

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

293 unk letters X-96

SUBJECT

also 593 unk mass mail X-3758

AIRMAIL

QMGT 293
GRS Far East

20 March 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Philcom Zone
APO 900, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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

Unknown X-3758, AGRS Maus. Manila, form. X-96, USAF Cem.
Leyte #1, Unit 2, Page 6

Unknown X-3759, AGRS Maus. Manila, form. X-101, USAF Cem.
Leyte #1, Unit 2, Page 6

Unknown X-2836, AGRS Maus. Manila, form. X-415, USAF Cem.
Leyte #1, Unit 2, Page 12

Unknown X-3686, AGRS Maus. Manila, form. X-505, USAF Cem.
Leyte #1, Unit 2, Page 12

Unknown X-704, USAF Ce. Leyte #1, form. X-2849-A, AGRS
Maus. Manila, Unit 2, Page 14

Unknown X-734, USAF Cem. Leyte #1, form. X-4581-B, AGRS
Maus. Manila, Unit 2, Page 14

Unknown X-5225, AGRS Mausoleum Manila, P.I., Unit 9, Page 9

2. Recommendations for Unidentifiability have been approved by this Office. Request your records be amended accordingly.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

E.A.Kazup:lrc
Salser
JW
cc--Administrative Section
cc--Cincfe

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

JMN

TEC

X-3758

MAIL

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONE

GRPZ 293

APO 900

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

1 MAR 1950

TO: The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Memorial Division

1. In accordance with the provisions of your letter, file QMGMU 293, GRS (Far East), 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:

UNKNOWN X-415 Leyte #1

X-704

X-3686 AGRS Mslm

X-3758

UNKNOWN X-3759 AGRS Mslm

X-4581-B

X-5225

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

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

7 Incls
QMC Forms 1044 w/Certificates
of Unidentifiability

JOHN SHYPULA
1st Lt., Infantry
Adjutant

/frv

/bpm

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Interred 6 March 1950
C 12 63 Ft. McKinley
Call Home DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

CARL R. H. MARK
Cemetery Superintendent
SECTION A -
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER
7740 00123

DATE
15 05 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME: UNKNOWN SERIAL NUMBER: X-000096 RANK: ARM: 0 DATE OF DEATH: DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY: USAF CEMETERY LEYTE NO 1 DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: 0 7701 80 CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT: ROW: GRAVE: 2856 COUNTRY: PHILIPPINE ISLANDS CAUSE OF DEATH: 6

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: FORT MCKINLEY NATIONAL CEMETERY, MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN:

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME: Unk X-96 SERIAL NUMBER: RANK: DATE OF DEATH: DATE DISTINTERRED: 27 Sept. '48
(Maus) Unk X-3758
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON: REMAINS ORGANIZATION: UNKNOWN RELIGION: IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY: ALBION H. McLELLAN JR, Embalmer NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL: Shelter half CONDITION OF REMAINS: Skeletal

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION:
MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

(2) Maus tags show - Unk X-3758

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE: 27 Sept. '48 BY: ALBION H. McLELLAN JR

CASKET SEALED BY: ALBION H. McLELLAN Jr EMBALMER (Signature): *Albion H. Mclellan Jr.* ALBION H. McLELLAN JR

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED: SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY: CHARLES R. BATES, 1st Lt., USAFR
DATE: 27 Sept '48 BY: HORACE L. ALLISON, Sgt. INF.

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

Charles R. Bates
CHARLES R. BATES, 1st Lt., USAFR
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

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

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

J. Brooke

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM AGRS Mausol eum		TO Fort McKinley Military Cemetery	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Carl H. ...</i>	DATE MAR 6 1950

2. SHIPPED

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

3. SHIPPED

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

4. SHIPPED

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

5. SHIPPED

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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	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
PHILCOM ZONE

APO 900

24 Feb 1950

(Date)


SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

TO: The Quartermaster General,
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Memorial Division

The records pertaining to Unknown X- 96, Plot _____,
Row _____, Grave 2856, USMC USAF Cem. Leyte #1, have
been reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient
evidence is available to establish the identity of this decedent,
and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl:
Form 1044


H. B. McNEMAR
Captain, QMC
Chief, Records Branch



BU MED-C-JKW
20/p6-1



DO NOT ADDRESS THE SIGNER OF THIS LETTER
BUT ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.
AND REFER TO No.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

27 November 1945

To: CO, NOB, Navy 3964.

Subj: RHODES, Wilbert Henry, 730 92 10, Slc, USNR, burial and identification of.

Encl: 1. (HW) Dental Record (H-4) for subject man.

1. It is requested that arrangements be made to have the remains buried as unidentified Merchant Marine X-63, in grave 398, U.S.A.F. Cemetery Tacloban #1, Leyte, P. I., disinterred and the enclosed dental chart be checked by a Naval Dental Officer.

2. The subject named man was attached to Armed Guard Crew, SS Gilbert Stuart, and was killed in action on 18 November, 1944. Remains were reported as transferred ashore for burial by U. S. Army authorities.

3. It is requested this Bureau be advised of the findings and if identification is established, the Army officer in charge of the cemetery, be requested to forward a corrected Report of Interment to the office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Chief, BuMed:

W. S. SOUGLASS
Civilian Assistant

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

BUMEDCASSTW
QW20/P6-1



WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

7 May 1946

**SUMMARY OF THE FACTS IN DETERMINING DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF
WILBERT HENRY RHODES, 730 92 10, S1c, USNR.**

1. Above named man was attached to the Armed Guard crew of the SS GILBERT STUART. He was reported killed in action on 18 November 1944. His remains were reported to have been transferred to U.S. Army authorities ashore for burial. The ship was located in the vicinity of Leyte, and other bodies recovered from Army and Merchant Marine dead in this same action were buried in U.S.A.F. Cemetery, Tacloban No. 1, P. I. There is no record in this cemetery, or other cemeteries on Leyte, of the body of RHODES being received for burial.
2. The only unknown body received from the SS GILBERT STUART was believed to be a member of the Merchant Marine. These remains were disinterred, but were found to be headless. Therefore, identification could not be established.
3. The SS GILBERT STUART transferred a patient to the USS RIKEY for treatment on 18 November 1944. This patient died on the morning of the nineteenth and the only clue to his identity was the name "Montgomery" found on his clothing. He was believed to be a member of the Armed Guard of the SS GILBERT STUART. Fingerprints on the death certificate on this case (Montgomery) were checked and found to be identical with those of Cpl. Julius L. COOPER, 37514740, USA.
4. As there were a number killed aboard the SS GILBERT STUART, including Army and Merchant Marine personnel, besides RHODES, this headless body cannot definitely be identified as RHODES. There is no other evidence available to continue the search.

*X-96 Leyte
No skull Navy sent letter
to find for checking of
dental chart.
JK Waite.*

J. K. WAITE
Lieut. (HC) USN
Liaison Officer
Army Graves Registration Service

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN X-3758 (Formerly UNK X-96, USAF Cem Leyte #1, P.I.)				2. DATE OF REPORT 27 Feb '50	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I.		4. PLOT HANGAR 812	5. ROW BAY V	6. GRAVE CRYPT 5614	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT REINTERMENT
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT UTD		9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT UTD		10. COLOR OF HAIR UTD	
11. RACE UTD					
12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS NONE					
13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES UTD					
14. WAS BODY BURNED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT? Bones showed slight evidence of burns			
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT? Great extent. Height unable to determined.			
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS NONE					
17. LIST EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND, SHOWING THE TYPE, COLOR, SIZE, MARKINGS, SERVICE, ETC. (If laundry marks are indistinct such notation should be made and specimen forwarded through channels for examination when facilities are not available in the area) NONE					

MISSING TEETH: ALL TEETH MISSING THROUGH EXTRACTION (NOT THOSE FRACTURED OR DISPLACED BY RECENT WOUNDS) SHOULD BE "X" D OUT AND LABELED THUS:

TOP VIEW

SIDE VIEW



CROWNED TEETH: BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD, PORCELAIN, SILVER OR GOLD AND PORCELAIN), THUS:

Gold Crown, Porcelain Crown



BRIDGE WORK: BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD BRIDGE, GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE), THUS:

Gold Bridge



FILLINGS: DRAW FILLING ON TOOTH AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE (BLOCK IN AND LABEL GOLD, SILVER, CEMENT), THUS:

Gold Filling, Silver Filling



CARIES (Cavities): OUTLINE LOCATION AND SIZE OF CAVITY, SHADE IN THUS:

Cavity, Decayed



See Remarks

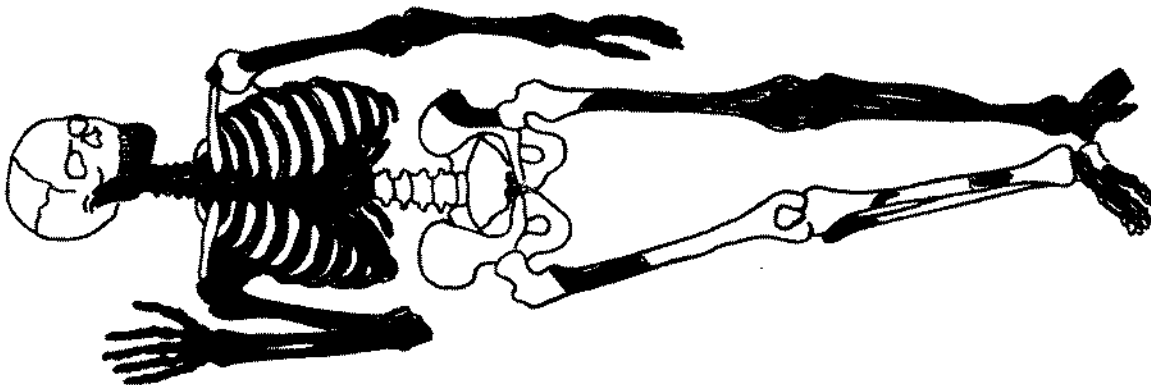
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<p>Side Views</p> <p>Side Views</p>								<p>UPPER</p> <p>UPPER</p>							
<p><i>Mandible</i></p>								<p><i>Missing</i></p>							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

DENTURES (Plates): DRAW DIAGRAM OF RELATIVE SIZE AND SHAPE OF PLATE, BLOCK IN TEETH ATTACHED AND INDICATE RETAINING CLASPS ON NATURAL TEETH WITH THE WORD, "CLASP."

REMARKS: R3 horizontally impacted; R2 and L1 shows the sign of attrition.
 No mandibular teeth found with remains.

Paul R. Nichols
 PAUL R. NICHOLS
 Chief, Identification Section

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 _____ DECEDENTS BASED ON THE PRESENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ANATOMICAL PARTS: _____ NUMBER

SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No I.D. tags, burial bottle, personal effects, or other means of identification found with remains.

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

TYPED NAME, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE, AND ORGANIZATION

PAUL R. NICHOLS
Chief, Identification Section

SIGNATURE

Classified to **RESTRICTED**
Graves Registration Form No. 1
(Revised May 11, 1943)
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1600-50

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REPORT OF INTERMENT
(TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815)

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1600-50-015

UNIDENTIFIED MERCHANT MARINE X-53 SS Gilbert Stuart
(Last name) (First) (Initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Organization)
Aboard SS Gilbert Stuart, Leyte Gulf 19 Nov. '44 KIA 2nd Degree Burns,
(Place of death) Leyte, P.I. (Date of death) Decapitation (Cause of death)
1430 hrs. 19 Nov. 1944 USAF CEMETERY, TACLOBAN #1 from shrapnel, enemy
(Time and date of burial) (Name of cemetery) LEYTE, P.I. (Name or co-ordinates of location) action.

398 Cross, regulation
(Grave number) (Row number) (Plot number) (Type of marker—Regulation V-shaped or other)
Disposition of identification tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to marker Yes No
Religion

Report of Interment (in bottle)
(If no identification tags, what means of identification are buried with the body?)
Impossible to take finger prints due to condition of remains.
(If no identification tags, but identity definitely established, give particulars)

Body buried on RIGHT GRAVES, Robert F. 38 125 558 Sgt. 34th Inf Regt. 399
(Name) (Serial number) (Rank) SS Gilbert (Grave number)
Body buried on LEFT UNIDENTIFIED MERCHANT MARINE X-52 Stuart 397
(Name) (Serial number) (Rank) (Organization) (Grave number)

(Name and address of EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE) (Name and address of LEGAL NEXT OF KIN)
List only personal effects FOUND ON BODY and disposition of same: None.

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

TAKE FINGERPRINTS OF BOTH HANDS (W. D. Cir. No. 79; 3/19/43). If unable to obtain a complete set of fingerprints, **TAKE THOSE YOU CAN**, and fill in as many of the following as you are able :

Height :	Apparent nationality :
Weight :	Laundry marks :
Color of eyes :	Number of rifle :
Color of hair :	Wear glasses ?
Race :	Is tooth chart attached ?

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart)

In space below, locate and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles deformities, etc. :

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc. :

IF THIS IS AN ISOLATED BURIAL, ATTACH A SKETCH OF THE LOCATION, ORIENTED WITH PERMANENT LANDMARKS.

T/Sgt. Henry P. Morrison GRS

(Signature of officer or other person reporting burial)

ROY F. SULZBACHER 1st Lt. OMC

(Verified by Army GRS Officer)

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LEFT HAND

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RIGHT HAND

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Graves Registration
Form No. 1
(Revised May 11, 1943)

REPORT OF INTERMENT
(TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815)

139

UNIDENTIFIED MERCHANT MARINE X - 96

(Last name) **SS Gilbert Stuart** (Rank) (Organization)
 (First) (Initial) (Serial number)
 Aboard **SS Gilbert Stuart, Leyte Gulf,** 19 Nov 1944 **KIA 2d Deg Burns, Decapitation**
 (Place of death) **Leyte, P.I.** (Date of death) **from shrapnel** (Cause of death)
 0900 hrs 20 July 1945 **USAF Cemetery, Leyte #1, P.I.**
 (Time and date of burial) (Name of cemetery) (Name or co-ordinates of location)

2856 (Grave number) (Row number) (Plot number) **Reg Cross** (Type of marker—Regulation V-shaped or other)

Disposition of identification tags: Buried with body Yes () No (X) Attached to marker Yes () No (X)
 Disinterred from **USAF Cemetery, Tacloban #1, Leyte, P.I.** grave 398 as **UNIDENTIFIED**
 Religion **MERCHANT MARINE X-53**

Report of Interment (in bottle)

(If no identification tags, what means of identification are buried with the body?)

Impossible to take finger print due to condition of remains.

(If no identification tags, but identity definitely established, give particulars)

Body buried on RIGHT	DALY, Richard W. (Name)	Z-27 133-D2 (Serial number)	Bos'n (Rank)	Stuart (Organization)	2857 (Grave number)
Body buried on LEFT	GRAVES, Robert F. (Name)	38 125 558 (Serial number)	Sgt (Rank)	34th Inf Regt (Organization)	2855 (Grave number)

(Name and address of EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE)

(Name and address of LEGAL NEXT OF KIN)

List only personal effects **FOUND ON BODY** and disposition of same: **NONE**

RESTRICTED

J. H. [Signature]

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

TAKE FINGERPRINTS OF BOTH HANDS (W.D. Cir. No. 79; 3/19/43).
If unable to obtain a complete set of fingerprints, **TAKE THOSE YOU CAN**, and fill in as many of the following as you are able:

Height: Apparent nationality:
Weight: Laundry marks: . . .
Color of eyes: Number of rifle:
Color of hair: Wear glasses?
Race: Is tooth chart attached?
(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart)

In space below, locate and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles deformities, etc.:

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

IF THIS IS AN ISOLATED BURIAL, ATTACH A SKETCH OF THE LOCATION, ORIENTED WITH PERMANENT LANDMARKS.

John E. Bobis
John E. Bobis, S/Sgt. GRS
(Signature of officer or other person reporting burial)
Francis M. Simon
FRANCIS M. SIMON, 1st Lt., SMC
(Verified by Army GRS Officer)

LEFT HAND

THUMB

1

2

3

4

RIGHT HAND

THUMB

1

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REPORT OF INTERMENT

(To be submitted through channels to the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.)

(Par. 21d - TM 10-630)

UNIDENTIFIED MERCHANT MARINE X-96					SS Gilbert Stuart
(Last Name)	(First)	(Initial)	(Serial No.)	(Rank)	(Organization)

Aboard SS Gilbert Stuart, Leyte Gulf,	19 Nov 1944	KIA 2d Deg Burns, Decapitation
(Place of Death)	Leyte, P.I.	(Date of Death) From shrapnel (Cause of Death)

0900 hrs 20 July 1945	USAF Cemetery, Leyte #1, P.I.
(Time and Date of Burial)	(Place of Burial - Name and No. of Cemetery, if in a cemetery)

2856	Reg. Cross	Buried with body <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Grave No.)	(Row No.) (Plot No.) (Kind Grave Marker)	Attached to marker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Disinterred from USAF Cemetery, Tacloban #1, P.I. grave 398 as UNIDENTIFIED MERCHANT MARINE X-53.	Protestant	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hebrew	<input type="checkbox"/>

Report of Interment (in bottle). Impossible to take finger print due to condition of remains.

Other pertinent data to enable grave to be located, of remains.

(Where necessary sketch to locate grave should be furnished)

(7) (Name and address of Emergency Addressee)	(Name and address of legal next of kin)
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Fingerprints (right hand) if right hand missing furnish prints of left hand.
 (Required when positive identity cannot otherwise be established) (Par. 25e (2)
 TM 10-630)

Place X mark
 below when
 prints are of
 left hand



Thumb	1	2	3	4
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List of personal effects and disposition of same

NONE

(Name, rank, serial number, organization, grave numbers of bodies buried on either side):

On Right— DALY, Richard W. Z-27 133-D2 Bos'n SS Gilbert Stuart 2857

On Left— GRAVES, Robert F. 38 125 558 Sgt. 34th Inf. Regt. 2855

John E. Bobis, S/Sgt., GRS
 Signature of Officer or other person reporting Burial.

FRANCIS M. SIMON, 1st Lt., QMC
 Verified by Army G.R.S. Officer.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.....
 Prepare in triplicate—1 copy to Army G.R.S. Officer—1 copy to Chief, G.R.S.—Original to the Q.M.G.

William D. Rogers
 WILLIAM D. ROGERS, 1st Lt., Inf.