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SPOTTS, ELVIS N.

(WIPER)

Z-394396

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CONTROLLED CASE

NAME	GRADE	SERIAL NO.
SPOTTS, ELVIS N.	WIPER MM	Z-394 396
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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH Pacific, vic of Tarawa, Gilbert Is.		CASE NUMBER 14208
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Spotts, Elvis N.	RANK Wiper	SERIAL NUMBER Z-394 396
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. N.
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	E. N.
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

Subject Decedent was a member of the U. S. Merchant Marines

NAN
File

MAR 2 1951

Identification Branch

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST E. Miller	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt. QMG	MAR 2 1951

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER

14208 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

Pacific

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Spotts, Elvis N.

RANK

Wiper

SERIAL NUMBER

Z-394 396

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)	ABK	a. REPORT OF DEATH b. INDEXING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	ABK
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	ABK	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	ABK
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	ABK	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	ABK
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
7a. Certificate of Death			ABK

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:

See attached Statement of Investigation

MAR 2 1951

Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

W. A. WOLF

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt QMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

THOMAS E. FOX, Capt QMC

MAR 51

Spotts, Elvis N.

STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

1. This case pertains to the nonrecoverability of the remains of Merchant Marine, Elvis N. Spotts, Z-394 396 reported as accidentally electrocuted on 22 February 1944 while serving aboard the SS Cape Isabel in the vicinity of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

2. Available information indicates that the remains of the decedent were removed from the SS Cape Isabel on the evening of 22 February 1944. On the morning of 23 February 1944 at 11:00 A.M. funeral services were held with Military honors. Burial was in the US Marine Cemetery, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. A white cross was to be erected over his grave. The next of kin were notified, "that subject decedent had been interred in a temporary cemetery established at Tarawa. This information has not been verified by an official burial report."

3. Members of the 604th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company investigated cases on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands in February 1948 and a Second Search Expedition reinvestigated this area during March 1949 but no remains were recovered which could be associated with the decedent. Records indicate that the plot and grave numbers were not recorded for this temporary cemetery. The graves were marked with white crosses, which would imply that identification was lost by the moving of the crosses. All efforts to obtain a tooth chart for this decedent have been futile.

4. The AGRS search and recovery teams have made every effort to correlate this case with records pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results have been negative. No information has been found to indicate that the remains of the decedent have been recovered or buried.

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy
Analyst

R E S T R I C T E DHEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
(PACIFIC ZONE)
APO 958

BOARD PROCEEDINGS)

NUMBER 2789)

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

1. The Board of Review convened on 19 July 1950 pursuant to par 6h, Special Orders 79, Headquarters, United States Army, Pacific, APO 958, dated 27 April 1950 as amended. (Exhibit A)

2. Summary

a. Personnel Involved (AGRS-PAZ Case No. 6-720)

SPOTTS, Elvis N. Wiper Z-394396 MM

b. While serving aboard the SS CAPE ISABEL in the vicinity of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands the above decedent was electrocuted while closing the boiler room door on 22 February 1944. No further information is available. (Exhibit B)

c. Although Form 371 for subject decedent indicates that he was interred in the U. S. Marine Cemetery, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, records of this Headquarters do not show that subject remains have been recovered.

d. Members of the 604th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company investigated cases on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands on 1 February 1948 and the Second Search Expedition reinvestigated this area during March 1949 but no information concerning this case was obtained.

e. Subject's Form 371 has been compared by the Identification Branch, AGRS-PAZ with all unknown remains from the Gilbert Islands area, with negative results.

3. Findings

After careful consideration of all the facts involved, the Board unanimously resolved that subject decedent be declared non-recoverable.

2 Exhibits

- A SO 79, Hq USA, Pacific,
APO 958, v/80 129 (Extract)
- B Form 371

Chester H. Elmes
CHESTER H. ELMES
Colonel QMC
President

Harrie E. Roate
HARRIE E. ROATE
Lt Colonel QMC
Member

Stanley E. May
STANLEY E. MAY
Capt QMC
Recorder

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC
APO 958

Special Orders)

27 April 1950

No. 79)

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6. Pursuant to auth contained in ltr TAGO file AGAO 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M Subj "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas" dtd 9 Apr 47 a Board of Review is aptd to meet at the call of the senior member thereof for the purpose of:

a. Reviewing and acting upon all cases pertaining to the identity of unknown remains referred to the Board by Zone Hq AGRS.

b. Reviewing and determining, in all cases, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board by Zone Hq AGRS.

Detail for the Board

LT COL HARRIE E HOXIE 0225642 QMC
MAJ STEWART W ABEL 0290592 QMC
CAPT STANLEY E MAY 01577536 QMC

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL AURAND:

OFFICIAL:

ROBERT N. YOUNG
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

/s/t/ L. S. SMITH
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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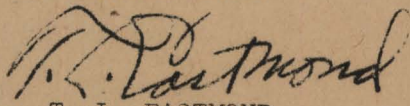

T. L. EASTMOND
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

Exhibit A

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY, PACIFIC
APO 958

Special Orders)

17 July 1950

No. 129)

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10. Para 6 SO 79 this Hq cs which apt members of Board of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas is amended to add COL CHESTER H ELMES 011365 QMC this Hq (QM Div).

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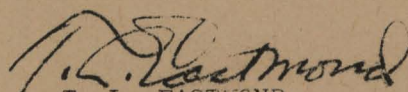
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OFFICIAL:

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Chief of Staff

/s/ Jack Stone
/t/ JACK STONE
Lt Col, AGD
Adjutant General

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:


T. L. EASTMOND
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

93 FILE 6-720		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Spotts, Elvis N.		Wiper	Z-394396	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
SS Cape Isabel	White	NR		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 22 Feb 1944	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF FOD	Electrocuted while closing boiler room door		Tarawa, Gilbert Islands	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
69"	153	Brown	Brown	NR
DENTAL CHART				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
No dental information available from civilian and Marine sources				
LOWER RIGHT		LOWER LEFT		
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9		9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted O = Cavity I = Cavity Non-Restorable				
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
None Shown		None Shown		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
Born: 6 October 1925				
Reported interred in U. S. Marine Cemetery, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.				
NOK:				
Mrs. D. W. Spotts, Mother 1705 Linwood Boulevard Kansas City, Mo.				
Exhibit B DDMG FORM 23 SEP 46 371 tno				
DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD				

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
(PACIFIC ZONE)
APO 958

In reply refer to:

RRBOR 293.9 (JUL 25 1950)

793 (SPOTTS, Elvis N.
SN Z-394396)

JUL 25 1950

27 July 50

#14,208

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Board Proceedings (2789)

TO: The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

Proceedings of a Board of Review with exhibits, on AGRS
(PAZ) Case No. 6-720, concerning the non-recoverability of
Wiper Elvis N. Spotts, Z-394396, MM, are transmitted herewith.

FOR THE CHIEF:

1 Incl
BP 2789 w/exhibits
atchd to orig (in trip)

Stanley E. May
STANLEY E. MAY
Capt QMC
Administrative Officer

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Administrative Officer



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143 Spotts, Elvis N. (Z-394,396)

QMCMU 293

AGRS-Pacific Zone

2 March 1951

SUBJECT: Nonrecoverability of Remains

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Pacific Zone
APO 958, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Board of Officers that convened at your headquarters and determined that the remains of the decedent, Spotts, Elvis N., Wiper, Z-394 396, are nonrecoverable.

2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on the decedent whose name appears in paragraph 1, above.

3. It is requested that all records of your headquarters pertaining to the decedent be amended to read REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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JOHN M. NEFF
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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Copy furnished:
CINCPAC, APO 500

cc: Resol. Sec., Repat Br.
Adm. Unit, Ident Br.

143 DRS Pacific

K. City Msn
9.21.46.

Quartermaster General.
War Department
Washington 25 - D.C.

Dear Sir,

In regard to having
my son's body brought home
when the time comes I
am sending you the
following.

Elvis Nelson Spotts
Service Number 4307-070-32
Merchant Marine

Fireman Third Class
Buried - National Marine
Cemetery - Iawara Gilbert Is.

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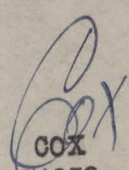
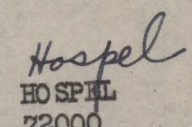
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Spotts, Elvis Nelson

0900
29 Sept 50

J. D. HICKEY
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Field Service Division

OQMG FORM 638
REV 1 APR 48OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief Ident Br Mem Div OQMG	Chief Field Serv Div OQMG ATTN: Capt. Kitchen	28 Sep 1950	1. During a recent visit by a representative of this Branch to the Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, the case of Elvis Nelson Spotts, Z 394396, was brought to the attention of the DA representative. Mrs. Spotts, mother of the above seaman, who resides in Kansas City, called Captain Zablocki, Chief of the Effects Bureau, and requested information as to the status of her son's case. She was informed that his case was under investigation in Memorial Division and that a report of her call would be forwarded to Washington with a request that information pertaining to her son be forwarded to her at the earliest possible date. 2. It is, therefore, requested that a TWX, substantially as follows, be forwarded to the Chief, Effects Bureau, ATTN: Capt. Zablocki: "Reference case of Elvis Nelson Spotts, Z 394396. Case currently under investigation Memorial Division. Upon completion, Mrs. Spotts will be notified by letter of final disposition of case."  COX 74059  HOSPIEL 72000

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1 Chief Chief 28 Sep
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ATTN:

Capt. Kitchen

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FORM 638
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DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
3	LtCol Brown Mem Div	Chief Ident Br Mem Div Rec Sec Regis Br Mem Div	2 Jul 51	SUBJECT: Spotts, Elvis N., Merchant Marine, Z-394396 Forwarded for your information and/or any action deemed necessary is report of visit with next of kin of subject decedent. <i>[Signature]</i> BROWN 73370 3 Incls 1. 293 file 2. Nonrec Case No. 14208 3. <u>Rept of Official Travel</u>
4	Nonrec Sec Ident Br Mem Div	Rec Sec Regis Br Mem Div	9 Jul 1951	1. Noted 2. Reference is made to IRS, this Branch, dated 2 March 1951. 3 Incls n/c <i>[Signature]</i> KING 74059 <i>[Signature]</i> EDWARDS 73472
5	Maj Lay Regis Br Mem Div	Col Brown Regis Br Mem Div	10 July 51	SUBJECT: Spotts, Elvis N. Merchant Marine Z-394396 1. Records of this Section have been corrected to reflect nonrecoverability of the remains of the decedent. 2. The case is returned for any letters which may be considered appropriate following Colonel Brown's visit. <i>[Signature]</i> LAY 54276 <i>[Circular Stamp: RECEIVED JUL 12 1951]</i> <i>[Handwritten: NAT Regis Br Miss MacHugh 12 Jul 51]</i>

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OQMG FORM 638
1 SEP 1946OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Regis Br Mem Div	Chief Mem Div	17 Apr 51	SUBJECT: Spotts, Elvis N. Merchant Marine Z-394396 1. The above decedent died on board the SS Cape Isabel, 22 February 1944 following an electric shock. The file indicates that the remains were buried in the Marine Memorial Cemetery, Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, in a marked grave. This information was furnished the Next of Kin. The file, however, does not contain a report of burial. The remains of the decedent have not been recovered and identified. 2. Graves Registration personnel investigated the cases on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands in February 1948 and again in March 1949 but the remains could not be recovered. Under date of 2 March 1951, nonrecoverable board findings were approved in this Office. 3. The last known addresses of the Next of Kin are: Mr. David W. Spotts (father) 1223 Corona Street Denver, Colorado Mrs. D. W. Spotts (mother) 1705 Linwood Boulevard Kansas City 3, Missouri 4. It is recommended that an officer from this Office visit the Next of Kin in this case and explain the circumstances. ODENWALDER 73355
2	Chief Mem Div	Lt Col Brown	20 Apr 51	Approved. CLEARWATER 55289

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Long letter view of fact that remains were
actually buried but identity lost when crosses
were removed from cemetery where buried. NOK
knows of burial so I think a letter of explanation
is necessary.

att: May Lay



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

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMD 293

Spotts, Elvis N.
(Merchant Marine)

2 July 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Official Travel

TO: Chief, Memorial Division

SECTION I - ITINERARY

1. Place Visited	Arrived		Departed	
	Date	Hour	Date	Hour
Kansas City, Missouri	29 Jun 51	0605	29 Jun 51	1530
2. Person Contacted				
Mrs. David W. Spotts (Mother)				

SECTION II - PURPOSE OF VISIT

To visit next of kin of the late Elvis N. Spotts, Wiper, MM, Z-394396, to explain the circumstances regarding nonrecoverability of remains. Decedent died aboard the SS Cape Isabel, and was buried in U. S. Marine Cemetery on Tarawa Atoll, however, the identity has been lost.

SECTION III - OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

I first visited the last known address of the father in Denver, Colo. The house at the address given was a boarding house and no one there knew Mr. Spotts. On returning to Washington, I visited the mother in Kansas City, Mo., and she informed me that she and her husband had moved from Denver some years ago.

The case was explained to the mother as the father was away from home. Mrs. Spotts was very appreciative of the visit and accepted the findings. Her only question was about insurance. She stated that the insurance was withheld on the grounds that her son's death was not in the line of duty. I told Mrs. Spotts that this office had nothing to do with such matters. However, I did show her the photostatic copy of the death report on which it is shown that death was in the line of duty.

SECTION IV - ACTION

None.

APPROVED:

W. G. JOHNSON
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

E. M. BROWN, LT. COL., QMC

DATE:

2/7/51

- 21 Sept. 46 - Ltr. fr. mother re. return of remains
9 Oct. 46 - OQ MG Reply no Burial Information
15 Oct. 46 - Ltr. fr. mother re. return of decedent's remains
7 Nov. 46 - OQ MG Reply - No Burial Report
19 May 47 - OQ MG Request Civ. Dental Chart fr. mother
30 June 47 - mother's Reply No Dental Chart
1 Dec. 48 - Ltr. written in behalf of mother fr. Kansas
City Q.M. Activities re. remains of son
21 Dec. 48 - OQ MG Reply to mother. no B/P

Information in file (Addresses)

Mr. David W. Spotts (Father)

1223 CORONA STREET

DENVER, COLORADO

MRS. D. W. SPOTTS (Mother)

1705 LINWOOD BOULEVARD

KANSAS CITY 3, MISSOURI

1943

ACTION CONTROL

DECEDENT (Last name, First, Middle initial)	GRADE	SERVICE NO.
<i>Spatto, Elvis -</i>	<i>Merch. Marine</i>	<i>Z-394396</i>

REASON FOR CONTROLLING CASE

*No later address available
for father -
Mother's change of address
not given -*

*No claim of office or
Dist. Office for Merch. Marine*

INITIATING PERSON

BRANCH AND SECTION

DATE

*lage**(Per Mrs. Keith Lias)**5-21-51*

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE 12 APR. 51	
FROM (Branch and Section) Reg. BR. Records sect.	REQUESTED BY Dennis	TEL. EXT. 52747	ROOM NO. 2634
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) SPOTTS, ELVIS N.	RANK Fireman 3/c Merchant Marine	SERIAL NUMBER Z-394396	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Current address of parents (date address was furnished)

INFORMATION FURNISHED

MR. DAVID W. SPOTTS (Father)
1223 CORONA STREET
DENVER, COLORADO

Mother — not listed

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

OQMG Form 638
Rev 1 Apr 48

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

Due, Hour and Date

No	From	To	Date	
1	Fin Det Section Ident Br	Repat Br Mem Div <u>ATTN:</u> Corres Section	2 Mar 51	SUBJECT: Nonrecoverable Case No. 14208 1. The following approved nonrecoverable case (s) is (are) forwarded for whatever action is deemed necessary by your office: Spotts, Elvis N. Wiper Z-394 396 2. All action necessary to be taken by the Identification Branch has been completed. Attach As Indicated <i>Edwards</i> EDWARDS 73472

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

Operations Department

May 1, 1947

293 Spotts, Elvis N.

The Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Colonel J. B. Colson
Memorial Division

Gentlemen:

Further reference is made to your letter of March 27, 1947, your file QMGMR 293, in which you requested information concerning the place of burial of the remains of Elvis N. Spotts, who formerly was employed as a member of the crew of the SS CAPE ISABEL. *293*

We are enclosing photostatic copy of letter from Lieut. Commander L. M. Fabian, USNR., Port Captain at Tarawa, addressed to American-Hawaiian Steamship Company under date of February 23, 1944; copy of letter from the Master of the SS CAPE ISABEL addressed to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Spotts, on February 23, 1944; and copy of certificate of death issued by the Navy Department.

It will be observed from the enclosures that burial of the remains of this seaman was made in the Marine Memorial Cemetery, Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, in a marked grave. Although the plot and grave numbers are not shown, there apparently should be no difficulty in identifying the grave, since it was marked. However, should you require more definite information, your Division probably could obtain the same by communicating with the Navy Department.

Very truly yours,

I. M. Holt
Act. Director, Marine Division

Enclosures

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J. M. White
Identification Branch

OD-21 40M-3-4

AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

OPERATING DEPARTMENT

S. S. CAP. ISABEL VOY. 54 W. B. E. B.WRITTEN AT Tarawa, Gilbert IslandsDATE February 23, 1944(IN REPLY TO OPERATING
DEPT. LETTER, FILE NO.)

SUBJECT _____

CABLE AND RADIO
ADDRESS
AMHAWAII

Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Spotts,
1223 Corona St.,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. D.W. Spotts:

It is with profound sadness, and with heartfelt sympathy that I am writing this letter to you. Your Son, Elvis H. Spotts died on board this Ship, February 22, 1944, in the line of duty, apparently from an electric shock. Everything that was humanely possible to revive him was tried. A Doctor, Lieut. E.C. Potter, U.S.N.R., was called aboard ship, and was in attendance for over a hour without getting any signs of life.

Your Sons body was removed from the ship on the evening of February 22, 1944, by orders of authorities ashore. On the morning of February 23, 1944, at 11:00 A.M., funeral services were held with military honors and the reading of a Protestant Service by Francis T. Cooke, Chaplain, U.S.N.R. Burial was in the U.S. Marine Cemetery, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. A white cross will be erected over his grave by the Chaplain.

All your Son's personal belongings have been inventoried and packed and will be forwarded to you upon our arrival at a United States Port.

Respectfully yours,

L A Carlisle

L. A. CARLISLE
Master

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from U.S.S.C.*

PD/2-28
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OFFICE OF PORT CAPTAIN
Tarawa, G. I.



23 February 1944

From: The Port Captain.
To : American-Hawaiian Steamship Company.
Subj: Elvis N. Spotts, Wiper, S.S. CAPE ISABEL,
death of.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of letter, dated 23 February 1944,
signed by L.A. CARLISLE, Master S.S. CAPE
ISABEL, relative to above subject.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded.
2. Elvis N. Spotts was buried in the Marine
Memorial Cemetary, Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll in a marked
grave.

L. M. FABIAN
Lt. Comdr., USNR.

NMS-Form N
(1940)

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

From: U.S.S. GRAYSON, DD (435)To: COMMANDER GILBERTS, SUB AREA
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
(See Circular Letter R-6, Appendix D, Manual of the Medical Department, for instructions)1. Name SPOTTS, Elvin N. Rank or rate _____

2. Born: Place _____ Date _____

3. Nationality _____ Religion _____
(White—U. S., Colored, Samoan, etc.) (Denomination)

4. Eyes _____ Hair _____ Complexion _____ Height _____ Weight _____

5. Marks, scars, etc. (noted in health record) _____

FINGERPRINT

State which finger _____
(Right index preferred)

6. Relation, name and address of next of kin or friend _____

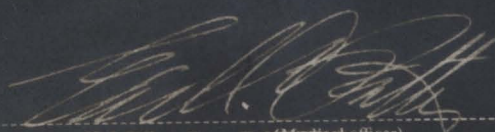
7. Original admission: Place _____ Date _____
(Ship or station to which attached when first admitted to sick list)8. Died: Place S.S. Cape Isabel Date 2-22-44 Hour 2:00 P.M.9. Cause of death { Principal Electric Shock Key Letter _____
Contributory _____10. Death is not the result of own misconduct and is in the line of duty.
(Is or is not) (Is or is not)

11. Disposition of remains _____

12. Summary of facts relative to the death:

While employed in cleaning bilges of the S.S. Cape Isabel on the afternoon of 22 Feb. 1944, this man touched the end of a live drop cord and immediately collapsed, never to regain consciousness or show any further signs of life. Continuous artificial respiration, carbon dioxide insufflation, intracardiac epinephrine, rectal stimulation and measures elicited no response.

Summary of facts—Continued


EARL C. POTTER

(Medical officer)

Lieutenant

....., M. C., U. S. Navy.

R.

Approved: Court of inquiry or board of investigation be held.

(Will or will not)

.....
(Commanding officer)

.....
(Rank)

....., U. S. Navy.

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6-20-47

QM General,

Dear Sir

Upon receiving your letter I immediately tried to get the information you asked.

The last and only dental work for my son Elvis N. Spotts was taken care of just before he joined the Merchant Marines in 1943, by Dr. Edward J. Kresse 312-17th. St., Denver, Colorado. I wrote Dr. Kresse asking for a chart showing work performed but up to this time have not received an answer.

Am very sorry I couldnt do more on the matter.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. D.W. Spotts
1705 Linwood Blvd.
K.C. 3, Mo.

OQMG FORM 638
1 SEP 1946OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

See reverse side for instructions in the use of this form

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief, Navy Rec Coord Section 2448-B	Chief, Records Sec.	7 May 1947	1. These remains were buried in the Marine Cemetery on Betio Island, Tarawa, where identification was lost by the moving of the crosses. 2. It is suggested that a dental record of the deceased be obtained and sent to the Identification Section for comparison with the dental records on file for unknowns on Tarawa. <i>Waite</i> WAITE 73880 <i>Capl. Dugan</i> action <i>R/s Ident. Maj. Mac.</i> for necessary action <i>Lily</i>

INSTRUCTIONS

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293
Spotts, Elvis N.
SN-Z-394396

16 February 1950

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and
Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Pacific Zone
APO 958, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, OQMG Form 371
(covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster
General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by
this Office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

Spotts, Elvis N. Wiper Z-394396

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be
furnished this Office in accordance with provisions of letter, The
Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject:
Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification Unknown Dead
Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTEPMASER GENERAL:

1 Incl
OQMG Form 371 (in dup)
(Spotts)

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

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AIRMAIL

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Spotts, Elvis N.		Wiper	Z-394396	
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
SS Cape Isabel	White	NR		
DATE OF DEATH/MTA 22 Feb 1944	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF FOD	Electrocuted while closing boiler room door		Tarawa, Gilbert Islands	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
69"	153	Brown	Brown	NR
DENTAL CHART				
UPPER RIGHT		UPPER LEFT		
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 No dental information available from civilian and Marine sources		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 = Cavity 1 = Cavity Non-Restorable				
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
None Shown		None Shown		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
Born: 6 October 1925				
Reported interred in U. S. Marine Cemetery, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.				
NOK:				
Mrs. D. W. Spotts, Mother 1705 Linwood Boulevard Kansas City, Mo.				

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QMGMS 293
Spotts, Elvis N.
SN-Z-394396

2 February 1950

Dr. Edward J. Kresse
312 17th Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Dr. Kresse:

The Office of the Quartermaster General is attempting to aid the Graves Registration Service to ascertain the identity of the remains of Elvis N. Spotts of the Merchant Marine Service who was reported killed due to an accident on board ship on 22 February 1944.

A communication received from the decedent's next-of-kin, Mrs. D. W. Spotts, 1705 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri, states that you performed the last dental work on him prior to his entry into the Merchant Marine in 1943. It will be very helpful and greatly appreciated if you can furnish this office a copy of the dental record you may have in your files on Elvis Spotts. This dental information is vitally necessary in the establishing of positive identification of his remains.

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Penalty envelope

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

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

IN REPLY REFER TO

QMGMS 293

Spotts, Elvis N.

SN-Z-394396

2 February 1950

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Penalty envelope

T. H. Metz
T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

FILE

FEB 15 1950

Identification Branch

*It is regrettable that we can't
help to identify E. N. Spotts*

*Many dentists have used this office
and charts are missing when they
leave.*

E. J. Kresse

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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FEB 15 1950

Post Office

**Office of The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.**

Attn:
Memorial Division
Oston-Search Info.

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 223 Spotts, Elvis N.		GRADE WIPER		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER Z-394396
ORGANIZATION MERCHANT MARINE		RACE W-	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 2-22-1944	CAUSE OF DEATH ACCIDENT ELECTROCUTED		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA ON SHIP AT TARAWA - GILBERT ISLANDS -	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT 5' 9"	WEIGHT 153	COLOR EYES HAZEL	COLOR HAIR BROWN	SHOE SIZE
DENTAL CHART				
UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9		LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable				
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BIRTH - 10-6-1925 NOK - FATHER SPOTTS - D.W. 1223 CORONA DENVER - COLO. NATIVE - CREW MEMBER ON S.S. CAPE ISABEL - CAPT. L.A. - CARLISLE - MASTER. BUR - NOT SHOWN ISOLATED BURIAL, TARAWA, GILBERT ISLANDS. no record in cas. Bu.				

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED X			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>243</i> Spotts, Elvis N. <i>elton</i>			GRADE ☒ S Wiper		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER Z-394396
ORGANIZATION SS CAPE ISABEL <i>m3</i>		RACE ☒ <i>W</i>	CREED ☒		FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MTA ☒ 22 Feb 44	CAUSE OF DEATH ☒ Electrocuted while closing boiler room door		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA ☒ Tarawa, Gilbert Islands		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT ☒ 5 ft 9 in	WEIGHT ☒ 153 lbs	COLOR EYES ☒ Brown	COLOR HAIR ☒ Brown	SHOE SIZE ☒ not shown
INDUCTION DENTAL CHART DATE					
UPPER RIGHT ☒ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 <i>not shown</i>			UPPER LEFT ☒ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <i>not shown</i>		
LOWER RIGHT ☒ 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 <i>not shown</i>			LOWER LEFT ☒ 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 <i>not shown</i>		
X = Extracted O = Cavious 1 = Cavious Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS ☒ <i>not shown</i>			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK ☒ <i>not shown</i>		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ☒ D/B: 6 October 1925 Reported buried in U. S. Marine Cemetery, Tarawa, Gilbert Islands <i>D/B</i> <i>6 oct 1925</i> <i>Clepton Hill, Miss</i>					

FILE

FEB 15 1950

Identification Branch

QMGMF 293
Spotts, Elvis N.
SN Z-594 396

21 December 1948

Mrs. D. W. Spotts
1705 Linwood Boulevard
Kansas City 3, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spotts:

This office has received an inquiry written in your behalf by the Kansas City Quartermaster Depot relative to your son, the late Elvis N. Spotts, Fireman Third Class.

Your desire to obtain information concerning the resting place of the remains of your son is understandable and I regret that I must inform you our office has not, as yet, received an official report indicating that his remains have been identified.

As one of the preparatory steps in the Program for the Return of World War II Dead, the remains of our honored dead, including all unknowns, were removed from Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, to the Territory of Hawaii. These remains are now being processed through our Central Identification Laboratory located in Hawaii for the purpose of verifying the identifications made at the time of the original burials and to establish, if possible, the individual identification of remains designated as unknown.

All individually identified remains will be held in Hawaii pending disposition instructions from the next of kin, either for return to the United States or for permanent burial in an overseas cemetery.

You may be assured that we will communicate with you promptly upon receipt of information concerning your loved one. In the meantime, however, it is requested that if you have been able to obtain a record of the dental work accomplished for your son by his civilian dentist, such information be forwarded to this office as it may be of value in establishing the identification of his remains. An envelope, which needs no postage, is inclosed for your reply.

May I add my deepest sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. SMITH
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

1 Incl.

Franked Envelope

cc: Kansas City QMG, Attn AGRSD

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MEMORIAL DIVISION
FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

DATE

12/9/48

TO: Identification Branch

FROM: Family Letters Section

SUBJECT: Case Name

Spotts, Elvira N 2 394396

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

[Signature]

No burial information.

Jeffrey

DEC 14 1948

*Findings of non-recoverability
have not been received from
the field.*

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KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITIES

~~KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT~~601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI213
IN REPLY REFER TO: Spotts, Elvis N, F3C.
430707032

1 December 1948

SUBJECT: World War II Deceased

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

1. An Associated Press feature article by Mr. Leif Erickson appearing in The Kansas City Star and other newspapers 29 November 1948 described the present conditions on Tarawa and included the following paragraph:

"Harry E. Maude, British resident and commissioner, said all American bodies were taken home by December 21, 1946. The army graves registration service unit at that time cleared the cemetery site of all crosses and markers. The plot reverted to a native owner who has re-planted it in coconut."

2. Following publication of the article this office was contacted by several next of kin who naturally were disturbed over the reference "taken home" in the excerpt referred to in Paragraph 1. This office assured the next of kin that the wording was figurative in that the bodies of war dead were moved to Hawaii as the first step in the journey home.

3. In addition this office informed Mrs. D. W. Spotts, 1705 Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City 3, Missouri, mother and next of kin of Fireman Third Class Elvis N. Spotts, 430707032, that your office would be requested to provide her information concerning the remains of her son.

4. This office will appreciate a copy of the reply made to Mrs. Spotts.

M. A. QUINN
Colonel QMC
Commanding

W
H 293 Spotts Elvins K. City Mo
6. 30 '47.

J. M. General,

Dear Sir

Upon receiving your letter I immediately tried to get the information you asked.

The last and only ⁴³dental work for my son Elvis N. Spotts was taken care of just before he joined the Merchant Marines in 1943, by Mr. Edward J. Presse 312-17th St. Denver, Colorado. I wrote Mr. Presse asking for a chart showing work performed but up to this time have not received an answer.

Am very sorry I couldn't do more on the matter.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. W. W. Spotts
1705 Linwood Blvd
K.C. 3. Mo

QMGNU 293
Spotts, Elvis N.
2-394 396
(Merchant Marine)

19 May 1947

Address Reply To THE
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Mrs. D. W. Spotts
1705 Linwood Boulevard
Kansas City 3, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spotts:

It is with reluctance that I write you about your son, the late
Elvis N. Spotts, Fireman 3/c, 2-394 396, whose death occurred the
22 February 1944, in Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

It will be of the utmost value to this office, if you can secure
from the civilian dentist who treated your son, a copy of the chart
usually retained by him, as a matter of record which shows work per-
formed for each patient. If this information is not available, you may
be able to recall dental work accomplished before his entry into the
Merchant Marine Service. This request is made in order to complete
files of this office.

In replying, please use the inclosed self-addressed envelope which
requires no postage, in order to expedite delivery.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl.
Envelope

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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MAY 20 3 30 PM '47
MEMORIAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

Operations Department

April 3, 1947

293

Spotts, Elvis N.

at

Office of the Quartermaster General
Memorial Division
War Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Col. J. B. Colson

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 27, 1947, your file QMGMR 293, in which you request all available information relative to the place of burial of Elvis N. Spotts, merchant seaman ex the SS CAPE ISABEL, be furnished to your office.

We are endeavoring to obtain the information requested and will transmit it to you as soon as it is received.

Very truly yours,

Ben Martin
Manager, Marine Section

By: J. I. Waldron

J. I. Waldron
Assistant

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QMCNR 293

Spotts, Elvis N.
Merchant Marine

Address Reply to
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

27 MAR 1947

Mr. J. I. Waldron
c/o Mr. Ben Martin
Manager, Marine Operations
United States Maritime Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Waldron:

It is requested that this office be furnished all available information relative to the burial of the following decedent:

NAME:	Spotts, Elvis N.
SERIAL NO.:	Z 394 396
RANK:	Wiper (Merchant Marine)
VESSEL:	S. S. Capte Isabel
DATE OF BIRTH:	6 October 1925
PLACE OF BIRTH:	Clifton Hill, Missouri
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE:	Mr. David Spotts, father, 1223 Corona, Denver, Colorado

Elvis N. Spotts, Merchant Marine, was electrocuted while closing a boiler room door, 22 February 1944 on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. COLSON
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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MAR 27 2 20 PM '47
RECORDS BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

NAME Spotts, Elvis N.
ASN 293 Z-394 396 Wiper (Merchant Marine).

"B/R"
Changes made in information "Form 333"
are from sources listed below:

1. No change.
2. _____
3. _____

Officer's Initials: (D)

FROM: Relationship _____

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY & STATE: _____

TO: Relationship _____

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY & STATE: _____

NAT: _____

File-
27 Mar 47

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
45 Broadway
New York 6, N.Y.

March 3, 1947

Office of the Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington 25, D.C. Attention: Martin G. Riley
Major, QMC
Assistant

Gentlemen:

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Re: Elvis N. Spotts
SS CAPE ISABEL
Your file QMGMR 293

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 24, 1947 in which you ask for all available information relative to the burial of the above-entitled seaman.

No formal burial report was ever received at this office. However, we do have a report dated February 23, 1944 from the office of the port captain, Tarawa, G.I., signed by Lt. Comdr. L.M. Fabian, stating that Elvis N. Spotts was buried in the Marine Memorial Cemetery, Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, in a marked grave.

If this information will not suffice, it is suggested that you communicate with Mr. Ben Martin, Manager, Marine Operations, United States Maritime Commission, Washington 25, D.C., attention of Mr. J.I. Waldron, who may be able to give you further details.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Cantwell
Chief Adjuster
Division of Insurance

BY:

[Signature]
R.F. Morrow
Assistant Chief Adjuster

27 Mar 47
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NAD

QMCNR 293

Spotts, Elvis N.
Merchant Marine

(2-394, 396)

24 FEB 1947

SUBJECT: Burial Information

TO: United States Maritime Commission
Insurance Division
39 Broadway
New York, New York
Attn: Mr. Morrow

It is requested you furnish this office with all available information relative to the burial of the following decedent:

NAME:	Spotts, Elvis N.
SERIAL NO.:	Z 394 396
RANK:	Wiper (Merchant Marine)
VESSEL:	S. S. Capte Isabel
DATE OF DEATH:	22 February 1944
PLACE OF DEATH:	Tarawa, Gilbert Islands
CAUSE OF DEATH:	Electrocuted while closing boiler room door
DATE OF BIRTH:	6 October 1925
PLACE OF BIRTH:	Clifton Hill, Missouri
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE:	Mr. David Spotts, father, 1223 Corona, Denver, Colorado

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Feb 24 2 29 PM '47
MEMORIAL DIVISION
MARTIN G. MAJOR
Major, QMC
Assistant

REGISTRATION AND RECORDS BRANCH

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WAR DEPARTMENT
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

1 NAME OR TITLE <i>Spotts, Elvis</i>	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>Merchant Marine</i>	DATE	CONCURRENCE
2 <i>SN--Z394396</i>		FILE
		INFORMATION
3 <i>Per telephone call from Maritime</i>		NECESSARY ACTION
<i>Commission, Dial 8114, ext 5542.</i>		NOTE AND RETURN
4		SEE ME
<i>All available burial info</i>		SIGNATURE
REMARKS Born October 6, 1925 Clifton Hill, Missouri. Emergency Addressee: David Spotts Father 1223 Corona Denver, Colorado Died February 22, 1944 (Was electrocuted closing boiler room door) <i>SN has been changed on A-Z card.</i>		
FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>Mrs. Lewis</i>	DATE <i>7 Feb 47</i>	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	TELEPHONE	

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Ltr, WD, OQMG, Wash 25, D.C., QMGYG 293, Spotts, Elvis N., SN 43 07 07
032, Subj: Burial Information, 7 Nov 46

MPYQM 220.86 ("S")(7 Nov 46) 3d Ind

Headquarters United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific, Office of the
Quartermaster, APO 958 27 DEC 1946

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

Thorough search of records in this Headquarters reveals no information pertaining to Fireman Third Class Elvis N. Spotts, Navy Serial Number 43 07 07 032.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER:

L. L. Kornbauer
C. M. ISELEY
Lt. Colonel, CAV
Chief, Memorial Branch

For

1 Incl
n/c

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above is not a
Navy Ser. no. possibly
a Social Sec. no.*

Ltr, WD, OQMG, Wash 25, D.C., QMGYG 293, Spotts, Elvis N., SN 43 07
07 032, Subj: Burial Information, 7 Nov 46

29 NOV 1946

MPYQM 220.86 ("S")(7 Nov 46) 1st Ind (S - 31 Dec 46)

Headquarters United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific, APO 958

TO: Commanding Officer, Army Garrison Force, APO 240

1. For compliance with basic communication and return of correspondence to this headquarters.

2. Search of records in this headquarters does not reveal any information on Fireman Third Class Elvis N. Spotts, 43 07 07 032.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HULL:

H. S. Thatcher

1 Incl
n/c

H. S. THATCHER
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY GARRISON FORCE APO 240

7 December 1946

To: Commanding General, Headquarters United States Army Forces Middle Pacific APO 958 Subject: Burial Information dtd 7 November 1946

1. Through search of files does not reveal information of mentioned deceased personnel.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl: n/c

J. Y. Blevins
J. Y. BLEVINS
1st Lt., Inf
Adjutant

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201- Spotts, Elvis N. (and) (7 Nov 46)

None retained in AG

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

IN REPLY REFER TO OMGYG 293

Spotts, Elvis N.
SN 43 07 07 032

7 November 1946

SUBJECT: Burial Information

TO: Commanding General
Army Forces, Middle Pacific
APO 958, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

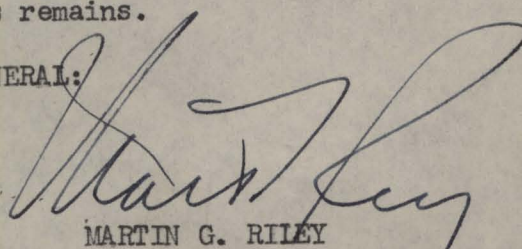
1. Reference is made to the following named decedent for whom no report of burial is on hand in this office:

NAME: Spotts, Elvis N. DATE OF DEATH: 22 February 1944
RANK: Fireman Third Class PLACE OF DEATH: Tarawa, Gilbert Islands
SERIAL NO.: 43 07 07 032

2. The attached correspondence contains information which may aid in the location and recovery of his remains.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
cy ltr 15 Oct 46


MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

2-394 396

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION

AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, AGENT
215 Market Street, San Francisco 5, California

October 15, 1946

File No. I-21-71

Quartermaster General
Memorial Division
War Department
Washington 25, D.C.

Attn: Captain Thomas F. Lewin
Assistant

Dear Sir:

Re: QMGYG 293
Spotts, Elvis N.
SN 43 07 07 032

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Yours faithfully,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
BY: AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, AGENT.

W.C. WEBB
Pacific Insurance and Claims Agent

By /s/ W. O. Siebert

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QMGYG 293
Spotts, Elvis N.
SN 43 07 07 032

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SUBJECT: Burial Information

TO: Commanding General
Army Forces, Middle Pacific
APO 958, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to the following named decedent for whom no report of burial is on hand in this office:

NAME: Spotts, Elvis N. DATE OF DEATH: 22 February 1944

RANK: Fireman Third Class PLACE OF DEATH: Tarawa, Gilbert Islands

SERIAL NO.: 43 07 07 032

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2. The attached correspondence contains information which may aid in the location and recovery of his remains. (21)

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Major, QMC
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Spotts, Elvis N.
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Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

7 November 1946

American Hawaiian Steamship Company
215 Market Street
San Francisco, California
Attention: Mr. W. O. Siebert

Gentlemen:

Your letter concerning the late Fireman Third Class Elvis N. Spotts, has been received in this office.

The information which you supplied is greatly appreciated, and will be forwarded to the Theater of Operations to implement their efforts in the registration of graves of our military personnel.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

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By *J. C. Fisher*

QMGYG 293
Spotts, Elvis N.
SN 43 07 07 032

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

7 November 1946

Mrs. D. W. Spotts
1705 Linwood Boulevard
Kansas City 3, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Spotts:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Fireman Third Class Elvis N. Spotts, has been received in this office.

Information received in this office discloses that the remains of your son were interred in a temporary cemetery established at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands. This information has not yet been verified by an official Report of Burial.

The War Department has now been authorized to remove, at Government expense, to the final resting place designated by the next of kin, the remains of those American citizens who died while serving overseas with our armed forces during this war.

When the necessary preliminaries have been completed, a "Letter of Inquiry -- Return of World War II Dead" will be sent to the next of kin of those American dead. The response to this letter will constitute a formal expression of the next of kin's detailed desires. Since letters to next of kin will be dispatched automatically and according to the records here, communications with this office regarding this subject will not be necessary. The necessity for complete coordination of movement in many parts of the world makes it impossible, at this time, to estimate when this letter will be mailed. Responses to these letters will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

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1705 Linwood Blvd.
 Kansas City, Missouri
 October 15, 1946

War Department
 Quartermaster General
 Memorial Division
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I received your answer to my letter in regard to the burial of my son, the late ²⁹³ Fireman Third Class, Elvis N. Spotts, SN 43 07 07 032, and I am awaiting your advice as to the return of his remains to the United States for final interment.

I can be contacted at any time at 1705 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri - phone Wabash 0494.

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. E. N. Spotts

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Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

9 October 1946

American Hawaiian Steamship Company
215 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

This office has received a request from Mrs. D. W. Spotts requesting burial information concerning her son the late Elvis Nelson Spotts, Fireman Third Class.

It is requested you furnish this office all available information relative to the burial of the decedent in order that we may make a proper reply to Mrs. Spotts.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS F. LEWIN
Captain, QMC
Assistant

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Dear Mrs. Spotts:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Fireman Third Class Elvis N. Spotts, has been received in this office.

It is regretted that up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of your son has not been received in this office. An investigation is being made to obtain this information and when this investigation is completed you will be advised relative to the burial and the return of his remains to the United States for final interment.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS F. LEWIN
Captain, QMC
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS IN THE USE OF THIS FORM

DUE HOUR & DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM	3 TO	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Navy	Corresp.	9-25-46	There is no information in the files of this office regarding the attached case. This was a Merchant Marine and his name has never appeared on any Report of Interment or list of burials submitted from Tarawa. <i>Waite</i> WAITE Ext 73880

*No Burial Report
in Ag. D. Taylor.
27 Sept 46*

If further information
is needed write:

American Hawaiian Steam-
ship Co

215 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif
(M.M. office has no B/R)

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AGO REPORT OF DEATH

TIME OF CALL

Sept 25

TIME OF REPLY

NAME OF DECEASED

Spotts, Elvis M

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

Serial number

4307 07032

CAUSE OF DEATH

Feb 22, 1944

Electrocution SS Cape
Isabel, Jamaica, G.I.

CORRECT RANK

CORRECT SERIAL NUMBER

2394 396

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME

David W. Spotts

RELATIONSHIP

Father

ADDRESS

1223. Corona
Denver Colo.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY (Name)

Miss Gerson

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M. M. Cawley

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APPROVED BY (Sub-Section Chief)

D. Schmidt

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