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# **ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

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FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY, HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS, AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Disinterment Recommendation for Common Grave 407, Cabanatuan Camp #1

Request your approval for disinterring the set of remains of Common Grave 407, Cabanatuan Camp #1, in the following graves located at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in Manila, Philippines.

Current Unknown Number	Unknown Number at Manila	Current Burial Location	
	Mausoleum		
X-1960 Manila #2	X-4538	Plot H, Row 11, Grave 107	
X-1961 Manila #2	X-4539	Plot B, Row 15, Grave 168	
X-2028 Manila #2	X-4540	Plot A, Row 8, Grave 60	
X-2029 Manila #2	X-4541	Plot A, Row 14, Grave 15	
X-2030 Manila #2	X-4542	Plot B, Row 5, Grave 138	
X-2031 Manila #2	X-4543	Plot N, Row 2, Grave 185	
X-2032 Manila #2	X-4544	Plot D, Row 14, Grave 159	
X-2033 Manila #2	X-4545	Plot D, Row 1, Grave 26	
X-3079 Manila #2	X-2450	Plot N, Row 8, Grave 151	

After reviewing the attached information provided with this request, I believe the Department of Defense threshold standard for disinterment is met and provide my consent to this request.

My point of contact for this request is Ms. Lisiane Valentine at (571) 372-5319 or

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Attachment: As stated

Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Director, Joint Staff Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Military Personnel and Quality of Life

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# **DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY** 2300 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-2300

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DISINTERMENT OF NINE WORLD WAR II UNKNOWNS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMON GRAVE 407 CABANATUAN CAMP #1 **CEMETERY** 

This memorandum is submitted in accordance with Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5110.10, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), dated January 13, 2017; Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, dated April 14, 2015; and Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness DTM-16-003, dated July 10, 2018.

This is a family-initiated request to disinter nine World War II Unknowns separately interred in the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial (MACM) and associated with Common Grave (CG) 407, Cabanatuan Camp #1 Cemetery. The family's request is attached as TAB A. As outlined in the enclosed Exhumation Memo (TAB B), my staff reviewed the relevant historical and biological evidence and found sufficient grounds to make an association. Of the twenty-six casualties associated with CG 407, historical and anthropological analyses reduced the number of unresolved casualties associated with CG 407 to nine. The Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) has Family Reference Samples (FRSs) on file for seventeen of the twenty-six total individuals, including all nine of the unresolved casualties. FRS requests have been submitted for the remaining individuals. Based on the totality of the historical and scientific evidence, it is more likely than not that an identification will be made as the result of disinterment.

Based on our comprehensive assessment of existing historical, anthropological, and dental records, and the current state of identification technology, DPAA assesses this project meets the threshold established for requesting disinterment of group unknown remains. It is more likely than not that at least 60 percent of the Unknowns associated with CG 407 can be individually identified using existing technology DNA FRSs, and the DoD can identify the remains within 24 months of disinterment. DPAA has received positive feedback from the Department of the Army (TAB C) supporting the DPAA recommendation to disinter. AFDIL has provided a memorandum of the applicable FRSs (TAB D).

Based on my review of the relevant information, to include input from AFDIL and the respective Service, I have concluded the standards in the stated references have been met. Accordingly, I recommend the nine Unknowns associated with CG 407 be exhumed from the MACM, and upon approval, DPAA will coordinate the disinterment with them.

My point of contact in this matter is Ms. Wendy Coble, at telephone 703-699-1419 or email address: wendy.m.coble.civ@mail.mil.

