 (B-272072)	Unknown	1422
	(Name)	(Organization)	(Grave No.)
Left side :	Unidentified American X-71 (A-144056)	Unknown	1424
	(Name)	(Organization)	(Grave No.)

(Signature of Person Reporting Burial)

/s/ Jean V. Birdener
(Verified by G.R.S. Officer)
JEAN V. BIRDENER, 1st Lt., QMC

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT BURIAL, REPORT: Make out QMC Form 1 - GRS in quadruplicate for U.S. dead, one additional copy for allied and enemy dead. Sign all copies. Submit report to nearest member of Graves Registration Service. 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 Section Graves Registration Service Officer. OVER FOR BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

A TRUE COPY;

M. W. Kenworthy
M. W. KENWORTHY
Captain, QMC.
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DISINTERMENT
REBURIAL
AR 30-1815 & TM 10-630

23 September 1944

Date Report Filled Out

UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN X-70 (Last Name)	X-70 (First Name)	(B-014021) (Middle Initial)	Unknown (Serial No.)	White (Race)
Unknown (Rank)	Unknown (Organization)		Unknown (Branch)	U.S.A. (Country)
Vic. of Cittaducale, Italy (Place of Death)	Unknown (Date of Death)		Unknown (Cause of Death)	Unknown (Religion : P, C, H, etc.)

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

Identification Tags found on body : Yes (); No ().

If no identification tags, other means used to identify body (identification card, letters, etc.): **None**

Complete fingerprint chart of both hands on reverse side if body cannot be identified.

Complete tooth-chart on reverse side and list anatomical characteristics and other data if fingerprints cannot be taken.

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)

Ted Malerich, S/Sgt., QMC
(Signature (or Name) of Person furnishing above data when other than the Officer reporting burial.)

Shroud 1500 hours 23 September 1944 U. S. Military Cemetery at Follonica, Italy
(Time and Date of Burial) (Location, Name, & No. of Cemetery)

IF BURIAL OTHER THAN IN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE REVERSE SIDE THIS FORM

L (Plot No.)	119 (Row No.)	1423 (Grave No.)	Wooden Cross (King Grave Markers)	General Service (Type of Religious Ceremony)
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Identification Tag buried with body (); Identification Tag attached to marker ().

If Identification Tags not present, what other identification data were buried with the body and in what kind of container? **Copy of QMC Form 1-GRS sealed in bottle and buried one foot below grave marker. Copy sealed in bottle and buried with body.**

Bodies buried on either side (See paragraph 4 on reverse side this form.)

Right side :	Unidentified American X-69 (B-272072) (Name)	Unknown (Rank) (ASN)	Unknown (Organization)	1422 (Grave No.)
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Left side :	Unidentified American X-71 (A-144056) (Name)	Unknown (Rank) (ASN)	Unknown (Organization)	1424 (Grave No.)
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(Signature of Officer Reporting Burial)

Jean V. Birdener
(Verified by unit G.R.S. Officer)
JEAN V. BIRDENER, 1st Lt., QMC

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT BURIAL REPORT : Make out QMC Form 1 - GRS in quadruplicate for U. S. dead, one additional copy for allied and enemy dead. Sign all copies. Submit report to nearest member of Graves Registration Service. 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 Section Graves Registration Service Officer. OVER FOR BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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The undersigned, Cantarini Maria, guardian of the local cemetery was questioned about this subject and stated that on 1 March 1944, at 0430 hours, four German soldiers carried the body of a soldier by truck, and in order to hide it, ordered it thrown into a ditch. These words were told to me by the Italian Interpreter who accompanied the above mentioned soldiers.

The soldier was enclosed in a wooden coffin, the same as those used for the German soldiers. The above mentioned interpreter added, "This is an American spy, throw it into a ditch. We don't want it together with our soldiers". In fact the corpse was placed behind the cemetery wall, outside the gate.

The undersigned however, as soon as the German soldiers and the interpreter had left, awoke her daughter Iole, 20 years old, and her son Antonio, Seminarist, 16 years old and with them carefully took the body and carried it to the little church in the cemetery where the son said prayers for the dead.

On the same day, about 0930, I went to see the Mayor in Cittaducale and told him what had happened. The Mayor told me to bury the corpse in the best way, in a good place in the cemetery. I obeyed immediately, adding also a very nice reinforced concrete cross and four little concrete columns. I also surrounded the grave with white, red and black tiles.

I also know, as two people from Montenegro who happened to be in Cittaducale told me, that the above mentioned American soldier was a "Sergente Maggiore" who was captured because he had been wounded while crossing the front lines in the Maiella zone. He carried a sub-machine gun, four grenades, and a pistol with ammunition. The American did not surrender.

The same people from Montenegro told me that the American soldier's name was Robert and that he was very tall, had a full face, ruddy complexion and reddish hair. As I saw some wounded soldiers at the Cittaducale Hospital, I was able to state that the above description corresponded to the description of an American soldier I had seen there.

One of these people from Montenegro, who went to the cemetery quite often, told me that he was going to notify the International Red Cross in Rome.

