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Ltr fr Hq, AFWESPAC, APO 707, file GSQMM 704.5, dtd 8 Feb 46, sub: Casualty Information

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Hq, AAF, Washington 25, D. C. 13 Jan 47

TO: OQMG, Repatriation and Records Section, ATTN: Capt. Folaros

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER

APO 707 8 Feb 46

GSQMM 704.5/15N

SUBJECT: Casualty Information

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

1. Records, Headquarters, Pacific Air Command, U.S. Army indicate the following personnel as crew members of B-25 J 43-36187 that crashed in Angeles, Central Luzon, Philippines on 9 January 1945:

2 Buffington, James O.	2nd Lt.	0-675664	
& Thompson, Richard T.	Capt.	0-427049	
Buchanan, Vernon C.	2nd Lt.	0-707222	
Dunhavant, Bernard R.	Cpl.	13116869	
Nelson, Walter J.	T Sgt	20246140	
Hertz, Joseph	Cpl	32794422	

T Sgt Welson was the only survivor of the crash.

- 2. According to 4th indorsements of inclosures, Col. Morgan has knowledge as to the burial sites of the above personnel. Information received this office indicate that Col. Morgan is Lt. Col. Edmund B. Morgan, formerly with the 40th Division Quartermaster and now recently assigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
- 3. Request Lt. Col. Morgan be contacted for all available burial information he may have in his possession relative to the subject deceased.

Colonel, QMC
Acting Chief Quartermaster

2 Incls:

Ltrs Hq AFWESPAC, dtd 6 Sep 45, file GSQMM 704.5, subj: Casualty Information, w/4 Inds., re:

1 - Buchanan, Vernon C.

2 - Buffington, James O.

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QUIGYG 293 Buffington, James O. 1st Ind. SN 0 675 664 ASF, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C. 10 June 1946 TO: Commanding General, Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO 707, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. For: WESPAC Sector Graves Registration Officer. The attached copy of a letter from Mr. E. B. Morgan is forwarded to aid in the investigation being conducted to locate the remains of the subject decedent. FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL: 3 Incls: Incls 1 & 2 n/c Major, QMC Incl 3 Added Assistant Or ltr from Mr. E. B. Morgan, dtd 24 April 1946 GSQIII 293 2nd Ind. HEADQUARTERS, AFERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE SECTOR COMMAND, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN FACIFIC, APO 707, 5 July 1946. To: Commanding Officer, USAF Cemetery, Manila #2, APO 358. 1. Your attention is invited to 1st Ind., Hq. 500th Bomb Squadron (M) AAF 354 Bomb Group (M) AAF and letter of E.B. Morgan. 2. Desire records your headquarters be reviewed to determine whether subject officers and enlisted men are interred as knowns or possible unknowns in a cemetery under your jurisdiction. FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER: ah Millolen A. L. MCCLOSKEY Major, QISC Executive Officer 3 Incls: n/c 113 H5

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GSQMM 293
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES CEMETERY MANILA #2,
APO 358, 10 July 1946

TO : Sector Commander, AGRS-PATA, Hqs AFWESPAC, APO 707

1. In compliance with 2nd Ind a complete review of our records does not reveal any of the following crew members of the B-25 J 43-36187 plane that crashed in Angeles, Central Luzon on 9 Jan 45, being interred as knowns or unknowns in Manila #1, Manila #2, or Batangas #1 cemeteries.

Buffington, James O.	2nd Lt	0-675664
Thompson, Richard T.	Capt	0-427049
Buchanan, Vernon C.	2nd Lt	0-707222
Dunhavant, Bernard R.	Cpl	13116869
Hertz, Joseph	Cpl	32794422

- 2. Col E. B. Morgan states that the five bodies were interred at USAF Cemetery Culayo #1. This cemetery was disinterred and all remains were reinterred at Manila #2 Cemetery. All remains were supposedly identified. However, the following listed men were formerly unknowns and from a B-25 plane crash in Angeles.
  - a. Lebeck, Howard C 2nd Lt 0-704602
    Grave 2259 Row 18 Plot 1
    Formerly reported as Unknown X-5 and disinterred from Grave 251, Row 26, Plot 3, Culayo Cem #1.
  - b. Bartlow, Jack E. 2nd Lt 0-823789
    Grave 2260 Row 18 Plot 1
    Formerly reported as Unknown X-6 and disinterred from Grave 252, Row 26, Plot 3, Culayo Cem #1.
  - c. Noe, William H. S/Sgt 15087318
    Grave 2138 Row 17 Plot 1
    Formerly reported as Unknown X-3 and disinterred from Grave 152, Row 16, Plot 2, Culayo Cem #1.
  - d. Browngardt, Arthur Jr. 2nd Lt 0-764969
    Grave 2132 Row 17 Plot 1
    Formerly reported as Unknown X-1 and disinterred from Grave 154, Row 16, Plot 2, Culayo Cem #1.
  - e. Von Habel, Englehardt S/Sgt 34408015
    Grave 2163 Row 17 Plot 1
    Formerly reported as Unknown X-2 and disinterred from Grave 156, Row 16, Plot 2, Culayo Cem #1.

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3. Two others hereby listed were interred in Manila Cemetery #1. They are also listed as killed in a B-25 plane

a. Unknown X - 17
Grave 85 Row 9 Plot 3
Remains were disinterred from an isolated grave.

b. Gilbert, Clarence H. T/Sgt 13063466
Grave 83 Row 9 Plot 3
Remains were disinterred from an isolated grave and was previously reported as Unknown X-16.

- 4. According to these records there must have been two B-25 plane crashes in this vicinity at approximately the same date.
- 5. It is the contention of this office that the five men reinterred from Culayo Cemetery #1 could be the same men previously interred at Culayo Cemetery #1 under the supervision of Col E. B. Morgan.

3 Incls: n/c

crash in Angeles.

C. L. BASKIN

1st Lt., QMC

Commanding Officer

GSQMM 764.5 /25/ FM 4th Ind.

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THEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC, APO 707.

TO : Commanding General, Pacific Air Command, United States Army, APO 925.

- 1. Records this headquarters do not indicate that the remains of the crew members of a B-25 J aircraft, serial number 43-36187 which crashed in Angeles, Central Luzen on 9 January 45, have been recovered.
- 2. Request records your headquarters be reviewed for any further information available, to include map sketch and grid coordinates of crach, if known, and the extent and results of any searches made.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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3 Incls: n/c 21345 THOMAS J. BROWN CWO, USA UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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APO 707

6 SEP 1945

SUEJECT: Casualty Information

TO

Commanding Officer, 500th Bomb Squadron, 345th Bomb Group, APO 245

Request this headquarters be furnished all available information relative to the death and burial of the following deceased:

MANE:

BUCHANAN, Vernon C.

RANK & ASI:

2nd Lt.

0-707222

ORGANIZATION:

500th Bomb Squadron, 345th Bomb Group

DATE OF DEATH:

9 Jan 45

PLACE OF DEATH:

Luzon, P.I.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. C. CARTERETTE

Major.

AGD

Asst. Adj. General

9821M 704.5 ATM/rej lst Ind. IQ., 500TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF, 345th Bombardment Group (M) AAF, APO 245, 11 September 1945. To: Commanding General, Headquarters, United States Army Forces Western Pacific, APO 707. In compliance with basic communication 2d Lt VERNON C. BUCHANAN, 0.707222, Navigator-Bombardier, was killed in action on 9 January 1945. At first the crew was carried as missing in action but on 26 January 1945 the status was changed from missing in action to killed in action based on testimony of Radio Gunner, Technical Sergeant Walter J. Nelson, 20246140, single survivor of the above officer's crew who was rescued by Filipino Guerrillas and returned to Military Control to verify the llowing information: The airplane was hit by enemy 20 mm. explosive shell in Pilot's compartment and burst into flames. Pilot hastily crash-landed aircraft at Angeles, Central Luzon, Philippines, at 1115/I. Pilot, Pombardier-Navigator and Armorer Gunner were burned to death in airplane, Co-Pilot and Engineer Gunner were wounded and placed by wiscked sirplane by Radio Gunner who left to seek help. Throats of C:-Filot and Tagineer Gunner were slit by Japs and Radio Gunner rescued as stated above. Bodies were not recovered. F the Commarding Off.cer 1st Lt., Air Corps, Adjutant. 21345

DASIC: Ltr fr Ho AFWESPAC, file GSQMM 704.5, dtd 6 Sep 45, subject "Casualty Information". S: 20 October 1945 2d Ind. HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, WESTERN PACIFIC, APO 707 TO: Commanding General, Base X, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO 75 1. Attention is invited to the preceding indorsement. 2. Desire an investigation be made to recover the remains of Lt. Vernon C. Buchanan and other decease' mentioned therein and reinter them in the nearest USAF Cemeter. Further desire necessary reports be furnished with return of this correspondence. CAPT. A. ASST. ADJ. GEN. PXX0 704.5/225 (6 Sep 45) 3d Ind. HEADQUARTERS, BASE X, AFWESPAC, APO 358, OCT 3 1945 TO: Commanding Officer, Quartermaster Service, Base X, APO 358. For necessary action and report of action taken by 15 October 1945. BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TRUDEAU: HARRY MARGOLIS 1st Lt., A. G. D. Asst. Adj. Gen. 21345

BASIC: Ltr fr AFWESPAC. 111e GSQMM 704.5, dtd 6 Sep 45, subj: "Casualty Information". PXQM0 704.5 (6 Sep 45) 4th 1nd 12 OCT 1945 HEADQUARTERS BASE X, AFWESPAC, APO 358 TO: Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO 707 1. Remains of Lt erron C. Buchanan and other deceased mentioned in basic letter have not been located. 2. Investigation reveals that a plane crashed at rear of the church convent resulting in the burning to death of three crew members and subsequent killing of other two members probably by Japanese. According to the parish priest all five bodies were buried at the scene of the crash, but they were later recovered by a Col Morgan, who was stationed at Camp Dau, approximately one week after arrival of Americans in that area. 3. Further information re - Col Morgan, or disposition of the five hodies is not known, although the parish priest stated that it was possible that the remains of two men were sent to Manila and three to Camp Dau. 4. Search of Manila #1 and #2 Cemetery, files reveals no record of remains of person mentioned in basic communication. FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL: Wire & hashein WILLIAM F. RADCLIFF. Major, ACD, Asst. Adl. General. 21345

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

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SULJECT: Casualty Information

TO:

Commanding Officer, 500 Bomb Squadron 345 Bomb Group, APO 245

Request this headquarters be furnished all available information relative to the death and burial of the following deceased:

NAME: Buffington, James O.

RANK & ASN: 2nd 1t 0-675664

ORGANIZATION: 500 Bomb Squadron 345 Bomb Group

DATE OF DEATH: 9 January 1945

PLACE OF DEATH: Lunon, P.I.

FOR THE COMMANDING GUNERAL:

E. C. CARTERETTE

Major,

AGD

Asst. Adj. General

April 24, 1946 Office of the Guartermaster General Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Memorial Division Siri This is in reply to a letter from your office of April 12, 1946, reference SPQTG 704.5 in which you ask for information concerning the recevery and burial of the remains of the crew members on B-35 J 43-36187, which crawhed in Angeles, Central Luson, Philippines on January 9, 1945. The writer, of course, has no record in this instance, but I recall that I did personally supervise the recovery of the bodies of certain crew members of a B-25 on or about February 1, 1945, I believe that I can best impart this data to you in narrative form and the circumstances were as follows: On or about February 1, 1945, I received information that several bodies of American airmen were buried near a church in Angeles, Luxon. I imimediately contacted the Filipino Priest of this church and found that a B-25 had been disabled in the air over Clark Field ( prior to our occupation of that area) and is attempting a landing had crashed through the top of the church. The roof of the church was very bedly damaged and some 200 yards farther on there were parts of what Filipines told me to be a B-25. We could not secure the numbers on the B-25, but on the vertical stabilizer there was an insignia of an Indian head, which I found lawer to be the insignia of a unit knows as the Red Raiders or some such page. In other words, the name was Raiders, but I am not sure as to whether or net it was RED Raiders. the Priest showed me the grave marker that the Japanese soldiers had set up over the common grave of five air cremmen from this B-35, and I immediately dispatched members of the Grave Registration Unit that was attached to my office, to disinter these bodies, I personally saw the disinterment and know that the Grave Registration Unit made every attempt to obtain identification which was impossible due to the fact that the bodies were ever 50% decomposed, and the local Filipines told us that the Japanese had taken the identification tage and all other personal effects from the bodies before they were buried. Hewever, we did recover sufficient of the remains to find that there were, or had been five bodies buried. The remains were buried at Culaye Cemetery No. 1 located approximately 500 yards west of Dau Station, which is a station on the railroad near the intersection of the main highway from Manila, Morth, and the road that leaves this highway to Fort Stotsenberg. 21345 Incl 1/3

The Graves Registration Unit completed GRU Form No. 1 and all other ness reary data, and these were forwarded through XIV Corp Headquarters. The retained copies were turned ever to the 43rd Division Quarternaster who relieved the 40th Division (of which I was the Division Quartermaster) on March 1, 1945. I do not recall the unit designation of the Graves Registration Unit, but do know that it was a IIV Corp Graves Registration Unit. All of the bedies were interred as UNIDERTIFIED.

> B. B. MORGAN 1740 -: sh Avenue Sacremento 14, California

April 24, 1946

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