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Attachments: As stated



#### **DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY**

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

From: Camillia Rodgers, Historian, Indo-Pacific Directorate; Paul Emanovsky, Anthropologist;

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To: Scientific Analysis Director and Indo-Pacific Regional Director, DPAA

Subj: DISINTERMENT OF NINE UNKNOWNS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMON GRAVE

407 CABANATUAN CAMP #1 CEMETERY

# 1. Executive Summary

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) is recommending the disinterment of nine unknowns recovered from Cabanatuan Camp #1 Cemetery, Common Grave (CG) 407, for comparison with the nine unresolved U.S. casualties associated with this grave (Table 1). In November 2017, DPAA received an external family disinterment request to disinter the unknowns associated with remains originally buried in CG 407 for comparison with Private First Class (Pfc) David C. Hansen. Private First Class Hansen of the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) was reported to have died in the Philippine Islands as a Prisoner Of War (POW) on 28 June 1942. The nine unknowns proposed in this memorandum include United States Armed Forces (USAF) Cemetery Manila #2 Unknowns X-1960, X-1961, X-2028, X-2029, X-2030, X-2031, X-2032, X-2033, and X-3079. According to the reports of death, each of the unresolved casualties potentially associated with these unknowns died in the Philippine Islands as POWs on 28 or 29 June 1942. The "Cabanatuan Death Report" indicated that based on the casualties' recorded dates and times of death, they were buried in CG 407.

The Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) has Family Reference Samples (FRSs) for seventeen of twenty-six casualties originally associated with this common grave.<sup>2</sup> Requests for the remaining nine FRSs have been submitted. Based on our comprehensive assessment of existing historical, anthropological, and dental records, and the current state of identification technology, DPAA assesses this project meets the threshold established for requesting disinterment of group unknown remains. It is more likely than not that at least 60 percent of the Unknowns associated with CG 407 can be individually identified using existing technology DNA FRSs, and the DoD can identify the remains within 24 months of disinterment. Therefore, it is recommended that the unknowns associated with CG 407 be exhumed from the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial (MACM) for transport to the DPAA Laboratory for forensic analysis.

Table 1. Final List of U.S. Casualties Associated with Common Grave 407. Summary of Analytical Options for the Individuals

Name	Historical Analysis	Anthropological Analysis	Dental Analysis	Chest Radiograph*	FRS	Status
Agren, Harold O.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Resolved
Bartlett, Arnold L.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Bolton, Lewis B.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved
Bright, Jack R.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Resolved
Cavender, Robert B.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Chmielewski, Raymond V.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Resolved
Craig, Clement D.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Curd, Charles W.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved
Curry, John M.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Resolved
Duncan, William J.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Resolved
Eby, William E.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved
Edwards, Wade	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Garrison, Russell S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Hansen, David C.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved
Heggemeier, Paul A.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Resolved
Hudson, Isaac L.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Kintz, Frank J., Jr	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Kramer, Kenneth L.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved
Lynch, Condia	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved
Marx, Clyde F.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Mumford, William M.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Requested	Resolved
Nelson, Norman L. <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Resolved
Webb, Malcolm S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved
Williams, James R.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Resolved
Worley, Heber R.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved
Wrigley, Harry G.	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Unresolved

Green shade = line of testing has evidence present to support possible association, yellow shade = line of testing may become possible and/or may be probative.

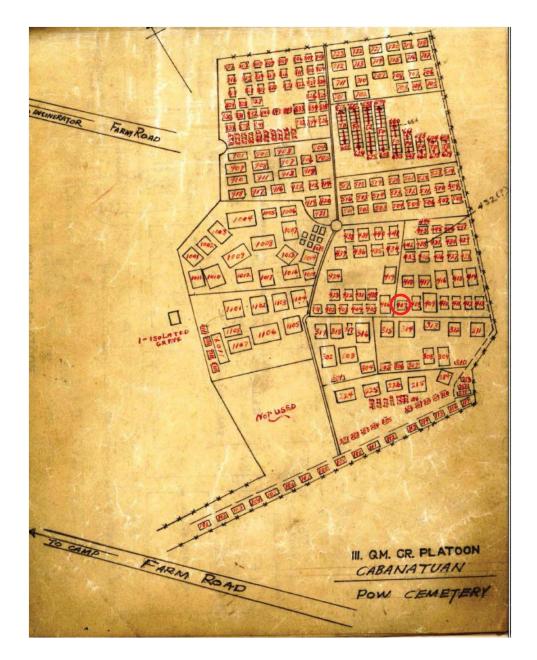


Figure 1. Map of Cabanatuan Camp No. 1 Cemetery created by the 111th Quartermaster Graves Registration Platoon in August 1945, with CG 407 circled in red.

