

293 RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Adkins, John C. Jr. ROUTINE

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

AGR. DISTRIBUTION CENTER, PHILA QM DEPOT

SUPERINTENDENT
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
FORT MYER, VIRGINIA

DAY LETTER
XXXXXX

FIFTY-SIX (56) REMAINS DELIVERED TO YOU BY THIS DEPOT
ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN
AM THIRTY FIRST AUGUST.

C. R. YOST, LT. COL., QMC

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FILE
RECORDS ANNOTATED
DATE ~~OCT 27 1948~~
NAME *Wheeler*
R & R BR.

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased
this 31st day of August, 19 48
(Day) (Month)

A. F. Johnson

J. J. Walsh, Sr., Supt.

M Sgt., USMC

(Witness (Escort))

(Consignee)

LTD

BHR

admb

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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| SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED | | | | DIRECTIVE NUMBER 4650 00835 | | DATE 15 04 48 DAY MONTH YEAR | | |
| NAME ADKINS JOHN C JR | | | | SERIAL NUMBER 35872700 | | RANK PFC | | ARM 1 |
| CEMETERY MARGRATEN - AACHEN | | | | DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1 3322 03 CODE DIST. PT. | | DATE OF DEATH | | |
| PLOT OR ROW I 9 | GRAVE 206 | COUNTRY HOLLAND | | CAUSE OF DEATH 2 | | | | |

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

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| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY FORT MYER, VIRGINIA | | NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN ELIZABETH ADKINS (MOTHER) 1806 BALTIMORE AVENUE CINCINNATI, OHIO | |
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

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| NAME JOHN C ADKINS JR | | SERIAL NUMBER 35872700 | | RANK PFC | | DATE OF DEATH 28 JUNE 1948 | | DATE DISTINTERRED | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER | ORGANIZATION USAGF | | RELIGION UNK | | IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY FRITZ J TOLTZIEN 1/LT. FA. | | NAME AND TITLE | |

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

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| NATURE OF BURIAL UNIFORM AND MATTRESS COVER. | | CONDITION OF REMAINS SKULL COMPLETELY CRUSHED MAJOR PORTION MISSING. ALL MAJOR BONES FRACTURED. BODY CHIPPED. ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION. | |
| OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION REPORT OF BURIAL FOUND WITH REMAINS FOR X-55 | | | |

MINOR DISCREPANCIES / NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET TRANSFER BOX
DATE 28 JUNE 1948 BY Ferrars D. Stewart

CASKET SEALED BY JOHN A. BRICKLEY, EMB. SUPV.
EMBALMER (Signature) JOHN A. BRICKLEY, EMB. SUPV.

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED ORVILLE W. BILLINGS
DATE 30/7/48 BY CLERK RECORDER
SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY all markings, plates & tags verified by: LEWIS, CAPT. CAV.

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. EXCEPT CASCKETING.

HARRY E. CLARK, CAPT. SC
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1. SHIPPED | | | |
| FROM USMC MARGRATEN, HOLLAND | | TO ANTWERP PORT - PIER 140 | |
| KIND OF CONVEYANCE RAIL | | NAME OF CONVOYER S/SGT EDWARD N. KNOLL RA 12039880 | |
| SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER LOYD P. H. MEYER 1/Lt. W. Meyer | DATE 26/7/48 | SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE 28 JUL 48 |
| 2. SHIPPED | | | |
| FROM AGRG ANTWERP BELGIUM | | TO USAT LAWRENCE VICTORY | |
| KIND OF CONVEYANCE ZEC | | NAME OF CONVOYER JOSEPH J. CARROLL, 1st Lt. TC | |
| SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER L E Butler Lt Col Inf. | DATE 5 AUG 48 | SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE 5 AUG 48 |
| 3. SHIPPED | | | |
| FROM NYPE | | TO NYPE | |
| KIND OF CONVEYANCE | | NAME OF CONVOYER | |
| SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE | SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER JAMES L. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C. | DATE AUG 9 1948 |
| 4. SHIPPED | | | |
| FROM NYPE | | TO NYPE | |
| KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRAIN | | NAME OF CONVOYER <i>[Signature]</i> | |
| SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JAMES L. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C. | DATE AUG 21 1948 | SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE AUG 24 1948 |
| 5. SHIPPED | | | |
| FROM LOBI WAEK VIRGINIA | | TO CINCINNATI OHIO | |
| KIND OF CONVEYANCE ABINGDON NATIONAL CEMETERY | | NAME OF CONVOYER E. ISABEL VAENNE ET ISABEL VAENNE (MOTHER) | |
| SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE | SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE |
| 6. SHIPPED | | | |
| FROM | | TO | |
| KIND OF CONVEYANCE | | NAME OF CONVOYER | |
| SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER | DATE | SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER | DATE |
| 7. SHIPPED | | | |
| FROM | | TO | |
| KIND OF CONVEYANCE | | NAME OF CONVOYER | |
| SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER | DATE | SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER | DATE |

WESTERN UNION

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A.G.R. DIVISION
PHILA. QM DEPOT

WUU20 22/21 COLLECT 3 EXTRA

CINCINNATI OHIO AUG 16 1948

1948 AUG 16 PM 1:55

COMMANDING OFFICER PHILA QM DEPOT

WISH REMAINS OF LATE PFC JOHN CLIFTON ADKINS JR 35872700 TO

BE BURIED IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

MRS ELIZABETH ADKINS 1806 BALTIMORE AVE

35872700 1806

1133A..



O.I. 9391

INSPECTION CHECK LIST

(For Use at Distribution Point)

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|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Name ADKINS, John G. Jr. | Rank Pfc. | Serial Number 35872700 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|

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| Source Mrs. Elizabeth Adkins (Mother) 1806 Baltimore Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio | Consignee SUPERINTENDENT Arlington National Cemetery Fort Myer, Virginia |
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| SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies) | Condition of Shipping Case (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory |
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| FINISH (Exterior) | Remarks <i>[Handwritten mark]</i> |
| FINISH (Interior) | |
| HANDLES | |
| HANDLE BOLTS | |
| STENCILING - NAMEPLATE | |
| HEALTH PERMIT MARKER | |
| HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER | |

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| CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies) | Condition of Casket (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory |
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| FINISH (Exterior) | Remarks <i>[Handwritten mark]</i> |
| HANDLES AND FASTENINGS | |
| STENCILING - NAMEPLATE | |
| CAM LOCKS (Sealing) | |
| ODOR OR MOISTURE | |

R O U T E D T H R O U G H

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM | <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIR SHOP |
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| Condition of Remains <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory | Casket Repaired <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Necessary Disinfection (Explain) | Casket Exchanged <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | Shipping Case Repaired <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | Shipping Case Exchanged <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| Remarks | |
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| Time | Date | Signature of Mortician | Time | Date | Signature of Inspector |
| | | | | 8/30/48 | J. Fleming |

Remarks

Arlington
8/30

Not for ship.

MESSAGEFORM

MESSAGE CENTER NO.

TRANSMITTING MEANS

CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT

CALLS

STA. SER. NO.

PRECEDENCE

TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

ORIGINATOR

DATE-TIME GROUP

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AUG 16 1948

ACTION

INFORMATION

EXEMPT

OPERATING SIGNALS

GROUP COUNT

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SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

PHILADELPHIA QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, PHILA., PA.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

ACTION TO:

GOVT PAID

- MRS. ELIZABETH ADKINS
- 1806 BALTIMORE AVENUE
- CINCINNATI, OHIO

PRECEDENCE FOR

ACTION

INFORMATION

DAY LETTER

 ORIGINAL MESSAGE

REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE

IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION

INFORMATION TO:

DLR AND CHECK ANY CHGS

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE PFC JOHN C. ADKINS JR.

ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS INTERRED IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AND FURNISH YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO COMMANDING OFFICER PHILA. QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, PHILA. PENNA. REPLY IS NECESSARY WITHIN THIS PERIOD SINCE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY EIGHT HOURS. WHILE FINAL INTERMENT OF THE REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIPT FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY OF REMAINS TO THE NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HOWEVER NATIONAL CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT WILL NOTIFY YOU BY TELEGRAM DATE AND HOUR FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT YOUR ATTENDANCE AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE. APPROPRIATE JOINT MILITARY AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AT GRAVESIDE BY VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OR MILITARY OR NAVAL PERSONNEL. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. INTERMENT EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS IS NOT AUTHORIZED IN ANY CASE WHERE BURIAL IS MADE IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

C. R. YOST, LT COL., QMC

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

AUTHORIZATION

SIGNATURE

ORIGINATING AGENCY

SYMBOL

DATE-TIME GROUP

OFFICIAL TITLE

PAGE 1 OF 1

Date 22 September 1948

TO: Mrs. Elizabeth Adkins
1806 Baltimore Avenue.
Cincinnati, Ohio

The authorized inscription for a Government headstone of the general type (furnished for all decedents except those who served only during the Civil and Spanish-American Wars) includes: (1) The State from which the veteran came; (2) religious emblem in a small circle above the inscription on the face of the headstone; and (3) the dates of birth and death.

In order that the appropriate information, as desired by the next of kin, may be shown on the headstone for the decedent whose name is listed below, it is requested that you fill in the proper spaces indicated below the data called for, and **RETURN THIS FORM PROMPTLY TO THE**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
Fort Myer, Virginia

Superintendent of Cemetery or Commanding Officer of Post

If this form is not returned to the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days from date of mailing, the headstone will be ordered with the data as to religious emblem, State and date of birth inscribed thereon as shown in the official records, and **NO CHANGE WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.**

593 To be filled in by Superintendent or Commanding Officer

Name of Veteran John C. Adkins, Jr.
Rank, etc. Pfc, US Army
Grave or lot No. 5633 Section 12
Date of death _____
Date buried 9 September 1948

To be filled in by Next of Kin

State desired Ohio
Religious emblem desired Latin Cross
(Latin Cross for Christian Faith, Star of David for Hebrew Faith)
Date of birth May 30 - 1925
Address of kin 1806 Baltimore Ave Cin. 25 Ohio
Signature Elizabeth Adkins Date Sept. 26 - 1948

*NAT file 48
" Oct 1948
Postmaster*

RRE Form #39
13 Jul 48

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

SA ADKINS John C JR PFC 35 872 700
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

RePatriciated to the United States: 10 AUG 1948

Incl #

STATION FILE

COPY

COMPANY "A", 31ST TANK BATTALION

COPY

3 November 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that Tec 4 Garriss, Dennis W., 14 002 914 and Pfc Adkins, John C. Jr 35 872 700 of this organization were killed in Action on 28 October 1944 in the Heltrak Area, Holland. Both men were members of my tank crew, the tank was knocked out while engaging the enemy. I positively identified the bodies of these men as being Garriss and Adkins and that they were dead.

/s/ Robert C. Foster
ROBERT C. FOSTER
1st Lt Wyoming
Commanding Co. "A"

A TRUE COPY

/s/ Max Zaidenberg
MAX ZAIDENBERG
2d Lt., A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

Incl No 3

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

293 GRCQL

APC 339
27 December 1944

SUBJECT: Unidentified Deceased Personnel

TO : Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, APC 257, US Army.
THRU : Commanding General, First US Army, Rear Echelon, APC 230, US Army
(Attention: Adjutant General Battle Casualty Division)

1. The bodies of two unidentified American soldiers (Unknown X-55 & Unknown X-56) were buried in the Ninth U. S. Army Cemetery, 17 December 1944.
2. Information on reverse side of each GRS Form #1, Report of Burial, attached, shows that deceased were removed from the driver's and assistant driver's seats of a tank, USA #3099971-S, whose markings indicate it belonging to Co A, 31st Tank Battalion, 7th Armored Division.
3. No means of identification were found on the bodies.
4. Request names of driver, assistant driver and other crew members with positions occupied by each in the tank, and that statements be obtained from any who may have escaped.
5. Further request that a search be made with a view of obtaining any additional information which might contribute to the identification of Unknown X-55 and Unknown X-56, and that such information be forwarded this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:



M. J. BARTOSIK
Major, A. G. D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

28 DEC 1944

U.S. Army
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1 Incl
2 GRS Forms #1

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230 DEC 1944

TO: Commanding General, 7th Armored Division.

T.R.

2 Incls: n/c

AG 704 (A)(Adkins, Jr, John C)(Cas)
X (Garriss, Dennis W)
(27 Dec 44)

2nd Ind.

MZ/jps

Hq 7th Armd Div, APO 257, U. S. Army, 1 April 1945

TO: Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army
(Attn: AG Casualty Division)(Thru Channels)

1. Basic communication complied with.

2. An investigation, with a view towards possibly identifying the remains of two unidentified American soldiers, designated as Unknown X-55 and Unknown X-56, buried in the Ninth US Army Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, on 17 December 1944, as being the remains of Pfc John C. Adkins, Jr, 35872700 and Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss, 14002914, former members of Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, a unit of this command, was conducted by this headquarters and revealed the following facts:

a. Tank number 3099971-S belonged to Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, on 28 October 1944, on which date its crew was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Heitrek, Holland.

b. Reports of Burial for Unknown X-55 and Unknown X-56 state the place of death, in both cases, as being in the vicinity of Neerkant, Holland. (See Inclosures No. 1 and 2). The distance between Neerkant, Holland and Heitrek, Holland is approximately two (2) miles.

c. A thorough search of the casualty records of Company "A" of the 31st Tank Battalion was made for personnel reported "MIA" or "KIA", in Holland, and for whom no reports of burial have been received and were mounted in vehicles at time of disappearance or death, and it was found that Pfc John C. Adkins, Jr, 35872700 and Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss, 14002914, were the only individuals falling within that category.

d. Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss, 14002914 and Pfc John C. Adkins, Jr, 35872700, were originally reported as being "MIA" in Holland, as of 28 October 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No. 55, Headquarters 31st Tank Battalion, dated 2 November 1944.

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e. A certificate secured from Lt Robert C. Foster, Tank Commander of the tank crew of which Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins were members, true copies of same being attached, certified that both Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins were dead. (See Inclosure No. 3).

f. Based upon the certificate referred to in paragraph 2d, above, the casualty status of Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins was changed "from 'MIA' 28 Oct 44 to 'KIA' 28 Oct 44", on Battle Casualty Report No. 57, of that organization, dated 4 November 1944.

g. Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins are the only members of the tank crew referred to in Inclosure No. 3, whose casualty status has not been verified by way of either hospital reports or reports of burial. The remainder of the crew, including Lt Foster, are no longer present for duty within this command.

h. The tank crew positions of Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins, when "killed in action", were those of Driver and Gunner, respectively.

i. No explanation can be advanced for the finding of Unknown X-55 in the Assistant Driver's Seat of subject tank.

3. In view of the foregoing and based upon the information disclosed in the attached inclosures, it is the opinion of this headquarters that Unknown X-55 and Pfc John C. Adkins, Jr, 35872700, Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, are one and the same person, and that Unknown X-56 and Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss, 14002914, Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, are one and the same person.

4. Request that the grave of Unknown X-55 be correctly marked to indicate that it is the place of burial of Pfc John C. Adkins, Jr; that the grave of Unknown X-56 be correctly marked to indicate that it is the place of burial of Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss; and that corrected Reports of Burial, in connection therewith, be furnished this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

Max Zaidenberg
MAX ZAIDENBERG
2d Lt., A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

3 Incls:
Incl No. 1 - Rpt of Burial - Unknown X-55
Incl No. 2 - Rpt of Burial - Unknown X-56
Incl No. 3 - Certificate of Lt Robert C. Foster

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C O P Y

AG 704 (Adkins, John C. Jr.) GNNAG-Cas 3rd Ind
(Garriss, Dennis W.) (27 Dec 44)
HEADQUARTERS III CORPS, APO 303, U. S. Army, 2 April 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U. S. Army.

THRU: Commanding General, First United States Army, APO 230, U. S. Army.

Attention is invited to basic communication and 2nd Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

3 Incls:
n/c

/s/ Nelson Lovely,
NELSON LOVELY,
1st Lt., AUS.
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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4th Ind

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230, 5 APR 1945

TO: Commanding General, Ninth U.S. Army.
(Attn: AG Casualty Division).

1. Attention is invited to 2nd Indorsement.
2. Request that copies of corrected Reports of Burial be furnished this headquarters, if prepared.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ Treadwell Ruml
TREADWELL RUML
Major, A.G.D.
Ass't Adjutant General.

3 Incls: n/c

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster

APO 339
10 April 1945

293 GNMQM (X-55 Margraten)

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown X-55 (Margraten)

THRU : Commanding Officer, 548th QM Bn, Hq & Hq Det, APO 339, U. S. Army

TO : Commanding Officer, 611th QM Gr Reg Company, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. Sufficient information has been received at this office from the unit concerned to establish the identification of Unknown X-55 (Margraten) as Pfc John C. Adkins, Jr., 35872700, of Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, 7th Armored Division, who was killed in action on 28 October 1944 in the vicinity of Heitrek, Holland.

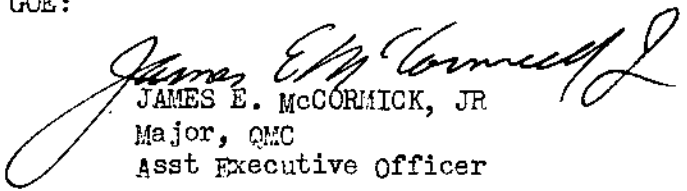
2. It is requested that grave be appropriately marked and that a corrected report of burial be accomplished for Pfc Adkins with a notation on the corrected form that he was formerly designated as Unknown X-55 (Margraten).

3. It is further requested that the following summary of correspondence instrumental in establishing identification of this unknown be entered on the corrected report of burial in the section headed, "How were remains identified?":

"By correspondence with unit which (1) verified that circumstances surrounding death and evacuation of Unknown X-55 and Pfc Adkins were in agreement; (2) verified that Pfc Adkins was a member of crew of Tank #3099971-S from which remains of Unknown X-55 were recovered, and that remaining members of crew were accounted for; (3) provided statement of surviving crew member who viewed and identified remains as Pfc Adkins (see attached statement)".

4. The designation "Unknown X-55 (Margraten)" will be considered a closed number and will not be used to designate any other unidentified deceased personnel buried in Margraten U. S. Military Cemetery #1.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL GOE:


JAMES E. McCORMICK, JR
Major, QMC
Asst Executive Officer

1 Incl
Statement of Lt Robert C Foster

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1st Ind
HQ., 548TH QM BN., APO 339, U.S. Army, 12 April 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 611th QM Graves Reg Company, APO 339, U.S. Army.

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W.A.P.

2nd Ind
HQ 611th QM Graves Registration Co., APO 339, U. S. Army, 13 April 1945

THRU: Commanding Officer, HQ 548th QM Bn., APO 339, U. S. Army

TO : Quartermaster, HQ Ninth U. S. Army, APO 339, U. S. Army
(Attn: Graves Registration Officer)

Basic communication complied with and corrected copies forwarded herewith.

For the Commanding Officer:

Edwin J. Donovan
EDWIN J. DONOVAN
1st Lt., QMC
GRS Officer

1 Incl

Incl 2 - Report of Burial (GRS Form #1) (in quadruplicate)

Withdrawn: Incl 1

3rd Ind.
HQ, 548TH QM BATTALION, APO 339, U.S. ARMY, 15 April 1945

TO: Quartermaster, Hq, Ninth U.S. Army, APO 339, U.S. Army.

waf
W.A.P.

1 Incl
n/c



C O N F I D E N T I A L

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ADM
RJK

REY/bjr

Unidentified Deceased Personnel.

1 AG BC QM GRS 8 April
45

For necessary action.

3 Incls: M. J. B.
Ltr Hq Ninth US Army
file 293 GNMQM, dated
27 Dec 44 with 2 GRS
Forms #1.

2. QM-GRS AG BC 18 Apr 1945 1. Forwarded herewith corrected reports of Burial for pfc John C. Adkins, Jr., 35872700, formerly designated as Unknown X-55 (Margraten), and T/4 Dennis W. Garriss, 1400-2914, formerly designated as Unknown X-56 (Margraten).

2. returned herewith for file is correspondence instrumental in establishing these identifications.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER:

J. E. M.

2 incls
incl 1 - n/c
incl 2 - 2 reports of Burial

C O N F I D E N T I A L

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

X

3-11-48
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Rgn

Pfc John C. Adkins, 35 872 700
Plot I, Row 9, Grave 206,
United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

26 November 1947

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.
 If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, Elizabeth Adkins (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW | <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER | <input type="checkbox"/> SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTHER | <input type="checkbox"/> BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____ | | | |

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

3. BE RETURNED TO _____, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT Arlington National Cem. Arlington, Va.
(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

YES NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

None

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PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

| | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE INITIAL |
| NUMBER AND STREET | CITY OR TOWN | COUNTY OR PROVINCE |
| STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY | TELEGRAPH ADDRESS | TELEPHONE No. |
| EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) | | |

OR

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR | | | |
| NUMBER AND STREET | CITY OR TOWN | COUNTY OR PROVINCE | STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY |
| EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) | TELEGRAPH ADDRESS | TELEPHONE No. | |

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| LAST NAME Adkins | FIRST NAME Elizabeth | MIDDLE INITIAL | RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED Mother |
| NUMBER AND STREET | CITY OR TOWN | COUNTY OR PROVINCE | STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY |

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Adkins
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)
Elizabeth Adkins
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

1806 Baltimore Avenue
(STREET AND NUMBER)
Cincinnati, Ohio
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 4th day of Dec. 1947 at city (or town) of Cincinnati, county of Hamilton, and State (or Territory or District) of Ohio

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

Mary Nolan
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
MARY NOLAN
Notary Public, Hamilton County, Ohio
My Commission Expires Feb. 28, 1949
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)

NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE INITIAL |
| RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED | | |
| NUMBER AND STREET | CITY OR TOWN | STATE OR COUNTRY |

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) | (DATE) |
| _____ | _____ |
| (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) | (STREET AND NUMBER) |
| _____ | _____ |
| | (CITY AND STATE) |

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

| | | |
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| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE INITIAL |
| RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED | | |
| NUMBER AND STREET | CITY OR TOWN | STATE OR COUNTRY |

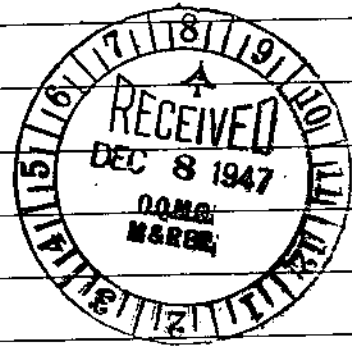
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| (SIGNATURE) | (DATE) |
| _____ | _____ |
| (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) | (STREET AND NUMBER) |
| _____ | _____ |
| | (CITY AND STATE) |

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

The letter dated 11/26/47 from the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C. enclosing this form was addressed to Mr. Paul E. Adkins, 1806 Baltimore Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio. I wish to explain that Paul is my deceased son who died at the age of 11 years. This must have been through error as I am the next of kin as the deceased serviceman's father, John Clifton Sr., is dead.

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16 September 1946

Mr. Paul Edward Adkins
1806 Baltimore Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Adkins:

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The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private First Class John C. Adkins, Jr., A.S.N. 35 872 700.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland, plot I, row 9, grave 206. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located ten miles west of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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GRAVES REGISTRATION FORM No. 1 (Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

13 April 1945 Date

293 Adkins

Remains of John H. C. Adkins, Jr. to be buried at Fort Belvoir, St. Louis, Mo.

35872700

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Last Name | Adkins | First Name | John H. C. | Rank | Private | Serial No. | 35872700 |
| Unit | Co. "A", 31st Tank Bn., 7th Armd. Div. | | | Organization | U.S. Army | | |
| Place of Death | Vic. Heittrak, Holland | | | Date of Death | 28 October 1944 | Cause of Death | |
| Time and Date of Burial | | 206 | | 9 | | U.S. Mil. Cem., Margraten, Holland | |
| Grave Number | 206 | Row Number | 9 | Plot Number | | Name of Coordinates of Location | |
| | | | | | | Wooden Cross | |

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

If No Identification Tags: How were remains identified? BY correspondence with unit which (1) verified that circumstances surrounding death and evacuation of Unknown X-55 and Pfc Adkins were in agreement; (2) verified that Pfc Adkins was a member of crew of Tank #3099971-S from which remains of Unknown X-55 were recovered, and that remaining members of crew were accounted for; (3) provided statement of surviving crew member who viewed and identified remains as Pfc Adkins (See attached statement)

Previously reported as Unknown X-55

What means of identification were buried with the body? GRS Embossed plated

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|------|--------------|-----------|
| Who is buried on: | Forrest B. Koontz | 35243924 | Pvt | 84th Div. | 205 |
| Deceased's Right: | Name | Serial No. | Rank | Organization | Grave No. |
| Deceased's Left: | Axel I. Eriksson | 36536855 | Unk | 117th Inf. | 207 |
| | Name | Serial No. | Rank | Organization | Grave No. |

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial: *John C. Adkins Jr.*

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

John C. Adkins Jr.
35872700
(Typed In)

Emergency Address: *Father, Paul Edward Adkins, 1806 Baltimore Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio*

Religion: *Catholic*

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:
None

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial: *Edwin J. Donovan*

EDWIN J. DONOVAN
1st Lt., QM, GRS Officer
611th QM Co Reg 3

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Pfc John G. Adkins, 35 872 700
Plot I, Row 9, Grave 206,
United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

26 November 1947

Mr. Paul E. Adkins
1806 Baltimore Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Adkins:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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REPORT OF BURIAL

17 December 1944
Date

TM 10-630 AND AR 41815

293 Adkins, John C. Jr.
Unknown **Unknown**

Unit **Unknown** Organization **2d Lt. 44**

Vic. Neerkant, Holland **Est. 15 November 1944** **MIA**

Place of Death **U.S. Mil. Cem., Margraten, Holland** Cause of Death **VK 645482**

Time and Date of Burial **1350 17 Dec. 1944** Name of Cemetery **U.S. Mil. Cem., Margraten, Holland** Name or Coordinates of Location **VK 645482**

Grave Number **206** Row Number **9** Plot Number **I** Type of Marker **Wooden Cross**

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

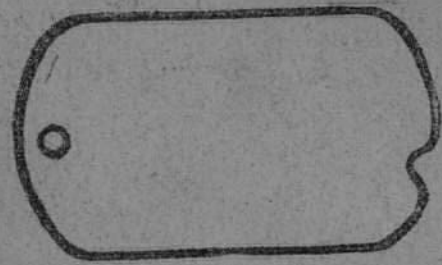
GRS Form No. 1 and GRS Embossed plate.

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| Who is buried on: | Roontz, Forrest E. | 35243924 | Pvt. | 84th Div. | 205 |
| Deceased's Right: | Name | Serial No. | Rank | Organization | Grave No. |
| Deceased's Left: | Griksson, Axel I. | 36536855 | Unk. | 117th Inf. | 27 |
| | Name | Serial No. | Rank | Organization | Grave No. |

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:



Emergency Addressee **Unk.** Name _____

Address _____

Religion **Unk.**

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

None.

X 293 Garrison, Dennis W - 14002914
Edwin J. Donovan

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EDWIN J. DONOVAN Officer or other person reporting burial
1st. Lt., QMC GRS Officer
611 QM Gr. Reg. Co.

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

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IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height: _____ Laundry Marks: _____
 Weight: **unk.** Number of Rifle: **None.**
 Color of Eyes: _____ Wear Glasses? _____
 Color of Hair: **unk.** Is Tooth Chart Attached? **No.**
 Race: **White.** **No shoes.**

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Left Hand

| | |
|-------|---|
| 4 | |
| 3 | X |
| 2 | X |
| 1 | X |
| Thumb | X |

Right Hand

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Body badly charred. Body removed from Asslt. drivers seat of 7th Armd. Plat. tank # USA 3099971 - S. A 17 Also on tank front and rear.

Tooth-chart and fingerprints unobtainable due to condition of body.

TOOTH CHART

| | | Deceased's Left | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Upper | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| Lower | 8 | | | | | | | | |

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by C linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data:

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.



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e. A certificate secured from Lt Robert C. Foster, Tank Commander of the tank crew of which Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins were members, true copies of same being attached, certified, that both Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins were dead. (See Inclosure No. 3).

f. Based upon the certificate referred to in paragraph 2d, above, the casualty status of Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins was changed "from "MIA" 28 Oct 44 to "KIA" 28 Oct 44", on Battle Casualty Report No. 57, of that organization, dated 4 November 1944.

g. Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins are the only members of the tank crew referred to in Inclosure No. 3, whose casualty status has not been verified by way of either hospital reports or reports of burial. The remainder of the crew, including Lt Foster, are no longer present for duty within this command.

h. The tank crew positions of Tec 4 Garriss and Pfc Adkins, when "killed in action", were those of Driver and Gunner, respectively.

i. No explanation can be advanced for the finding of Unknown X-55 in the Assistant Driver's Seat of subject tank.

3. In view of the foregoing and based upon the information disclosed in the attached inclosures, it is the opinion of this headquarters that Unknown X-55 and Pfc John G. Adkins, Jr, 35872700, Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, are one and the same person, and that Unknown X-56 and Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss, 14002914, Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, are one and the same person.

4. Request that the grave of Unknown X-55 be correctly marked to indicate that it is the place of burial of Pfc John G. Adkins, Jr; that the grave of Unknown X-56 be correctly marked to indicate that it is the place of burial of Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss; and that corrected Reports of Burial, in connection therewith, be furnished this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ MAX ZAIENBERG
2d Lt., A.G.D.,
Assistant Adjutant General

3 Incls:

- Incl No. 1 - Rpt of Burial - Unknown X-55
- Incl No. 2 - Rpt of Burial - Unknown X-56
- Incl No. 3 - Certificate of Lt Robert C. Foster

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230 29 Dec 1944

TO: Commanding General, 7th Armored Division.

/s/ T. R.

2 Incls: n/c

AG 704 (A) (ADKINS, JR, John G) (Cas)
X (GARRISS, Dennis W)
(27 Dec 44)

Hq 7th Armad Div, APO 257, U. S. Army, 1 April 1945

TO Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339, U.S. Army
(Attention: AG Casualty Division) (Thru Channels)

1. Basic communication complied with.
2. An investigation, with a view towards possibly identifying the remains of two unidentified American soldiers, designated as Unknown X-55 and Unknown X-56, buried in the Ninth US Army Cemetery Margraten, Holland, on 17 December 1944, as being the remains of Pfc John G. Adkins, Jr, 35872700 and Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss, 14002914, former members of Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, a unit of this command, was conducted, by this headquarters and revealed the following facts:
 - a. Tank number 3099971-S belonged to Company "A", 31st Tank Battalion, on 28 October 1944, on which date its crew was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Heitrek, Holland.
 - b. Reports of Burial for Unknown X-55 and Unknown X-56 state the place of death, in both cases, as being in the vicinity of Neerkant, Holland. (See Inclosures No. 1 and 2). The distance between Neerkant, Holland and Heitrek, Holland is approximately two (2) miles.
 - c. A thorough search of the casualty records of Company "A" of the 31st Tank Battalion was made for personnel reported "MIA" or "KIA" in Holland, and for whom no reports of burial have been received and were mounted in vehicles at time of disappearance or death, and it was found that Pfc John G. Adkins, Jr, 35872700 and Tec 4 Dennis W. Garriss, 14002914, were the only individuals falling within that category.
 - d. Tec 4 Dennis W Garriss, 14002914 and Pfc John G. Adkins, Jr, 35872700, were originally reported as being "MIA" in Holland, as of 28 October 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No. 55, Headquarters 31st Tank Battalion, dated 2 November 1944.

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General

293 GNNQM

AFPO 339
27 December 1944

SUBJECT: Unidentified Deceased Personnel

TO : Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, APO 257, US Army.

THRU : Commanding General, First US Army, Rear Echelon, APO 230, US Army
(Attention: Adjutant General Battle Casualty Division)

1. The bodies of two unidentified American soldiers (Unknown X-55 & Unknown X-56) were buried in the Ninth U.S. Army Cemetery, 17 December 1944.
2. Information on reverse side of each GRS Form #1, Report of Burial, attached, shows that deceased were removed from the driver's and assistant driver's seats of a tank, USA #3099971-S, whose markings indicate it belonging to Co A, 31st Tank Battalion, 7th Armored Division.
3. No means of identification were found on the bodies.
4. Request names of driver, assistant driver and other crew members with positions occupied by each in the tank, and that statements be obtained from any who may have escaped.
5. Further request that a search be made with a view of obtaining any additional information which might contribute to the identification of Unknown X-55 and Unknown X-56, and that such information be forwarded this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ M. J. BARTOSIK
Major, A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl
2 GRS Forms #1

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COMPANY "A", 31ST TANK BATTALION

293 Adkins, John C. Jr.

3 November 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that Tec 4 Garriss, Dennis W., 14 002 914 and Pfc Adkins, John C. Jr 35 872 700 of this organization were killed in Action on 28 October 1944 in the Heittrak Area, Holland. Both men were members of my tank crew, the tank was knocked out while engaging the enemy. I positively identified the bodies of these men as being Garriss and Adkins and that they were dead.

/s/ Robert C. Foster
ROBERT C. FOSTER
1st Lt Wyoming
Commanding Co. "A"

A TRUE COPY

/s/ Max Zaidenberg
MAX ZAIDENBERG
2d Lt., A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 23 Nov 1944

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|--|----|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|----|---|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|----|----------------------------------|----|
| FULL NAME Adkins, John C., Jr. | | | | ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 35 872 700 | | GRADE PFC | | | | | | | |
| HOME ADDRESS <i>hs</i> Cincinnati, Ohio | | | | ARM OR SERVICE Infantry | | DATE OF BIRTH 29 May 1925 | | | | | | | |
| PLACE OF DEATH European Area | | | CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action | | | DATE OF DEATH 28 Oct 44 | | | | | | | |
| STATION OF DECEASED European Area | | | | DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 24 July 1943 | | LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS | | | | | | | |
| EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Elizabeth Adkins, mother, 1806 Baltimore Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Elizabeth Adkins, mother, address above. Mr. Paul Edward Adkins, father, same address. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INVESTIGATION MADE? | | IN LINE OF DUTY | | OWN MISCONDUCT | | WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS | | AUTHORIZED ABSENCE | | IN FLYING PAY STATUS | | OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW) | |
| YES | NO | YES | NO | YES | NO | YES | NO | YES | NO | YES | NO | YES | NO |
| | | | | | | | | | | | X | | X |

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 28 Oct 44, until such absence was terminated on 18 Nov 44, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General of the European Area.

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| Z. O. G. M. S. | G. P. D. | ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU |
| G. A. O. | VET. ADMIN. | CASUALTY BRANCH FILE |
| | | A. G. 301 FILE |

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

ref
James W. Reinhardt
ADJUTANT GENERAL