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CHEANEY, IRA B.

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Attn - Mr. ...		H. Hart			...	
THRU: DSO, MEM DIV		E. Coleman			6 Feb 53	
TO: M & R BR, ADM DIV FOR FILE		H. Hart			9 Feb 53	
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SUMMARY for Mrs. Machuga						
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Registration Br. 10 Sep 51		H. Hart 10 Sept 51 - 9:35				
O of C Attn - Mrs. Machuga		A. Machuga 10 Sept 51 - 9:37				
C. Brown						
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14	Records Section, Reg Br. Mem Div.	Ident Br. Mem Div. <i>THRU: [unclear] 24 Aug 51 2:00p.m.</i>	24 Aug 51	<p>1. Records in this Section have been corrected.</p> <p>2. Returned in compliance with Comment #13.</p> <p><i>Adenwald</i> LAW 3836</p> <p><i>POWERS</i> 55072</p> <p><i>4 Incls n/c</i></p>
15	CHIEF Ident Br Mem Div	Chief Regist Br Mem Div <i>THRU: DSO [unclear]</i>	30 Aug 51	<p>1. Forwarded per your requeste</p> <p>2. Associated cases, referenced Par 3, Comment #11, dated 13 April 1951, approved nonrecoverable and your Branch notified by IRS dated 28 June 1951.</p> <p><i>4 Incls n/c</i></p> <p><i>for KING 75571</i></p> <p><i>COX 74059</i></p> <p><i>EJF/jb</i></p> <p><i>293 Philippines</i></p> <p><i>293 Unknown Nomina 2</i></p>
16	Branch Security Officer, Regist Br Mem Div	Chief, Ident Br Mem Div <i>THRU: DSO [unclear] Mem Div</i>	31 Aug 1951	<p>Forwarded for further action.</p> <p><i>4 Incls n/c</i></p> <p><i>H. HART 72963</i></p>
17	Chief Ident Br Mem Div	Mail & Records Br Adm Div <i>THRU: DSO [unclear] Mem Div</i>	5 Sep 51	<p>SUBJECT: 1st Lt. Ira B. Cheaney, Jr., SN O 23965</p> <p>Forwarded for file.</p> <p><i>4 Incls n/c</i></p> <p><i>2 - 293 files</i></p> <p><i>U/sep cover</i></p> <p><i>CHEANEY, Ira B., Jr.</i></p> <p><i>0 23965</i></p> <p><i>X-151, [unclear]</i></p> <p><i>NETT 52462</i></p>

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11	Chief Ident Br Mem Div	Registra- tion Br. Operations Section Mem Div THRU: DSO <i>16 Apr 51</i>	13 Apr 51	<p>SUBJECT: 1/Lt. Ira B. Cheaney Jr., SN 0-23965</p> <p>1. Reference is made to par 1, IRS Comment #9, dated 5 March 1951.</p> <p>2. Inasmuch as efforts to establish the identification of Unknown X-151, USMC Manila #2, have met with negative results, the remains may be released from the San Francisco Port of Embarkation for return to Hq, AGRS PAZ.</p> <p>3. Upon completion of your action, it is requested that the case be returned to this Branch for additional action on the associated cases referenced in par 9e, IRS Comment #3 dated 20 November 1950.</p> <p><i>St. Barker 16 Apr 51 2:45 PM</i></p> <p><i>ef</i></p> <p><i>COI 74059</i></p> <p><i>NEFF 52462</i></p> <p>4 Incls - n/c</p> <p>2 -293 files u/sep cover Cheaney, Ira B. 0-23965 (unclass.) Unknown X-151 Manila #2 (unclass.)</p>
12	Operations Section, Registration Branch, Mem Division	Ident Br. Mem Div. THRU: DSO <i>21 June 51</i>	20 June 1951	<p>Action has been taken as requested in Comment #11 above.</p> <p>4 Incls n/c</p> <p><i>Galway</i> 56553</p> <p><i>Galway</i> 56207</p>
13	Ident Br Mem Div.	Regist Br Records Sec Mem Div THRU: DSO <i>Rec'd 8:55 23 Aug 51 24. Hout</i>	22 Aug 51	<p>1. Forwarded per request of Miss Powers.</p> <p>2. Upon completion of your action, it is requested that the case be returned to this Branch.</p> <p><i>as per 5 w/p as per comment #7</i></p> <p><i>rec. in adm. Br.</i></p> <p><i>Berrens</i> 73769</p> <p>7 Incls n/c</p>

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9	Chief Ident Br Mem Div	Col Wiggs Mem Div THRU DSO <i>6 mar 51</i> <i>Detachment</i> <i>6 mar 51</i> <i>7:10</i> <i>Received</i> <i>6 mar 51</i> <i>1521 Hours</i> <i>E. Kazup</i>	5 Mar 1951	<p>SUBJECT: 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., SN 0-23965 (Major Discrepancy)</p> <p>1. QMC Form 1044 for Unknown X-151, Manila #2 and statement of the anthropologist have been compared with dental and physical characteristics of 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney, Jr., 0-23965. No association can be established.</p> <p>2. Reference is made to paragraph 3 of comment 2, (Capt Vogl) dated 31 Oct 50.</p> <p><i>4</i> Incls n/c <i>WIGGS</i> 74059 <i>FISHER</i> 52462</p> <p>2 293 Files u/sep cover Cheaney, Ira B., Jr. 1/Lt 0-23965 Unknown X-151</p>
10	Col Wiggs Mem Div	Chief Ident Br Mem Div <i>Thru:</i> <i>DSO</i>	22 Mar 51	<p>In view of the above information this case is returned for such action as necessary and file.</p> <p><i>4</i> Incls n/c <i>for Kazup</i> <i>WIGGS</i> 52229 <i>Kazup/74855</i></p> <p>2-293 Files up/sep/cov</p>

