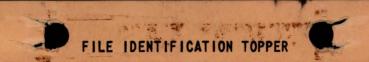
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Unknown X-5074, AGRS Mausoleum Manila, Unit 2, Page 25

2. Subject cases have been reviewed and this Office approves the classification of the above Unknown remains as Unidentifiable.

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THOMAS N. COX CAPT QMC Memorial Division

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HEADQUARTERS

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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GRPZ 293

APO 928

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

TO:

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of your letter, file QMGMU 293, GRS (Far East), dated 17 September 1948, subject: Resolution of Cases of Unidentified Deceased, the following Unknown remains, presently stored at AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I., have been processed by the Central Identification Laboratory and considered "Unidentifiable" by reason of lack of sufficient identifying data:

UNKNOWN X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum X-5074, " "

2. Forwarded herewith, for your consideration, are new QMC Forms 1044 with Certificates of Unidentifiability for the above-mentioned Unknowns.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1. Form 1044 for X-4685, AGRS Melm w/Cert of Unident

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6 Sept 1950 (Date)

SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Remains

TO:

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

The records pertaining to Unknown X-1130, Plot 2, Row 22 , Grave 2836 , USMC USAF Cem Manila #2 been reviewed and it is the opinion of this office that insufficient evidence is available to establish the identity of this decedent, and that these remains should be classified as unidentifiable.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Form 1044

Captain, QMC

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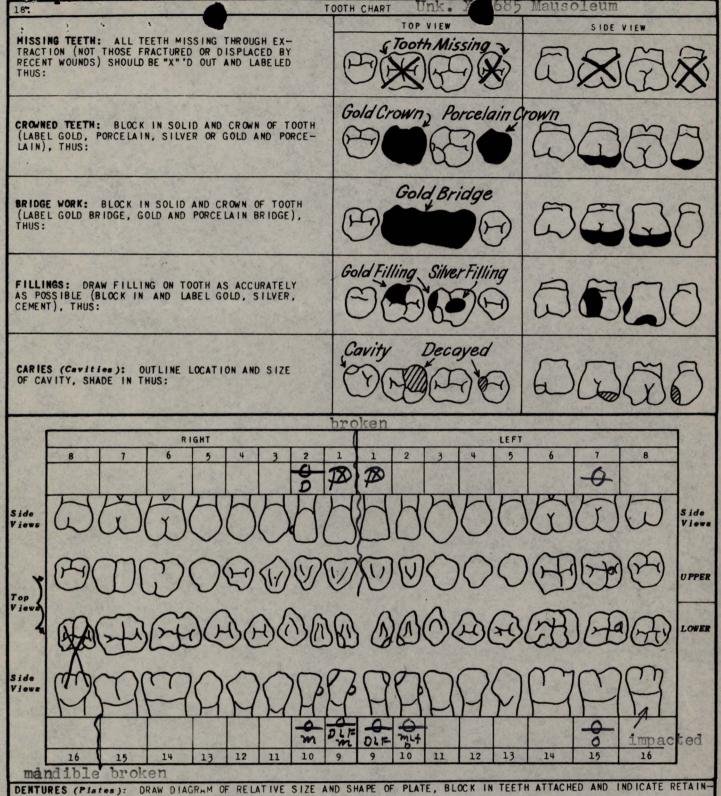
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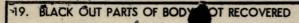
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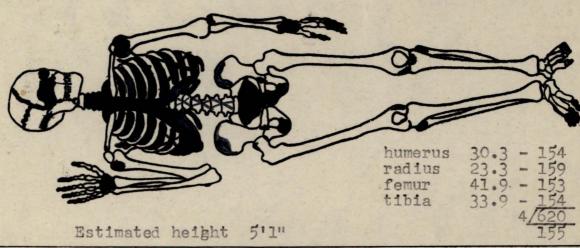
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#### MASS BURIAL CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE)

(Wherein segregation in whole or parts is impossible)

SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER

#### 21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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I Certify that I Have Personally Viewed the Remains of Deceased and that All Resulting Information Has Been Recorded to the Best of My Knowledge

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QMGMT 293 GRS Far East 22 September 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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30 August 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

Commanding Officer
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2. The evidence presented in this case cannot be interpreted as sufficient basis for identification due to the following reasons:

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SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

Headquarters American Graves Registration Service, PHILCOM Zone APO 928

TO: OQMG, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C. ATTN: Memorial Division

- 1. Attached are additional Inclosures Nos. 10, 11 and 12 which pertain to the investigation at the churchyard at Abucay, Bataan in the search for the remains of 2d Lt. Alexander R. Nininger. In view of the fact that the only remains recovered in this extensive investigation of the churchyard proved to be Mongoloid, the conclusion must be drawn that the remains of Lt. Nininger have not yet been recovered or that his remains are among those now in custody of AGRS as unidentifiable unknowns.
- 2. Since no information is at hand on which to continue the search for Lt. Nininger's remains nonrecoverable action in the case of this casualty will be forwarded by the Zone Board of Review.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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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

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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(28 November 1949)

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased.

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, PHILCOM ZONE APO 900 7 MAR 1950

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

1. The following are the reinvestigation findings pertinent to the cases of 1st Lt. Kenneth L. Wilson and 2nd Lt. Alexander R. Nininger:

### a. Case of Lt. Wilson:

- (1) A thorough check of all Abucay recoveries does not reveal any Unknown which could be associated with the deceased on the basis of favorable comparisons of physical and dental characteristics.
- (2) The information furnished by Mr. Lee C. Brooks definitely precludes the possibility of associating Unknown X-1572 with Lt. Wilson. The statement of Mr. Jose Yondoc may be discounted since he recalls the name of the deceased only as "1st Lt. Wilson" and the first name is unknown. The previous association, however, was established on the basis of information furnished by your office to the effect that Lt. Kenneth L. Wilson is the only Wilson listed as killed in action in the area where the Unknown was recovered and within the dates indicated as the approximate date of death of the Unknown.
- (3) In view of the negative findings, the case of Lt. Wilson is currently under process as Non-recoverable and Unknown X-1572 is being considered as Unidentifiable.

### b. Case of Lt. Nininger:

- (1) After a re-study of this case, it was determined that no other Unknown could be positively associated with Lt. Nininger aside from Unknown X-4685. The identification data for all the other Abucay Unknowns, most particularly those recovered from the immediate vicinity of the Abucay church, were carefully screened with unfavorable results.
  - (2) The information that Lts. Nininger, Wilson, Maynard, Compton, Green and Capt. Meyer were interred in the churchyard at Abucay has been found to be inconsistent with the fact that the remains of Capt. Adolph E. Meier (correct name of Capt. Meyer) were disinterred from US Army Cemetery No. 3, Mariveles, Bataan.

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GRPZ 293
(28 November 1949)
SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased Cont'd

A check made by your Office does not show a casualty listed as Capt. Meyer who was killed in action in Bataan.

- (3) The information furnished by Lt. Col. John W. Raulston, MC, and Mr. Lee C. Brooks does not positively establish the fact that either Lt. Nininger or Lt. Wilson was buried in the spot shown on enclosed diagram since neither of the two informants was present personally when the burials were made under the supervision of Chaplain Secina.
- (4) The foregoing findings, therefore, give way to the probability that the body of Lt. Nininger was buried in Grave 9 of the Abucay Cemetery from where Unknown X-4685 was disinterred. On the other hand, it is also probable that the team which made the recovery of Unknown X-4685 might have arbitrarily named the place of recovery as "Abucay Cemetery". It is believed that the agreement in the grave number is sufficient basis to establish the association of this Unknown with Lt. Nininger since two probabilities clearly exist with regards to the exact place of burial of the deceased.
- (5) Moreover, available records in this Headquarters show that fourteen (14) remains were recovered from Abucay churchyard, only two (2) of which are Americans Capt. H. A. McGurdy, 0-28378 (identified by tag) and Unknown X-1671, AGRS Mausoleum (formerly X-3431, Manila #2). The rest are those of PS soldiers. No other recoveries are carried on our records as recovered from the churchyard. According to the next of kin of Lt. Nininger an officer personally saw the decedent's grave sometime in 1945. Several searches have since been conducted in that area and there is no doubt that the remains of subject deceased have been recovered as an Unknown and there is very little possibility for our search teams to overlook that grave located in such a very prominent place.
- (6) In view of the above, it is the opinion of this Headquarters that the remains of Unknown X-4685 are in reality those of Lt. Nininger. The Board Proceedings are being returned herewith for a reconsideration.
- 2. In the event that the resubmittal of our previous recommendation in the case of Lt. Nininger is not acceptable to your Office, it is requested

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GRPZ 293

(28 November 1949)

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased Cont'd

1st Lt., Infantry

Adjutant

that this Headquarters be so advised as soon as practicable to allow an early resolution of the case as Non-recoverable.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

7 Incls:

1 & 2: n/c

3: w/d

n/c 4 - 6:

7: w/d

Added:

8: Cy, Report of Disinterment re: Capt. McCURDY

9: Cy, Report of Disinterment

re: X-3431, Manila #2

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGMT 293
GRS Far East

28 November 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

1. Reference is made to Board Proceedings, your headquarters, dated 8 February and 26 April 1949, recommending the following individual identifications:

Unknown X-1572 as 1st Lt Kenneth L. Wilson 0 398 233 " X-4685 " 2d Lt Alexander R. Nininger 0-23761

- 2. Unknown X-1752 was recovered from an isolated grave in Hermosa, Bataan, P.I., and recommended for identification on the basis of information furnished by Mr. Jose Yondoc, a Philippine citizen. The next of kin of Lt Wilson were provided with the facts of this case, however, they were in possession of certain information which they believe, and which contradicts the statement of Mr. Yondoc. This information is forwarded to your headquarters in Inclosure #3 and is an extract of a statement by Mr. Lee C. Brooks, formerly Lt Brooks and later Major Brooks, who was a close personal friend of Lt Wilson and was at Abucay at the time Lt Wilson was killed.
- 3. Unknown X-4685 was recovered from Grave #9, Soldiers Row, Abucay Cemetery, Abucay, P.I. A letter from the father of Lt David W. Maynard, 0-38762, indicates that Lieutenants Maynard, Wilson, Compton, Green and Nininger, and Capt Meyer were interred in the churchyard at Abucay. Burials of these men were under the supervision of a Chaplain Secina.
- 4. This Office has succeeded in contacting Lt Col John W. Raulston, M.C., who was in command of the medical collecting station located in the Catholic Church at Abucay. He has furnished a diagram showing the approximate location of burials performed by Chaplain Secina. An extract of his statement and diagram are also attached.

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5. In view of the evidence presented the subject Board Proceedings have been disapproved and are returned herewith. It is requested that your headquarters reinvestigate the facts in this case and submit to this Office a report of your investigation.

Lt. Colonel, QMC

Memorial Division

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

7 Incls

1. Bd Proc (Nininger, A.J. Jr)

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3. " " (Wilson, K.L.)

4. Extract cpy info 1st ind dtd 11/5/49

5. Extract cpy info obtained telephone converstion between Capt Vogel & Mr Brooks

6. Map of Abucay, Bataan

7. OQMG Form 371 (in dup) for Wilson, Kenneth L.

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6. Map of Abucay, Batasa 7. OGES Form S71 (in dup) for Wilson, Kenneth L.

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CENTRAL DENTIFICATION POINT AGRS APO 900 NICHOLS FIELD. MANILA, P.I.

23 May 1950

### STATEMENT

The eighteen (18) remains obtained by Search and Recovery from Abucay Cemetery. Bataan, were examined by me this date and found to be composed entirely of individuals of Mongoloid (Filipine) ancestry.

Anthropologist

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONE

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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  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  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

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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

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DAC, CPC-8

Search & Recovery Officer

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# HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE PHILCOM ZONE

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APO 900 5 May 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Otto H. Kaufmann, DAC. AGRS-PZ

SUBJECT:

Search and Recovery Mission

- 1. Your attention is invited to the attached letter and sketch giving details about the churchyard of the Catholic Church at Abucay, Bataan.
- 2. The Office of The Quartermaster General has directed that this organization make the detailed excavation of the areas included in Sections 2 and 3 of the sketch with a view to discovering the body of one Alexander R. Nininger allegedly buried therein in January 1942.
- 3. You are instructed to proceed to the Abucay churchyard with a detail of twenty-five (25) laborers and one (1) embalmer's aide for the purpose of accomplishing this excavation. You will establish temporary camp in the rear of the churchyard and remain at that site until the work is completed. One (1) weapons carrier and one (1) COE truck will be used to transport men, equipment and supplies to Abucay.
- 4. As stated in the attached letter clearance has been obtained from the Parish Priest of the church and from Mr. Enriquez, Municipal Sanitation Officer. The agreement is that if remains are encountered they will be examined to determine nationality and if American or if nationality is doubtful, they will be entirely exhumed and processed at the Mausoleum. Clearance must be obtained from Mr. Enriquez prior to removing any remains from the churchyard. Finally it has been agreed that those areas where concrete memorials have been placed over graves will not be investigated during this excavation.
- 5. You are instructed to be particularly cautious to insure that no untoward incident brings reflection upon the organization or upon the church and municipal authorities who are cooperating with us. Strict security of vehicles, supplies and equipment must be maintained and the political situation in that area indicates that all personnel on this mission must be retained in the immediate proximity of the temporary camp.

