

293 VANARSDALL. GEORGE A, O 371 366 1st/LT. PAC. AR. INF. (KY)

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## NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH <b>Formosa</b>		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>Vanarsdall, George A</b>	RANK <b>1 Lt</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>0 371 366</b>
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED <input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:		
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		INITIALS OF ANALYST
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		
REMARKS  <i>Dental data - Peterson ✓</i>		
NAT File <b>Mary A. Edwards</b> Capt <b>DMG</b> Identification Branch		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
NAME OF CASE ANALYST	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION
		DATE

DDMG FORM 1957  
22 SEP 50



MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

VANARSDALL GEORGE A

RANK

1 LT

SERIAL NUMBER

0371366

AREA OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

9 JAN 45

AREA OF DEATH

FORMOSA

NAME OF AUDITOR

KINKEAD

DATE

16 MAY 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

HOLMES

DATE

16 MAY 51

REMARKS



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION			
TO:		DATE	
PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		5 June 1951	
FROM (Branch and Section)	REQUESTED BY	TEL. EXT.	ROOM NO.
Identification Branch Nonrecoverability Section	Peterson	73940	1523-11 PM
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	
Vanarsdall, George A.	1/Lt	0 371 366	
INFORMATION REQUIRED			
All available dental information.			
INFORMATION FURNISHED			
Completed form attached.			
PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)			
G. S. Gibbs, (G. Gibbs) Maj, gmc			

DDMG FORM 1936  
23 MAR 50

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293 FILE		<b>DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED</b>			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
Vanarsdall, George A.			1/Lt.		O 371 366
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA		CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
DATE OF FOD					
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	
<div style="text-align: center;"> INDUCTION      DENTAL CHART      DATE <u>25 Nov-1940</u> </div>					
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LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT		
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X = Extracted      O = Carious      1 = Carious Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
1 Form 79 attached					





**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME Van Arsdal, George A.	GRADE 1st Lt	SERIAL NO. O-371322
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:		
<input type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (Initials)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (Initials) J.O. Probert	
UNKNOWN X - 674 Taken Harbor	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 10449	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY  333 CARD FLAGGED BY

**IMPORTANT**

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 293 FILE AT ALL TIMES UNTIL CANCELLED BY MEMORIAL DIVISION.  
 ONLY THE "CONGRESSIONAL TOPPER", OQMG FORM 391, MAY BE PLACED OVER THIS FORM.



## REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

Fort Knox, Ky.

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
VanArsdall		George A	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
1st. Lt.	D	19nd. Tank BN.	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
28	W	Ky.	5/12-EAD

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
C-1-5-m0	4/24/41	Appt. Given. PHK.
C-1-13-do	4/26/41	C. I. II PHK.
C-R-8	"	"
Cancelled Appointment.	5/5/41	PHK.
C-1-14-f	7/21/41	C-II-IV PHK.
Def. File. L-16-of A		

W. J. F. L. S.  
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.  
 FORM 79—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. A.  
 (Revised April 13, 1938)

Date..... 19....

## Report of Dental Survey

## UPPER TEETH

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

## LOWER TEETH

Right								Left							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS .....

O Tooth crowned / Missing tooth

O/O Fixed bridge / Partial denture

Occlusion ..... Periodontoclasia .....

\*Caries .....

Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy.

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions .....

Dental Officer.

\*Indicate by tooth number.

3-10597



*Handwritten signature*

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FOR MAJ SEKOWSKI QM LN UR NR 51 7 APR ON GEORGE A VAN ARSDALL  
0371366 WDAGO FORM 63 11 DEC 40 TEETH MISSING R 16 L 16  
RESTORABLE CARIOUS TEETH R 8 L 5 15 FORMS 79 NOT FD



FILE:  
20 Sept. 49  
W. Eustace  
Ident.





QMCHAF 293  
Van Arsdall, George A.  
SN 0 371 366

7 September 1949

Mrs. Esther M. Van Arsdall  
210 East Mt. Vernon Street  
Somerset, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Van Arsdall:

Almost four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your husband, the late First Lieutenant George A. Van Arsdall.

The unfortunate circumstances surrounding his death have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon information presently available, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of his honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

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

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET				NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)  Van Arsdall, George A.
PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	
ADDRESSEE <del>MR.</del> <del>MISS</del> MRS. Esther M. Van Arsdall		ADDRESS (Street, City, State)  210 East Mt. Vernon Street Somerset, Kentucky		
RELATIONSHIP  Widow				
PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS			
110-A	<p>CC: Demobilized Personnel Records Branch</p>			
ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE 9/7/49		TYPYST INITIALS		GRADE  1/Lt
		REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE		SERIAL NUMBER  O-371366



<b>NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL</b>		C NUMBER <b>10449 (1)</b>	
		AREA OR ZONE(S) <b>JAP-KOR</b>	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>VAN ARSDALL, George A.</b>		RANK <b>1/Lt.</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>0-371 366</b>
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.)			
<b>Considered as an Individual Case</b>			
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.			
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST <i>en.</i>	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	INITIALS OF ANALYST <i>en.</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>en.</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>en.</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>en.</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>en.</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:  <div style="text-align: center;">None</div>			
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <b>E.S.ROBERTSON/gsg</b>		CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO <b>Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.</b> FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>A.J. Craten</i> <b>A.J. CRATEN</b>		CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W.R. DeWeese</i> <b>W.R. DeWEESE, 1st Lt QMC</b>	APPROVED CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>G.W. Rogers</i> <b>by G.W. ROGERS, Capt QMC</b>
		DATE <b>31 Aug 1949</b>	

EXTRACT FROM:

ROSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD  
FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY

To Accompany Proceedings of Board of Review

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
591.	VAN ARSDALL, George A.	1st Lt USA	O-371366	9 Jan 45

Complete rosters included with Board Proceedings of:

ADAMS, John P.	Lt. Col, USMC	O4	4 Jan 45
AFFLECK, David C.	1st Lt, USA	O-890052	9 Jan 45
AIKMAN, Robert P.	1st Lt, USA	O-225747	9 Jan 45



HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY  
APO 343

AGPAM 293  
(CH 388)

29 June 1949

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR IDENTIFICATION OF UNKNOWN DEAD OVERSEAS  
NON-SPECIFIC BOARD FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY

1. Missing Personnel

Date of Loss: Various

Location at which lost: Generally between Manila, Philippine Islands, and Japan

Number of Personnel Lost: 649

2. Basis For Declaring Remains Non-Recoverable:

a. The personnel listed on attached sheets have been determined from available records to have lost their lives while being transported from the Philippines to Japan as prisoners of war during the last year of World War II. The persons under consideration were in or serving with the armed services of the United States at the time of their capture by the Japanese forces.

b. OCMG Forms 371 are not available for those persons whose names are preceded by an asterisk, but the records indicate they did not survive and return to military control.

c. The personnel under consideration are believed to have been lost while being transported on several ships operated by the Japanese forces between the Philippines and Japan. Area search and recovery operations have been completed in the island areas between the Philippines and Japan and in the Japan area. Identification operations have been completed for remains recovered at Formosa, and the remains of none of the persons listed have been identified individually. It is not possible to associate definitely any of the persons listed with any of the Unknowns recovered in Formosa or in Japan.

3. It is recommended that the remains of the deceased personnel listed on attached sheets be considered non-recoverable, and that all records pertaining to search and recovery of remains be closed.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: 5 July 1949

s/t/ TERESA R. SCULLION  
1st Lt WAC  
Member

s/t/ DANIEL M. RECKSIEK  
Capt CAC  
Member

s/t/ EUGENE PALETZ  
Maj FD  
President, Board of Review

A TRUE COPY:

W. R. DeWEESE  
1st Lt QMC



HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY  
United States Army  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 343

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 55

14 March 1949

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2. In compliance w/Rad WCL 41537 DA, 30 Mar 48 and ZX 44060, CinCFE, 2 Apr 48, a Board of Officers is aptd to meet at APO 343 at the call of the senior member thereof to review and act upon such recommendations where discontinuance of search operations for deceased personnel in areas considered completely searched has been recommended. The Board will review changes of original identity, additional identity of recovered deceased personnel and reports of non-recoverable remains, and recommend action upon disinterment discrepancy reports with appropriate recommendations. The Board will be governed by above directives and AR 420-5. Proceedings will be submitted to this Hq in quadruplicate. (AG 334)

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

MAJ EUGENE PALETZ 0248086 FD, Fis Sec, this Hq  
MAJ EARL S BESSMER 039824 Inf(CMP), PM Sec, this Hq  
CAPT DANIEL M RECKSIEK 01060601 CAC, Eighth Army Central Exchange Det,  
APO 503  
CAPT ARIEL E STOUT L126 WAC, 8000th WAC Det, APO 343  
1ST LT TERESA R SCULLION L405 383 WAC, QM Sec, this Hq

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

OFFICIAL:

J. W. DONELL  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

E. M. LANDRUM  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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s/t/ ROBERT G. LAY  
Captain, QMC

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

*William R. DeWeese*  
William R. DeWeese  
1st Lt, QMC



293 FILE <i>828</i>		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
Vanarsdall, George A.			1 Lt.		0 371 366
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
Co.B 192 Tk. Bn.		White			
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
9 Jan. 45	K.I.A.		Enoura Maru, Takao Harbor.		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
	66 1/4"	128			
DENTAL CHART <i>11 Dec. 40</i>					
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LOWER RIGHT			LOWER LEFT		
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
Age: 33					
Rec'd fr AGRS PAZ <i>clh</i> <i>1/36</i>					

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R.R.L.

*encl # 828*

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD



A. D. ARMSTRONG  
DENTIST  
HARRODSBURG, KY.

*(0371322)*  
*213 Vanarsdall, George A.*  
Transcript of dental work done for ~~James~~ **GEORGE** VanArsdall  
Son of Riker S. VanArsdall

1933 Jan. 31st. ext. # 332 Feb. 6 Four amalgam fillings in

teeth # c-12 c-17 c-29 c-30

1935

Dec. 31st. four synthetic fillings in anterior teeth incisors,  
Also four amalgams in teeth # c-3 c-16 c-17 c-19

1938 four synthetics in anteriors #8 #10 #9 Two Amalgams #15 #30  
June 13th.

1939

Sept. 13 th. six amalgams as follows- ~~cs-31~~ o-30 c-19 c-18 c-17

The symbolism of above work is explained by the attached chart.

The above work was done and recorded by myself.

A.D. Armstrong, D.D.S.

*A.D. Armstrong*

A	Porcelain Filling
B	Gold Filling
C	Amalgam Filling
D	Phos. Zinc Filling
E	Gutta Percha Filling
F	Deciduous Filling
G	Artificial Crown
H	Bridge
I	Treatment
J	Cleaning Teeth
K	Extraction
L	Artificial Denture
M	Temporary Filling
N	Upper Plate
O	Lower Plate
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DATE *Nov 1939* CHARGE *...* BALANCE *...*

*1st Lt. George A. VanArsdall, 0-371-366*

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Four analysis findings in  
 1952  
 1953  
 Also four analysis in 1954  
 1955  
 The number of new work is explained by the attached chart.  
 The score work was done and reported as follows.





QMGMT 293

Van Arsdall, George A.

1st Lt. 0-371 366

13 May 1949

Mrs. Esther M. Van Arsdall  
210 East Mt. Vernon Street  
Somerset, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Van Arsdall:

I regret the necessity of writing to you with reference to your husband, the late First Lieutenant George A. Van Arsdall.

Every effort is being expended by this Office and the American Graves Registration Service overseas to recover and identify the remains of all deceased American personnel of World War II. I feel sure that you will appreciate the tremendous complexities of this undertaking, as well as the amount of time its proper accomplishment demands. To facilitate this project, complete dental records on an individual are helpful and, in some instances, essential. In view of the fact that military dental records do not always include work accomplished prior to entry into service, it is often necessary to request this information from the family of a decedent.

Inasmuch as there is the possibility that your late husband may have received treatment by a civilian dentist which is not shown in his military records, it will be greatly appreciated if, in the event this is so, you will secure from the dentist who treated him a copy of the chart usually retained by members of the dental profession showing work performed for each patient. If you would prefer that we request this information directly from the dentist, we will be quite willing to do this if you will furnish us his name and address.



A reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated as this information may prove to be of material assistance in the identification of your husband's remains.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is inclosed for your convenience and in order to expedite delivery.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the great loss you have sustained.

1 Inc. self-addressed envelope

May 16 10 24 AM '49  
MAIL & RECORDS  
W. Sparks

Sincerely yours,  

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

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15 May 1949

Mr. Nathan M. Van Arsdale  
210 East Main Street  
Birmingham, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Van Arsdale:

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1 Enclosed  
10-10-49  
W. B. Barker  
Mr. Nathan M. Van Arsdale

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

[illegible]

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
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ORGANIZATION

RACE

CREED

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER  
(If Applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

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PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
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9 Jan. 45

DATE OF FOD

Enoura Maru, Takao Harbor.

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	COMPLEXION	SCARS	REMARKS
5' 10"	175	Brown	Fair	None	...
5' 8"	160	Black	Dark	None	...
5' 6"	150	Black	Dark	None	...
5' 4"	140	Black	Dark	None	...
5' 2"	130	Black	Dark	None	...
5' 0"	120	Black	Dark	None	...
4' 8"	110	Black	Dark	None	...
4' 6"	100	Black	Dark	None	...
4' 4"	90	Black	Dark	None	...
4' 2"	80	Black	Dark	None	...
4' 0"	70	Black	Dark	None	...
3' 8"	60	Black	Dark	None	...
3' 6"	50	Black	Dark	None	...
3' 4"	40	Black	Dark	None	...
3' 2"	30	Black	Dark	None	...
3' 0"	20	Black	Dark	None	...
2' 8"	10	Black	Dark	None	...
2' 6"	5	Black	Dark	None	...
2' 4"	0	Black	Dark	None	...
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1' 4"	0	Black	Dark	None	...
1' 2"	0	Black	Dark	None	...
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0' 8"	0	Black	Dark	None	...
0' 6"	0	Black	Dark	None	...
0' 4"	0	Black	Dark	None	...
0' 2"	0	Black	Dark	None	...
0' 0"	0	Black	Dark	None	...

WEIGHT

K.T.A.

COLOR EYES

COLOR	HAIR
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SHOE SIZE
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66½"

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## DENTAL CHART

11 Dec. 40

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UPPER LEFT

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LOWER LEFT

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**X = Extracted**

*O = Caviours*

1 = Cavious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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Age: 33

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R. R. L.

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD *PAZ 17 FEB 49*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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QMCMF 293  
Van Arsdall, George A.  
SN O 371 366 *ms*

10 February 1948

Mrs. Esther M. Van Arsdall  
210 East Mt. Vernon Street  
Somerset, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Van Arsdall:

In our letter dated 3 April 1947, you were advised that further information would be forthcoming concerning your husband, the late First Lieutenant George A. Van Arsdall.

Although many of the remains of the Americans who were lost in the sinking of the Japanese prison ships "ORYOKU MARU" and "ENCOURA MARU" have been recovered, I must regretfully inform you that, as yet, it has not been possible to identify the remains of your husband.

Many of the remains were buried by the Japanese in a common grave. Others were lost at sea. Nevertheless, every possible means is employed and every known method followed to establish definitely and positively the identity of the deceased. No effort is considered to be too great and meticulous attention is given to smallest details because identification of these deceased American prisoners is of great importance to the Department of the Army.

This task is being completed as rapidly as painstaking accuracy permits. Whenever this exhaustive investigation may conclusively identify the remains of your husband, I will inform you immediately.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

*Feb 11 10 55 AM '48*  
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*8421 11 837*

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

*8*  
RRC



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OSWALD 303  
Van Arsdale, George A.  
SN O 371 308

10 February 1948

Mrs. Esther M. Van Arsdale  
210 East Mt. Vernon Street  
Cincinnati, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Van Arsdale:

In our letter dated 2 April 1947, you were advised that further information would be forthcoming concerning your husband, the late First Lieutenant George A. Van Arsdale.

Although many of the remains of the Americans who were lost in the sinking of the Japanese prison ships "ORYOKU MARU" and "ENSCUA MARU" have been recovered, I must regretfully inform you that, as yet, it has not been possible to identify the remains of your husband.

Many of the remains were buried by the Japanese in a common grave. Others were lost at sea. Nevertheless, every possible means is employed and every known method followed to establish definitely and positively the identity of the deceased. No effort is considered to be too great and meticulous attention is given to smallest details because identification of these deceased American prisoners is of great importance to the Department of the Army.

This task is being completed as rapidly as painstaking accuracy permits. Whenever this exhaustive investigation may conclusively identify the remains of your husband, I will inform you immediately.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy during your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

FEB 11 1948

RICHARD B. COMBES  
Major, GSC  
Memorial Division

*Handwritten signature*



CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

~~Mr.~~  
~~Miss.~~  
 Addressee: Mrs. Esther M. Van Arsdall Widow  
 State 210 East Mt. Vernon Street Relationship  
 City, State Somerset, Kentucky '47  
 Cemetery Date letter  
 Temporary:  
 Permanent:  
 Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS  
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

165-D 3 April 1947  
 7 (omit the date)  
 166-M

Decedent: VAN ARSDALL  
 Last GEORGE  
 First H.  
 Initial 1st Lt.  
 Rank 0371366  
 ASN

Analyst Typist Reviewer

Modifications

OKed

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Date 3 Feb 48

TO: Identification Section

Case Name Van Arsdall, George A., 0371322

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate, applicable to this case.

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1. The name of George A Van Arsdall, 0371322 is listed on a roster containing names of Americans who were killed on the Japanese POW ship Enoura Maru, 9 Jan. 1945 at Takao Harbor, Formosa. The field submitted 344 burial reports, <sup>X3645 X707</sup> which represent the remains of individuals recovered from Takao City Formosa, who were casualties on this ship. Burial reports indicate in most instances boxes found represent remains of more than one person. There is a possibility the remains in one group might be associated with remains in another group.

2. Review of the reports indicate that only a group identification is practicable after a complete and lengthy investigation.

3. Remains are at present in US Army Mausoleum Schofield <sup>Tab A</sup> ~~Barack~~ T.H. There is a possibility that when remains are reproduced at central identification laboratory, they can be segregated individually, and possibly individual identification can be established.





QMGMR 293  
 Van Arsdall, George A.  
 S.N. O 371 366

Address Reply To  
 THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
 Attention: Memorial Division

6 April 1947

Mrs. Esther M. Van Arsdall  
 210 East Mt. Vernon Street  
 Somerset, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Van Arsdall:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning your husband, the late First Lieutenant George A. Van Arsdall, and to advise you that an answer will be forthcoming to your letter in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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RICHARD, B. COOMBS  
 Major, QMC  
 Memorial Division

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Van Arsdale, George A.  
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Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

8 April 1947

Mrs. Esther M. Van Arsdale  
210 East Mt. Vernon Street  
Somerset, Kentucky

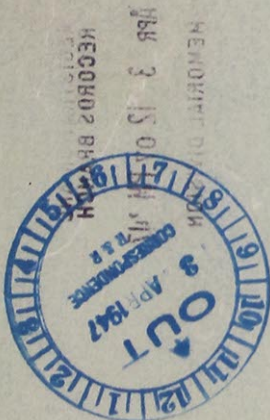
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RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, GMC  
Memorial Division

*cc*





Mrs. Esther VanArsdall  
210 E. Mt. Vernon St.  
Somerset, Kentucky

March 20, 1947

The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.,

Dear Sir:

I would like to have all the information you have concerning the grave of my husband First Lieutenant George A. Van Arsdall, 0371366, Infantry.

I have no intention of having him moved from where he is but I would like to know if he is buried at Formosa or in the Philippines. The ship he was on was sunk by allied planes Jan. 9, 1945 in Takao Harbor, Takao, Formosa.

I would like to have specific information in order to have a memorial made and placed in the family cemetery.

Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Esther VanArsdall



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Kan Arsdall, George A.

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Last Name

First Name

0-371366

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital

From

To

Register Number

Jt. Knox, Ky. 12 Feb. 41 - 20 Feb 41

4251X

BW.

4 Oct. 46

DPRB

Clerk

Date

Branch



IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

20676

IDENTIFICATION DATA *Not of Rec EM-ASN*

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>VanArsdall, George A.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>0-371366</i>		GRADE <i>1st Lt.</i>
HEIGHT <i>66 1/4 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>128</i>	COLOR EYES <i>not of Rec.</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>not of Rec.</i>	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH <i>15 Dec. 44</i>

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

*Co. B. 192nd Kk. Bn.*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

*KIA on Jap POW ship sunk Subic Bay, P.I. 15 Dec. 44*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>St. Knox, Ky.</i>	<i>Jan. 41 - Jul. 41</i>
<p>FROM: WD, ADD CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH</p> <p>NO RECORDS ON FILE</p> <p>FILE 23 SEP 21 1948 E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., CMD IDENTIFICATION BRANCH</p>	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
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*11 Dec. 40*

DENTAL CHART

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 (8)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 (7)
UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 X	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 X
LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED      O - CARIOUS      / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

*lw.*

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(Indicate dentures, bridgework, etc., if shown.)



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GERALD R. FORD



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

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AG 201	NAME VAN ARSDALL GEORGE A 0371366	GRADE 1/LT HUS	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 1946 AUG 30
NAME AND AD. DRESS OF E. A.	MRS ESTHER MC NAMER VAN ARSDALL HARRODSBURG KENTUCKY		16 37 TELEGRAM SENT

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

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

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
1ST LT	VAN, ARSDALL GEORGE A.	0-371366	INF			240037-1-4-53
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		
KILLED IN ACTION		IN FORMOSA		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
				9	JAN	45
				CASUALTY CODE		

REMARKS:

AG 704 /26 AUG 46/

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MEMO -- SR AND D. SEC. APPROVED -- CHIEF, CAS BR. CORRECT DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH SHOWN ABOVE. PL -- TAKAO HARBOR.

Additional information. Corrected Rpt issued 9 Sep 46 san  
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ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED		FORM 43		AG 201 REQ	
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED		OR CHARGED TO		DATE	
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED		NO		YES	
				(AS INDICATED BELOW)	
FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED	
AG 383602945/194075	151A	15 Dec 44	PD	23 Jul 45	
FORWARDED TO	SPEC. IDEN.	C. & P.	TELEGRAM	LETTER	CERTIF.
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

## REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 9 September 1946 sap

FULL NAME Vanarsdall, George A. (Japanese POW)		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 0371366	GRADE 1st Lt
HOME ADDRESS Harrodsburg, Kentucky		ARM OR SERVICE Inf	DATE OF BIRTH 18 Nov 1912
PLACE OF DEATH Pacific Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 9 Jan 45
STATION OF DECEASED Pacific Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 25 Nov 1940	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS

## EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Esther M. Vanarsdall, wife, Harrodsburg, Ky

## BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Esther M. Vanarsdall, wife, same as above

INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO	IN LINE OF DUTY YES NO	OWN MISCONDUCT YES NO	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS YES NO	AUTHORIZED ABSENCE YES NO	IN FLYING PAY STATUS YES NO	OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below) YES NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT						

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Dept to have been in a beleaguered status from 8 Dec 41 to and including 6 May 42 (Section 14, Public Law 490) and absent in a missing in action status on and subsequent to 7 May 42 and until absence was terminated by a report from the Japanese Government through the International Red Cross of a prisoner of war status on 15 Dec 42. The prisoner of war status was terminated on 23 July 45, on which date evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Japanese Government through the International Red Cross. Death result of sinking of Japanese ship on which soldier was being transported while POW.

\* Subsequent information received in War Department on 26 August 1946 changes date of death from 15 December 44 to 9 January 45.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

U. M. Anderson

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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15 July 1946.

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FROM: Hdqrs, American Graves Reg. Service Area Command  
US Army Forces Western Pacific, apo 707.

RE: Ref., inclosed list of American and allied casualties,  
the following deceased personnel recovered at Fukuteikin Cam., China,  
are the only ones positively identified.

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Van, Arsdall George A

1st Lt

NAME

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On or about 13 January 1945, bodies of 438 men were cremated by the Japanese and the ashes buried on the beach at Takao Harbor, Formosa, in a mass grave at 120° 16' East - - 22° 38' North.

For above and additional information call 293 - Golden, Leo B., Jr.,  
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