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7	Chief, Ident Br Mem Div	Chief, Mem Div ATTN: Col Wiggs	28 Nov 50	<p>SUBJECT: 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., SN 0-23965 (Major Discrepancy)</p> <p>1. For necessary action.</p> <p>2. It is understood that action has been taken to have the Unknown in question transferred to San Francisco.</p> <p><i>THRU DSO</i> <i>MEM DIV</i> <i>Recd 1115 hrs 29 Nov 50</i> <i>Wiggs</i> <i>COX</i> <i>74059</i> <i>LAY</i> <i>73472</i></p> <p>5 Attach Attach #5 w/d Added 1 Attach 6. Extract "Statement of Candidate" on Cheaney</p>
8	Col Wiggs Mem Div THRU DSO	Chief Ident Br Mem Div	20 Feb 51	<p>1. Forwarded for continuance of action.</p> <p>2. Recommendation contained in paragraph 10a, Comment 3, has been complied with. QMC Forms 1044 for Unknown X-151 have been prepared and are forwarded herewith.</p> <p>3. Prompt action and reply on this case is requested.</p> <p><i>8. comment should be thus:</i> <i>4. Incls</i> <i>w/d Incls 3+4</i> <i>added 1 incl</i> <i>7. Qmc Form 1044(X-151)</i></p> <p><i>Kazup</i> <i>WIGGS</i> <i>52229</i> <i>Kazup/</i> <i>74855</i></p> <p>Lt. 0-23965</p>

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7	Chief, Ident Br Mem Div	Chief, Mem Div ATTN: Col Wiggs	28 Nov 50	<p>SUBJECT: 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., SN O-23965 (Major Discrepancy)</p> <p>1. For necessary action.</p> <p>2. It is understood that action has been taken to have the Unknown in question transferred to San Francisco.</p> <p><i>THRU: DSO</i> <i>MEM. DIV.</i> <i>Rec'd 115 hrs 29 Nov 50</i> <i>Wiggs</i></p> <p>5 Attach Attach #5 w/d Added 1 Attach 6. Extract "Statement of Candidate" on Cheaney</p> <p><i>COX</i> <i>74059</i></p> <p><i>LAY</i> <i>73472</i></p>
8	Col Wiggs Mem Div <i>THRU</i> <i>DSO</i> <i>Postulated</i> <i>20 Feb 51</i>	Chief Ident Br Mem Div	20 Feb 51	<p>1. Forwarded for continuance of action.</p> <p>2. Recommendation contained in paragraph 10a, Comment 3, has been complied with. QMC Forms 1044 for Unknown X-151 have been prepared and are forwarded herewith.</p> <p>3. Prompt action and reply on this case is requested.</p> <p><i>Kazup</i> <i>WIGGS</i> <i>52229</i></p> <p><i>Kazup/</i> <i>74855</i></p> <p>7 Incls. 1-6 n/c 7 QMC Forms 1044 - X-151</p> <p>2-293 Files u/sep cover Cheaney, Ira B., Jr. 1/Lt. O-23965 Unknown X-151</p> <p><i>Wiggs</i> <i>20 Feb 51</i> <i>1630</i></p>

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4	Chief, Mem Div	Chief, Ident Br Mem Div Thru: DSO <i>lec</i>	22 Nov 50	SUBJECT: 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., SN 0-23965 Forwarded. <i>5. ltr.</i> 6 Attach n/c <i>for</i> CLEARWATER 55289
5	Chief Id Br Mem Div	Chief Mem Div <i>Rec'd 10:35 24 Nov 50 E. Fletcher</i>	24 Nov 50	Returned as requested. <i>5 Attach n/c</i> <i>COI</i> 74059 <i>LAY</i> 73472
6.	Chief, Mem Div THRU: DSO <i>24 Nov 50</i>	Chief, Ident Br Mem Div THRU: Ident Br Mem Div	24 Nov 50	1. Only so much of the recommendation contained in subparagraph 10-a is approved. 2. No action will be taken on recommendations contained in subparagraphs 10-b, c and d, pending completion of action called for by subparagraph 10-a and report to this office. <i>5 Attach n/c</i> CLEARWATER 55289

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3.	Ident Br Mem Div	(Cont'd) Chief Memorial Division	20 Nov 50	SUBJECT: 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., SN O-23965 (Major Discrepancy)
	10. RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	a.	That Unknown X-151, Manila #2 (Unknown X-638 Mausoleum), interred 30 June 1949, Plot F, Row 11, Grave 32, Fort McKinley Cemetery, be transferred to San Francisco for reprocessing by an Anthropologist in an attempt to identify these remains as those of 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., O-23965.		
	b.	That if the identification of these remains as those of Lt Cheaney can be established that the NOK of Lt Cheaney be visited by a representative from this office to acquaint him with the facts in the case and to secure his permission to exchange the remains for those now interred at West Point as Lt Cheaney.		
	c.	That if the identification cannot be established that Unknown X-151, Manila #2, be reinterred as an Unknown.		
	d.	That if the remains are identified and the transfer is accomplished that the remains now in West Point be reprocessed by an Anthropologist in an attempt to identify them as either Lt Maynard or Lt Nininger.		
5 Attach	1. Ltr fr Col Lilly dtd 27 Oct 50 (and cy)			
	2. DF fr Demob Rec dtd 7 Nov 50 w/incl			
	3. 293 file (X-151, Manila #2)			
	4. 293 file (Cheaney)			
	5. 201 file (Cheaney)			

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3	Ident Br Mem Div	Chief Memorial Division	20 Nov 50	SUBJECT: 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., SN O-23965 (Major Discrepancy)
	Inf Regt (PS)	pertaining to the death and burial of 2/Lt Alexander R. Ninninger, SN O-23761:		1. Reference attached telephone conversations between Capt Vogl and the following officers of the 57th
		Lt Col	Franklin O. Anders	
		Major	John E. Olson	
		Major	Cecil M. Sanders	
		Captain	Eugene H. Anthony	
		Colonel	Edmund J. Lilly	
		2d Lt	Fred W. Koenig	

These conversations revealed information which indicates that the remains presently interred in U. S. Military Academy Post Cemetery, West Point, New York, as 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., O-23965, are not those of Lt Cheaney.