### 2. Cabanatuan Camp #1

Cabanatuan Prison Camp—which was actually three separate camps—was located sixty miles north of Manila and several miles east of the city of Cabanatuan. Camp #1 was the largest camp for American POWs during the war (Figure 1).<sup>4</sup> Initially, Cabanatuan burial details interred all POWs who died within a given twenty-four-hour period in one mass grave. Between 3 June 1942 and 25 September 1942, one burial day was defined as occurring from noon on eday until the following noon. Between 26 September and 19 October 1942, a burial day occurred from 5:00 PM on one day to 5:00 PM the following day. Eventually, from 19 October

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1942 until the camp closed, a burial day occurred from midnight to midnight. Japanese guards at Cabanatuan did not initially allow POW burial details to erect markers on the shallow graves, nor did the captive Americans inter remains in any organized plot structure or particular order. Burial details were unable to record numerous deaths, burials, and graves during the camp's early months.<sup>5</sup>

Captain Robert E. Conn, a POW who served as Graves Registration Officer at Cabanatuan from November 1942 until 16 October 1944, created what is now known as the "Death Report, Cabanatuan." After August 1942, Japanese guards allowed the Americans to bury their dead in a systematic order; they also permitted them to erect grave markers. Record-keeping seemed to improve thereafter. Captain Conn interviewed POWs who had served on earlier burial details in an effort to obtain information about previous grave locations and burials. Successive investigations, both by POWs during the war and the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) after the Japanese surrender, had a difficult time locating and delineating the boundaries and burial dates of specific plots. Attempts to associate individuals reported to have died within a twenty-four-hour burial period with a specific grave revealed numerous inconsistencies and errors. Captain Conn believed that he could somewhat confidently confirm burial reports only from August 1942 onwards.<sup>6</sup> The numerous discrepancies in the documentary record have encouraged DPAA to pursue disinterment of all Cabanatuan unknowns, as was done in the USS *Oklahoma* case.

When the 111th Quartermaster Graves Registration Platoon disinterred Cabanatuan between December 1945 and March 1946, it discovered that the camp cemetery was situated in an area with a high water table. The condition of the remains, consequently, was extremely poor. Platoon members examined remains upon disinterment and created tooth charts. All remains were then moved to Manila #2, which was located twelve miles north of Manila.<sup>7</sup> From Manila #2, remains were transferred to the Manila Mausoleum and Central Identification Point (CIP) at Nichols Field, where AGRS personnel conducted further analyses and processed remains for a more permanent burial. There was evidence of some commingling among the remains, and investigators noted discrepancies between the graves from which resolved individuals had been identified and the graves in which they expected them to be interred based on the reported time of death.<sup>8</sup> When the Memorial Division rejected proposed identifications, or the AGRS concluded that the remains were unidentifiable, the AGRS permanently interred the unidentified Cabanatuan remains as unknowns in the MACM.<sup>9</sup>

#### 3. Common Grave 407

The "Cabanatuan Roster of Burials" records twenty-six casualties as being buried in CG 407 at the Cabanatuan POW Camp Cemetery (Table 2).<sup>10</sup> According to both the "Roster of Burials U.S. Military Cemeteries Overseas" and the "Cabanatuan Death Report," twenty-five of the twenty-six individuals died in Camp #1 between 12:10 PM on 28 June 1942 and 11:45 AM on 29 June 1942, and were originally reported as being buried in CG 407.<sup>11</sup> One of the casualties identified from the remains recovered, Private (Pvt) Russell S. Garrison, does not have a time of death recorded.<sup>12</sup> On that date, a burial day should have lasted from 12:00 PM one day, until 12:00 PM the next day. Based on this burial period, twenty-five of the twenty-six casualties' dates and times of death would associate them with CG 407. American Graves Registration Service officials indicated that twenty-five individuals were ultimately recovered from CG 407. Although Sergeant (Sgt) Norman Nelson's time of death at 11:45 AM on 29 June 1942,

