

293 RALSTON, EDWARD D. 384591,555 PVT. INF. EUROPEAN.
(CALIF.) 45ch

1/CL C. R. KEGEL

RECEIPT OF REMAINS

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DISTRIBUTION CENTER #13 SFPE OAKLAND ARMY BASE ROUTINE 19 APRIL 1949
 OAKLAND 14 CALIFORNIA - GRAVES -
 REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

MAYR FUNERAL DIRECTOR
 586 EAST SANTA CLARA
 VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

REMAINS OF LATE PRIVATE EDWARD D RALSTON USAGF 39591555 BEING
 SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NUMBER
 SEVENTY SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD DUE TO ARRIVE VENTURA FIVE FORTY
 TWO AM RAILROAD TIME TWENTY SEVEN APRIL. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGE-
 MENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND THAT YOU IMMEDI-
 ATELY PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO NEXT OF KIN.

F. E. Hyll

F E HYLL
 MAJOR QMC
 ACTG CHIEF AGR DIV

FILE

19 MAY 1949

REPAIRATION
 BRANCH

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased
 this 27 day of April, 1949
(Day) (Month)

Sgt Ernest S. Du Monte
(Witness (Escort))

Ted Mayr Funeral Home
(Consignee)

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER 4650 12991		DATE 15 11 48 DAY MONTH YEAR	
NAME RALSTON EDWARD D		SERIAL NUMBER 39591555	GRADE PVT	ARM 1	RACE RELIGION 1 1
CEMETERY MARGRATEN HOLLAND		PLOT WW	ROW 10	GRAVE 243	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 9100 13 CODE DIST. CTR.
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE MAYR FUNERAL DIRECTOR 586 EAST SANTA CLARA VENTURA, CALIFORNIA			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN DAVID E. RALSTON (FATHER) 273 WEST RAMONA VENTURA, CALIFORNIA		
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION					
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION USAGF		RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT					
NATURE OF BURIAL		CONDITION OF REMAINS			
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION SEE ATTACHED SHEET					
MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)					
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET					
DATE		BY		EMBALMER (Signature)	
CASKET SEALED BY		SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY			
DATE		BY			
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.					
SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR					
REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS					
QMC FORM REV 11 FEB 48 1194					

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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED			
FROM USMC MARGRATEN HOLLAND		TO ANTWERP PORT PIER 140	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER PTC HOWARD L SMITH NA 15217970	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER WILLIAM MEYER CAPT. 0033237	DATE 25/1/49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER R D Miller	DATE 20 JAN 1949
2. SHIPPED			
FROM AGRC ANTWERP BELGIUM		TO CAPT BARNEY KIRSCHBAUM	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE VC. 2		NAME OF CONVOYER Jettorice	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER R. D. MILLER, Lt COL. T.C. 15	DATE 15 FEB 49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER [Signature]	DATE 15 FEB 1949
3. SHIPPED			
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KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER W. FREISCH MAR 10 1949	DATE
4. SHIPPED			
FROM NYPE		TO TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRAIN		NAME OF CONVOYER Arthur N. Lee Jr. Sgt 1st	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER FREISCH LIEUT. COLONEL, TC. PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	DATE 31/1/49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER [Signature]	DATE MAR 1949
5. SHIPPED			
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SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

1		DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE			
		SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER	DATE
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	ARM	DATE OF DEATH
RALSTON EDWARD D		39591555	PVT	1	DAY MONTH YEAR
CEMETERY					DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	COUNTRY		CODE DIST. PT.
WW	10	243	MARGRATEN HOLLAND		CAUSE OF DEATH
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE			NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN		
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION					
NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED
EDWARD D. RALSTON		39591555	PVT		20 SEPTEMBER 48
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON		ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS GRS			UNK	HARVEY L. MEAD JR CAPT ORD	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER GRS				NAME AND TITLE	
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT					
NATURE OF BURIAL		CONDITION OF REMAINS			
UNIFORM		REMAINS COMPLETE - ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION.			
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION		NONE			
MINOR DISCREPANCIES		NONE			
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET					
DATE 21 SEPTEMBER 48		BY THOMAS H. JAMES EMBALMER			
CASKET SEALED BY		EMBALMER (Signature)			
THOMAS H. JAMES		THOMAS H. JAMES			
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED		SHIPMENT ADDRESS VERIFIED BY ALL PLATES TAGS MARKINGS			
DATE 21/9/48		VERIFIED BY:			
BY BRADFORD W. JENNINGS CLERK RECORDER		ROGER N. LETOURNEAU CAPT FA			
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.					
		ROGER N. LETOURNEAU CAPT FA			
		SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR			
I Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.					
RECORD OF DISINTERMENT					
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19 APRIL 1949

MAYR FUNERAL DIRECTOR
586 EAST SANTA CLARA
VENTURA CALIFORNIA

ROUTINE

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MAJOR OMC
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VENTURA CALIF MARCH 5 1949 2000

CHIEF AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION, DIVISION OAKLAND ARMY BASE

AN ANS MARCH 3RD JD OAKLAND CALIF

REGARDING TELEGRAM MARCH THIRD RE PRIVATE EDWARD D RALSTON

3959155 THIS IS TO CONFIRM ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS

DAVID E RALSTON 273 WEST RAMONA VENTURA CALIF

3959155 273

1800 MAR 5 PM 4:06

ROUTING		JOINT MESSAGE FORM		COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.	
				DELIVER AND REPORT ANY CHARGES	
SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER					
FROM: (Originator) CHIEF AGR DIV SFPE OAB		DATE-TIME GROUP 3 March 49		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCL	
ACTION TO: DAVID E. RALSON 273 WEST RAMONA VENTURA, CALIF.		PRECEDENCE FOR ACTION DAY LETTER		INFORMATION	
		<input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE		<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
INFORMATION TO: GRAVES		REFERS TO MESSAGE BELOW IDENTIFICATION		CLASSIFICATION UNCL	
<p>WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE PRIVATE EDWARD D. RALSTON 39591555</p> <p>ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES ABOARD</p> <p>OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO MAYR FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 586 EAST SANTA CLARA, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA</p> <p>PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS MES- SAGE AND FURNISH YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO CHIEF AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION OAKLAND ARMY BASE OAKLAND 14 CALIFORNIA. REPLY IS NECESSARY WITHIN THIS PERIOD SINCE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY EIGHT HOURS. WHILE DELIVERY OF THE REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIPT FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HOWEVER AS SOON AS REMAINS ARE RECEIVED HERE AND IT IS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE THEM FOR DELIVERY YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF RAIL ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. ALSO HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH YOU THIS INFORMATION SO THAT YOU MAY COMPLETE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THIS TELEGRAM WILL BE SENT AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO ACTUAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS DISTRIBUTION CENTER. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REMAINS WILL BE AC- COMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.</p> <p>CHIEF AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION</p>					
		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCL		PAGE 1 OF 1	
DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature when required)		RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE			
SYMBOL		TELEPHONE		OFFICIAL TITLE	

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INSPECTION CHECKLIST (FOR USE AT OVERSEAS PORT, U.S. PORT, AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER)					
NAME 1909 RAUSTON, EDWARD D		RANK PVT		SERIAL NUMBER 39591555	
SOURCE MARGRATEN HOLLAND		CONSIGNEE MAYR FUNERAL DIRECTOR 586 EAST SANTA CLARA VENTURA, CALIF.			
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
FINISH (Exterior) <i>Touched up</i> FINISH (Interior) <i>OK</i> HANDLES <i>OK</i> HANDLE BOLTS <i>OK</i> STENCILING - NAMEPLATE <i>Correct</i> HEALTH PERMIT MARKER <i>Reset</i> HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER		REMARKS USAGF APR 26 1949			
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF CASKET (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
FINISH (Exterior) HANDLES AND FASTENINGS STENCILING - NAMEPLATE CAM LOCKS (Sealing) <i>OK</i> ODOR OR MOISTURE		REMARKS			
ROUTED THROUGH					
<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM		<input type="checkbox"/> REPAIR SHOP			
CONDITION OF REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		CASKET REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (Explain)		CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
		SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
		SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
		REMARKS			
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN		TIME	DATE
	7/20/49	<i>[Signature]</i>			
REMARKS I certify that the casket and shipping case for these remains were inspected by me personally and are in perfect condition. I further certify that I personally checked the name stencil and shipping case tag against the casket tag for these remains and the name as stenciled on the shipping case and as on the shipping case tag are exactly the same as shown on the tag fastened to the casket. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>INSPECTION OFFICER</u> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>[Signature]</i> <u>INSPECTION OFFICER</u> </div> </div>					

REPATRIATION
RECORDS BRANCH

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

I have just received from the Bureau of Census a list of names of persons who were repatriated from the Soviet Union and who were listed as "Soviet Citizens" in the 1940 Census. I have checked the list and find that it contains the names of many persons who were repatriated from the Soviet Union and who were listed as "Soviet Citizens" in the 1940 Census. I have also checked the list and find that it contains the names of many persons who were repatriated from the Soviet Union and who were listed as "Soviet Citizens" in the 1940 Census.

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REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES <small>(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)</small>		DATE 5/23/49 WWII
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) RAISTON, EDWARD D.		BRANCH OF SERVICE USAGF
RANK OR GRADE PVT	SERIAL NO. 39591555	TO BE FILLED IN BY CLAIMANT FRANK COL FD 210-006 6-1949 OAKLAND, CALIF. STA. NO. 809
<p>A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERMENT EXPENSES (Civilian or Private Cemetery)</p> <p>B. <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (National or Post Cemetery)</p>		
<p align="center">INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director. 2. Fill in as required and sign four copies. 3. Check Box "A" or Box "B" above, not both. 4. Check Box "A" when interment is in a civilian or private cemetery. 5. Check Box "B" when remains are delivered to home or other place prior to burial in a national or post cemetery. 		
<p>FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED</p> <p>I certify that the sum of \$ 75.00 was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below:</p> <p>NAME: Dry Lawn,</p> <p>CITY OR COUNTY: Ventura</p> <p>STATE: Calif.</p>		<p>FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED</p> <p>I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above-named decedent from: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped)</p> <p>TO: (Name and Location of National or Post Cemetery)</p>
<p>RETURN FOUR COPIES TO</p> <p>COMMANDING OFFICER DISTRIBUTION CENTER #13 OAKLAND ARMY BASE OAKLAND 14, CALIFORNIA</p>		<p>SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT David E. Raiston</p> <p>ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State) 273 W - Ramona Ventura Cal.</p> <p>RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT Father</p>
REMARKS		

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PART A

1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the Government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.