2. Lt Cheaney reported for duty 20 November 1941 to the Philippine Department, 57th Inf Regt (PS), commanded by Lt Col George S. Clarke. Col Arnold J. Funk relieved Col Clarke of his command 13 January 1942, shortly after the engagement at Mabatang, Bataan, P.I., approximately three miles north of Abucay, where the 57th Inf Regt CP was located, in the Abucay Church.

3. On 20 January 1942, approximately six (6) days before the Abucay-Hacienda line was evacuated back to the Pilar-Bagac line 26 January, Lt Cheaney's company was withdrawn from the area and sent to the western coast of Bataan to repel Japanese landings at Quinsuan Point in the vicinity of Agloloma. On 30 January 1942, Lt Cheaney was killed after advancing approximately one hundred (100) yards, while leading an attack on Japanese positions. A counterattack by the Japanese forced the American forces to withdraw several hundred yards. It was several days later, 7-8 February, that the Americans regained this lost ground. The remains of Lt Cheaney were recovered and identified by Capt Eugene H. Anthony who had been his immediate commanding officer in the engagements at Mabatang and Agloloma. When Capt Anthony first saw the body of Lt Cheaney, 2/Lt Fred W. Koenig, a Graves Registration Officer assigned to the 45th Infantry, was standing near the remains. After Capt Anthony had established the identification, Lt Koenig informed him that the remains of Lt Cheaney, as well as all others killed in the area, would be taken to Mariveles Cemetery. There Lt Koenig supervised the burial of Lt Cheaney.

4. In the vicinity of Mariveles there are two (2) cemeteries, Mariveles #1 and #3. Although Lt Koenig did not specify in which cemetery the burial was made, a reinvestigation was made of all unresolved Unknowns in these cemeteries. There are only two (2) Unknowns from USA Cemetery #1 Mariveles, and they have been disassociated with Lt Cheaney by circumstances of death. The Unknowns from USA Cemetery #3 Mariveles, have been disassociated with Lt Cheaney by height, weight and dental characteristics, with the exception of X-21, currently designated X-151, Manila #2. Lt Cheaney's WDAGO Form 0164, Statement of Candidate dated 4 March 1947, indicates a broken arm. An association may be established by the circumstances of recovery and dental information. Unknown X-151 Manila #2 was found to have

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	<p>twenty-two (22) perfect teeth; seventeen of which were loose and five still intact in the mandible. Seven teeth were posthumously missing and three were lost as a result of a missing maxilla. Age, weight and height of this Unknown was not estimated.</p> <p>5. In June or July 1942, Lt Cheaney's parents talked with Col Clarke in San Francisco in an attempt to obtain information concerning the death of their son and to learn his burial location. Col Clarke, who did not know the facts, stated that Lt Cheaney was buried in the Churchyard at Abucay twelve steps right from the south center door. Mr Cheaney gave this information to the Honorable Richard Nixon who forwarded it to this office 26 January 1948. Upon receipt of this letter the information was submitted to the field and a search team was dispatched to the area where fragmented remains were recovered. These remains were identified as Lt Cheaney solely on the statement by Col Clarke.</p> <p>6. There are five other decedents on whom erroneous burial information has been released to the NOK by Col Clarke, i.e., buried in Abucay Churchyard. They are:</p> <p>Nininger, Alexander R., Jr. 1/Lt 0-23761 Remains approved nonrecoverable. Field notified. Notification to NOK not released pending clearance of this discrepancy.</p> <p>Maynard, David W. 1/Lt 0-38476 Remains approved nonrecoverable. Field notified. Notification sent to NOK 11 October 1949.</p> <p>Compton, John C. 1/Lt 0-413755 Green, Arthur W. 1/Lt 0-395411 Wilson, Kenneth L. 1/Lt 0-398233 Nonrecoverable Board Proceedings in suspense.</p> <p>7. When a final resolution has been reached in the Cheaney case action will be taken simultaneously to resolve the cases of the five decedents listed above, taking into consideration the facts learned during the investigation of this case.</p> <p>8. The files furnished in connection with this investigation contain several references to the effect that the records of Chaplain Scecina were lost when he himself was lost on a POW ship. A photostat copy of a roster prepared by Chaplain Scecina has been obtained from the AG. This list fails to show the burial services performed by the Chaplain but does indicate some of the officers who became casualties.</p>			

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3	Ident Br Mem Div	Chief Memorial Division	20 Nov 50	SUBJECT: 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr., SN O-23965 (Major Discrepancy)
	9. CONCLUSIONS:			
	a. The remains	presently interred in the West Point Academy Cemetery as		
	1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr.,	O-23965, are not those of Lt Cheaney.		
	b. Lt Col George S. Clarke gave incorrect information which lead to the re-	covery and identification of the remains at West Point as those of Lt Cheaney.		
	c. Lt Cheaney was killed in action on 30 January 1942 at Quinauan Point in the	vicinity of Agloloma approximately eighteen (18) air miles SW of Abucay, four (4) days		
	after the Abucay Church had been captured by the Japanese.			
	d. The remains of Lt Cheaney were identified by his Commanding Officer, Captain	Anthony, and burial at Mariveles was supervised by Lt Koenig, Graves Registration Officer,		
	on or about 8 February 1942.			
	e. This branch will flag the cases of the following decedents pending reinvesti-	gation since Col Clarke is believed to have given incorrect information relative to the		
	burial of the remains of:			
		Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.	1/Lt	O-23761
		Green, Arthur W.	1/Lt	O-395411
		Wilson, Kenneth L.	1/Lt	O-398233
		Maynard, David W.	1/Lt	O-384762
		Compton, John C.	1/Lt	O-413755
	f. The cases of the five (5) decedents listed in para e. above, will be reinves-	tigated simultaneously because of the similarity of death and burial information pertaining		
	to each.			

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1 contd	Capt Vogl Repat Br Mem Div	Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div (Info cy furnished Liaison)	30 Oct 50	SUBJECT: Nininger, Alexander R. 2/Lt 0-23761 beginning of the war up until the surrender of Bataan. Mr. Koenig also informed me that he supervised the burials in the cemetery near hospital #2 and after his capture by the Japanese, was in charge of burials at O'Donnel Cemetery. 4. Mr. Koenig said he would be available for whatever further need we may have of his services. He can be reached in Ashgrove, Missouri, Phone: 76. <div style="text-align: right;">log VOGL 54276</div>
2	Capt Vogl Repat Br Mem Div	Chief Mem Div Thru: Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div	31 Oct 50	SUBJECT: Nininger, Alexander R. 2/Lt 0-23761 1. The above reports of telephone conversations with Colonel Clark, Lt. Colonel Anders, Major Olson, Major Sanders, Captain Anthony, Major Yeager, Colonel Lilly and Lt. Koenig, are submitted as information in connection with original interments in Abucay and Mariveles Cemeteries, Providence of Bataan, Philippine Islands. 2. It is concluded from information obtained in these phone conversations, that the remains of Lt. Cheaney were interred in the cemetery at Mariveles and not at Abucay. It is also, the opinion of the undersigned that the remains of Nininger, Compton, Green, and Wilson may have been lost as a result of the shelling of Abucay. 3. In view of the information furnished next of kin of Nininger, Compton, Green, Wilson, Maynard and Cheaney, by Colonel Clark, it is believed advisable that a personal visit be made to those next of kin in cases where the remains are determined non-recoverable. It is also deemed advisable to personally contact Colonel Lilly, Captain Anthony, Colonel Clark and Major Olson, to explain our findings of "non-recoverability" so that they can guide themselves in future correspondence they may have with next of kin. <div style="text-align: right;">log VOGL 54276</div>

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Continued 1	Capt Vogl Repat Br Mem Div	Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div (Info cy furnished Liaison)	25 Oct 50	SUBJECT: Nininger, Alexander R. 2/Lt O-23761 since he felt any letter of his would only cause additional grief to the next of kin. ***
			27 Oct 50	1. Phoned Colonel Edmund J. Lilly, Jr. who was Executive Officer of the 57th Infantry Regiment at the time Nininger and his fellow officers were killed. Colonel Lilly is presently stationed at Headquarters, 4th Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. 2. Colonel Lilly recalled the death of Nininger, Compton, Green, Wilson and Maynard but had no recollection of attending any burial services for these men. He also recalled circumstances in connection with the death of Lt. Cheaney and suggested, I get in touch with Graves Registration Officer, Lt. Fred W. Koenig. It was Koenig, accompanied by Captain Anthony who recovered the remains of Lt. Cheaney about seven (7) days after Cheaney was killed near Agloloma. 3. Colonel Lilly said he would send me a letter, giving me whatever information he can gather from the few records he was able to maintain. NOTE: Letter from Colonel Lilly was received, 30 October 1950 and is attached hereto. ***
			30 Oct 50	1. Phoned Mr. Fred W. Koenig who was a Graves Registration Officer, assigned to the 45th Infantry Regiment during the battle at Quinuan Point, Providence of Bataan, Philippine Islands in 1942. Lt. Koenig recovered the remains of Lt. Ira B. Cheaney on or about 7 February 1942. 2. Mr. Koenig gave me in substance the following information. Lt. Cheaney was killed on or about 30 January 1942, while leading his platoon in an assault on Japanese positions near Quinuan Point. Japanese fire prevented the recovery of his body until about 7 February 1942. When Koenig found the remains of Lt. Cheaney, he called Cheaney's immediate superior, Capt. Eugene H. Anthony and they both viewed his bloated body. Capt. Anthony wanted to know where the remains were to be interred. Lt. Koenig told him that Cheaney as well as others killed in this engagement, would be taken to Mariveles Cemetery. 3. Lt. Koenig took the remains to Mariveles Cemetery where he supervised the interment of Lt. Cheaney on or about 8 February 1942. Mr. Koenig told me there were several hundred buried in Mariveles Cemetery from the

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1	Capt Vogl Repat Br Mem Div	Ident Br Ident Sec Mem Div (Info cy furnished Liaison)	25 Oct 50	SUBJECT: Nininger, Alexander R. 2/Lt O-23761 2. Col. Anders made this final statement: "I was present at the interment of Lt. Nininger's remains. With me at the time was Maj. Francis, the dental officer. The Blessing of the grave was conducted by Father Scecina. I also believe I saw or attended the interment of Lt. Maynard. I did not attend any interments of Lt. Wilson, Lt. Green or Lt. Compton although I believe that Lt. Wilson and Lt. Green were buried in or near the Church Yard since we had definite information of the recovery of those remains. Information on Lt. Compton was only hearsay and I wish to correct any erroneous impression given by me previously which may have indicated that Lt. Compton was buried at Abucay.
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				1. Phoned Capt. Eugene H. Anthony and located him at 1374 St. Paul Street, Apartment 5, Denver, Colorado (telephone Florida 0466). Capt. Anthony was Lt. Cheaney's immediate commanding officer and was in the engagements at Matabang and Agloloma Point.
				2. I asked Capt. Anthony numerous questions concerning the engagement at Matabang. The Captain confirmed, in substance, what has been previously furnished by Col. Anders, Maj. Olson and Maj. Sanders. He remembers hearing of the deaths of Nininger, Compton, Green, Wilson and Maynard but did not know where their remains were interred. He had only hearsay information on burials at Abucay.
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				3. Capt. Anthony said that withdrawal from Abucay/on or about 20 Jan 42 and that the regiment moved to its second line of defense about a mile south of the town of Balanga. His company was withdrawn on or about 25 Jan from the positions south of Balanga and transferred by truck to the area near Agloloma Point to reinforce the third platoon ^{platoon} which was trying to confine the Japanese landings at Quinauan Point. On or about the 30th of Jan, Lt. Cheaney, one of Capt. Anthony's officers, led an attack on Japanese positions and was killed after he had gone forward approximately 100 yards. The Japanese counterattacked and drove the Americans back several hundred yards. It was approximately 7 or 8 days later when the Americans again recovered the lost ground and also the remains of Lt. Cheaney.
				4. Capt. Anthony saw Lt. Cheaney's body which ^{now bloated.} was blown up . Standing ^{NEAR THE BODY} with him was a 2d Lt. who was a GRO. He asked the Lt. where the remains of his men would be taken and the Lt. replied that Lt. Cheaney and all the rest would be interred in Mariveles Cemetery.
				5. Capt. Anthony said that he never visited Mariveles Cemetery since his unit was continually in action until the surrender. I brought to his attention a statement by Col. Clark to the effect that he had written the parents of Lt. Cheaney that his remains were buried in Abucay Church Yard. Capt. Anthony said that this could not be possible since the recovery of Cheaney's remains was made in the early part of February and that Abucay had long since been occupied by the Japanese forces.
				6. Capt. Anthony said he would be very happy to provide additional information should we need his services. He told me that he did not write the family of Lt. Cheaney

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				<p>3. The following is in substance, the information furnished by Colonel Anders of incidents and events which transpired during the engagement at Mabatang. Colonel Anders said that Japanese artillery had shelled the entire area and a considerable number of their infantry had infiltrated close to positions held by the 57th Infantry Regiment. The shelling severely damaged some of the buildings in the Abucay Church Yard. The Abucay Church and its adjoining buildings were used as headquarters of the 57th Infantry Regiment. It was during this infiltration and shelling that Lieutenants Nininger, Compton, Green, Wilson and Maynard, lost their lives. The remains of these officers were brought into the church yard cemetery as soon as the action quieted. Father Scecina had graves dug and conducted a brief burial service. Colonel Anders as well as several other officers, were present at the services.</p> <p>4. Colonel Anders believes that one or more of the officers were buried in boxes furnished by the Quartermaster and that the rest were laid in the ground with only a blanket around them. He also remembers that where identification tags were found on a decedent, one had been removed and turned over to the medics; the other was inserted into the mouth of the decedent. Colonel Anders does not know whether burial reports were prepared. All matters pertaining to the burial were left in the hands of Father Scecina who died while a prisoner of the Japanese.</p> <p>5. Colonel Anders brought up the fact that the church yard was shelled by both Japanese and American forces. Particularly heavy shelling was given the church and its surrounding area by the Americans after the location was abandoned to the Japanese. Information was received that the Japanese were using it as their headquarters and Anders believes that as a result of shelling by American forces, some of the graves may have been destroyed and the remains scattered.</p> <p>6. Colonel Anders also brought up the matter of a searching of the graves after the Japanese had captured Abucay. He said that our own forces many times searched mounds in graveyards since the Japanese in a number of instances stored arms and ammunition in grave sites. He said that perhaps the Japanese believed that we may have used graves as a storage place for ammunition and decided to dig grave sites and through such an operation, the remains became lost.</p> <p>7. I told Colonel Anders of the fourteen (14) graves we found on the outside of the church wall and that an examination of these remains indicated two (2) were Americans and twelve (12) Filipinos. I told him one grave was that of Lt. McCurdy, the other American having no identifying characteristics, was still designated as an unknown. Colonel Anders asked me to read him the names of the Filipinos we identified we found outside the wall. I read the names to him and he said he knew them all. He told me that the individual listed as Castro should be Castro Mania.</p>

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29 Oct 50

Capt. Joseph F. Vogl,
Memorial Div OCMG
Working in D.C.

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Sincerely

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of 57th Infantry when Clarke was CO.
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December 10, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT N. L. MOUL, MEDICAL, JAPANESE ARMY.

1. Forwarded herewith is a bottle containing pathological tissues, in 10% formalin, in the case of Max Robert Sweeney, Chief Warden, U.S. Navy, who died November 22, 1942, of Shistosoma fever.

2. The tissues previously erroneously submitted under the name of Max Robert Sweeney were from the case of John T. Freeman, Sgt., U.S. Army, who died November 24, 1942, of beriberi, malaria, and miliary tuberculosis. The latter disease was discovered at post mortem examination. A history and report of autopsy in the case of Freeman is appended.

3. I regret that this error occurred.

Respectfully,

L. B. SACKETT,
Commander, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy.

1805 6 31 3, Fargo, N.D.

Capt. James F. Sisson

Wm. H. Sisson (M)

My Springs, Mississippi

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THE BELVIDERE HOSPITAL,
FOR MILITARY PRISON CAMPS OF P.I.

December 10, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT M. MOGL, IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY:

1. Forwarded herewith is a bottle containing pathological tissues, in 10% formalin, in the case of Max Eahan SWEENEY, Chief Watertender, U.S. Navy, who died November 22, 1942, of Blackwater Fever.

2. The tissues previously erroneously submitted under the name of Max Eahan Sweeney were from the case of John T. FREEMAN, Sgt., U.S. Army, who died November 24, 1942, of beriberi, malaria, and military tuberculosis. The latter disease was discovered at post mortem examination. A history and report of autopsy in the case of Freeman is appended.

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Respectfully,

L.B. MARTIN,
Commander, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy.

1235-6 St. St. St. Fargo, N.D.

Lincoln, N. D.

Capt. John F. Smith

Mrs. H. B. Smith (M)

Abby Springs, Mississippi

PA
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Notes of 2000 AD

ROSTER OF OFFICERS - STAFF (AS)
 PLEASE MAKE ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS
 THAT MAY BE USEFUL #20 2/1
 RETURN TO CHAPLAIN SCECINA #20 2/1

Col. Edward H. Kelly Jr.
 820 Hwy, Eugene, Ore., A.C.
 Married

Maj. Edward H. Pernitz
 Mrs. Mary Wernitzig (W)
 2009 West V. St.
 Milwaukee, Wis.

1. Col. Frank E. Blaker
 Married
 244 Jutte, San Francisco

Capt. Garret H. Francis
 Mrs. L. P. Francis (W)
 2004 Third Avenue, Wash.
 St. Petersburg, Fla.

1. Col. Harold K. Johnson
 Mrs. Harold K. Johnson (W)
 Eugene, Ore.

~~Capt. Thomas J. Sweeney~~
~~Mrs. Thomas J. Sweeney (W)~~
~~1000 1st St. N.E.~~
~~Atlanta, Ga.~~

1. Sgt. Maj. George C. Fisher
 Married, Reading, Pa.
 KIA Balanga, Jan. 15, 1942

Capt. C. M. Sanders
 Mrs. M. Sanders (W)
 Ft. Hu 3200, Wash.
 Mrs. C. M. Sanders (W)
 Hazett, Ark.

Maj. Libridge R. Fardall O-22197
 Mrs. Samer Fardall (W)
 1214 Kincaid St., Eugene, Ore.

Chaplain Thomas J. Secina O-389764
 128 West Rogers St.
 Indianapolis, Indiana
 Next of Kin: Mrs. Anna Secina
 Linton, Indiana

Capt. Frank L. Anders
 Maj. Frank L. Anders (W)
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 Mrs. H. S. Sisson (W)
 Hely Springs, Mississippi

CHAPLAIN OF 5000th A.M.

Maj. Paul D. Reed

NIA April 9, 1942

Bomb Sgt. Frank 2nd SANCHEZ

at 31st Div (PA) C-1

Capt. Mark Reed M.

431 2nd M. KINLEY

Canton, Mass.

at John C. Compton ✓

NIA Albany Jan 12, 1942

at Sp5 E. Zaslavsky D-349986

Mrs. Anna Zaslavsky (mother)

414 1/2 St., Boston, Mass.

Capt. Carl J. Zaslavsky

Mrs. E. M. Zaslavsky (mother)

Ridge Farm, Ill.

Died (Canton, Mass.) Nov 23, 1942

5171

Capt. Herman F. Gertb

Mrs. H. F. Gertb (mother)

409 E. Locust St., Birmingham, Ill.

at Arthur D. Green ✓

NIA Albany Jan 12, 1942

Green St. Oakland, Cal.

at David W. McCard ✓

NIA Jan 10, 1942

Capt. Charles D. Hays D-322128

Mrs. Emma D. Hays (W)

214 S. Kingship Hwy., Leno, Ill.

Died Sept 6, 1942 - Cancellation

at M. B. Berry

Ernest E. Berry (C)

Holmes, N.Y.

Died Cancellation about Sept 10, 1942

Capt. Edward A. Brown D-322701

Mrs. Margaret Brown (Wife)

Carle Heights Ave., Lebanon, Tenn.

at Harold E. Fortner D-322258

Emergency Fortner (W)

2126 Eagan, Leesville, Ky.

Died May 12, 1942 Camp O'Donnell

Plot E - Row 7 - Space 6

at Albert C. Gorman

NIA April 8, 1942

with Capt. E. L. Brown.

at Kenneth L. Wilson ✓

NIA Albany Jan 12, 1942

Waco, Tex.

Capt. R. K. Grimes

Mrs. R. K. Grimes (W)

908 Egan St., Austin, Tex.

Died Cancellation Oct 16, 1942

at Robert L. Footwood D-321124

Died Camp O'Donnell May 22, 1942

Leaves No.

Plot H - Row 6 - Space 40

20 B

At Col. H. S. Granberry
 40 Mr. H. S. Granberry
 Lawrence, Oregon
 Portland, Ore.

At Robert B. Jones
 Mrs. Sadie Jones (M)
 2955 Duane
 San Francisco, Calif.

Capt. William E. Jones ✓
 KIA January 12, 1942

At Samuel C. Bickel D-334020
 Mrs. S. C. Bickel (W)
 377 South Main Ave. Boston, Mass.

Capt. William C. Anderson D-383446
 Mrs. Mary Anderson (W)
 Weymouth, Mass.

Capt. Thomas Anderson
 Married Mrs. Marie Anderson (W)
 3733 N.E. 15th Ave. Portland, Ore.

At Robert H. Bell D-366413
 Mrs. E. H. Bell (W)
 4416 Longfellow, Detroit, Mich.

At Harry L. Thompson D-377382
 Mr. Harry Thompson (W)
 2824 E. 28th St. Milwaukee, Wis.

Capt. George A. Spence D-276334
 Yarned
 3779 4th St. San Diego, Calif.

At Paul Spore
 Mrs. Anna Spore (W)
 272 E. 2nd St. Brooklyn, N.Y.

At George S. Bell D-336837
 Mrs. George Bell (W)
 8009 Maple, Iowa

Capt. Louis A. East
 Mrs. L. A. East (W)
 147 North St. Haverhill, Mass.

Capt. Dennis T. Thibault D-387230
 Dr. D. E. Thibault
 Battle Beach Apt. Eugene, Ore.

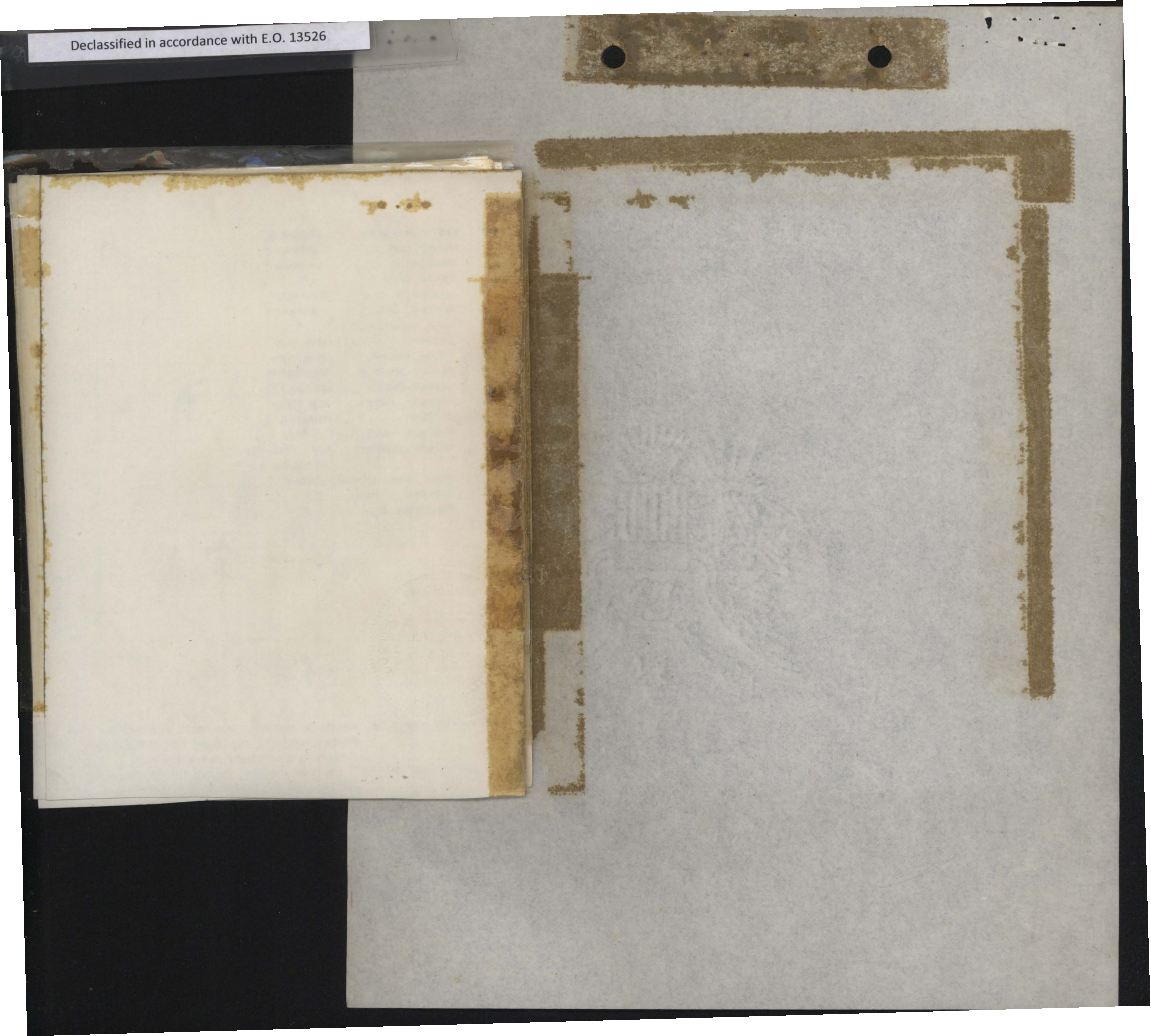
D-387230 AIX

RECORD OF OFFICERS - 5TH INF (PS)				- 500-11	
COL. LILLY, EDMUND W.	JAPAN	CAPTAIN	FINNEGAN, CHAS.	DAVAG NAVY	
LT COL. JOHNSON, HAROLD K.	"	"	CHILDERS, DONALD	JAPAN	"
BROKAW, FRANK	MISSING		WERNUTH, ARTHUR	"	"
GRANBERRY, HAL G.	JAPAN	"	HAAI, CHAS.	DIED CAB	
MAJOR FISHER, GEORGE	KIA 2/42		BERTH, HERMAN	JAPAN	"
WOOD, P. D.	" 4/42		SCHERNERHORN, CARL	DIED CAB	
GRIMES, A. J.	"		RICHARDS, GROVER	JAPAN	"
REYNOLDS, RYAL JR.	MISSING		MEIER, PHILIP	"	"
NACLISS, ERNEST	"		SPAINOWER, JOHN	"	"
FENDALL, ELBRIDGE P.	JAPAN	"	DUETERHOFF, HELMUTH	DIED O.D.	
HILL, RICHARD	"	"	ELLIS, JACK	JAPAN	"
GOLDTRAP, JOHN	"	"	FRANCIS, GARRETT P.	ST. TOMAS	
CARRUTHERS, C. T.	"	"	SECINA, THOS. (CH)	JAPAN	"
SCHOLES, ROBT.	"	"	STORER, W. C. (CH)	"	"
WARRIEN	"	"	ANDERSON	"	"
WOLFE	BILIBID	"			
JONES, RICHARD	JAPAN				
WYNKOP	"	LIEUT.	BULLA, HECTOR	JAPAN	"
WERNITZNA, E. (M.D.)	"	"	✓ NININGER (C.H.M.)	KIA 1/42	
			✓ CHENEY	" 3/42	
			KUNCE, CLARENCE J.	JAPAN	"
CAPTAIN KAPLAN	KIA 11/41	✓	BROKAW,	"	"
GRIMES, RUDYARD K.	DIED CAB. 9/42		SHAUDE, JAMES	LASANG	†
SALLEE, JOS. B.	JAPAN	"	FLEETWOOD, ROBT. L.	DIED O.D. 6/42	
MILLS, LOYD I.	"	"	JACOBS	" CAB	
ANTHONY, EUGENE	"	"	JUSTO, RALPH	MISSING	"
DOSS, LOUIS N.	"	"	GALBRAITH, JOHN	JAPAN	"
NEUWIRTH, JACK (T.S.)	"	"	MITTENTHAL, HARRY	"	"
LANGDON, CHAS.	"	"	COOK, ROBERT L.	LASANG	†
OLSON, JOHN E.	"	"	MEISER, JOHN	"	†
ANDERS, FRANK O.	BILIBID	"	DAVIS, ERIC	KIA 1/42	
SAUNDERS, CECIL	JAPAN	"	RAIDER, JEROME L.	JAPAN	"
CHILCOTE, THOS. F.	"	"	WEILAND, GEORGE R.	LASANG	†
COLMAN, HENRY J.	CAGANATAN		NEWMAN, SHELBY	JAPAN	"
DALG, EDGAR H.	JAPAN	"	HORTON, EDWARD L.	"	"
BROWN, ERNEST L.	"	"	FORGET, ARTHUR	"	"
BERG, M. GRIFFITH	LASANG	†	MILLER, HAROLD E.	LASANG	†
	(OVER)				AP

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LIEUT. BOOTH, MAYNARD.	JAPAN †
PARKS, WM.	JAPAN †
KANE, W. P.	LASANG †
HENRY, DALE	?
WATSON, H. C.	ESCAPED
PORTER, WM.	JAPAN †
ROCK, CORLISS W.	?
✓ GREEN	KIA 1/42
✓ MEIER, ADOLPH	KIA 1/42
BENNETT, RALPH E.	DIED HOSP
YEAGER, FRED	JAPAN (?)
CROWELL, VICTOR	KIA 1/41
BURSON	MISSING
HERBERT MARK (MID)	JAPAN
✓ WILSON, KENNETH	KIA 12/41 - 1/42
-	LASANG †
NELL, EDW. M. (MID)	JAPAN
ROBINSON (MID)	"
TRAUTMAN, E.	"

NB: OFFICERS MARKED "†" EITHER BILIBID OR JAPAN. LEFT CABANATUAN FOR BILIBID, REPORTED MOVED OUT FOR JAPAN. SHIP REPORTED TORPEDOED IN MANILA BAY.
OFFICERS MARKED "†" LEFT AT LASANG, DAVAO, REPORTED SENT TO JAPAN. REPORTS NOT YET VERIFIED.



E X T R A C T

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

Cheaney Jr. Ira B.
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial)

Permanent address 2011 Stratford Ave. So. Pasadena Calif.
 (Number and street or rural route) (City, town) (State)

Date of birth Feb. 4, 1917 Place of birth Mobile Alabama.

Nationality of father American Nationality of mother American
 If ever in the military service of the United States, give last organization
 and station B Co. 13th Bn. F.M.C.R., Pasadena, R.O.T.C., Pasadena Jr. College

What diseases and injuries have you had from birth to date: _____

Mumps, whooping cough, measles, broken arm.

E X T R A C T

Letterman General Hospital
 Station San Francisco, California Date March 4, 1937

The above is an extract of STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE dated 4 Mar 1937, for
 IRA B. CHEANEY JR., taken from his 201 file.

Incl #6

IDENTIFICATION DATA

SFPE

1. REMAINS OF UNKNOWN X-151			2. DATE OF REPORT 12 Feb 51	
3. NAME OF CEMETERY	4. PLOT	5. ROW	6. GRAVE	7. DATE OF
				DISINTERMENT REINTERMENT

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

8. ESTIMATED WEIGHT UTD	9. ESTIMATED HEIGHT UTD	10. COLOR OF HAIR UTD	11. RACE UTD
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12. GIVE DESCRIPTION OF ANY OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION FOUND WITH REMAINS

2 ID Tags marked Unknown 151	1 Tag marked Unknown - 638 AGRS - Mausoleum Formerly - Y-151 Manila # 2
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	TO WHAT EXTENT?
15. WAS BODY MANGLED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	TO WHAT EXTENT?

16. DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OF HEALED FRACTURES AND BONE MALFORMATIONS

Note report by anthropologist (Page 5)

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)

Estimated age - 25 to 30 yrs.

Incl # 7

18.

TOOTH CHART

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



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



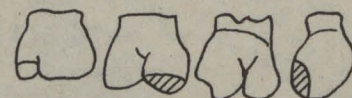
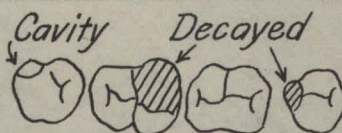
BRIDGE WORK: BLOCK IN SOLID AND CROWN OF TOOTH (LABEL GOLD BRIDGE, GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE), THUS:



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:

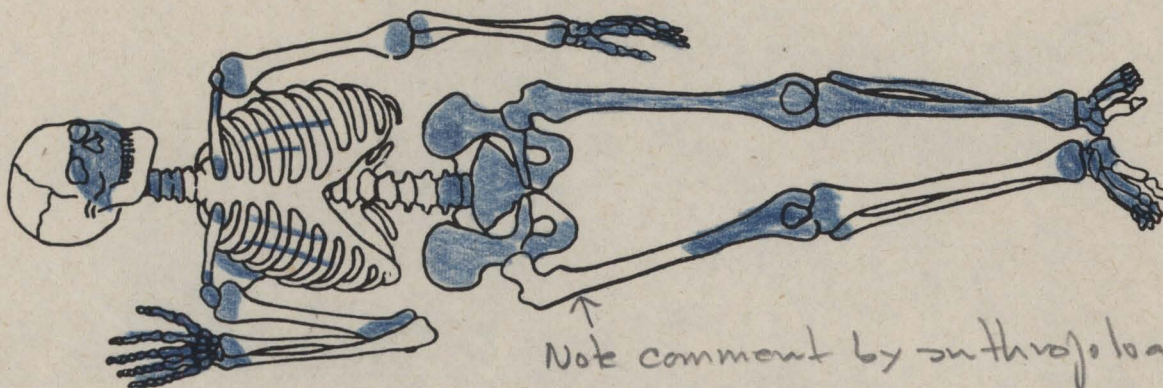


RIGHT								LEFT							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Note		Note											Note	Note	
LOWER															
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

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."

L- 6+7 + R 6+8 present.

19. BLACK OUT PARTS OF BODY NOT REQUIRED



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

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

Dece B. Mom. Div. O.G.M.G.

Carroll T. Hall

12 February 51

MEMO ON X-151

1. There is no evidence of comingling.

2. Age: Estimated age at death 25 to 30 years. Cranial sutures show nearly complete obliteration of sagittal and lambdoid. The coronal is open and a metopic suture is present and was also open. Remains of the pelvis are too fragmentary to use in estimating synphial age.

3. Stature: No complete bones are present and consequently an estimate of stature is impossible.

ALL 4. Dentition: Does not give any good evidence for identification. ~~None~~ of the lower teeth are present and probably two or three from the upper jaw. The mandible is badly broken and it is impossible to restore the teeth to their nearest alveoli.

5. The shaft of the right femur shown an old, healed greenstick fracture situated in the upper third of the shaft. There is considerable antero-lateral bowing.

6. A suggestion has been presented that X-151 is the remains of Ira B. Cheaney, Jr. Form 371 data indicates a stature of 6'11 1/2" and age at death of 25 years. Estimated age would harmonize with this suggestion, but it is not clearly evident that the bones are those of a man as tall as Cheaney. In my opinion it is not possible to associate X-151 certainly with the data available for Cheaney.

Theodore D. McCown

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Assoc. Professor of Anthropology