



# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

**SMITH, JAMES S.  
6985951  
FRANCE HORSESHOE WOODS**

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**CONTROLLED CASE**

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| NAME<br><b>SMITH, JAMES S.</b> | GRADE<br><b>T/Sgt</b> | SERIAL NO.<br><b>6 985 951</b> |
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| UNKNOWN<br><b>X -</b> | NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO.<br><del>15185</del> | A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY | 333 CARD FLAGGED BY |
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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, JAMES S.

RANK

TSG

SERIAL NUMBER

6985951

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

11 SEPT 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

J BROOKS

DATE

18 APR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

RAGSDALE

DATE

20 APR 51

REMARKS



**NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION RECORDS**

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| AREA OF DEATH<br>European, near Dornot, France                   | CASE NUMBER<br>15185                        |
| NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)<br><u>293</u> Smith, James S. | RANK<br>T/Sgt<br>SERIAL NUMBER<br>6 985 951 |

**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  | E.H.                |
| 2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT | E.H.                |
| 3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES  |                     |

REMARKS

**MAN  
File**

**MAR 13 1951**

*[Signature]*  
Identification Branch

| RECOMMEND APPROVAL                       | APPROVED   | DATE |
|--|--|------|
| NAME OF CASE ANALYST<br><i>E. Miller</i> | CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION<br>CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION<br><i>[Signature]</i> |      |

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

CASE NUMBER 15185 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)  
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Smith, James S.

RANK

T/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

6 985 951

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>AWK</i>          | 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH<br>b. FINDING OF DEATH<br>c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION | <i>AWK</i>          |
| 3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS | <i>AWK</i>          | 4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE<br>INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA    | <i>AWK</i>          |
| 5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN                       | <i>AWK</i>          | 6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED                            | <i>AWK</i>          |
| 7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES  | None                |  | <i>AWK</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:

Missing in action 11 September 1944 near Dornot, France

**MAN  
File**

**MAR 13 1951**

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

*A. Kennedy*  
A. Kennedy/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Identification Branch  
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

| RECOMMEND APPROVAL  |   | APPROVED  | DATE               |
|---|---|---|--------------------|
| CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION<br><i>W. A. Wolf</i><br>W. A. WOLF | CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION<br><i>Mary A. Edwards</i><br>MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt OMC | CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH<br><i>John M. Neff</i><br>JOHN M. NEFF, Capt OMC | <b>MAR 12 1951</b> |



15185

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

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,

| <u>CASE #</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>GRADE</u> | <u>ASN</u> |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
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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.

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| <u>EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt.Col. 0-359598, QMC</u> | <u>s/ James C. MacFarland</u><br><u>JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, 0-1576321 QMC</u> |
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| <u>s/ George Gunderman, Jr.</u><br><u>GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, 0-1289071</u> | <u>CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt, 0-1040311, QMC</u> |
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| <u>LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt, 0-1543042, MSC/QMC</u> | <u>JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. 0-1055924, QMC</u> |
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| <u>s/ Allan L. Lawson,</u><br><u>ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, 0-1288075, QMC</u> | <u>ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, 0-1599085, QMC</u> |
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| <u>JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt 0-947298, QMC</u> |
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A TRUE COPY:

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



PLACE OF DEATH  
Moselle, France

STER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD  
FINDINGS OF NONRECOVERABILITY  
TO ACCOMPANY PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

| <u>NAME</u>               | <u>RANK</u> | <u>SERIAL NO.</u> | <u>DATE KIA OR MIA</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Addabbo, 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         | 31 255 517        | 15 Mar 45              |
| Bulin, Edward J.          | Pvt         | 32 796 939        | 10 Oct 44              |
| Bundrock, William J., Jr. | Pvt         | 39 622 035        | 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        | 01 318 765        | 10 Sep 44              |
| Deneen, Jerome C.         | Pfc         | 36 227 925        | 8 Sep 44               |
| Eaton, James A.           | S/Sgt       | 32 855 293        | 12 Nov 44              |
| Erardi, Joseph, Jr.       | Pvt         | 32 254 567        | 15 Sep 44              |
| Finlay, Robin L.          | S/Sgt       | 37 071 020        | 17 Dec 44              |
| Fisher, Syphe 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         | 36 052 118        | 8 Sep 44               |
| Goddard, Merrill J.       | Pfc         | 14 140 023        | 14 Nov 44              |
| Gopfert, Arthur C.        | Pfc         | 31 468 492        | 14 Jan 45              |
| Halloran, William F.      | Pfc         | 32 257 356        | 9 Sep 44               |
| Hamilton, Woodrow W.      | Pfc         | 39 604 664        | 23 Nov 44              |
| Harris, Ralph (NMI)       | Pvt         | 36 024 001        | 11 Sep 44              |
| Hatch, Stewart H.         | Pfc         | 31 301 636        | 1 Jan 45               |
| Hayslett, Clinton F.      | T/5         | 15 056 320        | 24 Nov 44              |
| Hill, Edgar               | Pvt         | 31 269 360        | 8 Sep 44               |
| Holl, Richard L.          | Pfc         | 35 064 223        | 31 Dec 44              |
| Hunt, Orville (NMI)       | Pfc         | 16 006 889        | 9 Sep 44               |
| Johnson, Ervin N.         | Pfc         | 35 896 040        | 10 Nov 44              |
| Johnson, Rodgers E.       | Pvt         | 34 875 393        | 18 Sep 44              |
| Keeley, Thomas F.         | Pfc         | 33 592 142        | 10 Nov 44              |
| Kiger, Earl W.            | Pfc         | 36 228 224        | 10 Sep 44              |
| Knotts, Herbert C.        | Pvt         | 42 082 759        | 10 Sep 44              |
| Krepfia, Jerry J.         | Cpl         | 32 796 241        | 10 Oct 44              |
| Lalopa, Frank (NMI)       | Pfc         | 32 736 269        | 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              |
| Matuszak, Thaddeus S.     | Sgt         | 36 214 574        | 11 Sep 44              |
| Mizutowicz, Walter M.     | Pvt         | 36 950 283        | 19 Sep 44              |



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| Morici, Louis A.         | Pvt   | 32 796 502 | 10 Oct 44 |
| Nash, Willie G.          | Pvt   | 34 899 335 | 8 Sep 44  |
| Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI) | Pvt   | 32 637 746 | 10 Oct 44 |
| 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 |
| Schue, George E.         | Pfc   | 33 843 335 | 17 Nov 44 |
| Shenk, Charles W.        | S/Sgt | 33 154 539 | 20 Sep 44 |
| Siple, Clayton L.        | Pfc   | 36 168 398 | 13 Jan 45 |
| Skaar, Robert L.         | Pvt   | 36 845 252 | 10 Mar 45 |
| 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 |
| Valdez, Joe M.           | T/5   | 18 119 800 | 16 Sep 44 |
| Wells, Thomas H.         | Maj   | 0 392 480  | 19 Sep 44 |
| Wenzel, Peter H.         | T/5   | 32 747 445 | 10 Oct 44 |
| West, Robert D.          | S/Sgt | 6 345 808  | 18 Sep 44 |
| Wilkins, Joe J.          | Pvt   | 19 018 654 | 12 Nov 44 |
| Williams, Evan (NMI)     | S/Sgt | 6 393 665  | 19 Sep 44 |
| Williams, Gomer (NMI)    | 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, AGRC

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

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported 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 negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or 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. The 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 precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide



GROP 293.9

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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.

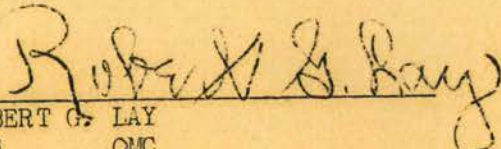
Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

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 G. 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.,

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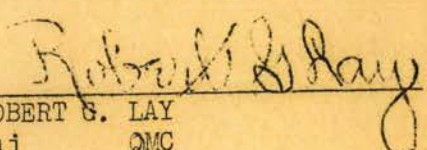
BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:

  
ROBERT G. LAY  
Maj QMC

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

**FINAL REPORT**

REPORT OF DEATH No. 878 abk

DATE 14 June 1950

|  |    |   |    |  |  |
|--|----|---|----|--|--|
| FULL NAME<br><b>SMITH, JAMES S.</b>  |    | ARMY SERIAL NUMBER<br><b>6 985 951</b>                        |    | GRADE<br><b>T/Sgt</b>  |  |
| HOME ADDRESS<br><b>Russell, Kentucky</b>   |    | ARM OR SERVICE<br><b>Infantry</b>                             |    | DATE OF BIRTH<br><b>13 Sept. 1917</b>  |  |
| PLACE OF DEATH<br><b>France</b>  |    | CAUSE OF DEATH<br><b>Killed in action</b>                     |    | DATE OF DEATH<br><b>11 Sept. 1944</b>  |  |
| STATION OF DECEASED<br><b>European Command</b>   |    | DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE<br><b>19 Oct 1939</b> |    | LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES<br>YEARS MONTHS DAYS<br><b>over 3 years</b> |  |
| EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)<br><b>Mr. Howard Smith, father, Box 517, Russell, Kentucky</b>   |    |   |    |  |  |
| BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)<br><b>Mr. Howard Smith, father, address same as above</b><br><b>Declined to designate an alternate beneficiary on 2 February 1944</b>  |    |   |    |  |  |
| INVESTIGATION MADE   |    | IN LINE OF DUTY   |    | OWN DISCONNECT   |  |
| YES  | NO | YES   | NO | YES  | NO                                     |
|  |    |   |    | WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS  |  |
|  |    |   |    | YES  | NO                                     |
|  |    |   |    | AUTHORIZED ABSENCE   |  |
|  |    |   |    | YES  | NO                                     |
|  |    |   |    | IN FLYING PAY STATUS   |  |
|  |    |   |    | YES  | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  |    |   |    | OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)   |  |
|  |    |   |    | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | NO                                     |
| ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT   |    |   |    |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE   |    |   |    |  |  |
| <p><b>*Combat Infantryman Badge, G. O. 6, 9 Aug 44, Hq. 11th Inf.</b></p> <p>Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 12 September 1945. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.</p> |    |   |    |  |  |
| <p>DISTRIBUTION:</p> <p>B-1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>23 June 1950</i><br/><i>J. E. [unclear]</i></p>  |    |   |    |  |  |
| <p>BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY</p> <p><i>M. B. Starn</i></p> <p>ADJUTANT GENERAL</p>   |    |   |    |  |  |



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AG 201 Smith, James S.  
6985951 (1 May 50)

WLN/mmh/1C662a/3220

1 May 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section,  
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Technical Sergeant James S. Smith, 6985951, Infantry, member of Company G, 11th Infantry Regiment, was reported missing in action, not in flying or jump pay status, in France on 11 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Number 202 and presumed dead as of 12 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act (SR&D Case Number 4049).

2. The Casualty Section file of Sergeant Smith contains a Missing Report, dated 3 October 1944, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, Personnel Officer 11th Infantry, which shows that he was on duty with his company, as platoon sergeant, which was withdrawing from the east bank of the Moselle River to the west bank 11 September 1944. The resume of circumstances surrounding his disappearance follows: "Company 'G' was moving from the East bank of the river to the West bank. T/Sgt Smith had his platoon on boats so that they could cross the river. There was not room in the boat for T/Sgt Smith, so he sent the boats on across and he started to swim the river. When the company reorganized on the west side of the river T/Sgt Smith was not to be found present."

a. The 4th Indorsement, dated 18 April 1945, to a letter from this office, AG 201 Smith, James S. (23 Mar 45) 6985951, gives the width of the river as 100 yards; depth 10 feet; swiftness of current 15 to 20 miles per hour. The belief is presented that Sergeant Smith tried to swim the river with all of his clothes, consisting of OD's, leggings and shoes, but that he left his equipment behind. It is stated that he was known to be a good swimmer, but that he was extremely fatigued having been without sleep for sixty hours. The possibility that he may have drifted downstream was presented but that was thought to be improbable.

b. The records of this office indicate that Company "G" 11th Infantry Regiment was on a mission to establish a bridgehead on the east bank of the Moselle River about three quarters of a mile east of Dornot, France.

3. The captured German records reveal no information, relative to Sergeant Smith nor do the files of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information, at the present, on Sergeant Smith.

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AG 201 Smith, James S.  
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4. The subject person was acting as a platoon sergeant on duty with Company G, 11th Infantry Regiment, which was evacuating the east bank to the west bank of the Moselle River on the night of 10 September 1944 near Dornot, France. Sergeant Smith had his platoon loaded on boats for the crossing, when he found that there was not room in the boats for him, he ordered the boats across and started to swim the river with his clothes on. The records indicate that Sergeant Smith was "extremely fatigued, having been without sleep for sixty hours." The Moselle River at this point was about 100 yards wide with a very swift current running about fifteen or twenty miles an hour. The organization was under enemy fire during the crossing of the river. When the Company was mustered Sergeant Smith was found to be missing and no trace of him could be found. The captured German records contain no information of Sergeant Smith. Nothing has been seen or heard of him since. Considering the above facts and the lapse of time it is reasonable to believe that Sergeant Smith died in his attempt to swim the river.

5. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, stating that the person named in paragraph one, above, Infantry, was killed in action, not in flying or jump pay status, on 11 September 1944 while attempting to swim the Moselle River near Dornot, France. The official report of death will include the following statement:

"Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 12 September 1945. This 'Report of Death' is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9."

This memorandum will be routed to Operating Unit for notification & processing.  
Station and place of death: ETO

Walter L. Nalls  
Investigator

CONCUR:

T. J. COLLUM  
Major, AGD  
OIC, Det & Rev Unit

APPROVED. Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

COPY FOR:  
OQMG, Mom. Div.  
AG 201 file

SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN  
Lt. Colonel, AGD  
OIC, Cas. Sec., PA Branch, AGO



AIRMAIL

QMGMS 295 (X-15, X-22, X-47, X-484, X-54)  
Unk. Misc. France (Liney) 1st Ind  
SUBJECT: Request for information

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 9 September 1949

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

1. Inclosed herewith are Forms 79 for the following decedents:

|                  |      |            |
|------------------|------|------------|
| Hierz, Henry     | Cpl. | 36 315 751 |
| Slinkard, Von O. | Pfc. | 37 607 293 |
| Turner, James A. | Sgt. | 18 133 954 |

2. Dental chart at induction dated 19 March 1943 for Pvt. Albert C. Diamanti, 32868499 shows teeth missing, Right 14, Left 14 and 16. No Forms 79 available.

3. Dental chart at induction dated 19 October 1939 for LT/Sgt. James S. Smith, 6985951 shows teeth missing, Right 8, Left 8 and 14. Non-restorable carious, Right 14, Carious Left 15. No Forms 79 available. 243

4. Search of records fails to reveal a casualty by the name of Mingsky. Serial number O-168831 is assigned to William H. Habner, not a casualty.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

3 Incls  
Incls 1-3 Photo cys Forms 79

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMG  
Memorial Division



AIRMAIL



*Om Sgt*

*July 20*

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| 293 FILE | <b>DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED</b> |
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|--|-----------------------|---|
| NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)<br><i>293 SMITH, JAMES S.</i> | GRADE<br><i>T/sgt</i> | PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER<br><i>6985951</i> |
|--|-----------------------|---|

|              |                  |       |                                      |
|--------------|------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| ORGANIZATION | RACE<br><i>W</i> | CREED | FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) |
|--------------|------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|

|  |                                   |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| DATE OF DEATH/MIA<br><i>11 Sept 44</i> | CAUSE OF DEATH<br><i>11th Inf</i> | PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA<br><i>Moselle River, France</i> |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|

|        |        |            |            |           |
|--------|--------|------------|------------|-----------|
| HEIGHT | WEIGHT | COLOR EYES | COLOR HAIR | SHOE SIZE |
|--------|--------|------------|------------|-----------|

**DENTAL CHART**      DATE *✓ 19 Oct 39*

|                                       |                                      |
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| UPPER RIGHT<br><i>X</i> 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | UPPER LEFT<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 <i>X</i> |
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| LOWER RIGHT<br>16 15 <i>X</i> 14 13 12 11 10 9 | LOWER LEFT<br>9 10 11 12 13 <i>X</i> <i>15</i> 16 |
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X = Extracted                      O = Carious                      1 = Carious Non-Restorable

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

*Misc 201 only, unable to locate E/R.*

*No Forms 79, Available*

**FILE**

**SEP 8 1949**



**IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

|   |                      |                            |                                      |                         |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL<br><i>SMITH, JAMES S.</i> |                      |                            | ARMY SERIAL NUMBER<br><i>6985951</i> | GRADE<br><i>1/SGT</i>   |
| HEIGHT<br><i>5'8"</i>   | WEIGHT<br><i>154</i> | COLOR EYES<br><i>BROWN</i> | COLOR HAIR<br><i>BROWN</i>           | SHOE SIZE<br><i>8 D</i> |
| DATE OF DEATH<br><i>9/12/45</i>                                   |                      |                            |                                      |                         |

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

*CO. "G" 11<sup>TH</sup> INF.*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

*MIA NEAR MOSELLE RIVER, FRANCE.*

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

| STATION                         | DATES            |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>FT. THOMAS, KY.</i>          | <i>OCT- 1939</i> |
| <i>FT. BENJ. HARRISON, IND.</i> | <i>OCT- 1939</i> |

FROM: MED. AND CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

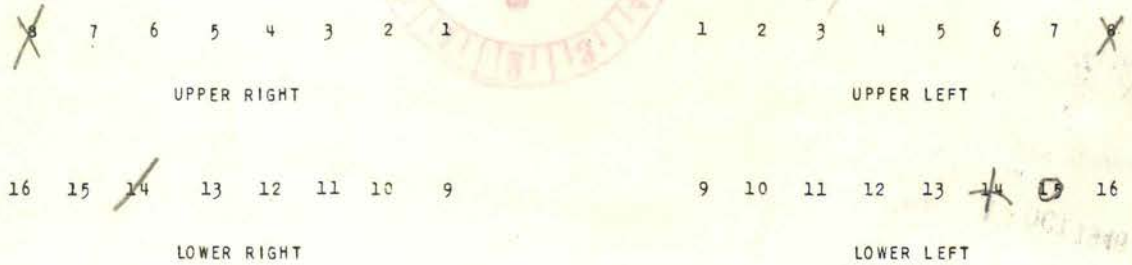
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TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

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**DENTAL CHART**

*10/19/39*



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293 FILE

## DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Smith, James S.

GRADE

T/Sgt

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

6 985 951

ORGANIZATION

Co G  
11 Inf Regt  
5 Inf Div

RACE

White

CREED

Protestant

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

11 Sep 44

CAUSE OF DEATH

Finding of Death

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

MIA near Meselle River, France

DATE OF FOD

12 Sep 45

HEIGHT

5' 8"

WEIGHT

154

COLOR EYES

Brown

COLOR HAIR

Brown

SHOE SIZE

8 D

## DENTAL CHART 19 Oct 39

UPPER RIGHT

X  
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 X

LOWER RIGHT

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LOWER LEFT

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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE

MAY 26 1948

E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QM3  
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH



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

4049

**FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON**

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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) |                 |                |                |
| 13 Sep 1917      | Russell, Kentucky | 19 Oct 1939                             |             | YEARS  | MONTH           | DAYS           |                |
|                  |                   |   |             | Over   | Three           | Years          |                |

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

|                  |              |                              |
|------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| NAME             | RELATIONSHIP | ADDRESS                      |
| Mr. Howard Smith | Father       | Box 517<br>Russell, Kentucky |

BENEFICIARIES

|   |              |                              |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|
| NAME  | RELATIONSHIP | ADDRESS                      |
| Mr. Howard Smith  | Father       | Box 517<br>Russell, Kentucky |
| NAME  | RELATIONSHIP | ADDRESS                      |
| Declined to designate an alternate,<br>2 February 1944. |              |                              |

REMARKS

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| Combat Infantryman Badge, G.O. 6, 9 Aug 44, Hq. 11th Inf.  |
| Circumstances of disappearance: Soldier failed to join his unit after swimming the Moselle River during the withdrawal of his company. |
| SEP 22 1945  |



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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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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

|                               |                  |              |                          |                             |                         |                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| NAME<br>SMITH JAMES S         |                  |              | SERIAL NUMBER<br>6955951 | GRADE<br>T SC               | ARM OR SERVICE<br>INF   | REPORTING THEATRE<br>ETO |
| PLACE OF CASUALTY<br>FRANCE 9 | DATE OF CASUALTY |              |                          | FLYING OR JUMPING STAT<br>V | TYPE OF CASUALTY<br>MIA | SHIPMENT NUMBER<br>202   |
|                               | DAY<br>11        | MONTH<br>SEP | YEAR<br>44               |                             |                         |                          |

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

|  |                        |                                |
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| MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME<br>MR HOWARD SMITH | RELATIONSHIP<br>FATHER | DATE NOTIFIED<br>2 OCT 44. mab |
| NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE<br>RUSSELL, KENTUCKY.              |                        |                                |

REMARKS:

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ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED  FORM 43  AG 201 REQ

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED  OR CHARGED TO  DATE

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO  YES  (AS INDICATED BELOW):

| FILE NO. | MESSAGE NO. | TYPE | DATE AND AREA | E. A. NOTIFIED |
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FORWARDED TO  SPEC. IDEN.  TELEGRAM  WOUNDED  LETTER  CORRES.  S. R. & D.  CERTIF.  M. & M.  NON-DEL.

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THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

(S-10-3-45)  
RTB:WA:np  
July 25, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 256562

Mr. Howard Smith  
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your son, Technical Sergeant James S. Smith:

1 package and contents

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending the return of the owner, who has been reported missing in action. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your son.

I regret to advise that included among your son's effects is a lighter which was damaged prior to receipt at this Bureau.

Yours very truly,

*P. L. Koob*

P. L. KOOB  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Unit

Incl--  
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

*Howard Smith*

(Signature of Bailee)

Eff. Q1 Form 205 (11 Apr 45)

*8-4-45*  
(Date)



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. Howard Smith

SHIP TO:

Russell, Kentucky

Effects of:

T/Sgt. James S. Smith

Name

6985951

ASH

256562 M

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 25 July 1945

RTB:WA:np

*M. C. Arthur*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check.

Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Inclose "Valuables" item

Ship "Valuable" item(s)

Remove G.I.

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|                                       |                               |                      | INV. DATE          | 13 July 45 <i>✓</i>                    |
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|                                       |                               |                      | SHEET OF SHEETS    | 1 <i>✓</i>                             |
|                                       |                               |                      | ORGANIZATION       | 20 <sup>th</sup> Inf<br>112nd <i>✓</i> |
| NAME                                  | JAMES S. SMITH <i>✓</i>       |                      |                    |  |
| A.S.N.                                | 6985951 <i>✓</i>              | RANK                 | T/SGT <i>✓</i>     |  |

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| Belt                                       |   | TOILET & WASHCLOTHS  |  | GLASS                     |
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| Headwear                                   |   | Lighters             |  | Books, Address            |
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| John E. Smith (Bro)   |             | 1 Inventory <i>✓</i> | 1 R. Label <i>✓</i>                     |
| Box # 517             |             |                      |   |
| Russell, Kentucky     |             |                      |   |
| Cig. Lighter is rusty |             |                      |   |
| C.A.T.                | None        |                      |   |
| WAREHOUSE SPACE       | 1788        | WEIGHT               | G.I. REMOVED                            |
| INVENTORIED BY        | Nicky       |                      | SHORTAGE OR REVERSE IDENT. TAGS REMOVED |
| PACKED BY             | Yeado       |                      | DIARY REMOVED                           |
| CHECKED BY            |             | DATE SHIPPED         | LOCKED STORAGE                          |
|                       |             |                      | LAUNDRY REMOVED                         |
|                       |             |                      | FILM REMOVED                            |
|                       |             |                      |   |



Serial No. 6985951 Name SMITH, JAMES  
 Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank T/SGT  
 Organization 11th INF.  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nearest Relative \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Killed in Action M.I.A. Died of Disease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_  
 Battle Area \_\_\_\_\_ Information \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Burial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Point of Coordination \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description of Body \_\_\_\_\_  
 Members Missing \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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|                               |             |             |       |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| NAME SMITH, JAMES T. JT. 5951 |             |             |       |
| BAY                           | PALLET      | BOX         | TALLY |
|                               | 24          | 47          | 9447  |
| TYPE OF PKG.                  | WHSE. SPACE | INVENTORIED |       |
| PKG                           |             |             |       |



OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER  
SERVICES DIVISION

5 October 1944

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

SMITH JAMES S. 6985951  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

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

The above named individual of Company "C" 14th Infantry  
(Unit)

Missing in action  
(Organization) was reported Missing in action  
(Status - Killed, MIA,

11 September 1944  
(Date)  
Hospitalized, etc.)

Designated beneficiary if information readily accessible John L. Smith

(Brother) Box #527, Russell, Kentucky.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 Money Belt ✓
- 1 Cigarette Lighter ✓
- 1 Set Ribbons ✓
- 1 Coin ✓
- 1 Dollar Bill ✓
- 3 Snapshots ✓



Money in the amount of None has been turned into  
(Name of individual officer and symbol) Form WDD 36 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, or the above named individual and the same were forwarded to the  
Effects Depot by 31 Oct. 1944  
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

*Andrew J. Haha*

Name ANDREW J. HABA  
Rank & ASN 1st Lt, Inf 0-411299  
Organization Serv Co, 11th Inf

Any additional pertinent information: