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QMCMC 293
Wills, Edward G.
SN 20523501

12 June 1952

Mr. Edd Wills
Route #3
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Wills:

Reference is made to the interment of your son, the late Private Edward G. Wills, and his comrades, which was made in Graves 1004, 1005 and 1006, Section 78, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. It is regretted that because of the fact it was impossible to identify individually the remains of your son, you were deprived of the comfort and consolation which you might have been afforded by interring his remains at home.

It is felt that you might like to have the inclosed photographs of the stone which has been placed at the grave.

You are assured that the grave will always be cared for in a manner fully commensurate with the sacrifice your son has made for his country. Any desired information concerning the grave or the cemetery will be furnished upon request.

Sincerely yours,

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Photographs

JAS. F. WATT
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 WILLS, Edward G.			GRADE Pvt		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 20523501
ORGANIZATION 192 Tank Bn. Ind.		RACE White	CREED not of Record.		FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 3 Jul 42	CAUSE OF DEATH Dysentery		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA Cabangtuan PW Camp		
DATE OF FOD 3 Aug 45					
HEIGHT 71 in	WEIGHT 149-	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Dark	SHOE SIZE not of Record.	
Induction DENTAL CHART Date 1 Aug 40					
UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
X = Extracted O = Cavity 1 = Cavity Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS None Shown			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK None Shown		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION No 79s available					

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293- WILLS, EDWARD G. 20523501

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No. 1 -Disint. Dir. # 7/47 GB-125 covering Group or
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National Cemetery. CHANGE

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293 Wills, Edward G. 20 523 501

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Supt., Jefferson Barracks Nat'l Cem.

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WILLS, Edward G.
SN 20 523 501

6 September 1949

Mr. Ed Wills
Route #3
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Wills:

The Department of the Army desires that you be given the most recent information concerning your son, the late Private Edward G. Wills.

I regret the necessity of informing you that records of this office disclose that, although the remains of your son have been recovered, it was not possible, because of the manner of the original burial to identify his remains individually.

According to Army records and investigation, your son and nineteen other Prisoners of War confined at the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp, Luzon, Philippine Islands, died on July 2nd and 3rd, 1942, of disease. These men were interred in a common grave number 408 in the Cabanatuan Cemetery, where they remained until the cessation of hostilities; then, units of the American Graves Registration Service removed these remains to the United States Armed Forces Cemetery Manila #2, Luzon, Philippine Islands, where an attempt was made to individually identify these remains.

It is deeply regretted that, despite the efforts of our identification technicians, individual identification of your son's remains could not be established. Due to the fact that several deceased had been interred in this common grave for so long a period of time before they were recovered, complete segregation could not be accomplished for eight of the deceased.

The group identification of your son and seven other deceased Prisoners of War in Cabanatuan is based upon the following: The Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp Roster of Deaths lists by name and serial number twenty prisoners who died on the 2nd and 3rd of July 1942. It was common practice for the Japanese to bury all those who died on or about the same date in one common grave. Twelve of the twenty remains recovered from grave number 408 have been individually identified as listed on this roster. The remaining deceased have been identified as a group representing the remains of Private Edward G. Wills and seven other prisoners who died on these dates.

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The remains of this group are currently resting in the American Graves Registration Service Mausoleum, Manila, Philippine Islands, and will be brought back simultaneously for interment in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, located at St. Louis, Missouri.

This plan for the burial of all the known groups of men for whom individual identity cannot be established in one of our country's shrines is based upon the provisions of Public Law 383, 79th Congress, as amended by Section 3, Public Law 363, 80th Congress. Final interment in a National Cemetery is fitting and proper. This particular National Cemetery was selected in order that no undue burden of travel might be placed on any one family wishing to attend the services.

You and the next of kin of the other men will be informed of the date and time of the final interment sufficiently in advance to permit you and any interested persons to attend the ceremonies. In order that you may receive information concerning these final rites, it is essential, in case you change your address, that you promptly inform the Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason, California.

May I extend to you my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son and express the hope that you may obtain some small measure of solace from the knowledge that he died an honored death in the service of his country.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel, GRC
Memorial Division

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BURIAL INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	ASN	GRADE
GROUP BURIAL		
ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH	
293 Wills, Edward G. 3418		
PLACE	DATE OF BURIAL	DATE OF REBURIAL
Cabanatuan POW Camps I and II Luzon, P.I.		
REMARKS Remains of Unknowns X-4261, X-4270 thru X-4276 (Formerly X-2035 thru X-2042 interred in USAF Cemetery, Manila #2, Luzon, P.I., Plot 3, Row 9, Graves 1047 thru 1051; 1103 thru 1105;), now stored in AGRS Mausoleum, Manila, P.I., Hanger 802, Bay K, Crypts 3401, 3407, 3409, 3425, 3471, 3481, 3490, 3499; have been identified as a Group Burial, but individual identity cannot be established: PECHNER, Paul A., Pvt., 35154537; FOX, Ray, Cpl., 6725441; GRAHAM, Raymond J., Cpl., 35102133; HUGHES, Kent W., Jr., T/5, 20645285; LEWIS, Charles E., Pfc., 19038077; RAYMAN, Henry E., Pvt., 33000612; <u>WILLS, Edward G., Pvt., 20523501; WILSON, William L., Pvt., 35030548.</u>		
R. E. BARRY Capt. OMC Ident. Section		
File 29 July 49 H. Jackson		

293unk P.I. (Miss) Manila #2
X-4261 & X-4271 thru X-4276

QUEST 215
100-100-100

1 August 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO : Commanding General
Philippine Command
APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
ATTN: AGES, PHILCON ZONE

1. Reference is made to Board Proceedings recommending that remains of Unknowns X-4261 and X-4271 thru X-4276 formerly interred in the USAF Cemetery Manila #2, P.I., now stored in the AGES Mausoleum Manila, P.I., be identified as the following group:

Fox, Ray	Cpl.	6 725 641
Graham, Raymond J.	Cpl.	35 102 153
Hughes, Kent W. Jr.	T/S	20 645 235
Lewis, Charles E.	Pfc.	19 039 077
Peckner, Paul A.	Pvt.	35 154 537
Rayner, Henry E.	Pvt.	35 000 612
Hills, Edward G.	Pvt.	20 533 501
Hilton, William L.	Pvt.	35 030 543

2. The recommendation has been approved by this Office.

3. Records of this Office have been corrected. It is requested that records of your headquarters and those in the mausoleum be amended accordingly.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

cc: Ada Section
S. M. Guldager
L. H. White
J. Windsor

T. E. MEYER
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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cc: CINCPAC, APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

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LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>993 Killee, Edwin G.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>20523501</i>		GRADE <i>Pvt. 3d</i>
HEIGHT <i>71 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>149</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH
LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation) <i>Formerly of Pvt Co D. 192 Tank Bn</i>					
PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA					

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

STATION	DATES
<p>NAN File</p> <p>JUL 29 1949</p> <p><i>Guil</i></p> <p>Identification Branch</p>	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

DENTAL CHART

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
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LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
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	/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Wills, Edward G.			GRADE Pvt.		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 20523501
ORGANIZATION 192 Tank Bn Inf.		RACE WHITE	CREED NOT OF REC.	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) NONE	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 3 July 42	CAUSE OF DEATH Dysentery		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA CABANATUAN Camp		
DATE OF FOD					
HEIGHT 71	WEIGHT 149	COLOR EYES BLUE	COLOR HAIR DARK	SHOE SIZE NOT OF REC.	
INDUCTION DENTAL CHART DATE 1 AUG. 40					
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS NONE			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK NONE		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					



NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
Wills, Edward G.		Pvt.		203301	
ORGANIZATION		RACE		FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (if applicable)	
Inf.					
DATE OF DEATH		CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF BIRTH		WEIGHT		COLOR EYES	
HEIGHT		COLOR HAIR		SHOE SIZE	
INDUCTION DENTAL CHART DATE					
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X - Extract			O - Crown		
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					



DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Wills, Edward G.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>20-523-501</i>		GRADE <i>Plt.</i>
HEIGHT <i>71"</i>	WEIGHT <i>149.</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Dark</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>not of record</i>	DATE OF DEATH

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

Co B. 753rd Th. Bn.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

Cabanatuan Prison Camp, Philippine Islands

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

STATION	DATES
<i>CP Polk, La.</i>	<i>Oct 41 to Dec 41</i>

FROM: WD, AGO CLERICAL RECORDS SECTION

NO RECORDS ON FILE

<p>FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS</p> <p><i>not of record.</i></p>	<p>TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS</p> <p><i>not of record</i></p>
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DENTAL CHART *19 Nov '40*

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LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT

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

REPORT OF DEATH

djc/3831 DATE 7 August 1945.

FULL NAME WILLS, EDWARD G. (Japanese) (POW, P.I.)		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 20 523 501	GRADE PVT
HOME ADDRESS Harrodsburg, Kentucky		ARM OR SERVICE Inf	DATE OF BIRTH 8 Mar 18
PLACE OF DEATH Southwest Pacific Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Dysentery		DATE OF DEATH 3 Jul 42
STATION OF DECEASED Southwest Pacific Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 1 Aug 40	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. Edd Wills, father, Route #3, Harrodsburg, Kentucky			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. Edd Wills, father, same as above. Mrs. Susie B. Wills, mother, same as above.			
INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)
YES NO		YES NO	YES NO
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

☐ BATTLE ☒ NON-BATTLE

SPECIAL P.I.

Evidence of death rec'd in WD 3 Aug 45.

The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been in a beleaguered status from 8 December 1941, to and including 6 May 1942 (Section 14, Public Law 490) and absent in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 7 May 1942, until such absence was terminated on 3 August 1945, on which date evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact that he died 3 July 1942, in a prisoner of war camp, was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the Southwest Pacific Area.

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S. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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AUG 10 1945
[Signature]

ADJUTANT GENERAL

