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Pvt. Willard E. Foster, ASN 20 523 478
Plot D, Row 1, Grave 257
Headstone: Cross
Fort McKinley U. S. Military Cemetery
(Manila, Philippine Islands)

Mrs. Gladys C. Foster Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Foster:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. MIDDLESWART Major General Acting The Quartermaster General

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Manila #2, Philippine Islands

20 November 1947

Mrs. Gladys C. Foster

Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Foster:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

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

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10 APR 1947

SUBJECT: Burial Records

Philippino-Ryckyne Command
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MARSIN G. RILEY Major, GHS Memorial Division

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2 October 1946

Mrs. Gladys C. Foster Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Foster:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private Willard E. Foster, A.S.N. 20 523 478.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the United States Armed Forces Cemetery, Manila, #2, plot 3, row 12, grave 1506. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located within the city limits of Menila, Philippine Islands, 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 the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE



FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON 27 KM 1944

Pursuant to section 5 of the Act of March 7, 1942 (Public Law 490-77th Cong.), as amended, and following a full review of all available information, upon direction and delegation by the Secretary of War, the Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office this May , 194 & , finds Private Willard E. Foster, Army Serial day of

Number 20,523,478, Infantry,

to be dead.

He or she was officially reported as missing (in action) as of the 7th ,194 2, in the Philippine Islands, following the day of surrender of Corregidor.

Date of previous reviews, if any 7 kg 1943.

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Result of previous review: Continued in status of missing in action.

In compliance with said section 5 of the Act of March 7, 1942, as amended, death is presumed to have occurred on the day of , 194

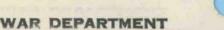
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 0353 Form approved by Form approved by Comptroller General, U. S. February 22, 1943

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George P. Herbert Col., A. G. D. Adjutant General. (Chief, Casualty Branch) Date of birth: 27 December 1920 Home address: Rose Hill, Kentucky Emergency addressee (name, relationship, and address): Mrs. Gladys C. Foster, (mother) Harrodsburg, Kentucky. 201 Beneficiary (name, relationship, and address): Alternate: Mrs. Gladys C. Fester, (mother) Miss Sarah M. Foster, (sister) Harrodsburg, Kentucky. No address given. Length of service (as of presumed date of death): months, days. years, Date of commission, appointment, or enlistment: 22 April 1940 Station of deceased (CONFIDENTIAL): Southwest Pacific Area Yes No In flying status? No In line of duty? Yes Own misconduct? Yes No Was deceased on duty status? Yes No Absence authorized? Yes No Social Security Number: Copy for: Office of Dependency Benefits. Surgeon General. Machine Records Branch Casualty Branch Chief of Finance. Social Security Board
Finance Office, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.
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6 June 1945 med REPORT OF DEATH DATE ARMY SERIAL NUMBER Foster, Willard E. 20 523 478 Pyto HOME ADDRESS ARM OR SERVICE DATE OF BIRTH 27 Dec 20 Infantry Rose Hill, Kentucky PLACE OF DEATH CAUSE OF DEATH DATE OF DEATH 2 Jun 42 Dysentery Southwest Pacific Area STATION OF DECEASED DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE LENGTH OF SERVICE YEARS MONTHS 22 Apr 40 Southwest Pacific Area EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Cladys C. Foster, mother, Harrodsburg, Kentucky BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Gladys C. Foster, mother, Harrodsburg, Kentucky Miss Sarah M. Foster, sister, No address given INVESTIGATION WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS AUTHORIZED IN FLYING PAY IN LINE OF DUTY OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW) OWN MISCONDUCT ABSENCE NO No X

Died in a Prisoner of War Camp in the Philippine Islands on 2 Jun 42. Never previously reported as a ROW FOW.

Finding of death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942 as amended, showing presumed date of death as S May 1944. This "Report of Death" based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Section 9, of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 96

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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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G. A. O.

THIS FORM SUPERSEDES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 1 DECEMBER 1944, WHICH MAY BE USED UNTIL EXISTING STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.