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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

HAMILTON, WOODROW M.

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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

30 October 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY:

In compliance with the instructions contained in ID # 482, dated 21 September 1950, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of Diffembach, France in an effort to recover the remains of PVt Woodrow W. HAMILTON, 39 604 664.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

The above listed decedent was a member of Co. "E" 137th Inf. Regt. and was missing in action on 23 November 1944 while participating in a patrol about five hundred yards East of Diffembach in a wooded area called Bois-Habst.

III. FINDINGS:

A visit was made to the following Town Halls: Diffembach: The Secretary for the Mayor and the town constable were questioned and both stated that there were no American graves in the area around Diffembach. They further stated that there were no Americans ever buried there. Puttelange: A visit was made to the town hall of the nearby teen of Puttelange where the Mayor was questioned. The Mayor stated that he was there during the war and that during the fighting for that section that there were never any Americans killed within the commune of Puttelange. He also said that no graves of any kind have ever been reported. The only graves that ever were in the Commune were those of German Soldiers killed in air raids before November 1944. These were buried where they died by the towns people. The mayor informed us that the village of Diffembach was within the commune of Puttelange. St Jean-Rohrbach: Here the Secretary to the Mayor was questioned and also town constable. Both stated that there were no American graves in the area. They told us that all of the Americans killed in that area were evacuated the next day when the Americans occupied the town. The Mayor's secretary and the Constable have both explored the wooded area know as " Bois-Habst" and both say that there are no graves of any kind in the woods. The records of the town do not show any burials of Americans. Both the Secretary and the Constable stated that the only grave around the area was that of an unknown German. The Constable led us to this grave and it was opened. The remains were positively identified as those of a German Soldier. With this all means of investigation were exhausted.

30 October 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

IV. CONCLUSIONS:

From the evidence found in the investigation and contained in the attached statements it is concluded that:

- a. Until further information is found, such as an eye witness account, the remains of the subject decedent are unrecoverable.
- b. Until definite evidence to the contrary is discovered it must be assumed that Pvt. HAMILION was taken prisoner rather than killed and if know dead in all likely hood at some other place while enroute to the German POW Camp.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the case be classed as unrecoverable.

/s/t/ PAUL M. GUNTHARP Capt. QMC Investigator

STATEMENT OF THE MAYOR OF PUTTELANGE:

The undersigned mayor of Puttelange declare declare that during the fight of liberation there was not any fighting in the immediate vicinity of this city. I do not know of any Americans killed in or round Puttelange

Many German Soldiers have been killed during an air raid before the advance of the American troops, and they have been buried where they died by the civilians. The village of Diffembach is within the commune of PUTTELANGE.

STATEMENT OF THE MAYOR OF DIFFEMBACH:

The undersigned mayor of Diffembach declares that he has not had any American or German graves since November 1944. In the territory of Diffembach.

STATEMENT OF THE MAYOR OF ST. JEAN RORHBACH:

The undersigned, Joseph Bross, Secretary of the Mayor declares that all American Soldiers killed in the vicinity were killed between 22 Nov. 1944 and 23 Nov. 1944 and further that all were evacuated by the American Troops.

The woods, * Bois Habst", has been often explored by the towns people and at no time has an American grave been found.

To my knowledge no American Soldiers have been buried in the Commune of St. Jean-Rohrbach

There is only one grave of any kind in the area and that is one of an unknown German Soldier. This one was opened today by the Americans and the remains within were found to be that of a German Soldier.

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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.

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Captured German Records 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:

MIA on 23 November 1944 in a wooded area east of Diffembach, France

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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 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves
Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium
on
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 witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, 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 #

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SEE ATTACHED ROSTER.

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.

S/ James C. MacFarland
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PLACE OF DEATH Moselle France

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NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO.	DATE KIA OR MIA
Addabro, Joseph J.	Pvt	32 847 803	5 Sep 44
Bates, Charlie (NMI)	T/5	38 286 573	1 Jan 45
Battin, Harold A.	Pfc	37 364 691	15 Mar 45
Binder, Howard A.	Pvt	39 305 680	10 Oct 44
Black, James W.	Pfc	33 837 051	1 Jan 45
Bonds, Alfred B.	Pfc	42 012 457	8 Nov 44
Brazowski, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc Pvt	31 255 517	15 Mar 45
Bulin, Edward J. Bundrock, William J., Jr.	Pvt	32 796 939 39 622 035	10 Oct 44 10 Oct 44
Busby, Woodrow W.	Pvt	34 392 872	14 Nov 44
Castilone, Stephen J.	Pvt	42 091 109	22 Nov 44
Cerny, Jaro J.	Pfc	35 921 362	14 Oct 44
Clark, Charles E.	Pvt	32 783 174	10 Oct 44
Clement, Alfred J.	Pfc	36 227 750	8 Sep 44
Clement, Laurent H.	Sgt	37 542 237	12 Jan 45
Collino, Dominic P.	Pfc	35 835 516	2 Jan 45
Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34 254 893	8 Sep 44
Crews, Robert A.	Pfc	34 771 711	15 Oct 44
Cullison, Thomas J.	1/Lt Pfc	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	S/Sgt	36 227 925	8 Sep 44
Eaton, James A.	Pvt	32 855 293 32 254 567	12 Nov 44 15 Sep 44
Erardi, Joseph, Jr.	S/Sgt	37 071 020	17 Dec 44
Finlay, Robin L. Fisher, Syphes B.	Cpl	20 817 194	2 Jan 45
Fisher, Willard C.	Sgt	39 339 014	16 Sep 44
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pfc	33 843 709	8 Feb 45
Foy, Lloyd (NMI)	Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
Garvey, Thomas F., II	Pfc	33 888 119	17 Feb 45
Gaulton, John H.	Cpl	32 796 280	10 Oct 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc Pfc	36 052 118 14 140 023	8 Sep 44 14 Nov 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Gopfert, Arthur C.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
Halloran, William F. Hamilton, Woodrow W.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Harris, Ralph (AMI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Hatch, Stewart H	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Chanton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Holl, Ri 'ard L.	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Hunt, Orville (NMT)	Pfc	16 006 889 35 896 040	9 Sep 44 10 Nov 44
Johnson, Ervan N	Pfc	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Johnson, Rodger E.	Pvt		
Keeley, Thomas F.	Pfc Pfc	33 592 142 36 228 224	10 Nov 44
Kiger, Earl W.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44 10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Cpl		
Krepfia, Jerry J. Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pfc	32 796 241 32 736 269	10 Oct 44 9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pvt	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.	Pfc	36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Maguire, John O.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
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Paletta, Joseph F.	Pvt	32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	32 750 453	8 Nov 44
Pollard, Oscar	Pfc	35 681 500	10 Oct 44
Ponsone, John (NMI)	Pfc	34 192 303	10 Sep 44
Pruitt, Orval B.	Pvt	38 440 765	24 Nov 44
Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	36 456 254	1 Jan 45
Richter, Herbert R.	Pvt	20 229 636	13 Dec 44
Risoli, Samuel G.	S/Sgt	32 112 032	10 Sep 44
Roelfs, Harm A.	Pvt	36 058 741	25 Sep 44
Rosa, Dominio T.	Pvt	31 440 318	26 Sep 44
Ruffolo, "ennie (NMI)	Pvt	36 214 242	10 Sep 44
Santos, John C.	Cpl	19 133 953	21 Dec 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.	Pfc	36 227 835	11 Sep 44
	Pfc	33 843 335	17 Nov 44
Schue, George E.	S/Sgt	33 154 539	20 Sep 44
Shenk, Charles W.	Pfc	36 168 398	3 Jan 45
Siple, Clayton L.			10 Mar 45
Skaar, Robert L.	Pvt	36 845 252	
Slankard, Evan (NMI)	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
Slinkard, Von O.	Pfc	37 607 293	28 Dec 44
Smith, Albert A.	Pvt	6 277 121	16 Oct 44
Smith, Ira L.	Sgt	37 213 150	18 Nov 44
Smith, James S.	T/Sgt	6 985 951	11 Sep 44
Smith, Paul A.	Pvt	34 827 976	10 Oct 44
Smolinski, Leo E.	Pfc	32 796 578	10 Oct 44
Spear, Harold H.	T/Sgt	36 103 576	10 Sep 44
Standridge, Wendell F.	Pvt	35 927 044	10 Sep 44
Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	32 847 571	5 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.	Pfc	34 573 608	21 Sep 44
Tew, Charles R.	Pvt	34 912 164	12 Nov 44
Thornton, Robert L.	S/Sgt	34 573 833	1 Jan 45
Tommassone, Edward E.	Pfc	36 643 937	8 Sep 44
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34 269 379	10 Sep 44
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Valdez, Joe M.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
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West, Robert D.	S/Sgt	6 345 808	
Wilkins, Joe J.	Pvt	19 018 654	12 Nov 44
Williams, Evan (NMI)	S/Sgt	6 393 665	19 Sep 44
Williams, Gomer (N/I)	Pvt	33 113 760	10 Sep 44
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36 568 028	10 Sep 44
Willis, Robert W.	Pfc	37 357 968	19 Dec 44
Wirtz Matthew (NMI)	1/Lt	01 287 638	10 Sep 44
Wright, James E.	1/Lt	0 402 766	10 Sep 44
Young, John F.	Pfc	37 516 472	10 Mar 45
Zahradnik, Henry E.	Pfc	32 605 630	10 Oct 44
Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	Sgt	36 813 035	10 Sep 44

The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

HEADQUARTERS 7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRE

1. It is recommended that the Board take Action on the following cases:

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

The casualties listed on attached roster are re-SYNOPSIS: ported by official records as Missing in Action or Killed in Action during ground or air operations in the department of Moselle, France, from the period 5 September 1944 to 16 March 1945. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigation have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven The lack of specific information regarding the death or negative. burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of Moselle have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. terrain of the Moselle department, for the most part, consists of farm, pasture and forested areas which has been under constant cultivation and supervision by farmers and forest guards, since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which pre-cludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide

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evidence and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of world war II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949:

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan; concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to The Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the Department of Moselle, France; on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

- 2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.
- 3: It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek t/ C. W. STEINSIEK Captain QMC

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT C. LAY
Maj QMC

NOTE: The Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 50 referred to above, "Narrative of Investigation" is filed with 293 file of Addabbo, Joseph J., Pvt., 32 847 803. It substantiates general area search in the locality where the decedents are believed to have been lost.

HEADQUARTERS 7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

15 November 1950

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased. Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases:

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, O 359 598, QMC., President MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC., MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC., CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC., CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC., CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC., CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC., 1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC., 2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr., CAPT., QMC, Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr., CAPT., QMC Adjutant.

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AG 201 Hamilton, Woodrow W. (20 Dec 49) 39604664 MFB/gmv/1C676/11733

20 December 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of Pfc Woodrow W. Hamilton, 39604664

- 1. Private First Class Woodrow W. Hamilton, 39604664, Infantry, was reported missing in France 23 November 1944, by ETO Shipment No. 026, and was presumed dead as of 24 November 1945, under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act. The initial report gave his grade as private; ETO Shipment No. 177 stated that the correct grade was private first class. An entry in his service record indicates that he was promoted to the higher grade effective 11 February 1945.
- 2. SR&D Case No. 4761, dated 24 November 1945, File: AG 704 Dead (24 Nov 45), reviewed the circumstances of the disappearance of the subject soldier, and others, and recommended that a finding of death be made, showing the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 24 November 1945. Information on which the presumption of death was based, in the case of Private Hamilton, was found in a "Missing Report" in his Casualty file. According to this report, he was a member of Company "E", 137th Infantry Regiment, and on 23 November 1944 was in command of a flank patrol assigned to protect the advance of a column of troops along the main road from Diffenbach (Diffembach), France, to Gean Roervach (St. Jean-Rohrbach), France. He and the other members of the patrol were last seen entering a wood in which they were ambushed and taken prisoner by the Germans. All efforts to save them were unavailing.
- 3. Official records of the Department of the Army show that the 35th Division, of which the 137th Infantry Regiment was a part, was active at Leyviller, Diffembach, and St. Jean-Rohrbach on 22 November 1944, and that heavy resistance was encountered at St. Jean-Rohrbach. On 23 November the enemy counterattacked near Hilsprich, 1½ miles southeast of St. Jean-Rohrbach. The villages named are a few miles southeast of St. Avold, France.
- 4. Private Hamilton was in charge of a patrol assigned to protect the advance of troops along the road between Diffembach and St. Jean-Rohrbach, a few miles southeast of St. Avold, France, on 23 November 1944. The patrol was seen to enter a wood, where they were ambushed and (presumably) captured by the enemy. No further report regarding the subject soldier has been

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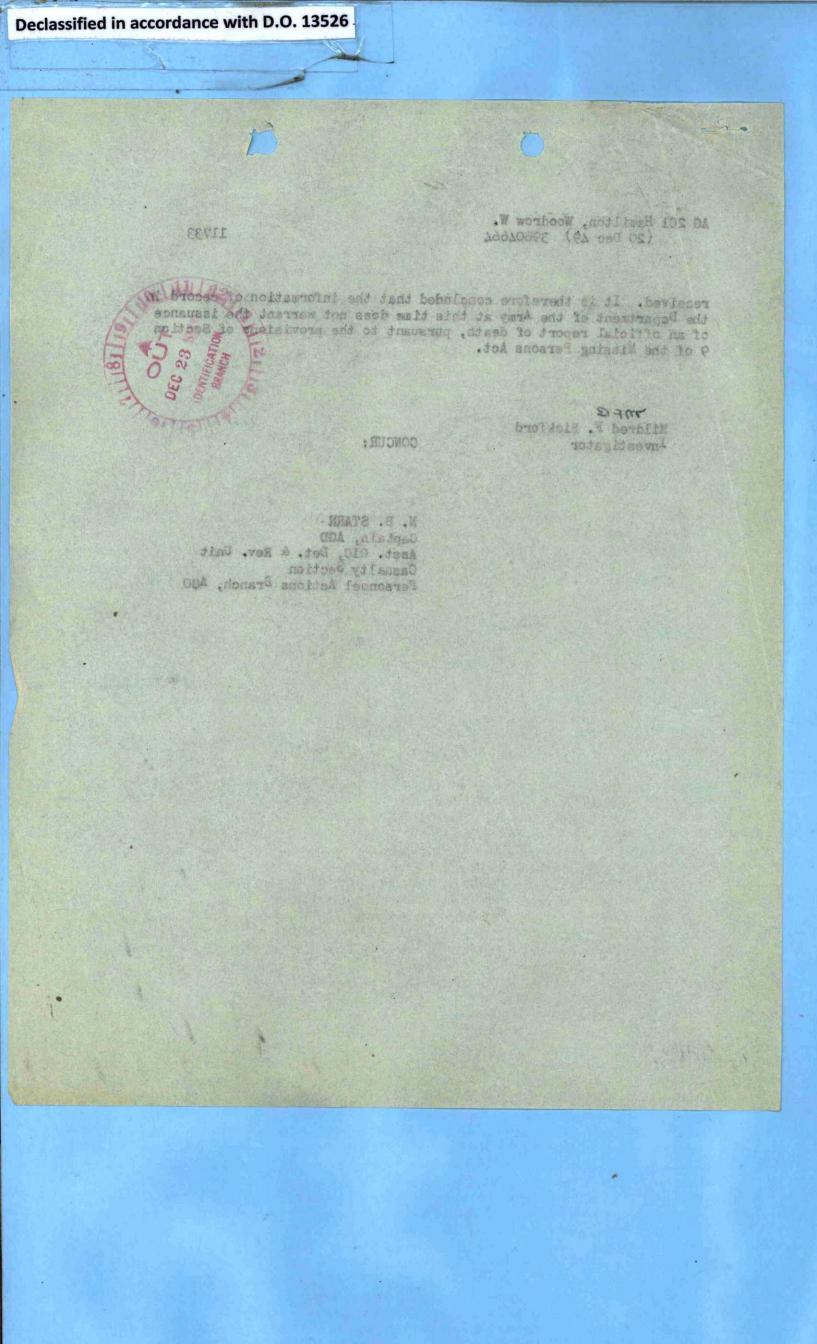
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received. It is therefore concluded that the information of record in the Department of the Army at this time does not warrant the issuance of an official report of death, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

mf3 Mildred F. Bickford Investigator

CONCUR:

N. B. STARR
Captain, AGD
Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit
Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO



1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - HAMILTON, Weedrew W. (39 604 664)

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QUOMS 293 Hamilton, Woodrow W. SN - 39604664

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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

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

In compliance with request made in basic communication, inclosed herewith is photostatic copy of S R & D Report which may aid in the recovery of Private First Class Woodrow W. Hamilton, 39604664.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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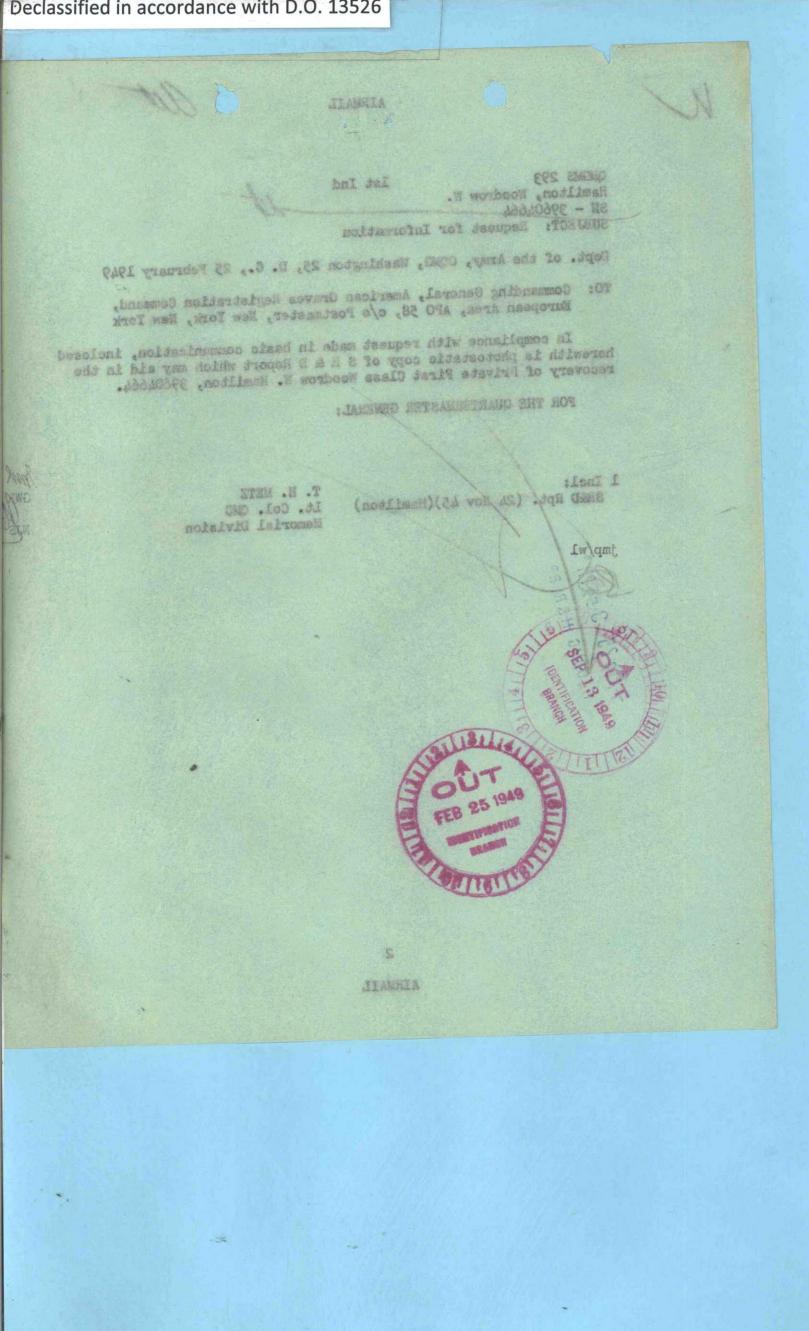
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HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND EUROPEAN AREA APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE. 293.9 (IB)

15 December 1948

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO:

The Quartermaster General Washington 25, D.C.

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- 2. Records, this headquarters, indicate that the above was assigned Flank guard of a column of tropps marching from Diffenbach to St Jean Rhorbach. Pfc Hamilton was taken prisoner with one other man in a small patch of woods named Bois-Habst.
- 3. It is requested that, if available, additional information which may aid in the recovery of the remains, be forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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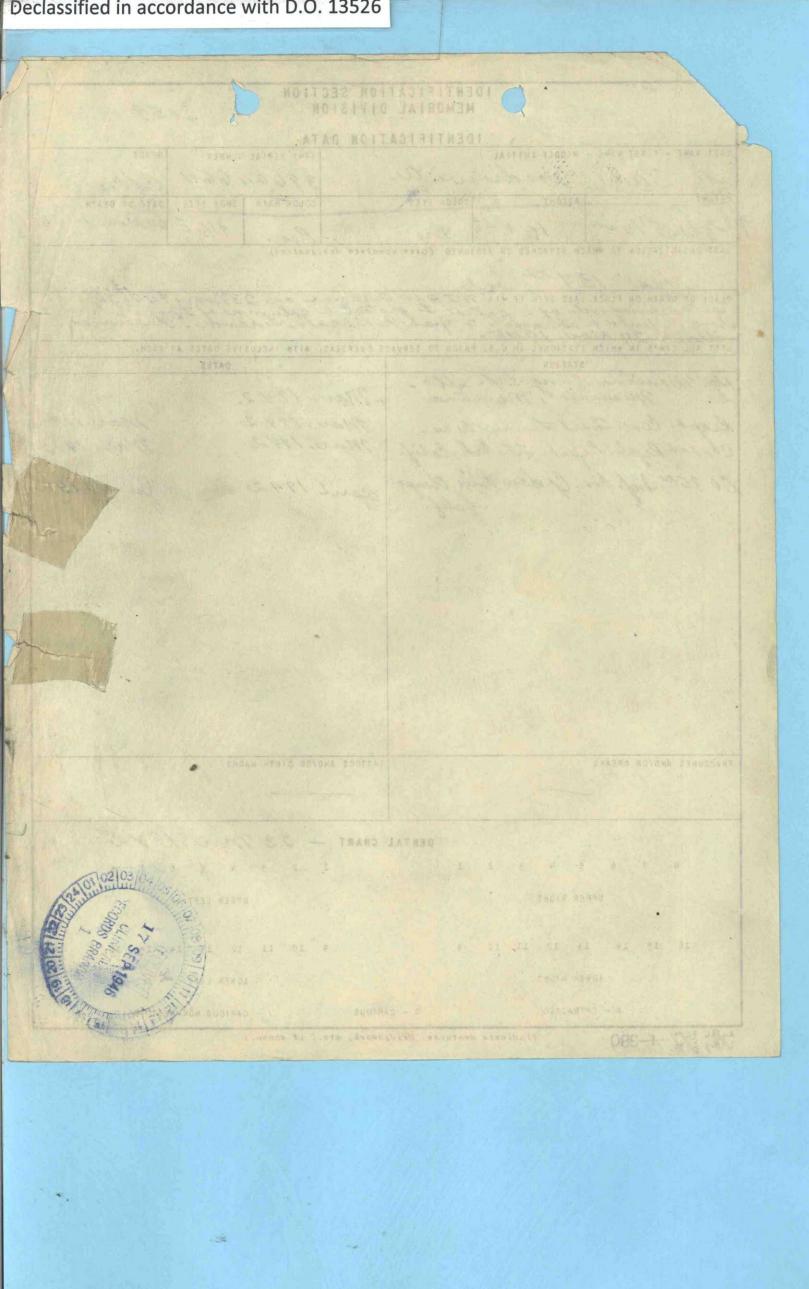
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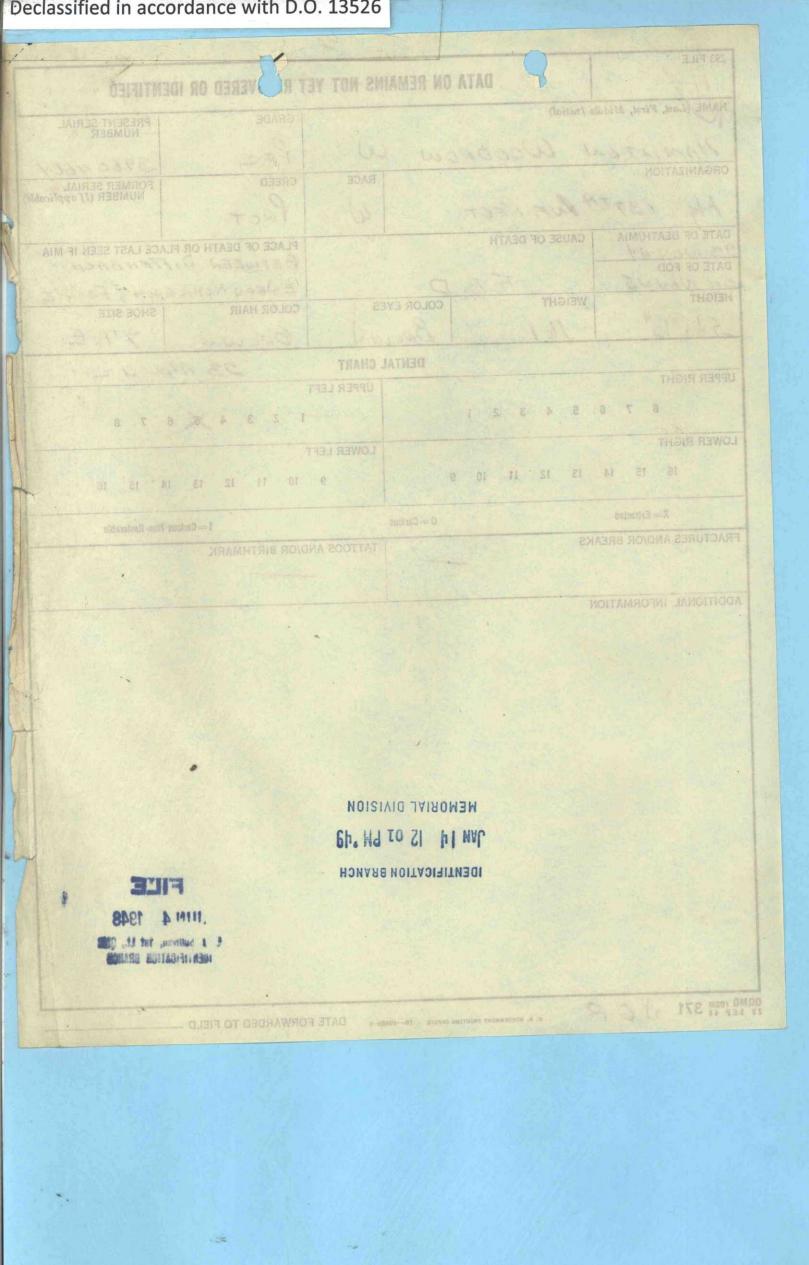
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AG 704 Dead (24 Nov 45) S. R. & D. No. 4761 24 November 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

SUBJECT; Review and Determination of Status Under the Missing Persons Act.

I. - FACTS

1. The following-named persons have been carried on the records of the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the War Department as missing in action in the European Theater of Operations the University of Operations the University of Operations and Operations the University of Operations and Operations

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7. a. Private First Class Woodrow W. Hamilton was assigned to Company E, 137th Infantry. According to information contained in a Missing Report, dated 21 May 1945, submitted by his organization and filed in his Casualty dated 21 May 1945, submitted by his organization and filed in his Casualty Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and Was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and Was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and Was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and Was last Branch file, Private Hamilton was "In Command of Flank Patrol" and Was last Bra

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b. Filed with Private Hamilton's Service Record is a Morning Report Locator Card, dated 31 December 1945, showing him assigned to the 137th Infantry Regiment. March 1945 Rosters of Company E, 137th Infantry show him as a loss as of 23 November 1944.

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G. W. ROGERS

Capt., QMC
Identification Branch

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Hamilton, Woodrow W. PC-0 ETO 026

11 August 1945 40

Mrs. Agnes Hamilton

Malta, Montana

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

It distresses me to inform you that no report of any change in status has been received since my last letter to you concerning your husband, Private First Class Woodrow W. Hamilton, 39,604,664, who was reported missing in action on 23 November 1944.

A report, however, regarding the circumstances surrounding his disappearance now available in the War Department discloses that your husband was given a mission in command of a flank patrol to protect the advance of a column of troops which were advancing on the main road from Diffenbach, France to Gean, France. Private Hamilton was last seen entering a wooded area near Diffenbach, France.

If a missing person has not been accounted for at the termination of twelve months' absence in a missing status, all available information concerning his disappearance is reviewed pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended. Following that review the War Department is authorized to continue the person's missing status or to make a finding of death if the missing person may no longer reasonably be presumed to be living. In the process of reviewing the case of missing persons the War Department gives careful consideration to all pertinent data or evidence which can be collected from any available source. Occasionally relatives and friends of missing persons receive communications containing pertinent and reliable information which has not been reported officially to the War Department. If you have received any such communications, it will be greatly appreciated if you will forward the communications or photostatic copies thereof to this office. After examination they will be returned to you if you so desire.

The War Depa tment is mindful of the anguish you have so long endured and you may rest assured that, without any further request on your part, you will be advised promptly if any additional info mation concerning your loved one is received. Should it become necessary to establish his status in accordance with the provisions of the Law cited, you will be notified of the findings shortly after the expiration of the twelve months' absence.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow and it is my earnest hope that the fortitude which has sustained you in the past will continue through this distressing period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

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AGPC-S 201 Hamilton, Woodrow W. (24 Nov 45) 39, 664

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24 November 1945

Mrs. Agnes Hamilton Malta, Montana

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Since your husband, Private First Class Woodrow W. Hamilton, 39,604,664, Infantry, was reported missing in action 23 November 1944, the War Department has entertained the hope that he survived and that information would be revealed dispelling the uncertainty surrounding his absence. However, as in many cases, the conditions of warfare deny us such information. The records of the War Department show that he took part in the drive into Germany in the Aachen area. He was in command of a flank patrol to protect a column of troops advancing along the main road from Diffembach, France, to Jean Rohrbach, France. He and his patrol were last seen entering a wooded area in which they were ambushed by the Germans who it was believed at the time captured them.

Full consideration has recently been given to all available information bearing on the absence of your husband, including all records, reports and circumstances. These have been carefully reviewed and considered. In view of the fact that twelve months have now expired without the receipt of evidence to support a continued presumption of survival, the War Department must terminate such absence by a presumptive finding of death. Accordingly, an official finding of death has been recorded under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, approved March 7, 1942, as amended.

The finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death; however, as required by law, it includes a presumptive date of death for the termination of pay and allowances, settlement of accounts and payment of death gratuities. In the case of your husband this date has been set as 24 November 1945, the day following the expiration of twelve months' absence.

I regret the necessity for this message but trust that the ending of a long period of uncertainty may give at least some small measure of consolation. I hope you may find sustaining comfort in the thought that the uncertainty with which war has surrounded the absence of your husband has enhanced the honor of his service to his country and of his sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,

Copies furnished: AG 201 Cas. Br. 1 Incl.

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

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MISSING REPORT

To accompany WD AGO Forms 66 Missing in Action Personnel (Other Missing Air Crew Report).						
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STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES, IF ANY: None

REMARKS: (Any information not covered above, including details and results of search, if any, conducted)

None

Date of Report 21 May 1945

(Signature of Preparing 0.)

(Note) All efforts were made to save them but to no avail.

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HEADQUARTERS 137TH INFANTRY
APO 35 U S ARMY

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Subject: Report after Action against Enemy.

23 November 1944

On the morning of November 23 all battalions were attacking. The 2d, jumping off at 0800 from the high ground midway between Diffembach and Hilsprich, moved through the Machweld Woods and swung right, to the southwest of Hilsprich. The 1st Battalion moved out from St Jean to approach Hilsprich from the northwest. The 3d Battalion, at Leyviller, moved their motorized platoon from Company I around through Freybouse to clear Fremestroff. Other elements of the battalion moved on Altrippe, while another force attacked the Habst Woods to clean out those Germans which had escaped after their counterattack on the 2d Battalion had failed the day before.

Fremestroff was cleared by 0900, and before noon the 3d Battalion had gained all objectives, with Company K occupying Altrippe, Company I occupying Fremestroff, and Company L returning to Leyviller after clearing the Habst Woods.

The 2d Battalion entered the woods north of Zellen at 0930, and by noon was emerging from the southeast tip of the woods. Here they received direct fire from the high ground to the east, and were pinned down and unable to advance during the afternoon.

The 1st Battalion encountered stiff resistance in their advance on Hilsprich. The town was well defended with heavy tanks and infantry, and surrounding high ground was bristling with dug-in enemy positions. Six hundred yards west of town the 1st Battalion ran into terrific fire from the German positions, and at 1330, with heavy tanks discovered operating in the town, the Battalion Commander requested that all artillery possible be thrown into the objective. The Germans threw back the first attempt to enter the town, and only after hard fighting and receiving heavy casualties were our forces able to get into the stronghold. Company A suffered serious losses, including Captain Sidney K Strong, their commanding officer, killed by 20 mm fire while leading his men in the attack.

The main enemy force withdrew to the east, but shortly before dusk came back into Hilsprich with tanks and inflicted further losses on troops of the battalion there. Breaking into the town at both ends of the main street, the enemy tanks worked toward the center of town, firing point blank on buildings and troops. Company C lost heavily, with twenty-nine missing, including 1st Lieutenant Alfred G Davis, Company Commander, and three company officers, 1st Lieutenant James M Lloyd, 2d Lieutenant Wilbur F Hobbs and 2d Lieutenant Ira C Austin. The remaining troops withdrew to St Jean.

The Hilsprich engagement was a costly one to the 1st Battalion, as they lost four men killed, twenty-six wounded and thirty-nime missing during the attack and the enemy counterattack that followed. Total casualties in the regiment were ten killed, seventy-six wounded and forty missing.

Sixteen Germans were captured on the 23d.



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Form prescribed by Comptroller General, U.S. 7 October 1944

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

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private First Class Woodrow W. Hamilton, Army Serial Number 39,604,664, Infantry,

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of he 23rd day of November 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 24th day of November, 1945.

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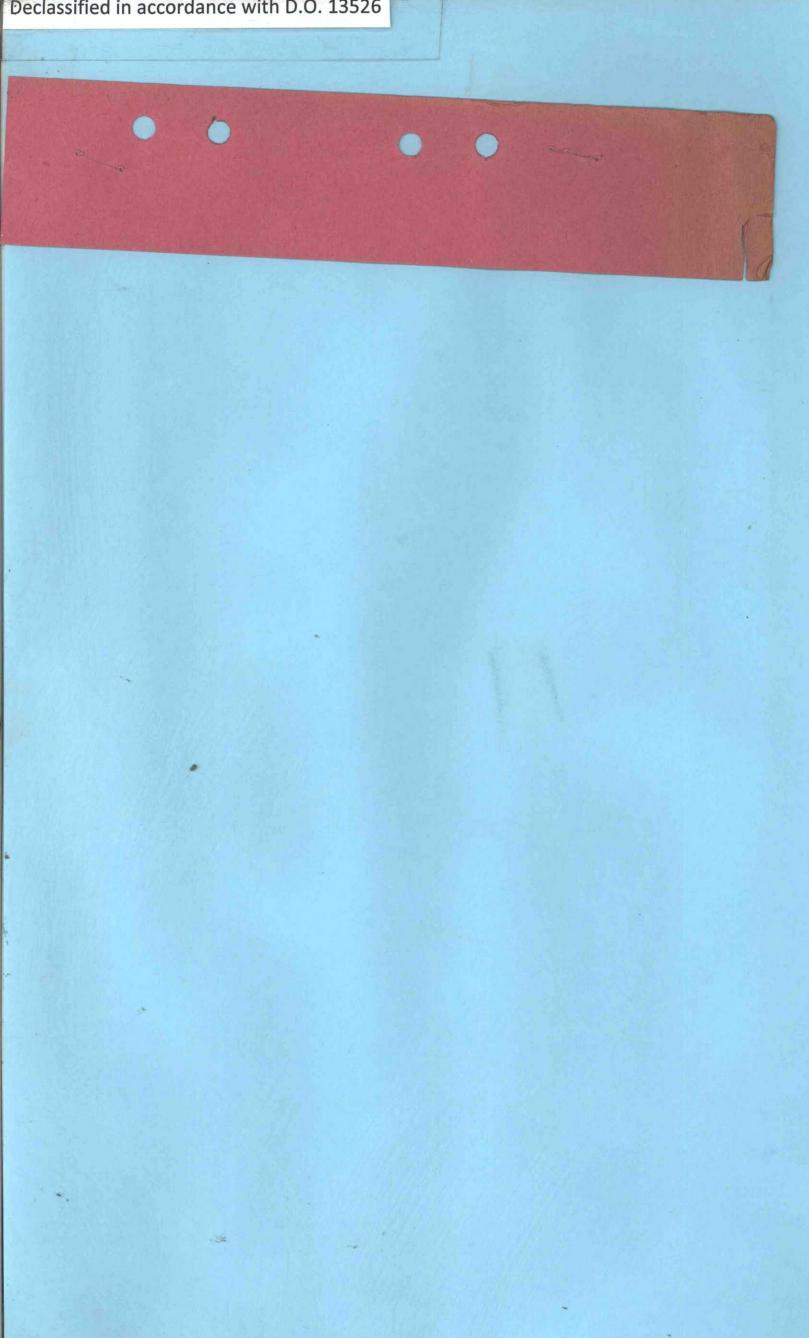
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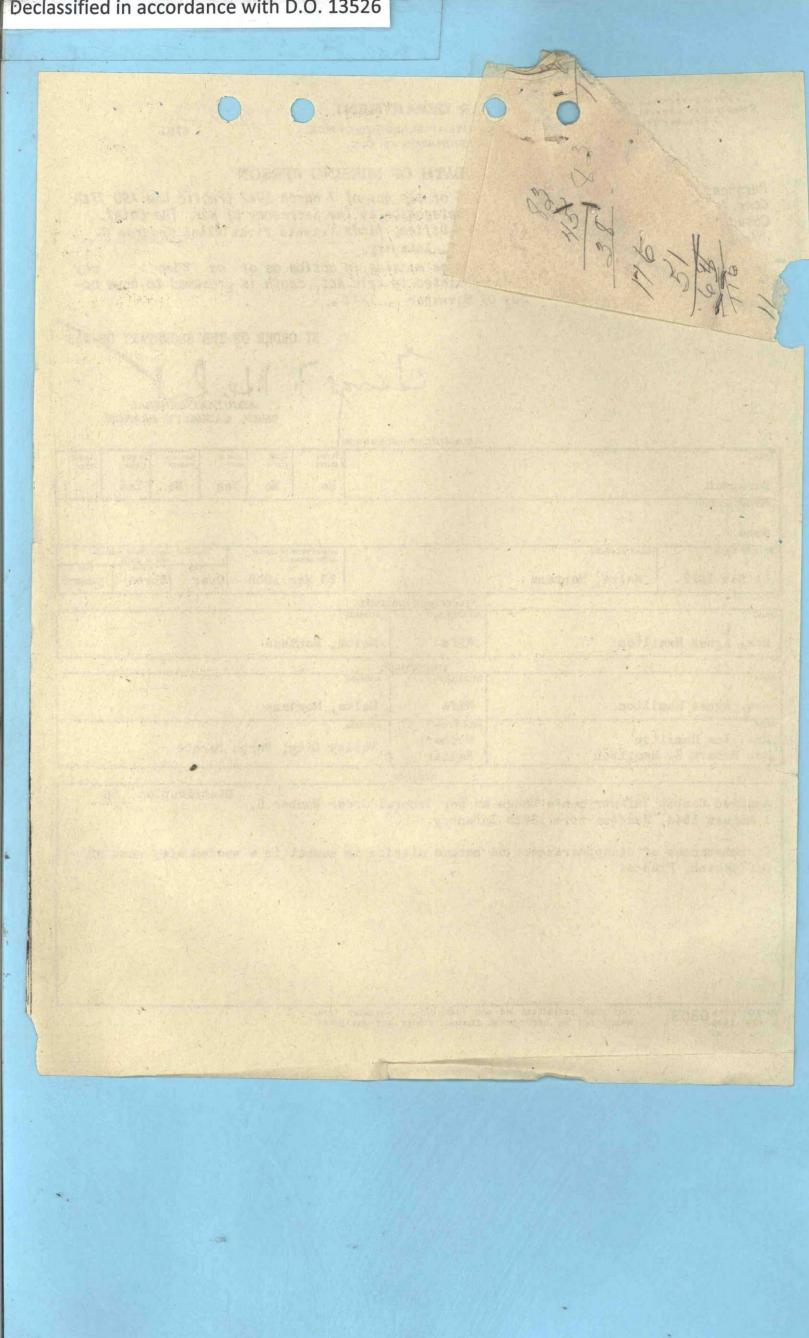
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ARMY SERVICE FORCES KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 393980

DEJ: AP: blb/ April 8, 1946

Mrs. Agnes Hamilton Malta, Montana

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, Private First Class Woodrow W. Hamilton.

These effects contained in one carton are being forwarded to you. I regret that a portion of the property was damaged by moisture prior to receipt at this Bureau.

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 logal residence.

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

Yours very truly,

D. S. JOHNSTON 2nd Lt., QMO Assistant

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HEADQUARTERS 137TH INFANTRY

20 May 1945 Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Tersonal Effects of:

Hamilton Woodrow W Pfc 39604664
(Last Name) (First Name) (NI) (Rank) (ASN) Woodrow

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 871

The above named individual of Company E , 137th Infantry was reported Missing in Action About 23 Nov 44 (Status - Killed, MIA, Hosp, etc)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible: Agnes Hamilton (Wife), Malta, Montana.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

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Organization W. Co. 137th. Inf.

Any additional pertinent information:

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REAL EFFECTS BUREAU Summary Court-Martial ARMY SERVICE FORCES KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT 601 Hardesty Avenue

AP:blb Case No. 393980

Kansas City 1, Missouri Date 3 April 1946 SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of Woodrow W. Hemilton (Name of deceased) late a (Army Serial Number) Infantry Private First Class (Grade) (Organization, Army or Service) day of November, 19 45/, at European Area Washington : The Adjutant General, War Department 25, D.C. TO 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 decedents 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 , w 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 , pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 2 April 1946/ 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. Agnes Hamilton (Name of person found entitled) State of (Number, Street or Avenue) Town or Village) of the Montana (Relationship or Capacity) above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects. (Signature of Summary Court Officer)

(Name, Rank, Organization) SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

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Declassified in accordance with D.O. 13526 ADDITIONAL REMARKS REMOVALS (other than G. I.) DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent) 3 SHORTAGES U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT NUMBER DATE SYMBOL AMOUNT I certify that the above items were not in the containers inventoried by me. INVENTORY CLERK SUPERVISOR G. I. REMOVED ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