I also add that about the middle of February, while I was going to get water near the cemetery, I met two foreigners, all wet from the rain and badly dressed. I let them into the cemetery and into the little house where I was living. Talking with them, I found that they were English soldiers that had escaped from a POW camp. I showed them the American's grave and they were very satisfied with it. They also told me that after the war they were coming back to Cittaducale and that they wanted to compensate me, as I gave them loaves of bread, an umbrella and let them have their supper near the fireplace. That's all I know.

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s/ Cantarini Maria

George T. Nunez
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La sottoscritta Ganarini Maria, nella sua qualità di custode del Cimitero del Castelluogo, interpellata in merito, dichiara che il giorno 1° Marzo 1944 alle ore 4 e mezzo del mattino, quattro soldati tedeschi, a mezzo camion, trasportarono la salma di un militare con ordine di gettarla in un fossato alle scopo di nascondere. Queste parole mi furono dette dall'interprete italiano a nome Murinas che accompagnava detti soldati tedeschi.

La salma era stata racchiusa in cassa di legno come quelle in cui venivano racchiuse le salme dei tedeschi.

Il predetto interprete aggiungeva: "««« Questa è una spia Americana; buttala in un fosso. Non la vogliamo assieme ai nostri soldati. »»»

Difatti la salma in parola fu depositata dietro il muro del cimitero, al di fuori del cancello.

La sottoscritta però, andati via i soldati tedeschi e l'interprete, subito fece alzare da letto la figlia Iole di anni 20, il figlio Antonio, seminarista, di anni 16 e presa la salma con cura fu trasportata a braccia nella chiosetta del Cimitero dove il figlio Antonio recitava le preghiere dei morti. La salma fu coperta di molti fiori.

Alle ore 9 e mezzo circa dello stesso giorno mi recai dal Podestà di Cittaducale, raccontandogli il fatto. Il Podestà mi ordinò che avessi senz'altro curata la sepoltura nel miglior modo, entro il cimitero, in sito buono, cioè che io subito feci, innalzando anche una bellissima croce in cemento armato e quattro colonnette (capitelli) pure in cemento armato e recingendo l'area con mattonelle a cemento di colore bianco, rosse e nere.

So anche, perchè riferitomi da due Montenegrini che si trovavano a Cittaducale, che il predetto soldato Americano era un paracadutista avente grado di Sergente Maggiore, il quale era stato catturato, perchè ferito dai soldati tedeschi, mentre ~~XXXXX~~ si accingeva a passare il fronte nella zona della Maiella, portando seco un fucile mitragliatore, quattro bombe e una rivoltella con munizioni. Il militare Americano non si arrese.

Detti Montenegrini mi dissero anche che il militare Americano si chiamava Roberto, di statura non molto alta, dal viso pieno, colorito rosso, capelli rossastri. E poiché io avevo precedentemente visitato all'Ospedale di Cittaducale alcuni feriti, potsi stabilire che le notizie datemi dai Montenegrini corrispondevano perfettamente a quelle del ferito Americano che io avevo visto all'Ospedale.

Uno di quei montenegrini, che spesso si recava al Cimitero, mi disse che si sarebbe recato a Roma, per denunciare il fatto.

Aggiunge che verso

internazionale per de

bagnati dalla pioggia ed in tristi condizioni di vestiario, li
feci entrare nel Cimitero, nella casetta dove io abitavo. Parlando
con questi appresi che erano soldati Inglesi prigionieri scappati dalla
prigione. Feci veder loro la sepoltura del soldato Americano e ne resta-
rono contentissimi. Gli stessi mi dissero che dopo guerra sarebbero venu-
ti in macchina a Cittaducale e con l'occasione mi avrebbero rincipen-
ta per il bene fattogli, avendogli date due pagnotte di pane e un om-
brello. e avendoli fatti cenare vicino al fuoco. Non se altro.

Cittaducale li 29 luglio 1944-

Contarini Maria

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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT

The undersigned, Cantarini Maria, guardian of the local cemetery at Cittaducale, Italy, in addition to the previous statement that she made, declares that she saw the American paratrooper in the German hospital in Cittaducale while he was still living. On 1 March 1944, when the Germans brought the body in a box to the cemetery, she opened the coffin and recognized the dead body as the same person she had seen a few days before, possibly four or five, in the German hospital.

About fifteen days later a Montenegrino Partisan came to the cemetery looking for information about the body. The undersigned brought forth the description of the body and found out that he was looking for the same one she had buried, an American Paratrooper, whose family is in London. He was dropped behind the lines, was captured and remained about nine months in the prisoner of war camp not far from Cittaducale.

On 8 September 1943, the date of the Armistice, he escaped and, to keep from being re-captured by the Germans, went to the woods with the Partisan's gang, in which the Montenegrino was also a member.

On or about the fifteenth of February the American tried to cross the line and rejoin the Allied Army. He was wounded by a German patrol and was re-captured. He had no identification data with him as he had destroyed it prior to his attempt to cross the lines.

The Montenegrino said that he would return within a few days with complete information concerning this body but he failed to return. That is all I know.

s/ Cantarini Maria

"TRUE TRANSLATION"

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