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*PVT D. Smith*

*(35 084 858)*

**USA**

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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)

SMITH, DALE H.

RANK

PFC

SERIAL NUMBER

35084858

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

13 DEC. 45

AREA OF DEATH

GERMANY

NAME OF AUDITOR

KATZ

DATE

23 OCT. 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

MAPLES

DATE

26 OCT. 51

REMARKS

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MEMORIAL LIST OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

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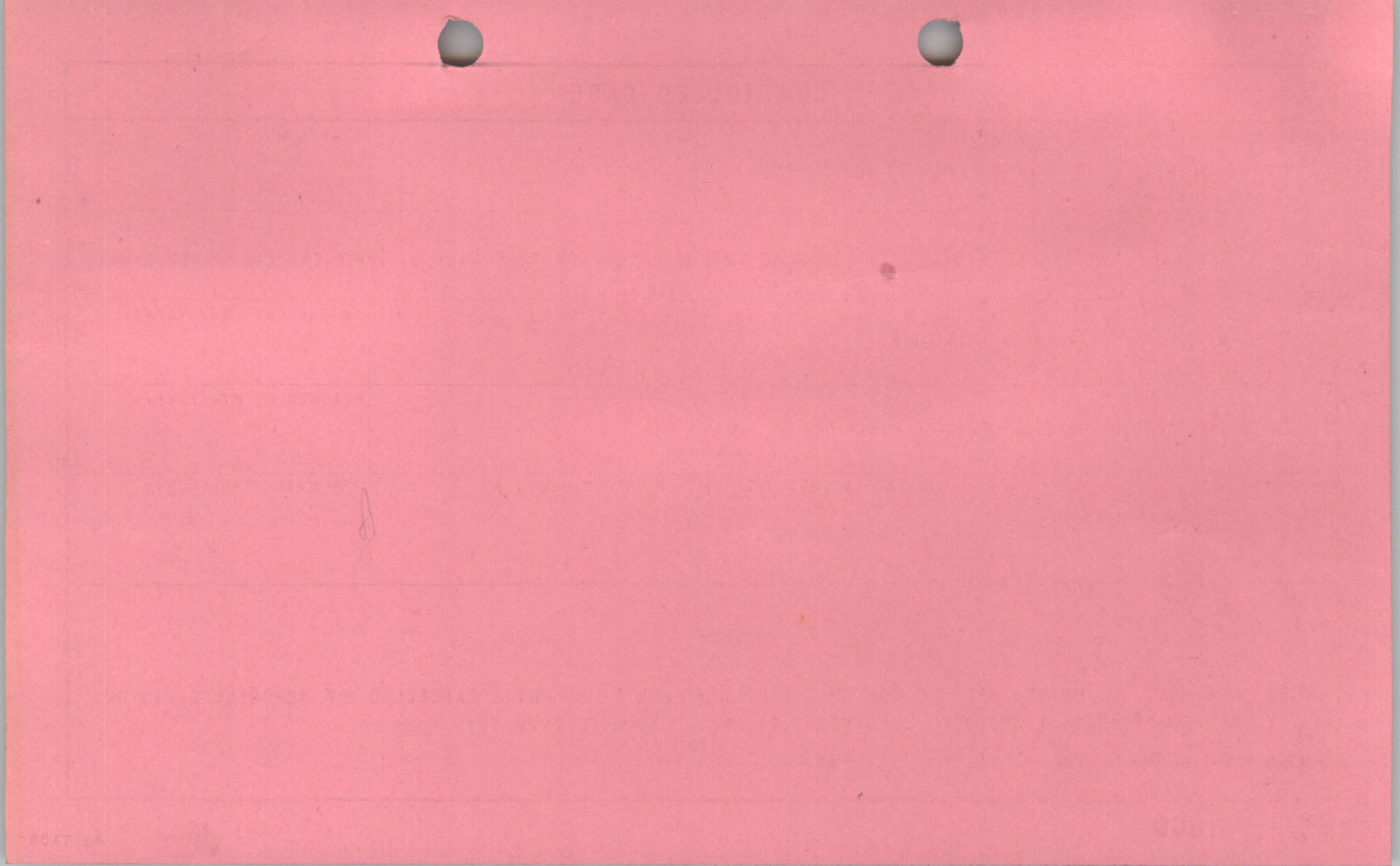
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**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME SMITH, Dale H.		GRADE Pfc	SERIAL NO. 35 084 858
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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. <u>15930</u>	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

<b>TO:</b> <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		<b>DATE</b> 9 October 1951	
<b>FROM (Branch and Section)</b> Registration Branch, Records Section	<b>REQUESTED BY</b> G. Diggs	<b>TEL. EXT.</b> 52408	<b>ROOM NO.</b> 2624 "B"
<b>NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)</b> Smith, Dale H.	<b>RANK</b> Pfc.	<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b> 35 084 858	

**INFORMATION REQUIRED**

AGO Report of Death.

**INFORMATION FURNISHED**

Requested information attached.

NOT  
 FILE  
 RECORDS ANNOTATED  
 DATE *23 October 1957*  
 BY *G. T. Diggs*  
*Regis.* BR. MEM. DIV.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature) *S. Gibbs*

Major, QMG  
 QM Pentagon Liaison

PROCESSED INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS DIVISION

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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 Dale H.

Smith, Army Serial Number 35,084,858, Infantry,

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 12th day of December 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 13th day of December, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*George F. Herbert*

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA		FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European		No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS							
None							
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
26 Jul 1920	Norwood, Ohio	29 Apr 1944		YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
				Under	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Jane A. Smith	Wife	4900 Roanoke Street Cincinnati, Ohio

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Jane Amelia Smith	Wife	4900 Roanoke Street Cincinnati, Ohio
Beverly Jane Smith	Daughter	Cincinnati, Ohio
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Claudia Elizabeth Smith	Mother	Newtown, Ohio
Emery Levi Smith	Father	

REMARKS

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Circumstances of disappearance:

This soldier participated in a mission to establish a bridgehead across the Blies River at Habkirchen, Germany. He was last seen in a building which the enemy attacked and set on fire. He has not since been heard from.

Designated Combat Infantryman, SO 193, Headquarters, 134th Infantry, 25 November 1944.



BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, FROM THE SAC, NEW YORK

RE: [Illegible]

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR: *[Signature]*  
 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

No.	Name	Address	City	State	Occupation	Remarks
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**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE  
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

NUMBER 15930 (1)  
AREA OR ZONE(S)  
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Smith, Dale H. RANK Pfc SERIAL NUMBER 35 084 858

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>b. H.</i>	<del>a. REPORT OF DEATH</del> b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>b. H.</i>
A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN 3. U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>b. H.</i>	GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE 4. INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>b. H.</i>
ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED 5. TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>b. H.</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UN- KNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>b. H.</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES German Records	<i>Narrative of Investigation: See 293 file of Edward K. Bunny, 33 637 013</i>		<i>b. H.</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:

MIA 12 December 1944 in the vicinity of Habkirchen, Germany

**NAV  
File** 5 OCT 1951

*C. Taylor*  
**Identification Branch**

NAME OF CASE ANALYST *b. Hayden*  
C. Hayden/cwt  
CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO ---  
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED		DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>C. E. Newbaker</i> C. E. NEWBAKER	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, Capt QMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Maj QMC		<i>Oct 5</i>

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE  
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

NUMBER (1) 15030

AREA OR SUBJECT

DATE

SERIAL NUMBER  
35 04 52

RANK

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Maj. Dale H.

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L.H.	3. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN	L.H.	3. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN
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DATE  
5 Oct 1951

NAME OF CASE ANALYST: L. H. [Signature]

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO: [Blank]

FOR CONSIDERATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES: [Blank]

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: [Signature]

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION: [Signature]

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH: [Signature]

Heim, Marvin H.	Pvt	36	842	313
Hickey, Weldon J.	Sgt	38	094	760
Hoyle, Colen M.	Cpl	34	597	992
Huzarewicz, Paul A. Jr.	S/Sgt	33	407	776
Hynes, John J.	Pfc	31	359	035
Johnson, Clifford R.	Sgt	27	211	955
Jones, Elmer O.	Pfc	38	565	659
Kantor, Solomon	S/Sgt	32	957	105
Kercsmar, William	S/Sgt	33	831	682
Kotroba, John F., Jr.	Pfc	33	482	406
Kovach, John J.	Pfc	33	916	609
Kullman, William J.	Pvt	35	851	352
Labate, Dominick	Pfc	32	787	900
Lannon, Edward J.	Pfc	32	527	964
LaPore, Michael W.	Pvt	36	694	753
Lawson, Frank B.	Pfc	35	775	865
Lee, Philip	Pfc	35	502	686
Lincoln, Robert N.	Sgt	37	622	618
Lynch, Timothy R.	Pvt	12	727	197
Mahoney, Frank	S/Sgt	39	557	990
Mann, Ira A.	Pfc	39	474	481
Marks, Albert H.	Pfc	32	943	280
Martin, Calvin B.	Pfc	37	540	999
McCord, Warran G.	F/O	T	124	661
McCray, Harold R.	Pfc	35	803	239
McGee, Thorn O.	Cpl	39	017	528
Mendenhall, Robert W.	Pvt	34	844	729
Michalowski, Chester	S/Sgt	36	380	710
Miller, Paul V.	T/5	36	835	879
Mitchell, Homer J.	Pvt	38	352	486
Mundelius, Chester H.	Pfc	36	905	063
Myers, Bernard W.	Pvt	37	342	132
Oberstein, Lawrence	2/Lt	0	709	439
Ognibene, Ralph	Sgt	32	800	924
Olmstead, George W. 1/2	1/Lt	01	010	695
Otis, Thomas W.	T/5	31	317	826
Peele, William D.	Pfc	33	519	292
Poglitsch, Edward R.	Pvt	31	408	534
Price, Edgar E. Jr.	Pvt	37	744	119
Ramirez, Santos	Sgt	37	318	379
Robbins, Johnie W.	S/Sgt	34	890	435
Rodriguez, Refugio R.	Pfc	38	104	013
Schachne, Stanley	Pfc	32	816	314
Scholes, John N.	Pvt	36	313	455
Schwarz, Eugene A.	Pfc	37	326	860
Searle, Roy J.	Pfc	31	182	989
Shafer, Clement D.	T/5	33	806	652
Shafer, Harold A.	S/Sgt	37	705	848
Simmons, Harold E.	Pvt	42	144	477
Sisselman, Leonard F.	Pvt	42	043	217
Smith, Dale H.	Pfc	35	084	858
Spake, George E.	Sgt	35	274	456

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EXHIBIT "A"  
GERMANY K-50

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Allen, Hugh M. Jr.	2/Lt	01 018 665
Avilla, Manuel	Pfc	31 454 759
Barnes, Hubert E.	S/Sgt	35 104 229
Barone, Ralph V.	Pfc	32 690 721
Basler, Willard F.	S/Sgt	38 021 068
Baxter, James O.	1/Lt	0 766 395
Bellino, Frank J.	Pvt	37 746 577
Berry, Edward K.	Pfc	33 637 013
Bialk, Eugene R.	Pfc	36 804 521
Biggs, James H.	Pfc	17 052 975
Bilstin, Leon	Capt	0 24 834
Black, James F.	Pfc	33 475 003
Bolvado, Dayton	S/Sgt	38 155 749
Bradley, Richard M.	Pfc	34 895 858
Bradley, Roy B. Jr.	S/Sgt	39 706 049
Brunson, Lee O.	Pfc	38 099 706
Bryan, Donald F.	S/Sgt	6 565 440
Burkett, Lawrence P.	Pvt	34 967 843
Byrn, James D.	Pvt	38 569 253
Cadlec, Bernard R.	Pvt	37 154 909
Carbin, Michael	Pfc	42 002 685
Carlton, Luther .	S/Sgt	38 369 673
Carr, Leon A.	Pfc	34 990 357
Carter, James R.	1/Lt	01 047 914
Charpentier, Roger E.	Pfc	31 320 536
Claar, Donald D.	Sgt	35 228 783
Cooper, John P.	Pvt	39 581 362
Copley, Charles	Pfc	15 116 742
Cox, Oscar F.	Pvt	39 421 489
Crews, Delbert S.	1/Lt	0 534 939
Dale, Millard W.	Pfc	34 936 570
De Graw, Charles R.	Pfc	37 357 397
Desrochers, Rodolphe E.	Pvt	31 423 691
Dowdell, Walter R.	Pvt	38 673 866
Fields, Paul E.	Pfc	38 694 501
Finkbine, Edward C. II	2/Lt	0 534 990
Folkes, Charlie J. Jr.	Sgt	33 525 012
Fredman, Harry	Pvt	33 773 441
Furnish, Carroll W.	Pfc	35 075 993
*** Gadd, Thomas A.	Pfc	34 832 504
Garcia, Wilfred E.	Pfc	39 703 349
Gibson, George	Cpl	33 165 308
Girardot, Donald R.	Pvt	32 167 867
Goldsworthy, Robert J.	Sgt	36 559 188
Hammond, William R.	2/Lt	01 056 733
Hart, Eddie	Pfc	37 421 607
Hartley, Dale R.	T/5	35 602 078
*** GARCIA, Candelore B.	Pfc	38 098 988

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Spicer, A. C.  
Stavicki, walter  
Swank, Edward  
Tice, Trumon  
Tilford, Lyle H.  
Tronotti, Anthony Jr.  
Tropiano, Vito C.  
Weatherspoon, Vern D.  
Weaver, Emerson V.  
Whitehead, Hubert W.  
Yelley, Richard G.

Pvt	34	977	204
Pvt	42	096	611
Sgt	33	294	425
Pfc	37	107	956
Sgt	19	002	775
Pvt	33	795	324
Pvt	42	124	123
Sgt	32	581	699
Pfc	35	096	630
Pfc	34	988	49
Pvt	17	135	459

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

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

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1. The Board convened pursuant to para 4, SO 139, Headquarters,  
7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950,  
at Liege, Belgium on 21 December 1950.

2. Members present:

C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC  
LEWIS A. McAMIS, Captain, QMC  
JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2nd Lt, QMC

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented, the  
non-recoverability of the remains of World War II dead, lost in the geo-  
graphical area as described below:

a. Map Sheet Germany K-50.

4. FINDINGS:

a. General and/or individual Area Search and Recovery operations  
have been completed in the above area from 1946 to 1950.

b. List of persons lost in subject area whose remains are de-  
termined non-recoverable is attached as Exhibit "A". This list contains  
one hundred eleven (111) names.

c. It has not been possible to associate definitely any of the  
persons listed in Exhibit "A" with any of the Unknowns recovered from the  
area.

d. Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371, Missing Reports, After  
Action Reports, Missing Air Crew Reports, Status Review and Determination  
Reports, Narrative Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded for  
resolved casualties; On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

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Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings (Cont'd)

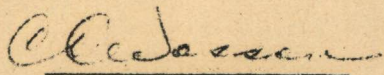
5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedents listed in Exhibit "A" be determined non-recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek  
C. W. STEINSIEK  
Captain, QMC  
Member

s/ Lewis A. McAmis  
LEWIS A. McAMIS  
Captain, QMC  
Member

s/John A. Boutin  
JOHN A. BOUTIN  
2nd Lt, QMC  
Member

A TRUE COPY:



C. C. WASSON  
Capt QMC

NOTE: Board Findings of Nonrecoverability and Roster received from the Field Board are filed in the 293 file of 2/Lt Hugh M. Allen, Jr., 01 018 665.

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

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS )

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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. MULVANY, 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.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:

*Robert S. Lay*  
ROBERT S. LAY  
Maj QMC

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

ØROP 293.9

5 January 1951

SUBJECT: Supplement to Board Proceedings

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to Non-Specific Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings pertaining to one hundred eleven (111) deceased personnel, submitted to your Office under Transmittal letter # 6087, dated 21 December 1950.

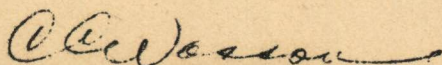
2. It is requested that the names of the deceased listed below, be included in the above mentioned proceedings.

JOHNSON, Carl A.	Pfc	31 468 670
WHITE, James R.	Pvt	6 973 473

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

s/ John A. Boutin  
JOHN A. BOUTIN  
2/Lt QMC  
Operations Division

A TRUE COPY:



C. C. WASSON  
Capt QMC

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35,084,858 (3 Apr 50)

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3 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of  
Private First Class Dale H. Smith, 35,084,858, Infantry

1. Private First Class Dale H. Smith, 35,084,858, Co C, 134th Infantry, was reported missing in action in Germany on 12 December 1944 by ETO Shipment No. 292, and was presumed dead as of 13 December 1945 by SR&D No. 4887.

2. The AG 201 file of Pfc Smith contains a Missing Report, dated 25 December 1944 of his organization - Co. C, 134th Infantry, which discloses that he was scheduled to depart from Habkirchen, Germany, at 0630 hours on 12 December 1944 to establish a bridgehead across the banks of the Blies River, Habkirchen being the destination and his last known whereabouts was in a building across the river at 2330 hours on the same date. The "Brief Resume" of Circumstances follows:

"German counter-attack approximately 2330, 12 December 1944. Germans fired Bazooka into buildings occupied by Pfc Smith and several others, setting building afire. One EM was killed and two wounded. It is believed that Pfc Smith was taken prisoner by the Germans as no trace of his body could be found when the building was reoccupied by our forces."

3. The AG 201 file of the subject soldier also contains a copy of General Orders No. 46, dated 19 June 1945 at Hq 35th Infantry Division, citing the entire Company C, 134th Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Habkirchen, Germany, from 12 to 21 December 1944. The river crossing was instituted at 0500 December 12th in assault boats. The swift current and debris-covered water caused several of assault boats to be wrecked, with the attendant loss of eight lives. Company C and its supporting heavy weapons platoon, the first elements of the Twelfth Corps to effect a landing in Germany, fully exploited the element of surprise to establish a foothold in two buildings on the water front, capturing a number of German prisoners. The alerted enemy then subjected the attacking force to heavy fire of all types, despite which Company C and its machine gun platoon contrived to capture six more buildings, in many instances only after sharp hand-to-hand fighting. Attacks and counter attacks followed. This fighting continued on 13th and at night a foot bridge was established, then on the 14th after which engineers established an expanded bridgehead. The company remained in active combat until the regiment was relieved from the sector on 21 December 1944.

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3 April 1950

AGFC-GR 201 Smith, Dale H.  
35,084,858 (2 Apr 50)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of circumstances surrounding the disappearance of  
Private First Class Dale H. Smith, 35,084,858, Infantry

1. Private First Class Dale H. Smith, 35,084,858, Co C, 134th Infantry,  
was reported missing in action in Germany on 12 December 1944 by MTO Salmant  
No. 292, and was presumed dead as of 13 December 1944 by SERP No. 1887.

2. The AG 201 file of Pfc Smith contains a Missing Report, dated  
25 December 1944 of his organization - Co. C, 134th Infantry, which dis-  
closes that he was scheduled to depart from Habbichten, Germany, at 0830  
hours on 12 December 1944 to establish a bridgehead across the banks of  
the Bies River, Habbichten being the destination and his last known where-  
abouts was in a building across the river at 2300 hours on the same date.  
The "Brief Summary" of circumstances follows:

"German counter-attack approximately 2330, 12 December 1944.  
German forces broke into buildings occupied by Pfc Smith and  
covered others, setting building on fire. One SM was killed and two  
wounded. It is believed that Pfc Smith was taken prisoner by the  
Germans as no trace of his body could be found when the building  
was reconquered by our forces."

3. The AG 201 file of the subject soldier also contains a copy of  
General Order No. 46, dated 12 June 1945 at Ft 35th Infantry Division,  
which states that Pfc Smith was reported missing in action on 12 December  
1944. The order also states that Pfc Smith was reported missing in action  
in the vicinity of Habbichten, Germany, from 12 to 21 December 1944.  
The river crossing was effected at 0500 December 1944 in assault boats.  
The swift current and debris-covered water caused several of assault boats  
to be wrecked, with the attendant loss of eight lives. Company C and its  
supporting heavy weapons platoon, two first elements of the Wolfpack Corps  
to effect a landing in Germany, fully exploited the element of surprise to  
establish a foothold in two buildings on the water front, capturing a  
number of German prisoners. The element then subjected the attacking  
force to heavy fire of all types, despite which Company C and its machine  
gun platoon continued to capture six more buildings, in many instances only  
after sharp hand-to-hand fighting. Attacks and counter attacks followed.  
The fighting continued on 13th and at night a foot bridge was established,  
then on the 14th when engineers established an expanded bridgehead.  
The company remained in active combat until the retreat was relieved from  
the sector on 21 December 1944.

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AGPO-CR 201 Smith, Dale H.  
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4. No record has been found of the subject enlisted man upon search of Captured German records, or upon search of the records of the OQMG.

5. The subject person was a member of Company C, 134th Infantry, which was scheduled to depart from Habkirchen, Germany, to establish a bridgehead across the banks of the Blies River. The swift current and debris-covered water caused several of the assault boats to be wrecked with the loss of eight lives. The company proceeded, however and first established a foothold in two buildings. Their way was bitterly contested by the enemy and losses were heavy. There is a possibility of capture of Pfc Smith and of death at a later date and at some other place. Therefore it is concluded that sufficient information is not available at the present time to warrant issuance of a report of his death under the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

ALICE L. WARD  
Investigator

CONCUR:

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

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4. No record has been found of the subject enlisted man upon search of captured German records, or upon search of the records of the GDMG.

5. The subject person was a member of Company C, 134th Infantry, which was scheduled to depart from Hildesheim, Germany, to establish a bridgehead across the banks of the Aller River. The left current and debris-covered water caused several of the assault boats to be damaged with the loss of eight lives. The company proceeded, however, and established a foothold in two buildings. Their way was bitterly contested by the enemy and losses were heavy. There is a possibility of capture of the Smith and of death at a later date and at some other place. It is concluded that sufficient information is not available to warrant issuance of a report of his death under the provisions of the Missing Persons Act.

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
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 Dale H. Smith, Army Serial Number 35,084,858, Infantry, ~~to be dead.~~ He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 12th day of December 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 13th day of December, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*George F. Hebert*

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European		FLYING STATUS No	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None							
DATE OF BIRTH 26 Jul 1920	HOME ADDRESS Norwood, Ohio	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 29 Apr 1944		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
		YEARS	MONTH	DAYS			
		Under		three years			

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Jane A. Smith	Wife	4900 Roanoke Street Cincinnati, Ohio

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Jane Amelia Smith	Wife	4900 Roanoke Street Cincinnati, Ohio
Beverly Jane Smith	Daughter	
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Claudia Elizabeth Smith	Mother	Newtown, Ohio
Emery Levi Smith	Father	

REMARKS

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Circumstances of disappearance:  
This soldier participated in a mission to establish a bridgehead across the Elbes River at Habkirchen, Germany. He was last seen in a building which the enemy attacked and set on fire. He has not since been heard from.

Designated Combat Infantryman, SO 193, Headquarters, 134th Infantry, 25 November 1944.

**FILE**  
**DEC 17 1945**





**IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>SMITH DALE H</b>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>35084858</b>	GRADE <b>PFC</b>
HEIGHT <b>5'8"</b>	WEIGHT <b>131</b>	COLOR EYES <b>BLUE</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>BROWN</b>	SHOE SIZE <b>10C</b>
DATE OF DEATH <b>13-DEC-45</b>				

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

**Co. "C" 134th INF**

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA  
**LAST HEARD OF IN ESTABLISHMENT OF BRIDGE HEAD ACROSS THE BLUES RIVER AT HARKIRCHEN, GERMANY - PRESUMED DEAD**

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

STATION	DATES
<b>INF. PTC FT. McCLELLAN ALA</b>	<b>10-MAY-44 — 14 SEPT-44</b>

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
**NO RECORDS ON FILE**

**FILE**  
**SEP 23 1948**  
 E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., USA  
 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <b>None RECORDED</b>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <b>None RECORDED</b>
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**DENTAL CHART**

8	X	X	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	X	6	7	X
UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT							
X	15	X	X	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	X	14	X	16
LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT							

X - EXTRACTED      O - CARIOUS      / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

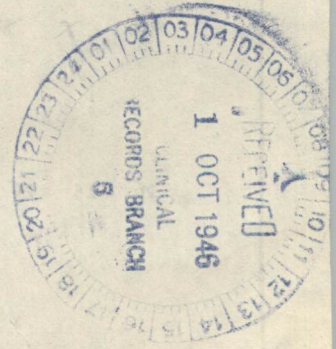
ST. NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE - DATE OF DATE
LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)				
PLACE OF BIRTH (If placed last seen in MIA)				
LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN ORDER TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH				
STATION		DATE		

FILE  
 SEP 23 1948  
 E. J. [unclear]  
 [unclear]

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS	ACCIDENTS AND/OR BURNS
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DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
EXTRACTED	CARIOUS
1 - 20	1 - 20



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## DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 243 SMITH Dale H. M		GRADE PFC	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 35094
ORGANIZATION Co C 134th INF 35th Div		RACE W	CREED
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 12-Dec-44	CAUSE OF DEATH Fod	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Habskirchen Ger.	
DATE OF FOD 13-Dec-45			
HEIGHT 5'8"	WEIGHT 131	COLOR EYES blue	COLOR HAIR brown
			SHOE SIZE 10C

## DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 X X	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 X X
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 X X X	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 X X
X = Extracted	
O = Carious	
1 = Carious Non-Restorable	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS None Recorded	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK None Recorded
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Last seen in bldg which enemy set a fire. On mission to establish bridge-head across Blies River.

**FILE**  
JUL 22 1948  
E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., USMC  
CERTIFICATION OFFICER

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
ORGANIZATION		RACE		FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (if applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH		CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF BOD		WEIGHT		COLOR EYES	
HEIGHT		COLOR HAIR		SHOE SIZE	

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X = Extracted      O = Castings      I = Carious Non-Restorable

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

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 JUL 23 1948  
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