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O-23761  
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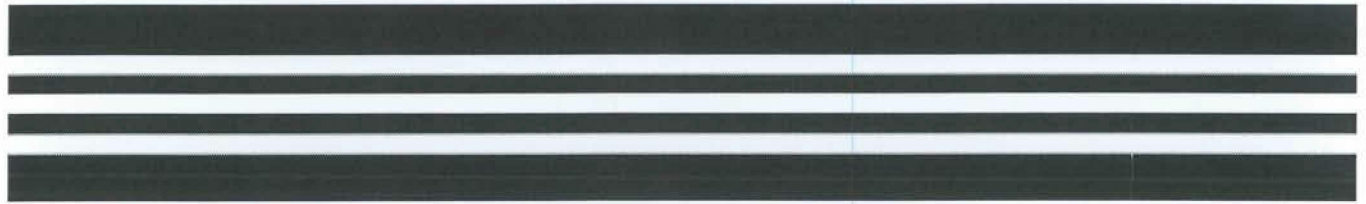
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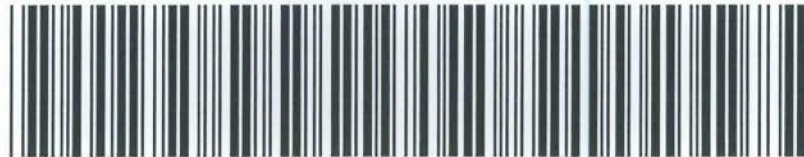
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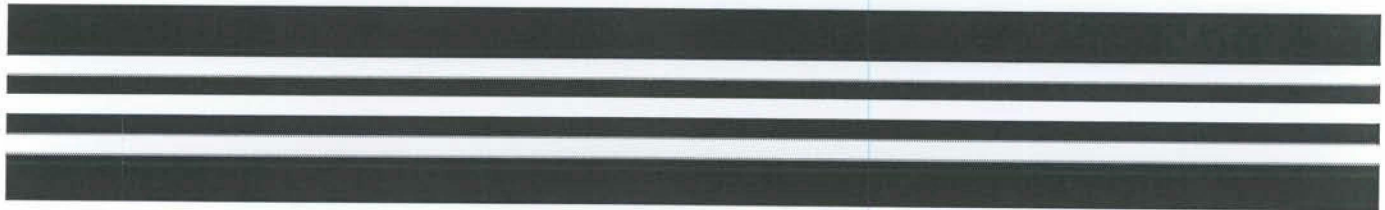
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March 17, 1986

Mr. John F. Manning  
Assistant Chief  
Memorial Affairs and Casualty Support Division  
U.S. Army Military Personnel Center  
2461 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22331

Dear Mr. Manning:

This letter is to formally request

- (1) that the case with respect to the remains of my uncle, Alexander Ramsey Nininger, Jr. (O-23761), be reopened based on information previously not available to the U.S. Army
- (2) that, as a result, my uncle's remains be returned from Bataan, Republic of the Philippines, for reburial at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

As you know, my uncle was awarded the first Medal of Honor of World War II for his exploits in the Philippines. Both my mother and I (and my grandfather before us) have always wanted his remains returned home. I trust you will find the attached material is sufficient to pursue the matter:

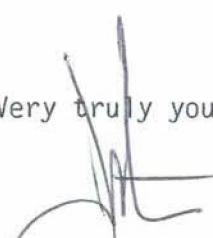
- Tab A is a "Summary of the Record (Correspondence and Events)" by me dated March 15, 1986.
- Tab B is a compilation of "Questions, Observations and Recommendations" by me dated March 15, 1986.

It is important for me to note and acknowledge the assistance that your office has provided in my efforts to arrive at this point -- a point that is the accumulation of several years of research, discussion, interviews and analysis. I know the difficulties that lie ahead but under the circumstances I trust you will agree that it is worth the effort.

It goes without saying that I stand ready at any time to be of assistance even to the point of travelling to the Philippines to be of help.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
John Alexander Patterson  
1645 Parkcrest Circle, #201  
Reston, Va. 22090

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John Alexander Patterson  
March 15, 1986

QUESTIONS, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING  
ALEXANDER RAMSEY NININGER, JR.\*

Observations

- Many of the most pertinent 57th officers and medical staff were not contacted about Nininger's death and burial. Only those individuals noted in Col. Clarke's 2/20/44 letter or pursued by Nininger's father were contacted. Of these, Cain professed having no information and Immerman did not see the burial. Clarke, for medical reasons was not a reliable source, yet he is the major one utilized by the Army concerning the site of Nininger's burial.
- Garnet P. Francis is a very creditable source (yet he was not contacted after the War) because of his role as Deputy Commanding Officer of the 57th Medical Detachment which was responsible for and handled all Regimental casualties at the time of Nininger's death.

General Questions

- Why would a classified file on Ira Cheaney contain information on Nininger? This is mentioned in the latter's official Army file.
- Were any remains sent to Washington for investigation as mentioned in the Army's file?
- Why were Nininger's dog tags never mentioned throughout the documents yet one of which according to various sources was always placed with a body?
- What happened to Maynard, Wilson, Compton, and Green who were reported to be buried with Nininger (yet whose remains were also declared "non-recoverable") and who were killed at about the same time in about the same place? Were they, in fact, buried together south of the river as noted by Francis? This area was never mentioned in any of the reports or correspondence.

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\* See "Summary of the Record (Correspondence and Events) Surrounding Attempts to Locate the Grave of 1st Lieut. Alexander Ramsey Nininger, Jr, killed on Bataan, January 12, 1942" by John Alexander Patterson, ~~March~~ <sup>March</sup> 15, 1986.



Comment

It must be noted that after World War II the Army faced a massive task throughout the world in finding the remains of thousands of servicemen. In addition to the magnitude of the effort there was considerable pressure brought to bear from friends and relatives. Through the political process this pressure to find the remains of loved ones may have led to hasty judgements. All of this was complicated by an era in which communications and information flow and availability were not what they are today. The disastrous fire at the National Personal Records Center in St. Louis did not help.

In this particular case, regrettably, even tragically, the Army was misled by an individual who was not in a position to know any of the relevant details yet because of his own incapacity he was evacuated to the United States before Corregidor fell where with erroneous information he contacted the families of a number of individuals who were killed on Bataan.

If at all possible this unfortunate situation must be corrected. Hopefully, in the case of Alexander Ramsey Nininger, Jr, the attached March 15, 1986 "Summary of the Record" will help do so.

Recommendations

1. That the U.S. Army reopen the case of Alexander Ramsey Nininger, Jr. based on the new information provided.
2. That his remains be returned from Bataan for reburial at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

John Alexander Patterson  
March 15, 1986

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD (CORRESPONDENCE AND EVENTS) SURROUNDING  
ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE THE GRAVE OF  
1ST LIEUT. ALEXANDER RAMSEY NININGER, JR.  
KILLED ON BATAAN, JANUARY 12, 1942

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- 2/20/44: Col. G. Clarke (X-CO 57th) to A.R. Nininger, Sr., responding to latter's questions, states that ARN, Jr. was brought to the Abucay church where a service was held by Captain Secina (sic), 57th Chaplain. According to Clarke N was then (1/13/42?) buried in grave No.9 behind the south wall of the church. (Comment: see below regarding issue of Clarke's veracity and the question of the "church wall".)
- 2/5/46: ARN., Sr., to Mrs. Cole, notes that Maj. H.M. Immerman and Capt. Wm. P. Cain verified Clarke's account. A Lt. Moore is supposedly in charge of the cemetery. N also notes receiving letters from Maj. Yeager, General Wainwright and Maj. Calkins (Mrs. Cole's grandson).
- 9/3/46: ARN. to The Adjutant General quotes Clarke and Cole. The latter recounts her grandson's remark that a skull with teeth were sent to Washington for proper identification. ARN asks for an investigation and that his son's remains be brought home for burial at West Point.
- 10/4/46: Capt. Thomas F. Lewin, QMC to ARN, notes that remains recovered and interred in Cemetery #2 in Manila may be ARN, Jr.
- 12/8/48: "Case History for Remains Considered Identifiable" Headquarters PhilCom Zone, American Graves Registration Service. "Unknown X-4685 (from Grave No.9 of Abucay Cemetery?) indicated on ROI are in agreement with those of 2nd Lt. Alexander J. (sic) Nininger, Jr." Also notes that remains formerly interred in Cen. Manila #2 were known as Unknown X-1130. Dental chart compares favorably. (Comment: There is a question regarding height which comes up later over and over again).
- 12/27/48: Philcom Zone Board of Review recommends approval of 12/8/48 Case History.
- 2/17/49: Lt. Col. T.H. Metz, QMC notes height of X-1130 inconsistent with records although dental records comparison "not unfavorable". Investigation of "area behind south wall of the



Abucay Church is requested. (Comment: Metz refers to information from ARN, Sr. on Grave No. 9 which was received from Clarke and thus suspect. Also is there an inconsistency regarding the dental records?)

- 4/26/49: "Supplemental Case History for Remains Considered Identifiable" notes letter from Herbert B. Maynard of 9/10/46 stating that ARN Jr., Maynard, Wilson, Compton, Green and Meyer were buried "behind the south wall in Abucay Churchyard." However, it goes on to state that ARN dental record not comparable with remains recovered "behind the south wall" and that Maynard, Wilson and Meyer (sic?) remains all were recommended for identification at other locales. (Comment: later their remains are determined as "non-recoverable"). "Original ROI for X4685 indicates the remains were disinterred from Grave 9, Soldiers Row, Abucay Cemetery (emphasis added) and that remains in Grave 9 beyond the south wall of the Church were identified as those of PFC T. Beles. "In view of above it is believed that ..... X-4685 ..... from Grave 9, Abucay Cemetery are those of Lt. Nininger."
- 8/12/49: Metz asks Clarke about circumstances surrounding ARN's burial.
- 8/19/49: Clarke refers Metz to his 2/20/44 letter to A.R. Nininger, Sr.
- 9/28/49: Metz writes similar letter to William P. Cain.
- 10/10/49: Harold M. Immerman, M.D., notes ARN, Jr. was brought into "the hospital at Abucay ... and was found to be dead on admission." I. was not present at ARN's burial but states that he may have been buried in the "immediate vicinity of the Church of Abucay, probably in the Church yard." "Father Secina officiated." I. states that he does not believe ARN was buried in the Abucay cemetery. (Comment: See later 1985 remarks from Francis).
- 10/26/49 Metz writes a letter to John W. Raulston that is similar to those he wrote to Clarke and Cain.
- 11/2/49: Cain states that he was not at ARN's burial nor can he provide any information.
- 11/5/49: Raulston remembers only McCurdy, a dental officer. He notes an officer shot in the head by a Jap sniper. He states that Secina "established a little graveyard in the plot of ground within the five foot walk around the Church". (Comment: is this the church building or church wall?)
- 11/28/49: "Identification of World War II Deceased" 1st Lt. John Shypula "For the Commanding Officer" opines that X-4685 is ARN.



- 11/28/49: Metz requests another investigation.
- 3/7/50: Re-Investigation Findings from John Shypula: (1) X-4685 most likely (Comment: Patterson's words) ARN; (2) Other information on Churchyard is inconsistent; (3) Raulston was not present at the burial; (4) Given above, ARN most probably X-4685 (5) the Abucay Church was checked out thoroughly. (Comment: See later - 1985 - comments regarding the Army's "thoroughness" on investigating Cheaney case).
- 3/24/50: Metz pursues the question of outside the five foot wall around the churchyard versus churchyard itself. Asks that a team go to the "Abucay Churchyard". (Comment: See later commentary about the Abucay river just south of the church).
- 5/19/50: "Report of Investigation, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Philcom Zone, Otto H. Kaufman. Eighteen partial remains found in Plot 2 next to bell tower (see 5/5/50 map). Remains in Plot 3 were all mongoloid. (Comment: Plot Number 2 is where some accounts have Nininger, Compton, et al buried).
- 5/23/50: Central Identification Point, Manila, Robert B. Fox. Anthropologist states that 18 remains are mongoloid.
- 12/12/50: "Case History for Remains Considered Non-Recoverable" Philcom Zone. Fourteen remains behind south wall yielded unfavorable results. X-4685 from Grave No.9 of Abucay Cemetery has favorable dental comparison in view of evidence that he was buried in the Churchyard. (Comment: This primarily from Clarke and Raulston. The former's comments are suspect and the latter was not at the burial.)
- 10/5/50: "Resume of the Record" notes accounts of Clarke (2/20/44), Immerman (10/10/49), Raulston (11/5/49), Cain (11/2/49); discovery of remains of Americans outside south wall of the Church but not ARN; and that Grave No. 9 of Abucay Cemetery contained remains of an individual ... 8 to 10 inches shorter than ARN (Comment: this means 5'1" to 5'3", i.e., very short). The resume also notes that the May 1950 Recovery Team did not find any remains of an American. Resume concludes that ARN probably was buried hastily in place, or that his remains have not been recovered or that if recovered they are unidentifiable. (Comment: it is known from other sources, e.g., Reynolds, Olson, Yeager, that casualties at this time were brought to the 57th aid station at the Abucay Church).
- 6/28/51: QMC finds that remains of Compton, Green, Maynard, Nininger and Wilson are non-recoverable - noting that "for detailed information on these cases - see classified file on 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr. SN 0-2396 (S-MEM. 523). (Comment: It is

curious that so many remains are "non-recoverable" especially since all of the individuals were killed at about the same time and in the same general area. See later Francis entry and commentary on Cheaney situation).

- 8/13/51: QMC (Col James B. Clearwater) notifies ARN, Sr. of non-recoverable finding.
- 8/21/51: ARN rebuts noting Clarke's 2/20/44 letter, the Cain and Immerman visits in 1945, Calkins comments of 9/3/46 regarding remains being sent to Washington for identification; the desirability of contacting H.K. Johnson and John E. Olson (Comment: they were never contacted nor were others such as R. Reynolds the 1st Battalion Commander, Yeager ARN's Company CO or G. Francis the Deputy CO of the 57th Medical Detachment), photos of Grave No.9 and the Church taken by Calkins. ARN believes that ARN, Jr. was moved from Grave No.9 to Cemetery No.2 in Manila with the number 2836 recorded as "probably Nininger". (Comment: after so much time it may have been that ARN, Sr. wanted the Army to make some assumptions, and have these remains brought home).
- 9/21/51: ARN to Colonel Clearwater acknowledging visit of Col. Edward M. Brown who explained efforts made to find his son's remains. ARN says he will not give up hope.
- 9/21/51: Brown's report of his visit.
- 7/17/68: Oren Womack repeats 1951 findings to ARN's grandmother (Myrtle C. Willard) noting also that Abucay was under heavy shelling and that the Japanese were known to desecrate graves. (Comment: this is the first time this point shows up in print).
- 7/19/68: Willard acknowledges 7/17/68 noting that Major Arthur Wermouth said he helped bury ARN.
- 4/23/84: John Alexander Patterson (ARN, Jr's nephew) writes to  
and American Battle Monuments Commission  
5/31/84 for copies of the file.
- 7/24/84: ABMC (Martha R. Sell) sends standard letter to next of kin (NOK).
- 10/22/84: ABMC (Col. William E. Ryan, Jr) sends partial file on ARN.
- 10/25/84: Patterson writes Sell indicating that there may be new information regarding the site of ARN's grave.
- October 1984: Patterson begins to send letters to ARN's 57th comrades-in-arms, superiors and medical personnel (not contacted by the Army after WWII) concerning the site of ARN's grave.



- 1/7/85: Patterson asks Ryan to consider new information, e.g., the possibility of ARN's remains being moved to Cemetery No.3 which might be at the north end of a new (and unused?) airfield off the West Road north of Mariveles. Patterson also asks for complete file. (Comment: the point concerning the airfield near Mariveles was mentioned by Olson, but it does not appear to have been possible - see Francis commentary below).
- 1/14/85: Patterson writes Howard Price, Director of the VA Regional Office in Manila about ARN's grave. (2/5/85: Acting Director writes to say Price has had a stroke).
- 1/14/85: On the advice of Dr. Alex Kelly, former 57th surgeon, Patterson writes a similar letter to Mr. Rufus H. Wilson, Minority Counsel and Staff Director, House Committee in Veterans Affairs.
- 2/8/85: William J. Gaulty, Superintendent of the Manila American Cemetery, writes and suggests introducing the topic to BG S. Dugue, Philippine Army, who is the Director of Philippine Veterans Affairs.
- 2/15/85: Wilson writes that he has no information.
- 3/15/85: Ryan writes noting that Patterson's 1/7/85 request for ARN's file has been referred to the Department of the Army, DAPC-CM, Room 984, Hoffman Building, 2461 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA 22331.
- 4/29/85: John F. Manning, Assistant Chief, Memorial Affairs and Casualty Support Division, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Va 27331-0400 sends the complete file. (Note: the file's most relevant items are included in the 2/20/44 to 7/19/68 entries noted above).
- 5/28/85: During a telephone conversation Ryan suggests that the subject be pursued with Manning.
- 7/1/85: Patterson writes to ask Manning for the classified Cheaney file and if there is one, the classified file for ARN as well.
- 7/26/85: Manning sends the Cheaney file (Patterson reviewed the file after the 8/1/85 phone conversation noted below) for which no classified material is included, however. The file indicates that as a result of Colonel Clarke's account, the Army reported the disinterment of the Cheaney remains after the war from the Abucay Church cemetery. However, this was not possible since C. was killed at the end of January 1942, when Abucay was in Japanese hands. (Comment: Whether because of



Congressional interest, i.e., then Congressman Richard Milhous Nixon, or not, this news, of course, tends to cast doubt upon previous accounts of the efforts made to find Nininger's remains).

- 8/1/85: Manning spends considerable time on the phone explaining the role of his division and some of the problems regarding records (many of which have been lost or destroyed, e.g., during the St. Louis fire in the 1960's) and the finding of bodies in the tropics after so many years. Manning indicates that if new and detailed information can be provided, the Army will reconsider reopening Nininger's case. Manning also provides the names of other individuals and offices that might be contacted concerning Nininger's actions, death and burial. (On 12/10/85 Patterson calls Manning to brief him on the status of his efforts -- see Francis entries below -- and that he is nearly ready to submit materials as a backdrop to asking that Nininger's case be reopened).
- 8/22/85: As a result of contacts made at the first reunion of the 57th Infantry (PS) held in Grand Junction, Colorado between 6/26/85 and 6/29/85, Garnet Francis' letter of 7/20/85 awaits Patterson when he returns to Zambia after his TDY in the U.S. Francis was the Deputy CO of the 57th Medical Detachment at the time of Nininger's death. He confirmed that Colonel Clarke was a poor source of information and enclosed a map showing Nininger's grave and those of several others (perhaps Wilson, Compton, Maynard and Green who were killed at the same time and in the same area as Nininger, but whose remains were also declared "non-recoverable" after the war - see 6/28/51 entry above) buried south of the Abucay River south of the Catholic Church and not north of the river as reported by Colonel Clarke and others. Francis indicates that the Chaplain responsible for burials (Father Secina) personally picked the burial site for these individuals. Francis also states that no remains were removed for reburial since in his capacity he would have been aware of such activity. On 9/27/85 and 11/8/85 Francis repeats the above in response to letters from Patterson asking for more details and confirmation.

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As of 1/1/86, the above and numerous discussions with former 57th officers indicate the following:

1. Apparently a number of individuals in the 57th with information were not contacted by the Army regarding the site of Nininger's grave. Most contacts after the War emanated from Colonel George Clarke's 2/20/44 letter to Nininger's father and discussions with individuals who obviously wanted to spare his feelings.

2. For medical reasons Clarke was not in a position to comment authoritatively on Nininger's death, recovery and burial yet his erroneous account of Nininger's death and burial is the major lead followed by the Army.
3. Because of this lack of contact with certain 57th personnel and perhaps other pressures (see for example the 7/26/85 entry above on Ira B. Cheaney) the Army was misled in its efforts to find Nininger's remains.
4. Based on the most creditable source still living, Garnet P. Francis, Deputy Commander of the 57th's Medical Detachment, (who was never contacted by the Army), it seems apparent that Nininger was buried south of the Abucay River and not north of it as recounted by Colonel Clarke and others.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

July 26, 1985

DAPC-PED-F Cheaney, Iran B. Jr.  
SN: 0-0230965

Mr. John A. Patterson  
1645 Parkcrest Circle, #201  
Reston, Virginia 22090

Dear Mr. Patterson:

This responds to your letter of June 29, 1985, requesting information pertaining to Ira B. Cheaney, Jr.

We have received his individual deceased personnel file from the Washington National Records Center. There are no classified portions relating to your uncle. We are enclosing a copy of his complete file for your information. We do not have a classified file pertaining to your uncle.

I hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

John F. Manning  
Assistant Chief  
Memorial Affairs and Casualty  
Support Division

MANNING, ALEXANDER R  
1LT 0 23751

Enclosure

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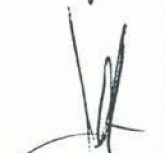
6/29/85

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 <sup>classified</sup> 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



April 29, 1985

DAPC-PED-F NININGER, Alexander R. Jr.  
SN: 0-23761

Mr. John A. Patterson  
USAID Representative  
Lusaka - Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Your letter of January 7, 1985, addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, concerning your uncle has been referred to this office for reply.

Enclosed is a complete copy of the individual deceased personnel file of First Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., 0-023751, as requested.

Sincerely,



John F. Manning  
Assistant Chief  
Memorial Affairs and Casualty  
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Enclosure

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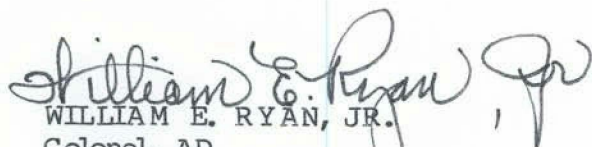


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TO: Department of the Army  
ATTN: DAPC-CM - Ms. Staton  
Room 984, Hoffman Building  
2461 Eisenhower Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22331

1. Reference is made to the telephone conversation of February 25, 1985 between Mrs. Sell of this office, and Ms. Staton of your office.
2. Enclosed, as a matter pertaining to your operations, is a letter from Mr. John A. Patterson, USAID Representative, Lusaka - Dept. of State, Washington, DC 20521 in which he requests a copy of the entire burial file for his uncle, 1LT Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., 0-02376L.
3. Mr. Patterson has been informed of this referral. A copy of our reply is enclosed.

FOR THE SECRETARY

  
WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.  
Colonel, AD  
Director of Operations and  
Finance

Encl.

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

March 15, 1985

1LT Alexander R. Nininger, Jr.  
0-023761  
World War II Tablets of the  
Missing  
Manila American Cemetery and  
Memorial  
Manila, Republic of the  
Philippines

Mr. John Alexander Patterson  
USAID Representative  
Lusaka - Dept. of State  
Washington, DC 20520


Dear Mr. Patterson:

Reference is made to your letter of January 7, 1985.

The burial files of former members of the military are not maintained by this office but by the Department of the Army, DAPC-CM, Room 984, Hoffman Building, 2461 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22331. Therefore, your request for a copy of the entire contents of that file has been sent to that office for reply.

Best of luck with your efforts. If we may be of other service to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.  
Colonel, AD  
Director of Operations  
and Finance



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**ABMC  
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Colonel William E. Ryan, Jr.  
 Director of Operations and Finance  
 The American Battle Monuments Commission  
 Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear Colonel Ryan:

I am very grateful for the time and effort spent in putting the materials together concerning my uncle. I noticed immediately and yet had forgotten that you have been involved in these matters for some time. On the one hand this is very positive from my point of view because of your knowledge and the continuity. On the other, you must sigh as every few years yet another inquiry is made about a topic which is never left to rest. And, of course, I cannot promise that one of my children or grandchildren will not write ABMC some time in the future. However, if I do things correctly perhaps they will not have to. Let me explain.

About the first time we were in touch in the mid-1960's and you wrote to my mother, I was just starting on an odyssey that continues to this day and if I have anything to say about it, will continue for some time to come. As you can imagine my uncle's heroism was very much a backdrop to my own life especially as I grew up. My interest in history stemmed from his exploits and he was the inspiration behind my also being a cadet at West Point.

When I left for my first Foreign Service Post (Afghanistan) in 1967, my uncle became the theme around which I began to study about and collect books and manuscripts concerning him, Bataan and Corregidor, the Philippine Campaign and the early days of World War II in the Pacific. As you can imagine not only has the collection grown but so have the contacts with numerous individuals who knew my uncle both at West Point and during his short career in the 57th Infantry (PS). For example, I have been in touch with both his Battalion and Company





Commanders; I am a member of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor; and more recently, during Home Leave in August, I had lunch with the woman who dated my uncle during his last two years (1939-1941) at West Point.

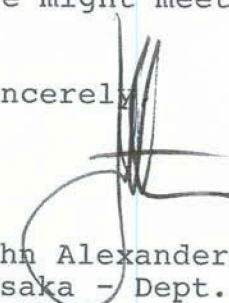
Where am I going with all of this? The reading and contacts are unbelievably fascinating in their own right and my uncle's role throughout has given the process a very personal aura. As you can imagine, it is frequently sad, very nostalgic yet always intensely interesting. The collection has developed to the point where it is of considerable value in and of itself and I am presently negotiating its donation in my uncle's name to the USMA Library. Because I have found that there has not been much said about the Philippine Scouts (the 57th was only one of two Scout infantry regiments) I have begun to think I should try to do some writing about them. The Scouts were good and tough (the Ghurkas come to mind) and we should not forget their contribution to what was a tragic yet heroic part of our country's military history.

With the above as background, I would like to raise the question of my uncle's remains with you again because I was told this summer by Colonel John E. Olson (former S-1 of the 57th) that his grave and perhaps those of others were moved at the time the Fil-American forces pulled back to a line across the middle of Bataan in late January, 1942. Colonel Olson described the location as a cemetery at the north end of a new (and unused?) airfield off the West Road north of Mariveles. I have read the materials sent with your October 22, 1984, letter carefully and wonder if this could be Mariveles Cemetery No.3. In any case, is there any possibility of pursuing the matter further? My mother and I continue to want my uncle brought home for reburial at Arlington or West Point.

Final Point: Is there any reason why I cannot have all of the materials in your file? Please do not spare my feelings because there may be unpleasant or distasteful accounts. It is important to me that I obtain as much detail as possible. Of course I will pay for any reproduction costs.

This has gone on longer than intended, but I wanted you to know that since the 1960's my interests have matured, are of substance and will continue over the long haul. I hope you understand. Perhaps we might meet during my next trip to Washington.

Sincerely,



John Alexander Patterson  
Lusaka - Dept. of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

*Nininger*

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

July 24, 1984

1LT Alexander R. Nininger, Jr.  
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World War II Tablets of the Missing  
Manila American Cemetery and  
Memorial  
Manila, Republic of the Philippines

Mr. John Alexander Patterson  
USAID Representative  
Lusaka - Dept. of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Your uncle was among those members of our Armed Forces of World War II who were Missing in Action or lost or buried at sea. In accordance with our government's program of honoring the memory of our War Dead whose remains were not recovered or identified, 1LT Nininger's name was permanently inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing of the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, Manila, Republic of the Philippines. Information concerning the memorial may be found on the tabbed pages of the enclosed pamphlet. Your uncle was the recipient of the Medal of Honor. Enclosed is an extract from the text, Medal of Honor Recipients, 1863-1973, prepared for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate.

We have asked the Department of the Army which maintains the burial records for all services to search its records for information concerning your uncle's death and subsequent correspondence with his next of kin. The information will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received.

The other information you desire is not available in our records. You may be able to obtain additional information about your uncle's military service from the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132, which maintains the permanent military records of former and deceased service personnel.



A black and white photograph of the section of the Tablets of the Missing where his name is engraved mounted on a color lithograph of the cemetery will be mailed to you within the next six weeks. Enclosed with the lithograph will be a booklet describing the memorial in detail.

Arrangements for placement of floral decorations at the section of the Tablets of the Missing where his name appears can be made through this Commission by use of the attached forms. Checks or money orders for floral decorations should be made payable to the ABMC Flower Fund. As a guide, the cost of a suitable spray in the area is \$4.00 to \$11.00. Weather permitting, a color polaroid photograph of the decoration in place will be taken and forwarded to you.

If we may be of any further service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

*Martha R. Sell*  
MARTHA R. SELL  
Acting Chief  
Operations Branch

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May 31, 1984

Major-General Andrew J. Adams, Retired,  
Secretary  
American Battle Monuments Commission  
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear General Adams:

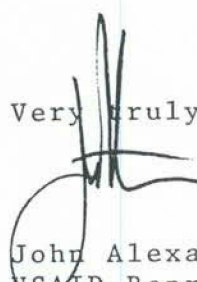
I am the nephew of Alexander Ramsey Nininger, Jr.  
My uncle graduated from West Point in 1941 and was killed  
on Bataan January 12, 1942.

I am aware that there was contact and correspondence  
after the war between the Commission and my grandfather  
in Florida concerning my uncle's remains.

Would it be possible to acquire copies of that  
correspondence and any other documents (memoranda, etc.) that  
may be in my uncle's file? Over the years I have read more  
and more about Bataan and Corregidor and the early days of  
World War Two in the Pacific. I have been in contact with  
individuals who knew my uncle and I am an Associate Member  
of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. Obtain-  
ing whatever the Commission has concerning my uncle would  
be very helpful to me.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
John Alexander Patterson  
USAID Representative  
Lusaka - Dept. of State  
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P.S. Please use the address under my signature.

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Dear Mr. Womack:

Thank you for your letter to me of 7/17/68 - and for the effort you and others have put forth to locate my son's grave.

I was never informed of the removal to Abucay Church - nor by anything from the Army.

Everything went to my son's late father and his step mother: Mr & Mrs. A. R. Minger of Ft. Lauderdale Fla. He Congressional medal and my medals - which I understand his step mother given away to some Chamber of Commerce

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all but the Medal of Honor -  
my only communication was  
from the Beloved Major General,  
Ulio, who sent me a copy of  
the citation - and a series  
of very beautiful letters.  
Major Arthur Wermuthel "The  
One Man Army" told me he  
helped bury my son - but  
I understand he is out West  
some where - now.

Forgive me for inflicting my  
personal tragedy on you - but  
you sound like an understanding  
person -

Thank you again so much.  
Myrtle C. Willard

152 Sherman Ave. N.Y.C. 10034 -

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*Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.*

17 July 1968

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SUBJECT: Request for Information

Commanding Officer  
United States Army Administration Center  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

1. The inclosed letter dated 24 June 1968 from Mrs. Myrtle C. Willard is being forwarded for reply to that portion of your letter requesting cause of death and unit of assignment.

2. Mrs. Willard has been informed of this referral.

FOR THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES:

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Disposition Branch  
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Mrs. Myrtle C. Willard  
152 Sherman Avenue  
New York, New York 10034

Dear Mrs. Willard:

This is in reference to your recent letter in which you requested information concerning your son First Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger Jr.

The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your son 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 son were brought to the churchyard in the town of Abucay where they were buried.

The Graves Registration Service of the Army conducted extensive investigations in the vicinity of Mabatang and Abucay in an attempt to recover and identify the remains of your son. The most recent investigation in the Abucay Churchyard was conducted during May 1950. At that 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 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 son's remains at Abucay, the persons reported to have witnessed the interments or believed to have any information concerning them were contacted either by letter or by telephone. While some information was obtained from some of these persons, it did not lead to the recovery of the remains

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Mrs. Myrtle C. Willard

17 July 1968

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 were 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. Graves were also opened in the hopes of finding American equipment and ammunition which might have been buried with the remains.

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

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

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


Your letter has been referred to the Commanding Officer, United States Administration Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132 for reply to that portion of your letter requesting cause of death and unit of assignment.

SPTS-MD  
Mrs. Myrtle C. Willard

17 July 1968

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

Sincerely yours,

  
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Mninger, Alexander R., Jr.  
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31 October 1966

Mr. John A. Patterson  
1443 Southern Avenue, S. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20032

Dear Mr. Patterson,

This is in reply to your recent letter concerning your uncle, the late First Lieutenant Alexander R. Mninger, Jr., who lost his life in the Philippines during World War II.

I am sorry that we must disappoint your mother in her hopes that the remains of her brother can be returned to this country for burial. Army files confirm the facts already furnished you by the American Battle Monuments Commission that the officer's wartime grave was never located. After exhaustive investigation of many conflicting reports about the initial burial, the Army was forced to conclude in the summer of 1951 that Lieutenant Mninger's remains were not recoverable. A full explanation was written to his father, who was his next of kin, on 13 August 1951. A copy of the letter is inclosed.

When your grandfather acknowledged receipt of the letter on 21 August, repeating many of the reports that had reached the family and thereby indicating that he still harbored some doubt about the Army's determination, an officer on our staff went to Florida in order to review the file with him and to explain in greater detail all the efforts that had been made to find confirmation of the stories like the one that accompanied your letter. After the conference, he wrote to us on 21 September to express appreciation of all of the work that had been done. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

JAMES C. MacFARLAND  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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1443 Southern Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20032

October 20, 1966

Chief of Support Services  
Department of the Army  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been in touch with The American Battle Monuments Commission in regards to the disposition of my uncle, Alexander Ramsey Nininger, Jr., who was killed on Bataan January 12, 1942.

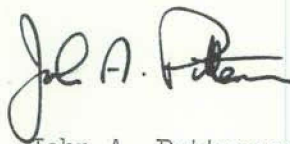
My inquiries were precipitated by my mother's desire to have his remains brought home. Accordingly, we had always assumed that he had been found and interred in one of our cemeteries in the Philippines. However, as you can see from the attached letter from the Commission my uncle was never found.

My mother and I both realize that the problems associated with the task of identifying war dead are tremendous, especially when the identifications are of those buried during a particularly chaotic period of the war.

However, I am submitting a copy of a newspaper clipping and letter which indicate the 1942 burial location. While the burial accounts may have been "glamorized" for the benefit of our family we cannot help but wonder if there might be, in fact, a possibility that his remains can be located.

The thousands and thousands of soldiers lost and never found in the Philippines may preclude any further investigative activity on your part. However, because we are a very small family that cherishes his memory and contribution to this country we would be grateful for anything you might be able to do.

Very truly yours,



John A. Patterson

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20360

5 October 1966

Mrs. Pauline Kresge  
49 Carter Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02907

Dear Mrs. Kresge:

Your son called me today concerning the possibility of returning the remains of your brother, 1st Lt Alexander R. Nininger, Jr. from the Philippines. While speaking to him, I'm sorry to say that I failed to notice in our register that your brother is one of the "missing" of World War II whose remains either were not recovered or were never identified. In accordance with the government's program of memorializing these honored dead whose remains were not recovered or positively identified, your brother's name has been permanently inscribed upon the "Wall of the Missing" of the memorial erected by the Commission at the Manila American Memorial Cemetery in the Philippines. Our register also indicates that your brother was the recipient of the Medal of Honor. This is a very singular honor and one of which you must be very proud.

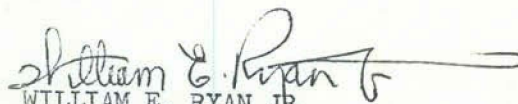
We are preparing a color lithograph of the Manila American Memorial Cemetery and a black and white photo of the portion of the "Wall of the Missing" where his name appears which will be mailed to you in about 60 days. The enclosed brochure describes this Memorial.

Enclosed herewith are original and a copy of letter addressed to the Passport Division, Dept. of State, Washington, D. C. 20524 which will enable you to procure a passport for a fee of \$1.00 rather than the customary \$10.00. You may apply for your passport to the Clerk of your nearest Federal or State Court.

When you apply for your passport, present the original copy of our letter to the Clerk of the Court and request him to send it along with your application for the passport, to the Chief of the Passport Division, Dept. of State, Washington, D. C. 20524.

Please let us know if there is any way in which we may be of further service.

Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM E. RYAN JR  
Lt Colonel, Artillery  
Officer in Charge

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Miami Herald  
JUL 26 1945

# Son's Grave Described To Parents

Sandy Nininger sleeps quietly under a blanket of orchids in an ancient churchyard on Bataan, the hero's parents learned Wednesday from his commanding officer.

Col. George Clarke, veteran of four wars, known as the "last man off Bataan," took time off from his marpoover recruiting program to pay a long visit to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander R. Nininger, of Fort Lauderdale, parents of the first soldier to win the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II.

It was not an easy visit for the colonel, whose son, Paul, was killed in Italy 15 days before V-E day, or the parents of the young lieutenant who died after killing 52 Japs on Bataan on Jan. 12, 1942.

Col. Clarke told Sandy's parents that their son slept in a grave in the courtyard of an ancient church at Abucay, Bataan. He told how the chaplain had woven a cross from the lovely pink flowers, "cadena de amor," and placed it on the boy's breast before his burial.

He told of the simple service, attended by the moist-eyed men of Sandy's company. He told how the natives covered the bare earth with exotic orchids and how carefully the Filipinos tended the last resting places of their American allies.

