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TO: **REVIEW**

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH France		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Van Dorn, James E	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 37 503 303

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>Dmp</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>Dmp</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

Possible asso.

Identification data for the above decedent has been compared with QMC Forms 1944 for all Unresolved World War II Unknowns recovered from Fort Driant, France, with negative results.

D. M. DEGEN

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>Dm DeGen</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>C E Dewbaker</i>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary Alice Clements</i> for Mary A. Edwards Capt QMC	AUG 24 1951

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

VAN DORN JAMES E.

RANK

PFC

SERIAL NUMBER

37 503 303

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

9 OCT. 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

MANFIELD

DATE

MAY 1 1951

NAME OF REVIEWER

J BROOKS

DATE

2 MAY 51

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Van Dorn, James E.		GRADE Pfc	SERIAL NO. 37 503 303
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
<input type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials) Lt De Weese	
UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 13122	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY

IMPORTANT

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 293 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION. ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

QMGMF 293
Van Dorn, James E.
SN 37 503 303

25 April 1950

Mrs. Edna Van Dorn
General Delivery
West Plains, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Van Dorn:

This office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your son, the late Private First Class James E. Van Dorn.

Realizing that this is a matter of great importance to you, may I review the pertinent facts of the case as revealed by Department of the Army records received from our overseas command.

Your son, who was a member of Company K, 2nd Infantry Regiment, was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Driant, France on 9 October 1944; he was killed when a large caliber shell landed in a fox hole in which he had taken cover. Although a search of the shell crater and surrounding area was made after the explosion took place, his remains were not found.

Subsequent to that time, units of the American Graves Registration Service conducted thorough investigations throughout the Fort Driant area in an attempt to locate the remains of your son; however, all efforts to locate his remains met with negative results. In order to determine whether the remains of your son had been recovered and interred as an unknown, identifying data pertaining to him was compared with all available identifying data for unidentified remains recovered from the Fort Driant area, but these comparisons failed to reveal any remains which could be identified as his.

After a careful review of the pertinent facts of the case and the negative results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

28 April 1950

QWENT 228
Van Dorn, James E.
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Mrs. Edna Van Dorn
General Delivery
West Plains, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Van Dorn:

This office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and identify the remains of your son, the late Private First Class James E. Van Dorn.

Realizing that this is a matter of great importance to you, may I review the pertinent facts of the case as revealed by Department of the Army records received from our overseas commands.

Your son, who was a member of Company K, 3rd Infantry Regiment, was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Brant, Kansas on 9 October 1944; he was killed when a large caliber shell landed in a fox hole in which he had taken cover. Although a search of the shell crater and surrounding area was made after the explosion took place, his remains were not found.

Subsequent to that time, units of the American Graves Registration Service conducted thorough investigations throughout the Fort Brant area in an attempt to locate the remains of your son; however, all efforts to locate his remains met with negative results. In order to determine whether the remains of your son had been recovered and interred as an unknown, identifying data pertaining to him was compared with all available identifying data for unidentified remains recovered from the Fort Brant area, but these comparisons failed to reveal any remains which could be identified as his.

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FORT BRANT, KANSAS

QMGMF 293
Van Dorn, James E.
SN 37 503 303

25 April 1950

Permit me to extend my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one and express the hope that you will receive some small measure of solace from the knowledge that he died an honored death in the service of his country.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. VOGL
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)

Van Dorn, James E.

GRADE

PFC

SERIAL NUMBER

37 503 303

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
Edna Van Dorn	General Delivery West Plains, Missouri		
RELATIONSHIP	Mother		

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
	Resend ltr dtd 30 Mar to mother at address shown above.

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE K 25-4-50	TYPYST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE 21 April 1950	
FROM (Branch and Section) Correspondence & Resol Sec	REQUESTED BY C. Keiser	TEL. EXT. 4428	ROOM NO. 2530-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) Van Dorn, James E.	RANK PFC	SERIAL NUMBER 37 503 303	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Current address of parents

INFORMATION FURNISHED *from Veterans Administration*

XC- 3739-043

D. O. #9

*Mother: Edna Van Dorn
General Delivery
West Plains, Missouri*

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PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION
MAR 23 1950

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PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

DATE		PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		TO:
31 April 1950				
ROOM NO.	TEL. EXT.	REQUESTED BY	FROM (Branch and Section)	
2530-B	4428	C. Keiser	Correspondence & Liaison Sec	
SERIAL NUMBER		RANK	NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)	
37 503 303		PFC	Van Born, James H.	