1 Incl
Ltr to OQMG dtd 26 Apr 50
w/l incl (Sketch)

GLENN A. LEE Major, Cavalry Commanding

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APO 900 8 May 1950

1. Folg named DA Civilian and Local Civilian Employees, orgn indicated, WP o/a 9 May 50, on TDY for approx ten (10) days, to Bataan, P.I., for purposes of search for and recovery of WV II deceased. TDN. Govt mtr T authd. Compl of TDV ret to proper orgn. No per diem authd. 007-42 P422-02 007-43 P430-03 21X1805 599-999.

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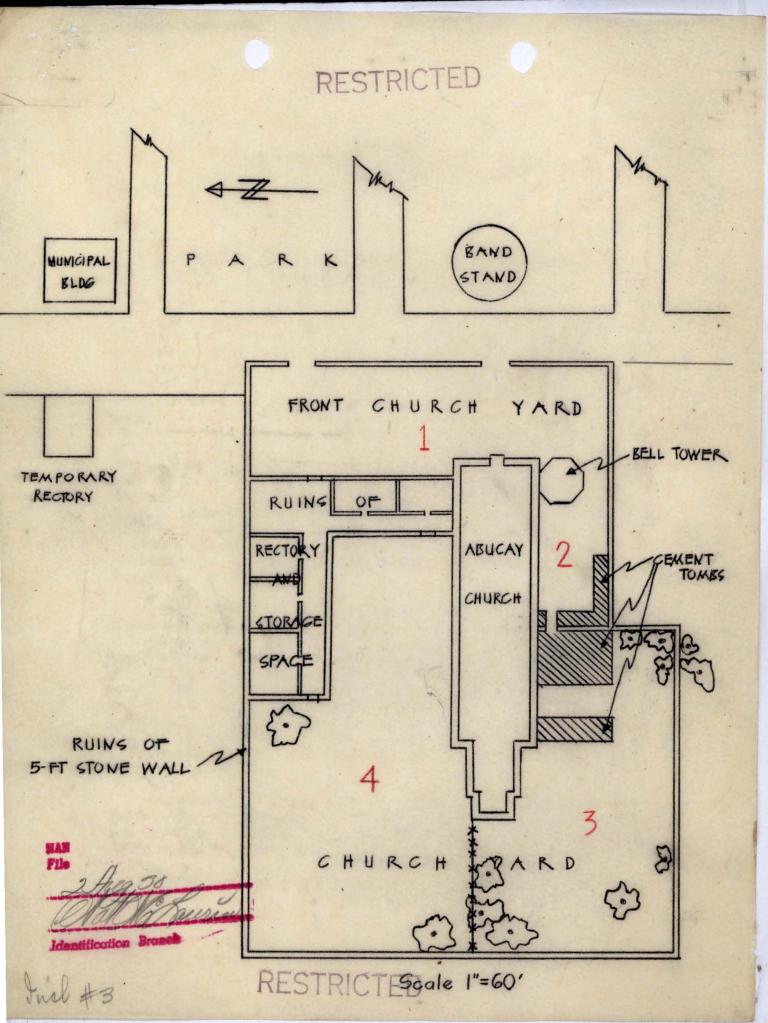
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FROM: CO, AGRS-PZ

TO: OQMG

INFO: CINCFE

COMGEN PHILCOM (AF) & THIRTEEN AF, CAFB, PI

R 5043 GRPZ

DETAILED EXCAVATION OF ABUCAY CHURCHYARD CMA BATAAN COMPLETED

IN CONNECTION WITH SEARCH FOR REMAINS OF 2D LT ALEXANDER R NININGER

PD 18 REMAINS RECOVERED FR AREA INVESTIGATED DETERMINED MONGOLOID

BY ANTHROPOLOGIST PD DETAILS TO BE FWDD AIRMAIL 1 JUNE PD ABSENCE

OF FURTHER INFO FOR SEARCH INDICATES NONRECOVERABLE ACTION APPROPRIATE

NOW PD

# HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE PHILCOM ZONE

APO 900

GRPZ

26 APR 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:

1 Incl Sketch Frank M. GREEN JR.
Major, QMC
Assistant Adjutant

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PRIORITY

FROM : CO USMILPORT MANILA PI FROM CO AGRS-PZ

TO : DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC FOR OQMG

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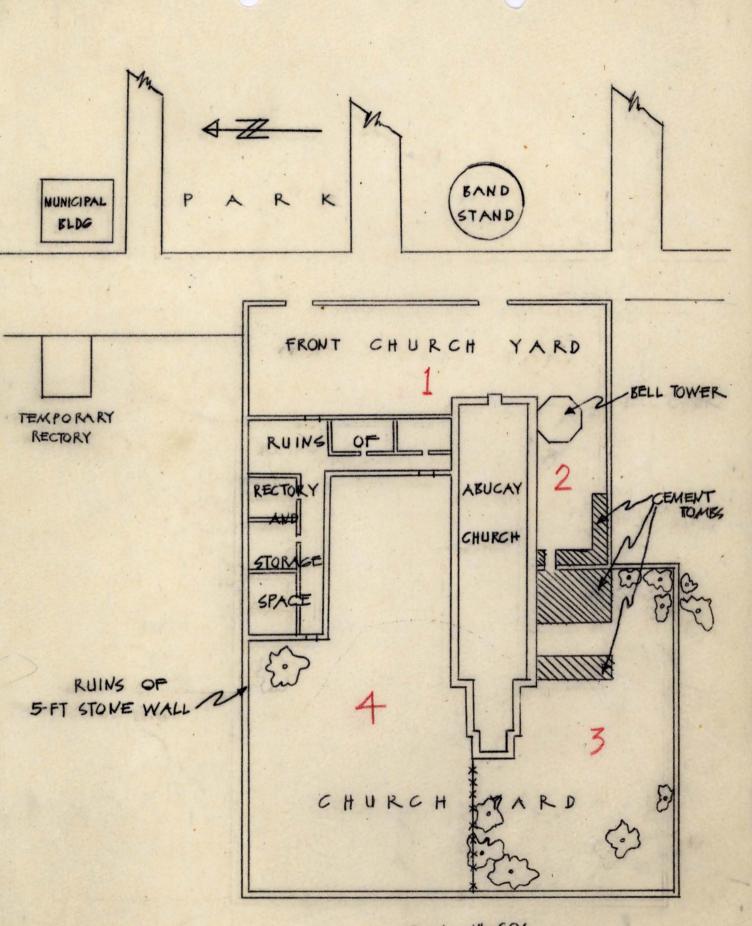
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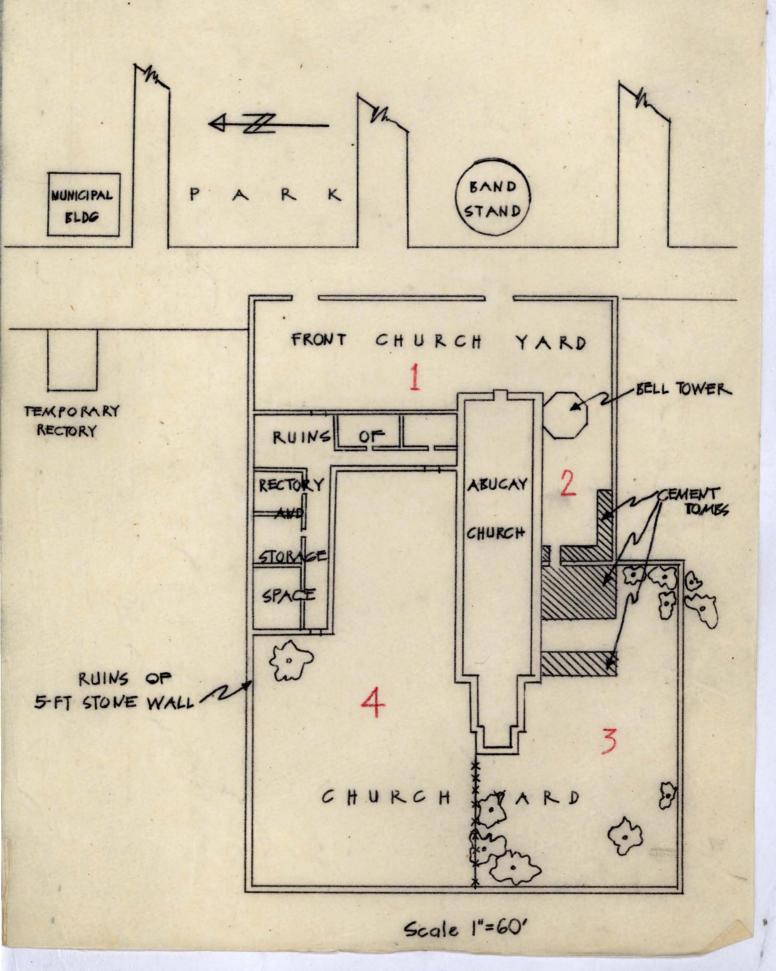
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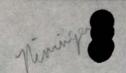


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# AFFIDAVIT

I, Felicisimo Lastimosa, an American citizen, age 33, married and father of two (2) children, resident of 27 F. Tejeros, Makati, Rizal, presently assigned to Detachment "D", 8135th Service Unit, SAC, APO 74, having been sworn to according to law do hereby depose and say:

That, I enlisted on 29 August 1939 at Fort McKinley in "K" Company, 57th Infantry, (PS) and served in said organization throughout the year 1941 including the Bataan Campaign and up until 9 April 1942 at which time I escaped the "Death March."

That, during the year 1941 I was the Assistant Company Clerk in "K" Company, 57th Infantry, (PS) at Fort McKinley. Therefore, I well remember the name Francisco A. Ramos, 10303245 because of the number of documents I processed bearing his name. However, I was not well acquainted with him.

That, I know Francisco A. Ramos left Fort McKinley with "K" Company for duty on Bataan on or about 14 December 1941. I know Francisco A. Ramos arrived on Bataan with "K" Company on or about 27 December 1941. I considered our first engagement period to be 6 to 15 January 1942. The place of battle was Mabatang, Bataan. I know we had some 8 or 9 men killed. I recall two American Officers, 1st Sgt Rios, Cpl Ragasa, Cpl. Bade, Pvt. Tan and Cpl. Bula.

That, I know about 20 or 25 men were wounded in the first engagement. The wounded were all taken to the Hospital and later returned to our organization. These men that were killed during the first engagement were taken up by the Collecting Company and were buried. That, I cannot definitely recall whether or not Francisco A. Ramos was wounded or killed during our first engagement but I am positive that I did not see him after 15 January 1942.

That, after our first engagement we had a rest period at a place about Mariviles. I cannot recall the Kilometer Post.

That, I remember 7 February 1942 was our second engagement and it was at Anyasan Point, Bataan. I recall between 30 and 35 casualties. My estimate includes wounded and killed in action. After this engagement we had a one month rest at Signal Hill. Francisco A. Ramos was not present at this time.

That, I remember of one man being missing in action but he return-5d after two days and his name was Pfc. Velasco. Velasco had been taken by the Suicide Unit. Therefore, I am quite sure Francisco A. Ramos was either killed or wounded not later than 15 January 1942. Otherwise I would have recalled preparing a missing in action report on him. It is impossible for me to remember all the men killed in action or missing in action. We did not have any desserters.

That, I was serving in the capacity of Asst. Company Clerk and maintained the frontline rosters which would be the list of active duty, men killed and wounded men with place and date. Our regular Company Clerk Isidro Montes was behind our lines most of the time with the company records in the Regimental Headquarters.

Affiant sayeth none.

/s/ Felicisimo Lastimosa /t/ FELICISIMO LASTIMOSA, RA6866729 Opl. 8135th Service Unit SAC, APO 74 (Continuation of Affidavit of Cpl. Felicisimo Lastimosa, dated 14 July 1949

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 14th day of July 1949, at 18th Medical Group Hospital

/s/ Helen St. John
/t/ HELEN ST. JOHN
lst Lt., ANC
18th Medical Group Hosp.

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Unknown X-4685 GRS Mausoleum Manila, P.I. (X-1130,USAF Manila #2,P.I.)

14 February 1949

SUBJECT:

IDENTIFICATION OF UNKNOWN DECKASED

TO

Commanding General Philippine Command APO 707, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, Galifornia

# ATTENTION: ACRS. PUTLOOM TONE

- 1. Reference is made to Board Proceedings for Unknown X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum Manila P.I., formerly X-1130, USAF, Cemetery Manila #2, P.I., dated 8 December 1948, recommending the identification of these remains as lst. Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, Jr. 0-23 761.
- 2. A review of the case reveals that the estimated height for these remains is not in agreement with Army Records for It. Mininger. Although dental comparison is not unfavorable, other remains recovered with I-1130 from this vicinity also reveal favorable dental characteristics which could be associated with It. Mininger.
- 3. Information furnished this office by father indicates that Lt. Niminger was interred in grave nine behind the south well 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 lat Lt. Nininger, 0-23 761.
- 5. Revised OCMG Form 371 for subject deceased is inclosed as an aid to identification. Board Proceedings are suspended.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl: OUNG Form 371 (Mininger)

cc: Adm Sect G.Reynolds/ejh L.M.White J.Winsor

T. H. METZ Lt. Colonel, AMC Memorial Division REB

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9 February 1950

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

: Communding Officer American Graves Registration Service Philose Zong APO 900, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California

Reference is made to letter this Office dated 38 November 1949. copy inclosed, to which no reply has been received.

2. It is requested that the status of the above communication be forwarded to this Office at the earliest precticable date.

FOR THE QUARTER-ASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl Opy ltr dtd 38 Mov 49

T. H. HETS Lt. Colonel, QUC Memorial Division

cc: Adm Section

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# **HEADQUARTERS** PHILIPPINES COMMAND UNITED STATES ARMY

**GSGR 293** 

APO 707 .

26 JAN 1949

SUBJECT: Reprocessing of Unknown X-4685

TO:

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

- 1. Reference is made to your radio WCL 37243 and our radio GX 24385 GSGR pertaining to reprocessing of Unknown X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila,
- 2. Attached is complete Identification Data, QMC Form 1044, for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl: QMC Form 1044 Franko. balo FRANK O. CALOHAN, JR.

Asst Adj Gen

File 24 April 17. Br.

QMGMET 293 Wininger, Alexander R. Jr. let Lt. 0-23761 25 October 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

THRU : Commanding Officer
Medical Center
477 lst Avenue
New York City, New York

TO s John W. Raulston Lt. Col. 0-20401 Medical Center 477 lst Avenue New York City, New York

- 1. It has come to the attention of this Office that you may have personal knowledge concerning the circumstances relative to the death of 1st Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., 0-25761.
- 2. Since this Office is currently attempting to recover and identify the remains of Mentenant Mininger, the information which you possess may serve as a valuable aid in our investigation. Therefore, it yould be greatly appreciated if you can furnish this Office a statement of the facts in this case with particular emphasis on the following information:
- a. What were the circumstances surrounding the death of Lieutenant Nininger?
- b. Were other casualties also involved? If so, can you recall their names?
- c. Were you present at the burial of Lieutenant Mininger? If so, can you furnish a detailed description of the burial site with relationships to any prominent landmarks?
- d. Can you furnish any information concerning the number of other graves in the immediate area?
- e. If other individuals witnessed the burial, can you furnish their names?

QMMH 293 Nininger, Alexander R., Jr. 1st Lt. 9-23761 25 SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

25 October

- f. Inclosed are two copies of drawings purportedly showing the area of Lieutenant Mininger's burial. Can you mark the location and return the drawings to this Office?
- 3. In the event that you are unable to answer the inquires outlined above, may information which you deem pertinent is requested.
- 4. In order to expedite action in this case, a reply at the carliest practicable date is also requested.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GEMERAL:

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cc: Adm Section E. A. Kazup:pmr L. M. White J. Windsor

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QMOST 293 Mininger, Alexander R., Jr. 1/Lt., 0-23761 19 October 1949

Mr. William P. Cain 120-A Mear Street St. Andress Homes Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Cain:

Reference is made to your letter, dated 7 October 1949, requesting a suitable map of the Mabatang, Abucay, Bataan, Philippine Islands area.

The overlay inclosed of this area is the best available to this Office.

I trust this information will enable you to answer the questions as outlined in our previous letter.

A reply at your earliest convenience will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

2 Inols

1. Map overlay

2. Return envelope

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

cc: Adm Section

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J. Windsor

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QMDMT 293 Mininger, Alexander R. Jr. let Lt, 0-23761 28 September 1949

Mr. Harold M. Imerman 922 South Jefferson Saginaw, Michigan

Dear Mr. Imerman:

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26 September 1949

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# AIRMAIL

293 Unk-P.I. x-4685 (Mausoleum) Manila

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO

: Commanding General Philippine Command ARO 707, c/c Postmaster San Francisco, California

ATTN: ACRS, PHILOOM ZONE

1. Reference is made to Supplemental Board Proceedings, your headquarters, dated 26 April 1949, recommending the identification of Unknown X-4685, AGRS Newsoleum Manila, as the remains of 2d Lt Alexander R. Mininger, 0-23761.

2. Board Proceedings have been suspended pending an effort by this Office to obtain additional information concerning the death and burial of Lt Mininger and his fellow officers.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER CENERAL:

T. H. METZ It. Colonel, QMC Memorial Division REB

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Quart 293 Nininger, Alexander R. Jr. 1st Lt. 0 -25 761

12 August 1949

Col. George C. Clarke, Ret. 1735 West Point Road Spokane, Washington

Dear Col. Clarke:

In a communication from Mr. A. R. Mininger, father of the late 1st Lt. Alexander R. Mininger, Jr., 0-25761, he indicated that you have personal knowledge concerning the circumstances relative to Lt. Mininger's death.

Since this Office is currently attempting to identify the remains of Lt. Nininger, the information which you possess may serve as a valuable aid in our investigation. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if you can furnish this Office a statement of the facts in this case with particular emphasis on the following information:

- 1. What were the circumstances surrounding the death of Lt. Mininger?
- 2. Were other casualities also involved? If so, can you recall their names?
- 5. When did you last see the remains of Lt. Mininger? Were you able to identify his remains?
- 4. Were you present at the insuing burish of Lt. Mininger's remains?

  If so, can you furnish a detailed description of the burial site with specific relationships of the grave location with any prominent landmarks? Can you furnish a diagram?
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# HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINES COMMAND UNITED STATES ARMY

**APO 707** 

GRPZ 293

5 MAY 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown

TO:

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

Reference is made to OQMG letter, dated 17 February 1949, Subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased, and 1st Ind. thereto dated 1 April 1949. The case of 2nd Lt. Alexander R. Nininger Jr., O-23 761, has been reinvestigated simultaneously with the cases of the other officers reported to have been buried behind the south wall of the Abucay Churchyard. Accordingly, a supplemental case history for the case of 2nd Lt. Nininger is forwarded herewith reiterating the previous recommendation that Unknown X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I., be identified as 2nd Lt. Alexander R. Nininger Jr., O-23 761, inasmuch as none of the remains recovered behind the south wall of the Abucay Churchyard can be identified as those of the subject decedent.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Board proceedings

M. O. BILLBE Capt., A. G. D.

Capt., A. G. D. Asst Adj Gen

MAY 24 1949 ECENTRICATION EXEMPLE File 24 April 1950 a.C. King, ld.Br. Unk t. S. 4-4685 (mauromanila

BASIC: Ltr fr Dept of the Army, OQMG, Wash. 25, D. C., file QMGMT 293, Unknown X-4685, GRS Mausoleum Manila, P. I. (X-1130, USAF Manila #2, P. I.), dtd 17 Feb. 49, subject: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

GSGR 293 lst Ind Unknown X-4685 AGRS Mausoleum, Manila (X-1130, USAF Cem. Manila #2)

HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES COMMAND, APO 707

1 - APR 1949

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

- 1. The case of 1st Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., 0-23761, is currently being re-investigated 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. Nininger in the Abucay churchyard.
- 3. With reference to paragraph 3, basic letter, a further study of the case of Lt. Mininger resulted in the conclusion that the grave locations are the same; hence, it is believed unnecessary to conduct a search in the aforementioned locality inasmuch as several searches have already been made in that vicinity and that the Bataan Area has been closed to search operations.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:

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Added:

2 - Copy of 1tr dtd 10 Sep. 46 PHANK O. CALUHAN, JR.

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Asst Adj Gen

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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

Unknown X-4685
GRS Mausoleum Manila, P.I.
(X-1130, USAF Manila #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 #2, P.I., dated 8 December 1948, recommending the identification of these remains as 1st Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, Jr. 0-23 761.
- 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, 0-23 761.
- 5. Revised OQMG Form 371 for subject deceased is inclosed as an aid to identification. Board Proceedings are suspended.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl:OQMG Form 371 (in dup)(Nininger) T. H. METZ Lt. Colonel, QMC

Memorial Division

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Identification Branch

Sept. 10, 1946

Major General T. B. Larkin Quartermaster General War Dept. Washington D. C. In re: QMGYG 293
Maynard, Lieut David W.
SN 0 384 762
Distinguished Service Cross
and Purple Heart

Memorial Division

Dear Sir :-

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.

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.

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

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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Mentification Branch

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Inel # #2

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Unknown X-4685

Mausoleum Manila, P.I.

(X-1130, USAF Manile 22, F.I.)

17 February 1949

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cc: Adm Sect G.Reynolds/ejh

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FROM QMGMT

REQUEST REPROCESSING OF XRAY FOUR SIX BIGHT FIVE HANGAR BIGHT ZERO ONE BAY EASY CRYPT ONE ONE TWO NINE ABLE GEORGE ROGER SUGAR MAUSOLEUM CMA MANILA CMA PHILIPPINE ISLANDS WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ESTIMATED HEIGHT OF UNKNOWN



QMONT 293 UNK. X-4685 (AGRS MAUS) MANILA

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J.G.HOLLOWAY, IT COL, OMC MEMORIAL DIVISION

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A. R. NININGER 22 S. E. 10th Street

Feb. 5, 1946

Dear Mrs. Cole :-

we were very glad to get your letter, and we appreciate so much the efforts of your grandson Maj. Calkin, to secure a photograph of gandy s grave at Abucay, Bataan, and the information he secured. We did not known that the graves at the curch yard at Abucay had been moved as yet, though we knew that plans were under way to properly arrange the American cemeteries.

In explanation of the difficulty he had in securing information, T will explain that we were advised that as the gapanese would violate the graves of officers or any soldiers who were recorded as having injured them in their efforts, the graves of such soldiers were simply numbered and marked "Unknown". However, the exact location and number was given to us and is so recorded in washington. Sandy was buried on Jan. 13th. 1942, with full military honors, in the church yard at Abucay, and his grave marked No. 9.

The eight others buried there at that time, and those subsiquently,

were officers of the 57th. Inf. some of them sandy s pals.

A full description of the burial ceremonies was first given to us by letter, then by col. ceorge S. clarke, commander of the 57th. Inf. who had escaped from the philippines, and who called on us. He was present at the burial. The Chaplin's name was Cecina.

This description was also verified to us recently, by two officers of sandy's regiment, who were released from japanese prison ' camps, and who came to see us; Maj. H. M. Imerman and Capt. Wm. P. Cain.

we also were notified that the governor of Bataan, had promised that his people would always keep flowers on gandy's grave, and that the philippine memorial commission were planning to erect a monument to gandy. About six months ago, a staff officer who I met in palm Beach where he gave a lecture, told of a recent inspection trip of the philippines, and how they paused at Abucay to see gandy's grave, and it was covered with beautiful flowers, called cadena d. Amor (chain of love).

Those at Manila in charge of the new cemetery, probably did not have all the information, but names will be used on the graves when they are properly arranged. We are glad to know that Lt. Moore is in charge of the cemetery and will look after gandy's grave.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter we received from maj. yeager He was sandy's captain. We recently received a fine letter from General Wainwright. Am returning herewith the letter from Maj. calkin.

I gave jack your message. He has a new boat; "Amigo II" and is very busy as the fishing season is in full swing. He sends his regards. Glad to hear that you are feeling well.

> Mrs. Nininger sends her love. sincerely,

> > (Sgd) A. R. NININGER

A TRUE COPY

1st I.t. QMC.

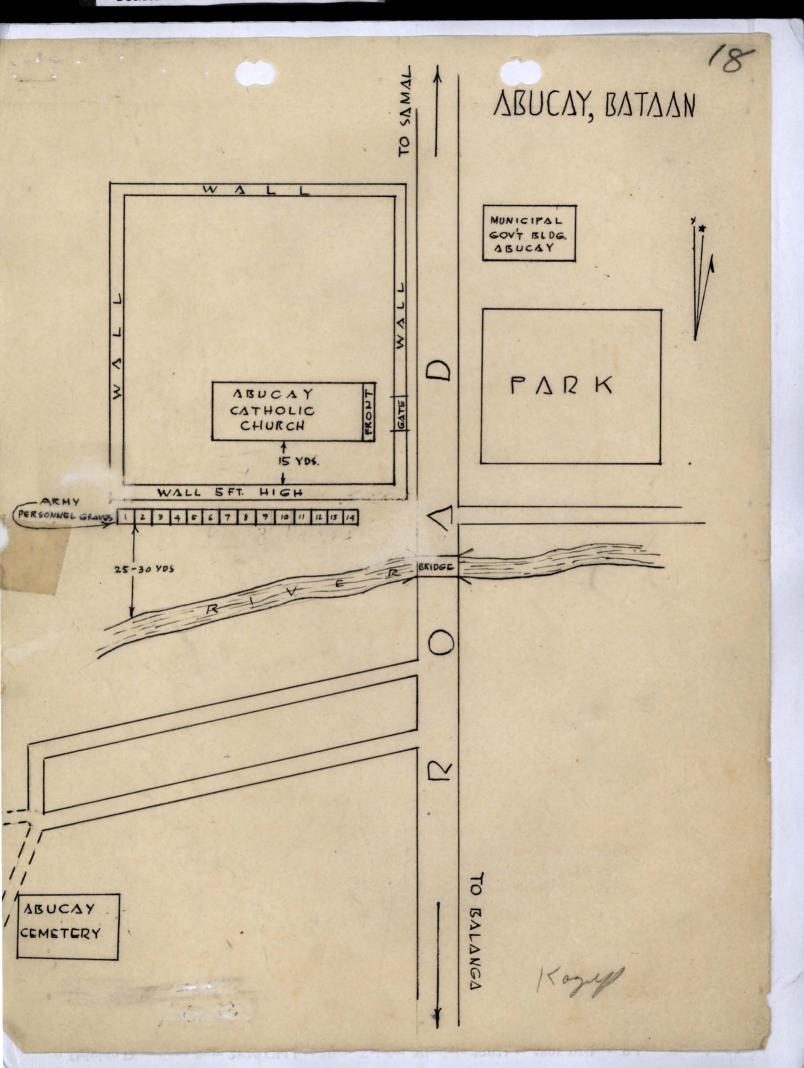
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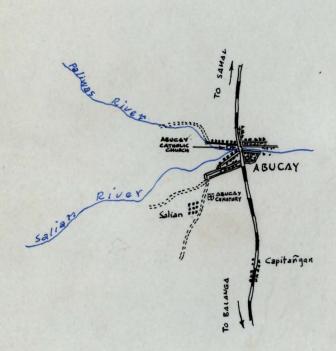
M/Sgt Abie Abraham

HEADQUARTERS
Det "A" 3045th X601ST QUARTERMASTER
GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY
APOATX 75

	Date: 11 Dec 1945
SUBJECT:	Interrogation.
1.	Name of deceased: Five (5) Unknown Americans.
2.	Location of Burial:
	a. Name of Locality: Abucay, Cemetery, Abucay, Bataan
	b. Coordinates: N 27.4 E 76.3
	c. Map Reference: Abucay, Bataan Prov N 1420 E 12020/10
3.	Method of determining identity:
	None
hese fiv	Other Information: e (5) Unknown Americans were killed in the town , Province of Bataan, sometime in Ja nuary 1942.
emeterv.	Abucay, Bataan are Americans because I was one of diggers hired by the Americans before the surrender
5.	Grave marked with regulation cross: (Xxx, No)
	ertify that the foregoing information is true and correct to mowledge and belief.
	/s/ GREGORIO CUNANAN

Abucay, Bataan





LUZON 1:50,000 SHEET 3255-11 N 1140 E 120 30/10 EXTRACT COPY OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN 1ST IND TO OQMG, WASH DC, FR HEADQUARTERS, STATION HOSPITAL, 1301ST ASU, FORT MONMOUTH, NJ, DTD 5 NOV 1949

I have personal knowledge concerning the death of several officers at Abucay. I was in command of a medical collection station located in the Catholic church in the early part of the Bataan campaign....

In regard to the burials, when it became necessary for the front line units to take care of that function, a Chaplain by the name of Secina supervised it. He kept records, but he lost his life in 1944 on a Jap transport which was torpedoed. I do not know whether his records were left in the Philippines or not. He established a little graveyard in the plot of ground within the five foot wall around the church. I cannot recall definitely the exact spot where the graves were located, but I have indicated on the map the general area to the best of my recollection, and have also added some building structures to the drawing of the church. I estimate that about six burials were made there. The burials were done under cover of darkness. I was not present at the burials.

A CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT COPY

J. WINDSOR, JR.
1ST LT., QMC

X-1130 Mant 2

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EXTRACT COPY OF INFORMATION OBTAINED IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BE-TWEEN CAPTAIN VOGL, REPATRIATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION AND MR. LEE CULVER BROOKS:

back seat of a jeep in the outskirts of the town of Abucay. Mr. Brooks came into Abucay an hour or so after the death of these officers and went to the jeep to view the remains. Mr. Brooks knew Wilson very well having gone to the same highschool. He said that the jeep was evidently ambushed and the bodies of both men were nearly severed in the middle by machine gun fire. Mr. Brooks said that having been near Abucay all day and not having seen or heard any planes, it is hard for him to believe that Wilson was killed as a result of a bombing raid.....

Mr. Brooks feels that the burial was made in the church ... cemetery at Abucay. His reason for this feeling is due to the fact that all units were endeavoring to escape to Bataan and it hardly seems logical that with shortage of supplies and equipment, they would transport the bodies of these two officers any long distance from the place of their death.

....He definitely identified Wilson from a long personal acquaintance with him. Mr. Brooks does not know what happened to the driver of the jeep. On the other hand, he said that the jeep may have been driven by Wilson or the other officer and both men crawled into the back seat for protection.

A CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT COPY

J. WINDSOR, JR. 1ST LT., QMC

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT

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Signature of person
Disinterring: ALBERT J MEACHAM, 1st Lt. QMC

Time of Disinterment: 21 May 1946, by 4th Plat 609th QM GR Co, APO 75

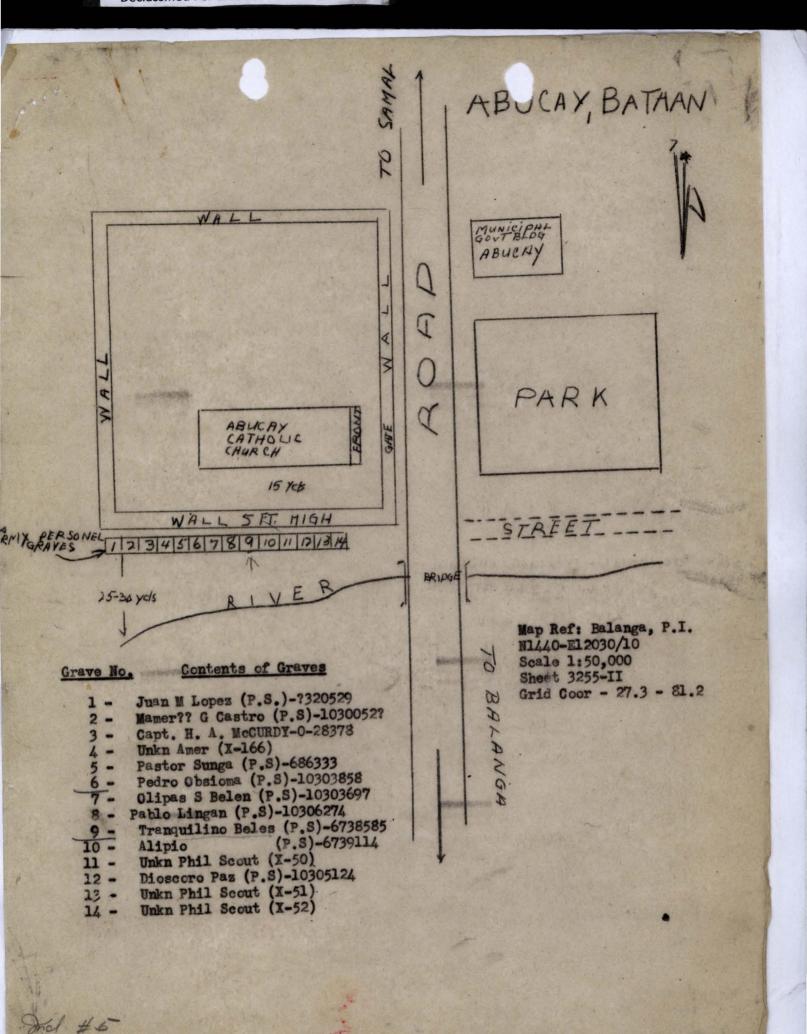
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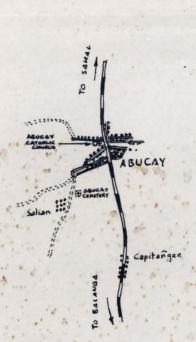




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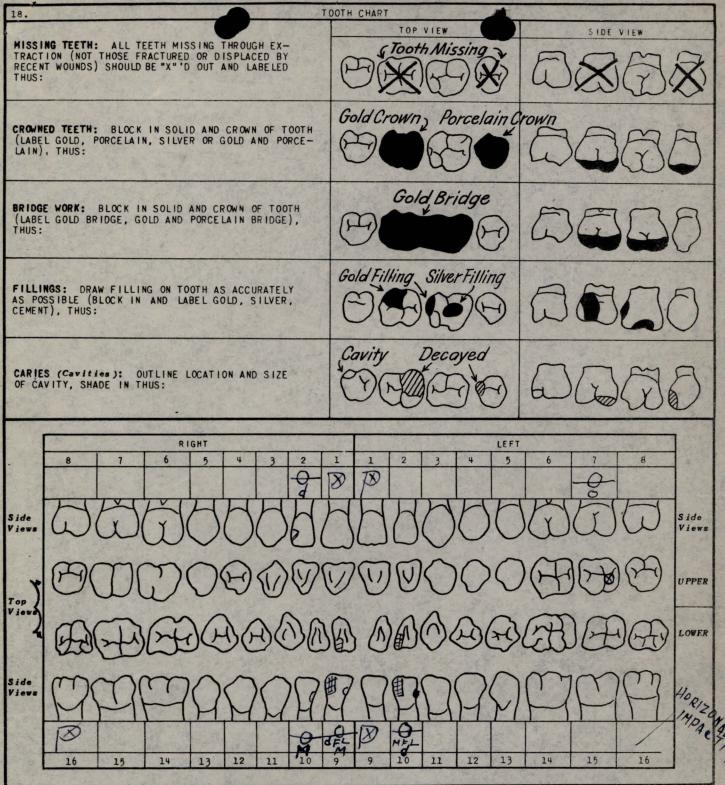




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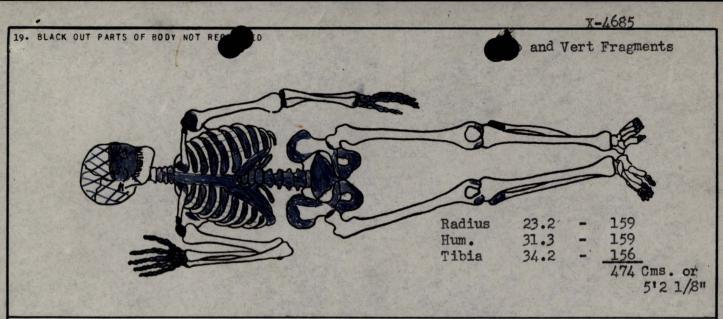


DENTURES (Plates): DRAW DIAGRAM OF RELATIVE SIZE AND SHAPE OF PLATE, BLOCK IN TEETH ATTACHED AND INDICATE RETAIN-ING CLASPS ON NATURAL TEETH WITH THE WORD, "CLASP."

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Set. JOSEPH D. MURPHY



MASS BURIAL CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE)
(Wherein megregation in whole or parts is impossible)

I CERTIFY THAT THE GROUP REMAINS CONSIST OF PARTS OF \_\_\_\_\_\_ DECEDENTS BASED ON THE PRESENCE OF ONE OR MORE
OF THE FOLLOWING ANATOMICAL PARTS:

SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER

21. REMARKS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(1) one embossed tag bearing following information found with remains
Unknown X-1130
NININGER, A.R. Jr.
0-23761 2nd Lt.
57 INF. Jan. 42
2836-22-2

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY VIEWED THE REMAINS OF DECEASED AND THAT ALL RESULTING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECORDED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

TYPED NAME, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE, AND ORGANIZATION

J. J. McDERMOTT

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	Date: 11 Dec 1945
SUBJECT:	Interrogation.
1.	Name of deceased: Five (5) Unknown Americans
2.	Location of Burial:
	a. Name of Locality: Abucay, Cemetery, Abucay, Bataan
	b. Coordinates: N 27.4 E 76.3
	c. Map Reference: Abucay, Bataan Prov N 1420 E 12020/10 Scale 1:50,000 Sheet No. 3254 1
3.	Method of determining identity:
	None
4.	Other Information:
These fir	ve (5) Unknown Americans were killed in the town v, Province of Bataan, sometime in January 1942
Cemetery,	nat the deceased soldiers buried in the Abucay  Abucay, Bataan are Americans because I was one of  diggers hired by the Americans before the surrender
5.	Grave marked with regulation cross: (Xxx, No)
	ertify that the foregoing information is true and correct to chowledge and belief.
	/s/ GREGORIO CUNANAN
Interroge /t	ator/s/ Abie Abrahamaddress:

A TRUE COPY:

1st Lt.,