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293 Unknown, Belgrade, X-81323

SUBJECT

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USMC ANZIO  
Thomas J. McAuliffe  
HORACE J. MC GARTHY  
Cemetery Superintendent

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

9970, 019, 442 12 Oct 49

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER <b>9970 06670</b>	DATE		
		28	09	49
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR

NAME <b>UNKNOWN X-81323</b>	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM <b>8</b>	RACE <b>0</b>	RELIGION <b>6</b>
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CEMETERY <b>BELGRADE YUGOSLAVIA</b>	PLOT <b>E</b>	ROW <b>21</b>	GRAVE <b>673</b>	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS <b>5201</b> CODE	<b>80</b> DIST. CTR.
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SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <del>ROMANCE, ITALY</del> WEST VIRGINIA, U.S.A.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <b>(BY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION)</b>
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME <b>UNKNOWN X-81323</b>	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED <b>14 January 48</b>
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION <b>UNKNOWN</b>	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY <b>T. C. ANDERSON</b> QMC	

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
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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)
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CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY <b>LEWIS A. MC AMIS</b> CAPT. QMC
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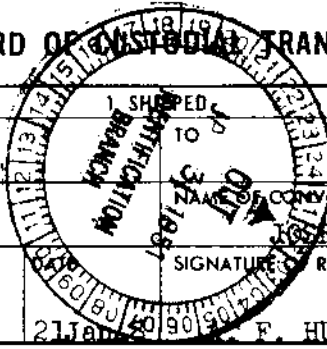
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS  
**RR REMAINS UNIDENTIFIABLE**

JAN 1950  
REGISTRATION  
MET. Y.S.

## RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER



FROM <b>USMC BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA</b>	TO <b>CCP, NAPLES</b>
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <b>TRAIN</b>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>T. C. ANDERSON</i>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <b>JOSEPH F. NAHAN, CAPT, QMC</b>
<b>T. C. ANDERSON</b>	<b>F. HUBBARD, Lt Col, AF</b>
DATE <b>24 Jan 48</b>	

### 2. SHIPPED

FROM <b>LEGHORN PORT MORGUE</b>	TO <b>USMC ANZIO</b>
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <b>TRAIN</b>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <b>LEWIS A. MCAMIS, CAPT QMC</b>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <b>WILLARD EDGERTON, MAJOR QMC</b>
DATE <b>27 Oct 49</b>	DATE <b>28 Oct 1949</b>
NAME OF CONVOYER <b>CHARLES D. BUTTE, 1st Lt, QMC</b>	

### 3. SHIPPED

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

### 4. SHIPPED

FROM	TO
KIND OF CONVEYANCE	
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NAME OF CONVOYER	

### 5. SHIPPED

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NAME OF CONVOYER	

### 6. SHIPPED

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NAME OF CONVOYER	

### 7. SHIPPED

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

To be used only when disinterment is made prior to receipt of OQMG Form 1194 (Disinterment Directive)  
 \* AUTH. RB 293 - 26 AUG 48  
 AGRS-MZ WORK SHEET DISINTERMENT

Date JAN 6 1948 No. 678

SECTION A: Information obtained from Zone Hq Record

NAME	Believed-to-be ROSGOE, Cecil-P.- * UNKNOWN	SERIAL NO.	34772882 X-81323	RANK	Cpl Unk	ARM	USARP- Unk.
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CEMETERY	U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY, BELGRADE	RACE	Unk. White
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PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	COUNTRY	RELIGION
E	21	673	YUGOSLAVIA	Unknown

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

NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	DATE DISINTERRED
UNKNOWN	X-81323	Unk.	

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON Remains	Marker	QMC FORM #1042 with Remains	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Yes Yes No		Name & Title

SECTION D: PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR STORAGE

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
Shroud	Skeletal

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION  
None

MINOR DISCREPANCIES  
None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

Date 26 May 1948 By WM. L. JORDON

CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (Signature)
WM. L. JORDON	S/ WILLIAM L. JORDON

IDENTIFICATION PLATE PLACED ON CASKET

Date 26 May 1948 Name DALE TURSI 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.

S/ A C LEWIS  
Signature of GRS Inspector  
Grade and Organization

\*Section "B" Omitted

NAPLES PORT MORGUE

LEGHORN PORT MORGUE

TRAIN

M SGT GERALD J RYAN

WILLIAM H SPURLIN, 1/LT QMC

28 APR  
49

THOMAS P PULLIAM, CAPT QMC

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
9107 TSU - ZIC  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE  
BEOGRAD, YUGOSLAVIA APO 794, U.S. ARMY

12 January 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation on Lt. Charles Stiede and crew

TO : Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Service  
9107 TSU-ZIC  
Mediterranean Zone  
APO 794, U.S. Army

1. Submitted herewith is the Report of Investigation by this office on 2nd Lt. Charles Stiede, O-2057449, and crew, reported missing as of 16 February 1945, of the 15th Air Force, 450th Bomb Group, 723rd Bomb Sqd.

2. Following exhibits are attached:

- a. Exhibit "A" Statement of Pasquale Ipsa
- b. Exhibit "B" Statement of Ante Bilin, Civ. Investigator
- c. Exhibit "C" MACR

3. FACTS:

a. That the plane B-24-H AF Ser. No. 41-14526, piloted by Lt. Charles Stiede was last sighted at the degrees 47°56'N-10°47'E, as stated by MACR.

b. That the casualty status of the crew is the following:

2nd Lt.	Stiede, Charles	O-2057449	KIA
F/O	Levenson, Robert H.	T-131150	MUS
F/O	Davis, Reece F. Jr.	T-134885	KIA
2nd Lt.	Walker, Norman F.	O-785536	KIA
Cpl.	Roscoe, Cecil P.	34772882	KIA
Cpl.	DeSpain, Larry L.	39915977	KIA
Cpl.	Gunter, Sallon G.	39714220	KIA
Sgt.	Schafer, Robert P.	37581782	KIA
Cpl.	Collins, Vernon J.	36672870	KIA
Cpl.	Price, Burl B.	17127489	KIA

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4. FINDINGS:

a. That the subject plane ditched in the Adriatic Sea, 2 miles from the village Fontana, near Porec (Parenzo), Istria, Yugo. Co-ords: 45°10'N - 13°37'E.

b. That all crew members perished in crash except one who was rescued by the local fishers and Germans.

c. That seven (7) bodies were found after the crash and taken for burial to Fontana, as stated by the local fisherman Pasquale Ipsa.

d. That this statement is corresponding to information given by a German officer to the only survivor of the crew, F/O Robert O. Levenson, who was captured.

e. That upon exhumation only the remains of six (6) individuals were found, as stated by Ante Bilin. Four (4) remains were in a common grave, while two (2) other remains were buried in x separate graves each. They are of 2nd Lt. Norman F. Walker and Cpl. Cecil P. Roscoe, according to the information furnished by local authorities.

f. That remains of Lt. Walker were washed by the sea on 2 August 1945 as stated in report of Ante Bilin. This date appears not to be correct as the remains of Lt. Walker were recovered on 10 August 1945 according to statement of District Committee on file in this office.

g. That the remains of Cpl. Cecil P. Roscoe were recovered on 10 July 1945 as stated by Ante Bilin.

h. That the remains of Lt. Walker were identified as "Believed to be" by means of laundry marks "5536" and officers insignia found on clothing. Head missing. Impossible to take a tooth-chart.

i. That the remains of Cpl. Roscoe were identified as "Believed to be" based on the evidence given by the local authorities that he and Lt. Walker were buried in separate graves. No clothing. Complete skeleton. Tooth-chart taken.

j. That four tooth-charts were taken for remains found in the common grave. They correspond favorably to the dental records of 2nd Lt. Charles Stiede, F/O Reece F. Davis Jr., Cpl. Vernon J. Collins and Cpl. Burl B. Price as given on QMC Form 371 on file in this office. Information furnished by local authorities indicates that the above four named individuals were buried in this common grave. Therefore these remains were identified as those of 2nd Lt. Charles Stiede, F/O Reece F. Davis Jr., Cpl. Vernon J. Collins and Cpl. Burl B. Price.

k. That with regard of the evacuation of U.S. Military Cemetery these remains were not given our CIP attention and we did not try to segregate them in representative parts of individual skeletons and find out how many individuals these remains represent.

l. That Ante Bilin submitted in an envelope five identification tags of the following deceased crew members: 2nd Lt. Charles Stiede, F/O Reece F. Davis Jr., Cpl. Vernon J. Collins, Cpl. Burl B. Price and 2nd Lt. Norman F. Walker and an identification bracelet of Cpl. Vernon J. Collins, without stating whether these identification items were found on the remains during the disinterment or not.

