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293 ADAMS, JOHN E. 0-345,350 MAJOR NORTH AFRICAN AREA M.C. (CALIF.) '44vs



# NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

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|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| AREA OF DEATH<br><b>Italy</b>  |  | CASE NUMBER                       |
| NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)<br><b>Adams, John E.</b>  |  | RANK<br><b>Maj.</b>               |
|  |  | SERIAL NUMBER<br><b>0 345 350</b> |
| IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)   |  |                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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: |  |                                   |

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

## REMARKS

*Hms Lt. David*

|                                       |  |   |                    |
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| RECOMMEND APPROVAL                    |  | APPROVED  | DATE               |
| NAME OF CASE ANALYST<br><i>Hunter</i> | CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION | CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION<br><i>Robert G. Lay</i><br><b>ROBERT G. LAY</b><br><b>Captain, QMC</b> | <b>NOV 14 1950</b> |



## MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE

REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

Name (Last, First, Middle)

ADAMS, JOHN E

Rank

MAJ

Serial Number

0345350

Arm of Service

ARMY

Date of Death

24 JANUARY 1944

Area of Death

ITALY

Name of Auditor

BETHEL

Date

30 AUG. 50

Name of Reviewer

BLATCHLEY

Date

5 SEPT. 50



## CONTROLLED CASE

|   |                          |                       |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| NAME  | GRADE                    | SERIAL NO.            |
| Adams, John E.  | Major                    | O 345 350             |
| DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF: |                          |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION  |                          | FLAGGED BY (Initials) |
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|   |                          | Lt. Barry             |
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## IMPORTANT

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ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.

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

In Reply Refer To  
QMGMU 293  
World War II  
Unrecoverables

MAR 3 - 1949

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverability of Remains

TO : Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Service  
Mediterranean Theater Zone  
APO 794, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Boards of Officers that have convened at your headquarters and have determined that the remains of certain World War II dead are non-recoverable.

2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on all decedents whose names appear on the attached roster.

3. It is requested that all records of your office pertaining to these deceased be amended to read REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

1 Incl  
List of non-  
recoverables

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

NAB  
711b

MAR 1 1949

*L. Christ*  
Identification Branch

X 293 Adams, John E.



## REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE - MEDITERRANEAN ZONE

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|                         |        |            |
|-------------------------|--------|------------|
| Adams, John E.          | Major  | 0 345 350  |
| Halbakken, Gilman       | Pfc.   | 37 091 385 |
| Lovett, John R., Jr.    | S/Sgt. | 34 267 994 |
| Bowers, Reuben M.       | Cpl.   | 19 059 532 |
| Elffors, Norbert C.     | Pfc.   | 36 280 168 |
| Bianche, Thomas         | Pvt.   | 33 604 442 |
| Kline, Edgar            | Pvt.   | 35 010 659 |
| Patton, Leo J.          | Pvt.   | 33 783 921 |
| Thompson, Bernard H.    | Pvt.   | 37 207 081 |
| Pederson, Theodore L.   | Pvt.   | 36 222 407 |
| Croce, Mario Jr.        | Pvt.   | 36 587 784 |
| Golder, George          | Pfc.   | 35 059 757 |
| Cohoon, John H.         | Pvt.   | 13 093 911 |
| Smith, John C.          | Pvt.   | 34 771 775 |
| Vieths, Willard D.      | Pvt.   | 37 553 782 |
| Bordash, Andrew A.      | Pfc.   | 32 806 747 |
| Defoor, Charles W., Jr. | 1/Lt.  | 0 803 353  |
| Williams, George W.     | S/Sgt. | 32 865 584 |

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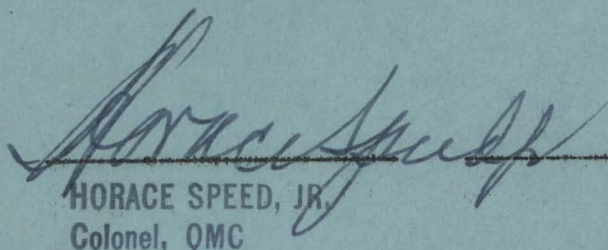
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Identification Branch

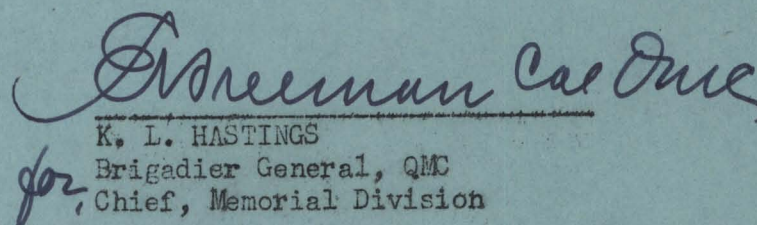


|     | NAME           | RANK  | SERIAL NO. |
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| 293 | ADAMS, John E. | Major | O 345 350  |

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: FEB 18 1949


  
HORACE SPEED, JR.  
Colonel, QMC

APPROVED:  
21 FEB 1949

  
K. L. HASTINGS  
for Brigadier General, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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File

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FORWARDED TO BOARD APPROVED BY BOARD FIELD NOTIFIED RECORD CARD MADE TO 293 FILE



Adams, John E.  
Halbakken, Gilman  
Lovett, John R., Jr.  
Bowers, Reuben M.  
Elffors, Norbert C.  
Blanche, Thomas  
Kline, Edgar  
Patton, Leo J.

Pederson, Theodore L.  
Thompson, Bernard H.  
Croce, Mario Jr.  
Golder, George  
Cohoon, John H.  
Smith, John C.  
Vieths, Willard D.  
Bordash, Andrew A.

#### STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

14 February 1949

1. This case involves the non-recoverability of the remains of sixteen (16) Army personnel who became missing in action as a result of the bombing and sinking of the British Hospital Ship "St. David" in the Tyrrhenian Sea, just off the coast of Anzio, Italy on the night of 24 January 1944. (Tab "A")

- a. Reference is made to par. 4 of 1st Ind. dated 31 May 1944 to the Adjutant General. (Tab "B") Of the 215 individuals manifested aboard the "St. David" all except 55 were rescued. The subject decedents comprising 16 of the 55, leaving a total of 39 individuals unaccounted for. AGO Casualty List #42 (Tab "A"), lists the subject decedents as the only Army personnel manifested aboard the "St. David" unaccounted for. Therefore, it appears that the determination of the non-recoverability of the remains of the remaining 39 individuals is not a matter for consideration by this office.

2. Status Review and Determination Report obtained from AGO, (Tab "C") reveals that less than two hours after departing from Anzio, Italy, the "St. David" received a direct hit, resulting in a heavy explosion and fire. The lights went out immediately and the ship sank within ten minutes. The fact that the incident occurred in an area controlled by Allied Forces rendered possible the prompt rescue of survivors by two British ships and a U.S. Naval vessel. It is believed that some of the missing personnel were killed by the explosion, and some so badly wounded that they were unable to escape and others trapped below decks because of the rapidity with which the ship sank. A detailed account of the sinking and an affidavit of one of the survivors, 2/Lt. Laura R. Hindman, N-724 590, ANC, is also contained in the Status Review and Determination Report.



Statement of Investigation Cont'd.

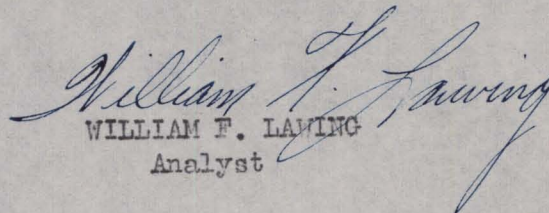
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3. An extensive search was made of the entire west coast of Italy and adjacent islands by AGRS personnel in an effort to recover the remains of the subject decedents. The results were negative. (Tabs "D" and "E")

4. The following files have been checked by this office with negative results, in an endeavor to find any possible burial location of subject decedents either as knowns or unknowns:

- a. A-Z files of known interments in U.S. Military Cemeteries, isolated locations and sea burials.
- b. Alphabetical index file of "Believed to be" and potentially identified unknowns.
- c. Alphabetical file of former unknowns now identified.
- d. Geographical clue index file of unknowns interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries in the general area in which the subjects deceased were last reported.
- e. 293 files of subjects deceased.

5. All information secured confirms the Findings and substantiates the recommendations made by the Overseas Board.

  
WILLIAM F. LAVING  
Analyst



QMGM 293

FD/tp

Adams, John E. O-345350

and fifteen (15) enlisted personnel

## REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF OFFICERS

Organization: Headquarters, 9107 TSU-QMC  
 American Graves Registration Service  
 Mediterranean Zone  
 APO 794, US Army

Place : Rome, Italy.

Proceedings of Board of Officers which convened at Rome, Italy, pursuant to Par. 3, Special Order No. 100, Headquarters, 9107 TSU-QMC, AGRS/MZ, APO 794, dated 3 June 1948, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A".

The Board met pursuant to the foregoing order at 1330 hours on JUN 21 1948

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT AS INDICATED

|        |                      |           |     |   |
|--------|----------------------|-----------|-----|---|
| Major  | TOWNSEND C. ANDERSON | 0-30195   | QMC | A |
| Major  | BAILEY SKINNER       | 0-497876  | QMC | P |
| Capt   | THOMAS P. PULLIAM    | 0-1586051 | QMC | P |
| Capt   | SAMUEL F. FRITZ      | 0-410379  | QMC | A |
| Capt   | ROBERT C. OLSEN      | 0-444621  | MC  | A |
| 1st Lt | HENRY B. ZUIDEMA     | 0-454611  | QMC | P |
| 1st Lt | LEON W. ENDERLIN     | 0-1547286 | MSC | A |

PURPOSE

(a) To review and act upon all cases pertaining to the identity of Unknown remains referred to the Board by Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

(b) To review and determine in all cases, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board by Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

(c) If approved, these cases will be removed from the Agenda for further search and attempts to identify and no further search or investigation will be made unless additional information is forthcoming or orders, are received from the OCMG to the contrary.

The following case was brought before the Board:

The following U.S. Army personnel were killed in action, aboard the British Hospital ship, HMHS "St. David", at Anzio, Italy, on 24 January 1944, as the result of enemy aircraft dive bombing. Map reference: F 8617, sheet 17, Road Map of Italy, 1:200,000.



(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on Adams, John E. and fifteen (15) enlisted personnel, continued.)

|        |                       |          |
|--------|-----------------------|----------|
| Maj.   | Adams, John E.        | O-345350 |
| S/Sgt. | Lovett, John R., Jr.  | 34267994 |
| Cpl.   | Bowers, Reuben M.     | 19059532 |
| Pfc.   | Elffors, Norbert C.   | 36280168 |
| Pvt.   | Bianche, Thomas       | 33604442 |
| Pvt.   | Kline, Edgar          | 35010659 |
| Pvt.   | Patton, Leo J.        | 33783921 |
| Pvt.   | Pederson, Theodore L. | 36222407 |
| Pvt.   | Thompson, Bernard H.  | 37207081 |
| Pvt.   | Croce, Mario Jr.      | 36587784 |
| Pfc.   | Golder, George        | 35059757 |
| Pvt.   | Cohoon, John H.       | 13093911 |
| Pvt.   | Smith, John C.        | 34771775 |
| Pvt.   | Vieths, Willard D.    | 37553782 |
| Pfc.   | Bordash, Andrew A.    | 32806747 |
| Pfc.   | Halbakken, Gilman     | 37091385 |

The identifiable remains of the above mentioned decedents have not been recovered by this headquarters.

#### FINDINGS

The Board having carefully considered the evidence presented finds that:

(a) No member of the above named U.S. Army personnel has been seen or heard from, since 24 January 1944. (Exhibit "B", (16) OQMG Forms 371)

(b) Subject decedents were aboard the HMHS "St. David", (British Hospital Ship) which was bombed by enemy aircraft, in the Port of Anzio, on the night of 24 January 1944. (Exhibit "C", 1st. Ind. Ltr. Hq. NATOUSA, dtd. 31 May 1944.)

(c) A search of the entire west coast of Italy and its adjacent islands made by AGRS/MZ searching team, failed to recover the identifiable remains of the sixteen (16) herein mentioned casualties. (Exhibit "D" Statement, Major Anderson.)

(d) Records this headquarters indicate that the identifiable remains of none of the above mentioned casualties have been recovered or interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries throughout Italy to date.

(e) Dental records and other identification data pertaining to subject decedents have been compared with all available dental records and identification data of all unidentified deceased recovered from the west coast of Italy and adjacent islands, without effecting an association.



(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on Adams, John E. and fifteen (15) enlisted personnel, continued.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the findings the Board recommends that no further attempts toward recovery of subject decedents be made and that the remains be declared Non-Recoverable, in accordance with provisions of Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 1947) D-M Subject "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of "Unknown Dead Overseas", dated 9 April 1947.

The Board adjourned at 1730 hours on JUN 21 1948

*Bailey Skinner*  
BAILEY SKINNER  
Major QMC

TOWNSEND C. ANDERSON  
Major QMC

*Thomas P. Pulliam*  
THOMAS P. PULLIAM  
Capt QMC

SAMUEL F. FRITZ  
Capt QMC

ROBERT C. OLSEN  
Capt MC

*Henry B. Zuidema*  
HENRY B. ZUIDEMA  
1st Lt QMC

LEON W. ENDERLIN  
1st Lt MSC

ACTION BY COMMANDING AUTHORITY 24 JUN 1948

Approved:

*Whitfield W. Watson*  
WHITFIELD W. WATSON  
Colonel QMC  
Commanding

4 Exhibits:

- "A" - Special Order, Appointing Board of Review
- "B" - sixteen (16) OQMG Forms 371
- "C" - 1st. Ind. Ltr. Hq. NATOUSA, dtd. 31 May 1944.
- "D" - Statement, Major Anderson.



HEAD QUARTERS  
9107 TSU - QMC  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE  
APO 794 US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS

3 June 1948

NUMBER 100

EXTRACT

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3. The following officers, this command, are appointed as a Board of Review for "Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", effective this date.

|        |                     |           |     |
|--------|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| Major  | TOWNSEND C ANDERSON | 0-20195   | QMC |
| Major  | BAILEY SKINNER      | 0-497876  | QMC |
| Capt   | THOMAS P PULLIAM    | 0-1586051 | QMC |
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| 1st Lt | LEON W ENDERLIN     | 0-1547286 | MSC |

The Junior member of the Board in proceedings will act in the capacity of recorder. Subject Board will met at the call of the resident. WDAGO Ltr: AGAO-S/293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M. 9 April 1947.

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL WATSON:

WILLARD EDGERTON  
Major QMC  
Acting Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

*Willard Edgerton*  
WILLARD EDGERTON  
Major QMC  
Acting Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION

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Exhibit "A"



CASUALTY BRANCH  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

List No. 42

PERSONNEL LOST AT SEA AS RESULT OF SHIP SINKINGS DURING WORLD WAR II

|               |   |                   |           |
|---------------|---|-------------------|-----------|
| HMHS ST DAVID | Tyrrhenian Sea near<br>the coast of Italy | NAT               | 24 Jan 44 |
| Name of Ship  | Place Sunk                                | Reporting Theater | Date      |

SUNK AS RESULT OF DIVE BOMBER ATTACK

| NAME                  | ASN      | RANK   | ORGANIZATION<br>OR ARM OR<br>SERVICE | INITIAL<br>CASUALTY<br>STATUS | PRESENT<br>CASUALTY<br>STATUS | BURIAL REPORT<br>ON FILE |    |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----|
|                       |          |        |                                      |                               |                               | YES                      | NO |
| Levett, John R., Jr.  | 34267994 | S/Sgt. | CE                                   | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Bowers, Reuben M.     | 19059532 | Cpl    | FA                                   | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Elffors, Norbert C.   | 36280168 | Pfc    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Bianche, Thomas       | 33604442 | Pvt    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Kline, Edgar          | 35010659 | Pvt    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Patton, Leo J.        | 33783921 | Pvt    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Pederson, Theodore L. | 36222407 | Pvt    | CE                                   | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Thompson, Bernard H.  | 37207081 | Pvt    | CE                                   | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Groce, Mario Jr.      | 36587784 | Pvt    | FA                                   | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Golder, George        | 35059757 | Pfc    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Cohoon, John H.       | 13093911 | Pvt    | MD                                   | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Smith, John C.        | 34771775 | Pvt    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Vieths, Willard D.    | 37553782 | Pvt    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Bordash, Andrew A.    | 32806747 | Pfc    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Adams, John E.        | 0345350  | Maj    | MC                                   | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |
| Halbakken, Gilman     | 37091385 | Pfc    | INF                                  | MIA                           | KIA                           |                          | X  |



AG 704/303 - C, (26 May 44) 1st Ind.  
 HQ, NATOUA, APO 534m US Army, 31 May 1944.

OE/mrl

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C. (Attn: Casualty Branch).

1. The following US Army personnel became MIA 24 January 1944 as a result of the sinking of HMHC "St. David":

Major John B. Adams, O-345350  
 S/Sgt. John R. Lovett, Jr., 34267994.  
 Cpl. Reuben M. Bowers, 19059532.  
 Pfc. Norbert C. Elffors, 36280168.  
 Pfc. George Golder, 35059757.  
 Pfc. Gilman Halbakken, 37091385.  
 Pvt. Thomas Bianche, 33604442.  
 Pvt. Andrew A. Bardash, 33806747.  
 Pvt. John H. Cohoon, 13093911.  
 Pvt. Mario Croce, Jr. 36587784.  
 Pvt. Edgar Kline 35010659.  
 Pvt. Leo J. Patton, 33783921.  
 Pvt. Theodore L. Pederson, 36222407.  
 Pvt. John C. Smith, 34771775.  
 Pvt. Bernard H. Thompson 37207081  
 Pvt. Willard D. Vieths, 37553782

2. Shortly after dark on the night of 24 January 1944, the HMHC "St. David" was subjected to a low level attack by an unknown number of dive bombers. Flares had been dropped to outline the target. One bomb fell on the after well deck resulting in a heavy explosion and fire. The lights went out immediately and the ship sank in ten (10) minutes.

3. The abandon-ship was carried out orderly and well. Some life boats and rafts were launched, some were overturned due to listing of the ship while being launched and some were rendered unseaworthy as a result of the explosion. Apparently everyone was equipped with a life belt and all were evacuated from the ship except those trapped or killed by the explosion and resulting fire.

4. There were 215 individuals including crew and patients aboard. Of these, all except 55 were rescued by two other British hospital carriers and a US Naval vessel which were in the immediate vicinity. The sinking took place in the Tyrrhenian Sea not far off shore. It is believed that everyone who was evacuated from the ship was shortly picked up and that no loss of life was incurred by those who took to rafts and life boats. The records contain no indication of enemy attack on survivors. The temperature of the air and water was cold, with a moderate sea. No further information is available.

5. Since over four (4) months has elapsed during which no trace of the above (16) casualties has been found, and due to the fact that the possibility of their falling into the hands of the enemy is extremely remote, it is believed that reasonably conclusive evidence of death exists and that their status should be changed to KIA 24 January 1944, providing their families have received no communication from them since that date.

For the THEATER COMMANDER:

Exhibit "C"

OWEN ELLIOT  
 Major, AGD  
 Asst. Adjutant General

B



REVIEW  
AND  
DETERMINATION OF STATUS  
OF  
STAFF SERGEANT JOHN R. LOVETT, JR., 34267994  
AND  
THIRTEEN OTHERS  
ABOARD HMHC " ST. DAVID".

Status Review and Determination Section

C  
Casualty Branch



AG 704 DEAD (23 Sep 44)

23 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status of  
 Staff Sergeant John R. Lovett, Jr., 34267994,  
 and Thirteen Others Aboard HM HC "ST. DAVID."

1. Shipment number 044 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported the following named enlisted men missing in action since 24 January 1944:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Staff Sergeant John R. Lovett, Jr.     | 34267994, CE  |
| Corporal Reuben M. Bowers              | 19059532, FA  |
| Private First Class Norbert C. Elffors | 36280168, INF |
| Private Thomas Bianche                 | 33604442, INF |
| Private Edgar Kline                    | 35010659, INF |
| Private Leo J. Patton                  | 33783921, INF |
| Private Theodore L. Pederson           | 36222407, CE  |
| Private Bernard H. Thompson            | 37207081, CE  |

(1)\*

2. Shipment number 0400 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported Private Mario Croce, Jr., 36587784, FA, missing in action since 24 January 1944.

(2)

3. Shipment number 052 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported the following named enlisted men missing in action since 24 January 1944:

|                                   |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Private First Class George Golder | 35059757, INF |
| Private John H. Cohoon            | 13093911, MD  |
| Private John C. Smith             | 34771775, INF |

(3)

4. Shipment number 061 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported Private Willard D. Vieths, 37553782, INF., missing in action since 24 January 1944.

(4)

5. Shipment number 053 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported Private First Class Andrew A. Bordash, 32806747, INF., missing in action since 22 January 1944. Radio F 30605 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, corrected the date from which subject enlisted man was missing in action to 24 January 1944.

(5,6)

\*Numbers in parentheses refer to attached list of Source Materials.



AG 704 DEAD (23 Sep 44)

6. The Commanding General, North African Theater of Operations, submitted the following report concerning the missing status of subject personnel:

"1. The following US Army personnel became MIA 24 January 1944, as a result of the sinking of HMHC 'St. David':

Major, John E. Adams, O-345350  
S/Sgt. John R. Lovett, 34267994  
Cpl. Reuben M. Bowers, 19059532  
Pfc. Norbert C. Elffors, 36280168  
Pfc. George Golder, 350597757  
Pfc. Gilman Halbakken, 37091385  
Pvt. Thomas Bianche, 33704442  
Pvt. Andrew A. Bordash, 32806747  
Pvt. John H. Cohoon, 13093911  
Pvt. Mario Croce, Jr., 36587784  
Pvt. Edgar Kline, 35010659  
Pvt. Leo J. Patton, 33783921  
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Pvt. Willard D. Vieths, 36553782

"2. Shortly after dark on the night of 24 January 1944, the HMHC 'ST. DAVID' was subjected to a low level attack by an unknown number of dive bombers. Flares had been dropped to outline the target. One bomb fell on the after well deck resulting in a heavy explosion and fire. The lights went out immediately and the ship sank in (10) ten minutes.

"3. The abandon ship was carried out orderly and well. Some life boats and rafts were launched, some were overturned due to listing of the ship while being launched and some were rendered unseaworthy as a result of the explosion. Apparently everyone was equipped with a life belt and all were evacuated from the ship except those trapped or killed by the explosion and resulting fire.

"4. There were 215 individuals crew and patients aboard. Of these, all except 55 were rescued by two other British hospital carriers and a US Naval vessel which were in the immediate vicinity. The sinking took place in the Tyrrhenian Sea not far off shore. It is believed that everyone who was evacuated from the ship was shortly picked up and that no loss of life was incurred by those who took to rafts and life boats. The records contain no indication of enemy attack



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on survivors. The temperature of the air and water was cold, with a moderate sea. No further information is available.

"5. Since over four (4) months has elapsed during which no trace of the above (16) casualties has been found, and due to the fact that the possibility of their falling into the hands of the enemy is extremely remote, it is believed that reasonably conclusive evidence of death exists and that their status should be changed to KIA 24 January 1944, providing their families have received no communication from them since that date.

(7)

"7. The status of Major John E. Adams has been determined to be "killed in action" 24 January 1944.

(8)

8. Affidavit of Second Lieutenant Laura R. Hindman, N724590, ANC, submitted as an inclosure to a report from 2nd Auxiliary Surgical Group, 14 February 1944, pertaining to the disappearance of Major John E. Adams, 0345350, MC., who was lost on HMHC "ST. DAVID" is as follows:

"This is to certify that I was aboard the British Hospital Carrier 'St. David' on the night of January 24, 1944 at the time the ship was sunk as the result of a direct hit by an aerial bomb. We had left the port of Anzio, Italy at approximately 1730 hours in company with the other British Hospital Carriers 'Leinster' and 'St. Andrew'. The ships were lighted in the manner prescribed by the Geneva Convention as soon as the 5 mile limit was reached. They stood out brilliantly in the night as the result of the lighting. I was the surgical nurse on the surgical team headed by Major John E. Adams aboard the 'St. David'. We had been given no especial duties and no boat station assignment in the event of an emergency, or the necessity to abandon ship.

"The ship was hit at approximately 1920 hours. All lights on the ship immediately went out. At the time, I was in my stateroom on Deck 'C' with wnd Lt. Anna Bess Berret, my roommate. With the aid of a flashlight, we grabbed our life preservers and started for the stairway. We had ascended to 'B' Deck and Major Adams was standing at the head of the stairs holding a flashlight and, presumably, waiting for us to come up from below. Major Adams helped me put on my life preserver and commented 'Well, Ruth, you have gotten it again'. (Note: Miss Hindman was aboard the British Hospital Carrier 'Newfoundland' when it was bombed and sunk on September 12, 1943 about 20 miles off Salerno Beachhead). After I had gotten the life preserver on, I sat down on the steps and hastily put on



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my shoes. I then started up the steps from 'B' Deck to 'A' Deck when I realized that I had left Miss Berret behind in my haste. I turned and called to her to 'come on'. At this very moment I saw Major Adams for the last time. He had gone into the resuscitation ward on 'B' Deck where he had several seriously ill patients. I am sure that his motive was to see that these cases were evacuated from the ship. Miss Berret and I bounded out into 'A' Deck portside and were immediately ordered into the nearest life boat. Just as we were getting seated someone exclaimed that the ship was sinking. From the position of the mast it was evident that the ship was rolling over on its portside. Someone screamed for everyone to jump out of the lifeboat and clear the ship as much as possible. Due to the resultant panic and confusion at this instant, I was unable to get out and was carried beneath the surface of the water. In fact, at this time, the entire ship sank and I was dragged down with it. I am unable to say by what means I became extricated from the sinking wreckage. The next thing I knew I seemed to be coming up to the surface, but each of the two times that I came up, I seemed to be caught beneath some part of the ship. When I came up for the third time, I was free of the wreckage and the ship had completely disappeared. There were numerous screaming survivors in the water about me. We were eventually rescued and carried aboard the British Hospital Carrier 'Leinster'.

I feel that Major Adams lost his life attempting to rescue the patients. Knowing the rapidity with which the ship sank after we left him, there was practically no chance for him to have escaped."

9. Examination of Casualty Branch files, AG 201 files, and Enlisted records discloses that in only ten cases is there a statement of the disability or reason for evacuation. One man, Cohoon, being evacuated because of disease, nature unstated; one man, Elffors, being evacuated because of an injury, a sprained ankle, incurred in action, and the other eight suffering from light wounds which, although incapacitating as far as combat is concerned, would not render the individual a stretcher case or immobile.

10. On 24 January 1944, HMHC "ST. DAVID", while evacuating wounded personnel from Anzio, Italy, was attacked and sunk by an undetermined number of enemy aircraft. The attack took place at approximately 1920 hours, while the ship was proceeding through the Tyrrhenian Sea, not far from shore, lighted in accordance with the Geneva Convention. A bomb from an enemy dive bomber made a direct hit on the after well deck, resulting in a heavy explosion. The ship's lights went out and abandonment of the ship commenced. Within a few minutes the ship began to list to port, rolled over and sank. The time



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elapsed between the bomb hit and the disappearance of the ship has been estimated as between five and ten minutes. Rescue operations were conducted by two other British hospital ships and a US Naval Vessel. All survivors who succeeded in escaping from the sinking ship were picked up by the rescue ships. In view of the fact that the ship received a direct hit from an enemy bomb which exploded with sufficient force to disable the ship, disrupt the lighting system and sink it within 10 minutes, it must be assumed that some of the missing persons were killed outright by the force of the explosion, and that others were trapped in portions of the ship from which egress was blocked by the force of the explosion or debris resulting therefrom. Within a very short time, the ship listed seriously and then rolled over, so that it is reasonable to assume that some of the missing were unable to reach the deck and when the ship rolled over, were trapped and drowned. The account of Lieutenant Hindman establishes that there were patients below deck when she left the stairway. Although, from the meagre records available, it is impossible to determine the seriousness of the disability of the missing persons, all but four of them had been previously reported slightly wounded in action and there are no previous casualty reports on the other four. From this, it is to be assumed that these men were able to care for themselves in an emergency and unless killed or trapped, would have been able to leave the ship prior to its sinking. It is to be noted that, in all likelihood, the rolling over of the ship accounted for some casualties either caught in the rigging and dragged down, or struck by articles such as life boats or hatch covers falling from the deck and either killed or rendered unconscious and drowned. This sinking took place during the period of establishment of the Anzio Beachhead and the waters were under control of the Allied forces. Rescue Operations were prompt and unobstructed. Since rescue ships were close by at the time of the sinking, it must be assumed that all survivors were promptly rescued. The Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, has recommended that the status of the missing persons be changed from "Missing in action" 24 January 1944, to "Killed in action" 24 January 1944. In view of the circumstances surrounding the sinking and the complete lack of evidence of survival, no reason is perceived why this office should not act upon that recommendation. It is, therefore, recommended that the status of the enlisted men mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, be changed from "missing in action" 24 January 1944, to "killed in action" 24 January 1944.



11. Evidence considered sufficient to establish conclusively the fact of death was received by the War Department on 22 September 1944.

CHARLES B. CLANCY, JR.,  
Second Lieutenant, A.G.D.  
Special Determination  
Sub-Section

CONCURRED IN:

JOHN T. BURNS  
Major, A.G.D.  
Status Review and  
Determination Section

DANIEL P. POTEET  
Colonel, A.G.D.  
Officer in Charge,  
Status Review and  
Determination Section

APPROVED:

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Secretary of War by Section 9 of the Act approved March 7, 1942 (56 Stat 143), as amended by Public Law 408-78th Congress, approved July 1, 1944, and delegated to the Chief, Casualty Branch, Adjutant General's Office, by a delegation of authority dated 22 August 1944, the information cited in the foregoing review and determination of status is accepted as an official report of death. Reports of death will be issued stating that subject personnel died on 24 January 1944, and that evidence of their death was received by the War Department on 22 September 1944.

By order of the Secretary of War:

GEORGE F. HERBERT  
Colonel, A.G.D.  
Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O.

Staff Sergeant John R. Lovell, Jr., 34267994,  
and Thirteen Others Aboard HMHC "ST. DAVID."



HEADQUARTERS  
9107 TSU - QMC  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE  
APO 794 US ARMY

14 June 1948

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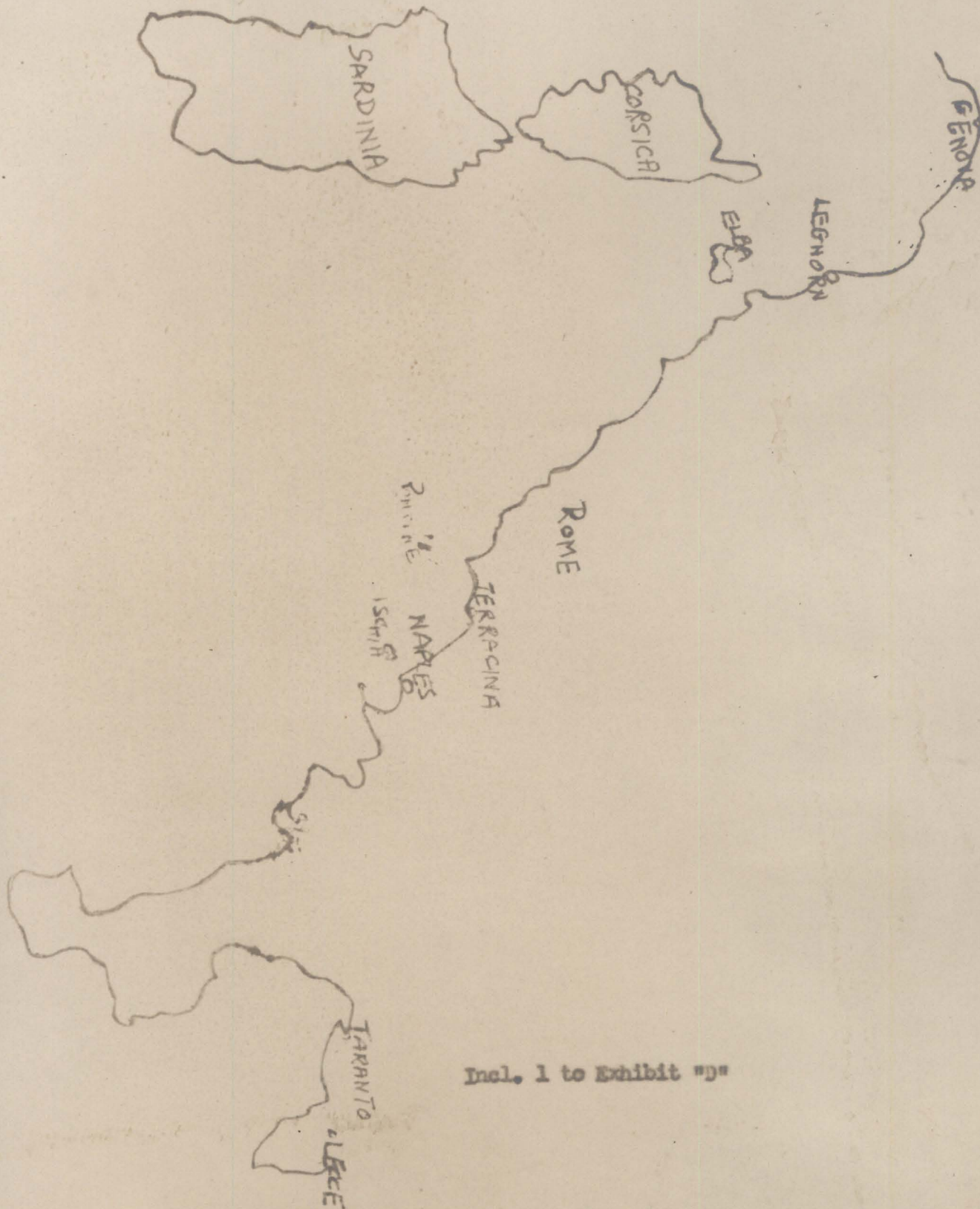
I certify that the coastlines of Italy from Lecce, Grid:  
5.4 - 0.2 (South-East) to the French Border and adjacent islands was  
searched for remains of American deceased and that statements from  
town and church officials and local civilians of towns and villages  
located on the seacoast and islands, certifying that to their knowledge  
no remains of American deceased are interred or above ground in the  
territory under their jurisdiction, are on file in Headquarters, AGRS/MZ:

/s/ T. C. Anderson  
/t/ T. C. ANDERSON  
Major QMC  
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Exhibit "D"





Incl. 1 to Exhibit "D"

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FORM 371

293 FILE

OAG 293

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Grade

Present Serial Number

Adams, John E.

Maj

O-345350

ORGANIZATION

Race

Creed

Former Serial Number

2nd Auxiliary Surgical Gp.

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Prot

Date of Death/ MIA

Cause of Death

Place of Death or Place Last Seen if MIA

24 Jan. 44

Date of FOD

Aboard British Hospital Ship <sup>Port ANZ</sup>  
"St. David" sunk off the coast of Italy.

KIA

Height

Weight

Color Eyes

Color Hair

Shoe Size

5' 10"

160

NOT OF RECORD

N/R

N/R

DENTAL CHART DATE NOT SHOWN

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 birthmarks

Additional Information:

Exhibit B - 1



*John E. Adams*

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The Records show medical treatment as follows

| Hospital                        | From      | To         | Register Number |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| Hoff D. H. Santa Barbara, Calif | 28 Dec 41 | 31 Dec 41  | 1465 ✓          |
| "                               | "         | 5 Jan 42   | 1530 ✓          |
| "                               | "         | 28 July 42 | 4484 ✓          |
|                                 |           | 17 Aug 42  |                 |

Clerk

Date

Branch



Identification Section  
Memorial Division

Identification Data

| Last Name | First | Initial | ASN      | Grade |
|-----------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| ADAMS     | JOHN  | E       | 10345350 | Maj   |

| Height | Weight | Color Eyes    | Color Hair    | Shoe Size     | Date of Death |
|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 5' 10" | 160    | not of record | not of record | not of record | 24 Jan 44     |

Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)

2nd Auxiliary Surgical Group

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

Aboard Hesp Ship (British) "St. David" off coast Port Moresby

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION

Hoff G. H. Santa Barbara Calif  
Hanson G. H. Atlanta Ga.

DATES

Jan 41 to Sept 42  
Sept 42 to Dec 42

Fractures and/or Breaks

Tattoos and/or Birth marks

DENTAL CHART

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Upper Right

1 X 3 4 5 6 7 X

Upper Left

X 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

Lower Right

9 10 11 12 13 X 15 X

Lower Left

X - Extracted

O - Carious

/ - Carious non-restorable

Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown



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| 293 FILE   |                                | DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED                       |  |   |
| NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)<br><i>293</i><br><i>ADAMS, JOHN E.</i>                      |                                | GRADE<br><i>MAJ.</i>  |  | PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER<br><i>0345350</i> |
| ORGANIZATION<br><i>2ND AUXILIARY SURGICAL GP.</i>  |                                | RACE<br><i>W</i>  | CREED<br><i>PROT.</i>  | FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)    |
| DATE OF DEATH/MIA<br><i>24 JAN. 44</i>   | CAUSE OF DEATH<br><i>K I A</i> |   | PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA<br><i>ABOARD BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP "ST. DAVID" SUNK OFF THE COAST OF ITALY.</i> |   |
| DATE OF FOD  |                                |   |  |   |
| HEIGHT<br><i>5' 10"</i>  | WEIGHT<br><i>160</i>           | COLOR EYES<br><i>—</i>  | COLOR HAIR<br><i>—</i>   | SHOE SIZE<br><i>—</i>                   |
| DENTAL CHART   |                                |   |  |   |
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| LOWER RIGHT<br><br><i><del>16</del> 15 14 13 12 11 10 9</i>                                    |                                | LOWER LEFT<br><br><i>9 10 11 12 13 <del>14</del> 15 <del>16</del></i> |  |   |
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| FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS  |                                | TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK  |  |   |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION   |                                |   |  |   |
| <div><div>file</div><div>28 APR 1948</div><div>L. A. Bauffman</div><div>Iden Bu</div></div>    |                                |   |  |   |



QMGMU 293 *Adams, John F 4th Ind.*  
*345-350*  
314.6 (Mediterranean Zone)

WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D.C.

5 May 1947

TO: Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean Theater Zone, APO 794, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. The cases enumerated in Inclosure 1 are returned to your headquarters for necessary action, in accordance with instruction contained in letter WDAGO, Washington, D. C., dated 9 April 1947, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 47) D-M, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas.

2. Reference is made to the contents of paragraph 1-b of subject correspondence, which indicates that a Board of Review will review and determine in all cases, from evidence presented, the nonrecoverability of remains referred to the Board by area or independent Zone AGRS Headquarters.

3. Further reference is made to paragraph 3 which indicates that the cases with all evidence contributing to a conclusion of nonrecoverability will be referred to the Field Board for official review and decision, and the finding of subject board, together with all documentary evidence will be forwarded to the Memorial Division, OQMG, Washington, D.C., for administrative approval.

4. It is desired that copies of documentary evidence and board findings be furnished in sufficient number to allow a complete file for each individual concerned.

5. It is evident that there will be found many cases for which additional investigation is not warranted. In these cases only the administrative board action indicated in the letter referred to in paragraph 1, will be necessary.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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*James C. MacFarland*  
JAMES C. MacFARLAND  
Major, QMG  
Memorial Division



RB 293

3rd Ind.

LW/mc

Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean Theater  
Separate Zone Command-MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. ARMY, 20 December 1946

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.  
Attention: (MEMORIAL DIVISION)

1. Efforts to locate and identify <sup>293</sup>Major JOHN E. ADAMS, O 345 350,  
have met with negative results.

2. Should information become available on Major ADAMS, same will  
be forwarded immediately to the Office of the Quartermaster General.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

SAMUEL F. FRITZ  
Captain QMC  
S-1

1 Incl: n/c





RB 293

1st Ind.

TF/az

Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean Theater  
Separate Zone Command-Mtousa, APO 794, US Army. 18 November 1946.

To: Commanding Officer, 7109 GRU (Ovhd), Anzio Area, APO 794, U. S. Army.

1. No report of interment is on file this headquarters for Major  
John E. Adams, O-345 350, KIA 24 January 1944, Italy.

2. It is requested that an investigation be conducted in an effort to  
establish the identity of subject decedent by possible association with cir-  
cumstances surrounding the death and location of applicable unknowns buried  
in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SCOTT:

SAMUEL F. FRTTZ  
Captain QMC  
S-1

1 Incl: n/c

2nd ind.

Commanding Officer, 7109the GRU (Ovhd), Anzio Area, Apo 794, U. S. Army.  
12 December 1946.

TO: Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean  
Theater Separate Zone Command-Mtousa, APO 794 U. S. Army.

Every attempt has been made to associate subject decedent with  
unknowns buried in the U. S. Mil. Cem. Nettuno, Italy, byt negative  
results obtained.

JOSEPH F. NAHAN,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Commanding

1 Incl: n/c



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

31 October 1946

In Reply Refer To  
QMGYG 293

Adams, John E.  
SN O-345350

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

TO: Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Service  
Mediterranean Theater Separate Zone Command  
MTOUSA, APO 794, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMGYG 314.6, Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate, is OQMG Form 371 for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

| <u>NAME</u>    | <u>GRADE</u> | <u>SERIAL NO.</u> |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Adams, John E. | Major        | O-345350          |

3. The attached OQMG Form 371 contains all information available from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the AG Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Clinical Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, and captured enemy documents, and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters.

4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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| 293 FILE   |                  | DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED |  |                                      |                       |
| NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)                   |                  |   | GRADE  |                                      | PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER |
| Adams, John E.                                       |                  |   | Major  |                                      | 0-345350              |
| ORGANIZATION   |                  | RACE  | CREED  | FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable) |                       |
| 2nd Auxiliary Surgical Gr.                           |                  | White   | Protestant   |                                      |                       |
| DATE OF DEATH/MIA                                    | CAUSE OF DEATH   |   | PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA                             |                                      |                       |
| 24 Jan 1944  | Killed In Action |   | Aboard Hosp. Ship (British) St. David off Coast of Port Anzio, Italy |                                      |                       |
| DATE OF FOD  |                  |   |  |                                      |                       |
| HEIGHT   | WEIGHT           | COLOR EYES                                      | COLOR HAIR   | SHOE SIZE                            |                       |
| 5' 10"   | 160              | Not of Record                                   | Not of Record  | Not of Record                        |                       |
| DENTAL CHART Date Not Shown                          |                  |   |  |                                      |                       |
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| FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS                              |                  |   | TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK   |                                      |                       |
| NO RECORD  |                  |   | NO RECORD  |                                      |                       |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION                               |                  |   |  |                                      |                       |
| AGE: 33 Years  |                  |   |  |                                      |                       |



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON  
REPORT OF DEATH

12 May 1944  
DATE EM/pmr/4627

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|   |                                      |                                    |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FULL NAME<br>Adams, John E.   |                                      | ARMY SERIAL NO.<br>0-345 350       |
| GRADE<br>Major  | ARM OR SERVICE<br>Medical Corps      | DATE OF BIRTH<br>16 Oct 1911       |
| HOME ADDRESS<br>Los Angeles, California.  |                                      |                                    |
| DATE OF DEATH<br>24 Jan 44  | PLACE OF DEATH<br>North African Area | CAUSE OF DEATH<br>Killed In Action |
| EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS)<br>Mrs. Helen M. Adams, wife, Hallock, Minnesota.   |                                      |                                    |
| BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS)<br>Mrs. Helen Marie Adams, wife, Hallock, Minnesota.<br>Mr. James Richard Adams, brother, 246 W. 6th St., Huntington, W. Va.<br>Mr. James V. Adams, father, 834 Rivermont, Lynchburg, Va. |                                      |                                    |

Battle.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

J. W. Reinhart.

THIS COPY FOR THE Q. M. G. (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

(OVER)

ADJUTANT GENERAL

17 MAY 1944 FILE



ADDITIONAL DATA: (CONFIDENTIAL)

STATION OF DECEASED

6  
JAN 13 1944  
North African Area (near the coast of Italy)

MAY 13 3 12 PM '44

MEMORIAL DIVISION

The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been absent in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 24 January 1944, and until such absence was terminated by the receipt in the War Department of evidence of death as determined by the Head of the Department upon the basis of evidence establishing the fact of death, date of said termination being 26 April 1944.



Maj.  
J

293 Adams, John E.

md

0-435' 350



Summary Court-Martial  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Case No. 41355-D hjb(Date) 1 Sept 1944

Subject: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

John E. AdamsO-435350

, late a

(Name of deceased soldier)

(Army Serial No.)

MajorMedical Corps

who died

(Grade)

(Organization, Arm or Service)

26April44North African Area

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112 a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 228, HQ., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of the decedent being present at his camp or quarters, his effects were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. \_\_\_\_\_)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt \_\_\_\_\_, Incl. \_\_\_\_\_.)

XXXXXXXXXX

d. Disposition of decedent's effects and money (less the amount paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below).

## FINDING:

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri on 17 July 4, 1944, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application and/or affidavit of Mrs. Helen M. Adams (Name of \_\_\_\_\_) for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, now (Claimant) in the possession of the United States, together with other relevant evidence, were duly considered:

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112 Mrs. Helen M. Adams (Name of person found entitled)

of Hallock, State of \_\_\_\_\_ (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Minnesotawidow

, is the

(Relationship or Capacity)

named deceased soldier and appears to be entitled to receive his effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

W. F. HEHMAN, Major

Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)

SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL

RET:ml

Eff QM Form 75



WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
Kansas City, Missouri

In the matter of the disposition)  
of the effects of )  
Major John E. Adams )  
(Name of deceased soldier) )  
O-345350 )  
(Serial Number)

Case No. 41355-D bjm *sc*  
(S-8-27-44)  
RECEIPT FOR EFFECTS  
DELIVERED TO CLAIMANT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received from the Effects Bureau, Kansas City  
Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri, the following effects of the above-named  
deceased soldier:

| Number | Articles                 | Number | Articles        |
|--------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|
|        | Towels, Underwear, Socks | 1      | Pocket snapshot |
|        | Neck ties, Handkerchief  |        | Misc. Insignia  |
| 1      | Air Mattress             |        | Misc. Letters   |
| 4      | Sheets                   | 1      | Pr. slippers    |
| 3      | Pillow Slips             | 1      | Pr. shoes       |
| 1      | Pillow                   |        | Misc. papers    |
| 1      | Pocket watch (damaged)   |        |                 |
| 1      | Wrist watch (damaged)    |        |                 |
| 1      | Fatigue Jacket           |        |                 |
| 3      | Pr. trousers             |        |                 |
| 3      | Shirts                   |        |                 |
| 1      | Pr. shorts               |        |                 |
| 1      | Pr. Pajamas              |        |                 |
| 1      | Field Jacket             |        |                 |
| 1      | Shoe shine kit           |        |                 |
| 1      | Cap (wool)               |        |                 |
| 1      | Bath Robe                |        |                 |
| 1      | Rain Coat                |        |                 |
| 1      | Long overcoat            |        |                 |
| 2      | Sewing kits              |        |                 |
| 1      | Deck playing cards       |        |                 |
|        | Misc. Toilet articles    |        |                 |
| 4      | Souvenir coins           |        |                 |
| 1      | Pocket knife             |        |                 |

Receipt is also acknowledged of the sum of  
Dollars (\$ ), found among the effects of said de-  
ceased soldier.

Subscribed at Hallcock, Minn. on this 2 day of August  
19 44.

Witnessed  
D. J. Larson  
(Signature of Witness)  
Hallcock, Minn.  
(Address)

Helen M. Adams  
(Signature of claimant in ink)  
Hallcock, Minn.  
(Address)

*File  
OK*



STANDARD FORM NO. 1103g  
FORM APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL, U. S.  
1943

U. S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING  
MEMORANDUM

NO. WV-4324125

CAR INITIALS AND NO.

NAME OF INITIAL TRANSPORTATION

TRAFFIC CONTROL NOS.

COMPANY

STOP THIS CAR AT

FOR

†SIZE CAR IN FT. & INS.

ORDERED

FURNISHED

†MARKED CAPACITY OF CAR

ORDERED

FURNISHED

†DATE CAR

FURNISHED

DATE B/L ISSUED

20 July

RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY NAMED ABOVE, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS NAMED ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, THE PUBLIC PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION (CONTENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN), TO BE FORWARDED TO DESTINATION BY THE SAID COMPANY AND CONNECTING LINES, THERE TO BE DELIVERED IN LIKE GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION TO SAID CONSIGNEE.

FROM

(SHIPPING POINT)

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

FROM (FULL NAME OF SHIPPER)

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY  
QM DEPOT.

MARKS

CONSIGNEE

MRS. HELEN M. ADAMS

DESTINATION

HALLOCK, MINNESOTA

VIA (ROUTE JOURNEY ONLY WHEN SOME SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT IS SUBSERVED THEREBY)

RAIL - and connections - package  
car if available.

CHARGES TO BE BILLED TO (DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT AND BUREAU OR SERVICE AND LOCATION)  
Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE

500-910 P 470-03 2152409

ISSUING OFFICE

KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT. K. O. MO.

NAME AND TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER

G. H. JOHNSON, 1st LT. T.O.

Transportation  
Officer

PICK-UP SERVICE AT ORIGIN BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS AGENT

(Insert "WAS" or "WAS NOT")

INITIALS OF SHIPPER'S AUTHORIZED AGENT OR EMPLOYEE

† FURNISH THIS INFORMATION IN CASE OF CARLOAD SHIPMENTS ONLY.  
\*SHOW ALSO CUBIC MEASUREMENTS FOR SHIPMENTS VIA OCEAN CARRIER IN CASES WHERE REQUIRED.

| PACKAGES |        | DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES<br>(USE CARRIERS' CLASSIFICATION OR TARIFF DESCRIPTION IF POSSIBLE,<br>OTHERWISE A CLEAR NONTECHNICAL DESCRIPTION) | NUMBERS<br>ON<br>PACKAGES | ACTUAL<br>WEIGHTS* |
|----------|--------|--|---------------------------|--------------------|
| NO.      | KIND   |  |                           |                    |
| 1        | Carton | MILITARY<br>Personal Effects<br>RELEASED VALUATION AT LOWEST RATE<br>AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT:<br>A. W. #112 AND W. D. CIRCULAR #195, 1943.  | 41335                     | 69 lbs             |

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER

NAME OF TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

CHICAGO ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RY.

CONTRACT NO. OR  
PURCHASE ORDER NO.  
OR OTHER AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT

DATED

DATE OF RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT

JUL 25 1944

O. B. POINT  
NAMED IN CONTRACT  
SIGNATURE OF  
ISSUING OFFICER

H. F. GIBSON, CPO, U.S.A. A.T.O.

SIGNATURE OF AGENT

CENTROPOLIS TRANS.

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MEMORANDUM COPY





ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 41355-D

(S-8-27-44)  
JRM:BF:bjm  
July 27, 1944

Mrs. Helen M. Adams  
Hallock, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Adams:

Thank you for your footnote on our letter of July 11, in connection with disposal of the property of your husband, Major John E. Adams.

This property was shipped to you by freight on July 21. The original (white copy) of the bill of lading sent you should be turned over to the carrier making delivery to you. When you have received the shipment, please sign one copy of the inclosed receipt and return that copy to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

My action in sending such property does not, of itself, vest title in you. This property is transmitted only that some responsible person receive it, so that distribution may be made in accordance with the laws of the state of your husband's legal residence.

Please accept my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

S. N. GREENSTEIN  
Captain Q.M.C.  
Assistant

2 Incls--  
Receipt (in dup.)  
Envelope



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: **B/L WV-4324125**

**MPC:ed**  
**20 July 1944**

**Mrs. Helen M. Adams**  
**Hallock, Minnesota**

**Dear Mrs. Adams:**

The inclosed Original (white copy) and Property Received (yellow copy) of Government bill of lading No. WT- 4324125 cover shipment of the personal effects of Maj. John E. Adams being forwarded to you at the above address from the Army Effects Bureau.

This property is being shipped to you at Government expense. Upon arrival of the shipment at destination, representative of the delivering carrier will either contact you or make delivery to you at your address. The delivering carrier will make free delivery to your address if freight tariffs for your locality provide such service.

When the shipment is delivered, Consignee's Certificate of Delivery, at the bottom of the Original (white copy) of the bill of lading, is to be filled in and signed by you, and that copy turned over to the agent of the delivering carrier. The bill of lading covers all charges incident to forwarding the property from this Bureau to you at your address, if you live within corporate limits of billed destination and free delivery is provided by the carrier.

If any damage to the shipment is noticed upon delivery, please make notation of such damage on the reverse of the Original bill of lading, under the caption, "Report of Loss, Damage or Shrinkage", and place your signature after that notation. The agent of the delivering carrier should be requested to make appropriate notation on the freight bill of such damage. Any adjustment or claim you may desire to present because of damage must be handled between you and the agent of the delivering carrier.

The Property Received copy of the bill of lading may be retained or discarded by you.

At the present time, a great amount of freight is being handled by common carriers and delivery of this shipment may be delayed. However, if the shipment is not received within a reasonable length of time, you may notify this Bureau, so that tracer action can be instituted here.

Yours very truly,

1 Incl.

**M. F. GISTON**  
**CWO., U.S.A.**  
**A.T.O.**

Eff. QM Form 41 (Rev. 6/7/44)



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

## ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Friess-rmn  
 Suspense 31 July 1944 ✓  
 Case No. 41355-D ✓  
 Date 17 July 1944 ✓

## MEMORANDUM TO Warehouse Branch:

Please see that the personal effects on the above mentioned case are packed, weighed and ready for shipment promptly so that they may be readily picked up. Bills of Lading and all other papers will be marked with the case number and can be identified thereby. The original of this form should be returned to the Administrative Branch after completion.

Effects of: Major John E. Adams ✓ Serial No. 0-345350 ✓Ship to: Mrs. Helen M. Adams ✓

Street and Number \_\_\_\_\_

City and State Hallock, Minnesota ✓Ship Via: Freight Gov't B/L No. WV-4324125

*S. B. Hurst*  
 For the Effects Quartermaster

## LIST OF PACKAGES SHIPPED

*1 Carton*

Franked Mail -- 4# or less \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parcel Post Charges 3.83  
 Estimated Express Charges 3.54  
 Estimated Freight Charges \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Pieces: 69 Shipping Clerk *[Signature]*  
 Weight of Shipment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date JUL 21 1944



Deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
A.W.O.F. \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O.W. \_\_\_\_\_  
Abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Sheet 1 of 2 Sheets  
Flat 1 Box \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY

Shown on Tally In as Maj John Adams

TALLY IN NO. 4056 INVENTORY DATE 6/14 44 CASE NO. 41355

EFFECTS OF John E Adams RANK Maj

ARMY SERIAL NO. 0-345350 ORG. 2nd Ant Aerial Bg.

CONSIGNOR \_\_\_\_\_

DELIVERING CARRIER \_\_\_\_\_ G B/L NO. \_\_\_\_\_ G B/L DATE \_\_\_\_\_

| Package No.     | Article Description             | Remarks                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>1 Carton</u> | <u>Jewels, Underwear, Socks</u> | <u>Mrs John E Adams</u> |
|                 | <u>Knitwear, Handkerchiefs</u>  | <u>Hallack</u>          |
|                 | <u>1 Air Mattress</u>           | <u>Minnesota</u>        |
|                 | <u>4 Sheets 3 Pillow Slips</u>  | <u>(Mingo)</u>          |
|                 | <u>1 Pillow</u>                 |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Pocket Watch (Damaged)</u> |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Wrist Watch (Damaged)</u>  |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Fatigue Jacket</u>         |                         |
|                 | <u>3 Pair Trousers</u>          |                         |
|                 | <u>3 Shirts</u>                 |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Pair Shorts</u>            |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Pair Pajamas</u>           |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Field Jacket</u>           |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Shoe Shine Kit</u>         |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Cap (wool)</u>             |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Bath Robe</u>              |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Rain Coat</u>              |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Long Overcoat</u>          |                         |
|                 | <u>2 Sewing kits</u>            | <u>Attachments (3)</u>  |
|                 | <u>1 Deck Playing Cards</u>     | <u>3 Form 5</u>         |
|                 | <u>Misc. Field Articles</u>     |                         |
|                 | <u>4 American Coins</u>         |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Pocket Knife</u>           |                         |
|                 | <u>1 Pocket Snag shots</u>      |                         |

2nd Inventory

RECEIVED  
DATE: JUL 21 1944

JUL 19 1944

Warehouse Space 752

Locked Storage Space \_\_\_\_\_

ML:jeb  
Eff QM Form 11 (Rev. 10/15/43)

Inventoried By Al Thompson Johnson

Packed By Palmer

JUL 22 1944







W. DEPARTMENT  
A. C. Form No. 490  
(Revised February 8, 1938)

TALLY-OUT  
(Packing or Loading List)

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Req. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU - KCQMD  
(Station)

Warehouse 11th Floor Date 7/20/44  
Consignee Mrs. Helen M. Adams Carrier \_\_\_\_\_  
Destination Hallock, Minnesota B/L No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Routing FREIGHT Car No., Initials, \_\_\_\_\_  
Seals No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date shipped \_\_\_\_\_ Authority \_\_\_\_\_

| U. S. NOS.<br>ON<br>PACKAGES | NUMBER AND KIND<br>OF PACKAGES | CONTENTS  | GROSS WEIGHT<br>(Pounds) |       | CUBIC<br>MEASURE |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------|------------------|
|                              |                                |   | UNIT                     | TOTAL |                  |
|                              | 1 Carton                       | CASE # 41355<br>(Major John E. Adams, O-445350)<br><br>Personal Effects |                          | 69#   |                  |

Checker.

Packer.

G. I. NEWMAN, 1st Lt. QMC Shipper.

Received the above articles in apparent good order and condition (except as noted) this date GINLhad

(Signature)

(Designation)





IMMEDIATE ACTION

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

(S-8-11-44)  
JRM:BF:cly  
July 11, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO 41355 D

Mrs. Helen M. Adams  
Hallock, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Adams:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your husband, Major John E. Adams.

I know you want to receive this property quickly. However, before making shipment, I would like to have you confirm your address.

Your reply may be made at the foot of this letter, if desired, and mailed in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage. Use of this specially marked envelope will accelerate delivery of the property.

Sincerely yours,

*S. N. Greenstein*  
S. N. GREENSTEIN  
Captain Q.M.C.  
Assistant

1 Incl-- Envelope

Mrs. Helen M. Adams  
Hallock, Minn.

July 11



# INVENTORY OF EFFECTS (See AR 600-550)

Adams, John E. O-345350  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a Major 2nd Auxiliary Surgical Group  
 (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

CLASS I. -- Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

| NUMBER | ARTICLES                                    | *PACKAGE<br>NUMBER |
|--------|---|--------------------|
| 1      | Wrist watch                                 | # 1                |
| 1      | Pocket watch                                | # 1                |
| 2      | Souvenir coins (British)                    | # 1                |
| 2      | Souvenir coins (French)                     | # 1                |
| 1      | Pocket knife                                | # 1                |
| 5      | Insignia (Rank of Major) - 3 metal, 2 cloth | # 1                |
| 2      | Insignia (Medical Caduceus) metal           | # 1                |
| 1      | Packet - Snapshots of family                | # 1                |
| 1      | Packet - Wife's old letters                 | # 2                |
| 1      | Packet - Personal 201 file                  | # 3                |

\* To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General

## CLASS II.-- Other effects

| NUMBER | ARTICLES       |
|--------|----------------|
| 1      | Fatigue jacket |
| 1      | Fatigue pants  |
| 1      | Handkerchief   |
| 3      | Khaki shirts   |
| 2      | Khaki pants    |

File  
OK



## CLASS II. -- Continued

| NUMBER | ARTICLES          |
|--------|-------------------|
| 1      | Khaki shorts      |
| 1 pr.  | Pajamas           |
| 4      | Bath towels       |
| 4      | Mohair ties       |
| 1      | Shoe polish kit   |
| 4      | Sheets            |
| 3      | Pillow cases      |
| 1      | Face towel        |
| 1      | Field jacket      |
| 2 pr   | White socks       |
|        | (Specie---\$_____ |
|        | Money (           |
|        | (Notes---\$_____  |

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that \*the effects were delivered to \_\_\_\_\_

(Give name and degree of relationship; if

legal representative or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

\*the effects of class I have been forwarded to The Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.

(Station)

(Date)

, 19

\*Strike out words not applicable.







## CLASS II. -- Continued

| NUMBER | ARTICLES                  |
|--------|---------------------------|
| 1      | Feather pillow ✓          |
| 1      | Bath robe ✓               |
| 1      | Rain coat ✓               |
| 1      | Over coat, long ✓         |
| 2      | Sewing kits ✓             |
| 1      | Deck playing cards ✓      |
| 3      | Tubes Ipana tooth paste ✓ |
| 3      | Tubes shaving cream ✓     |
| 1      | Shaving stick ✓           |
| 1      | Tube vaseline ✓           |
|        | (Specie---\$ _____)       |
|        | Money (                   |
|        | (Notes----\$ _____)       |

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(Give name and degree of relationship; if \_\_\_\_\_

legal representative or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Station) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

\*Strike out words not applicable.











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

(msr:msr)

Case No. 41355  
(S-3-21-44)

Receipt by bailee for personal property of:

Major John E. Adams  
(Name of officer or soldier)

0-345350  
(Army Serial Number)

I hereby acknowledge that I have received from the Effects Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, for safekeeping, the following personal property of the above-named officer or soldier:

| No. | Articles                            | No. | Articles                   |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 1   | Field blouse                        | 3   | Ornamental pins, souvenirs |
| 1   | Cap. service                        | 1   | Box bacterial vaccine      |
| 1   | Cap. Garrison                       | 1   | Tube tooth paste           |
| 2   | Belts, leather                      | 1   | Carton beech-nut Gum       |
| 2   | Towels                              | 1   | Insignia                   |
| 1   | Pr. trousers, pink                  | 1   | Knit cap                   |
| 2   | Shirts, khaki                       | 3   | Plugs of chewing tobacco   |
| 1   | Shirt, ODW                          | 4   | Pkgs. smoking tobacco      |
| 1   | Pr. oxfords                         | 1   | Combination screw driver   |
| 1   | Pr. high shoes                      | 1   | Jar oxblood polish         |
| 2   | Pr. socks                           | 2   | Jars vince tooth powder    |
| 1   | Wash rag                            | 3   | Bars toilet soap           |
| 1   | Spanish-English dictionary          | 11  | Bars laundry soap          |
| 1   | Army song book                      | 1   | Bandage tie, canvas        |
| 1   | Message book-USA Signal corps       |     |                            |
| 1   | Spanish and French-English pamphlet |     |                            |

Subscribed at Hallcock, Minn. <sup>1</sup> Pr. shoe laces  
(City, Town or Village and State) on this Feb. 24, '44  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

Witnessed by:

D. J. Larson  
(Signature of witness in ink)

Hallcock, Minn.  
(Address)

Mrs. J. E. Adams  
(Signature of bailee in ink)

Hallcock, Minn.  
(Address)



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

## ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

FEB 18 1944

Suspense (S-2-29-44)Case No. 41355 A mjlDate February 15, 1944

## MEMORANDUM TO Warehouse Branch:

Please see that the personal effects on the above mentioned case are packed, weighed and ready for shipment promptly so that they may be readily picked up. Bills of Lading and all other papers will be marked with the case number and can be identified thereby. The original of this form should be returned to the Administrative Branch after completion.

Effects of: John E. Adams, Major Serial No. O-345350Ship to: Mrs. John E. AdamsStreet and Number City and State Hallock, MinnesotaShip Via: PARCEL POSTGov't B/L No. 

*E. Richter*  
For the Effects Quartermaster

## LIST OF PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 Carton

Franked Mail -- 4# or less

Parcel Post Charges \$1.65 \*Estimated Express Charges \$1.64Estimated Freight Charges Total Number of Pieces: 1Shipping Clerk *[Signature]*Weight of Shipment: 30#Date FEB 17 1944

ML:mp

Effects QM Form 14 (Rev. 10/15/43)

GIN:had 2/17/44 FEB 16 1944



no



41355

(S-E-21-44)  
JRM:GM:pat  
February 21, 1944

Mrs. John E. Adams  
Hallowell, Minnesota

Mrs. Adams:

Husband, Major John E. Adams.

by parcel post.

The letter forwarded this Bureau is returned  
herewith.

G. E. GALVIN, JR.  
1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
Chief, Adm. Control Branch

Letter



C O P Y  
KCCMD  
AFB MJL

To Mrs. John Adams

From Maj. John E. Adams  
2nd Aux Surg Gp.  
APO 534, c/o Fm N.Y.C.

7-16-43

Dearest Honey Belle,

\*\*\*\*\*

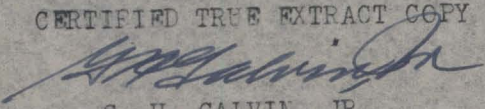
"I am sending some stuff home in a small box by the Quartermaster and it will probably take some time to get there. All my extra pinks-shirts etc. There is a little charm (candy) box in it that has 3 brooches in it that I picked up 4 months ago and wrote you about although I did nothing about them."

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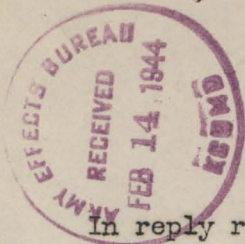
All my love  
Your

John

CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT COPY

  
G. H. GALVIN, JR.  
1st Lt. Q.M.C.





WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
~~Independence & Hardesty Avenues~~  
Kansas City, Missouri

601 Hardesty Avenue

(S-2-21-44)

JRM:CH:mjl

January 21, 1944

In reply refer to Case No. 41355

Mrs. Helen M. Adams  
Hallowell, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Adams:

Your husband, Major John E. Adams, due to a change of station, was obliged to abandon, or lost, certain items of his personal property. This property is now in storage at this bureau.

It is our desire that some close relative store and keep this property for him pending his return. Regulations require that we have some indication from the owner as to whom he wants his property delivered. Accordingly, if you have any letter or other written instrument indicating his desires along this line, I wish you would forward the same to me. After examining it I shall return it. I would also appreciate it if you would be so kind as to give me the following information, and any other information which you deem important:

1. What is his present rank and Army serial number?
2. What is his latest mailing address and to what Army unit is he now attached?
3. What is the name, address, and relationship of the person with whom you feel that he would want his things stored?

Due to the large number of shipments we are receiving it is necessary that this mimeographed form of letter be employed.

Please be assured that this communication is in no way a casualty message. Its sole purpose is to expedite shipment of the property to the proper party for storage and safekeeping.

By giving prompt attention to the foregoing, you will be most helpful. If you so desire you may use the reverse side of this letter for reply. For your convenience an addressed envelope requiring no postage is inclosed.

Yours very truly,

*E. A. Cunningham*  
E. A. CUNNINGHAM

1st Lt. Q.M.C.

Chief, Adm. Control Branch

1 Incl. - Env.



IMMEDIATE ACTION

41355

E.A. Cunningham  
1st Lt. G.M.C.  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Lt. Cunningham

Am enclosing a letter from my husband stating he was sending a box of personal property to me. Have marked the paragraph in the letter.

This is the information you asked

1. Major - 0-345350
2. 2nd Auxiliary Surgical

A.P.O. # 534

% Postmaster, New York.

3. Mrs. John E. Adams  
Hallsch, Minn.

Very truly yours  
Helen M. Adams



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON  
REPORT OF DEATH

41355  
12 May 1944DATE EM/DMR/4627

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| FULL NAME<br><b>Adams, John B.</b>   |   | ARMY SERIAL NO.<br><b>0-345 350</b>       |
| GRADE<br><b>Major</b>  | ARM OR SERVICE<br><b>Medical Corps</b>      | DATE OF BIRTH<br><b>16 Oct 1911</b>       |
| HOME ADDRESS<br><b>Los Angeles, California.</b>  |   |   |
| DATE OF DEATH<br><b>24 Jan 44</b>  | PLACE OF DEATH<br><b>North African Area</b> | CAUSE OF DEATH<br><b>Killed In Action</b> |
| EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS)<br><b>Mrs. Helen M. Adams, wife, Hallock, Minnesota.</b>   |   |   |
| BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS)<br><b>Mrs. Helen Marie Adams, wife, Hallock, Minnesota.<br/>Mr. James Richard Adams, brother, 246 W. 6th St., Huntington, W. Va.</b> |   |   |



⑥ **Mr. James V. Adams, father, 834  
Rivermont, Lynchburg, Va.**

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

**J. W. Reinhart.**

THIS COPY FOR ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

**Battle.**

ADJUTANT GENERAL



The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been absent in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 24 January 1944, and until such absence was terminated by the receipt in the War Department of evidence of death as determined by the Head of the Department upon the basis of evidence establishing the fact of death, date of said termination being 26 April 1944.



# CASUALTY MESSAGE

41355(P)

## TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| FROM               | WAR DEPARTMENT |
| BUREAU             | A G O          |
| CHG. APPROPRIATION | BMA 3832       |

AG 201 ADAMS, JOHN E  
ASN 0-345 350  
MRS HELEN M ADAMS

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MESSAGE NO. DATE

HALLOCK MINNESOTA

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR

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| HUSBAND        | MAJOR   | JOHN E ADAMS |
| (RELATIONSHIP) | (GRADE) | (NAME)       |

HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE

TWENTY FOUR JANUARY IN ITALY PERIOD IF FURTHER  
(DATE) (AREA)

DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED PERIOD

OFFICIAL:

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
BATTLE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

THIS COPY FOR ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Not to be delivered by phone except when authorized by the sender.  
Not to be delivered between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM.





The Army Effects Bureau has received and now has in storage certain personal property belonging to your who has been reported as a Prisoner of War.

Your                    has previously indicated officially that it is his desire that you be delivered, for safe-keeping, any of his belongings which might come into possession of the Army Effects Bureau. If you are willing to receive his property in accordance with his wishes, I would like for you to confirm your address, and then this Bureau will ship the property to you at Government expense. A receipt for the property will be forwarded you for your signature.

I would appreciate it if you would also be so kind as to give me the following information, and any other information which you deem important:

1. Is he married? If so, what is his wife's name and address?
2. The names and addresses of his closest relatives; i.e., oldest adult child, mother, father, oldest sister, oldest brother, et cetera.

Please be assured this communication does not purport to indicate that your                    is a casualty. Our latest records show that he is a Prisoner of War; and the sole purpose of this letter is to acquire information that will enable us to make shipment to the person with whom                    wants his property stored.

You will be most helpful to us in giving the above information, and your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

If you so desire, you may use the reverse side of this letter for your reply. For your convenience an addressed envelope, requiring no postage, is inclosed.

Yours very truly,

1 Incl--Envelope

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