Current address of parents

INFORMATION FURNISHED

from Veterans Administration

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*Return to James Van Born
General Delivery
West Plains, Missouri*

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APR 24 1950
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PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)



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

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMCMF 293

Van Dorn, James E.
SN 37 503 303

30 March 1950

Mrs. Edna Van Dorn
General Delivery
Popular Bluff, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Van Dorn:

This office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your son, the late Private First Class James E. Van Dorn.

Realizing that this is a matter of great importance to you, may I review the pertinent facts of the case as revealed by Department of the Army records received from our overseas command.

Your son, who was a member of Company K, 2nd Infantry Regiment, was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Driant, France on 9 October 1944; he was killed when a large caliber shell landed in a fox hole in which he had taken cover. Although a search of the shell crater and surrounding area was made after the explosion took place, his remains were not found.

Subsequent to that time, units of the American Graves Registration Service conducted thorough investigations throughout the Fort Driant area in an attempt to locate the remains of your son; however, all efforts to locate his remains met with negative results. In order to determine whether the remains of your son had been recovered and interred as an unknown, identifying data pertaining to him was compared with all available identifying data for unidentified remains recovered from the Fort Driant area, but these comparisons failed to reveal any remains which could be identified as his.

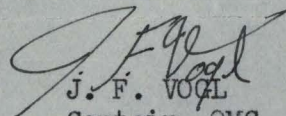
After a careful review of the pertinent facts of the case and the negative results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

QMCMF 293
Van Dorn, James E.
SN 37 503 303

30 March 1950

Permit me to extend my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one and express the hope that you will receive some small measure of solace from the knowledge that he died an honored death in the service of his country.

Sincerely yours,



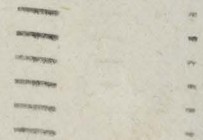
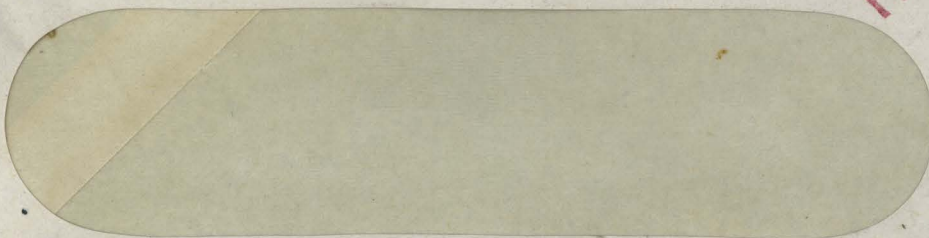
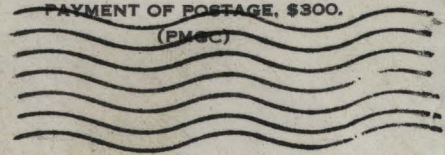
J. F. VOGL
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMCMF 293
 Van Dorn, James E.
 SN-37 503 303

30 March 1950

Mrs. Edna Van Dorn
 General Delivery
 Popular Bluff, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Van Dorn:

This office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your son, the late Private First Class James E. Van Dorn.

Realizing that this is a matter of great importance to you, may I review the pertinent facts of the case as revealed by Department of the Army records received from our overseas command.

Your son, who was a member of Company K, 2nd Infantry Regiment, was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Driant, France on 9 October 1944; he was killed when a large caliber shell landed in a fox hole in which he had taken cover. Although a search of the shell crater and surrounding area was made after the explosion took place, his remains were not found.

Subsequent to that time, units of the American Graves Registration Service conducted thorough investigations throughout the Fort Driant area in an attempt to locate the remains of your son; however, all efforts to locate his remains met with negative results. In order to determine whether the remains of your son had been recovered and interred as an unknown, identifying data pertaining to him was compared with all available identifying data for unidentified remains recovered from the Fort Driant area, but these comparisons failed to reveal any remains which could be identified as his.

After a careful review of the pertinent facts of the case and the negative results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.



30 March 1950

Miss Mrs. Van Horn
Van Horn, James E.
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Miss Mrs. Van Horn
General Delivery
Poplar Bluff, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Van Horn:

This office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your son, the late Private First Class James E. Van Horn.

Realizing that this is a matter of great importance to you, my I review the pertinent facts of the case as revealed by Department of the Army records received from our overseas command.

Your son, who was a member of Company I, 1st Infantry Regiment, was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Detrick, France on 9 October 1944; he was killed when a large caliber shell landed in a low hole in which he had taken cover. Although a search of the shell crater and surrounding area was made after the explosion took place, the remains were not found.

Subsequent to that time, wife of the American Graves Register, this Service conducted thorough investigations throughout the Fort Detrick area in an attempt to locate the remains of your son; however, all efforts to locate the remains met with negative results. In order to determine whether the remains of your son had been recovered and interred as an unknown, identifying data pertaining to him was compared with all available identifying data for unidentified remains recovered from the Fort Detrick area, but these comparisons failed to reveal any remains which could be identified as his.

After a careful review of the pertinent facts of the case and the negative results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been unable to determine the remains of your son. It is requested that you advise this office if you have any information which might assist in the identification of the remains of your son. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.



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QMCMF 293
Van Dorn, James E.
SN 37 503 303

30 March 1950

Permit me to extend my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one and express the hope that you will receive some small measure of solace from the knowledge that he died an honored death in the service of his country.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. VOGL
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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OMGIF 293
Van Dorn, James E.
SN 37 503 303

30 March 1950

Mrs. Hazel Van Dorn
1808 East Drme Street
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Van Dorn:

This office desires to furnish you information concerning the results of the investigations which have been conducted in an effort to recover and/or identify the remains of your husband, the late Private First Class James E. Van Dorn.

Realizing that this is a matter of great importance to you, may I review the pertinent facts of the case as revealed by Department of the Army records received from our overseas command.

Your husband, who was a member of Company K, 2nd Infantry Regiment, was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Driant, France on 9 October 1944; he was killed when a large caliber shell landed in a fox hole in which he had taken cover. Although a search of the shell crater and surrounding area was made after the explosion took place, his remains were not found.

Subsequent to that time, units of the American Graves Registration Service conducted thorough investigations throughout the Fort Driant area in an attempt to locate the remains of your husband; however, all efforts to locate his remains met with negative results. In order to determine whether the remains of your husband had been recovered and interred as an unknown, identifying data pertaining to him was compared with all available identifying data for unidentified remains recovered from the Fort Driant area, but these comparisons failed to reveal any remains which could be identified as his.

After a careful review of the pertinent facts of the case and the negative results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your husband are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

QMCMF 293
Van Dorn, James
SN 37 503 303

30 March 1950

Permit me to extend my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one and express the hope that you will receive some small measure of solace from the knowledge that he died an honored death in the service of his country.

Sincerely yours,

EH/bc
cc: AGO
mailed direct

J. F. VOGL
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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MAR 30 1950
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FAMILY CORRESP. DEPT.
MEM. DIV.
LETTERS SECT.

QQHG Form 638
Rev 1 APR 48

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

				Due, Hour and Date
No	From	To	Date	Message
1	Fin Det Section Ident Br Mem Div	Repat Br Mem Div <u>ATTN:</u> Corres Section	15 Mar 50	<p>SUBJECT: Non-recoverable Cases No (12771, 13121, 13122) <i>WD - returned to ID</i></p> <p>1. Attached approved non-recoverable case (s) is (are) forwarded for whatever action is deemed necessary by your office.</p> <p>2. All action necessary to be taken by the Identification Branch has been completed.</p> <p><i>Fisher</i> DeWEESE 73472</p> <p>3 Incls: Group Individual</p>

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER
13,122 (1)
AREA OR ZONE(S)
EUROPEAN

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **VAN DORN, James E.** RANK **Pfc.** SERIAL NUMBER **37 503 303**

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

INDIVIDUAL CASE.

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	<i>RH</i>	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>RH</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>RH</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>RH</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>RH</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>RH</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES a. Captured German Records.			<i>RH</i>

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

NONE

NAME OF CASE ANALYST **RUTH HUTSON / nih** CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO **Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.** FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>A. J. Craten</i> A. J. CRATEN	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W.R. Dewese</i> W.R. Dewese, 1st Lt QMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> by THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC	<i>11/10/50</i> 50

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

3 Mar '50
 Case 13,122
 23 FEB. 1950

One case

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47), D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, SO No. 1, Headquarters American Graves Registration Command, APO 757, U.S. Army, 2 January 1950, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France, on 23 FEB. 1950. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers, contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE No. 2	NAME	GRADE	ASN
	VAN DORN, James E.	Pfc	37 503 303

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds, the remains of said casualty/casualties, are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the office of the Quartermaster General for final approval.

HAROLD P. HENRY, Col. QMC

EDWARD D. LUVANITY, Lt. Col. QMC

EDWARD S. PRICE JR. Capt QMC

GAYLORD E. LUTZ, Lt. QMC

THEODORE GOUDREAU CWO USA

REGISTRATION DIVISION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains

TO: Non-Recoverable Board AGRC

1. It is recommended that the board take action on the following case:

NAME: VAN DORN James E. Pfc 37 503 303

ORGANIZATION: Co "K" 2nd Inf Regt. 5th Inf. Div.

PLACE OF DEATH: Vic. of Fort Driant, Moselle
France

DATE OF DEATH: 9 October 1944

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above mentioned unresolved casualty was a member of Company "K", 2nd Inf. Regt., which was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Driant, France, on 9 October 1944. Information contained in a report from Third Army Headquarters indicates that Pvt. Van Dorn was killed when a large caliber shell (155mm or larger) landed in a fox hole in which subject casualty had taken cover. A search of the shell crater and surrounding area, made after the explosion took place, failed to reveal any trace of the remains of subject casualty. A headboard, marking the crater, was erected by members of the unit concerned. A Field Investigation was conducted in this area, in November 1946, with negative results. The headboard referred to could not be located and unknowns recovered from this area cannot be associated with subject casualty. Investigation also disclosed the fact that no additional remains of American deceased were recovered during demining operations carried out in this area. It is logical to conclude that Pfc James E. Van Dorn was killed by the direct hit of a large caliber shell in the vicinity of Fort Driant, France on 9 October 1944 and that his remains were reduced by the explosion of this shell to a state which precludes recovery. The fact that Field Investigations were negative and the fact that there are no unknowns on

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SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains Cont'd

record that may be associated with the subject casualty would tend to substantiate this conclusion. It is therefore recommended that this case be deemed Non-Recoverable.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371 on file at the Office
Of The Quartermaster General, Washington,
D. C.

Reference is also made to: 2nd Ind. HQ 2nd Inf. dated 2 May 1945 with attached sketch; Report of Field Investigation, dated 5 Nov. 1946; Negative Report, 3049 Graves Registration Co. dated 29 April 1946
Copies attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file Headquarters Graves Registration Command.

3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.

4. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain, QMC

293 (Van Dorn James E.) 2nd Ind
Hq 2nd Inf 2 May 1945

TO: CG, 5th Inf Div. APO 5, U S Army

The following information is submitted with reference to location of remains of Pfc VAN DORN, James E., 37503303

1. No remains found
2. Death occurred at southern edge of Fort Driant, France, VU-7543 (Chalons-Nancy Map) Second Edition, North West Europe, Sheet No. 9 Army/Air.
3. Large shell (155mm or larger) landed in foxhole in which soldier was taking cover, leaving no remains. Headboards were erected by the Platoon Sergeant.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT M. SCATES
Captain, 2nd Infantry
Personnel Officer

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Groupe Fortifie Driant

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Body of PFC. JAMES E. VANDORN
37503303

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SCALE 1/10,000
FT. DRIANT AREA

Ancy-sur Moselle

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D I A R Y

5 November 1946

- 1030 Left Headquarters Nancy to investigate case 184
- 1130 Arrived Gravelotte, where I contacted the mayor Mr. Charles Lemoine, who did not have any information regarding the disposition of nine American remains. He could only state that two American remains had been evacuated from the commune sofar and reinterred in St Avold US Military Cemetery. As far as he knew there were no more American isolated burials located in his commune.
- 1400 Interrogated Mr. Rene Lind, secretary of the commune of Ancy-sur-Moselle, who was only able to tell me that the remains of one American had been removed sofar from the commune's territory; therefore the nine remains concerned were not recovered in this commune. Contacting numerous people reveals that no information of any value could be obtained regarding the burial of nine American bodies. Some people I've questioned seem to have the conception that they were buried in the US Military Cemetery St Avold, but there is nothing definite to this effect. Have to postpone investigation till the entire area is clear of mines and it can be stated for sure that the nine remains are not buried in this vicinity.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY
of Mr. Huberdault's diary

LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER
1st Lt. Inf

Commune of Ancy-sur-Moselle

5 Nov 46

I, the undersigned, LIND Rene, secretary of the commune of Ancy-sur-Moselle, living at Ancy-sur-Moselle, Rue de l' Eglise (boy's school) certify that the American authorities removed the body of an American soldier which was found in the vicinity of Fort Driant (commune of Ancy-sur-Moselle) at the end of April 1946.

I do not know the name of the Unit which removed the remains or the place where they transported them to. I do not know either if this soldier has been identified because we did not receive any notice of disinterment.

To the best of my knowledge I declare that there are no more graves of American soldiers in the territory of my commune.

Official Stamp

/s/ Lind Rene

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS
Wd Dutch Civ. 10256
Translator

Gravelotte 5 Nov. 1946

I, the undersigned, LEMOINE Charles, certify that the American authorities removed the remains of an American soldier, presumed to be Sgt Jack S. Aldredge, 15105277, on on the 16th of April 1946, and the body of an unknown on the 23rd of April 1946. These two bodies were transported to the American cemetery of St Avold.

The body removed on the 16th of April was disinterred by the 3049th G.R.C.

The body removed on the 23rd of April was disinterred by the 535 QM Gp 3049th G.R.C.

I certify moreover that as far as I know there are no more graves of American soldiers in the territory of Gravelotte

The Mayor of Gravelotte

Town Stamp

/s/ LEMOINE

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

GERDA C. PRUYS
WD Dutch Civ. 10256
Translator

3049th GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY
FIRST MOBILE BIVOUAC UNIT
METZ, FRANCE

APO 21 U.S. Army
29th April 1946

SUBJECT: Registered Case Moselle 1976
Gonzola A. Perez, James E. Van Horn

TO: Operations Section, 535th QM Group

1. The area of Ar-sur-Moselle and Fort Driant has been searched thoroughly by our search team and they could not locate the isolated graves of the above mentioned men or the headboards erected by the Platoon Sgt.

2. Bodies of three Americans have been recovered from the area by this unit and have been moved to the U.S. Military Cemetery at St Avold, France as Unknown X-6000, Unknown X-6001 and Leroy A. Harmon 17107838.

3. See statement attached from Capt, Robardet, Chef du Service de deminage who says that bodies of nine Americans were removed sometime ago (He could not remember the date) to a cemetery in the Meuse Department.

4. In view of the above it is believed that the remains of these soldiers have been evacuated from the area.

Howard E. Metzbower 2nd Lt. Inf
Commanding

AIRMAIL

Sherrill

QMGM 293 GRS European 1st Ind
 SUBJECT: ~~Request For Information~~

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 27 October 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Submitted herewith are copies of all available dental information available for the following:

Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34254893
Hunt, Orville	Pfc	16006889
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt	34899335
Pihera, Joseph J.	S/Sgt	15013922
Weber, Ross W.	Pfc	16017602
Buffolo, Bennie	Pvt	36214242
Leano, Joseph A.	T/5	32936045
Lobacz, Casimir P.	Pfc	36228207
McGregor, C. R.	Pfc	34147889
Pescik, Albin J.	Pvt	31274929
X 293 Van Dorn, James E.	Pfc	37503303
Van Horn, James B., Jr.	2/Lt	01303233
Vitousky, Charles F.	Pvt	33605102
Underwood, Wilburn	Pfc	34269372
Didello, Lewis S.	2/Lt	01326046

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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T. H. METZ
 Lt Colonel, QMC
 Memorial Division

AIRMAIL

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293 FILE				
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>43</i> VAN DORN, JAMES E.		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 37503 303	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*Complete dental info. sent to
Mrs. S. S. Solder 2 May 49.*

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Sgt. J. J. Solder*

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S. S. Solder

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for dental work*

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293 Van Dorn, James E.
37,503,303

ON JAMES E VAN DORN 37503303 RACE WHITE HT 62 IN ALSO SHOWN
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QMCMF 293
Van Dorn, James E.
SN 37 503 303

4 May 1949

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Mrs. Edna Van Dorn
General Delivery
Popular Bluff, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Van Dorn:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Private First Class James E. Van Dorn, has come to my attention.

With deep regret I must inform you that, as yet, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son has not been received in this office.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are continuing their intensive search of the area in which he died. An inquiry is being made to obtain their latest information pertaining to the possible recovery and reburial of the remains of your son. Please rest assured that information in response to this inquiry will be communicated to you immediately upon its receipt in this office.

May I extend my sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. SMITH
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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MEM. DIV.

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Van Dorn, James E.
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Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. SMITH
Major, USA
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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)

VAN DORN, JAMES E.

GRADE

PFC

SERIAL NUMBER

37 503 303

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE

PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE

ADDRESSEE MR. Edna Van Dorn MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) General Delivery Popular Bluff, Mo
RELATIONSHIP Mother	

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MEMORIAL DIVISION
FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

DATE

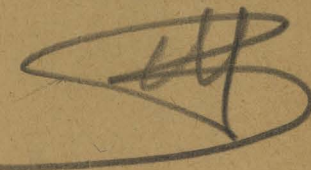
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TO: Identification Branch

FROM: Family Letters Section

SUBJECT: Case Name Van Dorn, James 37503303

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate,
applicable to this case.



Reports of Burial are on file in this Office for Unknowns
interred in USMC, St.Avoid, France which might be associated with
Pfc. James E. Van Dorn. 37503303; however, evidence available at
this time is insufficient to establish an identification.

MB Holden
29 Apr 49

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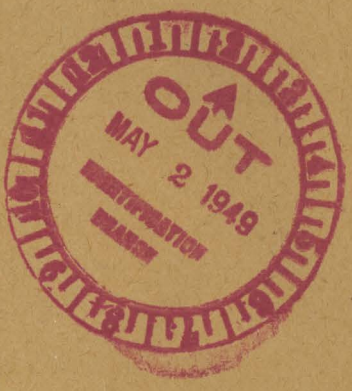
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293 Van Dorn, James E. - 37,503,303 (JFC)

Poplar Bluff, Mo.
April, 15, 1949.

Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am
writing you to see if you
can or will write and
tell me just where my
son James E. Van Dorn is
buried. ²⁹³ he was killed in
action somewhere in
France on Oct. 9th, 1944.

Yours Resp.

Mrs. Edna Van Dorn.
Poplar Bluff.
Mo.

Gen. Del.

P.S. His no. was XC. 3,739,043.

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Van DORN James E</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>37503303</i>		GRADE <i>Pfc</i>
HEIGHT <i>5ft 2 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>111</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>6 1/2 C</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>9 Oct 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
C Co K 2 Inf

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Death due to enemy action in France

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	From	DATES	To
<i>cp. McCain miss</i>	<i>15 Feb 43</i>		<i>29 Sept 43</i>
<i>7th Meade Md</i>	<i>30 Sept 43</i>		<i>11 Oct 43</i>

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DENTAL CHART *2 Feb 43*

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
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IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL		DATE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IN U.S.A.	
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LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED		LAST ALL COUNTRIES IN WHICH SERVED	
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **VAN DORN, JAMES E.** GRADE **PFC.** PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER **37503303**

ORGANIZATION **C. K. 2nd INF.** RACE **WHITE** CREED **—** FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) **—**

DATE OF DEATH/MIA **9-10-44** CAUSE OF DEATH **KILLED IN ACTION** PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA **FRANCE**

DATE OF FOD **—**

HEIGHT **5'2"** WEIGHT **111** COLOR EYES **BLUE** COLOR HAIR **BROWN** SHOE SIZE **6 1/2 C**

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

*Corrected reports for other pay status. Orig issued 31 Oct 44

WASHINGTON 25. D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 4 Dec 44
MEF/ks/4624

FULL NAME Van Dorn James E.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 37 503 303	GRADE Pfc.
HOME ADDRESS Fort Scott, Kansas		ARM OR SERVICE Inf.	DATE OF BIRTH 25 Jun 12
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action	DATE OF DEATH 9 Oct 44
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 2 Feb 43	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Hazel Van Dorn, wife, 1808 East Drme St., Witchita, Kansas			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Hazel Van Dorn, wife, same as above. Mrs. Edna Van Dorn, mother, Covington, Indiana. Mr. Homer Van Dorn, father, Unknown, Witchita, Kansas			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

***Combat Infantryman**

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G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	A. G. 201 FILE

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

[Signature]
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

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MLD/MLD/4624

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YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

8 NOV 1944

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

J. P. Curl

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

[Signature]
ADJUTANT GENERAL

286880

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
DATE: 3 FEB 1948
BY: [Signature]

MEM/KD/fes
3 February 1948

286880

Reference is made to letter dated _____

Enclosed please find the above described _____

Mrs. Hazel Van Dorn
1317 Timea Avenue
Keokuk, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Van Dorn:

I have your recent letter making inquiry concerning personal effects of your husband, Private First Class James E. Van Dorn.

Our records show that a carton containing a few miscellaneous items belonging to Private Van Dorn, which he left with his overseas organization prior to entering combat, was sent you at 1808 East Drme Street, Wichita, Kansas, on 4 June 1945. No additional property for your husband has reached this Bureau.

I note from the official casualty report furnished this Bureau by The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., that Private Van Dorn was attached to the Infantry. He probably carried most of his personal belongings with him, and the recovery of such property under combat conditions was most difficult and oftentimes impossible.

Due to the length of time that has elapsed, I do not believe that any other property of your husband will arrive here.

I wish I were able to send you a more favorable report in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

M. E. MOHR
Major, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
 ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
 601 Hardesty Avenue
 Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To _____

Postmaster
 United States Post Office

Dear Sir:

Information indicated in paragraphs checked below is requested in connection with the following Army Effects Bureau shipment:

Date Shipped	Container	Property of
Addressed to	Method of Shipment	

Notification of shipment letter to addressee returned marked _____ . To date, property has not been returned. Any information you can furnish regarding delivery or non-delivery will be appreciated.

Notification of shipment letter has been received by addressee but property has not. Information regarding delivery or non-delivery will be appreciated.

If the property is being held at your Post Office, please return it to this Bureau, using the inclosed shipping label.

On _____, this Bureau transmitted to your office PD Form 1510 to determine disposition made of above shipment. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

This acknowledges your notice that above property is being held undeliverable at your Post Office. Your cooperation in returning the property to this Bureau will be appreciated. Please use the inclosed shipping label.

Please divert the above property to _____, using the inclosed shipping label, and advise this Bureau of action taken.

Reference is made to letter, this Bureau, dated _____, copy inclosed, requesting information regarding above shipment. An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

P. U. Maxey
 P. U. MAXEY
 Lt Col. QMC
 Effects Quartermaster

Mrs Hazel Van Dorn
 1317 Timea Ave.
 Keokuk, Iowa.

Jan. 26/48

286880

Officer in Charge
 Bureau of Personal Effects
 Quartermasters Div.
 Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in reference to the personal effects of my husband, P. F. C. James E. Van Dorn A. S. N. 37503363 who was killed in action in Europe in Oct. (9th) 1944. Please advise me if any of his belongings have been returned to the States as yet? I have waited as patiently as possible, because I know that undue correspondence only delays these things. My address at the of his death was 4041 E. Stearman Drive Wichita Kans.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Hazel Van Dorn.
 1317 Timea Ave.
 Keokuk, Iowa.

full
 PA

*1311 Kansas Ave.
Kansas, Mo.*

Jan. 25/48

22278

*Director of Personal Efforts
Chartermaster Inc.*

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

*at our writing in reference to the general
efforts of my husband, P. C. James, in
U.S. No. 250383 who was killed in action
Europe in Dec. (1947) 1944. There came one of
one of his belongings have been returned to the
State on file? I have waited impatiently as
possible. Because I know that neither
only delay these things. My address of the
of the death was 4015 Steamman Drive
Wichita, Kansas*

Hoping to hear from you in the near future

*L. C. James
1311 Kansas Ave.
Kansas, Mo.*



KANSAS CITY, MO.

JAN 27 1948

[Handwritten signature]

Summary Court-Martial
 ARMY SERVICE FORCES
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
 601 Hardesty Avenue
 Kansas City 1, Missouri

JFM:JFH:pam

Case No. 286880

Date 29 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

James E. Van Dorn, 37503303 Date of
 (Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Private First Class, Infantry who died
 (Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 9 day of October, 1944, at European Area

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KCQM 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. _____)

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 _____, Incl. _____)

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 26 May 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Hazel Van Dorn 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, Mrs. Hazel Van Dorn of (Name of person found entitled)

1808 East Drue Street, Wichita State of (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Kansas, is the widow of the (Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)
 SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

286880

GHG:JFH:pam
May 29, 1945

JFH

Mrs. Hazel Van Dorn
1808 East Drme Street
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Van Dorn:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, Private First Class James E. Van Dorn.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Hazel Van Dorn
1808 East Drme Street
Wichita, Kansas

Effects of: Pfc. James E. Van Dorn
Name
ASN 37503303
Case No. 286880 D

DATE 30 May 1945

GHG:JFH:pam

FOR: *Sherman* Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check
 Acct. No.
 Amount
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

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

ROUTING:

 Accounting Branch
 1 Warehouse Division
 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

1 pbg

REMARKS:

Franked
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages 1

FRANKED
JUN 4 1945

me

Shipping Clerk

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

#1 pkg

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

286,880

DECEASED
 MISSING
 P.O.W.
 ABANDONED
 TALLY NO. 7713
 NV. DATE 14 May 45
 ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1
 BOX NO.
 SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS
 ORGANIZATION Co R. 2nd Inf.

James Van Dorn
 37503303

put

BELT	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	BRACELET IDENT.	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
COATS	BRUSHES	CASE
FOOTWEAR, PR.	CAMERAS	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR.	GLASSES	KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
HANDKERCHIEFS	KNIVES	BOOKS
HEADWEAR	LIGHTERS	BOOKS, ADDRESS
JACKETS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
OVERCOATS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
SCARFS	PIPES	FILMS
SHIRTS	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	LETTERS
SOCKS, PR.	RIBBONS, DECORATION	PAPERS, PERSONAL
TIES	RINGS	PHOTOS
TOWELS	TOBACCO	SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
TROUSERS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	SHORT SNORTER
TRUNKS, PR.	WATCH	SOUVENIRS
UNDERWEAR		X SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS Taken from Envelope
 Hazel Van Dorn
 4041 E. Stearman Dr.
 Wichita (19) Kans.

ATTACHMENTS FORM #54 FORM #100

C.A.T. none

ME

WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	X SHORT/GE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
DATE SHIPPED	LOCKED STORAGE
JUN 4 1945	LAUNDRY REMOVED
	FILM REMOVED

WAREHOUSE SPACE

684

STORED BY

du

INVENTORIED BY

B. Counts

PACKED BY

Merchant

CHECKED BY

S

#43 OR ADDITION L

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

1 Silver coin

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

B. Counts
INVENTORY CLERK

Smart
SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

NAME VAN DORN, JAMES I 3303

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	3	16 15	7713
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG			

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Van Buren (Last Name) James (First Name) (MI) Private (Rank) 37523393 (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 350
U. S. Army

The above named individual of Company K, 24 Infantry
(Unit)

Was reported Killed
(Organization) (Status-Killed-MIA)

About 9 October 1944 1944.
(Hospitalized, Etc.) (Date)

DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY IF INFORMATION READILY ACCESSIBLE;

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 10 ea. Coins (1)
- 1 ea. Knife Pocket ✓
- 1 ea. Envelope of Pictures ✓
- 1 ea. Picture Folder w/picture ✓

R E S T R I C T E D

Money in the amount of _____ has been turned into
_____ Form W.D. F.D. No. 38
enclosed.

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 by _____ on _____ 194__.
(Rail, truck, etc.) (Date)

NAME Robert J. B. Page
RANK & SER. 2nd Lt 0-393482
ORGANIZATION Co K 2d Inf.

Any additional pertinent information: