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SUPPLEMENTAL CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED IDENTIFIABLE

NININGER, Alexander R., Jr., 2nd Lt., O-23761
UNKNOWN X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I.
(Formerly X-1130, USAE Cem. Manila #2, P.I.)

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS IDENTIFIABLE

1. The following are additional findings and results of further investigation to support and supplement previous recommendation that the remains of UNKNOWN X-4685 be identified as those of 2nd Lt. Alexander R. NININGER, Jr., O-23761:

a. Letter from Herbert B. Maynard, dated 10 Sept. 1946, indicates that Lt. NININGER, Lt. Maynard, Lt. Kenneth Wilson, Lt. Compton, Lt. Green, and Capt. Meyer, casualties of the 57th Inf., were buried behind the south wall in Abucay Churchyard. (See Incl. 4).

b. OQMG Form 371 for Lt. NININGER was compared with available records of all the other Unknowns recovered behind the south wall in Abucay Churchyard with negative results. (See Incls. 5A, B & C).

c. UNKNOWN X-1359, a recovery from Cuitol 33rd Inf., P.S. Cemetery, Bataan, has been recommended for identification as that of Lt. David W. Maynard. (See Incls. 6A and B).

d. UNKNOWN X-1572, a recovery from an isolated grave at San Pedro St., Hermosa, Bataan, has been recommended for identification as that of Lt. Kenneth Wilson. (See Incls. 7A and B).

e. Capt. Meyer was a Known recovery from Mariveles Cemetery #3, Bataan, P.I. (See Incls. 8A and B).

2. With reference to paragraph 3, OQMG letter, file QMGMT 293, UNKNOWN X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I., 17 February 1949, subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased, the following are the findings which resulted in the reinvestigation to clarify the grave number in question. (See Incl. 2).

a. Original ROI for UNKNOWN X-4685 indicates the remains were disinterred from Grave 9, Soldiers Row, Abucay Cemetery. The Report of Disinterment indicates remains were disinterred 18 Jan 1946. (See Incl. 3A and B).

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b. Further search of records discloses a remains were recovered from Grave 9, Army Personnel Row, Abucay, Bataan, Luzon, P.I. The remains were identified as Pfc. Tranquilino Beles, 6738585, by means of a round tag found during disinterment. (See Incl. 9).

c. Dental record on OQMG Form 371 for Lt. NININGER does not compare favorably with dental chart for the remains recovered from Grave 9, Abucay Churchyard and identified as Pfc. Beles. (See Incls. 1 and 9B).

d. In view of the above, it is believed that remains of UNKNOWN X-4685 recovered from Grave 9, Abucay Cemetery, are those of Lt. NININGER. (See Incls. 10A and B).

3. In view of the facts mentioned above and favorably comparison of dental data stated in previous case history, it is recommended that the remains of UNKNOWN X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I. (Hanger 810, Bay B, Crypt 451), be identified as those of 2nd Lt. Alexander R. NININGER, Jr., O-23761.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: 29 April 1949

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/t/ JOHN W. WEAVER
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/t/ PAUL E. HEINEMAN
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/t/ WILBUR G. HOBBS
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SUBJECT: 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 identification be approved:

X-4685 as NININGER, Alexander J., Jr. 2nd Lt. 0-23 761
AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(BTB NININGER, Alexander R., Jr.)
(Formerly X-1130, USAF Cem. Manila #2, P. I.)

X-3005 as WALLS, William J. B. Pfc. 38 508 658
AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I.
(Formerly X-111, USAF Cem. Santa Barbara #1, P. I.)

2. The first of the above two cases was recovered 11 December 1945 as a BTB known. He was killed in action in the town of Abucay, Province of Bataan, 12 January 1942. Lt. Nininger was an officer of the 57th Infantry (PS) and was the first Medal of Honor winner in World War II. The second case is that of a 43rd Infantry Division casualty, KIA 17 January 1945, and originally interred in USAF Cemetery San Fabian No. 1, Luzon, P. I., on 22 January 1945 as Unknown X-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

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2 Incls:
Board proceedings

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UNKNOWN X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I.
(BTB NININGER, Alexander R., Jr.)
(Formerly X-1130, USAF Cem. Manila #2, P.I.)

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS IDENTIFIABLE

1. Time, place and cause of death of UNKNOWN X-4685 indicated on the ROI are in agreement with those of 2nd Lt. Alexander J. NININGER, Jr. indicated on OQMG Form 371. (See Incls. 1 and 2).

2. Information contained in a letter from A. R. Nininger, next of kin, states that 2nd Lt. Alexander J. NININGER, Jr. was buried in the churchyard of Abucay, Bataan, P.I., in a grave marked No. 9, which is in agreement with the place of recovery of UNKNOWN X-4685 (formerly interred at USAF Cem. Manila #2 as Unknown X-1130, BTB NININGER, Alexander R., Jr. (See Incls. 2, 4 and 6).

3. Branch of service, grade and organization listed on ROI and ROS for UNKNOWN X-4685 are in agreement with data indicated on OQMG Form 371 for 2nd Lt. Alexander NININGER, Jr. (See Incls. 1, 2 and 4).

4. Circumstances of death, recovery and burial of UNKNOWN X-4685 are in agreement with data on OQMG Form 371 for 2nd Lt. NININGER, Jr. (See Incls. 1, 2, 3, and 5).

5. Dental chart of UNKNOWN X-4685 shown on QMG Form 1044a compares favorably with that of 2nd Lt. Alexander NININGER, Jr. indicated on OQMG Form 371. (See Incls. 1 and 4).

6. It is recommended that the remains of UNKNOWN X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I. (Hanger 810, Bay B, Cypert 451), be identified as those of 2nd Lt. Alexander J. NININGER, Jr., O-23 761.

IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: 17 Dec. 1948

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