

ATTACHMENT 4

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CASE HISTORY POW REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE

COLLINS, F. G. Jr.	Cpl.	6 578 818
HIRSCHI, Harold S.	Pvt.	19 038 407
KELDER, Arthur H.	Pvt.	36 016 623
KOVACH, John Jr.	Pfc.	20 500 764
LOBDELL, Lloyd J.	Pfc.	20 645 267
OVERBEY, Evans E.	Pvt.	13 035 026
RUARK, John Wesley	Cpl. USMC	278 681
SIMMONS, George G.	Cpl.	19 019 886
WAID, Charlie M.	Pvt.	19 049 058

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE

1. Attached extracted copies of two (2) Cabanatuan POW Camp rosters indicate that the above listed personnel died at Cabanatuan POW Camp, Province of Nueva Ecija, Philippine Islands on 19 November 1942. This information is in agreement with the data shown on the attached OCMG Forms 371, except for Cpl. John W. Ruark, 278 681, and Pvt. Charlie M. Waid, 19 049 058, who were determined dead as of 9 July 1943 and 9 November 1943, respectively.

2. Investigation of these cases reveal the following information:

a. Subject personnel are indicated on "Cabanatuan POW Camp Death Report" to have been buried together with five (5) other casualties in Communal Grave No. 717, Cabanatuan POW Cemetery. This grave has been disinterred and resulted in the recovery of fourteen (14) remains; four (4) of which are "Knowns" and ten (10) as "Unknowns". The ten (10) unidentified remains have previously been recommended for individual and group identifications as the remains of YORK, George Sr., Civ. Employee, and the above listed personnel, respectively. These recommendations, however, were disapproved per OCMG letter dated 10 November 1949.

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b. Due to the absence of OQMG Form 371 for George York Sr., Navy Civilian Employee, same is not being considered by this Board as non-recoverable.

c. It has not been possible to definitely associate the above listed personnel with any other remains recovered from Cabanatuan POW Camp Cemetery.

3. Findings and recommendations are based on all information presently available.

4. It is recommended that the remains of the above listed casualties be considered non-recoverable and that all records pertaining to search for and recovery of their remains be closed.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: 11 Jan. 1950

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