

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH Philippine Islands		CASE NUMBER
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) KOVACH, John Jr.	RANK Pfc.	SERIAL NUMBER 20 500 764
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		
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		INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT		
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT		
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES		
REMARKS <i>Cabanatuan</i>		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
NAME OF CASE ANALYST	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION
		DATE

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

KOVACH, JOHN JR.

RANK

PFC

SERIAL NUMBER

20500764

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

19 NOV. 42

AREA OF DEATH

PHILIPPINE IS

NAME OF AUDITOR

BETHEL

DATE

25 JAN '57

NAME OF REVIEWER

CLARKE 25 JAN 57

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE			
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Kovach, John Jr.	Pfc	20 500 764	
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NAME KOVACH, John Jr.		GRADE Pfc.	SERIAL NO. 20500764
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OQMG FORM 1900
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MEMORIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION BRANCH
RECORDS SECTION293 Kovach, Jr., JohnDATE 9 February 1953Pfc 20 500 764

SUBJECT: CORRECT, NAME, RANK AND/OR SERIAL NUMBER OF DECEDENTS.

1. The Official spelling of name, the rank, and/or the serial number of Army World War II Decedents is determined by the Adjutant General's Office.

2. The name, rank and/or serial number of subject decedent has been verified with the Adjutant General's Office this date to be correct as shown below:

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NAME: Kovach, John Jr

RANK: Tec 4

ASN: 20 500 764

3. Paragraph #6, Memorial Division, Information Bulletin #11, dated 20 May 1949, Subject: "Minor Changes in Name, World War II Decedents," is quoted below for information.

"Memorial Division records pertaining to a decedent for whom a minor change in name is made as herein provided will be maintained under the Official name of the decedent, as shown on AGO or similar records. However, in all subsequent correspondence with the next of kin, including final grave location letter, the spelling desired by the next of kin will be used."

Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
MAJOR, QMC
Chief, Records Section

PER: Corrected Report of Death

FROM: AGO

DATED: 14 January 1953

NAME: H. F. Bond

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FILE
RECORDS ANNOTATED
DATE 9 Feb 1953
NAME H. F. BOND
REGIS BR MEM DIV

Att

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AGDP-GC ~~201~~ Kovach, John Jr.
20 500 764

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DPRB - WW II Corres Section
Casualty Unit
Project "J" Sub Unit
29 December 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, TAGO

SUBJECT: Grade at time of Death - John Kovach, Jr., 20 500 764

1. Records of The Adjutant General's Office show the following:

a. Casualty Report dated
27 Jul 45 shows: Pfc

b. Corrected Report of
Death dated 3 Aug 45
shows: Pfc

c. Information received
from Misc Recs Section
2 Jul 52 shows:

EM Roster of Co C 192 Tk Bn
30 Nov 41 (Paid Dec 41 date
not shown) list subject EM
as follows:

Pfc Kovach John 20 500 764

Reel #99 File #999-2-183 Re-
covered Philippine Records
(microfilm) containing roster
of Co C 192 Tk Bn date not
shown compiled by 1st Lt
Jacques Merrifield list sub-
ject EM as follows

Pvt Kovach John 20 500 764

List of orgns compiled in
Operation Branch AGO shows
192 Tk Bn a part of Provisional
Tk Gp.

d. Report received from
Archives, Control and
Records File Unit
dated 1 Dec 52 shows:

Archive card on file for John
Kovach shows the following:

AT
FILE
RECORDS ASSOCIATED
DATE 9 Feb 53
NAME John Kovach
Regis BR. MFL. DIV.

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20 500 764

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SUBJECT: Grade at time of death - John Kovach, Jr., 20 500 764

KOVACH, JOHN Jr. PFC
20500764 US ARMY
DECEASED - DYSENTERY
INANITION 19 Nov 42

Status WD Casualty Roster
7 Dec 41 DOD

File 550-2-2 Title: Roster
of Patients alphabetically
arranged and maintained at
Cabanatuan Prisoner of War
Camp - Origin: Cabanatuan
POW Camp Dates: 1942-1943
shows the following:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORG</u>
Pvt Pfc	Kovach, John	192 Tank

<u>SER NO</u>	<u>DATE OF AD</u>	<u>DISP</u>
20500764	9-23-42	Died

<u>DATE OF DISP</u>	<u>DIAGNOSIS</u>
11-19-42	Dysentery-Inanition

File 558-2 Title: Death Reports
Cabanatuan Dates 1942-43

2278 Kovach, John Pvt 192nd
Tank 20500764 1000 PM 11/19/42
DU

558-8 Title: Death Reports
Cabanatuan 1942 - 43

RANK * AGE - Private-19 A
NAME * SN - Kovach, John 20500764
HOME ADDRESS- Rt#2 Box 209,
Port Clinton, Ohio
TIME- 1000 PM
CAUSE - Dysentery Type undetermined

Information on other file
references show grade as private,

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all references pertain to data subsequent to the capitulation of the Philippine Islands and no information has been found to show that subject was promoted or demoted.