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associated him with CG 407, his remains were reportedly recovered from CG 1009. His remains could not be individually identified. Therefore, graves registration officials identified him and another ten individuals from CG 1009 as a group, and buried them in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.<sup>13</sup>

The AGRS personnel were able to identify sixteen casualties from CG 407, but they could not identify the other nine. The nine unidentified remains were classified as USAF Cemetery Manila #2 Unknowns X-1960, X-1961, X-2028, X-2029, X-2030, X-2031, X-2032, X-2033, and X-3079. Unidentified remains were labeled with the name of a cemetery, an "X," and a number (see Table 3). The nine unidentified casualties expected to have been buried in CG 407, based on their time and date of death, are as follows: Pvt Lewis B. Bolton, Technician Fifth Grade (T/5) Charles W. Curd, T/5 William E. Eby, Pfc David C. Hansen, T/5 Kenneth L. Kramer, Pvt Condia Lynch, Corporal (Cpl) Malcolm S. Webb, Pvt Heber R. Worley, and Pvt Harry G. Wrigley. The AGRS was not able to associate these casualties with any other remains recovered from the Cabanatuan POW Camp Cemetery.

On 7 and 10 February 1946, AGRS personnel interred the nine associated unknowns from CG 407 in the USAF Cemetery Manila #2. In their 1946 review of the remains, graves registration personnel proposed name associations for two of the unknowns recovered from CG 407: X-2028 was believed to be Pvt Heber R. Worley and X-2032 was believed to be Pvt Harry G. Wrigley, although the dental for Cpl Malcolm S. Webb also compared favorably with X-2032. Nevertheless, a positive identification for the two unknowns could not be established at that time due to incomplete identifying data. The other seven unknowns could not be identified either, also due to the lack of sufficient identifying data.

The remains were disinterred again between 1947 and 1948, from the USAF Cemetery Manila #2, and were processed, examined, and stored at the Manila Mausoleum CIP. The AGRS personnel completed dental and skeletal charts at the Manila Mausoleum CIP for the nine unknowns. The AGRS examined the remains again in the subsequent years, but individual identifications could not be made. Correspondence dated 5 December 1949, from the chief of Memorial Division approved the recommendation that X-1960, X-1961, X-2029, X-2030, X-2031, X-2033, and X-3079, were unidentifiable by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data. Correspondence regarding X-2028 and X-2032, dated 14 November, approved the recommendation that positive identification of these two unknowns could not be established. Between 23 and 30 August 1949, cemetery personnel interred X-1960, X-1961, X-2029, X-2030, and X-3079 at the MACM. The following year, between 25 January and 14 February 1950, cemetery personnel interred X-2028, X-2031, X-2032, and X-2033 at the MACM.

### 4. Present Investigation

Current research has reviewed all available and relevant historical documentation for both unknowns and casualties, both resolved and unresolved, believed to be associated with CG 407; which include the unknown files, personnel records of the casualties, and archival documents providing a historical background for the burial and processing of remains from Cabanatuan. This research indicates that the twenty-six individuals in Table 2 should be considered as casualties potentially associated with CG 407. At this time, it is recommended that the initial casualty associations be limited to those correlated with CG 407, as the research does not directly suggest other casualty or grave associations with the unknowns presented here.

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Table 2. Casualties Associated with Common Grave 407. <sup>22</sup>					
Name	Service Number	Rank	Service	Common Grave	Status
Agren, Harold O.	O-381592	2d Lt	USAAF	407	Resolved
Bartlett, Arnold L.	11015710	Pvt	USAAF	407	Resolved
Bolton, Lewis B.	14029519	Pvt	USAAF	407	Unresolved
Bright, Jack R.	18029826	Pvt	USA	407	Resolved
Cavender, Robert B.	17030324	Pvt	USA	407	Resolved
Chmielewski, Raymond V.	39677368	Pvt	USA	407	Resolved
Craig, Clement D.	18010396	T/5	USAAF	407	Resolved
Curd, Charles W.	11009103	T/5	USAAF	407	Unresolved
Curry, John M.	W 2101050	CWO	USA	407	Resolved
Duncan, William J.	17030911	Pvt	USAAF	407	Resolved
Eby, William E.	19021222	T/5	USA	407	Unresolved
Edwards, Wade	39602557	Pvt	USA	407	Resolved
Garrison, Russell S.	39006535	Pvt	USA	407	Resolved
Hansen, David C.	16006593	Pfc	USAAF	407	Unresolved
Heggemeier, Paul A.	6856582	S/Sgt	USAAF	407	Resolved
Hudson, Isaac L.	6397156	S/Sgt	USAAF	407	Resolved
Kintz, Frank J., Jr	6583375	S/Sgt	USAAF	407	Resolved
Kramer, Kenneth L.	19016258	T/5	USAAF	407	Unresolved
Lynch, Condia	14047096	Pvt	USA	407	Unresolved
Marx, Clyde F.	16003014	Pfc	USA	407	Resolved
Mumford, William M.	11020601	Pfc	USA	407	Resolved
Nelson, Norman L.	19028268	Sgt	USA	1009	Resolved
Webb, Malcolm S.	15047087	Cpl	USA	407	Unresolved
Williams, James R.	20843487	S/Sgt	USA	407	Resolved
Worley, Heber R.	19057074	Pvt	USA	407	Unresolved
Wrigley, Harry G.	R-365177	Pvt	USA	407	Unresolved

Current research suggests that there are nine unknowns associated with Cabanatuan Camp #1 Cemetery, CG 407, which are interred under their Manila #2 unknown number in the MACM (Table 3). Review of the biological and dental evidence purported to be associated with these unknowns shows that there is a significant amount of potentially probative material available for anthropological and dental analyses.

Table 3. Present Burial Location of CG 407 Unknowns in the MACM. <sup>23</sup>				
Current Unknown Number	Unknown Number at Manila Mausoleum	Current Burial Location at MACM		
X-1960 Manila #2	X-4538	Plot H, Row 11, Grave 107		
X-1961 Manila #2	X-4539	Plot B, Row 15, Grave 168		
X-2028 Manila #2	X-4540	Plot A, Row 8, Grave 60		
X-2029 Manila #2	X-4541	Plot A, Row 14, Grave 15		
X-2030 Manila #2	X-4542	Plot B, Row 5, Grave 138		

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Table 3. Present Burial Location of CG 407 Unknowns in the MACM. <sup>23</sup>				
Current Unknown Number	Unknown Number at Manila Mausoleum	Current Burial Location at MACM		
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X-2031 Manila #2	X-4543	Plot N, Row 2, Grave 185		
X-2032 Manila #2	X-4544	Plot D, Row 14, Grave 159		
X-2033 Manila #2	X-4545	Plot D, Row 1, Grave 26		
X-3079 Manila #2	X-2450	Plot N, Row 8, Grave 151		

### 5. Summary and Conclusions

The AFDIL has FRSs for seventeen of twenty-six resolved and unresolved casualties originally associated with this common grave. Requests for the remaining nine FRSs have been submitted. Based on our comprehensive assessment of existing historical, anthropological, and dental records, and the current state of identification technology including the existence of DNA FRSs or other medical means of identification of at least 60 percent of the associated service members, DPAA assesses this project meets the threshold established for requesting disinterment of group unknown remains. It is more likely than not that the nine Unknowns associated with CG 407 can be individually identified using existing technology and the DoD can identify the remains within 24 months of disinterment. Therefore, it is recommended that the unknowns associated with CG 407 be exhumed from the MACM for transport to the DPAA Laboratory for forensic analysis.

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#### **Endnotes**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Roster of Burials U.S. Cemeteries Overseas," 13-14. Folder Title: 293 GRS Pacific (Cabanatuan), Chronological Listing of Graves; "Cabanatuan Death Reports, Prison Camps," 28. Folder Title: 293 GRS Pacific (Cabanatuan) Death Reports, Prison Camps (B). Record Group (RG 92): Entry 1894A, Box 619, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA II) College Park, Maryland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The FRS status was checked using the DPAA Family Reference Sample Tracker on 28 January 2019. There were originally twenty-six casualties believed to have been associated with CG 407, however, one casualty was identified from another grave, CG 1009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sgt Nelson was identified with remains from CG 1009 as part of a group burial. These remains are buried at Jefferson Barracks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Heather Harris and Lisa Beckenbaugh, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), "Casualties of Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp #1 and the history of their burials," 13 October 2005 (Revised 20 February 2014), 4–5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid., 7-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibid. 8-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ibid., 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ibid., 13-14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ibid., 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> "Cabanatuan Death Reports, Prison Camps,"28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> "Roster of Burials U.S. Cemeteries Overseas," 13-14, and "Cabanatuan Death Reports, Prison Camps," 28.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> John M. Neff, OQMG 319, "Burial Information," in Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) for Nelson Norman. RG 92: Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington National Records Center (WNRC) Suitland, MD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> John M. Weston, Jr., GRPZ 293.9, Headquarters, Philippines Command, United States Army, "Subject: Identification of Unknowns," 13 September 1949, in Unknown X-2032 Manila #2 File. RG 92: Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington National Records Center (WNRC) Suitland, MD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Ibid., Wilbur Hobbs, "(Extract Copy), Photostat Copy of Cabanatuan POW Camp Death Report," in IDPF for Lewis Bolton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> R.C. Barrett, WD QMC Form 1042, "Report of Interment," 9, 8 and 13 March 1946, in Unknown files X-1960, X-1961, X-2028, X-2029, X-2030, X-2031, X-2032, X-2033, and X-3079 Manila #2 file.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> T.H. Metz, 293 Unk- P.I. X-4540, (Maus. Manila) "Subject: Identification of World War II Deceased," 14 November 1949.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> J.J. McDermott, OQMC Form 1044, "Identification Data," 16 August 1949, in Unknown X-2033, X-2031, X-2030, X-2029, and 1960 Manila #2 file. J.J. McDermott, OQMC Form 1044, "Identification Data," 11 August 1949, in Unknown X-1961 and X-3079 Manila #2 file. J.J. McDermott, OQMC Form 1044, "Identification Data," 16 December 1949, X-2028 and X-2032 Manila #2 file

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> T.H. Metz, QMGMT 293, GRS Far East, "Subject: Approval of Unidentifiability," 22 December 1949; John Shypula, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, PHILCOM Zone, GSGR 293 (Cabanatuan POW) APO 900, "Subject: Unidentifiable Remains" 5 December 1949, in X-1960.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> John Shypula, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, PHILCOM Zone, GRPZ 293 (Cabanatuan POW), APO 900, "Subject: Unidentifiable Remains," 18 January 1950.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> "Disinterment Directive," 15 June 1948, in Unknown files X-1960, X-1961, X-2028, X-2029, X-2030, X-2031, X-2032, X-2033, and X-3079 Manila #2 file.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> "Chronological Listing of Cabanatuan Graves," 13-14. The FRS status was checked using the DPAA Family Reference Sample Tracker on 28 January 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Burial information derived from Manila #2 X-Files and "Department of the Army Office of the Quartermaster General: Electronic Accounting Machine Report," 15 August 1952.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The FRS status was checked using the DPAA Family Reference Sample Tracker on 28 January 2019.