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WESTERN CAROLINES SUB AREA
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From: Commander Western Carolines Sub Area
To : Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet
Subject: Recovery of Isolated Burials.
Reference: (a) CinCPacFlt ltr, ser 1542 dtd 8 March 1947
(b) ComMarianas ltr P6/FF12 (12-st) ser 5957 dtd 24 March 1947
Enclosure: (A) USNMGU Yap letter Serial 57 dated 14 February 1947

1. In compliance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (A) is herewith forwarded.
2. All known remains of Americans on Yap have been exhumed and removed to Peleliu where they are awaiting burial in the U. S. Armed Forces Cemetery.
3. Thorough search by field trips and careful investigation among the natives on both Koror and Yap reveal no further graves.
4. It is believed that the consolidation of all isolated graves in the Western Carolines has been completed.
5. Notification will be given if any information concerning additional isolated graves reaches this Command.

cc:
ComMarianas

L. O. FOX.

WESTERN CAROLINES SUB AREA

Subject: Deaths of American Armed Forces Personnel on the Island of Yap in the years 1944 and 1945 - report of.

E-N-C-L-O-S-U-R-E "A"

1. The following compiled information of deaths of American aviators in the years 1944 and 1945 - is hereby forwarded for your information.

- (a) Four (4) teeth in part of mandible from Grave #1 & #2
- (b) Six (6) parts of mandible with twenty three (23) teeth from Grave #4
- (c) Complete lower mandible with teeth and upper mandible with four (4) central teeth missing from Grave #6.
- (d) Parts of mandible with nineteen (19) teeth from Grave #7.
- (e) Panel plate "BUAERO NO. 68526 from Grave #7.
- (f) Parts of mandible with fifteen (15) teeth from Grave #8.
- (g) Engine Starter plate serial no. 9232 - Type no. III from Grave #8.

GRAVE #1 (Double with #2)

Location Area Target Map (Yap) 226-Love

Date of Death: 7-27-44

Cause: Airplane crash

Identification: Type of plane: SB20-1C

No. of plane: Navy 18583

Markings: #57

Enclosure: "A"

Name of Deceased: George M. ARMERUSTER, Jr. (337536)

Ensign USNR

GRAVE #2 (Double with #1):

Location Area Target Map (Yap) 226-Love

Date of Death: 7-27-44

Cause: Airplane crash

Identification: Same as Grave #1

Name of Deceased: Harold "C" BILLINGS

ARM3c - 312-15-69 USN

Remarks: Remains of Graves #1 and #2 located between the two marked graves. Remains are equivalent less than one complete skeleton with no duplication of parts.

GRAVE #3:

Location: Area Target Map (Yap) 175-Charlie

Identification: Only information available was body found in mangrove with "Mae West" jacket.

Name of Deceased: U N K N O W N

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GRAVE #4:

Location: Area Target Map (Yap) 173-Fox
Date of Death: 10-30-44
Cause of Death: Airplane crash
Identification: Plane #279 Type of Plane: F6F-5
Enclosure "B"
Name of Deceased: From marker: "Ens. B. L. MARTIN"

GRAVE #5:

Location: Area Target Map (Yap) 173-Jig
Identification: N O N E
Name of Deceased: U N K N O W N

GRAVE #6:

Location: Area Target Map (Yap) 128-George
Date of Death: 11-26-44
Cause of Death: Airplane crash
Identification: Enclosure "C"
Previously identified by "dog tags"
Name of Deceased: William M. CLAY, Jr. (07176)
Major USMC Unit: MAG-11

GRAVE #7: (Double Grave):

Location: Area Target Map (Yap) 128-George
Date of Death: 3-22-45
Cause of Death: Airplane Crash
Identification: Enclosure "D"
Enclosure "E"
Fuselage #526 Piece of airplane #1265
Type of plane: TBF or SB2C
Remarks: Remains found between the two marked graves
Name of Deceased: U N K N O W N

GRAVE #8:

Location: Area Target Map (Yap) 127-Victor
Date of Death: 10-18-44
Cause of Death: Airplane crash
Identification: Enclosure "F"
Enclosure "G"
Type of Plane: F6F
Name of Deceased: U N K N O W N

2. All available remains were exhumed during February 1947 and reburied in Area 156-Sugar on Air Target Map (Yap) Sheet #3, establishing a military cemetery.

3. All grave markers were removed.