

FILE IDENTIFICATION TOPPER

FILE NO.	NAME (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
293	CHEANEY, IRA B. JR.	1/Lt	023965

CONGRESSIONAL


6/29/85

Dear Mr. Manning:

Thank you very much for sending a copy of the file concerning my uncle, Alexander R. Nininger, Jr.

Please send a copy of the pertinent part of the ^{classified} 293 file for CHEANEY, IRA B., Jr; 1st Lt. O-23965 which contains "additional information" on my uncle. If there is a classified file regarding my uncle I would appreciate that as well.

Again, thank you.


John Alexander Patterson
1645 Parkcrest Circle, #201
Reston, VA 22090

NININGER, A. R. JR
1 LT O 23761

CHEANEY, IRA B JR
1 LT O 23965

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Green, Arthur W.

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 husband, the late FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR W. GREEN.

The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your husband was killed in action, ¹² 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 husband 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 husband. 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 husband'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. ^{of} The death roster prepared by Chaplain Secina has been studied, however, it does not contain the burial location of the remains 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 ^{husband} ~~son~~. However, no association was possible between any of these unknowns and your ^{husband} ~~son~~ because of the difference in dental and physical information.

Having considered all the factors in this case; the ^a 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 husband, 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 husband's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CASUALTY REPORT
(BATTLE - DEATH)

DATE: 20 October 1945

1. Name: GREEN, Arthur W. Grade: 2nd Lt. ASN 0-395411

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. Promoted from 2nd Lt to 1st Lt per
Par 22, SO No. 106, Hq USAFFE, dated 24 Dec 41. (Copy attached)

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

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Authority TAG
Per OBI

By: Charles R. Whaylen ⁹ H. J. Mc
28 March 1950

WESPAC, OCM, #97

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PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED

PRIORITY

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

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Detailed excavation of Abucay churchyard, Bataan completed in connection with search for remains of Second Lt Alexander R Nininger. 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

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(1 Jun 50)

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3 Fin Det Ident Sec 7 Dec
Section Ident Br 50
Ident Br Men Div
Men Div Attn: J.
Fisher

293 - Speers, Thomas, 2/Lt, O-990172

1. It is requested that the case of 2/Lt Thomas Spears be reprocessed concurrently with those of Lt Cheaney Lt Nininger, Lt Greene, Lt Wilson, Lt Compton, and Lt Maynard, since Lt Spears 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.

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s/t/ LAY
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4 Ident Sec Final Det 26 Mar
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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

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s/ FISHER
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1. File Compton, John C. 74099
2. File Spears, Thomas
3. File Smock, Claude C.
4. File Maynard, David W.
5. File E-1130 Manila #2
6. File Green, Arthur W.
7. File Wilson, Kenneth L.
8. File Nininger, Alexander J. Jr.

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1 Final DetId Sec 26 Apr Re: Case No. 13,659
Section Attn: Mr 1950
Kazup

1. Reference is made to attached copy of Board Proceeding and 293 file for Green, Arthur W., 1/Lt, O 395 411.

2. As indicated by conversation with Mr. Kazup on 21 April 1950, there exists a possibility of association of Lt Green with X-1130, Manila #2, Philippine Islands, or with other unknowns which may be recovered as a result of further investigation of burial in the Abucay Catholic Churchyard, Abucay Bataan.

3. Request this section be advised, upon completion of your investigation. Action to process Findings of Non-Recoverability has been suspended pending your advice, and return of 293 file.

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2 Incl

1. 293 file
Green, Arthur W.
2. Cy of Bd Proceedings

2 ^{lbj} Id Sect Final 28 Apr
Id Br Det Sec 1950

1. The Field has been requested to reinvestigate and excavate the Abucay Churchyard by a 2nd Indorsement, dated 24 March 1950, a copy of which is attached.

2. To date no reply has been received, however follow-up action will be taken to expedite the resolution of this case. Your section will be advised when a reply has been received.

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3. Cy 2nd Ind dtd
24 Mar 50

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AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293 1st Ind
Green, Arthur W.
SN - O-395411
SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 28 February 1949

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

1. In compliance with request made in basic communication, submitted herewith is information copy of OQMG Form 371 for Second Lieutenant Arthur W. Green, O-395411.

2. A thorough search of records this Office fails to reveal information on Captain Meyer but does show a casualty by the name of Captain Adolph E. Meier, O-377045, who might possibly be the man in question. Forwarded herewith is OQMG Form 371 in duplicate for subject decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

3 Incls:
Incl 1 n/c
Added 2 Incls
Incl 2 OQMG Form 371 (info cy)
Incl 3 OQMG Form 371 (in dup)

T. H. METZ
Lt. Col. QMC
Memorial Division

QMGMT 293

2d Ind

GRS Far East

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 24 March 1950

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

1. The reinvestigation recently conducted by your headquarters, as narrated in your 1st indorsement, has been carefully considered, however, a question of a complete and comprehensive search and recovery operation in the exact area indicated on the drawing of the Abucay Churchyard, (Incl #1), remains doubtful. The statement and drawing submitted to this Office by Lt Col John W. Raulston are clear and unquestionable. He states that Chaplain Secina "established a little graveyard in a plot of ground within the five foot wall around the church". This information agrees in every detail with statements received from other persons who were present at Abucay and who are now in the U. S. Paragraph 1, sub-paragraph 5 of 1st indorsement states that "(14) remains were recovered from Abucay Churchyard". These fourteen graves containing 2 Americans and 12 Philippine Scouts were located outside of the five foot wall around the churchyard and therefore were not within the churchyard. The difference between these two locations is clear and they cannot be collectively designated within the churchyard.

2. The resolution of this case is further dependent upon the information furnished to the next of kin of the officers involved. Fellow officers who survived and have returned to the U.S. have presented to the NOK a clear picture of interment in the Abucay Churchyard.

3. In view of the above, it is requested that a search and recovery team be dispatched to the Abucay Churchyard and that an extensive excavation of the location marked on inclosure 6 be undertaken. It is further requested that an accurate drawing be made of the churchyard and that the area excavated be accurately marked. In view of the numerous requests made to this Office by NOK, it is also requested that every attempt be made to expedite the above, and forward to this Office the results of your investigation.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

7 Incls: n/c

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

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QMGMF 293

Green, Arthur W.

SN O 395 411

13 August 1951

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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 husband'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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cc: DPRB

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



QMGMF 293
Green, Arthur W.
SN O 395 411

13 August 1951

Mrs. Margarita C. Green
2008 Panhandle Boulevard
Richmond, California

Dear Mrs. Green:

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 husband, the late First Lieutenant Arthur W. Green.

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AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293
Green, Arthur W.
SN - 0-395411

1st Ind

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 28 February 1949

TO: Commanding General, Philippine Command, APO 707, c/o Postmaster,
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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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- Incl 1 n/c
- Added 2 Incls
- Incl 2 OQMG Form 371 (info cy)
- Incl 3 OQMG Form 371 (in dup)

T. H. METZ
Lt. Col. OMC
Memorial Division

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copy filed for 293 Meier Adolph E (0-377045)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY

GSGR 293

AFPO 707

SUBJECT: Request for Information

28 DEC 1948

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

1. Attention is invited to paragraph 4 of attached copy of letter, dated 10 September 1946, from Mr. Herbert Blair Maynard.
2. Information available this office reveals that the only casualty that can be associated with Lieutenant GREEN mentioned in paragraph 4 of attached inclosure, is Second Lieutenant ¹⁷³ Arthur W. GREEN, Serial Number 0-395411, 57th Infantry, a casualty in Abucay, Bataan, P. I., on 12 January 1942, for whom there is no record of burial.
3. It is requested that this office be furnished OQMG Form 371 for Second Lieutenant Arthur W. GREEN, and for any other casualties by the name of GREEN in the Bataan Area.
4. A thorough search of records this office fails to reveal information on Captain MEYER, also mentioned in paragraph 4 of inclosure.
5. If records your office indicate a casualty by the name of MEYER or a similar name, it is further requested that information be furnished this office, together with OQMG Form 371 and any additional data which may aid in identification proceedings.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
As stated

NORMAN L. QUIGG
CWO,
Asst Adj



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
POSTAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR
OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Pentagon Liaison
14 JAN 1949
MEM. DIV. OUMG

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

April 30, 1942.

SUBJECT: Report of death.

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

Full name: Arthur Wallisor Green

Date and place of birth: February 2, 1915.

Serial number: 0-395411.

~~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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MEMORIAL DIVISION



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Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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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.

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, CEC -8
Search & Recovery Officer

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:

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Sketch

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

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM-	3 TO-	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Final Det Section	Id Sec Attn: Mr Kazup	26 Apr 1950	<p>Re: Case No. 13,659</p> <p>1. Reference is made to attached copy of Board Proceeding and 293 file for Green, Arthur W., 1/Lt, O 395 411.</p> <p>2. As indicated by conversation with Mr. Kazup on 21 April 1950, there exists a possibility of association of Lt Green with X-1130, Manila #2, Philippine Islands, or with other unknowns which may be recovered as a result of further investigation of burial in the Abucay Catholic Churchyard, Abucay Bataan.</p> <p>3. Request this section be advised, upon completion of your investigation. Action to process Findings of Non-Recoverability has been suspended pending your advice, and return of 293 file.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fisher</i> DEWESE 73472</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>JCP</i> PETERSON 73216</p> <p>2 Incl 1. 293 file Green, Arthur W. 2. Cy of Bd Proceedings</p>
2	Id Sect Id Br	Final Det Sec	28 Apr 1950	<p>1. The Field has been requested to reinvestigate and excavate the Abucay Churchyard by a 2nd Indorsement, dated 24 March 1950, a copy of which is attached.</p> <p>2. To date no reply has been received, however follow-up action will be taken to expedite the resolution of this case. Your section will be advised when a reply has been received.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>JMM</i> NEFF 2462</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Windsor</i> WINDSOR 74158</p> <p>3 Incls 2 Incls n/c 1 Incl added 3. Cy 2nd Ind dtd 24 Mar 50</p>

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Sept. 10, 1946

Major General T. B. Larkin
Quartermaster General
War Dept.
Washington D. C.

In re: QMGYG 293
Maynard, Lieut David W.
SN O 384 762
Distinguished Service Cross
and Purple Heart

Memorial Division

Dear Sir:-

1. We received a letter from your office stating that they had no record of the burial place of my son which certainly was surprise. We have waited five years for information confirming reports from other sources as to his grave.

2. For your information a quotation from Col George S. Clarke of the 67th Infantry.

"Davids remains were brought back to the Church in the town of Abucay, Province of Bataan, P. I. Five of my brave young officers were buried on that same day in that same Church Yard. Chaplain Scecina performed the burial rites.

3. For your personal information, David is buried in Grave #6 behind the South Wall of the Abucay Church, in the Churchyard."

4. This letter was practically been confirmed by Maj. Franklin O Anders also of the 57th Infantry. I quote Maj. Anders,

"In the first four days we lost your son, Lt. David Maynard, Lieut Ken Wilson, Lt. Compton, Lt. Green, Lt. Nininger, and Capt Meyer.

Father Scecina conducted Services at the graves of American Officers killed at Mabatang in the Abucay Church Yard."

I know the Church at Abucay was destroyed, but boys who came back from the prison camps, state that on the death march they saw five or six graves with markers at the Abucay Church.

I believe these facts will give you something to work on. Mrs. Maynard requested a information pamphlet (The Gold Star Mothers received some copies) which your office was reluctant to send, I suppose they are reserved for a few, but not for all Gold Star Mothers.

Cordially,

Herbert Blair Maynard

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY

GSGR 293

APD 707

SUBJECT: Request for Information

28 DEC 1948

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

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2. Information available this office ²⁹³ reveals that the only casualty that can be associated with Lieutenant GREEN mentioned in paragraph 4 of attached inclosure, is Second Lieutenant Arthur W. GREEN, Serial Number 0-395411, 57th Infantry, a casualty in Abucay, Bataan, P. I., on 12 January 1942, for whom there is no record of burial.

3. It is requested that this office be furnished OQMG Form 371 for Second Lieutenant Arthur W. GREEN, and for any other casualties by the name of GREEN in the Bataan Area.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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As stated

Norman L. Quigg
NORMAN L. QUIGG
CWO, USA
Asst Adj Gen



Re: X-1671 Mems. & other Abucay Unks.

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY

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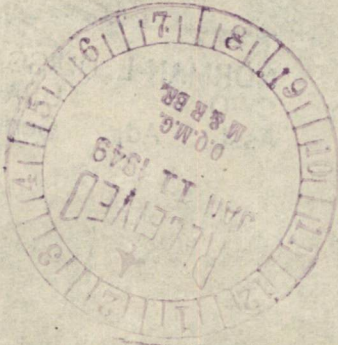
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29 FILE		DATE ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Green, Arthur W. <small>code 9</small>		1/Lt	0-395411	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
57th Inf (PS)	W	—	—	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

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Green, Arthur W.

GRADE

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PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

0-395411

ORGANIZATION

57th Inf (PS)

RACE

W

CREED

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FORMER SERIAL NUMBER
(If Applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

DATE OF FOD

12 Jan 42

CAUSE OF DEATH

KIA

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

P.I.

HEIGHT

5'7 1/2"

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Green, Arthur W.

1ST LT

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12 JAN 42

KILLED IN ACTION

ABUCAY, P.I

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Pentagon Liaison
28 OCT 1948
MEM. DIV. OQMG

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Green, Arthur W.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>0-395411</i>		GRADE <i>1st Lt</i>
HEIGHT <i>5ft 7 1/2 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>174 lb</i>	COLOR EYES <i>not of Rec</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>not of Record</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>Record</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>Jan 11, 42</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
57 Inf (P. S.)

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Killed in Action in Philippine, Islands

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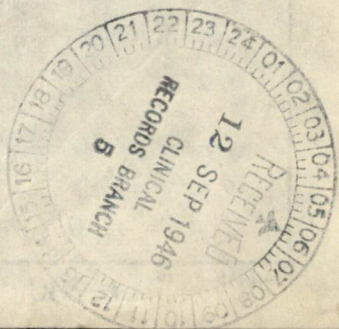
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE 28 August 1951	
FROM (Branch and Section) Regis., Correspondence	REQUESTED BY E. Puthorosky	TEL. EXT. 54428	ROOM NO. 2515-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) E-K Green, Arthur W. (WW II)	RANK 1/LT ³	SERIAL NUMBER DOB * 2 Feb 15 0-395 411	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Current address of widow - Letter with following address returned:
and marital status

Mrs. Margarita C. Green
2008 Panhandle Boulevard
Richmond, California

INFORMATION FURNISHED

XC - 3 047 461
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DO - Oakland, California

Widow remarried 11-24-43.

Current address of widow:
Mrs. Margarita C. Cunha
4129 F Penniman Ct.
Oakland, California

No other information available.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature) *S. Gibbs* (Sik)

S. Gibbs
Major, OMC
OM Pentagon Liaison

MEMORIAL DIVISION

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Current address of which - list of which following address return:

Mr. ...
1000 ...
Washington, D.C.

REGISTRATION
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PENTAGON LIAISON
MEM. DIV.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMF 293
Green, Arthur W.
SN O 395 411

13 August 1951

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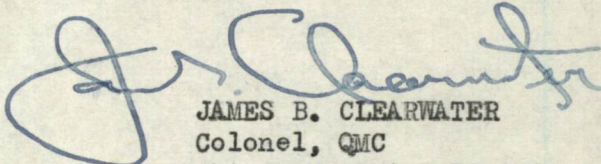
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Sincerely yours,


JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, OMC
Chief, Memorial Division



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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18 September 1951

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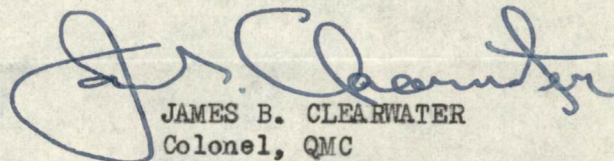
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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
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APG 900
19 May 1950

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 th only items recovered to

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CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE

GREEN, Arthur W.
1st Lt. O-395 411

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE

1. Attached OQMG Form 371 reveals that 1st Lt. Arthur W. Green, O-395 411, was killed in action on 12 Jan. 1942 in the Philippine Islands. Several statements attached hereto, reveal that subject officer was presumed to have been killed at Mabatang and buried in the Abucay Church Yard, Abucay, Bataan Province, Luzon, P. I.
2. Remains from this area were disinterred by American Graves Registration Service Search and Recovery teams and brought to the Central Identification Point, AGRS Mausoleum, Nichols Field, Manila, P.I. for research and processing. However, a study of all remains from this area failed to positively identify any of the recovered remains as being those of 1st Lt. Green. It is impossible to ascertain that the remains of subject decedent were buried in said spot because there is no record of burials in that area.
3. Investigation reveals the following information:
 - a. There is no record of burial for subject decedent in this office that would indicate his remains were ever interred in any burial site under the jurisdiction of this Hqs.
 - 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 Zones.
 - c. Identification data for all "unknowns" recovered from applicable search areas 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 currently available.

CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE (Cont'd)

GREEN, Arthur W.

1st Lt. 0-395 411

5. It is recommended that the remains of 1st Lt. Arthur W. Green, 0-395 411 be considered non-recoverable and that all records pertaining to search for and recovery of his remains be closed.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

20 March 1950

Charles R. Whaylen
CHARLES R. WHAYLEN
2nd Lt., QMC
0-2 014 511
Recorder

William B. Jackson
WILLIAM B. JACKSON
Captain, QMC
0-1 283 967
Member

Harold B. McNemar
HAROLD B. McNEMAR
Captain, QMC
0-507 074
Member

Front

GREEN, ARTHUR W. O-395411 2nd Lt.
Name Last First Middle ASN Rank

57th Inf Regt.

Organization Religion

Abucay

12 January 1942

Place of Death Date of Death

Place of Burial Date of Burial

Grave No., etc. Reburial

Next of Kin Address

See Remarks

Name Base Section File No.

Case No. 9772 AREA 17

GREEN, Arthur W. P.I.

Back

Place of Reburial Date of Reburial

Grave No., etc.

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Grave No., etc

Remarks:

CIP: Yes ___ No ___

Area ___ Sub-area ___

Death Roster of Chaplain Scocina, unsigned. No ASN listed on reference. Promoted from 2nd Lt to 1st Lt per Par 22, SO #106, Hq. USAFFE, dated 24 Dec 41. (Copy attached)
REF: File 999-1-26, Page 40

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Green, Arthur W.

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
Mrs. Margarita C. Cunha	4129 F Penniman Court Oakland, California		
RELATIONSHIP	Former Wife		

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GRADE
First Lieutenant

SERIAL NUMBER
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ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE H.L.W.	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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H. L. W.
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FOR CAPT RENNER QM LN 1D684 PENT URMSG 51 2 NOV PHOTO CY FILE 999-1-26

REF ARTHUR W GREEN 0395411 BEING FWD THIS DATE.

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1st Lt. Ira B. Cheaney, 23965.*

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME GREEN, Arthur W.	GRADE 1st Lt	SERIAL NO. O-395 411
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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 13659	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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IMPORTANT

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 293 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION. ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.



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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

GREEN, ARTHUR W

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

1LT

0395411

ARMY OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

12 JAN 42

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. Cox

11 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

KINKEAD

11 MAY 51

REMARKS

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

CASE NUMBER 13659 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
Philcom

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Green, Arthur W.

