

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NUMBER

293 Unknown, Belgrade, X-81242

SUBJECT

GNC FORM 1121  
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WILLARD EDGERTON  
Major Q.M.C., Cemetery Superintendent  
**DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE**

SECTION A -  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER  
9970 00608

DATE  
17 06 49  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME  
29 UNKNOWN X-81242

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

ARM  
8

RACE  
0

RELIGION  
6

CEMETERY  
US MIL CEM BELGRADE YUGOSLAVIA

PLOT  
E

ROW  
14

GRAVE  
600

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS  
5202 80  
CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
NETTUNO, ITALY

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISTINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON  
 REMAINS  
 MARKER

ORGANIZATION  
UNKNOWN

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY  
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

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

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.

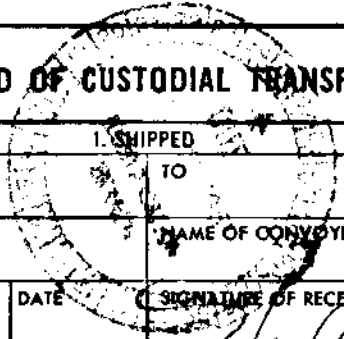
SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS  
NOTE: UNIDENTIFIABLE

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# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER



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To be used only when disinterment is made prior to receipt of OCMG Form 1194 (Disinterment Directive)

\*AUTH. RB 293 - 26 AUG 48

AGRS-MZ WORK SHEET DISINTERMENT

Date 26 6 1948 No. 394

Remains Storage Point Location

SECTION A: Information obtained from Zone Hq Records

NAME <del>Bel to be One of Five Known Ind's.</del> <del>KUPREVIC, Henry A.</del> (See Over)	SERIAL NO. *X-81242 <del>36660275</del>	RANK Unk. <del>T/Sgt</del>	ARM Unk. <del>USAAF</del>
CEMETERY U. S. MILITARY CEMETERY, BELGRADE			RACE Unk. <del>White</del>
PLOT E	ROW 14	GRAVE 600	COUNTRY YUGOSLAVIA
			RELIGION Unk.

SECTION B: DISINTERMENT AND IDENT. (Info obtained from Remains and/or Grave Marker)

NAME <del>Bel to be 1 of 5 Known Ind's.</del> (See over) <del>Kuprevic, Henry A.</del>	SERIAL NO. X-81242 <del>36660275</del>	RANK Unk. <del>T/Sgt</del>	DATE DISINTERRED 5 Jan 1948
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON Remains Marker 0	OCMG FORM 1194 with Remains X Yes No	RELIGION Unknown	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY FRANCIS M. GRIGSEY CAPT. OCMG. Name & Title

SECTION C: PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR STORAGE

NATURE OF CASKET Shroud	CONDITION OF REMAINS Skeletal
CHARACTER OF IDENTIFICATION None	
TYPE OF DISCHARGE None	
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET	
Date 30 March 1948	By ZELL G. ANSLEY
CASKET SEALED BY ZELL G. ANSLEY	EMBALLER (Signature) <i>Zell G. Ansley</i>
IDENTIFICATION PLATE PLACED ON CASKET	
Date 30 March 1948	Name E. EASTWOOD Title Recorder
REMARKS None	

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

FRANCIS M. GRIGSEY  
CAPT. OCMG.  
Signature of GRS Inspector  
Grade and Organization

\*Section "B" Omitted

LAMPHIER, Robert M.	11055080	S/Sgt.
SYLVESTER, Claude O.	11140723	S/Sgt.
BICKFORD, Paul T.	32942382	S/Sgt.
PHILLIPS, Ralph L.	37452099	S/Sgt.

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM: USMC, NAPLES	TO: CCP, NAPLES
KIND OF CONVEYANCE: TRUCK	NAME OF CONVOYER: KENNETH D. Mc FEELY 1st. Lt. TC
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER:	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER:
ALTON LEWIS Lt. AC 30 March 1948	BAILEY SKINNER MAJOR QMC 30 March 1948

2. SHIPPED

FROM: CCP, NAPLES	TO: PORT MORGUE
KIND OF CONVEYANCE: TRUCK	NAME OF CONVOYER:
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER:	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER:
BAILEY SKINNER MAJOR QMC 30 March 1948	WALTER E. THOMAS CAPT. QMC 30 March 1948

3. SHIPPED

NAPLES PORT MORGUE	LEGHORN PORT MORGUE		
TRAIN	M SGT GERALD J RYAN		
WILLIAM H SPURLIN, 1/LT QMC	28 APR 49 <i>THOMAS E. PULLIAM, CAPT QMC</i>		
From: LEGHORN PORT MORGUE	TO: U.S.C. ANITO		
<del>Kind of Conveyance: TRAIN</del>	Name of Convoier: CPL RAYMOND E. MITCHELL		
Signature of Shipper	Date	Signature of Receiver:	Date
LEWIS A. MC AMES, CAPT QMC	30 June 1949	WILLARD EGGERTON, AJ. Q C	30 June 1949

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE  
BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA APO 777, U.S. ARMY

RS/am

25 November 1947

SUBJECT: Additional Report of Investigation on Lt. William P. Chapin and crew

TO : Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Service  
Mediterranean Zone  
APO 794, U.S. Army

1. Submitted herewith is the additional Report of Investigation by this office on 1st Lt. William P. Chapin, O-856877, and crew, reported missing as of 5 November 1944, of the 15th Air Force, 456th Bomb Group,

2. Following exhibits are attached:

a. Exhibit "A" Statement of Zorka Ilincic and Milan Lovsic

3. FACTS:

a. That the remains of Believed to be Wallace E. Brooks, T/Sgt., 35415357, had been recovered and are interred in the U.S. Military Cemetery Belgrade, Yugo., in Plot C Row 3 Grave 320. 80959

b. That the present casualty status of the crew according to a recently received copy of MOCR is the following:

1st Lt.	Chapin, William P.	O-856877	EUS	25 Jun 45
Maj	Clark, William R.	O-24785	KIA	28 Dec 45 ?
1st Lt.	Miller, Raymond C.	O-712879	KIA	28 Dec 45 ?
1st Lt.	Geiger, George J.	O-899551	DDI	29 Apr 45
T/Sgt.	Kuprewicz, Henry A.	36660275	DDI	6 Nov 45
T/Sgt.	Brooks, Wallace E.	35415357	recovered	
S/Sgt.	Lamphier, Robert W.	11055080	DDA	6 Nov 45
S/Sgt.	Sylvester, Claude W.	11140723	DDW	6 Nov 45
S/Sgt.	Bickford, Paul T.	32942382	DDW	6 Nov 45
S/Sgt.	Phillips, Ralph I.	37452099	DDI	6 Nov 45
Maj.	Stuck, Lewis A. Jr.	O-960718	KIA	28 Dec 45 ?

4. FINDINGS:

a. That another crew member who bailed out and was found wounded was taken to the hospital at Kos. Mitrovica by the Germans.

b. That according to the evidence of Zorka Ilinic and Milan Lovsic the subject crew member was strangled by four Germans for the reason that he was apparently of German origin.

c. That the date of death is about 20 November 1944.

d. That the body was buried in a ditch and few days later after liberation of the town reburied in another grave in the field near the hospital yard.

e. That upon exhumation the remains were found in skeletal state at the place indicated by the named eyewitnesses. Complete skeleton. No clothing.

f. That a tooth-chart was taken.

g. That individual identification was impossible.

h. That based on the evidence of the civilians these remains are believed to be one of the deceased crew members of Lt. Chapin who crashed on 5 November 1944 near Kos. Vitrovica.

i. That the concerned area was twice searched for the remains of the remaining deceased crew members.

#### 5. COMMENTS:

a. Although every efforts were made to clarify the fate of the other DDF crew members, it was not possible to get more information from the villagers beyond the statement that they were completely consumed by fire. The search team got the impression that the attitude of the population at this village was hostile during the war, and that therefore they don't want to disclose all details known to them. It is suggested that the survivors be contacted for additional and more detailed information concerning the fate of the other four deceased.

b. The date of death is believed to be 20 November 1944, based on the fact that the town Kos. Vitrovica was liberated on 22 November 1944 by the Yugoslav Army.

#### 6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That the disinterred remains be accepted as those of one of the deceased crew members.

b. That tooth-chart taken be compared against their dental records and the finding be forwarded to this office.

#### 7. CONCLUSIONS:


a. That we have buried the above remains in U.S. Military Cemetery Belgrade as follows:

Believed to be:

One of five known individuals in Plot E Row 14 Grave 600

b. That Report of Interment has been prepared and is attached herewith.

Incl's: a/s

  
T. C. ANDERSEN  
Major MC  
Commanding

# IDENTIFICATION DENTAL CHART

TO BE USED WITH OMC FORMS NOS. 1042 & 1044 IN PLACE OF CHART THEREON,  
AND TO BE ATTACHED TO AND FORWARDED WITH THESE FORMS WHEN ACCOMPLISHED.

Bel. to be:

24 November 1947  
DATE

One of five known individuals

FIRST                  INITIAL                  RANK                  SERIAL NO.

UNIT

456th Bomb Group  
ORGANIZATION

Mitrovica, Yugo.  
PLACE OF DEATH

U.S. Mil. Cem. Belgrade  
PLACE OF BURIAL

E                  14                  600  
PLOT                  ROW                  GRAVE NO.

	RIGHT				UPPER TEETH				LEFT							
	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TYPE	Root	A	P		P	P	P	P				P		P		Root
LOCATION	o															o

INSIDE — LOOKING OUT

	RIGHT				LOWER TEETH				LEFT							
	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
TYPE		A	X		P	P	P		P			P	P	X		
LOCATION		o														

## KEY OF SYMBOLS TO BE USED ON ABOVE CHART

<p><b>SYMBOLS IN WHOLE BOX</b></p> <p> EXTRACTED</p> <p> CAVITY. INDICATE LOCATION</p> <p> FIXED BRIDGE (INCL. ABUTMENTS)</p> <p> TEETH REPLACED BY DENTURE</p> <p> POSTHUMOUSLY MISSING (LOST AFTER DEATH)</p>	<p><b>TYPE OF FILLING IN UPPER HALF OF BOX</b></p> <p> AMALGAM (SILVER)</p> <p> GOLD</p> <p> SILICATE OR PORCELAIN</p> <p> OXYPHOSPHATE (CEMENT)</p>	<p><b>LOCATION OF FILLING IN LOWER HALF OF BOX</b></p> <p> MESIAL (BETWEEN-TOWARD FRONT)</p> <p> OCCLUSAL (BITING SURFACE BACK TEETH)</p> <p> DISTAL (BETWEEN-TOWARD BACK)</p> <p> LINGUAL (TOWARD TONGUE)</p> <p> FACIAL (TOWARD CHEEK)</p>
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FORM 1042 5 FEB 46

REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

*See form 1044  
10 Mar. 1948*

81242



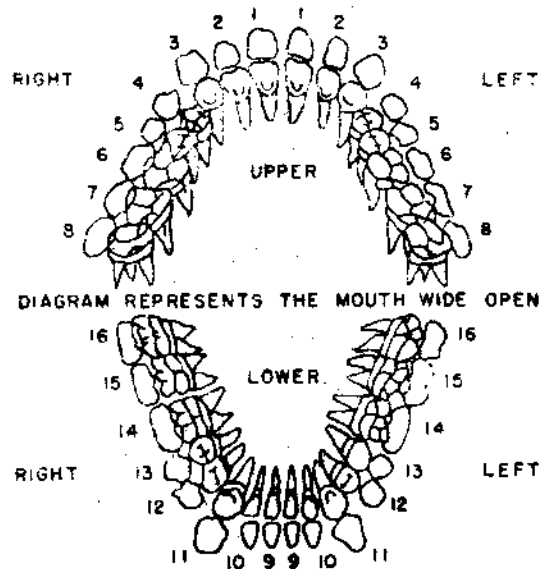
**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**ACCURACY AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL** IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS CHART ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE, IF SAME IS TO BE OF MAXIMUM VALUE.

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

3. ANY ABNORMALITIES SUCH AS MALPOSED, MALFORMED OR DISCOLORED TEETH, ETC SHOULD BE NOTED. DENTAL WORK NOT COVERED ABOVE WILL BE INDICATED, P.P. PORCELAIN CROWNS, GOLD CROWNS (FULL OR 3/4), 3/4 GOLD CROWN WITH SILICATE WINDOW.

4. FOR INFORMATION OF STANDARD NUMBERING OF TEETH, SEE DIAGRAM BELOW.



**REMARKS:**

George Kokotovich  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO PREPARED CHART

George Kokotovich, Pfc  
NAME AND RANK TYPED OR PRINTED

AGRS/MZ. Det. Belgrade  
PLACE OR HQ. WHERE THIS FORM ACCOMPLISHED

VERIFIED BY GRS OFFICER

T. C. ANDERSON, Major OMC  
NAME AND RANK TYPED OR PRINTED

24 November 1947  
DATE

BTE: One of Following:

Kuprewicz, Henry A.  
Lemphier, Robert M.  
Sylvester, Claude O.  
Bickford, Paul T.

DENTAL C.

~~BRONSON, O. C.~~  
Phillips, Ralph L.

R-8	Part, Broken off
R-7	oA
R-6	MAD
R-5	MAD
R-4	MAD
R-3	MAD
R-2	MAD
R-1	MAD

L-1	
L-2	MAD
L-3	
L-4	MAD
L-5	
L-6	MAD
L-7	
L-8	Part, Broken off

R-16	
R-15	oA
R-14	X
R-13	decayed (d)
R-12	MAD
R-11	MAD
R-10	MAD
R-9	MAD

L-9	MAD
L-10	MAD
L-11	
L-12	MAD
L-13	MAD
L-14	X
L-15	decayed (d)
L-16	

Est. Ht.... 5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Est. Age... 20 to 22 yrs.

Unknown American

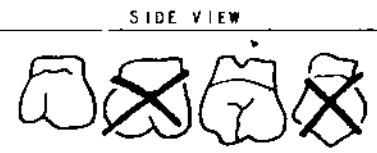
IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN <b>X-81242</b> <del>One of 5 known individuals - see attached list</del>				2. DATE OF REPORT <b>10 March 1948</b>		
3. NAME OF CEMETERY <b>USAC belgrade, Yugo.</b>		4. PLOT <b>E</b>	5. ROW <b>4</b>	6. GRAVE <b>600</b>	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT	REINTERMENT
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION						
8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT <b>Unknown</b>	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT <b>5' 1/2"</b>	10. COLOR OF HAIR <b>Unknown</b>		11. RACE <b>White</b>		
12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS  <b>None "Non-Identifiable by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data"</b>  <b>T.C. ANDERSON</b> <b>Major O-7</b> <i>[Signature]</i>						
13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES  <b>Unknown</b>						
14. WAS BODY BURNED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?				
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?				
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS  <b>None</b>						
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)  <b>None</b>						

*St. 23 Mar 48*  
*Subj. Remains of*  
*Declassified inside the file*  
**Received**  
**Not identifiable from**  
**information presently**  
**available**  
*Jenkins*

TOOTH CHART

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



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



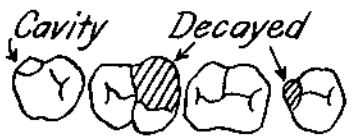
**BRIDGE WORK:** BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD BRIDGE, GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE), THUS:



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



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



RIGHT								LEFT							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
**	A	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗		⊗		⊗			**
Side View															Side View
Top View															
Side View															
	A	⊗	*	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗		⊗	⊗	⊗	*		
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."

- \* Decayed Distally
- \*\* Broken off.

19. BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT RECOVERED.



20. MASS BURIAL CERTIFICATE (If Applicable)  
(Where in segregation in whole or parts is impossible)

I CERTIFY THAT THE GROUP REMAINS CONSIST OF PARTS OF 1  
(number)  
DECEDENTS BASED ON THE PRESENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING  
ANATOMICAL PARTS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Medical Officer

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None

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, SIGNATURE  
AND ORGANIZATION ALTON C. LEWIS AF  
1st Lt. Commanding CIP

HEADQUARTERS  
9107 TSU - QMC  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE  
APC 794 US ARMY

CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION POINT

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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

Believed to be one of 5 individuals;

C.I.P. Case No. 400

See attached list;

Date of Investigation 10 March '48

Unknown American X- \_\_\_\_\_

Am. Mil. Cem. Belgrade, Yugo. Italy: Plot B Row No. 14 Grave 600

Place of Death KOS.MITROVICA, Yugo. Date of Death 20 November 1944

Map Reference 42° 52' N - 20° 57' E Sheet \_\_\_\_\_ Map of Italy Yugo.

Other American Dead Found in Same Area See attached list;

Cause of Death Murdered by the Germans;

22. Description of Remains

Skeletal state;

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

23. Skeleton Data

HEAD Skull complete;

TOOTH CHART QMC form #1044a attached;

TRUNK 6 cervical, 12 dorsal, 4 lumbar vertebrae; ribs complete;  
complete pelvic group; R and L scapulae; R and L clavicles;  
sternum; 24 Ribs,

UPPER EXTREMITIES. (Give measurements of long bones.)

R Humerus	<u>33.1</u>	L Humerus	<u>33.3</u>
R Ulna	<u>27.2</u>	L Ulna	<u>27.1</u>
R Radius	<u>25.</u>	L Radius	<u>25.</u>
Carpals, Metacarpals, Phalanges		<u>Present;</u>	

LOWER EXTREMITIES. (Give measurements of long bones.)

R Femur	<u>46.2</u>	L Femur	<u>46.9</u>
R Tibia	<u>38.2</u>	L Tibia	<u>38.4</u>
R Fibula	<u>37.4</u>	L Fibula	<u>37.9</u>
Calcanea, Tarsals, Patellae, Metatarsals, Phalanges		<u>R and L</u>	
<u>patellae are missing;</u>			

24. AGE ESTIMATED AT \_\_\_\_\_  
BASED ON ~~Sagittal suture has begun to close; coronal and~~  
~~lambda suture are still open.~~

25. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

- a. A tooth chart was taken.
- b. A skeletal chart was taken.
- c. The age was estimated at between 20 and 22 years.
- d. The height was estimated at 5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

26. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. That the remains be interred separately.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Officer)

ALTON C. LEWIS  
1st Lt. AF  
Commanding CIP.





BTB: One of the following:

Kuprewicz, Henry A.  
Lamphier, Robert M.  
Sylvester, Claude O.  
Bickford, Paul T.  
Phillips, Ralph L.

USMC Belgrade, Yugo  
Plot E, Row 14, Grave 600

It is suggested that this case be DISAPPROVED in establishing identity as S/Sgt Paul T. Bickford and that subject remains be designated "UNKNOWN".

Reasons for the above suggestion are based on the following:

It is noted that Army dental records of S/Sgt. Bickford shows R-7 with doA, oA and lA fillings; R-6 as extracted; L-5 with moA filling; L-6 as extracted; L-7 with loA filling; R-15 as sound; R-13 with doA filling; and L-15 with fA lA fillings whereas ~~his~~ tooth chart for subject remains shows R-7 with oA filling; R-6 as MAD; L-5 as sound; L-6 as MAD; L-7 as sound; R-15 with oA filling; R-13 decayed distally and L-15 decayed distally.

Although Field Board Findings state that tooth chart for subject remains compares favorably with Army dental records of S/Sgt. Bickford, in the opinion of the investigator, the above discrepancies cannot logically be reconciled for favorable comparison.

Field Board Findings, Paragraph (c) states "Despite agreement by survivors and eyewitness that only three (3) parachutes were seen to leave the ship, there must have been a fourth since four (4) survivors were captured by the Germans! However, there is no evidence presented as to where or when the fourth survivor was captured or that he was associated with this crew.

I agree with suggestion of investigation

*J. W. Held*  
*E. W. ...*

DTB: One of the following:

Kuprewicz, Henry A.  
Lamphier, Robert M.

T. W. HELD  
Investigating Clerk

IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST			DATE	
Sylvester, Claude O. Bickford, Paul T. Phillips, Ralph L.			2 Nov. 1948	
UNKNOWN X- NO. OR OTHER DESIGNATION	CEMETERY	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
	USMC Belgrade, Yugo.	E	14	600
IDENTIFIED AS				
S/Sgt. Paul T. BICKFORD 32942382				
ITEM	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	UNKNOWN	
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH	X (1)			
CAUSE OF DEATH				
DENTAL CHART		X (2)		
COLOR HAIR				
ESTIMATED HEIGHT & Age	X (3)			
ESTIMATED WEIGHT				
SCARS, FRACTURES, ETC.				
LAUNDRY MARKS				
SHOE SIZE				
TYPE CLOTHING				
IDENTIFICATION TAG				
PERSONAL EFFECTS				
STATEMENT OF CIVILIANS		X (4)		
ENEMY RECORDS	X (5)			
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TAG				
PAY BOOK (EM/OFF.)				
SIGNED STATEMENT OF IDENTITY				
Statement of surviving crew members	X (6)			
REMARKS				
<p>(1) AG records indicate S/Sgt Bickford failed to return from a bombing mission over Mitrovica, Yugo. on 5 Nov. 1944 and was presumed dead 6 Nov. 1945. MACR 9599 lists S/Sgt Bickford as a crew member of A/C B-24H AAF serial No. 41-28912, which was last sighted on 5 Nov. 1944 in a damaged condition near Mitrovica, Yugo. Two surviving crew members were captured near Mitrovica.</p> <p>(2) Tooth chart for subject remains does not compare favorably with Army dental records of S/Sgt Bickford.</p> <p>(3) CIL estimates the height of subject remains to be 5' 8<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>" and the age between 20 and 22 yrs. S/Sgt Bickford was 5' 8" tall and 20 years old.</p> <p>(4) Statement of Muharem Ujkan and Sadri Dzamal that only three (3) men were seen to bail out of the plane agrees with information given to Lt. Chapin and Lt. Geiger by several Germans.</p> <p>Statements by Dimitrije Sokic, Zorka Ilinic-Bozovic and Milan Lovsic regarding the murdered American airman present no evidence as to where the murdered man was originally captured or that he was associated with this crew.</p> <p>(5) Captured German records ME 169A agrees with MACR as to date and place of crash.</p> <p>(6) Statement of surviving crew members (Lt. Chapin and Lt. Geiger) are favorable only in establishing the date and place of the crash.</p>				

DENTAL CI

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NAME: Brooks, Wallace D.  
T/Sgt 35415357

R-8		
R-7	X	P A R T I A L D E N T U R E
R-6	X	
R-5		
R-4		
R-3		
R-2		
R-1	X	
L-1	X	P A R T I A L D E N T U R E
L-2	X	
L-3		
L-4	X	
L-5	X	
L-6	X	
L-7	carious	
L-8		

R-16	carious
R-15	X
R-14	X
R-13	X
R-12	
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L-10	carious
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L-14	X
L-15	carious
L-16	X

Dental records 24 Aug '42  
and 2 Feb '44.  
Ht...5' 10"  
Age...23

C O P Y

MACR #9599

Target: Mitrovica      Type of Mission: Bombing (combat)  
Date: 5 November 44      Time: 1447      Last known position: 4240N - 2116E  
Aircraft: B-24-H AAF #41-38912      Crew: 11 (eleven)

Pilot:	Chapin, William P	1st Lt	0-856877	RFD
CP	Clark, William B	Major	0-24785	KIA
Nav	Miller, Raymond S	1st Lt	0-712879	KIA
Bomb	Geiger, George S.	1st Lt	0-699551	EUS
L/WG	Ruprewics, Henry A.	T/Sgt	36660275	DED
R/WG	Brooks, Wallace D	T/Sgt	35425357	DED
NO	Lamphier, Robert M	S/Sgt	11055080	DED
T/TG	Sylvester, Claude O	S/Sgt	11140723	DED
B/TG	Bickford, Paul T	S/Sgt	32942382	DED
T/G	Phillips, Ralph L.	S/Sgt	37452099	DED
Observer	Stuck, Lewis A Jr.	Major	0-360718	KIA

Information regarding crew members (Capt Chapin and Lt Geiger)

**STUCK:** Believe he was pinned down by force of plane in steep spiral. Only hearsay information, indirectly concerning Maj. Stuck, is that several Germans, names unknown, told me that they saw only three parachutes leave the plane. One of them, a German medical officer in the hospital in Mitrovica, said to me, and I quote directly: "I am afraid your comrades are dead."  
The interphone of the plane was entirely knocked out when we were hit so I had no contact with other men in the plane. I gave repeated orders to bail out but I am convinced that none of them was heard. I believe that Stuck, in the waist, found it physically impossible to bail out by the time he realized, without orders, that it was necessary to bail out. The plane was on its back, in a very steep spiral, when I bailed out myself. The controls were completely out, the auto-pilot out, and No. 3 engine, but I had no way of communicating our plight.

**PHILLIPS:** Believe he was pinned down by force of plane in steep spiral.

**BICKFORD:** According to bombardier he was pinned in turret by battle damage.

**SYLVESTER:** He was wounded in his right side. Partisans told me that an American airman that was wounded was taken to the German hospital in Mitrovica. I questioned them at great length and came to the conclusion that the man was S/Sgt Sylvester. The wound was rather serious at the quick glance I had before I told him to jump. He may have died.

**LAMPHER:** Believe he was pinned down by force of plane in steep spiral.

**BROOKS:** No speaking contact, but I saw him kneeling before open bombay, putting on his chest pack. I motioned for him to go on out, he motioned at me and that was the last I saw of him. By hearsay information, he was wounded in the side, on the ground, but I don't think he was wounded in the air. Lt. Geiger told me that night, on the ground, that Germans told him that Brooks had been taken prisoner and was "wounded in the side." Later a partisan told Geiger that "the one who had been wounded in the side was in a German hospital and all right." I got this information from Geiger after he returned to this country. Geiger himself never saw

**BROOKS:** (cont'd)

Brooks on the ground, nor did I. I have no explanation of what happened to Sgt. Brooks. I am certain that he got out of the plane, and if we are to believe hearsay information, he eventually ended up in a German hospital. Travel, through Yugoslavia, from my own experiences, was extremely hazardous at that time due to frequent Allied bombings and Partisan attacks on hospital trains. I was bombed frequently and attacked by partisans twice while traveling under German surveillance, and my guess is that Brooks may have not survived a similar occurrence.

**KUPREVIC:** Believe he was pinned down by force of plane in steep spiral.

**MILLER:** We were hit by flak. Lt. Miller was killed instantly and fell over me. When I rolled him over, I felt his pulse. He was dead.

**CLARK:** I am sure that Major Clark was killed. Flak came through the windshield and I believe that it penetrated his chest on the right side. He went up into the air and came down between the seats, and did not move. It was impossible to drag him to the bomb bay, and hardly possible for me to drag myself in my condition.

Information by Lt. Geiger:

"As we rallied, after dropping our bombs, we were hit by flak. A burst hit the nose and destroyed the bombsight. I was wounded in the leg. The oxygen and intercommunication systems were out. I looked up and saw that Lt. Miller had been hit in the chest. The plane went into a spin and the nose-wheel doors jammed, therefore I had to crawl up the tunnel to safety. As I fell out of the bomb bay, I noticed that the top turret gunner had been hit in the side and had lost his chute.

"After I leaped and reached the ground, I was captured by German troops. I was informed that my chute opened about 100 meters from the ground. Also that I was the last one out of the plane. Lt. Chapin had broken his leg. He told me that Major Clark had been killed while sitting in the co-pilots seat. I was informed later by German medical men that the bodies of two Majors had been found in the wreck. As for the enlisted men, I can't give much information, as they were not on my regular crew."

Information by Capt. Chapin:

For the sake of investigation, it should be pointed out that there are more than one town called Mitrovice in Yugoslavia. The one in question is the southernmost, lying between Albania and Bulgaria, and about 50 miles from the city of Nise.

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ME 169 A

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>
2ND Lt	BROWN, Richard Keith	missed O-776950
1st Lt	GEIGER, George John	O-699551
1st Lt	SHAPIN Hospital	
1st Lt	MILLER	dead
T/Sgt	Hospital	

ON: Nov - 5-44

PLACE: MITROVIACA

TYPE: LIBERATOR

AIRBASE H.Q. A (o) 111/XVII

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN 5 November 1944

CASUALTY No. ME 169A

PLACE OF CRASH MITROVIACA

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT LIBERATOR

REPORTING OFFICE AIRBASE HEADQUARTERS A (o) 111/XVII

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAP'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
GEIGER, George John 12 January 1921 USA	Fst/Lt	0-699551	Captured	Dilag-Luft, West
CHAPIN	Fst/Lt		Wounded	Hospital

REMARKS:

Dilag-Luft, 8 February 1945 Wo



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

DATE OF REPORT

November 1945

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Section 1. - IDENTIFICATION.

Q371 letter  
MPT 293  
CLARK, William J.  
Dated 8 November 1945

NAME (Last, first, middle, initial)

CLARK, William J. X-81242

SERIAL NO.

Ink.

GRADE

Ink.

ORGANIZATION

Ink.

BRANCH OF SERVICE

Ink.

RACE

White

RELIGION

Ink.

IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD,  
GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY

U.S.A.

PLACE OF DEATH Kos. Nitrovica, CAUSE OF DEATH  
Yugo. 42° 52' N - 20° 57' E

DATE OF DEATH

20 November 1944

K I A

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

None

IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY  
(1, 2, or none)

None

IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION  
(If unobtainable, fill in section 2 on reverse)

None

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no)

No

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

None

Section 2. - BURIAL. (If other than in established cemetery, furnish street and map coordinates on reverse.)

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY

U.S. Military Cemetery, Belgrade, Yugo.

DATE OF BURIAL	HOUR	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER	PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
24 November 1947	1600	Shroud	Wooden Cross	B	14	600

WAS THIS A REBURIAL? IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE

Yes

Isolated grave at Kos. Nitrovica, Yugo.  
42° 52' N - 20° 57' E

PLOT No. ROW No. GRAVE No.

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY

General

Q3 Form in burial bottle buried in grave with remains.  
Q3 Form in burial bottle buried in grave 1 foot below cross

IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no)

No

No

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle, and initial)	RANK	SERIAL No.	ORGANIZATION	GRAVE No.
One of nine known individuals	Ink.	Ink.	485 P. Co. 829 P. Co.	527

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle, and initial)	RANK	SERIAL No.	ORGANIZATION	GRAVE No.
End of Row	-	-	-	-

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT

SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT

*[Handwritten signatures]*  
John J. [unclear], Capt. VC, SAC

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

WEAPON AND SERIAL NO.      LAUNDRY MARKS      WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND

OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES

FILLINGS



CAVITIES



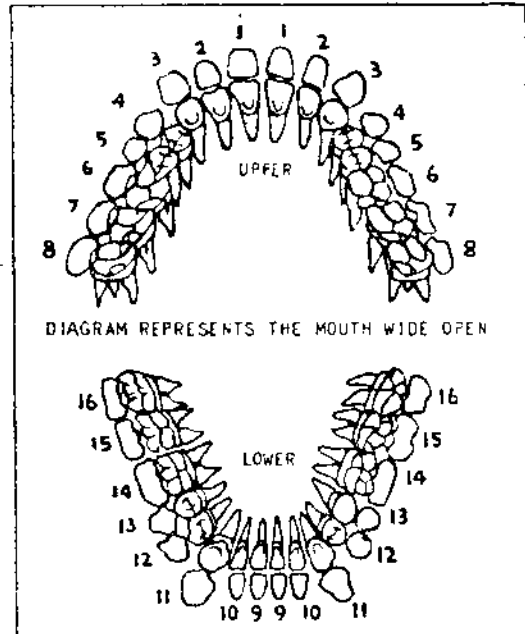
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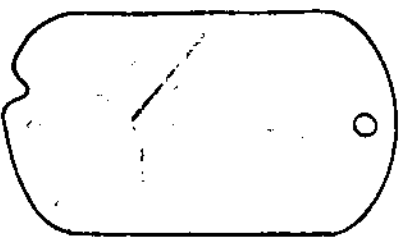
REMARKS :

Remains previously interred as:  
One of five known individuals.

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GRADE -		ORGANIZATION 456th Group		BRANCH OF SERVICE Air Corps		
RACE White		RELIGION Unknown		IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY U.S.A.		
PLACE OF DEATH Kos. Mitrovica, Yugo., 42°52'N-20°57'E		CAUSE OF DEATH Murdered by the Germans			DATE OF DEATH 20 November 1944	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) None						
IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY (1, 2, or none) None		IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse) See Report of Investigation				
WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED?(Yes or no) No						
LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME None						
<b>Section 2.—BURIAL</b> If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.						
NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY U.S. Mil. Cemetery Belgrade, Yugo., 44°47'N-20°25'E Air Man Europe 1:500,000 Belgrade Sheet						
DATE OF BURIAL 24 November 47	HOUR 1600	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Shroud	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Wooden Cross	PLOT No. E	ROW No. 1	GRAVE No. 600
WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) Yes	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE Isolated grave at Kos. Mitrovica, Yugo. 42°52'N-20°57'E			PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
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IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) No	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) No					
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) One of nine known individuals			RANK -	SERIAL No. -	ORGANIZATION 485 B.Gp. 329 B.Sqd	GRAVE No. 599
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) End of Row			RANK	SERIAL No.	ORGANIZATION	GRAVE No.
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT <i>Nich. Skrbich</i> Nich. Skrbich, Civ. Investigator			SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT <i>T.C. Anderson</i> T.C. ANDERSON, Major, QMC			
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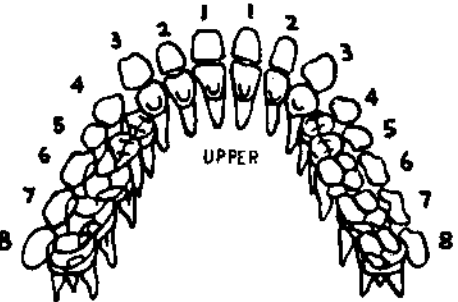
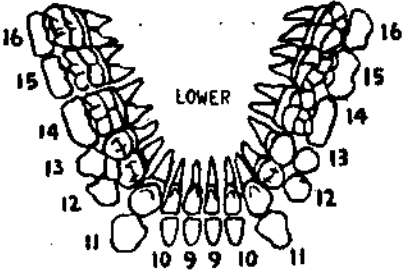




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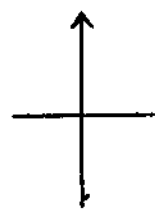
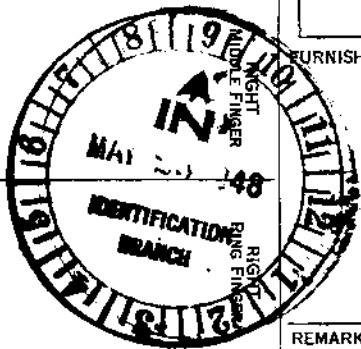
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**OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES**

Tooth-chart taken.

FILLINGS	 <p>SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>	 <p align="center">UPPER</p> <p>DIAGRAM REPRESENTS THE MOUTH WIDE OPEN</p>  <p align="center">LOWER</p>
CAVITIES	 <p>CAVITY DECAYED</p>	
MISSING TEETH	 <p>TOOTH MISSING</p>	
CROWNED TEETH	 <p>PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>	
BRIDGE WORK	 <p>GOLD BRIDGE</p>	

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REMARKS: T/Sgt. Kupfer, Harry A. 36660275  
 S/Sgt. Lamphier, Robert M. 11055080  
 S/Sgt. Sylvester, Claude O. 11140723  
 S/Sgt. Bickford, Paul T. 32942332  
 S/Sgt. Phillips, Ralph L. 37452099