

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY

293 unk P.I. (Spec) (Maus. Manila)
(X-4849 thru X-4856, & X-4858)
GRPZ 293.9

APD 707

13 SEP 1949

SUBJECT: Group Identification of Unknowns

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

1. Proceedings of the Board of Review, PHILCOM Zone, AGRS, for the following unknowns are forwarded herewith with recommendation that group identification be approved:

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

UNKNOWN X-4849, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-818, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
LOBDELL, Lloyd J.)
(Formerly C-278, Cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

UNKNOWN X-4850, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-820, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
WAID, Charles M.)
(Formerly C-280, Cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

UNKNOWN X-4851, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-821, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
KELDER, Arthur H.)
(Formerly C-281, cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

UNKNOWN X-4852, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-822, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
KOVACH, John Jr.)
(Formerly C-282, Cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

BASIC: Ltr fr Hqs., PHILCOM, USA, APO 707, Subject:
"Group Identification of Unknowns"

UNKNOWN X-4853, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-823, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
HIRSCHI, Harold S.)
(Formerly C-283, Cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

UNKNOWN X-4854, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-824, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
OVERBY, Evans E.)
(Formerly C-284, Cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

UNKNOWN X-4855, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-812, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
YORK, George Sr.)
(Formerly C-727, Cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

UNKNOWN X-4856, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-814, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
RUARK, John W.)
(Formerly C-274, Cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

UNKNOWN X-4858, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-816, USAF Cem. Manila No. 2, P. I.,
COLLINS, Frederick G.)
(Formerly C-276, Cem. Cabanatuan, Luzon, P. I.)

2. This case completes the identification of the remaining nine unknowns recovered from Grave 717, Cabanatuan POW Cemetery. Fourteen remains were disinterred from this grave, four of which were recovered as Knowns. One of the ten unknowns was previously recommended for individual identification.

3. Grave 717 is indicated in the photostatic copy of the Cabanatuan POW death report as the burial place of fifteen casualties among whom are the above-listed personnel.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Board proceedings

John M. Weston Jr.
JOHN M. WESTON JR
1st Lt AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen

for

1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 -Kelder, Arthur H. 36 016 623

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: Letter 3. DATE: 13 Sep 1949
 4. FROM: HQs Philippine Command United States Army
 5. TO: TMS
 6. SUBJECT: Group Identification of Unknowns
 Collins, F.C. Jr. Cpl. 6578 826

7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 -- Unit P.I. (Info) (Info. Manila) X-4049 (May 4856, & 4858)
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO DAIRY 291
and Far East

10 November 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

1. Reference is made to Board Proceedings, your headquarters, dated 21 July 1949 and 31 August 1949, recommending the following individual and group identifications:

Unknown X-4857 as OVERBAY, Evans E. Pvt 13 035 026

Unknowns X-4849 thru X-4856 and X-4858, as the remains of:

COLLINS, F. B. Jr.	Cpl	6 573 818	
HUARY, John Wesley	Cpl	278 681	USMC
SIMMONS, George C.	Cpl	19 018 886	
KOVACH, John Jr.	Pfc	20 500 764	
HOMMEL, Lloyd J.	Pfc	20 645 267	
NISSCHL, Harold S.	Pvt	19 038 407	
KLEDER, Arthur H.	Pvt	36 016 623	
PAID, Charlie M.	Pvt	19 049 058	
YONE, George Sr.	Civilian		

2. After a careful review of this case it has been determined that the dental and physical evidence presented is not sufficiently conclusive to prove the individual recommendation or to substantiate the group recommendation. The association of these decedents with these Unknown remains is based upon information contained in the Cabanatuan POW Camp Death Report. Experience with this report has proved it to be a valuable aid for the association of decedents with Unknown remains. However, in repeated instances, it has been shown that the report does not constitute substantive proof within itself. Therefore, it is subject to qualifying or substantiating comparisons of dental and physical data.

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3. Board Proceedings are returned herewith, disapproved.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls

1. Bd Proc (Group Serial)
2. " " (Overhey)

s/t/ J. H. MULL

Lt. Colonel, GSC
Memorial Division

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILCOM ZONE
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

12 Dec 1949

Date

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

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

The records pertaining to Unknown X- 816, Plot 2,
Row 20, Grave 2485, USMC USAF Cem. Manila #2 have
been reviewed and it is the opinion of this Office that insufficient
evidence is available to establish the identity of this deceased,
and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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

Attch: Form 1044

Received 19 Jan 50 OQMG
Not identifiable from
information presently
available 26 Jan 50
A. C. King ID. Br.

Jan 16

293 *Unk. P.I. (Miss) Manila*
 HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
 PHILCOM ZONE
X-4849 thru X-4858

GRPZ 293
 (Cabanatuan POW)

APO 900
 9 January 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

293 *Unk, Manila #2*

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of your letter, file QMGMU 293, GRS (Far East), dated 17 September 1948, subject: Resolution of Cases of Unidentified Deceased, the following Unknown remains originally disinterred from Grave 717, Cabanatuan POW Cemetery and presently stored at AGRS Mausoleum, Manila P.I., have been processed by the Central Identification Laboratory and considered "Unidentifiable" by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data:

UNKNOWN X-4849	AGRS Mslm	UNKNOWN X-4854	AGRS Mslm
" X-4850	" "	" X-4855	" "
" X-4851	" "	" X-4856	" "
" X-4852	" "	" X-4857	" "
" X-4853	" "	" X-4858	" "

2. Above listed Unknowns could not be definitely associated with any of the Cabanatuan POW decedents due to insufficiency of positive identification factors.

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

4. Also submitted herewith is a list showing the status of all Unknowns recovered from afore-mentioned grave.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

11 Incls

- 1 - 10: QMC Forms 1044 w/Certificates of Unidentifiability
- 11: List of Unknowns

John Sheppela
 JOHN SHYPIA
 1st Lt., Infantry
 Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONEAPO 900
11 Jan. 1950CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE

COLLINS, F. G. Jr.	Cpl.	6 578 818
HIRSCHI, Harold S.	Pvt.	19 038 407
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RUARK, John Wesley	Cpl. USMC	278 681
SIMMONS, George G.	Cpl.	19 019 886
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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 OCMO 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 G., Civ. Employee, and the above listed personnel, respectively. These recommendations, however, were disapproved per OCMO letter dated 10 November 1949.

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CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE: CONT'D
Cabanatuan POW Camp Casualties.

b. Due to the absence of OQMC 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

<i>Wilbur G. Hobbs</i>	<i>John Shyala</i>	<i>Harold E. McNamee</i>
WILBUR G. HOBBS	JOHN SHYALA	HAROLD E. MCNAMEE
1st Lt. Inf	1st Lt. Inf	Capt., OMC
O-887 555	O-1 307 091	O-507 074
Member	Member	Member

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293 -Unk. P. I. (Maus. Manila) (X-4849 thru X-4858, X-2806, 2807-A thru X-2812, 2799 thru X-2795, 2796-A, 2797 Thru X-2799, X-4101 and X-4102)
 26 January 1950
 GRS Far East

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

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

Unknown X-4849,	AGRS Maus. Manila, formerly	X-818	USAF Com. Man. #2
" X-4850,	" " " "	X-820	" " " "
" X-4851,	" " " "	X-821	" " " "
" X-4852,	" " " "	X-822	" " " "
" X-4853,	" " " "	X-823	" " " "
" X-4854,	" " " "	X-824	" " " "
" X-4855,	" " " "	X-812	" " " "
" X-4856,	" " " "	X-814	" " " "
" X-4857,	" " " "	X-815	" " " "
" X-4858,	" " " "	X-816	" " " "
" X-2806,	" " " "	X-2936	" " " "
" X-2807-A,	" " " "	X-2937	" " " "
" X-2808,	" " " "	X-2938	" " " "
" X-2809,	" " " "	X-2939	" " " "
" X-2810,	" " " "	X-2940	" " " "
" X-2811,	" " " "	X-2941	" " " "
" X-2812,	" " " "	X-2942	" " " "
" X-2793,	" " " "	X-2943	" " " "
" X-2794,	" " " "	X-2944	" " " "
" X-2795,	" " " "	X-2945	" " " "
" X-2796-A,	" " " "	X-2946	" " " "
" X-2797,	" " " "	X-2947	" " " "
" X-2798,	" " " "	X-2948	" " " "
" X-2799,	" " " "	X-2949	" " " "
" X-4101,	Manila #2, P. I.	X-2796-B, AGRS Maus. Manila	
" X-4102,	" " " "	X-2807-B,	" " " "

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

A. C. Kingsrva
 L. E. White
 J. Windsor

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

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X-2943 Unk P.I. X-814 (Manila #2)

HEADQUARTERS
PHILCOM ZONE
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

12 Dec 1949

Date

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains
TO : The Quartermaster
Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Memorial Division

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Captain, QMC
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26 January 1950

GRS Far East

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"	X-4857,	"	"	"
"	X-4858,	"	"	"
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"	X-2795,	"	"	"
"	X-2796-A,	"	"	"
"	X-2797,	"	"	"
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"	X-2799,	"	"	"
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			X-821	"
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			X-2948	"
			X-2949	"
			X-2796-B, AGRS Maus. Manila	"
			X-2807-B,	"

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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X 293 Unk P.I. 2-8/8 (Manila #2)