- e. Latest voucher of record, October and November 1941, voucher #200 accounts of J. E. Brinkmeyer, Capt F. D. Co C, 192nd Tank Bn, Fort Stotsenberg, P. I. shows:

Pfc, Spec 3d Cl

- f. WD Circular #204 dated 24 Jun 42, Sec IV, paragraph 4a shows:

Effective 1 June 1942 all Specialist ratings except Air Mechanics are abolished and all enlisted men holding Specialist ratings are disrated and re-appointed as follows:

Private First Class, Specialist 3d Class to Technician 4.

2. This investigation was initiated in view of a request received from Battle Monuments Unit, WW II Personnel Records Section, for determination of grade at time of death on 19 November 1942, plus the fact that discrepancies were noted in the official records.

3. The aforementioned records show that subject individual was last shown on October and November 1941 voucher #200 as a private first class, specialist 3d class and since no official record has been found which would show that he had been disrated, it is concluded that the last grade of record for subject individual was private first class, specialist 3d class. Since the aforementioned grade was converted as shown in item f, it is held that he was a technician 4th grade effective 1 June 1942 and that he held this grade at time of death 19 November 1942.

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20 500 764

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SUBJECT: Grade at time of death - John Kovach, Jr., 20 500 764

4. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that it be held that the grade of private first class as shown on the Report of Death 3 August 1945 is erroneous and a corrected Report of Death be issued for John Kovach Jr., 20 500 764, showing his grade as Technician 4th Grade.

CONCUR:

L. A. Williams/fvs
Investigator

Supervisor, Casualty Unit
WW II Correspondence Section

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

COPY FOR: OQMG ✓
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293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>2B</i> KOVACH, John Jr.	GRADE Pfc.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 20500764
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ORGANIZATION <i>unknown</i>	RACE <i>W</i>	CREED <i>not of Record</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
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DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
DATE OF FOD		

HEIGHT <i>69 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>172</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>not of Record</i>
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INDUCTION DENTAL CHART DATA

unknown

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 = Cavious 1 = Cavious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>see Below</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Deformity of Middle finger left hand.

No 790.

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 Identification Branch

QMGMF 293
Kovach, John, Jr.
SN 20 500 764

7 March 1950

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Mr. John Kovach, Sr.
Box 209
Gypsum, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kovach:

The Department of the Army desires that you be informed of the final determination of the investigation in the case of your son, the late Private First Class John Kovach, Jr.

Full consideration has been given to all available information pertaining to your son since he died while a prisoner of the Japanese Government. According to information obtained from the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Death Report, your son died on 19 November 1942, as a result of dysentery and inanition at Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Subsequent to the reported death of your son, units of the American Graves Registration Service disinterred all remains from the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Cemetery and removed them to the American Graves Registration Service Mausoleum, Manila, Philippine Islands. In an effort to establish and/or verify identifications, these remains were subjected to exhaustive investigations, including processing by anthropologists and medical, dental and laboratory technicians in our Central Identification Laboratory at Manila. Our investigations have been completed and it is with regret that I must inform you that it has been impossible to identify any of the recovered remains as those of your son.

After a detailed study of the negative results of the investigations and the pertinent facts regarding the case, the Department of the Army has been forced to conclude that the remains of your son 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 your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. VOGL
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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U.S. DEPT. OF ARMY

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(to be mailed direct)

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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		CASE NUMBER 12,843 (8)
		AREA OR ZONE(S) PHILCOM
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) KOVACH, John Jr.	RANK Pfc.	SERIAL NUMBER 20 500 764
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.)		
The above decedent and seven (7) others.		
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.		
	INITIALS OF ANALYST R.R.L.	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)		INITIALS OF ANALYST R.R.L.
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	R.R.L.	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	R.R.L.	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED
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:		
1. Additional information is contained in 293 file COLLINS, Frederick G., Jr., 6 578 818. (a) IRS from Identification Section dated 7 Feb. 1950. 2. The case HUARK, John W., 278 681, USMC , listed on attached Board Findings, has been referred to Navy Liaison Section for processing.		
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>Ralph R. Landerway</i> RALPH R. LANDERWAY / nih	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>A. J. Craten</i> A. J. CRATEN	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W.R. Dewerse</i> W.R. DEWERSE, 1st Lt QMC	APPROVED CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>T. H. Metz</i> T. H. METZ, Lt. Col. QMC
		DATE 13 Feb 50

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
PHILCOM ZONE

APO 900
11 Jan. 1950

CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE

COLLINS, F. G. Jr.	Cpl.	6 578 818
HIRSCHI, Harold S.	Pvt.	19 038 407
KELDER, Arthur M.	Pvt.	36 016 623
KOVACH, John Jr.	Pfc.	20 500 764
LOBDELL, Lloyd J.	Pfc.	20 645 267
OVERBEY, Evans E.	Pvt.	13 035 026
RUARK, John Wesley	Cpl. USMC	278 681
SIMMONS, George G.	Cpl.	19 019 886
WAID, Charlie M.	Pvt.	19 049 058

BASIS FOR DECLARING REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE

1. Attached extracted copies of two (2) Cabanatuan POW Camp rosters indicate that the above listed personnel died at Cabanatuan POW Camp, Province of Nueva Ecija, Philippine Islands on 19 November 1942. This information is in agreement with the data shown on the attached OQMG Forms 371, except for Cpl. John W. Ruark, 278 681, and Pvt. Charlie M. Waid, 19 049 058, who were determined dead as of 9 July 1943 and 9 November 1943, respectively.

2. Investigation of these cases reveal the following information:

a. Subject personnel are indicated on "Cabanatuan POW Camp Death Report" to have been buried together with five (5) other casualties in Communal Grave No. 717, Cabanatuan POW Cemetery. This grave has been disinterred and resulted in the recovery of fourteen (14) remains; four (4) of which are "Knowns" and ten (10) as "Unknowns". The ten (10) unidentified remains have previously been recommended for individual and group identifications as the remains of YORK, George Sr., Civ. Employee, and the above listed personnel, respectively. These recommendations, however, were disapproved per OQMG letter dated 10 November 1949.

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CASE HISTORY FOR REMAINS CONSIDERED NON-RECOVERABLE: CONT'D
Cabanatuan POW Camp Casualties.

b. Due to the absence of OQMG Form 371 for George York Sr., Navy Civilian Employee, same is not being considered by this Board as non-recoverable.

c. It has not been possible to definitely associate the above listed personnel with any other remains recovered from Cabanatuan POW Camp Cemetery.

3. Findings and recommendations are based on all information presently available.

4. It is recommended that the remains of the above listed casualties be considered non-recoverable and that all records pertaining to search for and recovery of their remains be closed.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: 11 Jan. 1950

Wilbur G. Hobbs
WILBUR G. HOBBS
1st Lt., Inf
O-887 555
Member

John Shepela
JOHN SHEPELA
1st Lt., Inf
O-1 307 091
Member

Harold B. Monemar
HAROLD B. MONEMAR
Capt., QMC
O-507 074
Member

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293 FILE					DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED				
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Kovach, John Jr.				Pfc		20 500 764			
ORGANIZATION			RACE		CREED		FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)		
Co C 192 Tank Bn			White						
DATE OF DEATH/MIA		CAUSE OF DEATH			PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA				
19 Nov 42 ✓		Died of Disease			POW Camp Cabanatuan, P.I.				
DATE OF FOD									
HEIGHT		WEIGHT		COLOR EYES		COLOR HAIR		SHOE SIZE	
5' 8 3/4"		172		Brown		Brown			
DENTAL CHART 25 Nov 40									
UPPER RIGHT					UPPER LEFT				
X 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1					1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 X				
LOWER RIGHT					LOWER LEFT				
16 15 14 X 13 12 11 10 9					9 10 11 12 13 14 X 15 16				
X = Extracted			O = Carious			1 = Carious Non-Restorable			
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS					TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION									
X-812, 814 thru 816, 818, 820 thru 824, Manila #2, P.I. is associated with the subject decedent.									
CASE No 7363									

OQMG FORM 371 Mills

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-49865-1

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD _____

File: 999-5-13-(1 thru 3)

Title: Roster, alphabetically listing Army and Navy Personnel and Disposition.

Origin: Cabanatuan POW Camp

Dates: 1942-43-44

Classification:

Authenticity: Originals roster, unsigned

Source: Unknown

* COLLINS, Frederick O. Jr. 123-Jd, San Jose, Cal	* Cpl	* 6578815 QMC	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Dysentery 717
* HIRSCHI, Harold B. Oklahoma City, Okla	* Pvt	* 19038407 19th Bomb	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Pellagra 717
* KELLER, Arthur H. 6807 Haven, Chicago, Ill	* Pvt	* 36016623 MC	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Pellagra 717
* KOVACH, John J. Rt 2, Box 209, Port Clinton, Ohio	* Pvt	* 20500764 192d Tk	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Dysentery 717
* LOEBELL, Lloyd J. Rt 6, Janesville, Wisc	* PFC	* 20645267 192d Tk	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Malaria 717
* OVERY, Evans E. Coburn, Va.	* Pvt	* 13035026 93d Bomb	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Pellagra 717
* RHAER, John W. 146 - 8th, Silvis, Ill	* Cpl (M)	* 278681 USMC	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Malaria 717
* SIMONS, George G. Hamilton, Mont	* Cpl	* 19019886 60th GAC	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Dysentery 717
* WARD, Charlie H. 561 Brook Ave, Venice, Calif	* Pvt	* 19049058 MC31st Inf	* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Beriberi 717
* YORK, George Sr. 74 Mabini, Hills Addn, Manila, PI	(G) Navy		* DIED Camp 1; 11/19/42 Heart 717

CERTIFIED: A True Extracted Copy

Wilbur G. Hobbs
WILBUR G. HOBBS
1st Lt., Inf.

(EXTRACT COPY) PROPOSED COPY OF CARNATION POW CAMP DEATH REPORT

(EXTRACT)

2267	York, George Sr.	Civilian	6137280	63	4/6/79	7:00	PM	11/19/42	2267	Heart	Benedictus York; 74 Madine Hills Addition, Manilla, P.I.	717
2268	Banscom, Lawrence K.	Sgt 31 Inf	278681	35	8/4/08	11:30	PM	11/19/42	2268	HD	Mrs L. K. Banscom; 68 Sewell St., Augusta, Me.	717
2269	Hark, John W.	Corp USMC	19019886	21	1/3/21	3:15	PM	11/19/42	2269	M	Mrs. Rose Hark; 148 6th St., Sylvania, Ill	717
2270	Simmons, George G.	Corp 60 CAC	6578818	25	10/28/17	3:45	PM	11/19/42	2270	DA	Home; Simmons; Hamilton, Mont.	717
2271	Collins, Frederick G.	Corp QMC	33035131	23	11/18/19	3:50	PM	11/19/42	2271	DR.	Fred Collins; 123 3rd St., San Jose, Calif.	717
2272	Bain, Daniel C.	Pfc 803 CE	20843125	25	4/13/17	9:00	PM	11/19/42	2272	SB	Mrs B. Bain; Saterville, Pa.	717
2273	Gutierrez, Juan E.	Pfc 200 QAC	20649267	26	10/29/16	10:00	PM	11/19/42	2273	SB	Juan Gutierrez; 316 Urloeste, Santa Pe, N. M.	717
2274	Lobdell, Lloyd J.	Pfc 192 Tank	7009171	24	11/23/18	3:30	PM	11/19/42	2274	M	Mrs Ruth Lobdell; Rt #6, Jamesville, Wisc.	717
2275	Nichols, Harvey A.	Pfc 33 QMC	19049058	27	4/5/15	5:00	PM	11/19/42	2275	N	A. J. Nichols; Broxton, Miss.	717
2276	Wald, Charles H.	Pvt M.D.	36016623	26	6/18/16	7:30	PM	11/19/42	2276	BR	Mrs. E. Demmore; 561 Brooks Ave., Venice, Calif.	717
2277	Kelder, Arthur H.	Pvt M.D.	20500764	1	13/31/15	4:35	PM	11/19/42	2277	DU	Mrs Julia Kelder; 6807 Bayen St., Chicago, Ill.	717
2278	Kovach, John	Pvt 192 Tank	19038407	30	11/12/12	10:00	PM	11/19/42	2278	DU	John Kovach; Rt #2, Box 209, Fort Clinton, Ohio	717
2279	Hirschl, Harold S.	Pvt 19 Bomb	13035026	25	4/25/17	9:30	PM	11/19/42	2279	Fel	Mrs E. G. Hirschl; Oklahoma City, Okla.	717
2280	Overly, Evans H.	Pvt 19 Bomb				4:00	PM	11/19/42	2280	Fel	W. S. Overly; Colburn, Va.	717

CERTIFIED: A True Extracted Copy

W. E. Clark & Kellogg
 WILSON G. BOBBS
 1st Lt., Inf.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO SMENI 291
ORS Far East

10 November 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Philcom Zone
APO 900, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to Board Proceedings, your headquarters, dated 21 July 1949 and 31 August 1949, recommending the following individual and group identifications:

Unknown X-4857 as OVERBEY, Evans E. Pvt 13 035 026

Unknowns X-4849 thru X-4856 and X-4858, as the remains of:

COLLINS, F. G. Jr.	Cpl	6 578 818	
RUARK, John Wesley	Cpl	278 681	USMC
SIMMONS, George G.	Cpl	19 018 886	
KOVACH, John Jr.	Pfc	20 500 764	
LOBBELL, Lloyd J.	Pfc	20 645 267	
HIRSCHI, Harold S.	Pvt	19 038 407	
KELDEN, Arthur H.	Pvt	36 016 623	
WALD, Charlie M.	Pvt	19 049 058	
YORK, George Sr.	Civilian		

2. After a careful review of this case it has been determined that the dental and physical evidence presented is not sufficiently conclusive to prove the individual recommendation or to substantiate the group recommendation. The association of these decedents with these Unknown remains is based upon information contained in the Cabanatuan POW Camp Death Report. Experience with this report has proved it to be a valuable aid for the association of decedents with Unknown remains. However, in repeated instances, it has been shown that the report does not constitute substantive proof within itself. Therefore, it is subject to qualifying or substantiating comparisons of dental and physical data.

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10 November 1949

GRS Far East

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3. Board Proceedings are returned herewith, disapproved.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls

1. Bd Proc (Group Burial)
2. " " (Overbey)

s/t/

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

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GRS Far East*(Bd. Proc.)*

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COLLINS, F. G. Jr.	Cpl	6 578 818	
REARK, John Wesley	Cpl	278 681	USMC
SIMPSON, George G.	Cpl	19 018 886	
<i>X 893</i> KOVACH, John Jr.	Pfc	20 500 764	
BODELL, Lloyd J.	Pfc	20 645 267	
HIRSCHI, Harold S.	Pvt	19 038 407	
KEIDER, Arthur H.	Pvt	36 016 623	
WAID, Charlie M.	Pvt	19 049 058	
WYRK, George Sr.	Civilian		

2. After a careful review of this case, it has been determined that the dental and physical evidence presented, is not sufficiently conclusive to prove the individual recommendation or to substantiate the group recommendation. The association of these decedents with these Unknown remains is based upon information contained in the Cabanatuan POW Camp Death Report. Experience with this report has proved it to be a valuable aid for the association of decedents with Unknown remains. However, in repeated instances it has been shown that the report does not constitute substantive proof within itself. Therefore, it is subject to qualifying or substantiating comparison of dental and physical data.

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GRS Far East
SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

10 November 1949

3. Board Proceedings are returned herewith disapproved
FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

- 2 Incls
- 1. Bd Proc (Group Burial)
- 2. " " (Overboy)

F. H. Metz
 F. H. METZ
 Lt. Colonel, QMC
 Memorial Division

E. A. Kazup:dal
L. M. White
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cc: GINCFE, AFO 500

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1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - Kovach, John Jr. 20 500 764

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: Letter 3. DATE: 13 Sept 1949
 4. FROM: Hdqs Philippines Command United States Army
 5. TO: TMB
 6. SUBJECT: Group Identification of Unknowns
 Collins, F.G. Jr. 6 578 818

7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - Unk P.I. (Misc.) (Haus. Manila) X-4849 thru X-4856 & X-4858)

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Berrier, William I.	18 007 819	7 Dec. 1948
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5. Navy records show that Roy D. Gilbert, 82070 is buried in Manila #2, Plot 3, Row 22, Grave 2857 and Robert E. Gregory, 3854132 is buried in Manila #2, Plot 1, Row 13, Grave 1689.

6. Remaining Forms 371 will be forwarded your headquarters when necessary information is received.

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

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QMGMS 293 1st Ind
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 SUBJECT: Request for OQMG Forms 371

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 29 June 1949

TO: Commanding General, Philippine Command, APO 707, c/o Postmaster
 San Francisco, California, Attn: AGRS, Philcom Zone

1. Submitted herewith are fifty-four (54) OQMG Forms 371 in duplicate and seven (7) information copies of Forms 371 previously forwarded.

2. There are no records in this Office for the following:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Anderson, Walter	
Cashash, Joseph	
Cook, Herman	
Crotty, Thomas	
Gene, William F.	6 418 055
Montoya	
Robbins, Allen D.	
Schavanek, Joe E.	20 843 594 (Serial number assigned to Jones, Morgan T.)

3. Remains of Wilkey H. Hardy, 7083944 have been returned to the U.S.

4. OQMG Forms 371 for the following have been forwarded on the dates shown:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE FORWARDED</u>
Glomb, William	6 983 518	7 Dec. 1948
Daudman, Lloyd	7 002 721	7 Dec. 1948
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Taylor, William M.	20 843 981	14 Mar. 1949
Canier, John T.	19 014 816	1 Feb. 1949
Murphy, Bernard J.	17 021 310	26 Apr. 1949
Mitchell, William S.	6 281 388	24 Mar. 1949
Nelson, Norman L.	19 028 268	22 Mar. 1949
McDermott, Bernard	R 152 2488	6 Mar. 1949
Martinez, Pete	6 276 084	1 Mar. 1949
Mayhow, Allen E.	0 337 521	6 Mar. 1949
McDonald, Clarence	6 953 621	15 Mar. 1949
Watson, Mac O.	6 296 929	22 Mar. 1949
Leitzel, William E.	36 102 657	24 Feb. 1949
Gillespie, James W.	35 121 630	7 Dec. 1948
Davis, Kenneth E.	20 843 793	7 Dec. 1948

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>93 KOVACH, JOHN JR.</i>		GRADE <i>PFC.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>20500 764</i>	
ORGANIZATION <i>CO. C. 192 TANK BN. WHITE</i>		RACE <i>WHITE</i>	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>17 NOV. 42</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>DYSENTERY + INANITION</i>		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>P.O.W. CAMP, CABANATUAN, P.I.</i>	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT <i>5' 8 3/4"</i>	WEIGHT <i>172</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BROWN</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>BROWN</i>	SHOE SIZE
DENTAL CHART <i>26 NOV. 40</i>				
UPPER RIGHT <i>X</i> 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 <i>X</i> 8	
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 <i>X</i> 14 13 12 11 10 9			LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 <i>X</i> 14 15 16	
X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION <i>AGE-21 MANILA #2, P.I.; PHOT 2, ROW 20, GRS; 2472, THRU 2477, 2481 THRU 2485.</i>				

 **FBI**
 **DEC 7 1948**
G. W. Rogers
Capt., QMC
Identification Branch

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X-812,814 thru 814-18,
820 thru 824
Manila #2, P.S.

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Kovach John Jr.			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 20 500 764		GRADE PFC
HEIGHT 5 ft 8 3/4 in	WEIGHT 172	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE not of record	DATE OF DEATH 19 Nov 42

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Last shown with Co C 192 Tank Bn 17 Nov 1941

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Died in POW Camp, Cabanatuan, P.S.

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

STATION	DATES
Port Clinton, Ohio	aug 40 -
Ft. Mc Donnell, Calif	oct 41 -

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FILE
SEP 23 1948
E. J. ... 1st Lt., ...
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
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DENTAL CHART 25 Nov 40

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

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

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>KOVACH JOHN Jr.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>20 500 764</i>		GRADE <i>PFC</i>
HEIGHT <i>68 3/4</i>	WEIGHT <i>172</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BRN</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>BRN</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>✓</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>11-19-42.</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co "C" 192nd TANK BN. (P.I.) NOV-41.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
DIED WHILE JAP. P.O.W AT CABANATUAN CAMP P.I.

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Philippine Dept</i>	
<p>FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH NO RECORDS ON FILE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FILE SEP 23 1948 E. J. BROWN, 6111, 6000 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH</p>	

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
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11-26-40 DENTAL CHART

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16 15 X 14 13 12 11 10 9 LOWER RIGHT	9 10 11 12 13 X 14 15 16 LOWER LEFT

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

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>JK</i> Kevach, John Jr.		GRADE Pfc	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 20 500 764	
ORGANIZATION Co C 192 Tank Bn		RACE White	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 19 Nov 42	CAUSE OF DEATH Died of Disease		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA POW Camp Cabanatuan, P.I.	
DATE OF FOD				
HEIGHT 5' 8 3/4"	WEIGHT 172	COLOR EYES Brown	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE
DENTAL CHART 25 Nov 40				
UPPER RIGHT X 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1		UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 X		
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 X		LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 X		
X = Extracted		O = Carious		1 = Carious Non-Restorable
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS		TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION X-812, 814 thru 816, 818, 820 thru 824, Manila #2, P.I. is associated with the subject decedent.				
<i>John Kevach</i> 6 MAY 1948 <i>H. Hooper</i> <i>K. J. D. Br</i>				

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CASUALTY BRANCH
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
Washington, D. C.

DEATH *293*

AGFC-V-201

KOVACH
Kovach, John Jr.
ASN 20 500 764

Pfc.

17 August 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Change of Address of Emergency Addressee:

A communication has been received from the Postmaster giving present address of the father as shown below

FROM

TO

Mr. John Kovach, Sr. (Father)
Box 209
Gypsum, Ohio

Mr. John Kovach (Father)
711 Superior Street
Toledo, Ohio

F. E. Feut
Major, A. G. D.

Adjutant General

Copies furnished:

- Army Effects Bureau
- CG _____ Service Command
- Decorations and Awards Branch
- Director, Bureau of Public Relations
- Director, Veterans Administration
- General Accounting Office
- Liaison Branch, Office of Special Settlement Accounts, Room 2535,
Tempo. T-7, Gravelly Point, Washington, D. C.
- ✓ Memorial Branch, Overseas Section, Office of the Quartermaster General
- Notification Branch, Personal Affairs Division, Assistant Chief of Air
Staff, Personnel, Room 4310, Munitions Building, (AAF personnel only)
- Prisoner of War Information Bureau (POW personnel only)
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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25. D. C.

*Corrected Report
Original forwarded 23 Jul 43

DATE 3 August 1945

REPORT OF DEATH ~~XXXXXXXX~~

FULL NAME Kovach, John Jr.		Japanese P.O.W., P. I.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 20 500 764	GRADE Pfc								
HOME ADDRESS Gypsum, Ohio			ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 7 Oct 21									
PLACE OF DEATH POW Camp, Cabanatuan, P. I.		CAUSE OF DEATH Dysentery and Inanition		DATE OF DEATH *19 Nov 42									
STATION OF DECEASED Pacific Area			DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 25 Nov 40	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES									
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. John Kovach Sr. (father) Box 209 Gypsum, Ohio													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. John Kovach Sr (father) Box 209 Gypsum, Ohio													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	X	X			X	X					X		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

*The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department 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 such absence was terminated by a report from the Japanese Government through the International Red Cross of a prisoner of war status on 25 Jan 43. The prisoner of war status was terminated on 14 Jul 43, on which date evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact that he died on 19 Nov 42 in a prisoner of war camp in the Philippine Island, was received by the Secretary of War from a Commander in the Pacific Area.

*Corrected to show change in date of death, previously reported 9 Jul 43.

Subsequent information received in WD 27 Jul 45 from Theater Commander, Pacific Area. Authorized corrections made above.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

WD AGO FORM 52-1
1 FEBRUARY 1945

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

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Form 2008—Rev. Feb. 1944NO RECORD AT INDEX
BRECKSVILLE, OHIO

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES FLAG FOR BURIAL PURPOSES

The undersigned hereby makes application for a flag for use in connection with the death of

JOHN
(First name)(nmi)
(Middle name)KOVACH, JR.
(Last name)

who served in the

ARMY

(State whether U. S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard)

- (Check applicable square)
- The deceased was an honorably discharged veteran of the _____ War.
(State name of war)
- The deceased was in service during peacetime and was honorably discharged after serving at least one enlistment.
- The deceased was honorably discharged for disability incurred in line of duty.
- *The deceased was in active service at time of death and flag is not obtainable from military or naval establishment in time for burial.
- *The deceased was in active service at time of death, outside continental limits of the United States.

Pvt. 1/c 192 Tank Bn. Philippine Islands

(*State rank, organization, and location)

Date of birth 10-7-1922 Date of enlistment Nov. 25, 1940 Date of discharge 9 July, 1943. (deceased)Serial No. 20,500,764 C No. XC-3,272,636Date of death 9 July, 1943 Date of burial or shipment xxxx unknownPlace of death Japanese Prison-Philippine Islands Place of burial unknownNext of kin entitled to flag after burial John Kovach, Sr.
(Name)Father Box 209, Gypsum, Ohio.
(Relationship) (Address)(See par. 1 of instructions.) I am the Ottawa County Veterans Service Officer

I agree, if flag is issued, to comply strictly with paragraph 2 of instructions.

I CERTIFY that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made above are correct and true; that a flag has not been previously applied for or furnished for the deceased; that I have carefully read paragraphs 1 to 3 of the instructions, and that this application is not submitted in violation of Section 35 of the Criminal Code which provides a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both, for presenting any claim against the Government of the United States, knowing said claim to be false and with intent to defraud.

(Signature) Ezra E. Hiss.
Ezra E. Hiss
(Address) Port Clinton, Ohio. *1944*May 24th., 1944, 19____
(Month) (Day)RECEIPT OF FLAG ACKNOWLEDGED: Signature Ezra E. Hiss. 5-24-44, 19____Flag issued May 24, 1944 Postmaster
(Date) (Signature of postmaster or supply officer) (Address)Dropped on Voucher No. _____ VA facility Brecksville, Ohio 17-25
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

in reply
refer to AG 201 Kovach, John, Jr.
(10 Jul 43) PC-N 191186

21 July, 1943.

Mr. John Kovach,
Box No. 209,
Gypsum, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Kovach:

It was with deep regret that you were notified by telegram of the death of your son, Private First Class John Kovach, Jr., 20,500,764, Infantry.

The casualty report in his case shows he died at a prisoner of war camp in the Philippine Islands, as a result of dysentery, but fails to give the exact date of his death. Efforts to obtain such information have not been successful. From the meager information obtainable from the Japanese Government, through the International Red Cross, the War Department regards him as being dead from the date of dispatch of reporting the message. The reporting message was dated 9 July, 1943, and therefore, this has been entered on the records of the War Department as the date of his death.

May the thought that he gave his life heroically in the service of his country be of sustaining comfort to you.

I extend to you my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

J. A. ULIO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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Orig Rpt fwded 23 Jul 1943

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

DISTRIBUTION 293		REPORT OF DEATH (AR 600-550)		DATE 14 January 1953
NAME Kovach, John Jr.		SERVICE NUMBER 20 500 764	GRADE Tec 4*	
ARM OR SERVICE Infantry		PLACE OF DEATH South West Pacific Area		PAY GR: --
CAUSE OF DEATH Died of Dysentery and Inanition		<input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE		DATE OF DEATH 19 Nov 1942
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE Mr. John Kovach Sr., 1343 $\frac{1}{2}$ Grand Avenue Toledo, Ohio		RELATIONSHIP Father	DATE NOTIFIED 21 Jul 1943	
CIRCUMSTANCES XXXXX				EXTRA-HAZARDOUS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO XXXXX
HOME ADDRESS Gypsum, Ohio		COUNTY Ottawa	DATE OF BIRTH 7 Oct 1921	
ORGANIZATION (If assigned to medical holding detachment, also last prior organization) Company C, 192nd Tank Battalion				DATE OF LAST ENTRY 25 Nov 1940 FOR: Dura & 6 mos
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE XXXXX	ON DUTY STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	AUTHORIZED ABSENCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	PRIOR SERVICE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DROPPED FROM ROLLS OF ORGN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	RACE White	YEARS COMPLETED FOR PAY XXXXX	ADDITIONAL PAY STATUS	COMPONENT NG
REPORTED BY SWTA MESSAGE NUMBER 208111-8-U-1X EVIDENCE OF DEATH RECEIVED IN DA 14 Jul 1943 LOD INVESTIGATION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	BENEFICIARY Mr. John Kovach Sr., 1343 $\frac{1}{2}$ Grand Avenue Toledo, Ohio		RELATIONSHIP Father	
REMARKS *Corrected to show grade as Technician Fourth Grade; previously shown as Private First Class. Authority Memorandum for Chief, Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, TAGO, dated 29 December 1952. The individual named in this report of death is held by the Department of the Army 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 and until such absence was terminated by a report from the Japanese Government through the International Red Cross of a prisoner of war status on 25 January 1943. The prisoner of war status was terminated on 14 July 1943, on which date evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact that he died on 19 November 1942 in a prisoner of war camp in the Philippine Islands, was received by the Secretary of the Army from a Commander in the Pacific Area.				
IN LINE OF DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
OWN MISCONDUCT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
NOTE: This form may be used to facilitate the cashing of bonds, the payment of commercial insurance, or in the settlement of any other claim in which proof of death is required. When issued to commercial insurance companies, it replaces AGO Form 0670-1.				
FILE RECORDS ASSOCIATED DATE 9 Feb 53 NAME Hobson BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY: H.N. Newman, Adjutant General				
CORRECTED REPORT				

DA AGO FORM 52-1
1 NOV 50

LAW/fvs-C REPLACES WD AGO FORM 52-1, 1 JUN 45, WHICH MAY BE USED. APS 51L 3608-2

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON
REPORT OF DEATH

NRB/ch4635

DATE 23 July 1943

FULL NAME Kovach, John Jr		ARMY SERIAL NO. 20 500 764
GRADE P F C	ARM OR SERVICE Infantry (Prisoner of War) (Japanese Gov't)	DATE OF BIRTH 7 Oct 1921
HOME ADDRESS Gypsum, Ohio		
DATE OF DEATH 9 July 43	PLACE OF DEATH Southwest Pacific Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Dysentery
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) John Kovach Sr (father) Box 209 Gypsum, Ohio		
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP, & ADDRESS) John Kovach Sr (father) Box 209 Gypsum, Ohio		

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

X 293 P.O.W.
THIS COPY FOR THE Q. M. G. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(OVER)

J. W. Reinhart
ADJUTANT GENERAL

ADDITIONAL DATA: (CONFIDENTIAL)

STATION OF DECEASED

Southwest Pacific Area (Philippine Islands)

The individual named on the reverse side of this report is held by 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 and prisoner of war status on and subsequent to 7 May 1942 and until such missing and prisoner of war status (absence) was terminated by the receipt, by the head of the War Department on 14 July 1943, of evidence of death from the Japanese Government through the International Red Cross.