RANK

1st Lt

SERIAL NUMBER

0-395 411

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)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
	<i>AWK</i>	2. REPORT OF DEATH PROCEEDINGS OF DEATH CROSS REVIEW DETERMINATION	<i>AWK</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>AWK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>AWK</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>AWK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>AWK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		<i>AWK</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
Mabatang, Abucay, P.I.

MAN FILE
4 MAY 1951
J. Myrtle
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
		3 May 1951

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NUMBER 12)

APO 900
28 February 1950

1. In accordance with ltr Hqs OTAG file AGAO-S 203.9 (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:

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BY ORDER OF MAJOR TYLER:

OFFICIAL:

John Shypula
JOHN SHYPULA
1st Lt., Infantry
Adjutant

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1st Lt., Infantry
Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:

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LAST NAME

GREEN

FIRST NAME & INITIALS

Arthur Wallisor

ARMY SERIAL NO.

0-395411

CASUALTY LIST NO.

AGO 4/30/42

Tele. 4/29/42

RANK

1st Lieut.

ORGANIZATION

On ext. ass. duty in Phil. Dept.
Infantry

CAUSE OF DEATH

Killed in action

DATE OF DEATH

Jan. 11, 1942

PLACE OF DEATH

PHIL. ISLANDS

PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE OF BURIAL

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

WIFE: Mrs. Arthur Wallisor Green
2008 Panhandle Boulevard
Richmond, California

LEGAL NEXT OF KIN

GRAVE MARKER

NAME PEG

HEADBOARD

BOTTLE

BURIED ON GR. MARKER
IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Born: Feb. 2, 1915.

REMARKS

FINAL DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

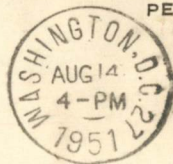
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Arthur W. Green

1/Lt. O 395 411

N O K

Mrs. Margarita C. Green
2008 Panhandle Blvd,
Richmond, California.

(Wife)

See Major Sai's draft for letter.

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Mrs. Margarita C. Cunha
4129 F Penniman Court
Oakland, California

Dear Mrs. Cunha:

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 former husband, the late First Lieutenant Arthur W. Green.

The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your former husband was killed in action, 12 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 former husband 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 former husband. 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 was disinterred. These graves contained the remains of two Americans and twelve Philippine Scouts. Each of these remains has 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 former husband'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 both during the time it was in the hands of our forces

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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 former husband. However, no association was possible between any of these unknowns and your former husband 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 former husband, it has been determined that his remains are nonrecoverable. It is regretted that there is no grave at which to pay homage.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

BUREAU ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
AG 201 GREEN, ARTHUR WALLISOR
(4-28-42) OG

TELEGRAM

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APRIL 29 1942

MRS ARTHUR WALLISOR GREEN

2008 PANHANDLE BOULEVARD

RICHMOND CALIFORNIA

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR HUSBAND
FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR WALLISOR GREEN UNITED STATES ARMY WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN
DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS JANUARY ELEVENTH STOP DELAY IN
REPORTING FACTS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY WAR DONDITIONS STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

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WAR DEPARTMENT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH *Corrected report orig fwd 29 Apr 42

DATE 12 Dec 45

FULL NAME Green, Arthur W. (Japanese POW, P I.)		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 0395411	GRADE 1st Lt ^{GW}
HOME ADDRESS Richmond, California		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 2 Feb 15
PLACE OF DEATH Middle Pacific Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH *12 Jan 42
STATION OF DECEASED Middle Pacific Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 1 June 41	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Margarita C. Green (Wife) 2008 Panhandle Blvd, Richmond, Calif.

BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)

No record of designation of beneficiaries.
Records show Wife-Mrs. Margarita C. Green, 2008 Panhandle Blvd, Richmond, Calif.

INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

*Correction in date of death; previously reported 11 Jan 42.

Evidence of death rec'd in WD 29 Apr 42.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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ADJUTANT GENERAL