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NAME COMPTON, John C.	GRADE 1st Lt	SERIAL NO. O-413 755
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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 13628	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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John C. Compton

0 413 755

N O K

Mrs. Goodwin Compton (Mother)
No Reveille
141 Devon Drive
Clearwater Beach, Florida.

For the see Major Ray's draft.

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

COMPTON, JOHN C

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

1LT

0413755

ARMY OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

11 JAN 42

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. Cox

9 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

KINKEAD

9 MAY 51

REMARKS

FILE UNDER NO. 293 - COMPTON, John C. (O-413,755)

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

LETTER

18 July 1947

FROM: OCMG

TO: CG, Philippine-Ryukyus Command, APO 707, c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.

SUBJ: Identification of Unknown Deceased

Reference is made to request for dental comparison of WD records of 1st Lt. David M. Maynard, O-384762, with Unknowns X-1051-2-4, X-1055-6 and X-3431, Manila No. 2, for possible identification.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - MAYNARD, David W. O-384,762

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

293 COMPTON, JOHN C. W

GRADE

1/LT

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

0-413755

ORGANIZATION

INF. 57th INF REGT.

RACE

White

CREED

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FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

Jan. 11, 1942

CAUSE OF DEATH

KIA

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Abucay P.I

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

70"

WEIGHT

155

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COLOR HAIR

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SHOE SIZE

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DENTAL CHART

APRIL 22, 1941

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

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NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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21 APR 1948
K. Hospital
S. M.

KdR.

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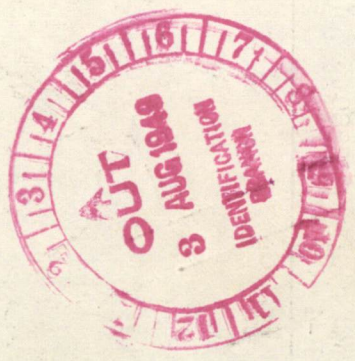
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Iden. Br. Search Info. Sec. Mackenburg	Navy Liaison	20 Jul 1949	<p>Request a check of Marine Corps records of John Clayton Compton for any dental work of record there. Subject decedent, an Army Officer when he died, was reported by his mother to have been in the Marine Corps 1935-1939.</p> <p>If any dental is available, request a photo-static copy of same, if possible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Rogers</i> Rogers 72000</p>
2	Navy Liaison Section Repat Br Mem Div	Search Info Sec Ident Br. Mem Div	28 July 49	<p>Attached herewith is copy of NavMed H-4 for COMPTON, John Clayton, Sgt., USMC, discharged 1939.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Well.</i> MARSDEN 76304 73880</p> <p>1 Incl. NavMed Form H-4</p>
				<p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON, D. C. AUG 3 1949</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FILE AUG 3 1949 Capt. G. W. Rogers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">293 Compton John Clayton 0-413755</p>

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
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JUL 29 1949



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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONE

GRPZ

APO 900
19 May 1950

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - ABUCAY CHURCHYARD, BATAAN
(Re: Alexander R. Nininger)

On 9 May 1950 in compliance with letter directive (Inclosure #1) and Special Orders # 30 this headquarters, dated 8 May 1950 (Inclosure #2) I departed AGRS at 0700 hours with twenty five (25) laborers and proceeded to Abucay, Bataan arriving there at 1430 hours. We spent the rest of the day making a temporary camp in the front of the churchyard and preparing to begin the exhumation the following day. Work was started in the area marked as Plot 2 on the sketch (Inclosure #3). Trenches were dug approximately four (4) feet deep and two (2) feet wide at three and a half (3½) feet intervals in all places which were not covered by concrete tombs. Where the soil was soft or showed signs of having been disturbed the excavation was deeper. In this plot the trenches were dug parallel to the south wall. Eighteen (18) partial remains were recovered and since nationality could not be determined in the field, permission was obtained to return all of them to the Central Identification Laboratory for processing by the Anthropologist to determine nationality and perhaps identity.

After recovery of the remains mentioned above we backfilled and improved Plot 2 and proceeded to Plot 3 as shown on the sketch (Inclosure #3). We first dug a long trench adjacent and parallel to the south wall and then dug trenches similar to those in Plot 2 except that we dug them perpendicular to the south wall. This was indicated because the burials in that area had been made parallel to the wall and by digging trenches perpendicular to the burials we were sure of contacting all remains therein. A great many remains were found in Plot 3 but all had been buried in native wooden caskets and most of them were remains of small children. All remains encountered were distinctly Mongoloid.

A resident of Abucay reported having seen four (4) Americans buried near the mango trees in Plot 4 so that area was also excavated and carefully screened. However, when no remains were encountered, the informant admitted that he probably was mistaken about the burial.

During the entire disinterment the only items recovered to

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - ABUCAY CHURCHYARD, BATAAN (CONTINUED)

indicate American nationality was a QM issue fork and several 30-caliber bullets. These items bore no connection to any of the remains found.

After exhausting all possibilities the entire area was levelled and grass and vines were collected and burned so that the churchyard presented a much improved appearance over that prior to this operation. We then returned to headquarters with the remains recovered from Plot 2 and with the understanding that after examination the remains which could not be identified as American would be returned to the churchyard and interred in a single grave. Several pictures of this operation are attached as Inclosure #4.

4 Incls

1. Memorandum dtd 5 May 50
2. AGRS SO #30
3. Sketch
4. Pictures

s/t/

OTTO H. KAUFMANN
DAC, CRC -8
Search & Recovery Officer

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONE

APO 900

GRPZ

26 April 1950

SUBJECT: Reinvestigation of Abucay Churchyard

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

1. In compliance with the provisions of 2d indorsement to letter file QMGMP 293 GRS Far East, subject: "Identification of World War II Deceased" (Alexander R. Nininger), dated 28 November 1949, an investigator was sent to Abucay, Bataan for the purpose of making an accurate scale drawing of the Catholic churchyard and to formulate a plan for a detailed excavation of those portions thereof which fall within the general area indicated on Inclosure #6 of the basic correspondence.

2. The investigator discovered that the church had been completely destroyed during the war and that only recently has its rehabilitation been attempted. The church itself has been re-roofed and is now in use although all other portions of the installation remain in ruins. As indicated by the sketch attached as Inclosure #1, the churchyard may be divided into four (4) general portions as follows:

(1) Size: Approximately 260' x 72'. Front churchyard which is now used as a basketball court.

(2) Size: Approximately 108' x 72'. That portion which lies inside the ruined five foot wall between the bell tower and a wall which strikes the church at approximately its midpoint. Several concrete tombs are within this area some constructed long before the war and others after the war. In this relatively small area there are several depressions which might indicate the presence of graves. One such depression is used as a disposal pit for rubbish which has been collected from the church.

SUBJECT: Reinvestigation of Abucay Churchyard

(3) Size: Approximately 84' x 204'. Includes the enlarged portion of the yard on the southwest corner which also contains areas where concrete tombs have been erected both before and since the war. In addition there are in this area numerous mounds suggesting graves and many depressions where excavations may have been made.

(4) Size: Approximately 138' x 258'. The north side of the church has been cultivated with two crops per year - corn and peanuts- since the war and there are no marks which would indicate the presence of graves.

3. In view of the fact that a doorway leads from the interior of the church into Plot 2 as described above, that area is considered the most likely burial spot for remains during time of war. However, since Plot 3 shows definite signs of burial, and since it lies within the area indicated in Inclosure #6 of reference letter, it must also be subjected to investigation.

4. Clearance has been obtained from the church officials and from municipal authorities to proceed with the detailed excavation of all areas in Plots 2 and 3 not now covered by concrete tombs. This mass excavation will commence on or about 2 May 1950. Temporary camp will be pitched in the rear of the churchyard and employees of AGRS-PZ will remain on the site until the work is finished. Sufficient technically qualified personnel will be sent to Abucay to insure that when remains are encountered they may be examined to determine nationality. All remains which suggest American nationality will be transported to the Central Identification Laboratory for detailed examination.

5. A complete report of the results of this excavation will be forwarded immediately after its conclusion. If in the meantime information can be obtained from informants which will limit the effort to any one plot of the churchyard, it will greatly simplify the effort.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

I Incl
Sketch

/s/t/ FRANK M. GREEN JR.
Major OMC
Assistant Adjutant

RESTRICTED

PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED

PRIORITY

FROM: CO USMILPORT MANILA PI FROM CO AGRS#PZ
TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC FRO OQMG
INFO: CINCPAC, COMGENAF 13
NR: R 5043 GRPX

I JUNE 50

Detailed excavation of Abucay churchyard, Bataan completed in connection with search for remains of Second Lt Alexander R. Mininger. 18 remains recovered fr area investigated determined mongoloid by anthropologist. Details to be fwdd airmail I June. Absence of further infor for search indicates nonrecoverable action appropriate now.

ACTION: QMC

CM IN 4673

(1 Jun 50)

DTG 010100z wk/5

COPY

HQ PACIFIC AIR SERVICE COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Staff Chaplain
APO 323

18 April 1946

Lt. Dorman
Memorial Branch
AFWESPAC
APO 707

Dear Lieut:

Enclosed is letter received at this Headquarters. In our telephone conversation you requested this letter.

We would appreciate return of this letter when you are finished with it. We would also appreciate any information you can furnish us on the recovery of this body.

FRED L. ZIMMERMAN
Chaplain (Capt) USA
Asst Staff Chaplain

CASE No 5384

PXXO 293 (26 Apr 46) 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS, Base X, AFWESPAC, APO 358, 27 Apr 1946.

TO: Commanding Officer, Quartermaster Service, Base X, APO 358.

For appropriate action and compliance with basic communication.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL HODSON:

1 Incl: n/c

L. R. DAUPHIN
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

BASIC: Ltr fr Hq AFWESPAC dtd 26 Apr 46, file GSQMM 293, subj: "Recovery of Personnel"

PXQMA 293)26 Apr 46) 2nd Ind.
QUARTEMASTER SERVICE, PHIBCOM, APO 358, 12 June 1946

DEC/rna

TO: Commanding Officer, PHIBCOM, APO 358

1. In compliance with basic communication, an investigation was conducted in an effort to recover remains of 1st Lt John C. Compton, O-413755.

2. Remains were recovered from area around the Abucay Catholic Church which are believed to be those of Lt Compton.

3. Area sketch, report of investigation and report of reinterment for Unknown X-3431 are forwarded herewith.

FOR THE QUARTEMASTER:

4 Incls:
Incl 1 - n/c
Incl 2 - ROR (in dup)
Unknown X-3431 (Compton,
John C)
Incl 3 - Report of Investigation
Incl 4 - Area Sketch.

DARYL E. CRAIG
1st Lt, QMC
Adm Officer

BASIC: Ltr, Hq AFWESPAC, APO 707, dtd 26 Apr 46, sub: Recovery of Personnel, 1st Lt John C. Compton.

PCXFO 293 (26 Apr 46) 3d Ind

HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE BASE SERVICE COMMAND, APO 358, 17 Jun 1946.

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO 707.

4 Incls: n/c

G. H. C.

CASE NO 5386

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSQMM 293

APO 707
S: 26 Jun 46
26 Apr 46

SUBJECT: Recovery of Personnel

TO : Commanding Officer, Base X, United States Army Forces Western Pacific, APO 358

1. Your attention invited to inclosure.
2. Desire this headquarters be advised if remains of deceased mentioned in inclosure were removed from isolated burial as indicated and reinterred in a USAF Cemetery.
3. Further desire if the above has not been accomplished that action be taken to investigate and remove remains of 1st Lt John C. Compton, O-413755 to USAF Cemetery Manila #2 with Report of Interment rendered with return of this correspondence.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:

1 Incl:
Ltr fr Chap Fred L. Zimmerman,
dtd 18 Apr 46, w/incl.

FRANK J. KLEAGER
1st Lt., Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen.

CASE No 5386

4548
@MGT 293

1st Ind

HBM/PRN/

Unknown X-4685

GRS Mausoleum Manila, P.I.

(X-1130, USAF Manila #2, P.I.)

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES COMMAND, APO 900

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

1. The case of 1st Lt. Alexander R. Niningger, Jr., O-23 761, is currently being reinvestigated simultaneously with the cases of the other officers reported buried behind the South Wall of the Abucay Church.

2. Your attention is invited to inclosed copy of letter from the father of Lt. David Maynard, one of the officers buried together with Lt. Niningger in the Abucay churchyard.

3. With reference to Par. 3, basic letter, a further study of the case of Lt. Niningger resulted in the conclusion that the grave locations are the same; ~~and~~ hence, it is believed unnecessary to conduct a search in the aforementioned locality inasmuch as several searches have already been made and that Bataan Area has been closed to search. *operations*

in that vicinity

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

L Incl

~~1~~ Incl ¹ - w/d

~~2~~ Added ² - Cpy ltr dtd 10 Sep 46

cc: Ident Sec

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

QMGMT 293
Unknown X-4685
GRS Mausoleum Manila, P.I.
(X-1130, USAF Manila No. 2, P.I.)

17 February 1949

SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF UNKNOWN DECEASED

TO : Commanding General
Philippine Command
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

ATTENTION: AGRS, PHILCOM ZONE

1. Reference is made to Board Proceedings for Unknown X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum Manila P.I., formerly X-1130, USAF, Cemetery Manila No. 2, P.I., dated 8 December 1948, recommending the identification of these remains as 1st Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, Jr. O-73 761.
2. A review of the case reveals that the estimated height for these remains is not in agreement with Army Records for Lt. Nininger. Although dental comparison is not unfavorable, other remains recovered with X-1130 from this vicinity also reveal favorable dental characteristics which could be associated with Lt. Nininger.
3. Information furnished this Office by father indicates that Lt. Nininger was interred in grave nine behind the south wall of the Abucay Church. Remains of X-1130 were recovered from grave nine, Soldiers Row, Abucay Cemetery. It is requested that this Office be advised whether these locations are the same.
4. In the event that these grave locations are not similar, it is requested that the area behind the south wall of the Abucay Church be investigated in an effort to recover the remains of 1st Lt. Nininger, O-23 761.
5. Revised OQMG Form 371 for subject deceased is enclosed as an aid to identification. Board Proceedings are suspended.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl: OQMG
Form 371 (in dup)(Nininger)

s/t/ T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

C-Q-P-Y

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CASUALTY REPORT
(BATTLE - DEATH)

DATE: 20 October 1945

1. Name: COMPTON, John C. Grade: 2nd Lt. ASN 0-413755

Arm or Service: INF Organization: 57th Inf Regt

By Whom Employed: _____
(For Civilian Casualties Only)

2. Type of Casualty: KIA

3. Date of Casualty: 12 January 1942

4. Place of Casualty: Abucay, P.I.

5. In Flying Status: Unknown

6. Entitled to Additional Pay for: Unknown

7. Emergency Addressee:

Name: Unknown Relationship: _____

Address: _____
(St & No or RFD) (City or Town) (State)

8. Source of Information: Death Roster of Chaplain Scecina, unsigned.

9. Remarks: No ASN listed on reference. Listed on reference as "1st Lt".

Promoted from 2nd Lt to 1st Lt Per Par 22, SO No. 106, Hq. USAFFE, dated
24 December 1941. (Copy attached)

References: File 999-1-26, Page 40.

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REGRADED UNCLASSIFIED:

Authority.....TAG

Per.....OBI

By: *Charles R. Whelan 24 St. JMC*

21 March 1950

WESPAC, OOL, #97

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

U-4508
CASE No. 5386

AIRMAIL

CH # 5386

QMOMS 293

1st Ind

Compton, John C.

SN O 413 755

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Dental Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 5 August 1949

TO: Commanding General, Philippine Command, APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California, Attn: AGRS, Philcom Zone

1. Inclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of NavMed H-4 for John Clayton Compton, O-413755, who served an enlistment in the Marine Corps.

2. There are no further Army Dental records available for subject deceased.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
Photo cy NavMed H-4

T. H. Metz
T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division



NAVY SURVEILLANCE DIVISION
U.S. NAVY
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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH
O. O. M. G.

AIR MAIL

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY

GSGR 293

APO 707
8 JUL 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Dental Information

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

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1. The remains of UNKNOWN X-1671, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I., are believed to be those of 1st Lt. John C. Compton, O-413755. However, the dental chart for the remains indicates fillings on several teeth, while the dental chart on OQMG Form 371 for subject officer does not indicate any filling.

2. It is requested that this Headquarters be furnished all available dental information for Lt. Compton in order to facilitate the resolution of subject case.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

John A. Marszal
JOHN A. MARSZAL
1st Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

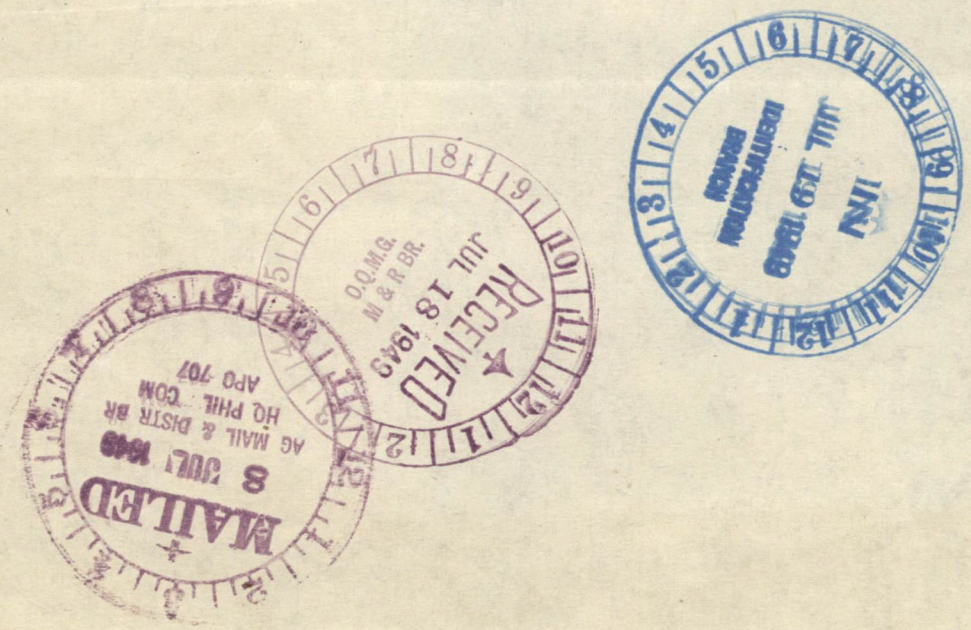
Request for Additional Data, etc.

The Department of Agriculture
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.
Technical Division

The following information is being furnished to you for your information and for the information of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture.

FOR THE CHIEF OF BUREAU

PRN



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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

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GRADE

1/LT

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0-413753

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TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10 Jan 1942
Abucay

Case # 5386

KLR

Case #327

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONE

13628
14 Apr 50

APO 900
21 March 1950

CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE

COMPTON, John C.
1st Lt O-413 755

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE

1. Attached OQMG Form 371 reveals that 1st Lt. John C. Compton, O-413 755, was killed in action at Abucay, Bataan, Philippine Islands, on 11 Jan. 1942.

2. Information available relative to subject officer indicates that his remains were possibly buried in the Abucay Church site as there were fourteen (14) graves recovered in the spot. Unknown X-1671, recovered from this burial site, was believed to be associated with Lt. Compton, but after a meticulous examination of these remains (Unknown X-1671) by the AGRS Anthropologist at the Central Identification Point, AGRS Mausoleum, Nichols Field, Manila, P.I., said remains could not be positively identified as being those of subject decedent.

3. Investigation reveals the following information:

a. No record of burial is on file in this Hq. relevant to subject decedent.

b. The final area search and recovery operations conducted by American Graves Registration Service Search and Recovery teams in the Philippine Islands have been completed. Administrative check of records in this office, however, fails to reveal the remains of subject officer as having been recovered as a "known" from applicable search area.

c. Identification data for all applicable "unknowns" recovered from Abucay and Bataan Province, have been compared with the identifying data on the attached OQMG Form 371 in an effort to associate same with subject officer, but the results were negative.

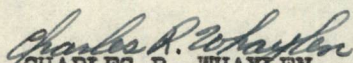
4. Findings and recommendations are based on all information presently available.

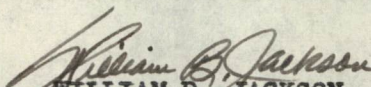
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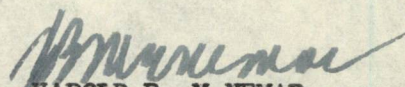
John C. Compton 1st Lt. O-413 755

5. It is recommended that the remains of 1st Lt. John C Compton, O-413 755, be considered non-recoverable and that all records pertaining to search for and recovery of his remains be closed.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: 21 March 1950


CHARLES R. WHAYLEN
2d Lt. QMC
O-2 014 511
Recorder


WILLIAM B. JACKSON
Capt. QMC
O-1 283 967
Member


HAROLD B. McNEMAR
Capt. QMC
O-507 074
Member

att basic
Ltr 7/26/46

BASIC: Ltr, Hq AFWESPAC, dtd 26 Apr 46, Subj: Recovery of Personnel,
1st Lt. John C. Compton

293 *293 Compton, John C. 413755*

GSQMM 293 4th Ind. CHD/enj.
HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, AREA COMMAND
PACIFIC THEATER, APO 707, 21 June 1946

TO : The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Your attention invited to enclosed report of investigation concerning recovery of Unknown X-3431 believed to be 1st Lt. John C. Compton, O-413755. *Infantry* *293*

2. Request your records of above named deceased be checked against information submitted with enclosed true copy of Report of Interment and tooth chart and this headquarters advised.

Lee M. Hester
LEE M. HESTER
Colonel, OMC
Commanding Officer

- 4 Incls: Orig. w/d
Incl 1 - Cpy of Rpt of Investigation, dtd 21 May 46
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM April 27, 1942.

SUBJECT: Report of death.

To: The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Full name: *John Clayton Compton*

Date and place of birth: *September 19, 1911.*

Serial number: *0-413755.*

~~Social Security number:~~ *On extended active duty in the Philippine Department.*

Grade or rank and organization: *First Lieutenant.*

Arm of service: *Infantry, Army of the United States.*

Date and place of death: *January 11, 1942, in the Philippine Islands.*

Cause of death: *KILLED in ACTION.*

Home address: -----

Emergency address: -----
(name, relationship & address)

Beneficiary address: -----
(name, relationship & address)

Date of enlistment or acceptance of commission: -----

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The Adjutant General.

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COMPTON, John Clayton
O-413755

18 July 1947

Address Reply To:
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Col. Goodwin Compton, Retired
141 Devon Drive
Clearwater Beach, Florida

Dear Col. Compton:

It is with reluctance that I write to you about your son,
1st Lt John Clayton Compton, O-413755, who lost his life in the
Philippine Islands.

There has been forwarded to this office a burial form for a
deceased member of the Armed Forces with certain identifying informa-
tion which leads us to believe the remains might possible be those of
your son. A dental chart was included with the burial report showing
fillings. This work was apparently performed by a civilian dentist.

It would be of the utmost value to this office if you can secure
from the civilian dentist who treated the decedent, a copy of the chart
which is usually retained by him as a matter of record, and which usually
shows work performed for each patient.

Please use the inclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no
postage, in order to expedite delivery.

Sincerely yours,

Incl: *JS*
Envelope

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



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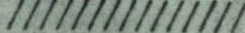
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COMPTON, John Clayton 1st Lt
ASN O-413755

15 December 1947

Mrs. Frances B. Compton
141 Devon Drive
Clearwater Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Compton:

Acknowledgement is made of your recent letter.

Your early reply is greatly appreciated and this office wishes to thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, OMC
Memorial Division

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ARMY OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director

12 December 1947

Mrs. Frances H. Capton
141 Devon Drive
Oxewater, Bacon, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Capton:

Acknowledgment is made of your recent letter.

Your early reply is greatly appreciated and this office wishes

to thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER C. HOFFBLAND
Major, G-2
Special Division

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293 - Speers, Thomas, 2/Lt, O-890172

1. It is requested that the case of 2/Lt Thomas Speers be reprocessed concurrently with those of Lt Cheaney Lt Wininger, Lt Greene, Lt Wilson, Lt Compton, and Lt Maynard, since Lt Speers was killed in the same area and the same time as the other decedents.

2. Information recently received pertaining to Lt Cheaney may have a great bearing on the above mentioned decedents.

3. Request this Section be notified of the final resolution on all cases involved.

Incls s/t/ LAY CAUFFMAN
n/c 73472 73472

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Comparison of dental charts and a thorough analysis of the facts pertaining to the Unknown Remains recovered from Abucay Cemetery and subject deceased, have been made with negative results.

8 Incls NEFF s/ FISHER for
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1. File Compton, 74059
John G.
2. File Speers, Thomas
3. File Snock, Claude C.
4. File Maynard, David W.
5. File X-1130 Manila #2
6. File Green, Arthur W.
7. File Wilson, Kenneth L.
8. File Wininger, Alexander J. Jr.

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WD OJMG Memorial Division, Washington, D. C.

The Adjutant General's Office
World War II Records Administration Center
4300 Goodfellow Blvd
St. Louis 20, Missouri

Immediate Action

QJMG 293
Unknown X-3431
Manila #2, P. I.

29 July 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

It is requested that the Dental Identification Records of 1st Lt. John C. Compton, O-413755, Infantry be forwarded this office at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Assistant

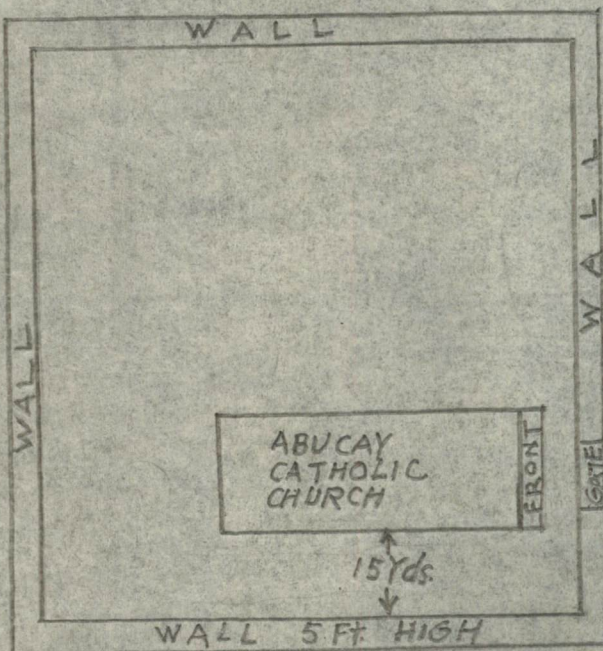
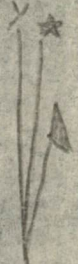
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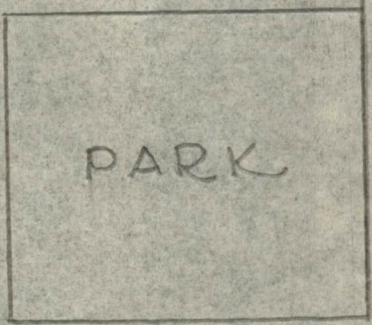
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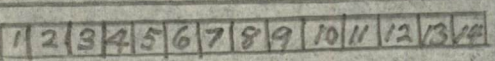
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Grave No. Contents of Graves

- 1 - Juan M Lopez (P.S.) -1320529
- 2 - Mamer?? G Castro (P.S.)-1030052?
- 3 - Capt H. A. McCurdy - 0-28378
- 4 - Unkn Amer (X-166)
- 5 - Pastor Sunga (P.S.)-686333
- 6 - Pedro Obsioma (P.S.)-10303858
- 7 - Olipas S Belen (P.S.)-10303697
- 8 - Pablo Lingan (P.S.)-10306274
- 9 - Tranquillino Beles (P.S.)-6738585
- 10 - Alipio (P.S.)-6739114
- 11 - Unkn Phil Scout (X-50)
- 12 - Diescoro Paz (P.S.)-10305124
- 13 - Unkn Phil Scout (X-51)
- 14 - Unkn Phil Scout (X-52)

Map Ref: Balanga, P.I.
 H1440-H12030/10
 Scale 1:50,000
 Sheet 3255-II
 Grid Coor: - 27.3 - 81.2

TRUE COPY:

C. H. DORMAN
1st Lt., QMC

CASE No 5386

HEADQUARTERS
PLAT 609TH QM GRAVES REGISTRATION CO
APO 75

21 May 1946

SUBJECT: Interrogation.

1. Name of Deceased: UNKNOWN AMERICAN (X-166)
2. Location of burial:
 - a. Name of Locality: Abucay Churchyard, Abucay, Bataan, Luzon, P.I.
 - b. Coordinates: 27.3 - 81.2
Balanga, P.I., N1440-E12030/10 Scale 1:50,000
 - c. Map Reference: Sheet No. 3255-II
3. Method of determining identity:

All these soldiers were brought here and buried in this row sometime in January 1942. All of them were Philippine Scouts, except two, who were American soldiers. The American soldiers who were with those who buried the deceased told me that these soldiers were killed at Abucay Hacienda, where the Americans and Filipinos were holding against the Japanese.

NOTE: This unknown American is one of two American soldiers recovered from the Abucay Churchyard. One of them was identified by dog tag as Capt H. A. McCurdy. Found with this unknown American were one insignia with inscriptions "Verus Et Fidelis Semper", and 1 pistol holster.

4. Other information:
 - a. Date of Death: January 1942
 - b. Cause of death: KIA
 - c. Persons who buried remains: American and Filipino soldiers
5. Grave marked with regulation cross: (Yes) (No)

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Lorenzo Hernandez
/t/ LORENZO HERNANDEZ
(Signature of Informant)
Abucay, Bataan, Luzon, P.I.
(Address)

/s/ Abie Abraham
/t/ ABIE ABRAHAM M/Sgt USA
(Signature of Interrogator)
4th Plat 609th QM Graves Regis Co, APO 75
(Address)

TRUE COPY:

G H DORMAN CASE NO 5386
1st Lt. QMC

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609th QM
GR Co.

1. Investigation of this case was continued. A native, Mr. Lorenzo Hernandez of Abucay, Bataan, who witnessed the burials in the graves in question, was able to segregate the army personnel graves from civilian and other graves. Under his direction, all graves in the army personnel row were disinterred. The following were found.

a. All graves in this row, 14 in all, contained Philippine Scouts, except graves nos. 3 and 4 (see sketch atchd). Grave no. 3 contained remains of an American who was identified by an identification tag found with remains as Capt H. A. McCurdy, O-28378, while grave no. 4 contained remains of an unknown American (Unknown American X-166). These two are the only American soldiers buried in this cemetery, hence it is highly probable that the unknown American is Lt John C Crompton. Found with remains of this unknown American were an insignia with inscriptions "Verus Et Fidelis Semper", and a pistol holster. Tooth chart is possible.

2. Several graves in the other sections of the cemetery were also dug up, but no more army personnel was found, thereby substantiating testimony of informant that all army personnel were interred in the row mentioned in par 1 above.

3. Attached hereto are sketch of cemetery and interrogation Sheet on Unknown American X-166, signed by Mr. Lorenzo Hernandez of Abucay, Bataan.

ALBERT J NEACHAM, 1st Lt., QMC
Tel-Warehouse 609th

Incls:
Added as cited in
par 3 above

TRUE COPY:

G. H. DORMAN
1st Lt., QMC

CASE No 5386

BASIC: Ltr, Hq AFWESPAC, dtd 26 Apr 46, Subj: Recovery of Personnel,
1st Lt. John C. Compton

GSQMM 293 4th Ind. CHD/enj.
HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, AREA COMMAND
PACIFIC THEATER, APO 707, 21 June 1946

TO : The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Your attention invited to enclosed report of investigation concerning recovery of Unknown X-3431 believed to be 1st Lt. John C. Compton, O-413755.

2. Request your records of above named deceased be checked against information submitted with enclosed true copy of Report of Interment and tooth chart and this headquarters advised.

LEE M. HESTER
Colonel, QMC
Commanding Officer

- 4 Incls: Orig. w/d
Incl 1 - Cpy of Rpt of Investigation, dtd 21 May 46
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CASE No: 5386

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE AREA COMMAND
PACIFIC THEATER
APO 707

21 June 1946

Capt Fred L. Zimmerman
Headquarters, Pacific Air
Service Command
Office of the Staff Chaplain
APO 323

Dear Sir:

With your added information an investigation has been made for the remains of Lt. Compton. The recovery of an Unknown American was made, who, however, cannot be positively identified by this headquarters as Lt. Compton.

The complete information concerning this unknown has been forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General, who will notify the next of kin if the evidence points conclusively that this unknown is Lt. Compton.

This headquarters appreciates your forwarding of the helpful information.

Sincerely,

CHRIST H. DORMAN
1st Lt., QMC
Assistant

CHD/enj.

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QMGMF 293
Compton, John C.
SN O 413 755

13 August 1951

Mrs. Goodwin Compton
No Reveille
141 Devon Drive
Clearwater Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Compton:

This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your son, the late First Lieutenant John C. Compton.

The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your son was killed in action, January 1942 in the vicinity of Mabatang and Abucay, Philippine Islands. The records further indicate that you have been informed that the remains of your son were brought to the churchyard in the town of Abucay where they were buried.

The Graves Registration Service of the Army conducted extensive investigations in the vicinity of Mabatang and Abucay in an attempt to recover and identify the remains of your son. The most recent investigation in the Abucay Churchyard was conducted during May 1950. At this time, a recovery party disinterred the entire area within the walls of the Abucay Churchyard not occupied by buildings or concrete memorials. No American remains were discovered during this most recent investigation. During previous investigations in this area, a row of graves established during the war were disinterred. These graves contained the remains of two Americans and twelve Philippine Scouts. Each of these remains have been identified. It is believed that these graves which were located just outside the south wall of the Abucay Churchyard between the wall and the river bank are the graves which were reported as having been seen by American personnel on the death march.

In an attempt to resolve the conflicting information concerning the reported burial of your son's remains at Abucay, the persons reported to have witnessed the interments or believed to have any information concerning them were contacted either by letter or by telephone. While some information was obtained from some of these persons, it did not lead to the recovery of the remains. During the course of telephone conversations with some of the survivors, it was brought out that considerable enemy action had taken place in the vicinity of the Abucay Church and that the building and surrounding area was subjected to heavy artillery firing

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both during the time it was in the hands of our forces and after its capture by the Japanese. It was also brought out that in many instances the Japanese Forces desecrated the graves of American soldiers and particularly those who had been actively engaged in the defense of American positions. Also graves were opened in the hopes of finding American equipment and ammunition which might have been interred with the remains.

The death roster prepared by Chaplain Secina has been studied, however, it does not contain the burial location of the remains of any of the individuals whose service he is reported to have conducted.

All unknowns recovered from the general area of Mabatang and Abucay have been processed by accredited technicians utilizing advanced scientific and technical procedures to obtain the most accurate information possible concerning these unknowns. The information obtained as a result of this processing was compared with the information on file with the Department of the Army for your son. However, no association was possible between any of these unknowns and your son because of the difference in dental and physical information.

Having considered all the factors in this case: the contradiction with regard to the actual place of interment, the shelling of the church and surrounding areas, the desecration and opening of graves by Japanese Forces, the intensive investigations conducted in the area and inability of Graves Registration Service of the Army to locate the remains of your son, it has been determined that his remains are nonrecoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is regretted that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH Philcom, Abucay, Bataan, P. I.	CASE NUMBER 13628
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Compton, John C.	RANK 1st Lt	SERIAL NUMBER 0-413 755
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

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Identification Branch

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Miller</i>	

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER 13628 (1)
AREA OR ZONE(S)
Philcom

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **Compton, John C.** RANK **1st Lt** SERIAL NUMBER **0-413 755**

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Individual Case

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH DECEASED RECORDS EXISTING RECORDS OF DEATH	INITIALS OF ANALYST
A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>ABK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>ABK</i>
ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>ABK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>ABK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		<i>ABK</i>

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

None

Abucay, Bataan, Philippine Islands

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4 MAY 1951

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Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST *A. Kennedy*
A. Kennedy/cwt CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt OMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Capt OMC
		<i>5 May 51</i>

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONE

SPECIAL ORDER)
NUMBER 12)

APO 900
28 February 1950

1. In accordance with ltr Hqs OTAG file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", CINCPAC radio CX59238 dtd 18 March 48 and par 59h, TM 10-281, the following Officers, 8131st SU (AGRS-PZ) APO 900, are aptd as Board of Officers for the purpose of reviewing and acting upon all cases referred to the Board pertaining to identity of unknown remains, finalizing disinterment discrepancy reports, and to review and determine in all cases, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board within the PHILCOM Zone, AGRS:

MEMBERS OF BOARD

Major	Glenn A. Lee	0-23792	Cav	President
Capt.	Harold B. McNemar	0-507074	QMC	Member
Capt.	William B. Jackson	0-1283967	QMC	"
1st Lt.	Wilbur G. Hobbs	0-887555	Inf	"
1st Lt.	John Shypula	0-1307091	Inf	"
2nd Lt.	Charles R. Whaylen	0-2014511	QMC	Recorder

BY ORDER OF MAJOR TYLER:

OFFICIAL:

John Shypula
JOHN SHYPULA
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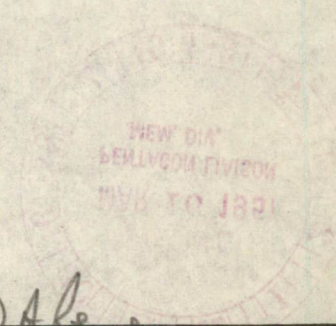
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FROM (Branch and Section) IDENTIFICATION	REQUESTED BY E. Venezky	TEL. EXT. 73650	ROOM NO. BL446
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) COMPTON, John C.	RANK 1st Lt	SERIAL NUMBER 0-413755 ✓	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Request available physical and dental data.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Attached herewith a TWX containing dental & physical for John C. Compton, O-413 755.



PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

D.A.R.
D. A. RENNER (P)
MAJOR, QMG
ON PENTAGON LIAISON

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION MEMORIAL DIVISION

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THE REQUESTED DATA MUST BE AVAILABLE

INFORMATION REQUESTED

OTHER AGENCIES SHOULD BE ADVISED

APPROVED FOR FURNISHING

Attached herewith a TMX containing dental & physical for John D. Compton, O-418 785.



PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION MEMORIAL DIVISION

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION MEMORIAL DIVISION

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July 21st 1942

MRS. GOODWIN COMPTON
NO REVELLE
141 DEVON DRIVE
CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA

G.M. & M.L. 293
Compton John Clayton
O 413 755

The Quartermaster General,

Dear Sir:- I am just in receipt
of your letter to Colonel Compton,
who passed away earlier August 22,
in reference to my son ¹⁹³ John Clayton
Compton, O 413 755 who lost his
life in the Philippine Islands.

I am afraid I cannot be of any help
about the dental chart - Being an
Army child I don't think he ever
had dental work by a civilian -
The only thing I know was one
front tooth was damaged in football
game -
trying to
get dental
work -
M. J. O'Connell
Identities

MRS. GOODWIN COMPTON
NO REVELLE
141 DEVON DRIVE
CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA

So she never had to be removed, and
the filling was from the back -
This was probably done at the
Post Hospital Fort Queaha Nebraska -
and ^{there} Major Milburn was the
Dental Officer while we were
stationed there - I do not know
of any other dental work, as
he had beautiful teeth,
Mayhan had some work done
while serving as a dentist in
Marine Corps - from 1935 to 1939 -
at Mare Island and about
A.S.S. Indianapolis -

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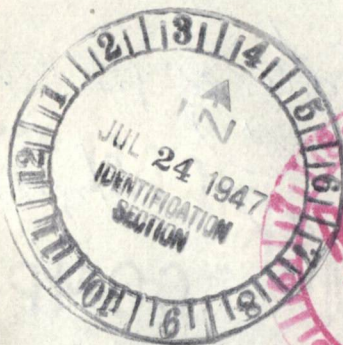
I have made previous effort
through friends in the Philippines,
since the reoccupation, to have them
check and see if they could find
any son gran - Which Colonel
George S. Clarke - Boy A Sta C
Atlanta, Georgia waste was
was. behind the south wall of
the church in Abucay - marked
with wooden cross - But no results
I sincerely hope the boy can be
identified. And properly entreated
then - where he fell -

MRS. GOODWIN COMPTON
NO REVELLE
141 DEVON DRIVE
CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA

Colonel Compton and I discussed
the matter on, when the woman
to bring the bodies home. Stated.
And decided we would rather
have him stay there -
Sorry I can't give you any
more information - But I
just don't know -

Sincerely

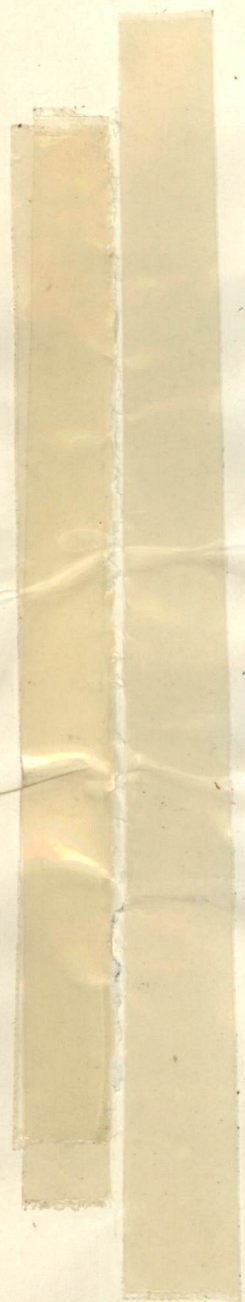
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I N D E X S H E E T

S Y N O P S I S

29 July 1946.

MEMO.

FROM: OCMG.
TO: AGO, WW II Records Admin Center, St. Louis, Mo.
RE: Identification of Unknown deceased.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

April 27, 1942.

SUBJECT: Report of death.

To: The Quartermaster General,
 Washington, D. C.



Full name:..... John Clayton Compton

Date and place of birth:..... September 19, 1911.

Serial number:..... 0-413755.

~~Social Security number:~~..... On extended active duty in the Philippine Department.

Grade or rank and organization:..... First Lieutenant.

Arm of service:..... Infantry, Army of the United States.

Date and place of death:..... January 11, 1942, in the Philippine Islands.

Cause of death:..... KILLED in ACTION.

Home address:..... - - - - -

Emergency address:..... - - - - -
 (name, relationship & address)

Beneficiary address:..... - - - - -
 (name, relationship & address)

Date of enlistment or
 acceptance of commission:..... - - - - -

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 Major General,
 The Adjutant General.

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FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

BUREAU ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

AG 201 COMPTON, JOHN CLAYTON
(4-23-42) OG.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

APRIL 23 1942

COLONEL GOODWIN COMPTON RETIRED

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CLEARWATER BEACH FLORIDA

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY THAT YOUR SON FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN CLAYTON COMPTON UNITED STATES ARMY WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS JANUARY ELEVENTH NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY TWO STOP DELAY IN REPORTING FACTS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY WAR CONDITIONS STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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CASUALTY MESSAGE

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL - MEMORIAL DIVISION.

COLONEL FITZGERADD - ROOM 2076.

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DENTAL RECORD

(To be filled in by the dental officer)

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COMPTON

(Surname)

John Clayton

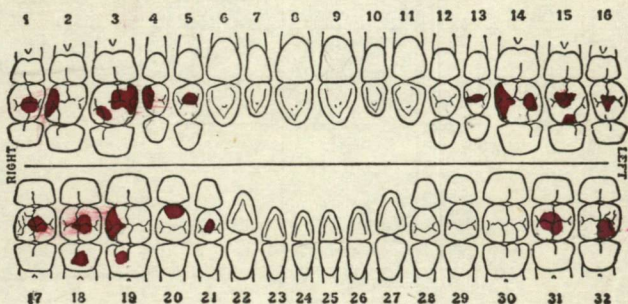
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Born: Place Leavenworth, Kans. Date 9-19-11

INSTRUCTIONS

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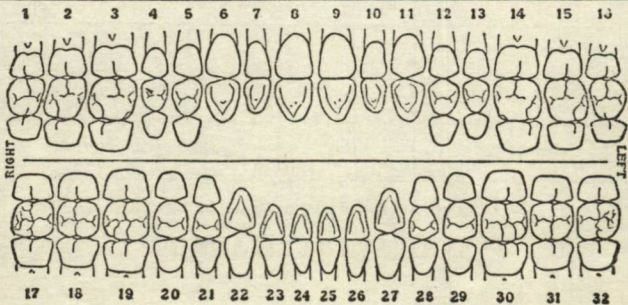
RECORD OF FIRST DENTAL EXAMINATION



REMARKS: _____

6-21-35 /s/ H. J. Lehman
(Date and signature of examining dental officer)

RECORD OF SUBSEQUENT DENTAL OPERATIONS



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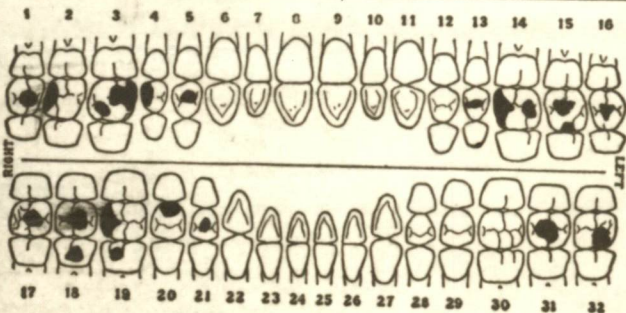
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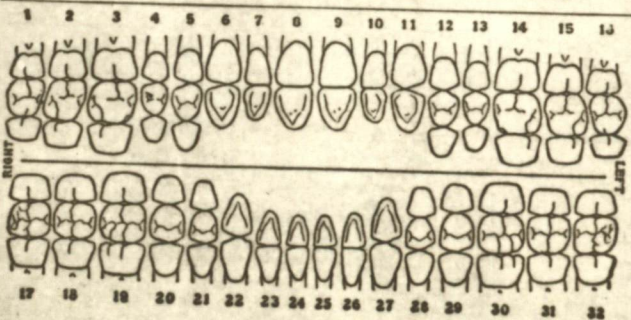


REMARKS: _____

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(Date and signature of examining dental officer)

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This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your SON, the late FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN C. COMPTON.

The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your SON was killed in action, January 1942 in the vicinity of Mabatang and Abucay, Philippine Islands. The records further indicate that you have been informed that the remains of your SON were brought to the churchyard in the town of Abucay where they were buried.

The Graves Registration Service of the Army conducted extensive investigations in the vicinity of Mabatang and Abucay in an attempt to recover and identify the remains of your SON. The most recent investigation in the Abucay Churchyard was conducted during May 1950. At this time, a recovery party disinterred the entire area within the walls of the Abucay Churchyard not occupied by buildings or concrete memorials. No American remains were discovered during this most recent investigation. During previous investigations in this area, a row of graves established during the war were disinterred. These graves contained the remains of two Americans and twelve Philippine Scouts. Each of these remains have ^S been identified. It is believed that these graves which were located just outside the south wall of the Abucay Churchyard between the wall and the river bank are the graves which were reported as having been seen by American personnel on the death march.

In an attempt to resolve the conflicting information concerning the reported burial of your SON'S remains at Abucay, the persons reported to have witnessed the interments or believed to have any information concerning ^{them} ~~the interment~~ were contacted either by letter or by telephone. While some information was obtained from some of these persons, it did not lead to the recovery of the remains. During the course of telephone conversations with some of the survivors of ~~the action in the vicinity of Abucay~~, it was brought out that considerable enemy action had taken place in the vicinity of the Abucay Church and that the building and surrounding area was subjected to heavy artillery firing both during the time it was in the hands of our forces and after

its capture by the Japanese. It was also brought out that in many instances the Japanese Forces desecrated the graves of American soldiers and particularly those who had been actively engaged in the defense of American positions. Also graves were opened in the hopes of finding American equipment and ammunition which might have been interred with the remains. ^A The death roster prepared by Chaplain Secina has been studied, however, it does not contain the burial location of the remains ^{any of} of the individuals whose service he is reported to have conducted.

All unknowns recovered from the general area of Mabatang and Abucay have been processed by ~~an~~ accredited technicians utilizing ~~the~~ advanced scientific and technical procedures to obtain the most accurate information possible concerning these unknowns. The information obtained as a result of this processing was compared with the information ^{on} file with the Department of the Army for your son. However, no association was possible between any of these unknowns and your son because of the difference in dental and physical information.

Having considered all the factors in this case; the contradiction ^a with regard to the actual place of interment, the shelling of the church and surrounding areas, the desecration and opening of graves by Japanese Forces, the intensive investigations conducted in the area and inability of Graves Registration Service of the Army to locate the remains of your son, it has been determined that his remains are nonrecoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, ^{it is regretted} ~~I regret to inform you~~ that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

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FOR MAJ. SEKOWSKI QM LN RM 1D684 PENT URMSG 54 18 MAY ON JOHN C COMPTON
0413755 NO RECORD FOUND OF FRACTURES OR BREAKS

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FOR OAJ RENNER QM LIAISON RM 1D684 PENT URMSG 54 19 MAR ON JOHN C
COMPTON 0413755 HEIGHT 70 INCHES ALSO SHOWN AS 70 1/2 INCHES ~~WEIGHT~~
153 1/2 LBS ALSO SHOWN AS 155 LBS HAIR BLACK EYES BROWN COMPLEXION
RUDDY FRAME MED SHOE SIZE 9 BORN 19 SEP 11 RACE WHITE WDAGO FORM 63
22 MAY 41 TEETH MISSING RIGHT 8 FORMS 79 NOT FOUND

AIR MAIL

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY

GSGR 293

APO 707

8 JUL 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Additional Dental Information

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

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1. The remains of UNKNOWN X-1671, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I., are believed to be those of 1st Lt. John C. Compton, O-413755. However, the dental chart for the remains indicates fillings on several teeth, while the dental chart on OQMG Form 371 for subject officer does not indicate any filling.

2. It is requested that this Headquarters be furnished all available dental information for Lt. Compton in order to facilitate the resolution of subject case.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOHN A. MARSZAL
1st Lt. AGD
Asst Adj Gen



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Compton, John C.

SN O 413 755

SUBJECT: Request For Additional Dental Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 5 August 1949

TO: Commanding General, Philippine Command, APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California, Attn: AGRS, Philcom Zone

1. Inclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of NavMed H-4 for John Clayton Compton, O-413755, who served an enlistment in the Marine Corps.
2. There are no further Army Dental records available for subject deceased.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Photo cy NavMed H-4

T. H. METZ

Lt. Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

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