3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the Government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: Hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.

4. Reimbursement by the Government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipted bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

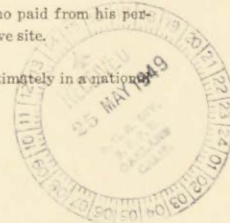
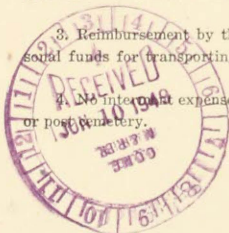
PART B

1. When the remains are delivered to you at Government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2 below.

2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the Government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the Government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the Government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.

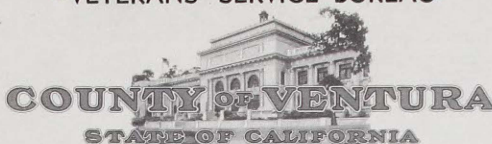
3. Reimbursement by the Government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.

4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.



VETERANS' SERVICE BUREAU

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KATHERINE MURPHY
SECRETARY

52 North California Street
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

PHONES 4791 OR 6131
P. O. BOX 1371

June 2, 1949

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RE: RALSTON, Edward D.
ASN-39 591 555
Deceased

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

Gentlemen:

We are inclosing, herewith, Form 623 in duplicate, Application
For Marker, submitted in the case of the above captioned veteran
of World War II.

Very truly yours,

Howard Strandgaard

Howard Strandgaard
Veterans Service Officer

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Incl-1



*File
10 June 49
memorandum
M. H. T.
H. A. T.*

VETERANS SERVICE BUREAU

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 7, 1949

Mr. [Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

Office of the [Title]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

Re your letter of [Date], regarding [Subject].
The matter, referred to in the above captioned letter,

is being handled.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
[Title]
[Address]



REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Pvt. Edward D. Ralston, 39 591 555
 Plot W, Row 10, Grave 243,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Margraten, Holland

21 May 1948

Roda 5/18/48
no opt.
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B. H. H. H.

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, DAVID E. RALSTON

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☒ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☐ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- ☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY
Trv Lawn, Ventura, Ventura Co. Calif.
 (NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO _____ (FOREIGN COUNTRY), THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
- (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
- ☐ YES ☐ NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES. (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

None

NO JUNE
NOV 25 1948

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R. H. H. H.

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PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME <i>Funeral Director</i>	FIRST NAME <i>Ted</i>	MIDDLE INITIAL <i>ML</i>
NUMBER AND STREET <i>586 East Santa Clara</i>	CITY OR TOWN <i>Ventura</i>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <i>Ventura</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) <i>Same</i>	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS <i>Same</i>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>Calif.</i>
		TELEPHONE No. <i>4964</i>

OR I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>as Above</i>			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME <i>Ralston</i>	FIRST NAME <i>Stella</i>	MIDDLE INITIAL <i>H.</i>	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <i>Mother</i>
NUMBER AND STREET <i>Same</i>	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

According to information furnished me by our Army & Government, my son was killed fighting Against Fascism. I would prefer that the American Legion, Ambassadors and other American Fascists stay away from his body.

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

David E. Ralston (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) *273 West Ramona* (STREET AND NUMBER)
DAVID E. RALSTON (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) *Ventura, Calif.* (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this *6* day of *July*, 19*43*, at city (or town) of *Ventura*, county of *Ventura*, and State (or Territory or District) of _____

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

Ted Mary Crompton & Public
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

Ventura County Calif.
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

If you are the next of kin and you d

I, THE _____
NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN TH

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE

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If you are NOT the next of kin aut

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NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM,
SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
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PART II - RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)
NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____	_____ (DATE)
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

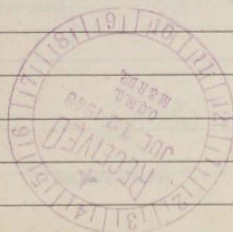
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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

_____	_____ (DATE)
(SIGNATURE)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.





THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

PACIFIC AREA

SAN FRANCISCO 1, CALIFORNIA

1550 SUTTER STREET

Repatriation Records Branch
Disinterment locator Section
Office of the Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

DATE: August 24, 1948

Your Reference: QMGMR 293

FROM: (Miss) Cathryn Henna

Re: RALSTON, Edward D., 39 591 555
Plot WW, Row 10 Grave 243
U.S. Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

In compliance with your request of August 5 1948 for an investigation in connection with the disposition of the remains of this deceased serviceman, we submit the following information:

1. OQMG Form 345 has been submitted by Mr. David E. Ralston, Father
(Name) (Relationship)
273 Ramona Street, Ventura, California, in mid-July, 1948
(Address) (Date)
2. OQMG Form 345 will be submitted by _____,
(Name) (Relationship)
_____ on or about _____
(Address) (Date)
3. Remarks: Our Chapter at Ventura, California advises that the father executed the Form 345 in mid-July 1948. This statement was verified by the Mayr Funeral Directors in Ventura. We are assuming that if the form was submitted to you in mid-July that probably the receipt of it ^{was} ~~elapsed~~ with the sending out of your request of August 5th. If we are mistaken in our assumption and you wish to have a second Form 345 submitted, we shall be glad to seek further the assistance of our Chapter at Ventura, California.

(Mrs.) G. T. Parker,

Home Service Correspondent

(Miss) Cathryn Henna
Director, Home Service
Pacific Area

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JULY 1948
223 Madison Street, Ventura, California

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

In Reply Refer To RR Br: QMGR 293 Ralston, Edward D., Pvt, 39 591 555
Plot WW, Row 10, Grave 243

IMPORTANT
Address reply and envelope to:
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Do NOT include the name of the
official who signed the com-
munication.

United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

AUG 5 1948

P R I O R I T Y

Miss Cathryn Henna, Home Service Director
Pacific Area, American Red Cross
1550 Sutter Street
San Francisco 1, California

Dear Miss Henna:

The Next of Kin of the above captioned deceased father
(relationship)
Mr. David E. Ralston 273 Regona Street Ventura, California
(name) (address)
has failed to return a Form 345 indicating disposition instructions for the
remains. The form was dispatched 21 May 1948.

It is respectfully requested that the attached OQMG Form 345 be properly
accomplished by the Next of Kin and legal documents obtained through assistance
of your representative if appropriate, be furnished this office. In the event
you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is
further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative
be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of
the decedent.

It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above,
they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate
form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this
request.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN O. HYATT
Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

Incls.

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Pvt. Edward D. Ralston, 39 591 555
 Plot WW, Row 10, Grave 243,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Margraten, Holland

21 May 1948

Mr. David E. Ralston
 273 Ramona Street
 Ventura, California

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If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
 Major General
 The Quartermaster General

Incls. *chb*

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*A.R.C. sent 4 Aug. '48
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Pvt. Edward D. Ralston, 39 591 555
Plot WW, Row 10, Grave 243,
United States Military Cemetery
Margraten, Holland

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Incls.

THOMAS E. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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

DATE 21 May 1948

TO: Letter of Inquiry Section

(Thru Officer in Charge)

(Form 734 will indicate file dispatched to LOI SECTION)

Reference:

NAME Balston Edward D RANK 1st Lt
SERIAL NUMBER 39-591-555 CEMETERY 1st Military Cemetery
PLOT WW ROW 10 GRAVE 243 Magnolia
Holland

Request new* LOI be sent to:

NAME David E. Balston RELATIONSHIP Father
ADDRESS 273 Ramona Street
CITY Centura STATE California

Basis of request: (Must include definite facts)

Widow remarried father 7/0/4

Request Approved: _____

Approving Officer's Remarks: _____

* Strike out if no LOI previously dispatched

LOI sent 21 May 48

N. Smith

File
LOI sent
21 May 48
Chb

DDMS FORM 300 2 APR 48		REQUEST FOR NEW LETTER OF INQUIRY	
TO LETTER OF INQUIRY SECTION REGISTRATION RECORDS BRANCH		FROM REPLY FORM ACCEPTANCE SECTION FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH	
NAME OF DECEDENT (First, Middle, Last) <i>Edward D Ralston</i>		GRADE <i>PT</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>39591555</i>
GRAVE LOCATION			
CENETERY <i>Margraten</i>	PLOT <i>WW</i>	ROW <i>10</i>	GRAVE <i>243</i>
LETTER OF INQUIRY TO BE SENT TO:			
MR. <i>David E. Ralston</i> F			
MRS.			
STREET <i>273 W. Ramona</i>		CITY AND STATE <i>Ventura Calif.</i>	
ADDRESS			
AUTHORITY FOR LETTER OF INQUIRY <i>345 PIII</i>			
CLERK'S SIGNATURE <i>Guie</i>		DATE <i>5-17-48</i> <i>Enclose Rada</i>	

LOI SENT 21 MAY 1948 to Father

QUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Pvt Edward D. Ralston, 39 591 555
 Plot W, Row 10, Grave 243,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Margraten, Holland

5 December 1947

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, _____

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☐ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- ☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO _____ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____

(FOREIGN COUNTRY)

(LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____

(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

☐ YES ☐ NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

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LOL SENT 21 MAY 1948

to father
 N Smith

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PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		TELEPHONE No.

OR
I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

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(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this _____ day of _____, 19____, at city (or town) of _____, county of _____, and State (or Territory or District) of _____

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

If you are the next of kin and you desire

I, THE _____, NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF KINSHIP TO THE DECEASED.

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE REMAINS

(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, this form should be directed to the next of kin.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE REMAINS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NEXT OF KIN.

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET

Martha Geneva
formerly Martha Geneva
MARTHA GENEVA
FATHER

PART I—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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I, THE _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)
NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____ (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	_____ (DATE)
_____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	_____ (STREET AND NUMBER)
	_____ (CITY AND STATE)

PART III

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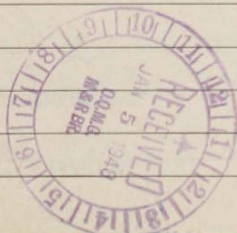
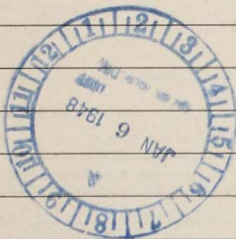
LAST NAME RALSTON	FIRST NAME DAVID	MIDDLE INITIAL E
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED no. 1 st. father	CITY OR TOWN VENTURA	STATE OR COUNTRY STATE CALIF.

Martha Geneva Parsons **Dec 31-47**
(SIGNATURE) (DATE)
formerly Martha Geneva Ralston **3445 McCandless**
(STREET AND NUMBER)
MARTHA GENEVA PARSONS **San Diego Calif.**
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

As I have remarried since my former husband's death I find in your booklet I am no longer eligible to decide about his remains as his children are all under age the next of kin is his father or mother of whom I have filled out their name & address in the form you have made available. Thank you
M.E.P.



298
 NAME RALSTON, EDWARD D.
 ASN 39,591,555 RANK PVT.

MARGRATEN, HOLLAND
 PLOT WW ROW 10 GRAVE 243

Changes made in information
 Forms #333 and A-Z are from
 sources listed below:

PER CORRESP

OFFICERS' NAME

DATE

FROM: RELATIONSHIP WIFE
 NAME MARTHA G. RALSTON
 STREET 1108 VIA WANDA STREET
 CITY & STATE NORTH LONG BEACH 5, CALIFORNIA

TO: RELATIONSHIP FATHER
 NAME DAVID EDWARD RALSTON
 STREET 273 WEST RAMONA STREET
 CITY & STATE VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

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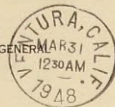
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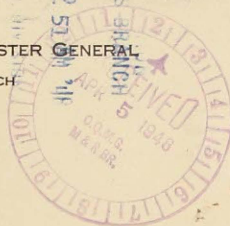
NAME OF DECEASED <i>Edward D. Ralston.</i>	RANK <i>Pvt.</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>39591555</i>
NAME OF NEXT OF KIN <i>David Edward Ralston.</i>	RELATIONSHIP <i>Son.</i>	
OLD ADDRESS <i>Ojai, Calif. Rt 2. Box 384</i>		
NEW ADDRESS <i>273 W- Ramona St; Ventura, Calif.</i>		
REMARKS <i>you sent the form to his wife and she has remarried, she said she sent you word to send a form to me, never rec'd ans. Please send one.</i>		

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
MEMORIAL DIVISION, R. R. BRANCH
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



Pvt Edward D. Ralston, 39 591 555
 Plot M, Row 10, Grave 243,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Margraten, Holland

5 December 1947

Mrs. Martha G. Ralston
 1108 Via Wanda Street
 North Long Beach 5, California

Dear Mrs. Ralston:

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THOMAS B. LARKIN
 Major General
 The Quartermaster General

Incls.

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LOI SENT 21 MAY 1948 to father

OQMG FORM 381
11 MAR 47

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS

NAME OF DECEASED <i>Edward E. Kalston</i>	RANK <i>Pvt.</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>39-591-555</i>
NAME OF NEXT OF KIN <i>David E. Kalston</i>	RELATIONSHIP <i>Father</i>	
OLD ADDRESS <i>box 384 Rt 2 Ojai Calif.</i> <i>253 West Ramona St Ventura</i>		
NEW ADDRESS <i>273 West Ramona St. Ventura</i>		
REMARKS <i>This letter must have gone astray, was just recently received 11-15-47</i> <i>W.D. 11-15-47</i> <i>W.D. 11-15-47</i> <i>W.D. 11-15-47</i>		

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
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MEMORIAL DIVISION, R. R. BRANCH
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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NAME Ralston, Edward A.ASN 39591585 RANK priv

Cemetery:

plot:

Row:

Gravestone
WW 10-249Changes made in information
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OFFICERS NAME _____

DATE _____

FROM: RELATIONSHIP _____

Wife

NAME _____

Mrs. Martha G. Ralston

STREET _____

1108 Via Wanda Street

CITY & STATE _____

North Long Beach, Calif.

TO: RELATIONSHIP _____

Father

NAME _____

Mr. David E. Ralston

S. _____

STREET _____

273 West Ramona Street

CITY&STATE _____

Ventura, CaliforniaMAT: 7MFILE 12-9-474 December 47A. F. BurnsG. T. Dugg

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGP 293

Ralston, Edward D.
SN 39 591 555

IMPORTANT

Address reply and envelope to:

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Do NOT include the name of the
official who signed the communica-
tion.

6 August 1947

Mrs. Martha G. Parsons
344 South McCandless Boulevard
San Diego 2, California

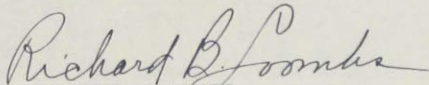
Dear Mrs. Parsons:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of the late Private Edward D.
Ralston has come to my attention.

The Secretary of War, pursuant to the authority granted under Public
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to designate the disposition of the remains of the deceased. Accordingly,
the widow has the prior disposition right unless she was separated, divorced
or has remarried. In either of these events, the disposition right reverts
to the parent of the decedent, the father having precedence over the mother.

Inasmuch as you have remarried, the right to designate the final
disposition of the remains of your former husband automatically reverts to
his father.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial DivisionFile
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE: 20 SEP 1947
TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
FROM: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

6 August 1947

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TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
FROM: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
SUBJECT: REMAINS OF THE LATE PRIVATE EDWARD H. PATTON

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
SAND DUNE, CALIFORNIA

Dear Sir:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of the late Private Edward H. Patton has come to my attention.

The Secretary of War, pursuant to the authority granted under Public Law 243, 77th Congress, has established the precedence of relatives eligible to designate the disposition of the remains of the deceased. Accordingly, the widow has the prior disposition right unless she was separated, divorced or has remarried. In either of these events, the disposition right reverts to the parent of the deceased, the father having precedence over the mother.

Notwithstanding as you have remarried, the right to designate the final disposition of the remains of your former husband essentially reverts to his father.

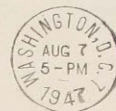
Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Goss

RICHARD H. GOSS
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Medical Division



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6 August 1947

Mrs. Martha G. Parsons
344 South McCandless Boulevard
San Diego 2, California

Dear Mrs. Parsons: .

Your letter pertaining to the remains of the late Private Edward D. Ralston has come to my attention.

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Inasmuch as you have remarried, the right to designate the final disposition of the remains of your former husband automatically reverts to his father.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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6 August 1947

Mrs. Martin G. Parsons
144 South Robertson Boulevard
San Diego 5, California

Dear Mrs. Parsons:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of the late Private Edward D. Kaiton has come to my attention.

The Secretary of War, pursuant to the authority granted under Public Law 363, 79th Congress, has established the precedence of relatives eligible to designate the disposition of the remains of the deceased. Accordingly, the widow has the prior disposition right unless she was separated, divorced or has remarried. In either of these events, the disposition right reverts to the family of the deceased, the father having precedence over the mother.

Therefore, as you have remarried, the right to designate the final disposition of the remains of your former husband automatically reverts to his father.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOPER
Major, MC
Memorial Division



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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

~~Mr.~~
~~Mrs.~~
 Addressee: Mrs. Martha G. Parsons Remarried
Widow
 Relationship
 State 344 South Mc Candless Boulevard
 City, State San Diego 2 California '47
 Date letter
 Cemetery
 Temporary: _____
 Permanent: _____
 Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
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reverts to his father.

Taylor

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Modifications

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Decedent:

Robertson

Last

Edward

First

D.

Initial

Dr. X

Rank

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ASN

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ASN

San Diego Calif, ²⁹³
June 19-47

Dear Sir:

I was next of kin (wife) of ²⁹³ Put. Edward Dale Ralston 39591555 my former address on name was 1108 Via Wanda ST. Long Beach Calif. Martha E. Ralston. My name at present is Martha E. Parsons. An I would like to have some information on the bringing back to this Country of my husband's body. I know there has been some brought but didn't know whether we would have to make a request or not. An as I've never recieved any information on it. I would like very much to know the full Particulars of this.

Thank you very much.

Martha E. Parsons.

My present address is 3445 McCandless Blvd.
San Diego 2 Calif.

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23 July 1947

Mr. David E. Ralston
253 West Ramona Street
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Ralston:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private Edward D. Ralston, A.S.N. 39 591 555.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Margraten, Holland, plot WW, row 10, grave 243. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located ten miles west of Aachen, Germany, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide all legal next of kin with full information and solicit their detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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INFORMATION GUIDE

USMC

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

Cemetery

MARGRATEN, HOLLAND WW

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243

Name

RALSTON, EDWARD D.

RANK

PVT.

ASN

39 591 555

Next of Kin (Relationship)

FATHER

Name

Mr. DAVID E. RALSTON

Street

253 WEST RAMONA STREET

City & State

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

Original Burial

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Reburial

Name of Person
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S.N. 39 591 555

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

26 April 1946

Mrs. Martha G. Ralston
1108 Via Wanda Street
North Long Beach 5, California

Dear Mrs. Ralston:

Your letter to The Adjutant General's Office concerning your husband, the late Private Edward D. Ralston, has been referred to this office.

The official Report of Burial discloses that the remains of your husband were interred in Plot WW, Row 10, Grave 243, in the United States Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, located twelve miles northwest of Aachen, Germany and eight miles southeast of Maastricht, Holland.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS M. STAGGS
2d Lt., QMC
Assistant

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS	DATE
1	Dir., Memorial Division, OQMG		Room 2401, Tempo B, Building		
			Washington, D. C.		
2					
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1. For necessary action.
2. ²⁹³ Private Edward Dale Ralston, 39591555,
killed in action on 7 April 1945
3. Writer has been informed of this reference.



- 2 Incls
 Copy of letter dtd 3 Apr 46
 Copy of letter dtd 12 Apr 46

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE	TELEPHONE
	Casualty Branch, Personnel Operating Section #			12 April 46	79990
	Family Relations Sub-Section		3632		

W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115
1 October 1944This Form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115, 23 March 1944,
which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.



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AGFC-O 201 Ralston, Edward D.
(3 Apr 46) 39591555

12 April 1946

Mrs. Martha G. Ralston
1108 Via Wanda Street
North Long Beach 5, California

Dear Mrs. Ralston:

Reference is made to your recent letter in which you requested information concerning your husband, Private Edward D. Ralston.

Your earnest desire to learn the full details of the heroic action in which your husband served his country is fully appreciated. I wish to advise you that information received in the War Department discloses that Private Ralston was instantly killed in action on 7 April 1945, as a result of a shell fragment wound of the head, in Oberkirchen, Germany. The many heroic deeds of our military personnel who die overseas were not always fully recorded as the tremendous movements of many men and much equipment were over large battle areas.

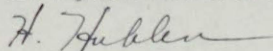
The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas and I am, therefore, forwarding a copy of your letter to that official for direct reply to your inquiry regarding this matter.

I realize how futile any words of mine may be to assuage your grief but I trust that the knowledge of your husband's heroic sacrifice in action may be a source of sustaining comfort.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army



C O P Y

The No. AG 201 Ralston, Edward D.
PC-N ETO 108

Long Beach, California

April 3, 1946

Dear Sirs:

I have put off writing this letter until I feel sure you must have at least some information for me and my husband's mother. Pvt. Edward Dale Ralston, 39591555, Co. C, 48th Amor'd., Inf, Bn., APO 257 c/o Postmaster, New York. He was killed the 7th of April 1945 in Germany and a confirming letter followed the telegram and from then - no information. I don't know how he was killed or where in Germany. I would like to know where his grave is and when he was buried and all about it if possible. No one seems to be able to tell me these things or would like to know if there is a grave. Please try and forward me what information you have. If none is forthcoming then still please let me know what is wrong. Everyone else I have known in similiar circumstances seems to know where their boys are buried.

Thank you,

Martha Ray Ralston

GRAVES REGISTRATION
FORM NO. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1948)Restricted
REPORT OF BURIAL

29 August 1945

Date

Last Name Ralston First Edward Initial Dale Rank Pvt Serial No. 39591555
 Unit Unk 78 ARMD INF BN 7th Armd Div.
 Place of Death Oberkirchen, Ger. Date of Death Est. 7 Apr 1945 Cause of Death SFW Head
 Time and Date of Burial 1900 2 SEP 1945 Name of Cemetery Margraten Name or Coordinates of Location VK 645482
 Grave Number 243 Row Number 10 Plot Number WW Type of Marker Cross

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes ☐ No ☒ Attached to Marker Yes ☐ No ☒ Embossed Tag

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

Soc Sec Card

Pay Book

ETO Card

What means of identification were buried with the body?

Embossed Tag

REBURIAL

Previously buried at Ittenbach CemeteryPlot F Row 10 Grave 198

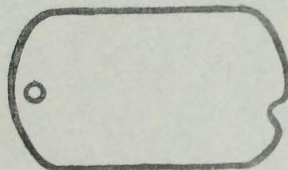
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right: Squires 35414751 Pfc 240th FA Bn 242
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.Deceased's Left: Lister 37574384 Pfc 7th Armd Div. 244
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee Unk

Name

Unk

Address

Religion Unk

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Disintering Officer: RICHARD A. CROSS, Capt., 608th Gr. Reg Co.Reintering Officer: ALBION E. WELLS, 1st Lt., 603rd Gr. Reg Co.FILE
E-3-12-1246

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height: _____ Laundry Marks: _____
 Weight: _____ Number of Rifle: _____
 Color of Eyes: _____ Wear Glasses? _____
 Color of Hair: _____ Is Tooth Chart Attached? _____
 Race: _____

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

TOOTH CHART

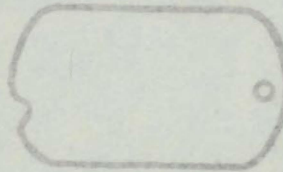
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Indicate missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by C; missing anchor teeth, replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics:

Other Data:

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.



List any Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Identifying Officer: RICHARD A. CROSS, JR. 722560
 Identifying Officer: ALTON E. WELLS, JR. 722560

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GRAVE REGISTRATION
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1315

10 Apr 45

Date

RALSTON

EDWARD

DALE

39591555

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

Unknown

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7th

Arm'd Div.

Unit

Organization

Oberkirchen, Germany

7 Apr 45

SFW head

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1000 hrs, 10 Apr 45

Ittenbach #1

F 678-310

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

198

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Perm

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes ☐ No ☒ Attached to Marker Yes ☐ No ☒

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

Paybook

social security card

ETO Card

What means of identification were buried with the body?

Embossed plate

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:

Lister, John J. 37574384

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

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Grave No.

Deceased's Left:

Squires, Corger, L. 35414751

Name

Serial No.

Rank

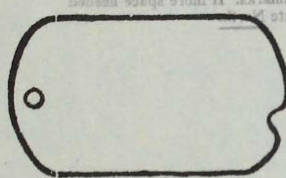
Organization

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Grave No.

Signature in Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:



Emergency Address

Name

Address

Religion

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

1st Lt. QMC

O-1501461

G.R.O.

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

REPORT OF DEATHDATE 4 May 1945

FULL NAME <u>Ralston, Edward D.</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>39 591 555</u>		GRADE <u>Pvt.</u>																
HOME ADDRESS <u>North Long Beach, California.</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Infantry</u>		DATE OF BIRTH <u>30 Sept 19</u>																
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>		CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>7 April 1945</u>																
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>26 June 1944</u>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS																
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OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)																				
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 4 May 1945

FULL NAME Ralston, Edward D.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 33 581 565		GRADE Evt.	
HOME ADDRESS North Long Beach, California.		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry		DATE OF BIRTH 30 Sept 19	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 7 April 1945	
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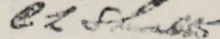
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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAUORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Martha G. Ralston

SHIP TO:

1108 Via Wanda Street

North Long Beach 5, California

Effects of:
Name

Pvt. Edward D. Ralston

39591555

ASN

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Case No.

Wt.

DATE 17 August 1945

RTB:IB:rt

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

☒ Inclose Bureau Check
 Acct. No. 143375
 Amount \$4.28 *me*
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.
 Note discrepancy in *Me*
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 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

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ROUTING:

1 Accounting Branch *HW*
 2 Warehouse Division
 3 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

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August 21

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Martha G. Ralston

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REMARKS:

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 No. of packages *7*

Shipping Clerk

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				SHEET 1	
				REMARKS	
				ORGANIZATION 7th Arm'd Div.	
NAME Edward Dale Ralston		RANK 1st Lt.			
A.S.N. 39691555					
Belt SHIRT, MOUNT (NO MOUNT) Cloth, Wash Socks Footwear, Pr. Gloves, Pr. Handkerchiefs Headwear Jackets Overcoats Scarfs Shirts Socks, Pr. Ties Towels Trousers, Pr. Trunks, Pr. Underwear		SCISSORS & SHARPENERS CLOTHING 9 RACKETS, DIRT Brushes CAMERAS Glasses Knives Lighters MISC. Pen, Fountain Pencil, Mechanical Pipes REFRIGERATOR ARTICLES SHOWER, PORTABLE Vices Tobacco Toilet articles WAGON		FILES BAGS, CLOTH OR LEATHER BILFOLD, (NO MONEY) Cash Footlocker KIT, SH, KIT, OR WAITING BOOKS Books, address Books, Pilot Log DIARY (REMOVED FOR DTD) FILMS Letters Papers, Personal Photos Shoe Shine Articles SPORT, SPORTER SPOONSTICK SPOONSTICK MONEY Stationery THERMOS U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	
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INVENTORIED BY		White		DATE SHIPPED	
PACKED BY		M. H. H.		AUG 28 1949	
CHECKED BY		92		X 100% OR ADDITIONAL	
				G.I. REMOVED	
				SHORTAGE ON RECEIPT	
				IDENT. TAGS REMOVED	
				DIARY REMOVED	
				LOCKED STORAGE	
				LAUNDRY REMOVED	
				FILM REMOVED	

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

211-703

AMOUNT

Money 100 Belg.

#9.00 - U.S.

Form WDFD 38

I certify that the above listed items were
not in the containers inventoried by me

White
INVENTORY CLERK

Lt. Wm. L. Corn
SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

NAME RALSTON, EDWARD ALE 1555

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
	3176 15	93	9900
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
GRB			

Eff. QM Form 48

Box No. AM 4

RESTRICTED Ittenbach # 1 F 198
INVENTORY FORM 10 APR 45
DATE

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

<u>Ralston</u>	<u>Edward</u>	<u>Dale</u>	<u>Pvt.</u>	<u>39591555</u>
(LAST NAME)	(FIRST NAME)	(MI)	(RANK)	(ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communications Zone, APO 887 US Army

The above named individual of Unk 7th Arm'd Div.

(UNIT) (ORGANIZATION)

was ~~reported~~ buried about 10 APR 45 1944.

(STATUS (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.)) (DATE)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible

Unk

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

1 fountain pen ✓
1 lighter ✓
1 billfold ✓
souvenir money ✓
2 cuff links ✓
stamps ✓
pictures ✓

100 Belg. 0
\$2.00 U. S. 0

Money in the amount of above has been turned into E. F. Clark, Capt. FD

(NAME OF FINANCE OFFICE AND

211-703 Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

(SYMBOL NUMBER)

Unk

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY BANKS IN WHICH ACCOUNTS MAY BE CARRIED

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by truck on 194.

(RAIL, TRUCK, ETC.)

Name H. Shackelford

Rank & ASN H. SHACKELFORD

Organization G. R. O.

1st Lt. GRC
O-1596003

Any additional pertinent information:

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORY

504,246

CASE NO. 7c

TYPED BY

DATE lc

7-16-45

STATUS

dec.

NAME

Edward Dale Ralston ✓

A.S.N.

39591555 ✓

RANK

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

unk.

AMOUNT 143375 709.

4.28 ACCOUNT NO.

LIST NO. PAID-Check NO. 12242874

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REMARKS

ACCOUNTING INVENTORY

Serial No. 39591555 Name PALSTON, EDWARD, DAL
 Grade _____ Rank _____
 Organization _____
 Address 7 APRN'D DIV
 Nearest Relative _____
 Address _____
 Killed in Action _____ Died of Disease _____
 Date EST. APRIL 1945 Hospital _____
 Battle Area BERKIRCH Information GERMANIA
 Place of Burial ITTENBACH No. 1
 Point of Coordination _____
 Description of Body _____
 Members Missing _____
 Signed _____
198-71

504246✓

RTB:LB:wp
August 16, 1945

Mrs. Martha G. Ralston
1108 Via Wanda Street
North Long Beach 5, California

Dear Mrs. Ralston:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, Private Edward D. Ralston.

I am inclosing a check for \$4.20, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property is being forwarded to you in one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

C. R. QUINN
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Files Branch

I Incl—
Check

✓ 8
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Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JCM:IB:rt
Case No. 504246
Date 13 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Edward D. Ralston late a
(Name of deceased) 39591555 (Army Serial Number)
Private Infantry who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 7 day of April, 1945, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, 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, or person subject to military law, reports that:

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

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none 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. _____)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money 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 9 August 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Martha G. Ralston for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Martha G. Ralston of 1108 Via Wanda Street North Long Beach 5 State of California is the Widow of the above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, QMC
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL