

293 SMITH, TRAVIS L. 38 678 538 PVT. CAV. EUROPA. (TEXAS) '45L

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# RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER  
FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTERS DEPOT FORT WORTH TEXAS

ROUTINE

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: **NALLEY FUNERAL HOME**

**906 GREGG**

**DAY LETTER**

**BIG SPRING TEXAS**

**DLR AND REPORT  
ANY CHARGES**

REMAINS OF LATE **PVT TRAVIS L. SMITH** BEING SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED

BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NUMBER **SEVEN TEXAS AND PACIFIC**

RAILROAD DUE TO ARRIVE **BIG SPRING** STATION **SEVEN AM**

RAILROAD TIME **19 NOVEMBER** . REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS

AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO

NEXT OF KIN .

**NAT**  
**FILE**  
**RECORDS ANNOTATED**  
**DATE DEC 9 1948**  
**NAME *London***  
**B & R BR.**

*S. H. Partridge*

**S. H. PARTRIDGE  
LT. COLONEL, QMC  
OFFICER, AGR DIVISION**

**NOV 15 1948**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED

THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1948

*Gpd. Homer C Howell*  
WITNESS (Escort)

*Nalley Funeral Home*  
CONSIGNEE *James C Posa*



RECEIPT OF REMAINS

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REPAIRIAL  
RECORDS BRANCH

Dec 2 11 25 AM '48

MEMORIAL DIVISION

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MEMORIAL DIVISION  
DEC 2 11 25 AM '48

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

CIER

SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER  
3568 01520

DATE  
15 05 48  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME  
SMITH TRAVIS L

SERIAL NUMBER  
38678538

RANK  
PVT

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CEMETERY  
SOLERS MELUN

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS  
1 8500 10  
CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY  
F 5 94 FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH  
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SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
NALLEY FUNERAL HOME  
906 GREGG  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
MR. HERBERT L. SMITH  
901 - SCURRY STREET  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME  
SMITH TRAVIS L.

SERIAL NUMBER  
38678538

RANK  
UTD

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISTINTERRED  
16 July 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON  
 REMAINS  
 MARKER

ORGANIZATION  
USAGF

RELIGION  
C

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY  
George Avakian Emb  
NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL  
OD Uniform

CONDITION OF REMAINS  
Advanced decomposition - Amputation: Dist. End  
R. Femur Full Calvarium - Post mortem

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

MINOR DISCREPANCIES  
None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN  CASKET transfer case

DATE 23 July 1948

BY George Avakian

CASKET SEALED BY  
C. BOYLE

EMBALMER (Signature)  
C Boyle

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY All markings, tags and  
initials verified by  
John J. Andrews  
1st Lt. Inf

DATE 21/8/48 BY G. CONRAD

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

Kanemitsu ITO  
KANEMITSU ITO, 1st Lt. Inf

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.



RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC SCLERS		TO CASKETING POINT "A"	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER PFC R. BINETTE	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER E.C. SENSOR	DATE 25/7/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER E.N. CIAMPO, 1st Lt. FA	DATE 25/7/48

2. SHIPPED

FROM CASKETING POINT "A" CHERBOURG		TO PORT UNIT CHERBOURG	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER SFC J. FULLER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER E.N. CIAMPO, 1st Lt. FA	DATE 11/8/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER JOHN E. HENDRY, MAJOR, CAC	DATE 11/8/48

3. SHIPPED

FROM PORT UNIT CHERBOURG		TO NYPOE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE USAT Ca rroll Victory		NAME OF CONVOYER Kenneth William Whercott Capt TC	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JOHN E. HENDRY, MAJOR, CAC	DATE 25/9/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER K.W. Whercott	DATE 25 SEP 1948

4. SHIPPED

FROM NYPOE		TO NYPOE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE NAVAL		NAME OF CONVOYER JAMES L. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C.	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER JAMES L. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C.	DATE 10/6/48

5. SHIPPED

FROM NYPOE		TO NYPOE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE BIG SPRING TEXAS TRAIN		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER L. MCKINNON	DATE OCT 12 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE 15 OCT 1948

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



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D A YOLBERT WORTH TEXAS

FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

MR. HERBERT L. SMITH      DLR & REPORT  
 901 SCURRY ST.,            ANY CHARGES  
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS

NY 017 R

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE ~~WILL~~ PVT TRAVIS L. SMITH  
 ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS  
 DELIVERED TO NALLEY FUNERAL HOME, 906 GREGG, BIG SPRING, TEXAS

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, FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, FORT WORTH  
 TEXAS. 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  
 DELIVERY OF THE REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIPT  
 FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY OF REMAINS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.  
 HOWEVER AS SOON AS REMAINS ARE RECEIVED HERE AND IT IS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE  
 THEM FOR DELIVERY YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF RAIL  
 ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATIONS. ALSO  
 HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH YOU THIS INFORMATION SO THAT YOU MAY COMPLETE  
 FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THIS TELEGRAM WILL BE SENT AT LEAST FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO  
 ACTUAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS DISTRIBUTION CENTER. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL  
 DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REMAINS WILL  
 BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL  
 YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGE-  
 MENTS. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING  
 FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

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SEP 30 1948

*[Signature]*  
 LT. COLONEL, Q.M.C.  
 CHIEF, A. G. R. DIVISION



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JOSEPH L. EGAN  
PRESIDENT

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RETEL PVT TRAVIS L SMITH STILL DESIRE BODY TO BE SHIPPED

NALLEY FUNERAL HOME BIG SPRING TEXAS=

HERBERT L SMITH=



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INSPECTION CHECKLIST  
(FOR USE AT OVERSEAS PORT, U.S. PORT, AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

NY 017-R  
*B-R-1*

NAME SMITH, TRAVIS L. ✓	GRADE PVT.	SERIAL NUMBER 58678538
SOURCE USMC SOLERS MELUN FRANCE	CONSIGNEE NALLEY FUNERAL HOME 906 GREGG BIG SPRING, TEXAS	
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)	CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	
FINISH (Exterior)	REMARKS	
HANDLES	<i>minor Repair</i>	
DRAW BOLTS		
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE		
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER		
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER		
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)	CONDITION OF CASKET (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	
FINISH (Exterior)	REMARKS	
HAND RAILS & FINALS	<i>Small Scratches</i>	
NAMEPLATE		
CAM LOCKS (Sealing) AND GASKET		
ODOR OR MOISTURE		

ROUTED TO

MORTUARY SECTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SECTION
CONDITION OF REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	CASKET REPAIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
NECESSARY DISINFECTON (Explain)	CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
	REMARKS

TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR
					<i>Am 11/2/48 M. V. ...</i>
REMARKS					



*[Handwritten initials]*

1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - SMITH, Travis Lee 38678538

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: **Letter** 3. DATE: **18 May 49**  
 4. FROM: **QJCI, Hon. Dir.**  
 5. TO: **Holley Funeral Home, Big Spring, Texas**  
 6. SUBJECT: **Letter dated 5 May 1949, regarding Basic Health Permit Numbers and Serial Numbers.**  
**Tucker, Sterling F. 30343343 NY-017-R**  
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7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. **095 - Holley Funeral Home**

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1. File classification under which this cross-index sheet is to be filed.
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**REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES**  
*(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)*

DATE  
WW II 19 Nov. 48

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
**SMITH, TRAVIS L.**

BRANCH OF SERVICE  
**US ARMY**

RANK OR GRADE  
**PVT.**

SERIAL NO.  
**36678538**

TO BE FILLED IN BY CLAIMANT

A.  INTERMENT EXPENSES  
(Civilian or Private Cemetery)

B.  TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES  
(National or Post Cemetery)

W. F. ALDS  
Col. F. O.  
F. O., U. S. A.  
DEC 1948  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Station No. 477  
Symbol No. 20-500

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM**

1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director.
2. Fill in as required and sign four copies.
3. Check Box "A" or Box "B" above, not both.
4. Check Box "A" when interment is in a civilian or private cemetery.
5. Check Box "B" when remains are delivered to home or other place prior to burial in a national or post cemetery.

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**CLAIM VALID REPATRIATION**

FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED

I certify that the sum of \$ **75** was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below:

NAME: **new mt Olive**

CITY OR COUNTY: **Big Spring**

STATE: **Texas**

FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED

I certify that the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above-named decedent from: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped)

TO: (Name and Location of National or Post Cemetery)

RETURN FOUR COPIES TO

Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot  
Fort Worth 1, Texas

Attention: ACR Division

SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT  
**Herbert L. Smith**

ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State)  
**901 Scurry St, Big Spring, Texas**

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT  
**Father**

REMARKS



PART A

1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the Government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.

3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the Government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: Hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.

4. Reimbursement by the Government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipted bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

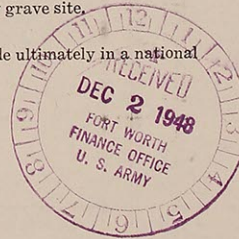
PART B

1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the Government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the Government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the Government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. **WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.**

3. Reimbursement by the Government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.

4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.





REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Pvt. Travis L. Smith, 38 678 538  
Plot F, Row 5, Grave 94,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Solers, France

23 June 1947

A		C	
B		D	

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, HERBERT Smith  
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- WIDOW
- WIDOWER
- SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER
- MOTHER
- BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- 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  
city CEMETERY - Big Spring TEXAS.  
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
- 3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY), THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
- 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (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.)

*DD pwc MAY 24 1948*

*Coded 10, May 1948  
A. J. Jones*

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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
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		TELEPHONE No.

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			
NALLEY FUNERAL HOME			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
906 GREGG	BIG SPRING	HOWARD	TEXAS
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	
BIG SPRING TEXAS.	906 GREGG ST. BIG SPRING	175	

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	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
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.

<i>Herbert L. Smith</i> (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	901 - SCURRY ST. (STREET AND NUMBER)
HERBERT SMITH (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	BIG SPRING, TEXAS. (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 16<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 1947, at city (or town) of Big Spring, county of HOWARD, and State (or Territory or District) of TEXAS

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

*Wm. C. O. Raccen*  
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
Rotary, Howard Co, Texas  
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

If you are the next of kin and you desire

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_ NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF KINSHIP

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE

(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET

(SIGNATURE)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)



**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 \_\_\_\_\_, (PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP) \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED 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.

_____	_____ (DATE)
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(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.

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

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



ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTION

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

Lined area for additional remarks and instructions.





293 Smith, Travis L 47 11879  
NO UPRIGHT GRANITE CONSIGNEE  
BRONZE

293 Smith Travis L  
38,678,538

DISCHARGED FROM DRAFT DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE  
REMAINS NOT RECOVERED  
CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Buried overseas

NAME OF DECEDENT  
ADDRESS

A.G.O.

V.A.

AUTHORIZED INSC., A.I., ETC.

APPLICANT FOR PROOF

CERTIFICATE IN LIEU  
NO AGENT NO STATION  
DUE TO DISTANCE

UNCLAIMED SHIPMENT

BROKEN OR DAMAGED STONE

REMARKS  
cancel  
lte to applicant  
Buried overseas

12 AUG 1947

File  
1500047  
Mr. Smith

INITIALS J DATE 8-8-47



QMGMH 293  
Smith, Travis L.  
SN 38 678 538

15 August 1947

Mr. Herbert L. Smith  
901 Scurry Street  
Big Spring, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Receipt is acknowledged of your application for a Government flat granite marker to be erected in memory of the late Travis L. Smith, in City Cemetery, Big Spring, Texas.

The authorization for the furnishing of Government stones provides that they be used for the unmarked graves in which the remains of those dying in the service or for those honorably discharged therefrom are interred. There is no authority to furnish a stone to be erected as a memorial in a family plot when the remains of the decedent are not interred therein.

In a case where a member of the Armed Forces has lost his life outside the continental limits of the United States, when the remains were recovered, they were interred and the grave marked with a temporary marker. Plans are being made to remove these remains to a final resting place in compliance with the expressed desire of the next of kin. Should the final burial take place in a cemetery under Government control, either in the United States or foreign country, the grave will be permanently marked without further action on the part of the family. However, if final interment is made in a private cemetery, a stone will be furnished by the Government upon request.

In view of the above, your application has been suspended. When the remains of your son are returned to the United States for permanent interment in a private cemetery and you desire a Government marker, request for same should be made to this office, whereupon steps will be taken to renew your application.

Sincerely yours,

G. L. RUTH  
Memorial Division

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*DOW in France 10 Apr 45* ORIGINAL

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED <small>(See Instructions attached)</small>		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER <small>(Please make out and return in duplicate)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE	ENLISTMENT DATE	SERIAL No.	EMBLEM (Check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June 13, 1944	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 38 678 538	<input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER	DISCHARGE DATE <i>DIED OVER SEAS</i>	PENSION No.	<input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APR-10-1945		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)			COMPANY	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>243</i> <i>SMITH, TRAVIS, L.</i>		STATE	RANK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troop "B"
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <i>FEB. 7 1926</i>		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION <i>87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized</i>		
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <i>APR-10 1945</i>		LOCATION (City and State) <i>Big Spring TEXAS</i>		
NAME OF CEMETERY <i>City CEMETERY</i>		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) <i>Big Spring TEXAS</i>		
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY)		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <i>906 Gregg Big Spring TEXAS</i>		
<i>VALLEY FUNERAL HOME</i> <small>(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)</small>		<p>I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.</p>		
DO NOT WRITE HERE		<p>APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE <i>Herbert L. Smith</i>      DATE OF APPLICATION <i>JUL 4 16 1947</i></p>		
FOR VERIFICATION <i>JUL 22 1947</i>		ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>901 Scurry St. Big Spring TEXAS</i>		
ORDERED				
B/L				
SHIPPED				

*Purple Heart - Death.*

DD FORM 623 NOV 45

IMPORTANT—Complete Reverse Side

16-11453-5 GPO

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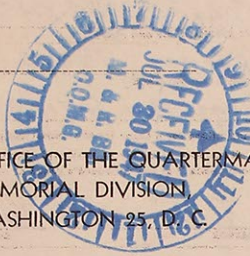
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the type headstone or marker requested by the applicant will be permitted at the grave.

*(Be sure you have noted what type is indicated by applicant on form)*

(Signature of superintendent, sexton, or caretaker)

Date

Return to: OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,  
MEMORIAL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.





DUPLICATE

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<input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER	DISCHARGE DATE <i>DIED OVER</i>	PENSION No.	<input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER	SEAS- APR-10-1945		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)		STATE	RANK	COMPANY
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		TEXAS	PVT.	Troop "B"
		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION		
		87th Calvary Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized		
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)	LOCATION (City and State)		
FEB. 7, 1926	APR. 10 1945	Big Spring TEXAS		
NAME OF CEMETERY		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State)		
City Cemetery		Big Spring TEXAS		
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY)		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE		
NALLEY FUNERAL HOME <small>(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)</small>		906 GREEN ST. Big Spring TEX		
<b>DO NOT WRITE HERE</b>		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.		
FOR VERIFICATION	III 22 1947	APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE OF APPLICATION	
ORDERED		Robert L. Smith	July 16 1947	
B/L		ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
SHIPPED		901 SCURRY ST. Big Spring TEXAS		

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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

NAME OF DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

REGIMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BURIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF HEADSTONE OR MARKER: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the type headstone or marker requested by the applicant will be permitted at the grave.

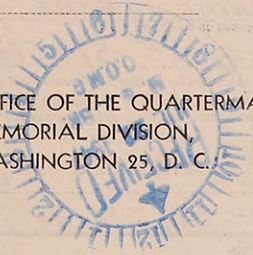
*(Be sure you have noted what type is indicated by applicant on form)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of superintendent, sexton, or caretaker)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

16-11453-4

Return to: OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,  
 MEMORIAL DIVISION,  
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.





Pvt. Travis L. Smith, 38 678 538  
 Plot F, Row 5, Grave 9<sup>h</sup>,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Solers, France

23 June 1947

Mr. Herbert Smith  
 1901 Runnels Street  
 Big Spring, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

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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SPQYG 293  
Smith, Travis L.

*293 Smith, Travis L.*

21 April 1946

Mr. Herbert Smith  
1901 Runnels Street  
Big Spring, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private Travis L. Smith, A.S.N. 38 678 538.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Solers, France, plot F, row 5, grave 94.

This cemetery is located approximately sixteen miles south-east of Paris and ten miles north and slightly east of Melun, both in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

It is anticipated that, in the near future, the War Department will receive authority to comply, at Government expense, with your wishes regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your son. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide you with full information and solicit your detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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LMS

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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O. O. M. G.  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



QMGMR 293  
 Smith, Travis L.  
 A.S.N. 38 678 538

8 April 1947

Mr. Herbert Smith  
 1901 Runnels Street  
 Big Spring, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Solers, France, in which your son, the late Private Travis L. Smith, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

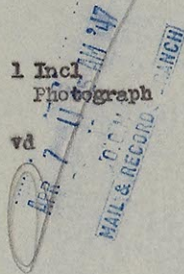
This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. HOREKAN  
 Brigadier General, QMC  
 Chief, Memorial Division

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GRAVES REGISTRATION  
FORM NO. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1948)

AMERICAN

REPORT OF BURIAL

13 April 1945

Date

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1315

SMITH, Travis L. Pvt. 38678538  
Troop B 87th Recon. Co. 7th ARMD. Div.

4318 USA Hospital Plant, APO 887 10 April 1945 Cardiac failure due to shock  
217th General Hospital

1430 hrs 16 April 1945 Solers Cemetery No 1 NDG YS-3018  
Grave Number 94 Row Number 5 Plot Number F Type of Marker Cross

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

If No Identification Tags  
How were remains identified?

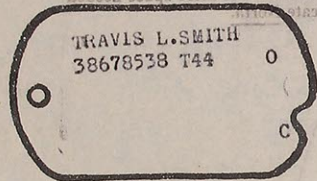
Paris France

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on: Paul M Shireman 33236607 Unk Unknown 95  
Deceased's Right: Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.  
Deceased's Left: Unknown X-74 Unknown Unk Unknown 93  
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 Annie Smith (mother)  
1901 Runnels St., Big Springs, Texas  
Religion Catholic

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

Brown leather wallet containing: 1600 French francs, check for 85, Baptism certificate, receipts, identification cards, 1 piece German souvenir money, WD AGO Form 28 (Pay Book), misc. papers. Also: "Broadway" wrist watch, black fountain pen, Catholic prayer book, rosary, comb, mechanical pencil, trench knife (5 3/4" blade) in metal sheath, note book. Effects disposed of in accordance with Hq. ETO SOP #26 dated 9 June 1944 and to US Army Finance office by 4318 US Army Hospital Plant, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Richard A. Cherney  
Richard A. Cherney, Captain, MAC, Registrar  
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

SEP 19 1945

Verified by G.R.S. Officer  
MATTHEW M FLATTERY, 1st Lt., F A  
3049 QM Graves Reg Co

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# REPORT OF BURIAL OF 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Rifle: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color of Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_ Wear Glasses? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color of Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ Is Tooth Chart Attached? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Race: \_\_\_\_\_

(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

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Thumbs

95

93

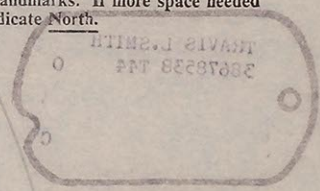
Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

Upper Lower

8	8	
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4	4	
5	5	
6	6	
7	7	
8	8	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion: Catholic  
 List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:  
 Brown leather wallet containing: 1000 French francs, check for \_\_\_\_\_  
 certificate, receipts, identification cards, 1 piece German currency, 1 piece  
 Form 20 (pay book), misc. papers. Also: "Breadway" wrist watch, 1  
 Catholic prayer book, rosary, comb, mechanical pencil, french hat, 1  
 metal watch, note book. Effects disposed of in accordance with \_\_\_\_\_  
 dated 9 June 1944 and to US Army Finance office by 518 US Army Finance  
 APO 867, U. S. Army.



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94

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Deceased's Left

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Deceased's Right

AG P BR HQ SOS /22560

MATTHEW M. WATKINS, JR.  
3049 QM Graves Reg Co



SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 4 May 1945  
~~13 Jun 44~~

FULL NAME <b>Smith, Travis L.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>38 678 538</b>	GRADE <b>Pvt</b>			
HOME ADDRESS <b>Big Spring, Texas</b>		ARMY BR. SERVICE <b>CAV</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>7 Feb 1926</b>			
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Wounds received in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>10 Apr 45</b>			
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>13 Jun 44</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS			
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Annie Smith, 1901 Runnels St., Big Spring, Texas (mother)</b>						
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Annie Smith, mother, same as above Herbert Smith, father, same as above</b>						
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	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

Evidence of death rec'd in WD 25 Apr 45

FILE  
MAY 19 1945

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S. O. Q. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
S. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
*John M. O'Neil*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL





SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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REPORT OF DEATH

DATE *4 May 1945*  
*1945-3829*

FULL NAME <b>Smith, Travis L.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>38 678 538</b>	GRADE <b>Pvt</b>			
HOME ADDRESS <b>Big Spring, Texas</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>CAV</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>7 Feb 1926</b>			
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Wounds received in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>10 Apr 45</b>			
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					X	

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*John M. O'Keefe*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

WD AGO FORM 52-1  
1 FEBRUARY 1945

THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 1 DECEMBER 1944,  
WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL EXISTING STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED



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RTB:GC:sh ✓  
November 19, 1945

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for the information recently given the Army Effects Bureau in connection with the disposal of personal property of your son, Private Travis L. Smith. 4

This property, contained in one carton, is being sent you for distribution. If, for some reason, it has not been received within the next thirty days, this Bureau should be informed so that tracer may be instituted. 65

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of decedent's legal residence.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEG ✓  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Correspondence Branch

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11-20-45



AMOUNT OF CHECK	NOTE DISCREPANCY IN	INCLOSE VALUABLES	RECIPIENT FROM
ACCOUNT NUMBER	NAME	SHIP VALUABLES	CASUALTY REPORT
	SERIAL NUMBER	VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)	INVENTORY
	RANK		FORM 20
Mr. Herbert Smith Pvt. Travis L. Smith 38678538 506477 D 901 Scurry Street Big Spring, Texas			LETTER
			NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
			ENVELOPE
			CARTONS
			PACKAGE
			FOOT LOCKER
			SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
			REMOVE G1
			SHIP BLOODSTAINED
			SHIP DAMAGED
REMOVE BL'DSTAINED			
REMOVE DAMAGED			
FILMS REMOVED			
DIARY REMOVED			
SUMMARY COURT DATA		DATE ACTION TAKEN	
DATE OF FINDING	APPLICANT	MAIL REVIEWER (initials)	
REMARKS		SHIPPED	
		FRANKED	
		EXPRESS	
		FREIGHT	
		DATE SHIPPED	8 1945
		SHIPPING CLERK	mk
		ROUTING	
		ACCOUNTING BRANCH	
WAREHOUSE			
FILE			
ORDER FOR ACTION			

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10 OCT 1945



506,477  
STATUS *wa*

ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY		ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INBOUND INVENTORY				DECEASED
	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL				MISSING
	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.				P. O. W.
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					UNKNOWN
	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	BELT	OVERCOATS		
	BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, ADDRESS	PAPERS, PERSONAL		
	BILDFOLD (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, PILOT LOG	PENCIL, MECHANICAL		
	BOOKS	BRUSHES	PEN, FOUNTAIN		
	BRACELET, IDENT.	CASE	PHOTOS		
	CAMERAS	CLOTH, WASH	PIPES		
	CLOTHING	COATS	RINGS		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MISC. ARTICLES	FOOTLOCKER	SCARFS		
	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	FOOTWEAR, PR.	SHIRTS		
	RIBBONS, DECORATION	GLASSES	SOCKS, PR.		
	SHORT SNORTER	GLOVES, PR.	STATIONERY		
	SOUVENIR MONEY	HANDKERCHIEFS	TIES		
	SOUVENIRS	HEADWEAR	TOBACCO		
	TESTAMENTS	JACKETS	TOILET ARTICLES		
	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	KITS	TOWELS		
	U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	KNIVES	TROUSERS, PR.		
	WATCH	LETTERS	TRUNKS, PR.		
	WINGS	LIGHTERS	UNDERWEAR		

BLOODSTAINED

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO

*Anna Smith*  
*1901 Bunnels St,*  
*Big Springs*  
*Texas*

INFORMATION

*Anna Smith*  
*1901 Bunnels St,*  
*Big Springs*  
*Texas*

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS

*file*  
*rip*

CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		AMOUNT	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		DATE	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY		PAYEE	TO ISSUING AGENCY
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	
TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.
		<i>12-Oct-45</i>	
NAME	ORGANIZATION	A. S. N.	CASE NO.
<i>TRAVIS-L-SMITH</i>		<i>38678538</i>	
WAREHOUSE SPACE	EXAMINED BY	DIARY REMOVED	
<i>306</i>	<i>Crews</i>	PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	PACKED BY	NOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
<i>Hlctn</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	SHIPPED	
WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY	DATE	BY WHOM
	<i>B</i>	<i>NOV 26 1945</i>	<i>nik</i>
	STORED BY		
	<i>mlw</i>		

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G.I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

*Billy Gold 4 cards bloodstained*

SHORTAGES

*"Broadway" wrist watch*

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

*211-94B*

AMOUNT

*\$32.29*

*1-Form 38*

*1600 French Francs*

I certify that the above items were not in the containers inventoried by me.

*Crews*  
INVENTORY CLERK

*Heming*  
SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED



LA RUE, KANSAS CITY 1-9-45-80M

NAME SMITH, TRAVEL PVT 8538

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
11	3	6	3414
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG			

Eff. QM Form 48

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## INVENTORY FORM

25 June 1945

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

SMITH Travis L. Pvt. 38678538  
 (Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO 513 US Army

The above named individual of Troop B 87th Ron.  
 (Unit) (Organization)

was reported deceased about 10 April 1945  
 Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Annie Smith (mother,  
1901 Runnels St., Big Springs, Texas.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

## Brown leather wallet containing:

1600 French francs ①  
 Check for 85¢  
 Baptism certificate  
 Receipts and misc. papers  
 Identification cards  
 1 piece German souvenir money  
 WD AGO Form 28 (Pay Book)

## Also:

"Broadway" wrist watch ①  
 Black fountain pen  
 Catholic prayer book  
 Rosary  
 Comb  
 Mechanical pencil  
 Trench knife in metal sheath, 5 3/4" blade  
 Note book

Money in the amount of \$32.29 has been turned into 42d Finance Disb. Section, APO 887.  
 (Name of finance office and

211-993  
DS 235-035 Form WDFD 38 enclosed.  
 symbol number)

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of  
 the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot and Baggage  
 Depot, APO 513, U. S. mail on 30 June 1945.  
 by (Rail, Truck, etc.)

*Richard A. Cherney*  
 Name RICHARD A. CHERNEY  
Captain, M. A. C.  
 Rank & ASN Registrar  
4318 US Army Hospital Plant, ETUSA  
 Organization AP0 887, U. S. Army  
 Witnessed by:

Any additional pertinent information:

Distribution:  
 Effects QM  
 Service Record  
 Parcel  
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*Paul B. Boger*  
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SHIPMENT CLERK

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

RTB:GC:vh  
October 30, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO 506-477

Mr. Herbert Smith  
1901 Runnels Street  
Big Spring, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, Private Travis L. Smith.

I regret to advise that included among your son's effects are cards and a billfold which are damaged, apparently by bloodstain. Please say whether you want these items sent with the remainder of the property. It is our desire to refrain from sending any articles which would be distressing; at the same time, we do not feel justified in removing the items without your consent. If your reply in this regard is not received here within fifteen days from date of this letter, it necessarily will be assumed that the articles mentioned are acceptable.

Your reply may be made at the foot of this letter, if desired, and mailed in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

*Harry Niemiec*  
HARRY NIEMIEC  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Correspondence Branch

1 Incl--  
Envelope

*I would like to have all  
property of my son.  
on me - Herbert Smith  
New address. 901 Leary St.*



KANSAS CITY, MO.

NOV-7 1945

Faint, mostly illegible typed text, possibly a letter or official communication, with some words like 'Dear Sir' and 'Very truly yours' visible.

Faint typed text at the bottom left, possibly a signature or address.

Faint typed text at the bottom right, possibly a name or title.

Large block of very faint, illegible handwritten text at the bottom of the page.



506477

RTB:GC:nw  
September 27, 1945

Mr. Herbert Smith  
1901 Runnels Street  
Big Spring, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am inclosing a check for \$32.29, representing funds of your son, Private Travis L. Smith.

No other property belonging to him has been received at the Army Effects Bureau, to date.

Our action in transmitting funds does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of decedent's legal residence.

Money ordinarily is sent from overseas by mail in advance of other effects; therefore, it is probable that additional belongings of decedent will reach this Bureau at a later date. As it is intended to forward any such property to you promptly upon receipt here, I ask that you please notify this Bureau if there is a change in your address within the next few months.

I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Sincerely,

C. B. QUINN  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Files Branch

1 Incl—Check

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mr. Herbert Smith  
1901 Runnels Street

Effects of: Big Spring, Texas

Name Pvt. Travis L. Smith

ASN 38 678 538

Case No. 506477 D

Wt.

DATE 27 September 1945

RTB:GC:nw

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check  
Acct. No. 166270  
Amount \$32.29 *me*  
 Inclose "Valuables" item  
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G. I.  
 Note discrepancy in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Films removed  
 Diary removed  
 Laundry removed

148567 emh

ROUTING:

- 1 Accounting Branch *me*
- Warehouse Division
- 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

166270

506477

September 26 45

Herbert Smith

32.29

Thirty-Two and 29/100

REMARKS

Franked \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of package \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Clerk



ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
COUNTING INVENTORY

CASE NO. *506,477*

TYPED BY *m*

DATE *8/19/45*

STATUS *dec.*

NAME *Travis J. Smith*

A.S.N. *30672532*

RANK *Pvt*

ORGANIZATION

CONSIGNOR *4-290*

AMOUNT *32.29* *148567*  
~~32.29~~ *CP*

ACCOUNT NO. *166770* *Smith*

LIST NO. *F-316*

CHECK DESCRIPTION:  
INCLUDED IN ONE U.S. TREASURER'S CHECK  
NEGOTIABLE BY EOM

DATED *File*

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

REMARKS:  
*L/T to sec. file*



Summary Court-Martial  
 ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT Case No. 506177  
 601 Hardesty Avenue JRM:CC:rw  
 Kansas City 1, Missouri Date 27 September 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Travis L. Smith, 38 678 538 late a  
 (Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)  
Private, Cavalry who died  
 (Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
 on the 10 day of April, 1945, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department 25, D. C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 228, Hq., KQJM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

- a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.
- b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. none.)
- c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt none, Incl. none.)
- d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)---

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 24 September 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KQJM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Herbert Smith for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Herbert Smith (Name of person found entitled)  
1901 Runnels Street, Big Spring State of  
 (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)  
Texas, is the father of the  
 (Relationship or Capacity)  
 above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, QMC  
 (Signature of Summary Court Officer)

(Name, Rank, Organization)  
 SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL