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Wells, Thomas H.

Major 0-392 480

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.)

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# HEADQUARTERS /887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACH . T OPERATIONS DIVISION APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

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

The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves
Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium
on
. The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction
of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

CASE #

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#### SEE ATTACHED ROSTER.

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

	s/ James C. MacFarland
EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt.Col. 0-359598, QMC	JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major,0-1576321 QMC
s/ George Gunderman, Jr. GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, 0-1289071	CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt, 0-1040311, QMC
LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt, 0-1543042, MSC/QMC	JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. 0-1055924, QMC
s/ Allan L. Lawson, ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, 0-1288075, QMC	ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, >-1599085, QMC
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Moriei, Louis A.	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt -	34 899 335	8 Sep 44
Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI)	Pvt	-32 637 746	10 Oct 44
Paletta, Joseph F.	Pvt	32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	32 750 453	8 Nov 44
	Pfc	35 681 500	10 Oct 44
Pollard, Oscar	Pfc	34 192 303	10 Sep 44
Ponsone, John (NMI)	Pvt	38 440 765	24 Nov 44
Pruitt, Orval B.	Pvt	36 456 254	1 Jan 45
Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	20 229 636	13 Dec 44
Richter, Herbert R.	S/Sgt	32 112 032	10 Sep 44
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Rosa, Dominio T.	Pvt	31 440 318	
Ruffolo, ennie (NMI)	Pvt	36 214 242 ~ 19 133 953	10 Sep 44
Santos, John C.	Cpl		21 Dec 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.	Pfc	36 227 835	11 Sep 44
Schue, George E.	Pfc	33 843 335	17 Nov 44
Shenk, Charles W.	S/Sgt	33 154 539	20 Sep 44
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Skaar, Robert L.	Pvt	36 845 252	10 Mar 45
Slankard, Evan (NMI)	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
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Smith, Albert A.	Pvt	6 277 121	16 Oct 44
Smith, Ira L.	Sgt	37 213 150	18 Nov 44
Smith, James S.	T/Sgt	6 985 951	11 Sep 44
Smith, Paul A.	Pvt	34 827 976	10 Oct 44
Smolinski, Leo E.	Pfc	32 796 578	10 Oct 44
Spear, Harold H.	T/Sgt	36 103 576	10 Sep 44
Standridge, Wendell F.	Pvt	35 927 044	10 Sep 44
Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	32 847 571	5 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.	Pfc	34 573 608	21 Sep 44
Tew, Charles R.	Pvt	34 912 164	12 Nov 44
Thornton, Robert L.	S/Sgt	34 573 833	1 Jan 45
Tommassone, Edward E.	Pfc	36 643 937	8 Sep 44
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34 269 379	10 Sep 44
Valdez, Joe M.	T/5	18 119 800	16 Sep 44
Wells, Thomas H.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
Wenzel, Peter H.	T/5	32 747 445	. 10 Oct 44
West, Robert D.	· S/Sgt	6 345 808	18 Sep 44
Wilkins, Joe J.	Pvt	19 018 654	12 Nov 44
Williams, Evan (NMI)	S/Sgt	6 393 665	. 19 Sep 44
Williams, Gomer (NAI)	Pvt	33 113 760	10 Sep 44-
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36 568 028	10 Sep 44
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Wright, James E.	Pfc	37 516 472	
Young, John F,	Pfc	32 605 630	10 Oct 44
Zahradnik, Henry E.	Sgt	36 813 035	10 Sep 44
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The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

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<u>NAME</u>	RANK	SERIAL NO.	DATE KIA OR MIA
Addabate Tosoph I	Pvt	32 847 803	5 Sep 44
Addabro, Joseph J. Bates, Charlie (NMI)	T/5	38 286 573	1 Jan 45
Battin, Harold A.	Pfc	37 364 691	15 Mar 45
Binder, Howard A.	Pvt	39 305 680	10 Oct 44
	Pfc	33 837 051	1 Jan 45
Black, James W. Bonds, Alfred B.	Pfc	42 012 457	8 Nov 44
Brazowski, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc	31 255 517	15 Mar 45
	Pvt	32 796 939	10 Oct 44
Bulin, Edward J. Bundrock, William J., Jr.	Pvt	39 622 035	10 Oct 44
	Pvt	34 392 872	14 Nov 44
Busby, Woodrow W.	Pvt	42 091 109	22 Nov 44
Castilone, Stephen J.	Pfc	35 921 362	14 Oct 44
Cerny, Jaro J. Clark, Charles E.	Pvt	32 783 174	10 Oct 44
Clement, Alfred J.	Pfc	36 227 750	8 Sep 44
Clement, Laurent H.	Sgt	37 542 237	12 Jan 45
Collino, Dominic P.	Pfc	35 835 516	2 Jan 45
Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34 254 893	8 Sep 44
Crews, Robert A.	Pfc	34 771 711	15 Oct 44
Cullison, Thomas J.	1/Lt	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	Pfc	36 227 925	8 Sep 44
Eaton, James A.	S/Sgt	32 855 293	12 Nov 44
	Pvt	32 254 567	15 Sep 44
Erardi, Joseph, Jr.	S/Sgt	37 071 020	17 Dec 44
Finlay, Robin L. Fisher, Syphes B.	Cpl	20 817 194	2 Jan 45
Fisher, Syphes D.	Sgt	39 339 014	16 Sep 44
Fisher, Willard C.	Pfc	33 843 709	8 Feb 45
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Foy, Lloyd (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc	33 888 119	17 Feb 45
Garvey, Thomas F., II	Cpl	32 796 280	. 10 Oct 44
Gaulton, John H.	Pfc	36 052 118	8 Sep 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc	14 140 023	14 Nov 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Gopfert, Arthur C. Halloran, William F.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
	Pfc	39 604 664	. 23 Nov 44
Hamilton Woolrow W.	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Harris, RaTel (MI)	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hatch, Stewart H.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hayslett, Chinton F.	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Hill, Edgar	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Holl, Ri 'ard L.	Pfc	16 006 889	9 Sep 44
Hunt, Orvilla (WMI)	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Ervin N	Pvt	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Johnson, Rodger E.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Keeley, Thomas de	Pfc	36 228 224	10 Sep 44
Kiger, Earl Wo	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Cpl	32 796 241	10 Oct 44
Krepfia, Jerry J.	Pfc	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pvt	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pfc	36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Lloyd, Maurice E.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
Maguire, John O.	Sgt	36 214 574	11 Sep 44
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Pvt	36 950 283	19 Sep 44
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# HEADQUARTERS 7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRG

1. It is recommended that the Board take Action on the follow-ing cases:

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

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

GROP 293.9 SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

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

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

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

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

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

A TRUE COPY:

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

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

15 November 1950

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

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, 0 359 598, QMC., President MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, 0 1 576 321, QMC., MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., 0 1 289 071, INF/QMC., CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, 0 1 040 311, QMC., CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, 0 1 543 042, MSC/QMC., CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, 0 1 055 924, QMC., CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, 0 1 288 075, QMC., 1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, 0 1 599 085, QMC., 2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, 0 947.298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

OFFICIAL

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

A TRUE COPY:

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

ROBERT S. LAY

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5 January 1950

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

SUBJECT:

Report of Death

1. Major Thomas H. Wells, 0392480, Infantry, member of Headquarters, 48th Armored Infantry Regiment was reported missing in action, not in flying or jump pay status, in France on 19 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Number 211 and presumed dead as of 20 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5 Missing Persons Act (SR&D Case No. 4102).

2. Filed in the AG 201 file of Major Thomas H. Wells, 0392480, is a copy of a Citation For The Silver Star which reads as follows:

"Major Thomas H. Wells (Army Serial Number 0392480) Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 September 1944, in the area of Sillegny, France. In the assault on the highly fortified Metz sector, Major Wells' battalion had the difficult and dangerous mission of capturing the town of Sillegny. In addition to numerical superiority, the enemy had a precise knowledge of every detail of the surrounding terrain, having used it for four years as a proving and training ground for a nearby of ficer candidate school. The first attack upon the town was thrown back by concentrated artillery fire. During the second attack in the early hours of the morning, both the battalion commander and the executive officer were mortally wounded as they attempted to charge a line of enemy pillboxes. Though faced by withering frontal fire from automatic weapons, Major Wells with complete disregard for his own safety, reconncitered the enemy positions and formulated a plan for a renewed assault on the enemy fortifications. Relentlessly, he pressed forward under heavy enemy artillery and succeeded in reaching the heart of the town. While attempting to remove a road block, Major Wells met his death. The epic gallantry of Major Wells in leading his troops against almost impregnable enemy positions will be remembered forever by the remnants of the battalion who survived the assault of Sillegny."

a. This office forwarded a letter to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, requesting information in regard to the basis of that part of the above citation which reads: "While attempting to remove a road block, Major Wells met his death." (file reference AC

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Ple-S 704 28 Jun 45). The 7th Indorsement to this letter contained a brief resume of the circumstances given in the above citation. Paragraph la of this indorsement is quoted:

"Officer who prepared citation for award of Silver Star for Major Thomas H. Wells was Killed in Action 3 November 1944, therefore it cannot be ascertained what was meant by that part of citation as reads: While attempting to remove a road block, Major Wells met his death."

- 3. The captured German records contain no information relative to Major Thomas H. Wells.
- 4. The Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General have no burial information at the present, on Major Wells.
- Regiment. His battalion was attacking the strongly defended and fortified town of Sillegny in the Metz sector of France on 19 September 1944. After they had been repulsed twice and the battalion commander and executive officer had been mortally wounded, Major Wells' lead the attack which reached the center of the town. Major Wells' citation for the Silver Star states that he was killed while attempting to remove a road block. The officer who prepared the citation was killed in action and Major Wells' organization was unable to furnish any further details of his death. The captured German records reveal no information of Major Wells. Nothing has been seen or heard of him since. Considering the above facts and the lapse of time it is reasonable to believe that the officer who prepared the above mentioned citation was an eyewitness or had first hand information of Major Wells' death.
- 6. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that the person named in paragraph one, above, was killed in action, not in flying or jump pay status, on 19 September 1944 in Sillegny, France. The official report and casualty report of death will include the following statement:

"Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 20 September 1945. This 'Report of Death' is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9."

AG 201 Wells, Thomas H. (5 Jan 50) 0392480

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Walter L. Nalls Investigator

CONCUR:

T. J. COLLUM
Major, AGD
OIC, Determination & Review Unit

Approved: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN Lt. Gol., AGD OIC, Casualty Section Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

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#### \*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

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-23 September 1948

Mrs. Madeline Wells 1727 Euterpe Street New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Wells:

Reference is made to your letter of recent date, regarding a monetary allowance to be applied toward the cost of a stone to be erected in memory of the late Thomas H. Wells.

The authorization for the furnishing of Government headstones and markers provides that they be used for the unmarked graves in which the remains of those dying in the service or those honorably discharged therefrom are interred. There is no authority to furnish a stone to be erected as a memorial in a family plot when the remains of the decedent are not interred therein, nor is there any provision for an allowance of money in lieu of the stone for any purpose whatsoever.

It is regretted a more favorable repl-

ormerely yours,

G. L. RUTH Memorial Division

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1727 Euterpe Street New Owleans, Louisiana September 14, 1948

The Quartermaster General Memorial Division Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the Army Quartermaster General authorize an allowance of \$100 toward the errecting a monument in memory of my son, Major Thomas H. Wells. 0 392 480. 7th Armond Division, 38th Armond Inf. Bn. Hdq. Co., missing September 19, 1944, in Sillegny, France.

The proposed monument is to cost about \$200,00 of which I can expend \$100.00. The inscription on this proposed monument is to be as follows:

The Memory of A Great Name And the Inheritance of A Great Example Is the Legacy of Heroes

This monument I plan to place in our family burial plot in Plaucheville, Louisiana.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Madline Wells

As madeline Wells

SEP 20 1848

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

#### WAR DEPARTMENT

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

#### FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Major Thomas H. Wells, Army Serial Number 0392480, Infantry,

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 19th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 20th day of September, 1945.

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\* Alternate Beneficiary:

Mrs. Madelene Labure Mayeux (Mother) 1726 Tulane Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana

SEP 28 1945

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Circumstances of disappearance: He was last seen during a renewed assault on enemy fortifications in the town of Sillegny, France.

Commissioned from R. O. T. C.

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Mrs. Estelle C. Wells, wife, 1819 Melpomene Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

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\*Beneficiaries continued: Mrs. Madelene Labure Mayeux, mother, 1726 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, Louisiana

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 20 September 1945. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

#### WAR DEPARTMENT

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

#### FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

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Alternate Beneficiary:

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Circumstances of disappearance: He was last seen during a renewed assault on enemy fortifications in the town of Sillegny, France.

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

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU 601 Hardesty Avenue Kansas City 1, Missouri In Reply Refer To: 260580

(S-7-12-45)JRM: JFH: dt May 12, 1945

Mrs. Estelle C. Wells 1819 Melpomene Street New Orleans 13, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Wells:

The Army Effects Bureau has received and is forwarding to you the following additional property of your husband, Major Thomas H. Wells:

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As previously indicated, my action in forwarding such effects does not, of itself, vost title in you. The -property is transmitted in order that you may safely keep it on behalf of the owner, pending change in his status.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau.

For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

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P. L. KOOB 2nd Lt. Q.M.C. Officer-in-Charge SJ Unit

1 Incl--Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Estelle C. Wells . June 1st -45 (Date)

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#### ORDER FOR SHIPLENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Estelle C. Wells

Maj. Thomas H. Wells

1819 Melpomene Street

Effects of: Name

0-392480

New Orleans 13, Louisiana

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Case No.

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DATE 14 May 1945 JRM: JFH: dt

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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Yours very truly,

(S-6-9-45) JRM:JFH:lb

April 9, 1945

P. L. KOOB 2nd Lt. Q.W.C. Officer-in-Charge SJ Unit

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Receipt acknowledged:

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### ARMY SERVICE FORCES ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

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In Reply Refer To: 260580

(S-5-28-45) JRM:SP:mt March 28, 1945

Dear Mrs. Wells:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal effects belonging to your husband, Major Thomas H. Wells.

This property is being forwarded to you in and should reach you in the near future.

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

HARRY HIEMIEC
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Chief, Correspondence Branch

Incl--Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Estelle Wells (Signature of Bailee)

4/7/45 (Date)

#### ARMY SERVICES FORCES ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

#### ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Estelle C. Wells

1819 Melpomene Street

New Orleans 13, Louisiana

Effects of: Major Thomas H. Wells

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SUBJECT: Inventory of Effects of WELLS, THOMAS H., MAJOR, 0-392480.

10 : Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO

The above named individual of Headquarters 38th Armd Inf Bn was reported KIA about 19 September 1944.

#### INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

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I certify that all the above items constitute all the effects secured by me of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by Truck on 24th September 1944.

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