5. COMMENTS:

a. Investigation and disinterment was done by Ministry of Interior for Croatia.

b. According to the statement of Pasquale Ipsa and information given by a German officer to F/O Lewenson, seven bodies were found after the crash and buried at Fontana. Remains of two other crew members were found on 10 July 1945 and 10 August 1945. Therefore all nine deceased are supposed to be buried at Fontana.

c. However, Bilin reported that seven Allied airmen were buried at Fontana: six Americans and one British. We are now not able to find out which information is correct. It might be that more than four individuals were buried in the common grave or, what appears more likely, that at Fontana, should be another grave with three remains which were not disinterred by Yugoslav authorities.

d. The identification tags and bracelet listed in Para 4 1, are enclosed herewith.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

b. That tooth-charts taken be compared against their dental records.

7. CONCLUSIONS:

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

The following four individuals:

2nd Lt. Charles Stiede

F/O Reece F. Davis Jr.

Cpl. Vernon J. Collins

Cpl. Burl B. Price in Plot E Row 20 Grave 671

Believed to be:


2nd Lt. Norman F. Walker " " E " 20 " 672

Believed to be:

Cpl. Cecil P. Roscoe " " E " 21 " 673

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

Incl's: a/s

  
T.C. ANDERSON  
Major QMC  
Commanding



Porec 8 June 1947

The witness Pasquale, son of Antun, born 7 April 1904, at Fontana, District Porec, Croatian, fisherman, married, father of three children, residing at Fontana, house No. 94, eyewitness of the crash of an Allied plane which took place on 16 February 1945, made the following statement:

S T A T E M E N T

On 16 February 1945, about 1600 hrs., an Allied four engine bomber plane crashed. The weather was clear, the plane was flying alone from Porec in the direction of Pula. While the plane was flying above Porec, the Germans opened fire and hit the plane. That the plane was hit, I concluded from the fact that a first fire broke out of one engine and soon afterwards the whole plane was in flames. The burning plane flew for about two minutes and made crash landing on the sea, towards the middle of Fontana beach, and was floating for about 10 to 15 minutes. All the time the Germans were firing from the light and heavy machine guns until the plane sunk. I watched this accident from the beach and had intention of going promptly out to the sea to the place of crash, with my brother Guerino Ipsa but the Germans prevented us of going alone and a German came along with us. When we came to the place where the plane sunk we found an airman who was hard swimming in the sea. We rescued him and took him in the boat. He had wounds on his head and back. We gave him the first aid, i.e. dressed his wound in so far as we could, but the German was after us to pick out of the sea the equipment and soon afterwards we turned back to the mainland. This wounded airman had not lost the conscience and started to talk a little, first English, then German, and at last Italian. In Italian we asked him where did he come from and he replied that they were on the way back from a bombing mission over Vienna. Further he went on and stated that they had with them two of the crew dead on board of the plane and the rest of the crew was alive. There were altogether 8 of them on board when the plane ditched into the sea and all died except himself who survived. The German ordered him to stop talking with us and for that reason we did not learn anything else from him. The papers and other personal effects were taken from him by the Germans. He was turned over to the German Command and on the following day he was transferred to the higher command at Visujan. The name of the commanding officer at Visujan was Fidler. I did not know what happened with this airman afterwards. The second day following the crash we took off in four boats to go to the place where the plane sunk in order to see if some other bodies could be recovered. (The first day following the crash 4 bodies were recovered and brought to mainland.) This time we recovered another three bodies. The Germans were all the time with us and they took everything. I managed only to take a jacket and two identification

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tags which were born on the hand and contained their name and ASN. Nothing else I got in my possession. All the deceased were buried by Sime Krajicar.

This is true statement to the best of my knowledge.

Chief of the office

s/ Pasquale Ipsa

s/ illegible

A TRUE COPY



T.C. ANDERSON  
Major QMC

EXHIBIT "A"

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R E P O R T

Made on 27 December 1947, at Porec, in connection with the disinterment of remains of American airmen.

Present : - 1. Ciro Dropulic, representative of the Ministry of Interior of the National Republic of Croatia  
2. Ante Bilin, expert  
3. Marijan Dubrovic, representative of the Local Committee for Istria.

After the examination of eyewitnesses the following was established:

An American four engine plane crashed into the sea on 16 February 1945, near the village Fontana as stated in the attached statement. All crew of eight men was killed except one who was wounded, captured by the Germans and taken to an unknown destination. His fate is not known.

The killed airmen were:

1) Collins, Vernon J.	36672870-T-43-44 BC
2) Price, Burl B.	17127489-T-43-44 AP
3) Davis, Reece F. Jr.	T-134885-T-43-44 OP
4) Stiede, Charles	O-2057449-T-43-44 OP

These four airmen were buried together in one day, i.e. 18 February 1945 in a common grave.

5) Walker, Norman F.	O-785536 (-B.324555) T43-44 OP
6) Roscoe, Cecil P.	34772882 T 43-44 O

Ad 5. This body was buried on 2 August 1945, in a coffin in a separate grave. The head was missing and was not recovered. The body was washed out by the sea without the head and buried. His name was Norman F. Walker.

Ad 6. The body was placed in a coffin and buried on 10 July 1945, in a separate grave.

All above listed bodies were buried in the same cemetery at the village Fontana. The bodies of the above mentioned airmen were disinterred on 27 December 1947, placed in boxes, and taken over by Ante Bilin in order to be turned over to the American Graves Registration Service, Belgrade.

The statements and identification tags with ASN of the airmen are attached to this report. A photograph is also attached but we could not establish to which body it belongs. The statement of the Local Authorities is also attached.

REMARK: Pilot seargeant Edwards crashed into the sea on 15 October 1944 with a two engine fighter plane. The plane was apparently of British origin, marked with R.A.F. No. 1601981 and was buried in the Fontana cemetery on 16 October 1944. The remains of this airman were taken over by the British team headed by Capt. Donald Ford on 29 November 1947 and were removed to Belgrade by Capt. Ford.

s/ Ante Bilin

s/ Ciro Dropulic  
s/ Marijan Dubrovic

A TRUE COPY:



T.C. ANDERSON  
Major MC

EXHIBIT "B"

S T A T E M E N T

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Made in Podgetic valley near the trees at the seaside:

PRESENT:

From District committee of Liberation: Dr. Giovanni Pozzorelli; Curko Petar; Markov i/c Administrative Department and Public Safety Department at Porec

From the District Tribunal: President of the Tribunal: Dr. Tonko Belic.  
Clerk: Zora Kolenc

Narodna obrana represented by 2/Lt STRIZIC VINKO

III Battalion.

After having been informed of the facts the commission with the a/n members went to the spot:

On the place shown by the civilians, a male corpse was lying on its back, dressed in uniform, the lower part of the body unclothed. The corpse was without head and right fist. The age of the corpse could not be fixed because of the missing parts of the body and rotteness. The length of the corpse 160 cm, from the shoulders to the toes. The body was well nourished.

It is estimated that the man died 6 months ago. The reasons of the death cannot be found. It is believed that the death was caused by crash of the plane, or choking, as two airplanes have been shot down in the immediate vicinity of this place, about 6 months ago.

According to the statements made by the witnesses: ANDJELA IPSA IVANOV, SANTA IPSA IVANOV nad LODOVIC IPSA PASKIN, the corpse was found by them on the 10th of August 1945 at about 0700 hours in the sea. They pulled it out to the seaside.

The local committee of liberation after having searched the corpse found:

- 1 pistol - cal 12 type U.S.
- 1 small wallet with: Identity card, belonging to 2/Lt NORMAN F. WALKER, 0785536 /B 324555/
- 1 wedding certificate
- 2 Pullman tickets /15850080/ 15/850081
- 1 Bill for \$8.10 paid
- 172 Lit in A.M.C. Cash
- 1 Note-book with personal documents

These personal belongings have been handed over to the representative of the District Committee of Liberation for Porec District.

The funeral has been left to the military authorities upon the suggestion of 2/Lt STRIZIC VINKO as the corpse is believed to be of an Allied Officer. A military Guard of Honor was ordered to guard the corpse.

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The corps has been buried in the local graveyard at FONTANA, POREC DISTRICT, ISTERIA

The above statement is made in five equal copies, each valid as original, signed by the commission present, duly stamped

signatures/ illegibile

FONTANA 10 August 45 1600 hours

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
9107 TSU - QMC  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE  
BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA APO 794, U.S. ARMY

12 January 1948

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9107 TSU - QMC  
Mediterranean Zone  
APO 794, U.S. Army

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- d. The identification tags and bracelet listed in para 4 1, are enclosed herewith.


6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. That the disinterred remains be accepted as those of six deceased crew members.
- b. That the charts taken be compared against their dental records.

7. CONCLUSIONS:

- a. That we have buried the above remains in the U.S. Military Cemetery Belgrade in the following way:  
The following four individuals:  
2nd Lt. Charles Stiede  
P/O Roscoe F. Davis Jr.  
Cpl. Vernon J. Collins  
Cpl. Earl B. Price                      in Plot E Row 20 Grave 671  
Believed to be:  
2nd Lt. Norman F. Walker                      " E Row 20 " 672  
Believed to be:  
Cpl. Cecil P. Roscoe                      " E " 21 " 673
- b. That Report of Interment has been prepared and is attached herewith.

Incls: a/s

  
T.C. ANDERSON  
Major      CMC  
Commanding

Office of Internal Affairs  
of the District Executive Committee

Porec 8 June 1947

The witness Pasquale Ipsa, son of Anton, born 7 April 1921, at Fontana, District Porec, Croatian, fisherman, married, father of three children, residing at Fontana, house No. 94, eyewitness of the crash of an Allied plane which took place on 16 February 1945, made the following statement:

S T A T E M E N T

On 16 February 1945, about 1600 hrs., an Allied four engine bomber plane crashed. The weather was clear, the plane was flying alone from Porec in the direction of Pula. While the plane was flying above Porec, the Germans opened fire and hit the plane. That the plane was hit, I concluded from the fact that at first fire broke out of one engine and soon afterwards the whole plane was in flames. The burning plane flew for about two minutes and made crash landing on the sea, towards the middle of Fontana beach, and was floating for about 10 to 15 minutes. All the time the Germans were firing from the light and heavy machineguns until the plane sank. I watched this accident from the beach and had intention of going promptly out to the sea to the place of crash, with my brother Guerino Ipsa but the Germans prevented us of going alone and a German came along with us. When we came to the place where the plane sank we found an airman who was hard swimming in the sea. We rescued him and took him in the boat. He had wounds on his head and back. We gave him the first aid, i.e. dressed his wound in so far as we could, but the German was after us to pick out of the sea the equipment and soon afterwards we turned back to the mainland. This wounded airman had not lost the conscience and started to talk a little, first English, then German, and at last Italian. In Italian we asked him where did he come from and he replied that they were on the way back from a bombing mission over Vienna. Further he went on and stated that they had with them two of the crew dead on board of the plane and the rest of the crew was alive. There were altogether 8 of them on board when the plane dived into the sea and all died except himself who survived. The German ordered him to stop talking with us and for that reason we did not learn anything else from him. The papers and other personal effects were taken from him by the Germans. He was turned over to the German Command and on the following day he was transferred to the higher command at Visujan. The name of the commanding officer at Visujan was Fidler. I did not know what happened with this airman afterwards. The second day following the crash we took off in four boats to go to the place where the plane sank in order to see if some other bodies could be recovered. (The first day following the crash 4 bodies were recovered and brought to mainland.) This time we recovered another three bodies. The Germans were all the time with us and they took everything. I managed only to take a jacket and two identification

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tags which were born on the hand and contained their name and ASN. Nothing else I got in my possession. All the deceased were buried by Simo Krajcar.

This is true statement to the best of my knowledge.

Chief of the office

s/ Pasquale Ipsa

s/ illegible

A TRUE COPY:

  
T.C. ANDERSON  
Major CMC

EXHIBIT "A"

REPORT

Made on 27 December 1947, at Porec, in connection with the disinterment of remains of American airmen.

Present: - 1. Ciro Drepulic, representative of the Ministry of Interior of the National Republic of Croatia  
2. Ante Bilin, expert  
3. Makiijan Dubrovic, representative of the local Committee for Istria.

After the examination of eyewitnesses the following was established:

An American four engine plane crashed into the sea on 16 February 1945, near the village Fontana as stated in the attached statement. All crew of eight men was killed except one who was wounded, captured by the Germans and taken to an unknown destination. His fate is not known.

The killed airmen were:

1) Collins, Vernon J.	36672870-T-43-44 BC
2) Pries, Burl B.	17127489-T-43-44 AP
3) Davis, Reece F. Jr.	T-134885-T-43-44 OP
4) Stiede, Charles	O-2057449-T-43-44 OP

These four airmen were buried together in one day, i.e. 18 February 1945 in a common grave.

5) Walker, Norman F.	O-705536 (-B.324555) T43-44 OP
6) Roscoe, Cecil P.	34772882 T 43-44 O

Ad 5. This body was buried on 2 August 1945, in a coffin in a separate grave. The head was missing and was not recovered. The body was washed out by the sea without the head and buried. His name was Norman F. Walker.

Ad.6. The body was placed in a coffin and buried on 10 July 1945, in a separate grave.

All above listed bodies were buried in the same cemetery at the village Fontana. The bodies of the above-mentioned airmen were disinterred on 27 December 1947, placed in boxes, and taken over by Ante Bilin in order to be turned over to the American Graves Registration Service, Belgrade.

The statements and identification tags with ASN of the airmen are attached to this report. A photograph is also attached but we could not establish to which body it belongs. The statement of the Local Authorities is also attached.

REMARK: Pilot sergeant Edwards crashed into the sea on 15 October 1944 with a two engine fighter plane. The plane was apparently of British origin, marked with R.A.F. No. 1601981 and was buried in the Fontana cemetery on 16 October 1944. The remains of this airman were taken over by the British team headed by Capt. Donald Ford on 29 November 1947 and were removed to Belgrade by Capt. Ford.

s/ Ante Bilin

s/ Ciro Dropalic  
s/ Marijan Dubrovic

A TRUE COPY:

  
T.C. ANDERSON  
Major CMC

EXHIBIT "B"

21681

IDENTIFICATION DATA			
1. REMAINS OF <del>XXXXXX</del> <b>Believed to Be:</b> <b>Cpl. CECIL P. ROSCOE</b> <i>23 Umb, Belgrade X-81323</i>		2. DATE OF REPORT <b>8 June 48</b>	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY <b>USMC Belgrade, Yugo</b>	4. PLOT <b>E</b>	5. ROW <b>21</b>	6. GRAVE <b>673</b>
		7. DATE OF DISIN- INTERMENT REIN- TEMENT <b>20 Jan 48 30 Jan 48</b>	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT <b>--</b>	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT <b>5' 7 5/8"</b>	10. COLOR OF HAIR <b>--</b>	11. RACE
12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS			
13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES.			
14. WAS BODY BURNED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?	
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input 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>1. Garrison belt.</b>  <b>No markings were found.</b>			

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REV 18 Mar 47

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FORM ARE OBSOLETE

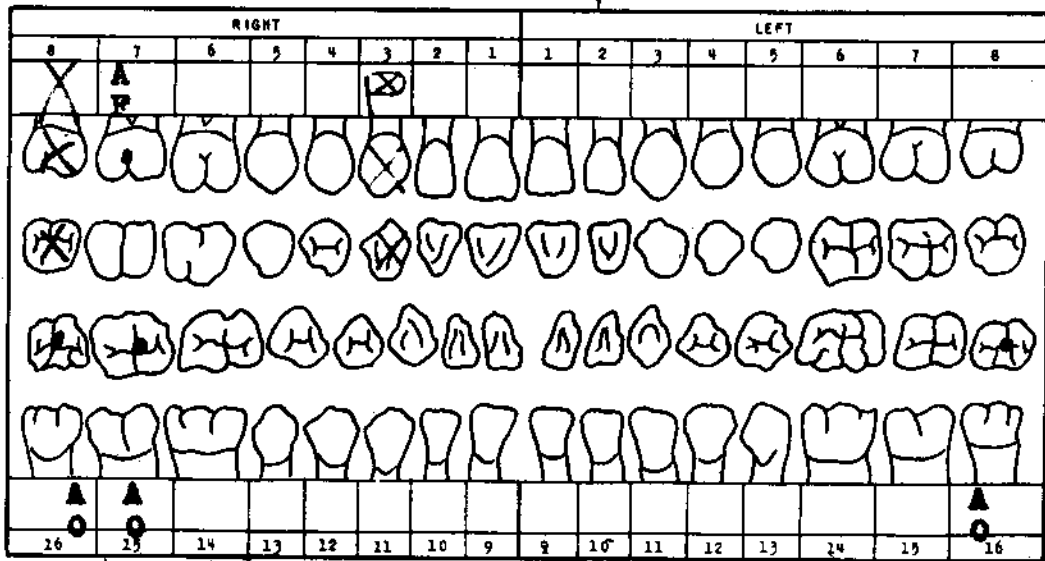
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# IDENTIFICATION DENTAL CHART

DATE **AP**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		RANK		SERIAL NUMBER		
UNIT	ORGANIZATION	CAUSE OF DEATH		DATE OF DEATH		
PLACE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL			PLOT	ROW	GRAVE

<p><b>MISSING TEETH:</b> ALL TEETH MISSING THROUGH EXTRACTION (NOT THOSE FRACTURED OR DISPLACED BY RECENT WOUNDS) SHOULD BE "X" D OUT AND LABELED THUS:</p>	<p>TOP VIEW</p>	<p>SIDE VIEW</p>
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH:</b> BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD, PORCELAIN, SILVER OR GOLD AND PORCELAIN), THUS:</p>	<p>Gold Crown, Porcelain Crown</p>	
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK:</b> BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD BRIDGE, GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE), THUS:</p>	<p>Gold Bridge</p>	
<p><b>FILLINGS:</b> DRAW FILLING ON TOOTH AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE (BLOCK IN AND LABEL GOLD, SILVER, CEMENT), THUS:</p>	<p>Gold Filling Silver Filling</p>	
<p><b>CARIES: (Cavities):</b> OUTLINE LOCATION AND SIZE OF CAVITY, SHADE IN THUS:</p>	<p>Cavity Decayed</p>	



**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."

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER OR OTHER PERSON WHO PREPARED DENTAL CHART \_\_\_\_\_ VERIFIED BY GRS OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit 47 Page "2"

17. 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number)  
decedents based on the present of one or more of the following  
anatomical parts.

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

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Typed Name, Grade, Arm or Service and Organization  
**Alton C. Lewis, 1st Lt AF, Commanding CIP**

SIGNATURE  
**Alton C. Lewis**



23. Skeletal Data

HEAD Present.

TOOTH CHART Accomplished.

TRUNK 4 lumbar, 12 dorsal, 6 cervical vertebrae, 1 right and 1 left clavicle are present.

UPPER EXTREMITIES. (Give measurements of long bones).

(Broken in shaft)

R Humerus 32.3 cm.

L Humerus 32.5 cm.

R Ulna 24.6 cm.

L Ulna 25.7 cm.

R Radius missing

L Radius missing.

Carpels, Metacarpals, Phalanges missing.

LOWER EXTREMITIES. (Give measurements of long bones).

R Femur 45.4 cm.

L Femur 45.3 cm.

R Tibia 39.- cm.

L Tibia 40. cm.

R Fibula 38.4 cm.

L Fibula 38.5 cm.

Calcanea, Tarsals, Patallae, Metatarsals, Phalanges

missing.

HEADQUARTERS  
9107 TSU - QMC  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MIDDLE EASTERN ZONE  
APO 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

**RELIEVED TO BE:**

C.I.P. Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Cpl. CECIL P. ROSCOE**

Date of Investigation **8 June 48**

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

Am. Mil. Cem. **Belgrade, Yugo** ~~xxxxx~~ Plot **E** Row No. **21** Grave **675**

Place of Death **Fontana near Porec, Yugo** Date of Death **16 Feb 45**

Reference **45°10'N-13°37'E** Sheet **Unk** Map of ~~xxxxx~~ **Yugo.**

Other American Dead Found in Same Area **Bone**

Cause of Death **Plane crash.**

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.)

AGRS-ME Form 293-15 Dated 28-11-47

24. AGE ESTIMATED AT 22 Years.

BASED ON Sagital sutures of the skull are closed.

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25. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

- a. Tooth chart accomplished.
- b. Height estimate 5' 7 5/8".
- c. Age estimate - 22 years.

26. RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

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(Signature of Officer)

American Embassy  
Belgrade, Yugoslavia, January 7, 1948

Major T.C. ANDERSON  
United States Graves Registration Service  
Belgrade

Dear Major Anderson,

In compliance with your request, I quote below the text of Note No. 427125 dated December 30, 1947, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This Note was delivered to the Embassy on December 31, 1947.

" The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to make the following communications:

" On December 21, 1947 the Yugoslav authorities handed over to the US Graves Registration Service the bodies of 13 American airmen, fallen in Yugoslavia.

" According to the data available to the Yugoslav authorities there are in Yugoslavia no more bodies of personnel of the US Army, Navy or Air-Forces, fallen during the war, between 1941 and 1945 in the struggle against the Germans and their allies. The only exception is the one body interred in one of the 12 common German graves at Konjic, but its identification appears impossible.

" After the bodies of the 13 fallen US airmen had been transported to the Cemetery at Kosutnjak the disinterment on the territory of the Federative People's Republic of Yugoslavia is terminated.

" Inasmuch as at a later date some cases, up to now unknown both to the US Graves Registration Service and to the Yugoslav authorities, would be discovered by further investigation and inquiries which the Yugoslav authorities will continue with, the bodies will be disinterred and transported to the place determined by the Embassy. The same procedure would be applied to the body of the US airman at the Cemetery at Konjic if its identification succeeded.

" Since accordingly the activity of the US Graves Registration Service in Yugoslavia is terminated, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to request the Embassy to take action in accordance with the Agreement of May 10, 1947 in connection with the Note of the Liaison Section of the Ministry of National Defense No. 786 of May 14, 1947 and the letter of the US Graves Registration Service of May 21, 1947.

Exhibit "I"

Letter from the American Embassy, Belgrade , Yugo. to Major T.C. Anderson  
US Graves Registration Service, Belgrade, Yugo, continued.)

" The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurance of its high consideration.

" Beograd, December 30, 1947."

Very truly yours.

/s/ Donald P. Downs  
/T/ DONALD P. DOWNS  
Third Secretary of Embassy

A TRUE COPY

signed: T.C. Anderson

T.C. ANDERSON  
Major, GIC

HEADQUARTERS  
107 201 - 210  
AMERICAN MILITARY REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MILITARY ZONE  
WISCONSIN

12 April 1948

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the east coastlines of Italy and coastlines of Yugoslavia including the adjacent islands, were searched for the remains of American deceased during the year 1947, and that statements from town and church officials and local civilians of towns located along the Italian seacoasts and immediate interior, and from the fifteen (15) districts comprising the Yugoslavian shore-line, certifying to their knowledge, no remains of American deceased are interred or above the ground, in the territory under their jurisdiction, are on file in Headquarters, MERS/IZ.

*Case # 107 201 - 210*  
DONALD L. LAMIER  
1st Lt. I F  
I & R Branch



TRIESTE

YUGOSLAVIA

ADRIATIC SEA

ITALY

ALBANIA

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BRINDISI

SEA

IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN <b>Believed to Be: Roscoe, Cecil P.</b> <b>Cpl 34772882</b>				2. DATE OF REPORT <b>10 February 1948</b>		
3. NAME OF CEMETERY <b>U S Military Cemetery Belgrade, Yugoslavia</b>		4. PLOT <b>E</b>	5. ROW <b>21</b>	6. GRAVE <b>673</b>	7. DATE OF DISINTERMENT -----	REINTERMENT -----
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION						
8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT		9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT <b>5' 8 3/4"</b>		10. COLOR OF HAIR		11. RACE <b>White</b>
12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS						
13. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF TATTOOS OR SCARS ON BODY AND/OR SUCH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES						
14. WAS BODY BURNED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?				
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TO WHAT EXTENT?				
16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS						
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)						
<p>One heavy cowhide leather belt (possibly German), approx 5 cm. wide, with brass buckle and double eyelets in leather for buckle catch.</p> <p>No sizes or markings were found.</p>						

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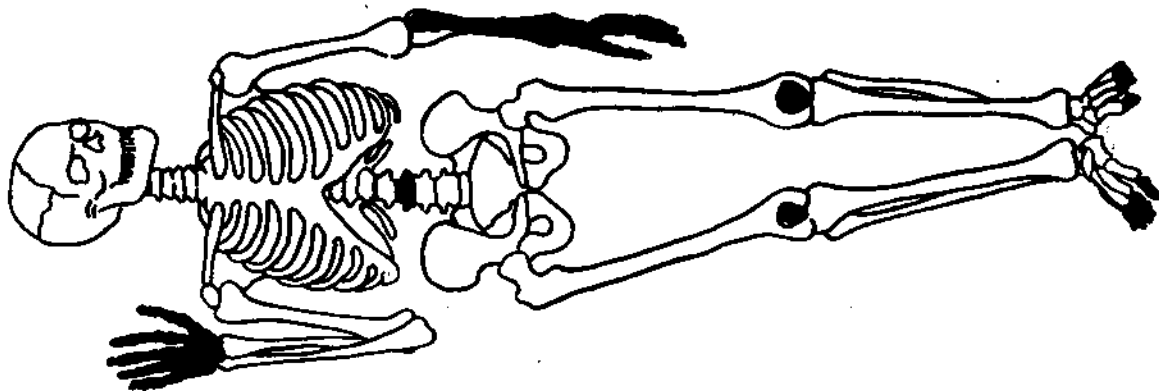
TOOTH CHART		TOP VIEW	SIDE VIEW
<b>MISSING TEETH:</b> ALL TEETH MISSING THROUGH EXTRACTION (NOT THOSE FRACTURED OR DISPLACED BY RECENT WOUNDS) SHOULD BE "X" D OUT AND LABELED THUS:			
<b>CROWNED TEETH:</b> BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD, PORCELAIN, SILVER OR GOLD AND PORCELAIN), THUS:			
<b>BRIDGE WORK:</b> BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD BRIDGE, GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE), THUS:			
<b>FILLINGS:</b> DRAW FILLING ON TOOTH AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE (BLOCK IN AND LABEL GOLD, SILVER, CEMENT), THUS:			
<b>CARIES (Cavities):</b> 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		
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**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."

All teeth present are in excellent condition.

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

A duplicated first left rib found in the grave was found to definitely belong to remains of Walker, Norman F., 2nd Lt, O-785536, interred in Plot E, Row 20, Grave 672. The duplication was removed and placed with remains of Walker, Norman F.

The remains of only one man is present in the grave.

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

SIGNATURE

DOMINIC A NETT, 2nd Lt, QMC  
9107 TSU-QMC, AGRS/NEZ

HEADQUARTERS  
9107 TEU - QMC  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE  
APO 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:  
Roscoe, Cecil P.  
Cpl 34772882

C.I.P. Case No. 1544

Date of Investigation 10 Feb 1948

~~UNRECORDED COPY~~  
Am. Mil. Cem. Belgrade, Yugo. ~~MARY~~ Plot E Row No. 21 Grave 673

Place of Death Pontana, near Porec, Yugoslavia Date of Death 16 February 1945

Map Reference 45°10' N - 13°37' E Sheet Unknown Map of ~~MARY~~ Yugoslavia

Other American Dead Found in Same Area See attached sheet

Cause of Death Plane crash

22. Description of Remains

Skeletal state

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

23. Skeleton Data

HEAD Present

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TOOTH CHART Accomplished

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TRUNK 2nd Lumbar vertebra is missing.

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UPPER EXTREMITIES. (Give measurements of long bones.)

R Humerus 32.7 cm.

L Humerus 33.0 cm.

R Ulna 27.7 cm.

L Ulna Lower half missing

R Radius 25.7 cm.

L Radius Missing

Carpels, Metacarpels, Phalanges Missing

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LOWER EXTREMITIES. (Give measurements of long bones.)

R Femur 45.7 cm.

L Femur 45.8 cm.

R Tibia 39.5 cm.

L Tibia 39.9 cm.

R Fibula 38.9 cm.

L Fibula 38.9 cm.

Calcanea, Tarsals, Patallae, Metatarsals, Phalanges Bones of both feet are almost completely present.

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24. AGE ESTIMATED AT 22 - 25

BASED ON Epiphyseal lines of all long bones are closed. Epiphyseal lines of sternal ends of clavicles are closed. Sutures of skull have not closed.

25. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Tooth chart - accomplished.

Height estimate - 5' 8 3/4"

Age estimate - 22-25

The remains of only one man is present in the grave.

26. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the above findings be checked with known information on subject deceased in order to prove or disprove identification.

Dominic A. Nett  
(Signature of Officer)

DOMINIC A NETT  
2nd Lt QMC  
G.I.P. Officer

Other American Dead found in same area:

Stiede, Charles	2nd Lt	O-2057449
Walker, Norman F.	2nd Lt	O-785536
Davis, Reece F. Jr.	F/O	T-134885
Collins, Vernon J.	Cpl	36672870
Price, Burl B.	Cpl	17127489

# IDENTIFICATION DENTAL CHART

TO BE USED WITH QMC FORMS NOS. 1042 & 1044 IN PLACE OF CHART  
AND TO BE ATTACHED TO AND FORWARDED WITH THESE FORMS WHEN NECESSARY

12 January 1948  
DATE

Bel. to be:

Roscoe, Cecil P.  
LAST NAME FIRST INITIAL

Cpl.  
RANK

3472882  
SERIAL NO.

UNIT

450 B.Gp. 723 B.Sqd.  
ORGANIZATION

Fontana near Porec, Yugo.  
PLACE OF DEATH

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

E  
PLOT

21  
ROW
















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GRAVE NO.

		RIGHT								UPPER TEETH		LEFT									
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TYPE																				TYPE	
LOCATION																				LOCATION	

INSIDE — LOOKING OUT

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

## KEY OF SYMBOLS TO BE USED ON ABOVE CHART

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

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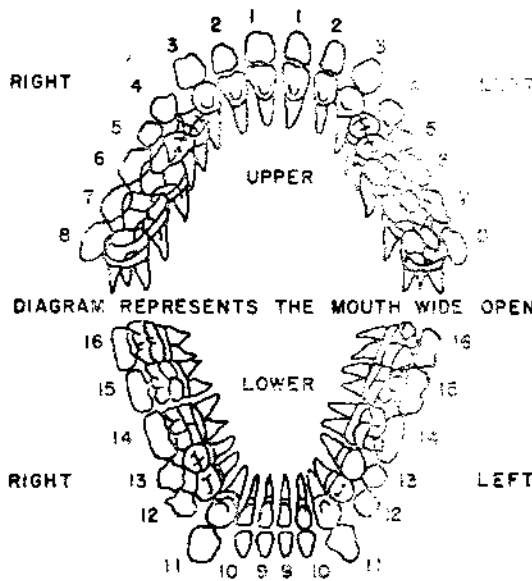
**ACCURACY AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL** IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS CHART ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE, IF SAME IS TO BE OF MAXIMUM VALUE.

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, e.g., 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.

*Anderson, T.C.*  
*0671240*



**REMARKS:**

George Kokbtovich  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO PREPARED CHART

Pfc George Kokbtovich  
NAME AND RANK TYPED OR PRINTED

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

T.C. Anderson  
VERIFIED BY GRS OFFICER

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

12 January 1948  
DATE



## DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>Gunter, Gailon G.</b>		GRADE <b>Cpl.</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>39 714 220</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>723rd Bomb Sq. 450th Bomb Gp.</b>		RACE <b>White</b>	CREED <b>Prot.</b>
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <b>16 Feb. 45</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Kia</b>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>.</b>	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT <b>5' 11"</b>	WEIGHT <b>147</b>	COLOR EYES <b>Brown</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>
		SHOE SIZE <b>10 - D</b>	

## DENTAL CHART 6 June 44

UPPER RIGHT <b>X</b> 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <b>X</b>
LOWER RIGHT <b>X</b> 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 <b>X</b>

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

**None**

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

**None**

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

\* Killed when bomber crashed in the Adriatic Sea,  
Approx. one half mile west of Fontana, Italy (45°11'N-13°36'E)

Buried: Small town near Trieste, Italy

Buried: Cemetery of Fontana

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Age: 19

*Incl #2*

Exhibit "B"

IR 293

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Hqs., 9107 TSO - MC, AGRS/MZ, APO 794, U S Army, 21 January 1949

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Memorial Division

1. Remains interred in Plot E, Row 21, Grave 673, USMC Balgrade, have been designated "Unknown". Corrected Report of Burial will be forwarded under separate cover.

2. Corporal De Spain, Corporal Roscoe, and Sergeant Schafer have been included in a new Report of Board Proceedings declaring the remains of Corporal Gillen G. Guter, 3971A220, non-recoverable.

5 Incls: w/d

WHITFIELD V. WATSON  
Colonel JMC  
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AIR MAIL

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COMBAT 293  
ACRS Mediterranean Zone

6 January 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Service  
Mediterranean Zone  
APO 794, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to letter this office, dated 29 October 1948, copy inclosed, to which no answer has been received.
2. Request status of the case referred to in subject letter.
3. The inclosed Forms 371 for Cpl De Spain, Cpl Gunther, Cpl Roscoe and Sgt Schafer, includes additional dental data recently made available and is additional to that previously forwarded your office.
4. Action on non-recoverable case for Cpl De Spain, Cpl Roscoe and Sgt Schafer, has been suspended pending further advice from your office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

- 5 Incls:
- 1 - OQMG Form 371 (De Spain)  
(in dup)
  - 2 - OQMG Form 371 (Gunter)(in dup)
  - 3 - " " " (Roscoe)(" " )
  - 4 - " " " (Schafer)(" " )
  - 5 - Cpy ltr dtd 29 Oct 48

T. H. MITZ  
Lt. Colonel, USA  
Memorial Division

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH  
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MEMORIAL DIVISION

cc: Lt Barry *Memorial Division*

*5 is bh*

AIR MAIL

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3 Ident Final 29 Oct  
Sec Det Sec 48  
Ident Ident  
Branch Branch  
Mem Div Mem Div

1. The recommendations of the Field Board that the remains interred in Plot E, Row 21, Grave 673, USMC Belgrade, Yugoslavia be identified as Cpl. Gallon G. Gunter, 39714220, are not concurred in by this office.

2. The Field has been notified and a corrected Report of Burial designating the remains as "Unknown" requested.

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Incl: n/c

Sloane  
2462

2 Final Ident 1 Sept  
Det Sec Sec 48  
Ident Ident  
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Mem Div Mem Div

REF: H/R Case No. 6479

1. One (1) copy of board proceedings submitted by the Mediterranean Zone, recommending that remains interred in USMC Belgrade, Plot N, Row 21, Grave 673, be identified as Cpl. Gunter, is furnished for necessary action by the Identification Section.

2. Request that upon completion of your investigation this Section be advised. Action to process the two individuals recommended as non-recoverable in the attached proceedings will be suspended pending your further advices.

1 Incl:  
Ed. Proceeding

BARRY  
73472



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
**INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET**

DUE, HOUR AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1 NO.	2 FROM-	3 TO-	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief, Identification Section, Identification Branch, Mem Div	Chief, Final Det Sec Ident. Br Mem Div	21 Sept 48	<p>In accordance with Command 13 dated 27 Aug 48, the attached case is forwarded for necessary action and return to Identification Section upon completion thereof.</p> <p>1 Incl.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> for SIGNER 2463</p>
2	Final Det Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Ident Sec Ident Br Mem Div	1 Sept 48	<p>REF: M/R Case No. 6479</p> <p>1. One (1) copy of board proceedings submitted by the Mediterranean Zone, recommending that remains interred in USMC Belgrade, Plot E, Row 21, Grave 673, be identified as Cpl. Gunter, is furnished for necessary action by the Identification Section.</p> <p>2. Request that upon completion of your investigation this Section be advised. Action to process the two individuals recommended as non-recoverable in the attached proceedings will be suspended pending your further advices.</p> <p>1 Incl: Bd. Proceeding</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> BARRY 73472</p>
3	Ident Sec Ident Branch Mem Div	Final Det Sec Ident Branch Mem Div	29 Oct 48	<p>1. The recommendations of the Field Board that the remains interred in Plot E, Row 21, Grave 673, USMC Belgrade, Yugoslavia be identified as Cpl. Gailon G. Gunter, 39714220, are not concurred in by this office.</p> <p>2. The Field has been notified and a corrected Report of Burial designating the remains as "Unknown" requested.</p> <p>Incl: n/c</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Sloane 2462</p>

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
**INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET**

DUE, HOUR AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Ident Sect	Chief Final Determina- tion Section	1 Mar 1949	<p>Attached Proceedings of Board of Officers forwarded as a matter pertaining to your section.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               BARRY              2462           </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               LENK              73650           </div> </div> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">I Incl: Fld Board Findings</p>

jgl

CCM Party

1) Concern w/ reports  
2) investigations of the party  
for CCM  
2/11/11



It is suggested that this case be disapproved and that the remains of BTB: Roscoe, Cecil P., buried in USMC Belgrade, Yugo. Plot-E, Row-21, Grave 673 be designated as "UNKNOWN".

This suggestion for disapproval is based on the following:

(a) Three separate tooth charts for subject remains are in conflict with each other, and none of which compares too favorably with dental records of Cpl. Gunter. In making comparison the Field Board has ignored the most recent tooth chart but accepted the earlier charts.

(b) CIL Reports of 10 Feb. 48 and 8 June 48 are in disagreement as to height estimate and bone measurements, neither of which compares favorably with Cpl. Gunter's height. The Field Board has ignored both height and age comparison in their recommendations for identifying the remains as Cpl. Gunter.

(c) The remains in E\*21-673 was originally identified as BTB: Roscoe, Cecil P. on the basis of a Report submitted by the Ministry of Interior for Croatia who did the investigation and disinterment. Since no substantiating evidence was presented, it is not known by what means they made the identification. There is no evidence as to where these remains were originally recovered. The Field has stated that these remains were disinterred from Fontana on 12 Jan. 48 whereas the Report from the Ministry of Interior states they were disinterred on 27 Dec. 47.

In connection with this case, it is suggested that new forms 371 be accomplished (based on additional information now available) on the remaining unidentified crew members and forwarded to the Field.

*E. W. Mc Dermott*  
25 Oct 48

*OK*

*[Signature]*

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IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST			DATE	
UNKNOWN X- NO. OR OTHER DESIGNATION			25 Oct. 1948	
BTB: Roscoe, Cecil P.	CEMETERY Belgrade, Yugo.	PLOT E	ROW 21	GRAVE 673
IDENTIFIED AS Cpl. Gailon G. Gunter 39714220				
ITEM	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	UNKNOWN	
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH	X			
CAUSE OF DEATH	X			
DENTAL CHART		X(1)		
COLOR HAIR				
ESTIMATED HEIGHT		X(2)		
ESTIMATED WEIGHT				
SCARS, FRACTURES, ETC.				
LAUNDRY MARKS				
SHOE SIZE				
TYPE CLOTHING	X(3)	X(3)		
IDENTIFICATION TAG				
PERSONAL EFFECTS				
STATEMENT OF CIVILIANS	X(4)			
ENEMY RECORDS	X(4)			
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TAG				
PAY BOOK (EM/OFF.)				
SIGNED STATEMENT OF IDENTITY				
Statement of surviving crew member	X(5)			
REMARKS				
<p>(1) Three tooth charts for subject remains dated 12 Jan. 48, 10 Feb. 48 and 8 June 48 are in conflict with each other. Comparison of these charts with Army dental records of Cpl. Gunter are unfavorable.</p> <p>(2) CIL Reports dated 10 Feb. 48 and 8 June 48 estimates the height of subject remain to be 5'8 3/4" and 5'7 5/8" respectively, neither of which compares favorably with Cpl. Gunter's Height of 5'11".</p> <p>(3) CIL Report of 10 Feb. 48 states that one heavy cowhide belt (possibly German) was found with remains. CIL Report of 8 June 48 states that a Garrison belt was found.</p> <p>(4) Statements of civilians and enemy records are favorable only in establishing the date and place of death and that other deceased crew members were recovered and buried in the cemetery at Fontano, Yugo.</p> <p>(5) Statement of F/O Levenson, the only surviving crew member, is favorable only in establishing date, place and cause of death.</p>				

PART

BTB: Roscoe, Cecil P.

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USMC Belgrade, Yugo.

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Tooth chart: 8 June 48  
Est. Ht... 5'7 5/8"  
Est. Age... 22 Yrs.  
Garrison belt.

BTB: Roscoe, Cecil P.

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Plot E, Row 21, Grave 673  
USMC Belgrade, Yugo

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Tooth chart dated  
12 Jan. 1948

BTB: Roscoe, Cecil P.

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Plot E, Row 21, Grave 673  
USMC Belgrade, Yugo.

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Tooth chart dated 10 Feb.48  
All teeth present in ex-  
cellent condition.  
Est. Ht...5'8 3/4"  
Est. Age...22 - 25 yrs.  
One heavy cowhide belt  
(possibly German)

DENTAL CHART

Unknown X-

Name: Gunter, Gailon G.  
Cpl. 39714220

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Form 79: 6 June 44  
Ht..... 5'11"  
Age..... 19 yrs.

DENTAL CHART

Unknown X-

Name: Roscoe, Cecil P.  
Cpl. 34772882

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Forms 79: 23 Aug 44 & 10 Nov. 44  
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Ht... 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Age... 22 yrs.

DENTAL CHART

Unknown X-

Name: Schafer, Robert P.  
Sgt. 37581782

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Form 79: 18 Aug. 44  
Ht.....69 $\frac{1}{4}$ "  
Age.....20 yrs.

DENTAL CHART

Unknown X-

Name: DeSpain, Larry E.  
Cpl. 39915977

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DIR: 9 Sept. 44  
Ht.. 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Age..22 yrs.



IDENTIFICATION CHECK LIST			DATE	
UNKNOWN X- NO. OR OTHER DESIGNATION			25 April 1949	
CEMETERY		PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
BTB, ROSCOE, Cecil P., (X-81323)		Belgrade, Yugoslavia	E	21 673
Change of Designation: <del>Unknown</del> <b>Non-identifiable</b>				
ITEM	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	UNKNOWN	
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH			X	
CAUSE OF DEATH			X	
DENTAL CHART				
COLOR HAIR				
ESTIMATED HEIGHT				
ESTIMATED WEIGHT				
SCARS, FRACTURES, ETC.				
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STATEMENT OF CIVILIANS				
ENEMY RECORDS				
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TAG				
PAY BOOK (EM/OFF.)				
SIGNED STATEMENT OF IDENTITY				

REMARKS

The remains of Unknown X-81323 were originally identified as "BTB; Roscoe, Cecil P.", a crew member of A/C 41-28607, which crashed in the Adriatic Sea 16 Feb 45, near the Yugoslavian coast. These remains were subsequently identified by the Field Board as those of another crew member, Cpl. Gailon G. Gunter. These findings were disapproved by this Office and Board notified 29 Oct 48. See letter attached.

Subject Findings recommend X-81323 be declared Non-Identifiable and four crew members be declared Non-Recoverable. A/C 41-28607 had a crew of 10, of whom one is EUS, five have been positively identified. Copies of tooth charts of the five identified, attached, confirm the identification.

Tooth chart of X-81323 does not compare favorably with four crew members still unidentified or not recovered.

Exhibit "G" of Findings reports investigation of the crash in detail. German records, referred to on page 2, sub-paragraph (f) (1) and (2) evidently refer to ME 2866. ME 2866 appears in two sections, one reporting death of four crew members and one POW (now EUS) and the other repeats names of the four, the POW and adds 5 more names, four of whom were crew members of A/C 41-28607. The name "Cpl. Pearson" is also listed as dead but there is no such name on MACR for A/C 41-28607. This however may account for the fact that tooth chart of X-81323 does not compare with the four missing crew members. Records in this Office do not show recovery of a "Cpl. Pearson" in Yugoslavia either as a "BTB" or "Tent".

*File  
2 May 49  
Sage  
N.F.N. 48 12144*

Tooth charts of other unknowns recovered in Yugoslavia, now listed as unidentifiable, do not compare favorably with 4 unrecovered crew members. It is suggested that a duplicate of SIP Report for X-81323 be retained in the Section files for possible future association with missing AAF personnel.

CHART

Name: GUNTER, Gailon G. Col.  
39714220

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L-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-8 \_\_\_\_\_ X

R-16 \_\_\_\_\_ X - erupting  
R-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-9 \_\_\_\_\_

L-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-10 \_\_\_\_\_ lingual version  
L-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-16 \_\_\_\_\_ X

Date: 6 June 44  
Ht. 5' 11"

CHART

Name: **SCHAFER, Robert P. Sgt.**  
**37581782**

R-8           **X**            
R-7                             
R-6           **NOA**            
R-5                             
R-4                             
R-3                             
R-2                             
R-1                           

L-1                             
L-2                             
L-3                             
L-4                             
L-5                             
L-6           **NOA**            
L-7                             
L-8           **X**          

R-16           **X**            
R-15                             
R-14                             
R-13                             
R-12                             
R-11                             
R-10                             
R-9                           

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L-10                             
L-11                             
L-12                             
L-13                             
L-14                             
L-15                             
L-16           **X**          

Date: 18 Aug 44  
Ht. 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

CHART

Name: DeSPAIN, Larry E. Pvt.  
39915977

R-8          oA      
R-7      \_\_\_\_\_  
R-6          X      
R-5      \_\_\_\_\_  
R-4      \_\_\_\_\_  
R-3      \_\_\_\_\_  
R-2      \_\_\_\_\_  
R-1      \_\_\_\_\_

L-1      \_\_\_\_\_  
L-2      \_\_\_\_\_  
L-3      \_\_\_\_\_  
L-4      \_\_\_\_\_  
L-5          oA      
L-6          X      
L-7          oA      
L-8          oA    

R-16         X      
R-15     \_\_\_\_\_  
R-14         X      
R-13     \_\_\_\_\_  
R-12     \_\_\_\_\_  
R-11     \_\_\_\_\_  
R-10     \_\_\_\_\_  
R-9      \_\_\_\_\_

L-9      \_\_\_\_\_  
L-10     \_\_\_\_\_  
L-11     \_\_\_\_\_  
L-12     \_\_\_\_\_  
L-13     \_\_\_\_\_  
L-14         oA 1A      
L-15     \_\_\_\_\_  
L-16         X    

Date: 4 May 44  
Ht. 5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

DENTAL CHART

BTB; ROSCOE, Cecil P.  
Unknown X-

Name: ROSCOE, Cecil P.

R-8     X      
R-7     fA      
R-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-3     MAD      
R-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-1 \_\_\_\_\_

R-8     X      
R-7     oA 1A      
R-6     oA      
R-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-2 \_\_\_\_\_ space between  
                    R 2 and R3  
R-1 \_\_\_\_\_

L-1 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-8 \_\_\_\_\_

L-1 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-6     oA      
L-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-8     X    

R-16     oA      
R-15     oA      
R-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-9 \_\_\_\_\_

R-16     X      
R-15     oA      
R-14     fA      
R-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-9 \_\_\_\_\_

L-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-16     oA    

L-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-13     doA      
L-14     dofA      
L-15     oA      
L-16     X    

Date: 8 June 48  
Ht. Est. 5' 7 5/8"

Date: 23 Aug 44  
Ht. 5' 8 1/2"

DENTAL CHART

Unknown X- **Davis, Reese F., Jr.**  
(Grave 680)

Name **Davis, Reese F., Jr.,**  
**T-134885**

R-8           **Unrupted**            
R-7                                     
R-6                                     
R-5                                     
R-4                                     
R-3           **FA**                    
R-2                                     
R-1           **MSD**                  

R-8           **X**                    
R-7                                     
R-6                                     
R-5                                     
R-4                                     
R-3           **FA**                    
R-2                                     
R-1                                   

L-1           **MSD**                    
L-2           **MSD**                    
L-3                                     
L-4                                     
L-5                                     
L-6                                     
L-7                                     
L-8           **Unrupted**          

L-1                                     
L-2                                     
L-3                                     
L-4                                     
L-5                                     
L-6                                     
L-7                                     
L-8           **X**                  

R-16                                     
R-15                                     
R-14           **oA**                    
R-13                                     
R-12           **FA**                    
R-11                                     
R-10                                     
R-9           **X**                  

R-16                                     
R-15                                     
R-14           **oA**                    
R-13                                     
R-12           **carious**            
R-11                                     
R-10                                     
R-9           **X**                  

L-9           **X**                    
L-10           **X**                    
L-11                                     
L-12           **FA**                    
L-13                                     
L-14           **oA**                    
L-15           **oAFA**                  
L-16           **X**                  

L-9           **X**                    
L-10           **X**                    
L-11                                     
L-12           **FA**                    
L-13                                     
L-14           **oA**                    
L-15           **oAFA**                  
L-16           **X**                  

Est Height - 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Hair - light reddish brown

23 Aug 44  
Height - 6'1"  
Hair - blonde

DENTAL CHART

Unknown X- NTB Vernon J. Collins  
(Grave 681)

Name **Collins, Vernon J. 36672870**

R-8 Not developed  
 R-7 mdFA  
 R-6 1A dmdA  
 R-5 mdFA  
 R-4 mdA  
 R-3 1dS mS  
 R-2 dS mS  
 R-1 mdS (skipped d)

R-8 X  
 R-7 mdFA  
 R-6 mdA dmdA  
 R-5 mdA  
 R-4 mdA  
 R-3 md md  
 R-2 md md  
 R-1 md md

L-1 mdS  
 L-2 mdS  
 L-3 md  
 L-4 X  
 L-5 mdA  
 L-6 mdA dmdA  
 L-7 mdA FA  
 L-8 Not developed

L-1 md  
 L-2 md  
 L-3 md  
 L-4 X  
 L-5 mdA  
 L-6 mdA dmdA  
 L-7 mdA FA  
 L-8 X

R-16 md FA  
 R-15 X  
 R-14 X  
 R-13 md  
 R-12 X  
 R-11 md  
 R-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 R-9 \_\_\_\_\_

R-16 md FA  
 R-15 X  
 R-14 X  
 R-13 md FA  
 R-12 X  
 R-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
 R-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 R-9 \_\_\_\_\_

L-9 md  
 L-10 md  
 L-11 md  
 L-12 mdA  
 L-13 mdA ? cavity  
 L-14 mdFA  
 L-15 mdFA  
 L-16 X

L-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
 L-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 L-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
 L-12 mdA  
 L-13 mdA  
 L-14 mdFA  
 L-15 mdFA (very deep)  
 L-16 X

Height - Not 5'11"  
 Age - Est 20-22

Height - 5'11" & 5'11 1/2"  
 Weight - 160 lbs & 166 lbs  
 Hair - Brown - Black  
 Shoe size - 11 1/2  
 Compiled from 79's dated Feb & Mar 44,  
 Oct & Dec 44.  
 DIR'S dated 12 June 44 and 4 Oct 44.



DENTAL CHART

Unknown X- Price, Burl B.

Name PRICE, Burl B., 17127489

R-8 MSD  
 R-7 ~~MSD~~  
 R-6 ~~MSD~~  
 R-5  
 R-4  
 R-3  
 R-2 MSD  
 R-1 MSD

R-8 9  
 R-7 doA NA  
 R-6 oA  
 R-5  
 R-4  
 R-3  
 R-2  
 R-1

L-1 MSD  
 L-2 MSD  
 L-3  
 L-4  
 L-5  
 L-6 ~~MSD~~  
 L-7 ~~MSD~~  
 L-8

L-1  
 L-2  
 L-3  
 L-4  
 L-5  
 L-6 noA  
 L-7 doA  
 L-8 oA

R-16 oA  
 R-15 oA  
 R-14 oA  
 R-13  
 R-12 MSD  
 R-11 MSD  
 R-10 MSD  
 R-9 MSD

R-16 oA  
 R-15 oA  
 R-14 oA  
 R-13  
 R-12  
 R-11  
 R-10  
 R-9

L-9 MSD  
 L-10 MSD  
 L-11 MSD  
 L-12 MSD  
 L-13  
 L-14 oA  
 L-15 oA  
 L-16 oA

L-9  
 L-10  
 L-11  
 L-12  
 L-13  
 L-14 oA  
 L-15 oA  
 L-16 oA

Height - Est 5'5 7/8"

Age - Est 20-22

20 June 44  
 Height - 5'11 3/4"  
 Age - 26

DENTAL CHART

Unknown X- **Stiede, Charles**  
(Grave 679)

Name **Stiede, Charles, O-2057449**

R-8 MSD  
R-7 X  
R-6 oAA  
R-5 X  
R-4 X  
R-3 (clasp)  
R-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-1 X

R-8 X  
R-7 X  
R-6 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-5 X  
R-4 X  
R-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-1 X

L-1 X  
L-2 X  
L-3 (clasp)  
L-4 X  
L-5 X  
L-6 X  
L-7 X  
L-8 X

L-1 X  
L-2 X  
L-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-4 X  
L-5 X  
L-6 X  
L-7 X  
L-8 X

R-16 X  
R-15 oA  
R-14 oAA  
R-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-11 YA  
R-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-9 \_\_\_\_\_

R-16 X  
R-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-14 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
R-9 \_\_\_\_\_

L-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-10 MSD  
L-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-12 MSD  
L-13 GA MDA  
L-14 X  
L-15 oA MDA  
L-16 MA

L-9 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-13 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-14 X  
L-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
L-16 \_\_\_\_\_

Plate for maxilla clasps on  
R3, 6 and L3  
Est Height - 5'8"  
Hair - Dark brown  
Est age - 26 to 30

\*5 MHP 44 (1-380)  
Form 79 - April 43  
Height - 5'8"  
Weight - 180 lbs  
Hair - dark brown  
Age (at death) 28 1/2 years

DENTAL CHART

Unknown X- Walker, Norman F.  
(Grave 672)

Name Walker, Norman F., O-785536

R-8	<u>Head</u>
R-7	_____
R-6	_____
R-5	_____
R-4	_____
R-3	_____
R-2	_____
R-1	_____

R-8	<u>X</u>
R-7	<u>oA</u>
R-6	<u>oA</u>
R-5	<u>oA</u>
R-4	<u>oA</u>
R-3	_____
R-2	<u>3/4 era G</u>
R-1	<u>X</u>

L-1	_____
L-2	_____
L-3	_____
L-4	_____
L-5	_____
L-6	_____
L-7	_____
L-8	_____

L-1	<u>X</u>
L-2	<u>3/4 era G</u>
L-3	_____
L-4	_____
L-5	<u>oA</u>
L-6	<u>oA</u>
L-7	<u>no oA</u>
L-8	<u>X</u>

R-16	_____
R-15	_____
R-14	_____
R-13	_____
R-12	_____
R-11	_____
R-10	_____
R-9	_____

R-16	<u>X</u>
R-15	<u>oA</u>
R-14	<u>oA</u>
R-13	_____
R-12	_____
R-11	_____
R-10	_____
R-9	_____

L-9	_____
L-10	_____
L-11	_____
L-12	_____
L-13	_____
L-14	_____
L-15	_____
L-16	<u>Missing</u>

L-9	_____
L-10	_____
L-11	_____
L-12	_____
L-13	_____
L-14	<u>oA</u>
L-15	<u>oA</u>
L-16	<u>X</u>

Height - Est 6'11/8"  
Age - Est 22-24

DIB 21 Sep 44  
Height - 6'2"  
Weight - 188 lbs  
Age - 22

*Identified* ... *O-785536* ...

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QMC Form 1042		REPORT OF INTERMENT (AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)		DATE OF REPORT 12 January 1948		
Imprint Identification Tag if Possible 		Section 1. -IDENTIFICATION.				
		NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Bel. to be: Roscoe, Cecil P.		SERIAL NO. 31772882		
		GRADE Cpl.	ORGANIZATION 450 B.Gp. 723 B.So		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 Fontana near Porec, Yugo. 45°10'N-13°37'E		CAUSE OF DEATH Plane Crash		DATE OF DEATH 16 February 1945		
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Declared Non-Identifiable per sd Proceedings dtd None 25 Jan 49, MND.						
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		COMPLETED BOTH PART ON QMC FORM 1045 ATTACHED HERETO YES <del>NO</del>				
LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME None						
Section 2.-BURIAL. If other than established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.						
NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY U.S. Military Cemetery Belgrade, Yugo., 44°47'N-20°25'E Air Map Europe 1:500,000 Belgrade Sheet						
DATE OF BURIAL 12 January 1948	HOUR 1200	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) Shroud	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER Wooden Cross	PLOT No. E	ROW No. 21	GRAVE No. 673
WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) Yes	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE Separate grave at Fontana near Porec, Yugo. 45°10'N-13°37'E			COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS GRAVE No. No. No.		
TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY General	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES		IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY GRS Form in burial bottle buried in grave with remains GRS Form in burial bottle buried in grave 1 ft below cross			
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) Beginning of row		RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	GRAVE No.	
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Bel. to be: Pongrave, James		Unknown	No	Unknown	No	
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT Nichl. Skrbich, Civ. Investigator			SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICIAL VERIFYING REPORT T.C. ANDERSON, Major QMC			
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U.S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the QMG through Hdq GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.						

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LEFT LITTLE FINGER	Section 3.- UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.				
LEFT RING FINGER	INSTRUCTIONS: (a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identify of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other", such as shoe size, social security number; position of body found in airplanes, vehicles, and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles, and tanks. (b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as as possible. If no fingerprint or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with the diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.				
LEFT MIDDLE FINGER	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR	BIRTHMARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS
LEFT INDEX FINGER	WEAPON AND SERIAL No.		LAUNDRY MARKS	WHERE BODY WAS BURIED OR FOUND	
LEFT THUMB	OTHER IDENTIFICATION CLUES				
RIGHT THUMB	FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE AND COORDINATES FOR BURIAL IN OTHER THAN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY				
RIGHT INDEX FINGER					
RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER					
RIGHT RING FINGER	REMARKS:				
RIGHT LITTLE FINGER					



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