

AFFIDAVIT OF DOUGLAS KELDER

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF Washburn

DOUGLAS KELDER, being duly sworn, does hereby say, I am of lawful age and reside at N1037 Glendenning Rd., Shell Lake, WI 54871.

I am the son of Dr. Herman P. Kelder, DDS who was the older brother of Private Arthur H. Kelder

Prior to his death in 1995, my father recorded an audio taped oral history of the family history. I have listened to this tape and am certain that he made the recording as I recognize his voice and he mentions many things that only he would know.

This audio taped interview contains a statement that my father treated his younger brother by placing gold inlays in his teeth. This is consistent with my observation that it was his practice to place gold inlays in the teeth of most family members whom he treated, including myself. A number of dentists have remarked after examining my teeth that gold inlays are very unusual and not often seen.

I have reviewed the X-files pertaining to all of the unidentified remains recovered from Cabanatuan POW Cemetery grave 717 where my Uncle Arthur H. Kelder was buried, and only the tooth chart prepared for unknown X-816 (Manila #2) shows any gold inlays. The description of these gold inlays is similar to those in my teeth.

The X-file for unknown X-821 (Manila #2) is associated with my Uncle, Arthur H. Kelder, and contains an emergency contact address of 6807 Raven St, Chicago, Ill. The Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) pertaining to Arthur H. Kelder also contains a Cabanatuan Camp medical record and extract of the camp burial roster which both show his emergency contact address as 6807 Raven St, Chicago, Ill. This address on Raven Street is actually the address of my fathers dental office and where the dental records pertaining to Arthur H. Kelder would have been found.

The IDPF also contains correspondence between the US Army and my Grandparents, Herman P. and Julia Kelder, who lived at 6151 Newburg, Chicago, Ill, which was only a few blocks from the 6807 Raven Street address. I am certain that if the Army had requested copies of Private Arthur Kelders dental treatment records from either address they would have been promptly provided as it was my Grandparents fondest desire to have their Sons remains returned for burial in the family crypt.

Based on all the information available to me, I believe the remains currently identified as X-816 (Manila #2), currently interred in the Manila American Cemetery, are those of my Uncle, Arthur H. Kelder and I respectfully request that all records be amended to show

the proper identification. Further, I request that these remains be disinterred for further identification and returned to the family for burial.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of September, 2011.

Douglas Helber



Linda F. Furchtenicht 9/29/2011

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AFFIDAVIT OF RONALD KELDER

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF Will

RONALD KELDER, being duly sworn, does hereby say, I am of lawful age and reside at 5 Revere Court, Bolingbrook, IL 60440-1221

I am a cousin of Private Arthur H. Kelder and his older brother Dr. Herman P. Kelder III, DDS.

Due to health problems, Dr. Kelder was unable to attend a family reunion in July 1994. Since he was one of the oldest members of the Kelder family at the time, he recorded an audio history of his life which he talked of many things including his early schooling, early practice of dentistry and his military service. Also he spoke of doing dental work on his brother Bud's teeth (Arthur H. Kelder).

I have listened to this tape and am certain that the tape was made by Dr. Kelder as I recognize his voice and he mentions many things that only he would know. I transcribed this tape and maintained a copy in my family history files. Dr. Kelder died in 1995.

According to my files, Dr. Kelder said:

"...I got out of dental School in 1935..."

"By now the office was built, I bought good equipment and my practice was beginning to build. My brother was just marking time waiting to be drafted. I put gold inlays in his mouth where he previously had silver. I had to knock my brains out to pay for all that equipment".

Private Kelder, who the family called Bud or Buddy, was older than me, but I remember him well as our families lived near each other. I have no recollection that these gold inlays were visible when he smiled, which makes me think that they were toward the rear of his mouth.

I have reviewed the X-files pertaining to all of the unidentified remains recovered from Cabanatuan POW Cemetery grave 717 where Arthur H. Kelder was buried, and only the tooth chart prepared for unknown X-816 (Manila #2) shows any gold inlays. The description of these gold inlays is similar to what I would expect based on Dr. Kelder's audio tape and my recollection.

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The IDPF also contains correspondence between the US Army and his parents, Herman P. and Julia Kelder, who lived at 6151 Newburg, Chicago, Ill, which was only a few blocks from the 6807 Raven Street address. I am certain that if the Army had requested copies of Private Arthur Kelders' dental treatment records from either address they would have been promptly provided as it was his parents fondest desire to have their Sons' remains returned for burial in the family crypt.

Based on all the information available to me, I believe the remains currently identified as X-816 (Manila #2), currently interred in the Manila American Cemetery, are those of my Cousin, Arthur H. Kelder and I respectfully request that all records be amended to show the proper identification. Further, I request that these remains be disinterred for further identification and returned to the family for burial.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of October, 2011.

Ronald G. Kelder

Subscribed and sworn to me
this 7th day of October 2011,
before me personally appeared
Ronald G Kelder
by Cynthia U
Notary Public