Lt. Nininger was killed after he had volunteered to help another company, outnumbered by Jap soldiers. Equipped with a tommy gun, M1 rifle, and pistol, his pockets stuffed with hand grenades, he pushed alone far into the enemy position.

When Nininger's body was found, he was surrounded by 52 dead Japs. On top of his body were two Nip officers, their samurai swords drawn. The Medal of Honor was presented to his father on Jan. 20.

Now as to the information you want about Sandy. He was in the 57th. U.S. Infantry, Philippino Scouts. Promoted to Ist. Lieutenant on Dec. 19th. 1941. I am giving you information contained in a letter from Col. Geo. W. Clarke of the 57th. Inf. who escaped from the Philippines, and which information was released to me through the War Department recently. The Japanese infiltration tactics, by snipers, had pushed our lines back. Sandy volunteered to go on several sniper hunting expeditions, and as one witness states "snipers were falling out of trees like dead ducks". He had a large area of trees cut down and set up his trenches and fox-holes before this cleared area. This set up enabled them to hold the line. On Jan 12th. 1942 he got permission to ~~XXXX~~ attach himself to Co. K which was further down the line, and where the line was being shoved back by the Jap snipers. His company was holding. He took two scouts, armed himself with a Jap tommy gun, a service rifle with baynet, and a pistol and sack of grenades. The Jap officer, an expert from the China front, was opposite Co. K. with his sniper troops. Sandy crawled into the enemy lines. With the tommy gun and grenades, he killed many enemy groups "twenty were counted in one place" He was seen to be wounded. A first aid man crawled to him but could not hold him. He rushed on. He was seen to stagger again. When he would shoot a Jap "he cheered like a school boy". He found that Jap officer who had two men with him. "He killed all three." Our company 'K' rushed in and retook the lines. "His action was like a tonic to the men, and the position was recaptured." When they reached Sandy, he was dead. Two Jap soldiers lay dead beside him, "and the dead body of the Jap officer lay across his feet".

There is also a description of Sandy's funeral and the beautiful service held at the little church at Abucay by the Chaplin Capt. Cecina. "and the men of Co. A placed the exotic flowers of the Philippines on his grave." His grave is in the church yard and is #9 - beside a row

of his fellow officers and classmates of West Point.

Ira Cheamey was Sandy's classmate and particular friend. You met him at West Point when we were all there together. A fine boy. He got married after graduation, and was at Fort Benning when Sandy was there. Sandy had dinner and spent the evening with them at their apartment many times while at Benning. Sandy told us that Ira's wife was a very fine girl. She wrote us a beautiful letter after the news of Sandy's death. Ira got killed on Jan. 30th. 1942 while in action. Pala, another of the boys you met, is a prisoner of the Japs, if he is still alive. The others were killed except Dosh of Ocala Fla. He is also supposed to be a prisoner. There is no hope held out for those prisoners now.

(Ira Cheaney was 2nd. Lt. in Co. K)

I have told you all the principal points of Sandy's heroic action. As Col. Bowley said in an address "When he went into the enemy lines, no man could doubt that he knew full well what the





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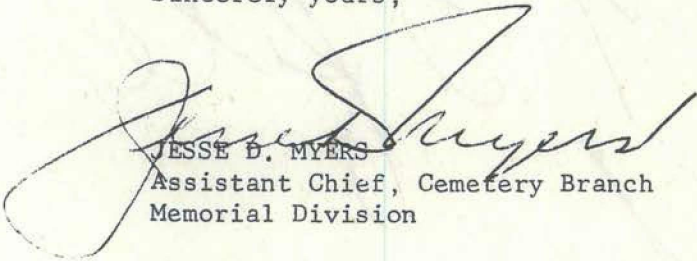
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Dear

This is in reference to your request for information regarding the burial place of

This Office maintains records of interments in National and Army Post Cemeteries, certain Confederate Plots and Soldiers' Lots (which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army), and for those whose graves in private cemeteries are marked with government headstones. However, the records fail to show that this decedent is interred in a cemetery under our jurisdiction or that a government headstone was furnished to mark his grave in a private cemetery.

Sincerely yours,

  
JESSE D. MYERS  
Assistant Chief, Cemetery Branch  
Memorial Division

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September 17th, 1955

HASKIN INFORMATION SERVICE,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I cannot understand why the Department of Defense advised you that the remains of Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, first soldier in World War II to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, have never been recovered.

He was buried with ceremony by members of his company in a church yard at Abucal, Bataan and some personal effects which were on the remains were returned to the family by a Major Yeager, who was Lt. Niningers company commander. The parents were furnished descriptions of the entire ceremony. The remains were then removed to U. S. Cemetery 2 in Manila, Grave No. Z (or) 2836.

I requested information to as the last place of burial in the event the remains had been moved from Manila.

It was the hopes of the family that the remains were to be buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington.

Evidently the remains were not removed from the church yard in Bataan until after the war. His remains were identified when buried, as he was not blow up beyond recognition at the inn he was killed on the battlefield. It is hard to understand what the Department of Defense means that the remains were never recovered. His citation covered the finding of the remains, surrounded by the Japs he had killed in his last moments.

cc: U. S. Department of Defense

Sincerely,

Earle M. Holden  
P. O. Box 1096  
Savannah, Ga.



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Dear Sirs:

Will you please send  
me the following info-  
rmation on my son which  
I had, but am unable to find:

Branch of service,

Company

Regiment

Division

Cause of death

Place of burial

Serial number.

I urgently need this information  
to pin the gold Star Mothers.

My son's name was

1st Lt. Alexander R. Mininger, Jr.

he entered from West Point in

1941 - and was killed in



the Phillipines on Jan 12  
1942 -

His serial # - as sent to  
me in 1949 from St. Louis -  
was 0-23-761 - but when  
I recently asked them for  
the info, they said this  
number had been assigned  
to another soldier - & sent  
me a lot of forms to fill  
out with answers I do not  
have.

It may help if you know  
he won the first <sup>in the world</sup> Congression-  
al Medal of Honor - Cited  
by Gen. MacArthur - and  
given posthumously by  
Pres. Roosevelt.

I will be deeply grateful  
if you will rush this

information in the

Sincerely

(Mrs) Myrtle Craig Willard

152 Sherman Avenue

New York, N. Y.

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QMGMD 293  
Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.  
SN 023 761

25 September 1951

Mr. A. R. Nininger  
222 Southeast Tenth Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Nininger:

I wish to thank you for your kind hospitality in receiving me a few days ago.

In going over the file of your son upon my return to Washington, I noted the three pictures you sent to this Office which I meant to return to you while I was in Fort Lauderdale but overlooked it. I am inclosing the pictures with this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Incl  
3 Pictures

E. M. BROWN  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGM 293

Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.

SN 023 761

21 September 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Official Travel

TO: Chief, Memorial Division

SECTION I - ITINERARY

- | 1. Place Visited      | Arrived   |      | Departed  |      |
|-----------------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|
|                       | Date      | Hour | Date      | Hour |
| Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | 20 Sep 51 | 0730 | 20 Sep 51 | 1255 |
2. Person Contacted
- Mr. A. R. Nininger (Father)

SECTION II - PURPOSE OF VISIT

To visit next of kin of the late First Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., 023761. Due to the many conflicting stories and eye-witness accounts, this visit was made to clear up the reason for declaring the remains nonrecoverable.

SECTION III - OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

The file was carefully explained to the father. Every detail of the search for recovery of the remains was gone over. The father had a file of letters from various officers of the command in which his son served. It was pointed out that there were many inconsistencies in the various versions of the incident of burial. The father was shown the letters of officers in answer to our inquiries, most of which did not agree with the stories told to the father. I explained that in many such instances friends did not want to say things to next of kin which would increase their grief.

The father was most concerned with the closing of the case and repeatedly asked if it meant we would do nothing further. He was sure that his son's remains were still buried at Abucay. He was assured that the closing of the case did not imply that nothing further would be done. Mr. Nininger was told that, if remains were found that could be positively identified as those of his son, he would again be visited by an officer of this Division. He was greatly relieved by this information.




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SUBJECT: Report of Official Travel - 21 September 1951

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Mr. Nininger was greatly pleased and very appreciative of the visit. He said it had helped him greatly to understand the case.

SECTION IV - ACTION

None.

  
E. M. BROWN, LT COL, QMC

APPROVED:



DATE:

W. G. JOHNSON  
Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

W. G. J.  
24 SEP 1951  
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Miss Machuga  
24 Sep 51

*MR*

A. R. NININGER  
222 SOUTH EAST 10TH STREET  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.

Sept. 21, 1951.

~~QMGMD 293~~

Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.  
SN 0-23761

Department Of The Army  
Office Of The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D.C.

Attention Col. Clearwater  
Chief Memorial Division.

Dear Sir :-

Col. Edward M. Brown of your staff called on me on Sept. 20th., in regard to the investigation in the efforts to locate the remains of my son. He explained in detail all that had been done in securing and tracing all the clues that you have, and the failure to identify any of the remains which might have been my son.

Apparently the body of my son was brought to Abucay and buried there. It was either moved, or will yet be found in that area. The confusion of being under fire of the enemy at the time my son was being buried, is probably the reason some who were there at the time are vague in their remembrance of the location of the grave.

In recalling my conversation with either Capt. Cain or Maj. Imerman, he said "Things were happening fast at that time. While we were in the Church yard a shell struck right outside the wall." One theory I have now is that some natives disinterred secretly, the remains of American (foreign) soldiers from the Church yard, and buried them elsewhere. For the ground was consecrated to their people.

It is possible that Col. Clarke gave orders as to where my son should be buried, but was not present at the burial.

I want to thank you and Col. Brown and all of your staff for your efforts in this matter, and feel sure that eventually you will locate the remains of my son.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
A.R. Nininger.

*Non-recoverable*

**ACTION**  
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**27 SEP 1951**  
**MEMORIAL**

*Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.  
SN 0-23761*

*MAJ  
25 Sept 51  
[Signature]*



QMMD 293  
Mininger, Alexander R., Jr.  
SN O-23761

31 August 1951

Mr. A. R. Mininger  
222 South East 10th Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Mininger:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 August 1951 furnishing information concerning the reported burial of your son, the late First Lieutenant Alexander R. Mininger, Jr.

In view of the information you forwarded in your letter, I am having an officer of my staff call on you sometime during the week 17 September 1951. He will be prepared to discuss the matter in detail with you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEAWATER  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.  
SN 023 761

13 August 1951

Mr. Alexander R. Nininger, Sr.  
222 Southeast 10th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Nininger:

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

The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your son 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 son were brought to the churchyard in the town of Abucay where they were buried.

The Graves Registration Service of the Army conducted extensive investigations in the vicinity of Mabatang and Abucay in an attempt to recover and identify the remains of your son. The most recent investigation in the Abucay Churchyard was conducted during May 1950. At that 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 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 son's remains at Abucay, the persons reported to have witnessed the interments or believed to have any information concerning them were contacted either by letter or by telephone. While some



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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 were 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. Graves were also opened in the hopes of finding American equipment and ammunition which might have been buried 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 Matatang and Abucay have been processed by accredited technicians utilizing advanced scientific and technical procedures to obtain the most accurate information possible concerning these unknowns. The information obtained as a result of this processing was compared with the information on file with the Department of the Army for your son. However, no association was possible between any of these unknowns and your son because of the difference in dental and physical information.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division



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cc: Rec Sec

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A. R. NININGER  
222 SOUTH EAST 10TH STREET  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.

Aug. 21, 1951.

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Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.  
SN 023 76I

Department Of The Army  
Office Of Quartermaster General  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Your letter of Aug. 13th., signed by Col. James B. Clearwater, Chief, Memorial Division, was received, in which you explain the investigation of the Graves Registration Service in their search for the remains of my son, the late 1st. Lt. Alexander R. Nininger Jr., and the efforts of your department to secure information to aid in this search. You state that all efforts have failed and it is determined that my son's remains are nonrecoverable.

I appreciate your efforts, and know that the investigation followed most thoroughly every clue which you had obtained. However, after studying your letter of Aug. 13th., and the previous correspondence, and the information given to me, I cannot reconcile myself to considering the matter closed. You would, I am sure, follow up any further clues which would indicate that further investigation was necessary.

I am listing herewith some more names of witnesses, and possible witnesses to my son's burial, and some facts which might give you more leads.

In the fourth paragraph of your letter of Aug. 13, 1951, you speak of "conflicting information" concerning the reported burial of my son's remains at Abucay. In my letter of Sept. 3, 1946, I quoted from a letter from Col. George S. Clarke dated Feb. 20, 1944 in which he described in detail the burial of my son: "He is buried in grave #9 behind the south wall of the Abucay Church.."

Col. Clarke visited us here at our home late in August 1945. He then described to us just as he had written about our son's burial, and cautioned us to keep the record of the location of the grave.

Capt. William P. Cain (0310076) - formerly Lt. 57th. Inf. - whose home address is 3631 Monroe Street, Columbia, S.C., and Maj. Harold M. Imerman, Medical Staff, whose address is 416 N. Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills Cal., both called on us in the winter of 1945. Both were friends of my sons' and both testified as to the burial. They had both spent

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and by Personal  
visit 20 Sept 51  
J.B.*



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three and a half years in Japanese prisons. Surely none of these would give me any incorrect information.

Maj. Imerman told me that he had examined my son's body when it was brought in. Capt. Cain said that he had taken the class ring off of my son's finger. Col. Clarke had stated in a letter, that he had sent to Corrigador a package containing my son's class ring, his wallet and some papers. I never received these.

Col. Fred J. Yeager (O22969) who was Captain of my son's company, 57th. Inf., and who now is an instructor in the Language Dept. at West Point, had also been in a Japanese prison for three and a half years. He wrote to us on Dec. 9, 1945 describing our son's action which won for him the posthumous award of the Medal Of Honor. He had taken from my son's body a money belt which I had given him. In one of the pouches was a Crucifix which had been given to me by a friend who was a Catholic Priest (though I am not Catholic). When he was captured by the Japanese they had taken everything from him but they would not take the Crucifix. He sent the Crucifix to me.

Referring to my letter of Sept. 3, 1946, it relates that Maj. Ralph M. Calkins (O341614) stated that when grave #9 was moved to U.S. Cemetery #2, a part of the remains was sent to Washington for official identification. He also stated that a class ring was found. Col. Clarke, in a letter to me dated Aug. 28, 1945, concerning my son's promotion, stated; "Major Johnson S-3 of the 57th. Inf., and Capt. Olsen the Adjutant, have just been released from Japanese prison camps. Upon their return to this country they may be able to throw further light on whether or not Sandy actually accepted his promotion prior to his death." The two above mentioned names may be of value in securing additional information. I have a photograph of grave #9 at Abucay which was taken by Maj. Calkins in May 1946 prior to the disinterment in moving the graves to U.S. cemetery #2. I am enclosing this photo, also one of the Church and one of U.S. Cemetery #2.

So in summing up all this data, it proves that the body of my son was identified and buried in the Church yard at Abucay, grave #9. That this grave was moved to U.S. cemetery #2, and with the number 2836 was recorded there as "Probably Lt. Nininger". That the skull was sent to Washington for identification. That the photograph of



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grave #9 with the wooden Cross, taken in 1946 would indicate that the grave has not been violated by the enemy. If information given to me about the disposition of personal effects found on my son's body is not correct, the West Point class ring found in the grave may have belonged to my son.

And is it not possible that when the remains in all of those graves by the Abucay Church were disinterred, the wrong skull might have been sent to Washington, marked as from grave #9 "Supposed to be Lt. Nininger".

Naturally I think of such possibilities, as mistakes in identification have been known to be made.

Maj. Imerman should remember as to whether there was any mutilation by wounds that would hinder identification.

If my son's body had been mutilated by the enemy after he was killed, the personal effects on his body would have been removed.

It was either Maj. Imerman or Capt. Cain who told me that during the burial service of my son the area was under enemy bombardment.

In writing this letter there is no thought of reflecting upon your department, but only the deepest gratitude for all your efforts. However, the general perspective of the entire matter indicates that a careful recheck should be made, and I hope that the additional names and information contained in this letter will be of help.

The file on this case should remain open until the remains of my son are found.

My son won the first Congressional Medal Of Honor of World War 2. Several memorials have been dedicated to his memory. Many stories have been published about his heroic action. And we receive numerous inquiries as to the resting place of his remains.

Sincerely,



A.R. Nininger.



5 October 1950

#### RESUME OF THE RECORD

Lt Nininger is reported by The Adjutant General as having been killed in action 12 January 1942.

Col George S. Clarke, under date of 20 February 1944, wrote to the father of Lt Nininger. His letter described in great detail the ferocity of the fighting and the extent to which the U. S. forces were hardpressed by the Japanese. He gave the following account of the burial of Lt Nininger:

"Sandy's remains were carefully brought to the church in the town of Abucay, Province of Bataan, The Philippines. Captain Cecine, Chaplain, 57th Inf. held a reverent and beautiful service for him. He is buried in grave No. 9 behind the South wall of the Abucay Church beside many of my fine brave young officers who also died in that same action. Men of his Company carefully placed the exotic flowers of the Philippines upon the wooden cross that marks his last resting place. I was present personally for your son's funeral services. It was beautiful and reverent, honoring a man that I loved, one of my fine young officers and a brave man. I may say that his men loved him too, and his memory will live with them as long as they live." (See Tab A)

Major Harold M. Imerman, MD, in a letter to this office on 10 October 1949, stated that Lt Nininger was brought into the hospital at Abucay and was found to be dead on admission; that if he can recall correctly Lt Nininger was buried in the immediate vicinity of the church of Abucay, probably in the church yard; that Father Secina officiated; and that he does not think Lt Nininger was buried in the Abucay cemetery. (See Tab B)

Lt Col John W. Raulston, MC, in a letter to this office on 5 November 1949, stated that he was in command of a medical collecting station located in the Catholic church at Abucay in the early part of the Bataan campaign; that he has personal knowledge concerning the death of several officers at Abucay but the only one he can remember is McCurdy; that there were one or two who were killed in their foxholes by snipers whose bodies could not be retrieved for awhile; that he was not sure now that they were ever recovered; that if not recovered they were buried on the spot; that Chaplain Secina, who later lost his life on a Japanese transport, performed the burials which were done under cover of darkness; and that the Chaplain established a little graveyard in the plot of ground within the five foot wall around the church. Col Raulston marked an overlay with his idea of the location of the graves.



RESUME OF THE RECORD (Cont'd)

5 Oct 1950

Mr William P. Cain, formerly Captain, in a letter to this office on 2 November 1949 stated Lt Nininger was killed about 3/4 of a mile west of Mabatang while assisting Company K in retaking its lost ground; that he knows nothing concerning the burial of the remains of Lt Nininger; that he removed a West Point class ring from Lt Nininger's body; and that it may be that Lt Nininger was buried where he was killed. (See Tab D)

Within a short time after the Philippines were retaken from the Japanese recovery of remains from isolated burial locations was undertaken. Among the early recoveries were fourteen remains from graves just south of the south wall of the Abucay church yard. Two of these remains were found to be American and the remainder Philippine Scouts. Of the two American remains one was identified as those of Capt McCurdy and the other has not been identified. The dental features of the remains recovered as an Unknown American (X-166) do not compare in any way with the dental information available for Lt Nininger. (See Tab E)

Remains which were interred in Abucay Cemetery at about the time Lt Nininger met his death were recovered also soon after the Japanese were driven out of the Philippines. This cemetery is located less than a mile south of the Abucay Catholic Church. The field has recommended on several occasions that the remains recovered from Grave 9 of the Soldiers' Row in this cemetery be identified as those of Lt Nininger. This recommendation has not been approved because the height of that individual in life was between eight and ten inches less than the height of Lt Nininger.

During May 1950 a Recovery Party disinterred the entire area within the walls of the Abucay Church yard not occupied by buildings or concrete memorials. The area where Col Raulston believed American graves were located was included in the operation. In that area many native caskets were found, many of which contained the remains of children. During the operation 18 remains were recovered which the search party decided should be taken to the laboratory for examination since there was a possibility that they could be American. Upon examination by the Anthropologist it was found that all 18 were individuals of Mongoloid ancestry. (See Tab F)

Many remains have been recovered in the Mabatang-Abucay area which have not been identified. A majority of these are without identifying features and those with such features do not match the recorded dental information for Lt Nininger.

The information furnished Mr Nininger and this office by various persons who were on duty in the Philippines at the time Lt Nininger was killed, is conflicting in many instances. That furnished to the father of Lt Nininger appears to have been composed with the idea of consoling him in his great loss.



RESUME OF THE RECORD (Cont'd)

5 Oct 50

A study of this entire case indicates that the remains of Lt Nininger were not removed from the place of death but were interred hastily at that place; and that his remains have not been recovered or they have been recovered near where he was killed but are unidentifiable because of the lack of identifying features.

*Robert G. Lay*  
ROBERT G. LAY  
Capt QMC  
Memorial Division

CH #11

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PHILCOM ZONE

APO 928  
12 Sept 1950

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19 Sept 50

CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE

NININGER, Alexander J. Jr.  
1st Lt., O-23 761

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE

1. According to attached OQMG Form 371, 1st Lt Alexander J. Nininger Jr., was killed in action on 12 January 1942 at Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands.
2. No report of burial is on file for subject deceased.
3. Information obtained from A. R. Nininger, next of kin, states that subject officer was buried on 13 Jan 1942 in the churchyard of Abucay, Bataan, Philippine Islands in a grave marked No. 9. Investigation reveals that 14 remains were recovered from behind the south wall of the Abucay churchyard, only two of which were Americans, the balance being those of Philippine Scouts. A cross-comparison of the processing data of these remains with the army records for subject officer reveals unfavorable results.
4. Further investigation indicates the feasibility of associating Unknown X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P. I., a recovery from Grave #9, Soldier's row, Abucay Cemetery, Abucay, Bataan, Philippine Islands, with Lt Nininger, on the basis of favorable dental comparison. Board Proceedings recommending this identification, however, were not favorably acted upon by OQMG in view of the preponderance of evidence showing that subject officer was buried at Abucay churchyard, among which is a statement signed by Lt. Col. John W. Raulston, MC, who was in command of the medical collecting station located in the Catholic church at Abucay. Col. Raulston's statement reads in part:

"In regard to the burials, when it became necessary for the burial 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 the ground within the five foot wall around the church. I cannot recall

Inf. #3



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

NININGER, Alexander J. Jr.  
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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 and the burials were done under cover of darkness. I was not present at the burials." (*Italics supplied.*)


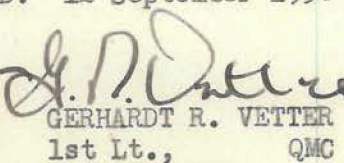
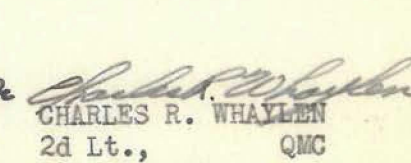
5. In view of the above information and the fact that the remains recovered by this headquarters from the Abucay churchyard were located outside of the five foot wall around the churchyard, a search team was dispatched on 9 May 1950 to undertake an extensive excavation of the area within the five foot wall around the church. The excavation yielded several remains. These were examined at the Central Identification Laboratory with the result that all of the recoveries were found to be Mongoloid.

6. All other applicable recoveries from Bataan were checked for possible association with Lt. Nininger but results were negative.

7. No information is at hand on which to continue the search for Lt Nininger's remains.

8. It is therefore recommended that the remains of 1st Lt Alexander J. NININGER Jr., O-23 761, be considered non-recoverable and that all records pertaining to search for and recovery of his remains be closed.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: 12 September 1950

 NATHAN F. BUCKLEY Major, O-1 579 441 President	 GERHARDT R. VETTER 1st Lt., O-1 595 235 Member	 CHARLES R. WHAYLEN 2d Lt., O-2 014 511 Recorder
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293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

*Phil*

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

*NININGER, Alexander J. Jr*

GRADE

*2 Lt \*  
1st Lt \**

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

*0-23761*

ORGANIZATION

*57th INF*

RACE

*White*

CREED

*no record*

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (if applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

*12-Jan-42*

CAUSE OF DEATH

*Killed in Action*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

*BATAAN, LUZON, P.I.*

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

*5' 11"*

WEIGHT

*157 lbs.*

COLOR EYES

*blue*

COLOR HAIR

*of*

SHOE SIZE

*Record*

DENTAL CHART

*28-July-41*

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**KIA before surrender.**

**Extracted from AG HFD File 999-5-13-2, page 488**

*\* Per OQMG letter dated 30 August 1950  
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CASE No 6985



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

23 May 1950

S T A T E M E N T

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Anthropologist

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PHILCOM ZONE

GRPZ

APO 900  
19 May 1950

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

On 9 May 1950 in compliance with letter directive (Inclosure #1) and Special Orders #30 this headquarters, dated 8 May 1950 (Inclosure #2) I departed AGRS at 0700 hours with twenty five (25) laborers and proceeded to Abucay, Bataan arriving there at 1430 hours. We spent the rest of the day making a temporary camp in the front of the churchyard and preparing to begin the exhumation the following day. Work was started in the area marked as Plot 2 on the sketch (Inclosure #3). Trenches were dug approximately four (4) feet deep and two (2) feet wide at three and a half (3½) feet intervals in all places which were not covered by concrete tombs. Where the soil was soft and 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)

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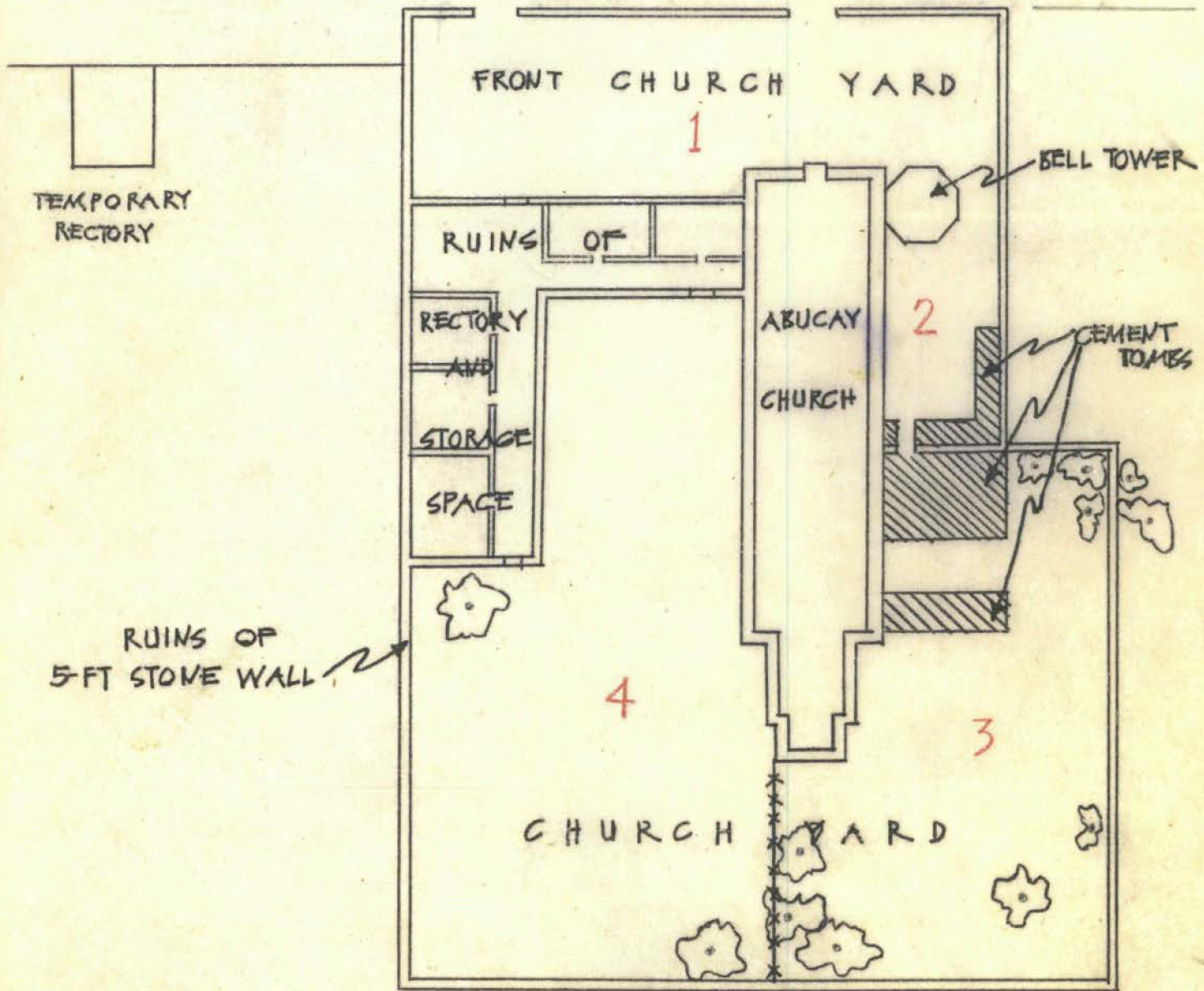
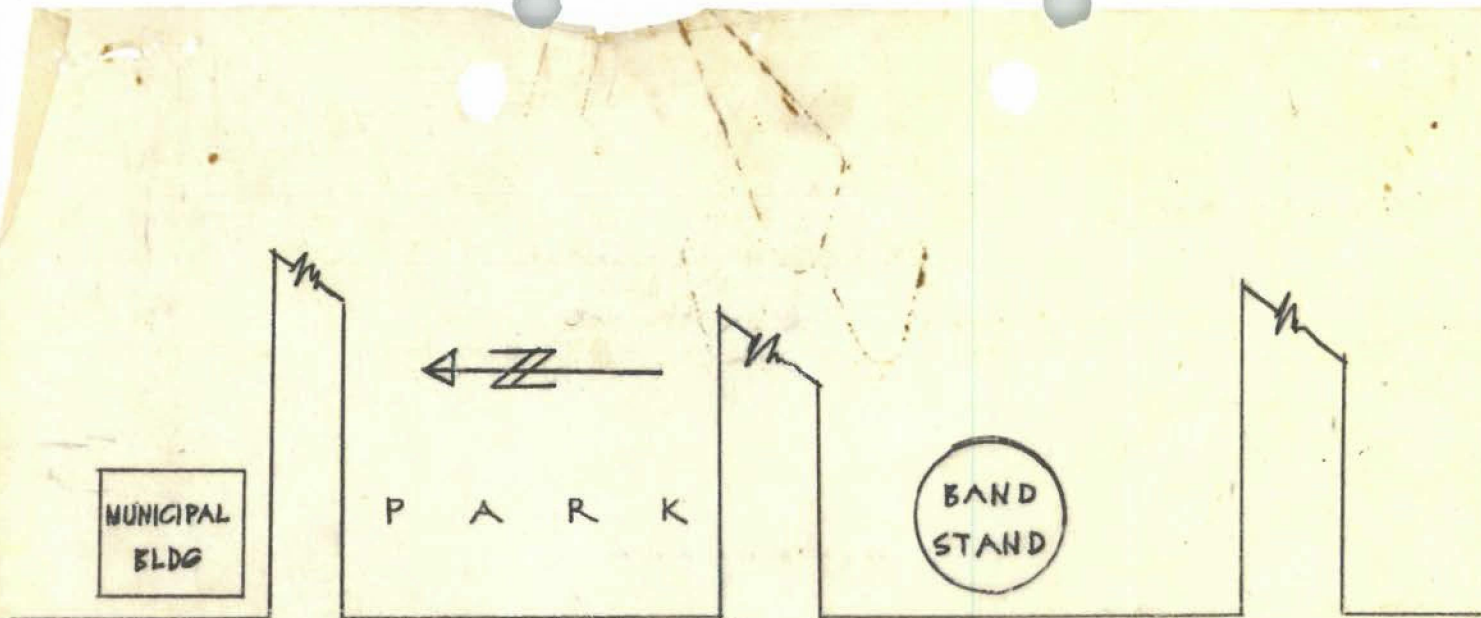
After exhausting all possibilities the entire area was levelled and grass and vines were collected and burned so that the churchyard presented a much improved appearance over that prior to this operation. We then returned to headquarters with the remains recovered from Plot 2 and with the understanding 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

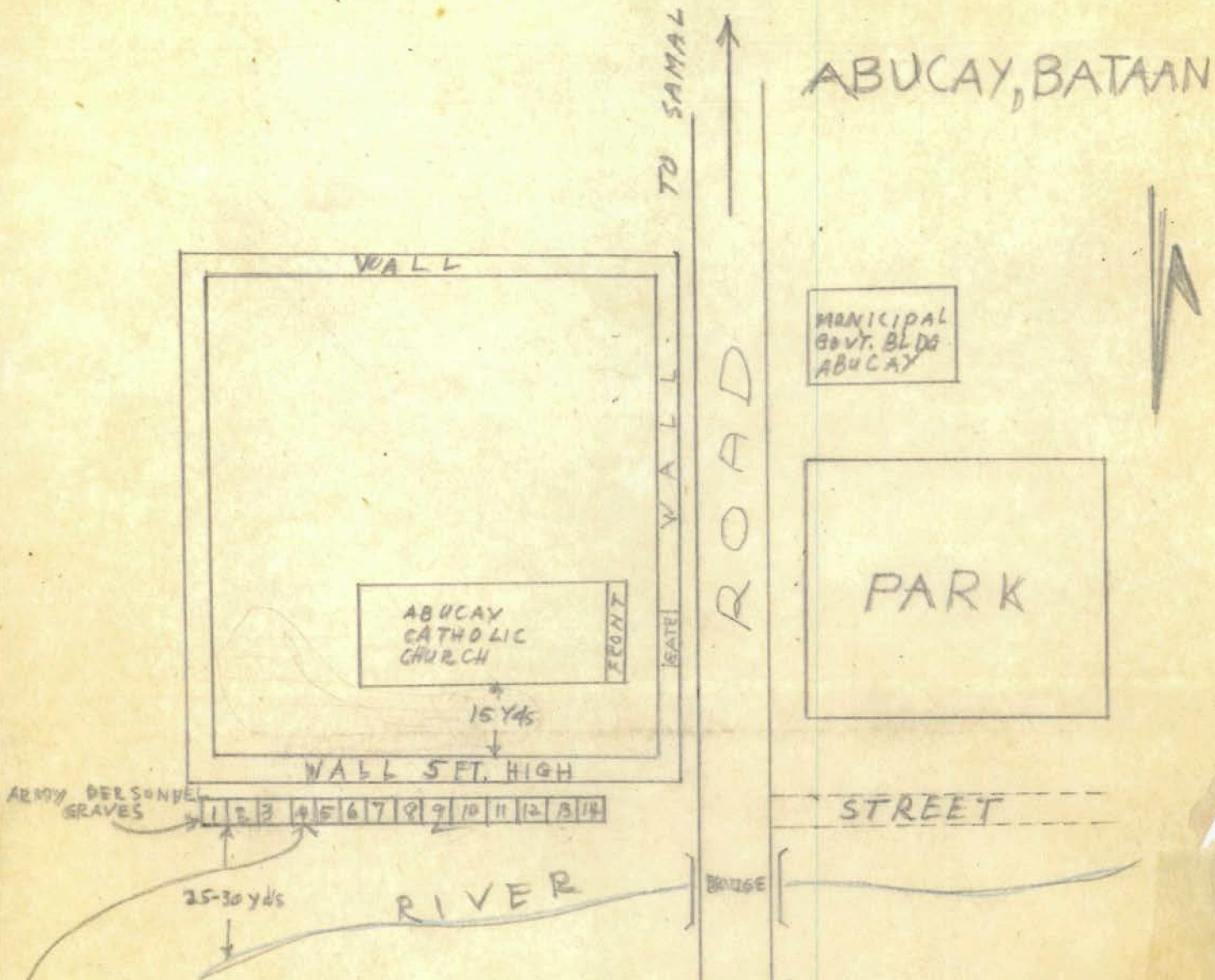
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DAC, CPC-8  
Search & Recovery Officer







# ABUCAY, BATAAN



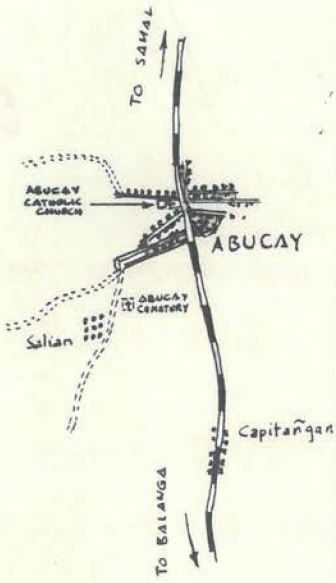
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- 4 - Unkn Amer (X-166)
- 5 - Pastor Sunga (P.S.)-686333
- 6 - Pedro Obsioma (P.S.)-10303858
- 7 - Olipas S Belen (P.S.)-10303697
- 8 - Pablo Lingan (P.S.)-10306271
- 9 - Tranquilino Beles (P.S.)-6728585
- 10 - Alipio (P.S.)-6739114
- 11 - Unkn Phil Scout (X-50)
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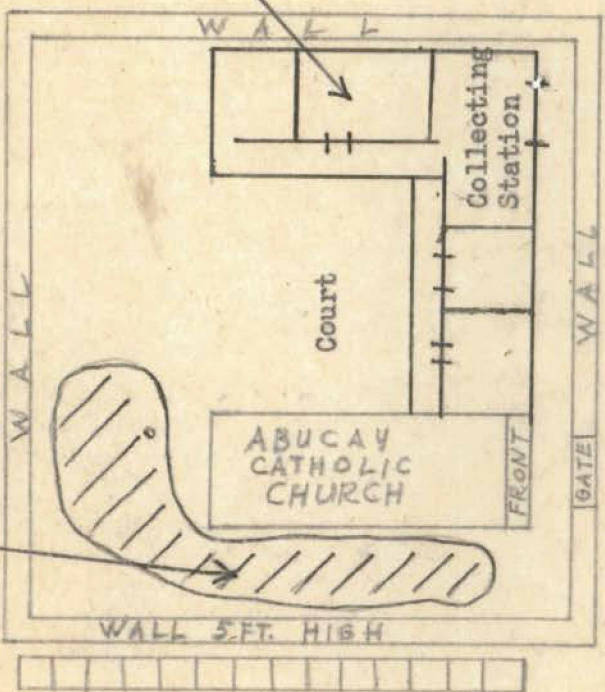
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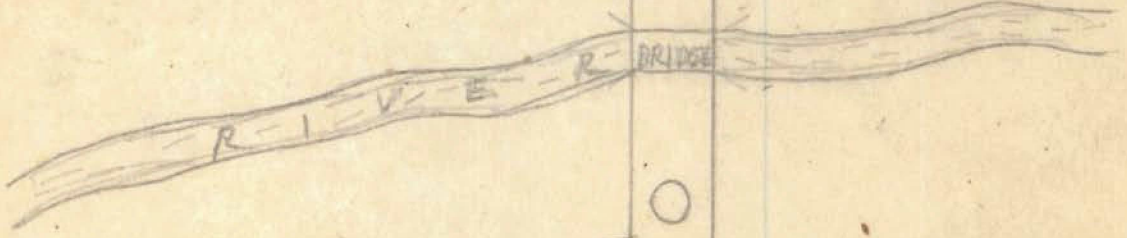
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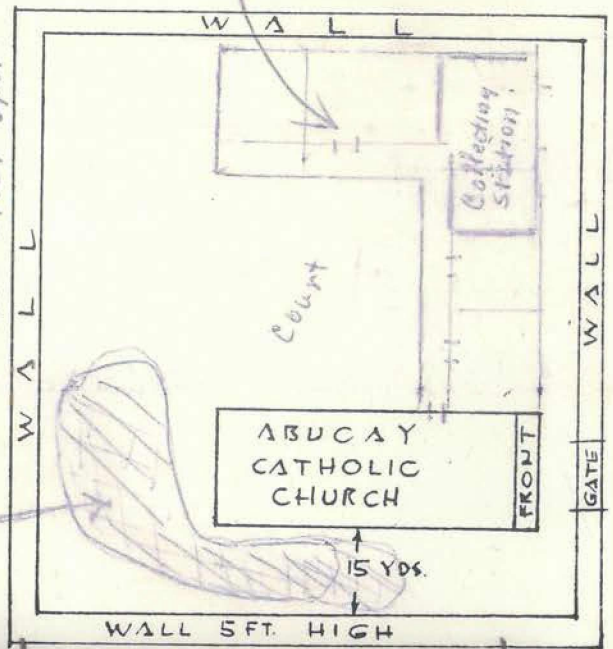
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Annex to Church - Priest's residence upstairs, Storage room, eye down stairs



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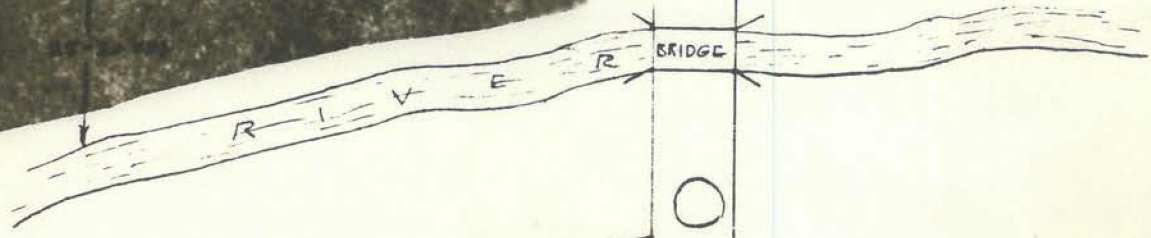
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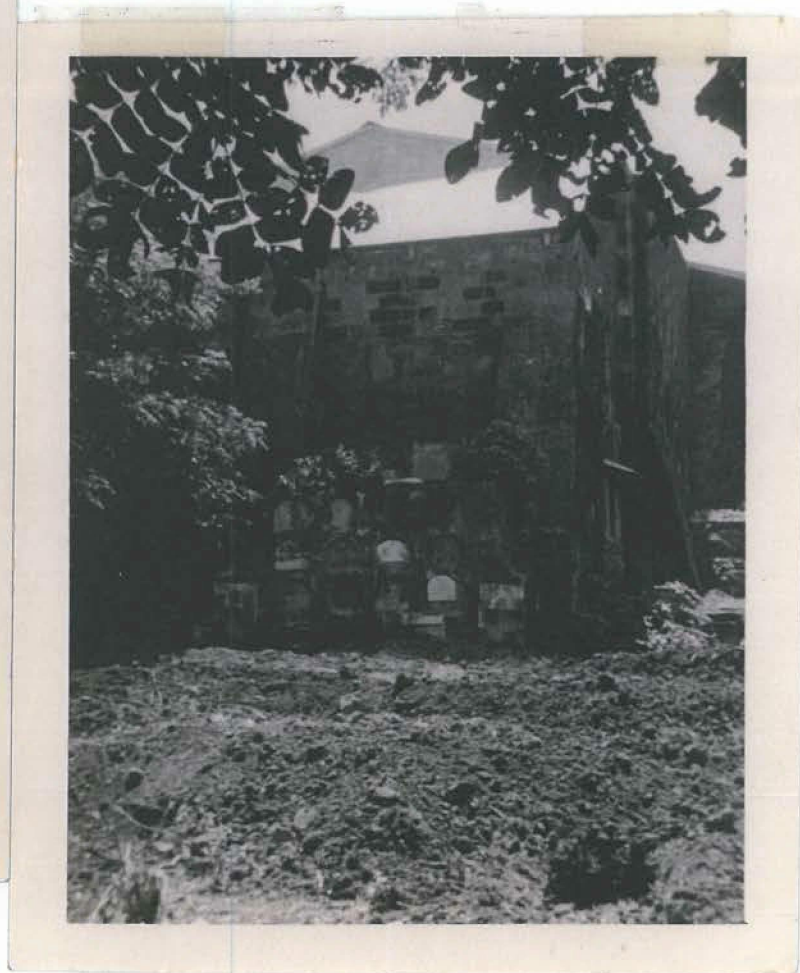
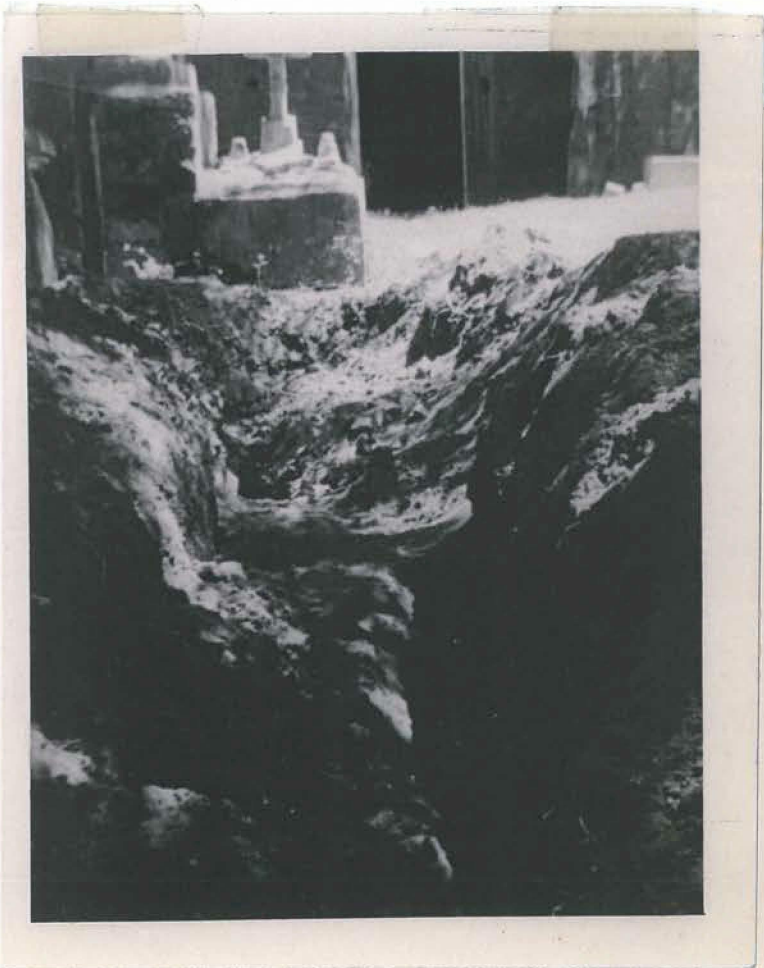
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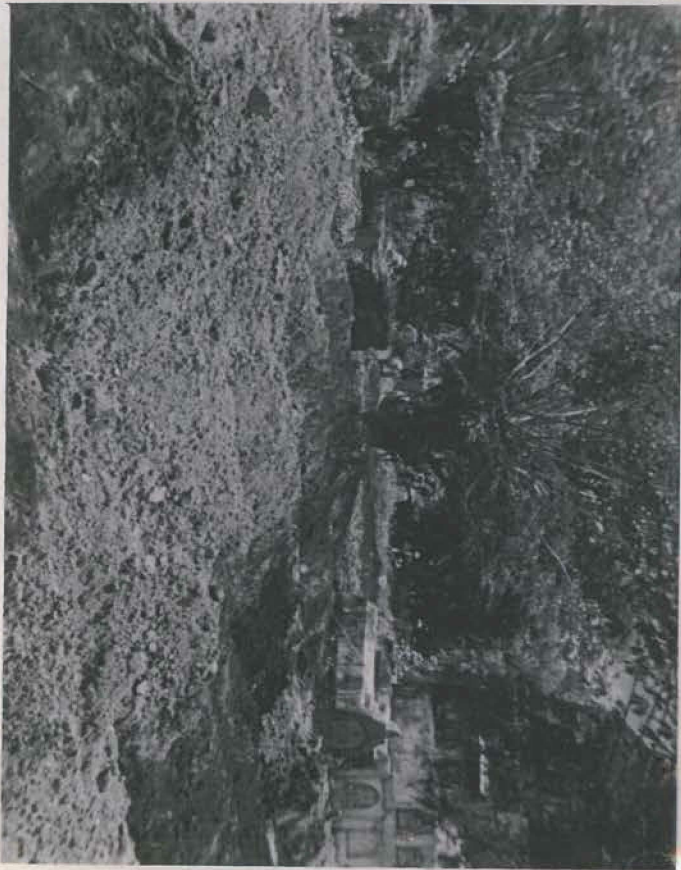


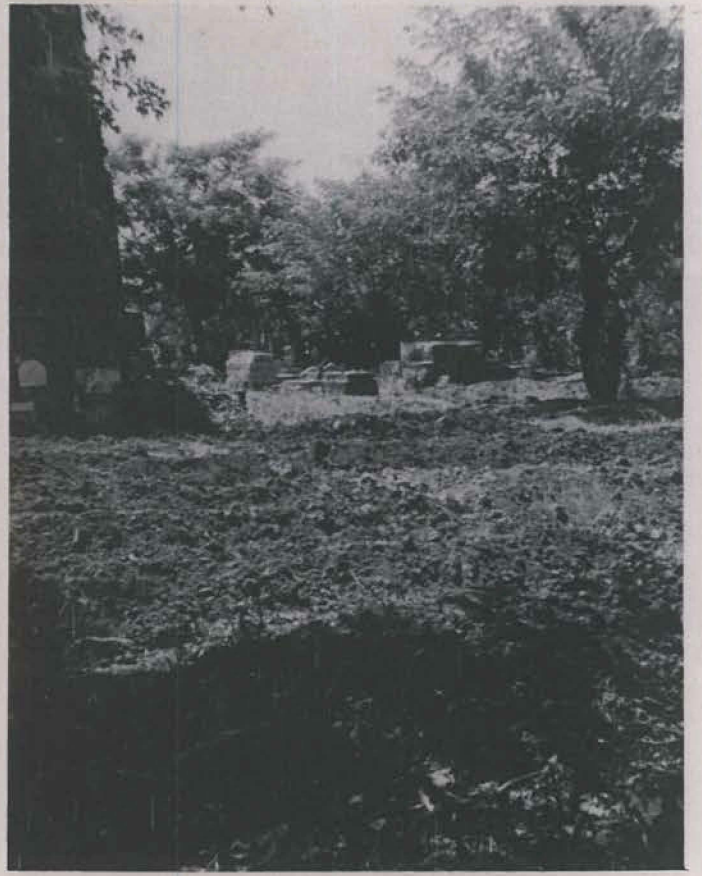
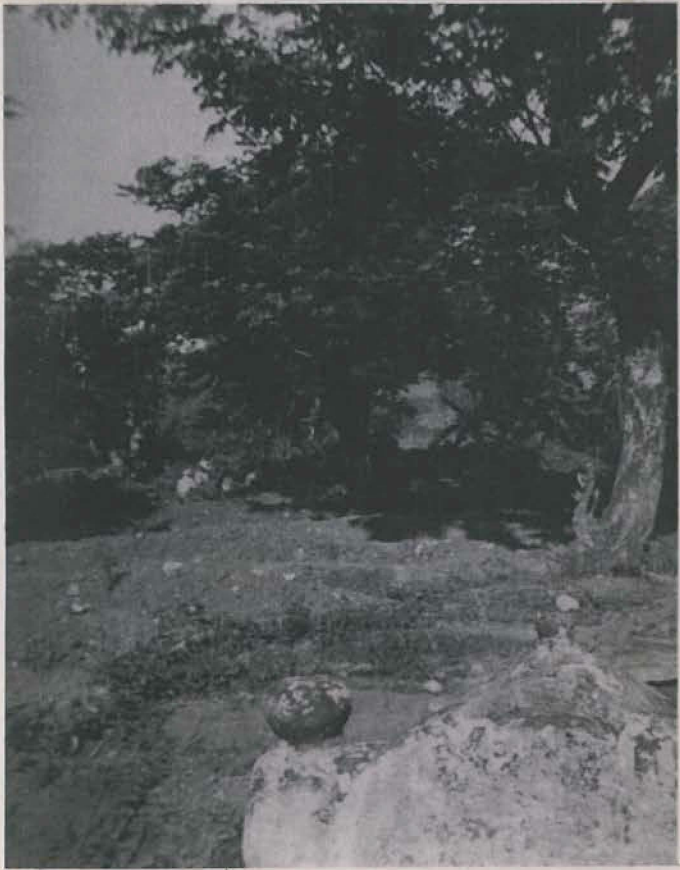














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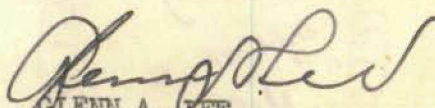
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5 MAY 1950

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/1 incl (Sketch)

  
GLENN A. LEE  
Major, Cavalry  
Commanding



QMGM 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 feet 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

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



GRPZ 293 (28 Nov 49)

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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:

/s/t/ CHARLES R. WHAYLEN  
2d Lieutenant, QMC  
Assistant Adjutant

12 Incls

1 to 9 - n/c

Added 3 incls

10. Rpt of Inv dtd 19 May 50  
w/4 incls

11. Statement of Anthropologist

12. AGRS Radio cite R 5043 GRPZ

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GRPZ 293

1st Ind

(28 November 1949)

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HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, PHILCOM ZONE  
APO 900 7 March 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 B. Meier (correct name of Capt. Meyer) were disinterred from US Army Cemetery No. 3, Mariveles, Bataan.

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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. McCurdy, O-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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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  
4 - 6: n/c  
7: w/d

Added:

8: Cy, Report of Disinterment  
re: Capt. McCURDY  
9: Cy, Report of Disinterment  
re: X-3431, Manila #2

/s/t/ JOHN SHYPULA  
1st Lt., Infantry  
Adjutant



**AIRMAIL**  
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QMGHT 293  
GRS Far East

*(Bd. Proc)*

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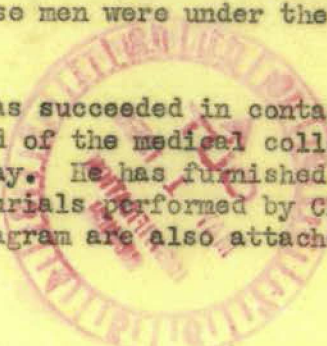
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T. H. METZ  
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Memorial Division

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cc: Adm Section  
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cc: CINCPF

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

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/s/ Thomas E. Cox for  
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EXTRACT COPY OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN 1ST IND TO OCMG, 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

/t/ J. WINDSOR, JR.  
1ST LT., OMC

A TRUE COPY:

  
H. B. McNEMAR  
Capt., OMC

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

.....Lt. Wilson and another officer were killed while riding in the 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

/t/ J. WINDSOR, JR.  
1ST LT., CMC

A TRUE COPY:

  
H. B. McNEMAR  
Capt., CMC



120-A Bear St.  
St. Andrews Homes  
Charleston, S. C.  
2 November 1949

Refer to file:  
QMGMT 293  
Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.  
1st Lt. O-23761 *ms*

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

Dear Col. Metz:

Reference is made to your letter of 19 October 1949. Inclosed overlay is not suitable. The undersigned will answer questions asked in letter dated 28 September 1949.

1. On 12 Jan 1942 the 57th Inf. Regt. Philippine Scouts was in a defensive position astride the main north-south road, Mabatang, Bataan, P.I. Lt. Nininger was assigned to Company A. During the early morning of 12 Jan 1942 the Japanese attacked the 3rd Bn. and broke through Company K's position. Lt. Nininger voluntarily attached himself to K Company and was killed in action about 3/4 mile west of Mabatang while assisting Company K in retaking its lost ground.
2. Other casualties were also involved. The undersigned does not remember ~~the~~ their names.
3. The undersigned was not present at the burial of Lt. Nininger.
4. The undersigned cannot furnish any information concerning the number of graves in the immediate area.
5. The undersigned cannot furnish names of individuals who witnessed the burial.
6. The undersigned can not mark the location of Lt. Nininger's burial on the drawings.

The undersigned knows where Lt. Nininger was killed and can mark the location on a suitable map. The undersigned removed a West Point class ring from Lt. Nininger's body. It may be that Lt. Nininger was buried where he was killed.

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Sincerely,

*William P. Cain*

WILLIAM P. CAIN

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGMT 293

26 October 1949

Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.  
1st Lt. O-23761

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

THRU : Commanding Officer  
Medical Center  
477 1st Avenue  
New York City, New York

TO : John W. Raulston  
Lt. Col. O-20401  
Medical Center  
477 1st Avenue  
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Lt. Colonel, QMC  
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Headquarters, Station Hospital, 1301st ASU, Fort Monmouth, NJ

5 Nov 1949

TO: Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

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QMOMT 293  
Wininger, Alexander R., Jr.  
1/Lt., O-23761

19 October 1949

Mr. William F. Cain  
120-A Bear Street  
St. Andrews 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 Incls
- 1. Map overlay
- 2. Return envelope

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



cc: Adm Section  
 J. E. A. Kazup/nsj *Eax*  
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OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

October 10, 1949

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

re: QMGMT 293  
Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.  
1st Lt, O-23761

293

Dear Sir:

In regard to your request of September 28, 1949, regarding First Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., I can furnish you with the following information:

1. Lieutenant Nininger was shot by Japanese snipers and brought into the hospital at Abucay, Luzon, P.I. and was found to be dead on admission.
2. There were other casualties but I do not remember their names.
3. I was not present at the burial of Lieutenant Nininger.
4. If I can recall correctly, Lieutenant Nininger was buried in the immediate vicinity of the church of Abucay, probably in the church yard.
5. Father Secina officiated. Unfortunately Father Secina is deceased.
6. Lt. Colonel John Raulston, Medical Corps, was also present at the time that Lieutenant Nininger met his death. Lt. Colonel Raulston is in the regular army and is in active duty some where here in the United States.

This is about all the information that I am able to give you regarding the circumstances of Lieutenant Nininger's death and burial. I do not think that Lieutenant Nininger was buried in the Abucay cemetery and I am quite certain that he was buried in the vicinity of the church yard. As to the exact point where he was buried, I am afraid I am not able to furnish this information. I am

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Sincerely,  
*Harold M. Imerman*

Harold M. Imerman, M.D.  
Major, Medical Corps  
A.S.N. O-3-3361

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*E. A. Krupp*

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120-A Bear Street  
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7 October 1949.

Refer to file:

QMGMT 293

Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.

1st Lt, O-23761

293

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

Dear Colonel Metz:

Your letter of 28 September 1949 received.  
Lt. Nininger was killed in action about 3/4 mile west  
of Mabatang, Rataan, P.I. Mabatang is just North of  
Abucay. It is suggested that you send me a suitable  
map. It may be that I can give information that will  
lead to a positive identification.

*William P. Cain*

William P. Cain



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**AIRMAIL**

~~Q121 293~~  
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293 Unit P.I. X-4685

(Mausoleum) Manila 28 September 1949

**SUBJECT:** Identification of World War II Deceased

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

**ATTN:** AGES, PHILCOM ZONE

1. Reference is made to Supplemental Board Proceedings, your headquarters, dated 26 April 1949, recommending the identification of Unknown X-4685, AGES Mausoleum Manila, as the remains of 2d Lt Alexander R. Mininger, O-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 GENERAL:**

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

E. A. Kampstal  
L. M. White  
J. Windsor

**cc:** CINCPAC, APO 500

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Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.  
1st Lt, O-23761

28 September 1949

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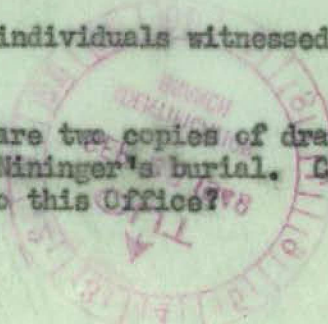
Mr. Harold M. Inerman  
922 South Jefferson  
Saginaw, Michigan

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMT 293

Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.  
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12 August 1949

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APO  
26 April 1949

SUPPLEMENTAL CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED IDENTIFIABLE

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

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS IDENTIFIABLE

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

- a. Letter from Herbert B. Maynard, dated 10 Sept. 1946, indicates that Lt. NININGER, Lt. Maynard, Lt. Kenneth Wilson, Lt. Compton, Lt. Green, and Capt. Meyer, casualties of the 57th Inf., were buried behind the south wall in Abucay Churchyard. (See Incl. 4).
- b. OQMG Form 371 for Lt. NININGER was compared with available records of all the other Unknowns recovered behind the south wall in Abucay Churchyard with negative results. (See Incls. 5A, B & C).
- c. UNKNOWN X-1359, a recovery from Cuitol 33rd Inf., P.S. Cemetery, Bataan, has been recommended for identification as that of Lt. David W. Maynard. (See Incls. 6A and B).
- d. UNKNOWN X-1572, a recovery from an isolated grave at San Pedro St., Hermosa, Bataan, has been recommended for identification as that of Lt. Kenneth Wilson. (See Incls. 7A and B).
- e. Capt. Meyer was a Known recovery from Mariveles Cemetery #3, Bataan, P.I. (See Incls. 8A and B).

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

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

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SUPPLEMENTAL CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED IDENTIFIABLE. (Cont'd)

NININGER, Alexander R., Jr., 2nd Lt., O-23761

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: 29 April 1949

/s/ John W. Weaver  
/t/ JOHN W. WEAVER  
1st Lt., QMC  
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Member

/s/ Paul E. Heineman  
/t/ PAUL E. HEINEMAN  
1st Lt., Inf  
O-1 312 677  
Member

/s/ Wilbur G. Hobbs  
/t/ WILBUR G. HOBBS  
1st Lt., Inf  
O-837 555  
Member

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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  
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GSGR 293 1st Ind.  
Unknown X-4685  
AGRS Mausoleum, Manila  
(X-1130, USAF Cem. Manila #2)

HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES COMMAND, APO 707, 1 April 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.,  
O-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. Nininger 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:  
Incl 1 - w/d  
Added:  
2 - Copy of ltr dtd  
10 Sep 46

/s/t/ FRANK O. CALOAN  
CWO USA  
Asst Adj Gen

C O P Y

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

In Reply Refer to OQMG 293

17 February 1949

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

SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF UNKNOWN DECEASED

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

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. O-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 in same.

4. In the event that these grave locations are not similar, it is requested that the area behind the south wall of the Abucay Church be investigated in an effort to recover the remains of 1st Lt. Nininger, O-23 761.

5. Revised OQMG Form 371 for subject deceased is inclosed as an aid to identification. Board Proceedings are suspended.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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

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

C O P Y



QMGMT 293  
Unknown X-4865  
~~AGRS 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

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl: QMG  
Form 371 (in dup) (Ninger)

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

C O P Y

*X 293 Nininger's Alexander R. Jr.  
O-23761*

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED AT

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

NININGER, Alexander R. Jr.

GRADE

2nd Lt.

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

O-23 761

ORGANIZATION

1st Bn. Co. 'C' 57th Inf. (P.S.)

RACE

White

CREED

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

1/12/42

CAUSE OF DEATH

KIA

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Abucay, Bataan \*

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

71 "

WEIGHT

157

COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR

SHOE SIZE

## DENTAL CHART

May 1938 - Mar 1937

UPPER RIGHT

	X							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

UPPER LEFT

				o		o	X	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

LOWER RIGHT

	o							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	

LOWER LEFT

							o	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Buried, Grave nine behind South wall of the Abucay Church,  
Province of Bataan.

File  
Feb 1 + 1949  
SD



✓ (023761)  
MB

FOR MAJ SEKOWSKI QM LN REURNR 39 31 JAN ON ALEXANDER R NININGER  
RPT R NININGER JR 023761 HT 71 IN WT 155 LBS ALSO SHOWN AS 166  
LBS FRAME LIGHT ALSO SHOWN AS MED COLOR HAIR EYES COMPLEXION & SHOE  
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Reynolds



HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES COMMAND

20  
APO 707

27 DEC 1948

GSGR 29319

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknowns

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

1. Proceedings of the Board of Review, PHILCOM Zone, AGRS, for the following unknowns are forwarded herewith with recommendation that identification be approved:

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

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

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

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

2 Incls:  
Board proceedings

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



*X 243 Walls, William J. B.*

*29319 Nininger, Alexander J. Jr. 0-23761*

*file 1-11-49  
Kerkla  
Identification*

*DEC 1948*



HEADQUARTERS  
PHILCOM ZONE  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

PIN/TLA/cvs\*

APO 900  
8 December 1948

CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED IDENTIFIABLE

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

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS IDENTIFIABLE

1. Time, place and cause of death of UNKNOWN X-4685 indicated on the ROI are in agreement with those of 2nd Lt. Alexander J. NININGER, Jr. indicated on OQMG Form 371. (See Incls. 1 and 2).
2. Information contained in a letter from A. R. Nininger, next of kin, states that 2nd Lt. Alexander J. NININGER, Jr. was buried in the churchyard of Abucay, Bataan, P.I., in a grave marked No. 9, which is in agreement with the place of recovery of UNKNOWN X-4685 (formerly interred at USAF Cem. Manila #2 as Unknown X-1130, BTB NININGER, Alexander R., Jr. (See Incls. 2, 4 and 6).
3. Branch of service, grade and organization listed on ROI and ROS for UNKNOWN X-4685 are in agreement with data indicated on OQMG Form 371 for 2nd Lt. Alexander NININGER, Jr. (See Incls. 1, 2 and 4).
4. Circumstances of death, recovery and burial of UNKNOWN X-4685 are in agreement with data on OQMG Form 371 for 2nd Lt. NININGER, Jr. (See Incls. 1, 2, 3, and 5).
5. Dental chart of UNKNOWN X-4685 shown on QMG Form 1044a compares favorably with that of 2nd Lt. Alexander NININGER, Jr. indicated on OQMG Form 371. (See Incls. 1 and 4).
6. It is recommended that the remains of UNKNOWN X-4685, AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I. (Hanger 810, Bay B, Cypert 451), be identified as those of 2nd Lt. Alexander J. NININGER, Jr., O-23 761.

IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED. APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: 17 Dec. 1948

s/ Teodoro M. Ronquillo	s/ Elee L. Tyler	s/ Edward J. Brucher
t/ TEODORO M. RONQUILLO	t/ ELEE L. TYLER	t/ EDWARD J. BRUCHER
1st Lt., CMP	Major, Inf	Major,
O-1 896 440	O-324 330	O-199 445
Member	Member	President, Board of Review

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

DATE 27 May 1948 meh

REPORT OF DEATH

FULL NAME <b>Mininger, Alexander R. Jr.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>023761</b>	GRADE <b>*1st Lt.</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Fort Lauderdale, Florida</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Inf</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>30 Oct 1918</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>Philippine Islands</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>12 Jan 42</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>Philippine Islands</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>11 Jun 41</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) <b>Alexander R. Nininger, Sr., Lake Theatre, P.O. Box 431, 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth, Florida (father)</b>			
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) <b>Mrs. Gertrude S. Nininger, mother, P.O. Box 581, Fort Lauderdale, Florida Mr. Alexander R. Nininger, Sr., father, Same as E. A.</b>			
INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO	IN LINE OF DUTY YES NO	OWN MISCONDUCT YES NO	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS YES NO
		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE YES NO	IN FLYING PAY STATUS YES NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below) YES NO <input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

\*Corrected to show rank as 1st Lt.,  
\*Previously reported as 2nd Lt.  
\*Promoted to 1st Lt. per S.O. No. 14, dtd 16 Jan 42, eff 11 Dec 41.

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

**-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

AG 201 293	NAME <b>MININGER ALEXANDER R JR</b> ASN 023761	GRADE <b>1/LT</b> SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED <b>30</b>
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	<b>ALEXANDER R NININGER</b> <b>LAKE THEATRE P O BOX 431</b> <b>601 LAKE AVENUE</b> <b>LAKE WORTH FLORIDA</b>		DATE TELEGRAM SENT

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

THE SECRETARY OF ~~WAR~~ **WAR** HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR **SON**

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
1ST LT	NININGER, ALEXANDER R., JR.	023761	INF			138040- U-1X	
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY			DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
*		IN			DAY	MONTH	

REMARKS: AG 201/17 MAY 48/  CORRECTED COPY

MEMO -- OPER UNIT CAS SEC PAB. \*RANK AT TIME OF DEATH 1ST LT PER S.O.  
 No. 14, DTD 16 JAN 42, EFF 11 DEC 41.

Corrected report issued in Certif. 27 May 48. meh

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED  FORM 43 AG 201 REQ. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED \_\_\_\_\_ OR CHARGED TO \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO. \_\_\_\_\_ YES  (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO. **201 (27 Jan 42)** MESSAGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE **19** DATE AND AREA **12 Jan 42 P.D. 27 Jan 42** E. A. NOTIFIED

FORWARDED TO  SPEC. IDEN.  C. & P.  TELEGRAM  LETTER  CERTIF.  F. REL.  CORRES.  REPAT.  S. R. & D.  NON-DE

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Information From A-Z File

BURIAL

REBURIAL

Nininger, Alexander R  
Name of Deceased

Rank

023761  
Serial No.

Kia  
Cause of Death

Organization

18 Jan 46  
Date of Burial

Emergency Addresses:

Name

Relationship

Address

Manilla, #2 P.S. 2  
Cemetery Plot

22  
Row

2836  
Grave

W Taylor Az. 23 Sept 46  
Information Furnished By

Unknown X-1130  
Believed to be

I. Anderson  
Approved by Sub-Section Chief



PHILIPPINES \*\*

LAST NAME NININGER	FIRST NAME & INITIALS Alexander R. Jr.	ARMY SERIAL NO. O-23761	CASUALTY LIST NO. Radio dated 1/27/42
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RANK 2nd Lt.	ORGANIZATION Infantry U. S. Army	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in Action	DATE OF DEATH 1/12/42
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PLACE OF DEATH  PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	PLACE OF BURIAL	DATE OF BURIAL
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EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE Mr. Alexander R. Nininger Sr. (Father) Fort Lauderdale, Florida P. O. Box 581	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN
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GRAVE MARKER	NAME PEG	HEADBOARD	BOTTLE	BURIED ON GR. MARKER	IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
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Born: Oct. 30, 1918                      REMARKS

Form 665

FINAL DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 665

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

*Plunk*

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>293 NININGER, Alexander J. Jr.</i>		GRADE <i>2-Lt.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>0-23761</i>
ORGANIZATION <i>57th INF</i>		RACE <i>White</i>	CREED <i>Catholic</i>
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>12-31-44</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>Killed in Action</i>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>BATAAN, LUZON, P.I.</i>	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT <i>5'7 1/2"</i>	WEIGHT <i>157 lbs.</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>
			SHOE SIZE <i>10</i>

DENTAL CHART

*28 July 41*

UPPER RIGHT <i>X</i> 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <i>X</i>
LOWER RIGHT 16 <i>X</i> 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 <i>✓</i>

X = Extracted

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Plunk*  
**22 APR 1948**  
*R. Hospital*  
*22 APR*

**22 APR 1948**



1st Ind.

AEK/mbc

Office of the Commanding Officer, Station Hospital, West Point, N.Y.,  
31 March 1947.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C. (ATTENTION:  
Memorial Division).

1. There are no dental records on file in the case of 1st Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., O-23761.

2. All dental records prior to 1946 were forwarded to the Clinical Records Branch, A.G.O., St. Louis, Missouri.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Albert E. Kessler*

ALBERT E. KESSLER,  
WOJG, USA,  
Adjutant.

MEMORIAL DIVISION

31 MAR 1947

RECORDS BRANCH

*N.A.N.  
File 5 Sept 50  
E. Christine Garvin  
H.B.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGR 293

Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.

ASN O-23761

(Manila No. 2) P. I.

26 March 1947

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commandant  
United States Military Academy  
West Point, New York

Attention: Post Surgeon

It is requested that any dental information on file for  
1st Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., O-23761, 1938 to 1941, be forwarded  
this office at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

*for James C. MacFarland*  
JAMES B. COLSON  
Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division



*35 MAR 28 1947*  
*MEMORIAL DIVISION*



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CMGBR 293  
Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.  
ASN O-23761  
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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

JAMES B. COLSON  
Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	
<i>Hininger</i>		<i>Alexander R. G.</i>		<i>023761</i>		<i>1st LT.</i>	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH		
<i>71"</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>not of record</i>	<i>record</i>		<i>1/12/42</i>		

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

*1st BN. CO. "C" 57th INF. (P.S.)*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

*MIA - Abucay Bataan buried grave # 9 \**

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	DATES
<i>West Point N.Y.</i>	<i>1938 - TO 1941.</i>
<p><i>* Behind the south wall of the Abucay Church, Province of Bataan.</i></p> <p><b>WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH</b></p>	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS  
**NO RECORDS ON FILE**  
*none*

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS  
*none*

DENTAL CHART *4/23/41*

<i>X</i>	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<i>X</i>
UPPER RIGHT							UPPER LEFT								
<i>X</i>	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	<i>X</i>
LOWER RIGHT							LOWER LEFT								

X - EXTRACTED      O - CARIOUS      / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

*side 11 Feb*  
*Revised*



QMGYG 293  
Nininger, Alexander R., Jr.  
SN O-23 761

4 October 1946

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

Mr. A. R. Nininger  
222 Southeast Tenth Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Nininger:

Your letter to the Adjutant General's Office concerning your son, the late Second Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., has been referred to this office.

Although no conclusive information is available as to the recovery and the identification of the remains of your son, remains have been recovered and interred in the United States Armed Forces Cemetery #2, Manila, Philippine Islands, which may be those of your loved one. An investigation is now being conducted in order to determine beyond a shadow of a doubt, the identity of those remains. Upon the conclusion of this investigation, you will be informed of the results.

The War Department has now been authorized to remove, at Government expense, to the final resting place designated by the next of kin, the remains of those American citizens who died while serving overseas with our armed forces during this war.

When the necessary preliminaries have been completed, a letter with an information pamphlet and a "Request for Disposition" form attached will be sent to the next of kin of those American dead. The "Request for Disposition" form, when properly filled out, will constitute the formal expression of the next of kin's detailed desires. Since letters to next of kin will be dispatched automatically and according to the records here, communications with this office regarding this subject will not be necessary. The necessity for complete coordination of movement in many parts of the world makes it impossible, at this time, to estimate when these forms will be mailed. Responses to them will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

Since authority for interment at West Point is under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, you are advised that request for interment of the remains of your son should be made of that office.



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:-

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

A TRUE COPY:

  
GOLDEN J. FRAME  
1st Lt., QMC



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**A. R. NININGER**  
222 S. E. 10th Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Sept. 3, 1946.

The Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir :-

Due to communications I have received, and to the disturbing nature of the information they contained, regarding the grave and remains of my son -

Lieut. Alexander R. Nininger Jr. O-23761  
57th. Inf. Philippine Scouts, U.S. Army

Killed in action Jan. 12, 1942 near Abucay, Bataan.

(Awarded, posthumously, the first Congressional Medal Of Honor of World War II.),

I am quoting, attached hereto, this information, knowing that you will see that the matter is investigated, and will request that as quickly as my son's remains are officially identified, that you will notify me, giving the location and the number of the grave.

It is the desire of Mrs. Nininger and myself, that his remains be brought back to this country, and if it can be so arranged, to be buried at West Point.

We will anxiously await your reply.

Very Truly,



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To the Adjutant General, Washington D.C. (2)

Lieut. Alexander R. Nininger Jr. O-23761 .

Quoting from letter received from Col. George S. Clarke, dated Feb. 20, 1944 :

" Sandy's remains were carefully brought to the church in the town of Abucay, Province of Bataan, the Philippines. Captain Cecina, Chaplain 57th. Inf. held a reverent and beautiful service for him. He is buried in grave No. 9 behind the south wall of the Abucay church, beside many of my fine brave young officers who also died in that same action. Men of his company carefully placed the exotic flowers of the Philippines upon the wooden cross that marks his last resting place. I was present personally for your son's funeral services. It was beautiful and reverent, honoring a man that I loved, and one of my fine young officers, and a brave man. I may say that his men loved him too, and his memory will live with them as long as they live."

Col. Clarke advises that a copy of this letter was sent to you at the time it was written.

Dated June 2, 1946.

Quoting from letter received from Mrs. C.W. Cole, (widow of the late Col. Casper W. Cole U.S.A. retired) whose grandson is Maj. Ralph M. Calkin O-341614, 507 QM Bn, then stationed in the Philippines. I had asked her to have him secure a photo of Sandy's grave.) :

"... Last time I heard from him (Calkin) he said Lt. Moore (Lt. E.M. Moore, officer in charge U.S. Cemetery No. 2, Manila) was trying to verify No. 9 as Sandy's grave and that he had the new number which is grave No. 2836 in Manila No. 2 cemetery."

Quoting from letter from Mrs. Cole, dated Aug. 2, 1946 :

"... My grandson was here to see me last Tuesday. When he left Manila about a month ago, the verification in regard to Sandy's grave had not been received from Washington. He said the records at Manila now read 'Probably Lieut. Nininger'. The part of skull with teeth have been sent to Washington, as that is the only positive identification they will accept. In that space where Sandy was originally buried, only one class ring had been found, but I told him I am under impression that Col. Clarke wrote that Sandy's ring had been removed for safe keeping, therefore I wonder if the one found belonged to Ira (Cheaney, class mate at West Point) Maj. Calkin says it usually takes about a year to verify any of those skulls and teeth, but he thinks as he told them it was assumed to be Lt. Nininger, it may hasten matters."

*no record of my  
received in Dept. 7.*



Sept. 3, 1946  
A. R. Nininger  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



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**A. B. NININGER**  
222 S. E. 10th Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mar. 26, 1946.

Lt. Harry Niemiec  
Chief Adm. Div.  
Army Effects Bureau  
Kansas City Q.M. Depot  
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: 64908I


Dear Sir :-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of Mar. 21st., in which you advise that some personal effects which belonged to my son, the late Lt. Alexander R. Nininger Jr., are being forwarded to me to Lake Worth Fla.

My permanent home address is as above, since my recent retirement, so you may alter your records accordingly.

If the carton you mention has been shipped to Lake Worth, it will be forwarded to me here.

I thank you for your letter, and for your efforts in my behalf.

Very Truly  


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Dear Mr. Nininger:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, First Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, Jr.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMEC  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Adm. Division



A. R. NININGER  
22 S. E. 10th Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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 Sandy's grave at Abucay, Bataan, and the information he secured. We did not know that the graves at the church 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, I will explain that we were advised that as the Japanese would violate the graves of officers or any soldiers who were recorded as having injured them in their efforts, the graves of such soldiers 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 subsequently 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. George 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 Chaplain's name was Cecine.

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 Sandy's grave, and monument to Sandy. 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 Sandy'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 Sandy'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. I 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 this regards. Glad to hear that you are feeling well.

Mrs. Nininger sends her love.

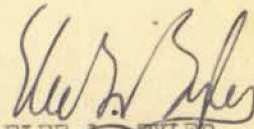
Sincerely,

A TRUE COPY

(Sgd) A. R. NININGER

/s/t/ E. M. MOORE  
1st Lt, QMC.

A TRUE COPY:

  
ELEE I. TYLER  
Major, Inf.



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February 20, 1944.

Mr. Alexander R. Nininger,  
P. O. Box 431,  
Lake Wales, Fla.

My dear Mr. Nininger:

I this date received from the Adj. General, U. S. Army, your letter of January 25, 1944, and his authorization to answer the questions concerning your Son, Lt. A. R. Nininger, Jr. which you asked in that letter. I will answer the questions as you asked them.

QUESTION I.

"Please describe in detail: Sandy's action in which he lost his life. What effect his action had on the situation at that time?"

ANSWER - The date, January 12, 1942 which I retain in my memory as the date he was killed was the day of a continuing series of attacks made by the Japanese on the 57th Combat Team Sector under my command on the right of the line at Abugay on Bataan. The two Bns of the 57th Inf. were on the main line of resistance; the 1st Bn. on the right, the 3rd Bn. on the left. The first attacks made by the Japanese on Bataan were made against this Sector. Eleven Japanese attacks were made on this position principally on the 3rd Bn. of the 57th Inf. in an endeavor to rupture the line between it and the junction with the 41st Division on its left. The Japanese attacked in a series of suicidal frontal attacks all night long night after night. The first night wave after wave of Japanese threw themselves at our position in a successful attempt to gain two objectives, 1st, to destroy our land mines built by the engineers in front of our position, and, 2nd, to infiltrate snipers into our position. To understand this situation, I should explain that the Japanese attacked all night, night after night, but retired in the day time when we found ourselves pinned to our foxholes during the daylight hours. We estimated that after the first attack the Japanese had successfully placed 1,000 snipers between the regiment's main line of resistance and the RRL 2,000 yards in the rear.

The Japanese constantly attacking at night succeeded on the second night in throwing wave after wave of men on the barb wire in front of our position thereby forming a human bridge of dead Japanese over the wire for use by their men in their 3rd suicidal attempt to take the position.

The first night of the attacks on Bataan, the Japs successfully folded the flanks of our 3rd Bn. and the 41st Division on the left, pushed the snipers mentioned before through our position and occupied some of the foxholes of Co. K., 3rd Bn., 57th Inf. A counter attack by three companies of the 2nd Bn., 57th Inf. successfully retook the lost position. The fourth attack by the Japanese was also successful, they having gained the same objective.



Mr. Alexander R. Nininger, February 20, 1944.

The Reserves of the 57th Inf. having been committed, two Bns. of the 21st Division P. A. were attached to the 57th Inf. These two Bns. then regardless of snipers made the first and only attack on Bataan under a rolling barrage and reestablished our front line.

Eleven attacks in all were made against this position. Japanese forces in our immediate front withdrew after these attacks and later as you know selected a position in the Mountains where there was no artillery to make their successful break through which caused the entire Abucay-Moron line to retire to the line Pilar BIGAC.

I have given you the above sketchy outline of our situation in order to show you why Sandy's actions followed. It must be remembered that Officers and men though well trained were actually green troops under battle conditions. With the exception of myself no single Officer or man in the entire Combat Team, Inf. artillery, engineers or medical corps had ever been under fire. The bizarre and extraordinary tactics of the Japs confused and amazed us all. Fire-crackers and drums - wild attacks seemingly going nowhere - whole companies of Japanese showing themselves in front of fields of cane merely to draw our fire to establish our machine gun installations. The lack of flares to light up No Man's Land combined with the weird and unearthly screams in the native Filipino language by the snipers who had established themselves in trees inside of our position makes it in retrospect seemly almost impossible that the troops held on as they did.

Your Son was in the First Bn., 57th Inf. and, therefore, to justify his death in the area of Co. K., 3rd Bn., 57th Inf. I must explain the situation of the 1st Bn. In order that the Japanese forces be stopped from attempting to go around the right flank of the Sector by swimming or in boats, companies A. & B. 1st Bn. took up positions along a two mile fish pond dike which extended through the mangrove trees to establish fields of fire in front of the position. As it turned out these two companies on the dikes were never attacked except by a constant strafing by Japanese planes. The dikes were about six feet high and about three feet wide. Individual standing foxholes were built for the men the length of the dike. At this point I might tell you that I visited this position nightly during the construction and I saw no one as happy as your Son, Sandy during this particular time. The difficulties of supplies, food, water and ammunition and lack of sleep apparently agreed with him. His enthusiasm and delight in my praise of his efforts were contagious. At that time his attitude struck me as the attitude of a soldier who at last was doing the job he had been trained to do.

Again this position was never attacked and the Officers from the very first attack were constantly volunteering for all sort of missions which would help the 3rd Bn. and their own Co. C. on the mainland which was also under constant attack. Capt. A. W. Werhuth, commanding the machine gun Co., Co. D., 1st Bn. was the first available Officer since his Co. was attached to the companies on the front line. Sandy received permission to go sniper hunting on the 10th and 11th of January. Please picture the situation again in his organization. No sleep for nights on end - only a standing foxhole in which to rest during the day. The tired, worn feeling



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Mr. A. R. Mininger, February 20, 1944.

and under constant anxious strain, and with the news on the morning of January 12th that our lines as described above in Co. K's Sector were ruptured, and that more Japanese snipers had infiltrated into our position.

You have, of course, read of the marvelous ability of the Japanese to construct sniper nests in trees. I have personally walked up to a bole of a tree, looked up into the branches and seen absolutely nothing, yet in that same tree six Japs were killed while I was still in that vicinity. Three members of the 57th Inf. also sniper hunting walked into and stepped upon a group of fifty Japanese soldiers magnificently camouflaged lying prone upon the ground. They killed all fifty without one moving a muscle while they were alive.

Sandy received my permission to go forward in the 3rd En. Sector with two of his men. He was loaded down with grenades and with a Garand rifle slung over his shoulders. He carried under his arm a Japanese "Tommy Gun". Instead of concentrating on snipers in his own area, he evidently decided that there were more Japs in the area behind Co. K. Many reports of his action and the action for which I recommended him for the Congressional Medal of Honor were reported to me by the Company Commanders of L. and M. Companies as well as other corroborating reports from men in Co. K.

To the best of my remembrance of those reports, Sandy shot his first Jap out of a tree and as the Jap's body fell at his feet he was so excited he stood up in the face of terrific rifle fire and yelled like a school boy. He apparently was wounded at that time since his leg was apparently bandaged. From then on Sandy apparently went berserk. He threw grenade after grenade. Men of Co. K. counted some 20 Japs killed by his grenades. Our counter attack was succeeding and their artillery laid down a fearful barrage. Many reports of further action by Sandy were then made by the 2nd in command of the 2nd En. 57th Inf. making the counter attack to regain Co. K's position. Sandy apparently had used up all of his Jap ammunition and was now using his bayonet and leaping from one shell hole to another. At this time he was wounded a second time since a first aid man crawled to his assistance. Sandy must have had a premonition that he was going to die because the first aid man could not hold him in that shell hole. His final action as described by this same officer was when he saw Sandy wounded again and when he seemed to be staggering from loss of blood, three Japs charged toward him with bayonets. He killed all three of them and apparently fell from exhaustion and weakness. From the reports of the first aid man when they crawled to him, he was dead and a dead Jap Officer lay across his legs. I cannot tell you how many of the enemy Sandy accounted for but this I will say, his personal actions at this particular time cannot possibly be evaluated. Suffice to say his action acted like a tonic on the men around him and added greatly to the success of our counter attack.

Your Son died a real hero. He was recklessly brave, and the action in which he gave his life to his country proved. Posthumous medals or honors which you receive can never make up to you the loss of your dear Son. The fact that he was so brave and fine and that he received the first Congressional Medal of Honor awarded in this war must in some measure help to heal the wound of his passing.



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Mr. Alexander R. Nininger, Feb. 20, 1944.

QUESTION 2.

"Describe his funeral and location of grave. Full name of Chaplain, and is Chaplain known to be alive now?"

ANSWER - Sandy's remains were carefully brought to the church in the town of Abucay, Province of Bataan, The Philippines. Captain Cecina, Chaplain 57th Inf. held a reverent and beautiful service for him. He is buried in grave No. 9 behind the South wall of the Abucay Church beside many of my fine brave young Officers who also died in that same action. Men of his Company carefully placed the exotic flowers of the Philippines upon the wooden cross that marks his last resting place. I was present personally for your Son's funeral services. It was beautiful and reverent, honoring a man that I loved, one of my fine young Officers and a brave man. I may say that his men loved him too, and his memory will live with them as long as they live.

QUESTION 3.

"You said that you had promoted him to 1st Lt. in December, 1941. I have never received official notice of this promotion and published information carries his rank as 2nd Lt."

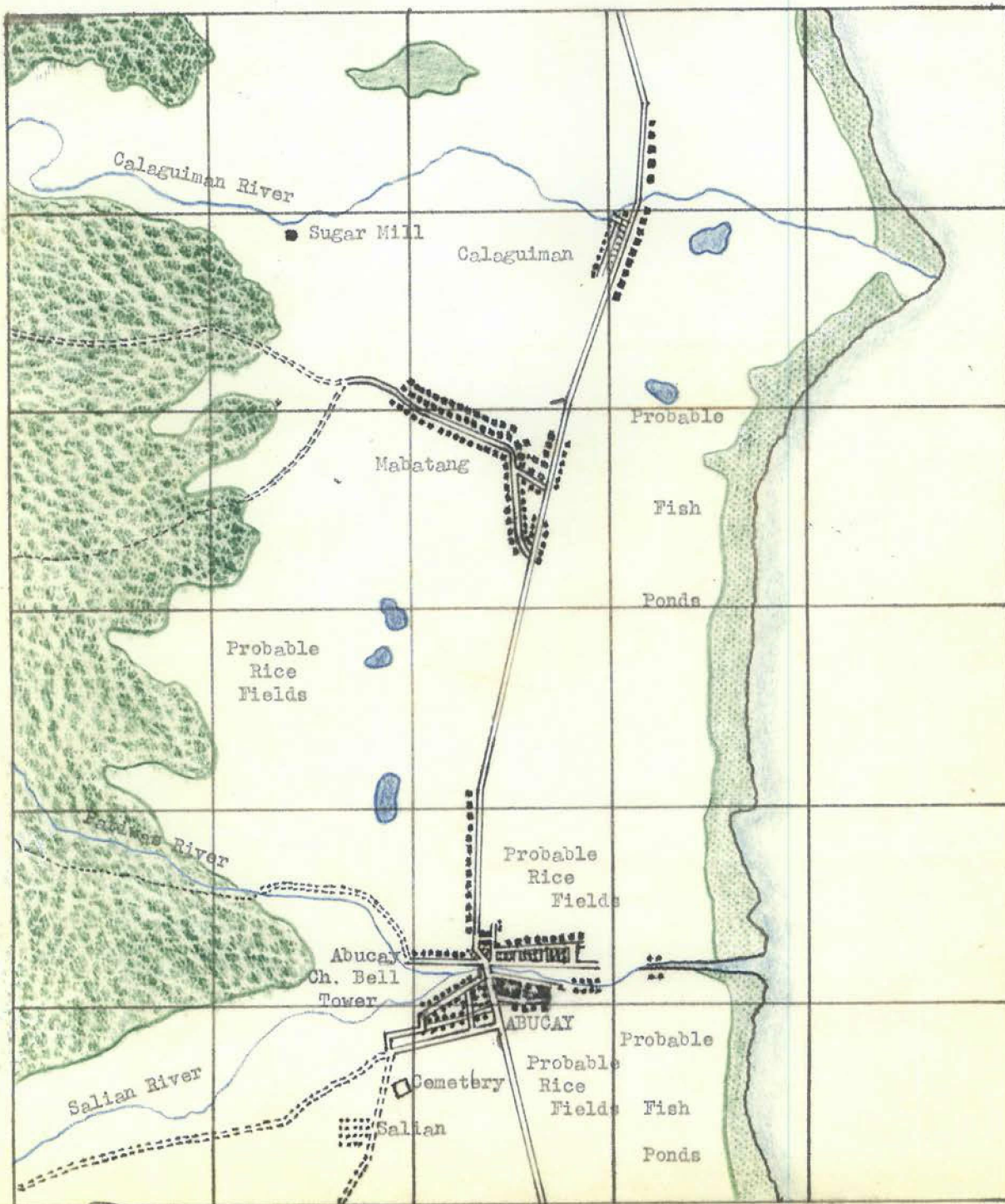
ANSWER - I am not prepared to make a sworn statement to the effect that Lt. Nininger actually accepted his promotion to a 1st Lt. by actually taking the oath of office, but the following facts are true statements: I visited all command posts in the 1st Bn., 57th Inf. on December 31, 1941, when I informed all concerned personally, including Lt. Nininger, that Headquarters, USAFFE had told me over the telephone that my promotion recommendations had been approved and that I might so inform all concerned. I was told also that actual mimeographed orders would be delayed on account of the volume of such orders throughout the Command and because of lack of facilities for printing such orders. I can further state though the actual date evades my memory, that the promotion order containing his name was received at my command post prior to his death. I have described the situation on Bataan prior to his death and it is possible that he either did not take the oath of office or that his oath of office might well have been destroyed by enemy fire or through some inadvertence have failed to reach USAFFE Headquarters on Corregidor for recording. The order I refer to promoted him to 1st Lt. as of December 19, 1941. To the best of my remembrance it was officially reported to me and I am sure that I remember correctly when I say that accepted oaths of office for all Officers in the regiment for promotion were forwarded to higher headquarters. Further when I wrote his citation I might easily have been thinking of this very young man who had joined my regiment direct from U.S.M.A. as a 2nd Lt. instead of properly noting his increased rank. I regret the error if it was mine.

There is little that I can add to the very carefully chosen words of his citation except to say that from the time he joined my regiment until the day he gave his life for his country, he was an outstanding Officer in every respect. He exemplified duty, honor, country and reflected great credit on his regiment, his Alma Mater, the Army and his country.

Very truly yours,

*R. Barker*





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Bataan, Luzon, Philippine Islands

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- Woodland
- Mangrove
- Surfaced and partially surfaced road
- Dry weather road or track
- Trail



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM      January 30, 1942.

SUBJECT: Report of death.

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

Full name: <sup>HH</sup> 293 Alexander R. Nininger, Junior.

Serial number: 0-23761

Organization: - - - - -

Arm of service: Infantry.

Grade or rank: Second Lieutenant.

Cause of death: Killed in ACTION.

Date of death: January 12, 1942.

Place of death: Philippine Islands.

Date of birth: October 30, 1918.

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



*E. Adams*

Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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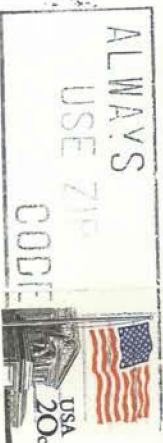
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Memorial Division

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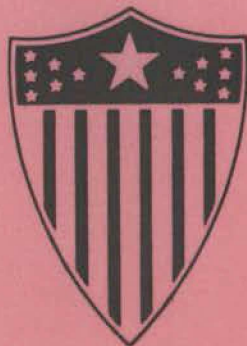
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1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
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The attached copy of letter, dated 17 September 1955, from Earle N. Holden, P. O. Box 1096, Savannah, Ga., regarding disposition of the remains of Lt Alexander R. Nininger, is forwarded for necessary action pursuant to telephonic conversation, this date, between Mr. Fisher, your office, extension 54309 and Mrs. Irvine, this office.



FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>Frank W. Morrow</i>	DATE 28 Sep 55
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Corres & Inv Sec, Opr Br, TAGO, 1E841	TELEPHONE 53165

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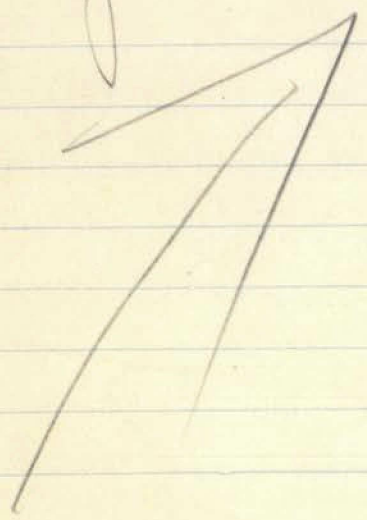
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Ninninger	12 Jan 42	No K Father
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Compton	11 Jan 42	No K mother

Maynard is part of this  
group under investigation



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For additional information on this case see classified

293 file for CHEANEY, Ira B. Jr., 1st Lt. O-23965

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
**INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET**

DUE, HOUR AND DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Regis Br Mem Div	Chief Mem Div	4 Sep 51	<p><sup>293</sup> SUBJECT: Nininger, Alexander R., Jr., 1st Lt, 023 761 <i>adp</i></p> <p>It is recommended that a personal visit to next of kin be made to explain the findings of nonrecoverability of remains.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C</i> CAMPBELL 56553</p> <p>2 Incls 1. 293 file Nininger 2. Ltr from NOK dtd 21 Aug 51</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVED</b> <i>J.B.C.</i> 4 SEP 1951 <b>MEMORIAL</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>File NAT Regis Br Miss Machuga 24 Sep 51</i></p>



Nininger Alexander R., Jr. 1/LT 023761

Mr. Alexander R. Nininger, Sr. - father  
222 Southeast 10th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

SEND LETTER TO FATHER IN ACCORDANCE WITH Major Lay's attached draft.

*Copies: D P R B  
Records Section*

Bennett  
7/3/51

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Nininger, Alexander R Jr

This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your son, the late FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER R. NININGER, JR.

The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your son was killed in action, <sup>2</sup>January 1942, in the vicinity of Mabatang and Abucay, Philippine Islands. The records further indicate that you have been informed that the remains of your son were brought to the churchyard in the town of Abucay where they were buried.

The Graves Registration Service of the Army conducted extensive investigations in the vicinity of Mabatang and Abucay in an attempt to recover and identify the remains of your son. The most recent investigation in the Abucay Churchyard was conducted during May 1950. At ~~this~~ <sup>that</sup> 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 has <sup>5</sup> been identified. It is believed that these graves which were located just outside the south wall of the Abucay Churchyard between the wall and the river bank are the graves which were reported as having been seen by American personnel on the death march.

In an attempt to resolve the conflicting information concerning the reported burial of your son's remains at Abucay, the persons reported to have witnessed the interments or believed to have any information concerning <sup>them</sup> 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 <sup>was</sup> ~~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~~ <sup>Also</sup> Graves were opened in the hopes of finding American equipment and ammunition which might have been <sup>buried</sup> ~~interred~~ with the remains. <sup>P</sup> The death roster prepared by Chaplain Secina has been studied; however, it does not contain the burial location of the remains of <sup>any of</sup> 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 ~~the~~ 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 <sup>on</sup> ~~file~~ with the Department of the Army for your son. However, no association was possible between any of these unknowns and your son because of the difference in dental and physical information.

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

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

293 Nuringer, Alexander Jr.  
023761

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FOR MAJ SEKOWSKI QM LN RM 1D684 PENT URMSG 9 19 MAY ON ALEXANDER  
R NININGER JR 023761 NO RECORD FOUND OF FRACTURES OR BREAKS



HAN  
File

29 June 50

Identification Branch



*293 Nininger, Alexander R 0-23761*

3 Fin Det Ident Sec 7 Dec 293 - Speers, Thomas, 2/Lt, O-890172  
 Section Ident Br 50  
 Ident Br Men Div  
 Men Div Attn: J. Fisher

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

the same time as the other decedents.

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

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

Incls  
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s/t/ IAY  
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4 Ident Sec Final Det 26 Mar  
 Ident Br Section 1951  
 Men Div Ident Br  
 Men Div

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

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

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*File - NAIN Sec -  
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 23 apr. 51  
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**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE  
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

FILE NUMBER  
**14,384 (1)**  
AREA OR ZONE(S)  
**PHILCOM**

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **NININGER, Alexander R. Jr.** RANK **1st Lt.** SERIAL NUMBER **0-23 761**

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.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	<i>B.H.</i>	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>B.H.</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>B.H.</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>B.H.</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWNNS	<i>B.H.</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWNNS NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>B.H.</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			<i>B.H.</i>
None			

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

NAME OF CASE ANALYST *Christine Hayden*  
**C. HAYDEN/bj** CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Br., Correspondence Sec.  
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED		DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>A. J. Craten</i> <b>A. J. CRATEN</b>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Robert G. Lay</i> <b>ROBERT G. LAY, Capt QMC</b>	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> <b>THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC</b>		<b>22 Sept 50</b>



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
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1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Nonrec Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Corres Sec Regist Br Mem Div	28 Jun 51	<p>SUBJECT: 293 files: Compton, John C. O-413755 Green, Arthur W. O-395411 Maynard, David W. O-384762 Nininger, Alexander R. Jr. O-23761 Wilson, Kenneth L. O-398233</p> <p>1. Forwarded are 293 files for subject deceased who were killed in action on the 11th and 12th of January 1942 in the Philippine Islands and who were supposedly interred in the Abucay Churchyard Cemetery. Nonrecoverable findings for the deceased have been approved.</p> <p>2. For detailed information on these cases see classified file on 1/Lt Ira B. Cheaney Jr. SN O-23965 (S-MEM-523)</p> <p>5 Incls 1. 293 Compton 2. " Green 3. " Maynard 4. " Nininger 5. " Wilson</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>King</i> KING 74059</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Edwards</i> EDWARDS 73472</p>



HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PHILCOM ZONE

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 77 )

APO 928  
12 September 1950

1. The Board of Review as appointed by Par 2, SO # 52 this Hq dtd 14 July 1950 is dissolved.

2. In accordance with ltr Hqs OTAG File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", CINCPAC radio CX59238 dtd 18 March 48 and par 59h SR 830-110-5 dtd 3 Mar 49, the folg named Officers, 8131st SU (AGRS-PZ) APO 928, are aptd as Board of Officers for the purpose of reviewing and acting upon all cases referred to the Board pertaining to identity of unknown remains, finalizing disinterment discrepancy reports, and to review and determine in all cases, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board within the PHILCOM Zone, AGRS:

MEMBERS OF BOARD

Major	JONATHAN F. BUCKLEY	01579441	QMC	President
Capt	HAROLD B. McENEMAR	0507074	QMC	Member
1st Lt	JOHN SHYPULA	01307091	Inf	"
1st Lt	GERHARDT R. VETTER	01595235	QMC	"
2d Lt	CHARLES R. WHAYLEN	02014511	QMC	Recorder

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL MARTZ:

OFFICIAL:

*John Shypula*  
JOHN SHYPULA  
1st Lt., Infantry  
Adjutant

JOHN SHYPULA  
1st Lt., Infantry  
Adjutant

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Alexander R. Nininger, 2nd. Lt.  
SN O-23761

Case still under investigation

~~CANCELLED  
28 Aug 50  
S. Mc Laurin  
Ident Sec~~

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MESSAGE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
STAFF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

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*243 Nininger, Alexander R.*

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PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED

FROM: CO USMILPORT MANILA PI FROM CO AGRS-PZ

TO : DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC FOR OQMG

INFO: CINCFE, COMGENAF 13

NR : R 5043 GRPX

1 JUN 50

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 1 June. Absence of further info for search indicates nonrecoverable action appropriate now.

HAB  
File

*2 June 50*  
*Watt Mc Laurin*  
Identification Branch

JUN 12 05 PM '50  
O.D. W. SECTION

ACTION: QMC

*Mem. (Ed.) (2)*

CM IN 4673

(1 Jun 50) DTG 010100Z wk/5

*File chyl Mc Laurin fd 5/5/50*

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1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - NININGER, Alexander R., Jr.

### SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: D/T - Comment #1

3. DATE: 8 Feb 50

4. FROM: Demob Pers Rec Br, AGO, RAC, St. Louis, Mo.

5. TO: TQMG

6. SUBJECT: Place of Burial: Brig Gen <sup>Abt.</sup> O. Van Horn, O-656  
1st Lt Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., O 23 761

7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - Ft. McPherson, Ga.

(List of names for  
Re-naming Streets)

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1. File classification under which this cross-index sheet is to be filed.
2. Appropriate term, such as: "ltr," "memo," "1st ind," etc.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
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"AT EASE"  
WEST 1735 WEST POINT ROAD  
SPOKANE 12, WASHINGTON

1ST IND

19 August 1949.

To: Lt. Col. T. H. Meyer, G.M.C. Memorial Division  
Office Quartermaster General THRU The  
Adjutant General Department of the Army.

1. all of the information requested in basic communication is on file in the office of the Adjutant General of the Army.
2. I enclose a copy of a letter dated Feb. 20, 1944 written by me to Mr. Alexander R. Muninger a copy of which is also on file in the office of the Adjutant General of the Army.
3. I can add nothing further in this endorsement.

243 Muninger Report R.S. (023761) 9P

George S. Clarke.  
Col. Inf. U.S.A. Ret.

1 Enc.  
Copy letter to Mr. Muninger.



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25 Aug. 1949

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Identification Branch

QMGMF 293


Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.  
1st Lt. O -23 761

Ltr 12 August 1949

A reply at your earliest convenience, using the inclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage, is earnestly solicited.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl: Envelope

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



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FILE UNDER NO.

293 Nininger, Alexander R O-23761.

I N D E X S H E E T

S Y N O P S I S

27 Jan 1947.

MEMO.

FROM: OQMG.  
TO: AGO, WW II Records Admin. Center, St. Louis, Mo.  
ATT: Demobilized Records Br.

RE: Identification of Unknown Deceased.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

293 (World War II- Unknown).

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MEMO ROUTING SLIP

DO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

1	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
1	Dir., Memorial Division, OOMG Room 2401, Tempo B Building Washington 25, D. C.			
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1. For necessary action.
2. Second Lieutenant Alexander R. Ninninger, O-23761, was killed in action on 12 Jan 42 in the Philippine Islands.
3. The writer has been advised this is reference.



1 Inclosure  
Ltr dtd 3 Sep 46

NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
FROM: Casualty Branch, Operating Section, Family Relations Group, 1C522, Pentagon	IHW		12 Sep 46

TELEPHONE 72450

W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115  
1 October 1944

This form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115, 23 March 1944, which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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1	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Identification Section	DATE	CONCURRENCE
2	Attn: Major MacFarland		FILE
3			INFORMATION
			NECESSARY ACTION
4			NOTE AND RETURN
			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

NINNINGER, ALEXANDER R., JR., O-23761

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate, applicable to this case.

*a BTB case*  
*See Par. 3*  
*Ver*

FROM NAME OR TITLE	DATE
Memorial, Correspondence	9-25-46
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	TELEPHONE
<i>Miss Sabino 2614 "B"</i>	

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QMGYG 293 Nininger, Alexander R., Jr. - SN 0-23 761 4 October 46 (Cont'd) *al*

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS F. LEWIN  
Captain, QMC  
Assistant *TCW*

*TCV*

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*[Large handwritten signature]*

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7/12/46

File Under 293 Nininger, Alexander R. Jr.

ASN 0-23761

INDEX AND SYNOPSIS

Transmittal letter listing Forms 8-WA Station forwarded  
for information requested.

FROM: O&G Ident. Sect.

TO : World War II Records Administration Center, AGO, St. Louis, Mo.

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293 NININGER, ALEXANDER R (2nd Lt)

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SYNOPSIS

7/5/42

FROM: OQMG  
TO: WASH QM

Articles listed on shipping ticket RA 96116 were  
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FROM <sup>1-27-42-1508</sup> WAR DEPARTMENT

BUREAU A. G. O.

AG 201 WININGER, ALEXANDER R. JUNIOR  
(1-27-42) OG.

# TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

JANUARY 27 1942

MR. ALEXANDER R WININGER SENIOR  
*P.O. Box 581*  
FORT LAUDERDALE FLORIDA

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER R WININGER JUNIOR UNITED STATES ARMY WAS KILLED IN  
ACTION IN DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS JANUARY TWELFTH STOP  
DELAY IN REPORTING FACTS TO YOU CAUSED BY COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES STOP LETTER  
FOLLOWS

OFFICIAL:

ADAMS

ADJUTANT GENERAL

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Q. M. G. O. (Memorial Division)

COLONEL FITZGERALD - ROOM 2076

JAN 28 1942



Y EFFECTS BUREAU  
Summary Court-Martial  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Case No. 649 081  
WPH: LK/vh  
Date 29 March 1946

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Alexander R. Nininger, Jr., 0-23761 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

First Lieutenant, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 12 day of January, 1942, at Philippine Islands  
Washington

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 228, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. none.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt none, Incl. none.)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below).

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 6 March 1946, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of A. R. Nininger for the effects of the above named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112,

A. R. Nininger of  
(Name of person found entitled)

Lake Worth State of  
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Florida, is the father of the  
(Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

W.F. HERMAN, Major, QMC  
(Name, Rank, Organization)  
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

AMOUNT OF CHECK	NOTE DISCREPANCY IN	INCLOSE VALUABLES	RECIPIENT FROM
ACCOUNT NUMBER	NAME	SHIP VALUABLES	CASUALTY REPORT
	SERIAL NUMBER	VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)	INVENTORY
	RANK		FORM 20

Mr. A. R. Nininger  
Lake Worth, Florida

1st Lt. Alexander R. Nininger, Jr.  
0-23 761  
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LETTER
NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
ENVELOPE
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PACKAGE
FOOT LOCKER
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
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SHIP BLOODSTAINED
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REMOVE DAMAGED
FILMS REMOVED
DIARY REMOVED

PHN: LK:vh      SUMMARY COURT DATA

DATE OF FINDING	APPLICANT	DATE ACTION TAKEN
3-6-46	A. R. Nininger	21 Mar. 46
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REMARKS

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ORDER FOR ACTION



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(S-2-17-46)  
RFB:LK:ujn  
January 17, 1946

Jo Helen Burt  
Box 794  
Fort Landerdale, Florida

Dear Madam:

Lieutenant A. R. Nininger,

*Handwritten mark, possibly initials or a signature.*

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ATTACHMENTS		<b>EFFECTS INVENTORY</b> <b>ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU</b>	STATUS	
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CAMERAS		CLOTH, WASH		PIPES		
CLOTHING		COATS		RINGS		
MISC. ARTICLES	X	FOOTLOCKER		SCARFS		
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	4	FOOTWEAR, PR.		SHIRTS		
RIBBONS, DECORATION		GLASSES	X	SOCKS, PR.		
SHORT SNORTER		GLOVES, PR.		STATIONERY		
SOUVENIR MONEY	X	HANDKERCHIEFS		TIES		
SOUVENIRS	3	HEADWEAR		TOBACCO		
TESTAMENTS		JACKETS		TOILET ARTICLES		
TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS		KITS		TOWELS		
U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)		KNIVES		TROUSERS, PR.		
WATCH	X	LETTERS	X	TRUNKS, PR.		
WINGS		LIGHTERS	X	UNDERWEAR		

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO

None

INFORMATION

Friend  
 Jo Helen Burt  
 Box 794  
 Ft. Lauderdale Fla.

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS

CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER			TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		SYMBOL	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		AMOUNT	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY		DATE	MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	TO ISSUING AGENCY
		PAYEE	
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

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TALLY NO. 6246	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE 26 Dec 45	BOX NO.	SHEET OF SHEETS
NAME A. R. NININGER		A. S. N.		
ORGANIZATION Co. G. 2nd Gr Bn.		RANK Lt	CASE NO. 649081	
WAREHOUSE SPACE 1497	EXAMINED BY Cowden	DIARY REMOVED		
PACKED BY	INSPECTED BY	PHOTO FILM REMOVED		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION #1 Ctn	WEIGHT 68	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED		
	STORED BY	SHIPPED	DATE MAR 22 1946	BY WHOM



REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

ADDITION

ARKS

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

*Typewriter damaged,  
extent unknown*

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

NININGER, A.R.

LT

BAY

PALLETS  
6

BOX

TALLY

6240

TYPE P  
BOX

I certify that the above items were not in the containers inventoried by me.

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED