

**Unknown Flier  
Buried on Yap Island**

YAP, Caroline Islands (AP)—One of the loneliest American graves in all the Pacific is beneath the palm trees of this lovely little island.

It is the only American grave on Yap. No one knows the name of the young flier who was buried there by the natives after his fighter plane crashed and burned more than three years ago.

The grave is lonely, but it is not forgotten. Each day the natives place fresh flowers at the base of a crude cross and push back the encroaching jungle growth.



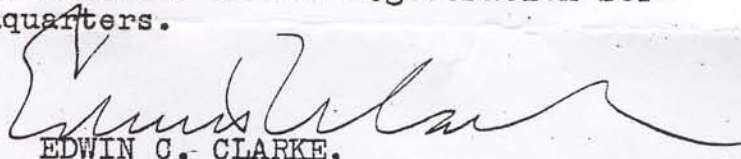
**HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON**

15 April, 1947.

**From:** Director of Personnel, Marine Corps (Casualty Division).  
**To:** First Lieutenant Clarence J. Jewel, Jr., 618 West Broad Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.  
**Via:** The Director, Headquarters, 4th Marine Corps Reserve District.  
**Subject:** HALTOM, Girvis, Jr., late First Lieutenant, USMCR, Information concerning.  
**Reference:** (a) Your letter 26 March 47 regarding Thomas Haltom.

1. Although reference (a) refers to Thomas Haltom, other identifying information indicates that you are actually referring to First Lieutenant Girvis Haltom, Jr., (O25661), who was attached to VMF-122 and whose plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire 24 October, 1944 over Yap Island, Western Caroline Islands.

2. I am glad to inform you that the American Graves Registration Service recently located Lieutenant Haltom's remains. Your interest in this matter is appreciated, and you may be certain that his next of kin will be officially notified as soon as the necessary report of the American Graves Registration Service is received in this Headquarters.

  
EDWIN C. CLARKE,

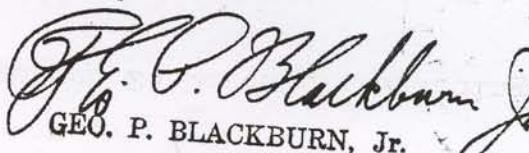
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