

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
FAR EASTERN ZONE

APO 707

24 Nov. 1947

CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE

VERDI, Paul P.
Sgt., 6 982 512

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE

1. According to information available from OQMG Form 371, copy attached, the date of death of subject deceased was 24 Oct 1944; cause of death, killed in action; place of death, South China Sea.

2. No burial report is on file for subject deceased.

3. Deceased was a passenger on the Japanese transport ship (POW) #2, ARISAN MARU, sunk in South China Sea. Place: Bashi Straits, off Shoonay, north of the Philippines, enroute from Manila to Japan.

4. Attached copy of OQMG Form 371 contains all the available information to substantiate the cause of death, circumstance of death and reasons of non-recoverability.

5. It is recommended that the remains of the subject deceased be considered non-recoverable, and that all records pertaining to search and recovery of the remains be closed.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL:

24 November 1947

E. J. Brucher
E. J. BRUCHER
Major QMC
O-199445

President, Board of Review

G. D. Redden, Jr.
G. D. REDDEN, Jr.
Capt Inf
O-1321128
Member

W. R. DeWeese
W. R. DeWEESE
1st Lt QMC
O-1587926
Member

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Verdi, Paul P.		Sgt.	6 982 512	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
Btry. G. 60th C.A.		White	Not of record	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 24 Oct. 44	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF FOD	Killed in action		POW ship sunk in the South China Sea.	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
66"	140	Brown	Dk. Brown	Not of record
DENTAL CHART 8 Feb, 40				
UPPER RIGHT			UPPER LEFT	
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
OK				
LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT	
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
X = Extracted			O = Carious	
			I = Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK	
None				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
AGE: 27 years.				
Aboard the "Arisan Maru"				
<p>Subject decedent was a passenger aboard the Japanese transport Arisan Maru which was sunk on 24 October 1944 in Bashi Straits, north of the Philippines while transporting prisoners of war from Manila to Japan. According to translated documents and records of the Japanese Government Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Tokyo, 1,782 prisoners of war boarded the Arisan Maru at Manila on 11 October 1944. One POW attempted to escape during the trip and was shot (Major Robert Blake Lothrop). The death of four Prisoners of War through illness was mentioned although no names are stated. The whereabouts of remaining 1,777 prisoners of war became unknown as the result of the disaster. A later report revealed that four individuals were rescued by the Japanese, however, the decedent was not one of them.</p>				
CASE No. 585				

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

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In Reply Refer To
QMGMU 293
World War II
Unrecoverables

DEC 10 1948

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverability of Remains

TO : Commanding General
Philippine Command
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
ATTENTION: AGRS Philcom Zone

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Boards of Officers that have convened at your Headquarters and have determined that the remains of certain World War II dead are non-recoverable.
2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on decedents whose names appear on the attached roster.
3. It is requested that all records of your office pertaining to these deceased be amended to read REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
List of non-
recoverables

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

MAILED
DEC 13 1948

Identification

*293 Verdeli, Paul
no. 6982512*

REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE IN THE FAR EASTERN ZONE

TUBBLEVILLE, H. M.	Sgt.	6 289 486
TUBBLEVILLE, OSCAR W., JR.	Sgt.	6 289 484
TUCKER, RAYMOND T.	Cpl.	20 843 166
TURNBULL, JEROME J.	Sgt.	19 012 093
TURNIPSEED, JOHN L., JR.	Pvt.	14 042 457
ULIBARI, MANUEL	Pfc.	38 012 356
UTLEY, JAMES L.	Pfc.	16 041 121
VAALE, TRUMAN E.	Pvt.	17 026 338
VALLERO, LAWRENCE J.	Civilian	
VAN, CHARLES E.	Pfc.	18 016 884
VANDAGRIFF, THURMAN L.	Cpl.	38 012 639
VAN SANT, BEN F.	1/Lt.	0- 403 517
VARELAS, ANASTASIOS G.	Civilian	
VARGAS, CHARLES G.	Pvt.	19 056 938
VARGO, JOSEPH JR.	Pvt.	7 026 139
VAUGHN, MILLER	Sgt.	R-1 499 697
VEATCH, DOYLE W.	Cpl.	6 561 866
VERDI, PAUL P.	Sgt.	6 982 512
VEVESNIK, IRWIN A.	1/Lt.	0- 355 314
VERTERS, CLIFFORD M.	WOJG	W-2 101 002

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J. Christy
Identification Bureau

Rank	Name	ET. 'G' (GLOBE) 60th CA (AA)	S.N.	Sec.	Com. Unit	Date	Final Address
Sgt.	Aberson, A.			Pty. Comm.	WIA	4-19-42	Coker, Ala.
	Kwialatkowski, J.D.		0-314736	Ex. Comm.	WIA	4-21-42	<u>Died at home</u> Pittsburg, Pa.
1st Lt.	Peterie, Lester L.		0-575096	Trains. S. for	WIA & PH	5-24-42	<u>Kingley, Ka</u>
2nd Lt.	Bryant, I.M. Air Ser.			Asst. Sgt.			<u>1566 Penn. Ave</u> <u>W. Sacramento, Ca</u>
1st Sgt.	Kendall, Arthur O.				S.S. 2	4-29-42	Down on Jap, Sp
St. Sgt.	Huffman, Harold J.			Platoon Chief	WIA & S.S.	5-1-42	<u>Died in States</u>
St. Sgt.	Fracther				S.S.	4-30-42	
Sgt.	Kudel, Charles		#1 O.C.				
Sgt.	Verdi, Paul			Section	S.S.	4-3-42	Died on ship to Jap
Sgt.	Shrey, Creed F.			#3 O.C.	S.S.	5-3-42	Died 9-27-42
Sgt.	Edum, G. H.		637-690	Asst. Sgt.	WIA	5-2-42	Georgetown, Tex.
Sgt.	Goodnight, Helen V.		62-8686	#2 O.C.			
Sgt.	Chaseman, G.		6769459	M.G. Comm.			Vairvin, New Brunswick, Ga.
	White, Clifford H.			#4 O.C.	WIA	5-5-42	Died on Jap
Sgt.	Vesper, Ralph M.		18012193	Com. Gun	WIA	5-2-42	250 5th Ave, Chicago, Ill.
Sgt.	Wright			Platoon	S.S.	5-2-42	
Corp.	Foran, Geo. E.		19012146	Clerk	WIA	7-8-42	Skyburg, Minn.
Corp.	Graham, Clarence E.			Reg. Sect.	WIA	4-12-42	Nebr.
Corp.	Wade, Juane			#1 Gun	WIA S.S.	4-12-42	Wichita, Kan.
Corp.	Walker, Geo. H.			#2 Gun	WIA	4-30-42	Tex.
Corp.	Miller			#3 Gun	WIA	4-30-42	
Corp.	Piotrowski, Walter		17015734	#4 Gun	WIA	4-24-42	2701 N. 10th St. Louis, Mo.
Corp.	Timmons, Wallace H.		16003844	Supp. Sgt.	WIA	4-24-42	3755 N. Drake Chicago.
Corp.	Tuba			#4 Gun	WIA	4-8-42	
Corp.	Carrol, Junian J.			#5 Gun	WIA	4-2-42	
Corp.	Sherman, Sven J.			#1 Gun	Died at	Wegawa	
Corp.	Anderson, Scott L.		19038616	#3 Gun	WIA	4-11-42	Bialto, Ga.
Corp.	Anderson, Loyd E.			#3 Gun	WIA	5-2-42	
Attd.	Baier			#4 Gun	WIA	5-2-42	
Pvt.	Boale			#2 Gun	WIA	4-30-42	
Pfc.	Beador			#4 Gun	WIA	4-30-42	

Silver Star awarded for gallantry in
action at "Globe" on April 3rd, 1942.

5-26 Sp E Recommend Silver Star 4-30-42.

YOCUM, JOHN H., 6376690, Sergeant, Mess

Sergeant WIA 5-2-42 (Hospital)

Det. 408

KUDEL, CHARLES L., 6443605, Sergeant,

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Gun Commander #1 Gun

Det. Nichols

VERDI, Paul E., 6982512, Sergeant,

Chief of Range Section, Recommended Silver

Det.

SHUEY, CREAD E., 6251587, Sergeant, Gun

Commander #3 Gun WIA 5-2-42 (Hospital)

Det. Galt

Recommend Silver Star 4-30-42

GOODNIGHT, HULEN V., 6232626, Sergeant, G

Commander #2 Gun

Det. Galt

CHEESEMAN, JOHN E., 6769809, Sergeant,

Chief of Machine Gun Section

Det. Nichols

WHITE, CLIFFORD R., 19057021, Sergeant,

Gun Commander #4 Gun WIA 5-5-42

Recommend Silver Star 4-22-42

VESPER, RALPH D., Sergeant, Chief of

POW

SILVER STAR

"For gallantry in action on Corregidor, Philippine Islands, on 30 April 1942. During a heavy enemy bombing attack, several men were killed and others seriously wounded by direct hits on a battery position and nearby ammunition dump. Sergeant Verdi, Battery G, 60th Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft) Regiment, with utter disregard for his own safety and on his own initiative, assisted in moving the wounded men from the vicinity of the burning dump to a hospital. Again he loaded his vehicle with additional wounded and made a second trip to the hospital under heavy enemy artillery and aerial bombardment. By his outstanding gallantry and determination to aid his comrades at all costs, Sergeant Verdi saved the lives of several wounded men at great risk to himself."

(Authority: GO 252, Hq USAF Pacific, 13 Oct 45, Sgt, CA)