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25 January 1950

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SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO:

Commanding Officer

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APO 900, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to Findings of Unidentifiability for the following Unknown Deceased:

2. Request your records be amended accordingly.

FOR THE QUARTERIALTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ Lt. Colonel, QMC Memorial Division

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STAUCT: Inidentifiable Remains

To: The

The Quarternester General Department of the Army Sashin ton 25, D. C. All: Memorial Division

1. In accordance with the provisions of your letter, file QACED 293, GRS (Far Fast), dated 17 September 1948, subject: Resolution of Cases of Unidentified Deceased, the following Unknown remains, presently stored at AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I., have been processed by the Central Identification Laboratory and considered "Unidentifiable" by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data:

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2. Forwarded herewith, for your consideration, are new QMC Forms 1044 for the above-mentioned Unknowns.

FOR THE COMPASSING OPERCOR:

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QMC Forms 1044 w/Certificates
of Unidentifiability

JOHN SHYPULA lst Lt., Infantry Adjutant

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| | 15 Dec 1949 |
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| SUBJECT: | Unidentifiable Remains |
| TO : | The Quartermaster Washington 25, D. C. Attn: Memorial Division |
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| | FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER: |
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1. Proceedings of the Field Board of Review, dated 23 April 1949, recommending that Unknown 1-3669, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I., (formerly Unknown X-92, USAF Cemetery #1, Leyte, P.I.) be identified as S/Sgt. Efrain T. Pena, 38073542, are returned herewith disapproved for the following reasons:

- a. Even though the dental chart for Unknown X-3669 is not contradictory with Army dental records for S/Sgt. Efrain T. Pena, 38073542, this would not justify identification as the tooth chart does not have any outstanding psculiarities for comparison. Due to the numerous casualties sustained in this area, identification could only be established by an unusually strong dental comparison.
- b. Documentary evidence presented does not establish the basis for associating the remains of Unknown X-3669 with S/Sgt. Efrain 7. Pena,

It is requested that further investigation be conducted in an to establish the identification of subject Unknown.

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Proceedings (Pena)

T. H. METZ Lt. Colonel, Quo Memorial Nivision

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RECOMMENDATION FOR DISAPPROVAL OF FIELD BOARD FINDINGS

Field recommends that the remains of Unknown X-3669 be identified as S/Sgt. Efrain T. Pena, 38073542.

S/Sgt Pena, a member of Company A, 127th Infantry Regiment, was seriously wounded in action by machine gum fire at Bagaba, Leyte, on 25 December 1944, and died the following day at the 1st Battalion Aid Station. The Bagaba referred to above is probably Bagabao since Bagaba is not listed in the gazetteer.

According to information received from the Army Ground Forces Historical files, the 127th Regiment moved out of the Libongao-Humaybunay area on 24 December 1944. Leaving Agayayan the following day, the Regiment encountered no opposition until approximately 1530 hours when it met and engaged in battle approximately 300 Japanese. S/Sgt Pena was seriously wounded in this encounter. Casualty Report No. 234, Eq 32d Infantry Division, dated 11 January 1945, reported this casualty as having occurred near Bagaba on 25 December 1944.

Remains of Unknown X-3669 were recovered from the Limon area and interred as Unknown X-4, USAF Cemetery #1, Limon, and later as Unknown X-92, USAF Cemetery #1, Leyte. It is noted that at the time of original interment, members of the 126th Infantry Regiment killed in action on 28 November 1944, were buried on the left and right sides of S/Sgt Pena. Original Reports of Interment and all subsequent Reports of Interment indicate that the date of death was either estimated to be or to be 28 November 1944.

The dental chart for Unknown X-3669, while not contradictory, is not considered to be sufficiently in agreement with that of S/Sgt Efrain T. Pena, 38073542, to justify an identification.

Dental and physical data for S/Sgt Pena were compared against corresponding data for all unknowns recovered from that area with negative results.

Documentary evidence is considered insufficient to associate remains of Unknown X-3669 with S/Sgt Efrain T. Pena, 38073542, especially in view of the numerous casualties sustained in this area.

It is recommended that the identification of Unknown X-3669, as proposed by the Field, be disapproved.

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Capt. Joseph G. Carraway Hq. 3d Meos Cav Ron Sq. Fort George G. Meade, Md.

15 October 1947.

The Quartermaster General Department of the Army Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir;

Reference QMGMU 293, Unknown X-3669, (Manila # 2) P.I.

The deceased, Pfc. Dennis Hogan Jr., to whom you refer was not a member of my plateon at the time of his death.

I was away from the Company at the time the bodies were recevered from Mt. Sulse, and did not view the remains.

All of the bodies recovered from Mt. Suloc were buried at Batangas, P.I. Pfc. Hogan was killed in a close area with other members of his plateon. It is almost certain that his body was recovered and buried at Batangas. However, I did not personally identify any of the remains and I understand that even close friends of the deceased had difficulty in establishing positive identity.

Pfc. Hogan was killed by enemy rifle and machine gun fire in the attack of a fortified position on Mt. Sulce Batangas, P.I. His body along with the other dead of his plateon and company were not recovered until the position was taken by other forces about seven or eight days later.

Regret that I cannot give you more concrete information.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH G. CARRAWAY JR. Capt. Cavalry

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QMOYO 293 Unks. X-88, 2-92 Leyte #1, P.I.

27 June 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO: Commanding General, Army Forces Western Pacific Area APO 707, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California

FOR: Chief, American Graves Registration Service

1. Reference is made to 9th W/Ind. dated 28 February/1946 your headquarters, file GSQMM 293, Subject: Casualty Information. The dental records of the following individuals will be compared with the records of the X-Numbers indicated interred in U. S. Military Cemetery, Leyte #1:

NAME

X-NUMBER

James F. Ahern, 36558190 Pvt. Manuel B. Romero, 39709130

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2. The information requested in the communication referred to in Paragraph 1 above is not readily available in this office. It is necessary for this office to direct correspondence to other War Department Agencies in order to obtain the required information. In some cases the time delay is increased because of the necessity of directing correspondence to many former Posts, Camps, or Stations to which the deceased concerned may have been assigned, and from the status of the File Sections of the various War Department Agencies to which this office must direct its correspondence to obtain the desired information.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAMES C. MACFARIAND Major, QMD Assistant

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TO: CO, Cp. Stoneman, Calif.

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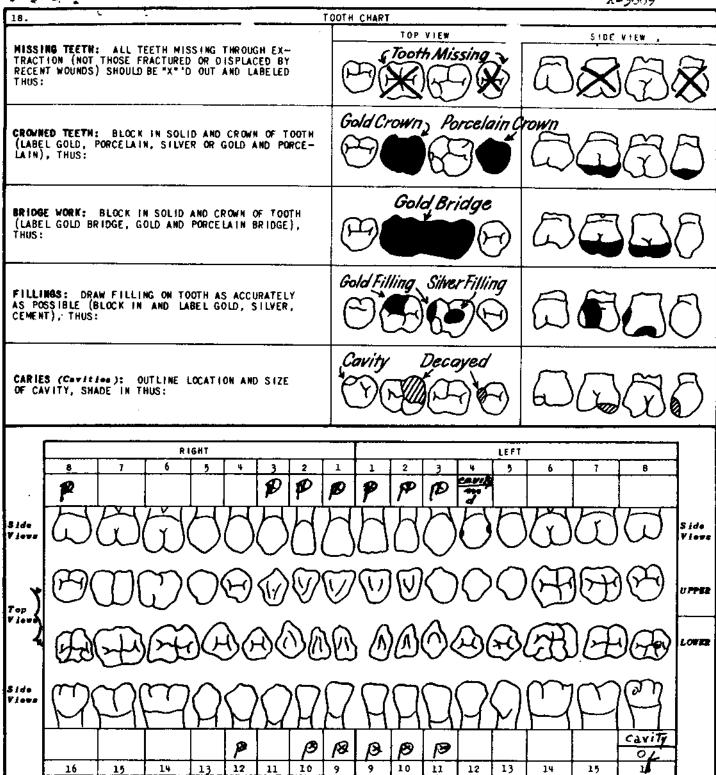
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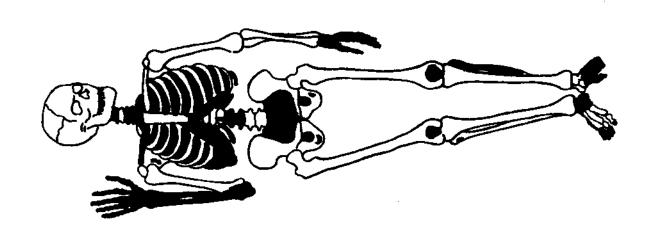
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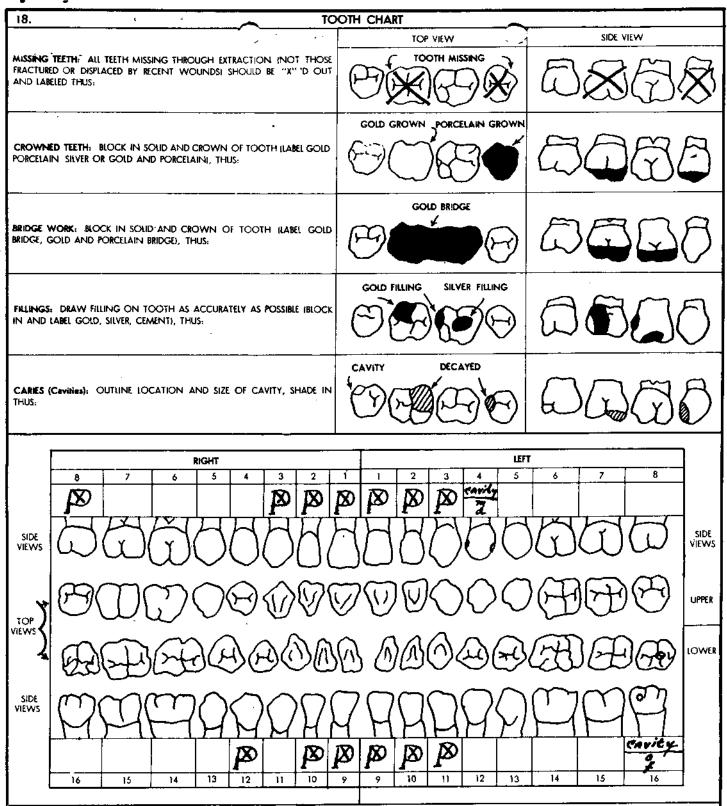
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s/ John J. Connors

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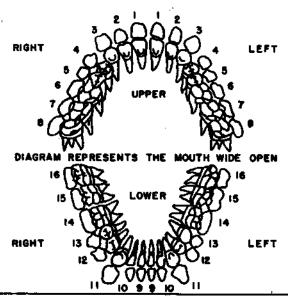
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- 2. NOTE CAREFULLY THAT: SYMBOLS INDICATING MISSING TEETH, CAVITIES AND BRIDGE-WORK ARE TO BE INSERTED IN WHOLE BOX; SYMBOLS INDICATING TYPE OF FILLING ARE TO BE INSERTED IN UPPER HALF OF BOX; AND SYMBOLS INDICATING LOCATION OF FILLING ARE TO BE INSERTED IN LOWER HALF OF BOX.
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 - 4. FOR INFORMATION OF STANDARD NUMBERING OF TEETH, SEE DIAGRAM BELOW.



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