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1. OFFICE OF RECORD				
a. NAME <i>Technical Services Records Section, DRB, TAGO, 219 N. Lee Street, Alexandria, Va.</i>		b. ADDRESS		
2. RECORDS REQUESTED (Give File classification, Subject, Date, and Other Identifying Information, or if Military Personnel Records are requested, give Name, Grade, Service Number, Purpose for which records are to be used and check box(es) below)				
<i>293- Pederson, Theodore L.</i>				
<i>PVT 36222407</i>				
<i>P-3 189</i>				
<i>DEC 19 1956</i>				
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3. PERSON REQUESTING RECORDS				
a. DURATION OF TIME RECORDS NEEDED (Estimate)	b. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (Authorized Person)			c. EXTENSION
	<i>Vandeventer/Clarke - 1st Lt.</i>			<i>54033</i>
	d. ADDRESS <i>OPMG 1066</i>	e. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON <i>T. B.</i>		
4. SEARCHER'S REPORT				
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	c. ADDRESS			f. INITIALS
	d. EXTENSION			
5. RETURN RECORDS TO ADDRESS INDICATED IN ITEM NUMBER 1		a. DATE	b. SIGNATURE OR INITIALS	

INSTRUCTIONS

- All requests must be signed by an individual authorized to withdraw personnel or subject records.
- Attached unclassified records may be transferred to another person by completing a transfer coupon below and forwarding it to the office of record indicated in item number 1 above.
- Classified records will not be transferred to another person but will be returned to the office of record for recharge.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON



DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS BRANCH, T.A.G.O.

TECHNICAL SERVICES RECORDS SECTION
DRB, TAGO
219 N. Lee Street
Alexandria, Virginia

14 December 1956

OMCME-H 293

Pederson, Theodore L.
SN 36 222 407

EWS

Mr. Carl Pederson
Ettrick, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your application for a Government flat granite marker to be placed in Ettrick Luthern Cemetery in memory of the late Theodore L. Pederson.

There has been no authority delegated whereby the Government may furnish a marker to be erected in a cemetery, as a memorial when the remains of the veteran are not interred therein.

Public Law 871, 80th Congress, which authorized the Secretary of the Army to furnish markers for the graves of members of the Armed Forces who die in the service or for those who were honorably discharged therefrom, also provides for the memorialization of World War II dead whose remains have not been recovered or identified or who have been buried at sea. The names of those to be memorialized will be inscribed on the walls of memorials erected in oversea cemeteries closest to the area where death occurred, without any action required on the part of the family of the veteran. In such instances, the American Battle Monuments Commission, Constitution Avenue at 18th Street, N.W., Washington 25, D. C., is the agency responsible for the memorialization of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,

J
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JAMES W. GERARD
Lt. Colonel, OMC
Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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Veteran's Service Officer

Trempealeau County

Whitehall, Wisconsin

November 23, 1956

Quartermaster General
Memorial Division
Washington 25, D. C.

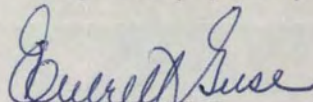
Re: Theodore L. Pederson

Dear Sirs:

A short time ago we filed an application with your Department for a headstone and marker for the above named deceased service-man.

When the family came in requesting the marker, we assumed that the veteran was buried in a local cemetery. The cemetery official also signed the application and at the same time gave us the exact location of the veteran's grave. However, we have now discovered that this veteran's body was never recovered, and, therefore, is not buried in a local cemetery. The family has erected a large monument in memory of the deceased service-man; and, therefore, some people do believe that he is actually buried there. We felt we should pass this information on to you; as no doubt in this case, no marker will be issued.

Very truly yours,



EVERETT GUSE

Veterans Service Officer
Trempealeau County, Wisconsin

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File = 12/14/56
Pederson
J. West

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

PEDERSON, THEODORE L.

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

36222407

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

24 JAN 44

AREA OF DEATH

ITALY

NAME OF AUDITOR

BANKS

DATE

21 MAR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

Clarke 22 Mar 51

REMARKS

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH Italy	CASE NUMBER
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Pederson, Theodore L	RANK Pvt	SERIAL NUMBER 36 222 407
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

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:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN'S RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>Hayden</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS 1st Lt., QMC	MAR 28 1951

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Pederson, Theodore L.	GRADE Pvt.	SERIAL NO. 36 222 407
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DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (Initials)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION	FLAGGED BY (Initials) Lt. Barry
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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 5476	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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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.

REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE - MEDITERRANEAN ZONE

Adams, John E.	Major	0 345 350
Halbakken, Gilman	Pfc.	37 091 385
Lovett, John R., Jr.	S/Sgt.	34 267 994
Bowers, Reuben M.	Cpl.	19 059 532
Elffors, Norbert C.	Pfc.	36 280 168
Bianche, Thomas	Pvt.	33 604 442
Kline, Edgar	Pvt.	35 010 659
Patton, Leo J.	Pvt.	33 783 921
Thompson, Bernard H.	Pvt.	37 207 081
293 Pederson, Theodore L.	Pvt.	36 222 407
Croce, Mario Jr.	Pvt.	36 587 784
Golder, George	Pfc.	35 059 757
Cohoon, John H.	Pvt.	13 093 911
Smith, John C.	Pvt.	34 771 775
Vieths, Willard D.	Pvt.	37 553 782
Bordash, Andrew A.	Pfc.	32 806 747
Defoor, Charles W., Jr.	1/Lt.	0 803 353
Williams, George W.	S/Sgt.	32 865 584

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MAR 1 1948

J. Christy
Identification Branch

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

In Reply Refer To
QMGMU 293
World War II
Unrecoverables

MAR 3 - 1949

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverability of Remains

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
Mediterranean Theater Zone
APO 794, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Boards of Officers that have convened at your headquarters and have determined that the remains of certain World War II dead are non-recoverable.

2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on all decedents whose names appear on the attached roster.

3. It is requested that all records of your office pertaining to these deceased be amended to read REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

1 Incl
List of non-
recoverables

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

NA
File

MAR 4 1949

L. Christ
Identification Branch

	NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO.
293	PEDERSON, Theodore L.	Pvt.	36 222 407

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: FEB 18 1949

Horace Speed
 HORACE SPEED, JR.
 Colonel, QMC

APPROVED:
 21 FEB 1949

K. L. Hastings
 K. L. HASTINGS
 Brigadier General, QMC
 Chief, Memorial Division

NAB
 File MAR 4 1949

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 Identification Branch

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FORWARDED TO BOARD APPROVED BY BOARD FIELD NOTIFIED RECORD CARD MADE TO 293 FILE

Adams, John E.
Halbakken, Gilman
Lovett, John R., Jr.
Bowers, Reuben M.
Elffors, Norbert C.
Bianche, Thomas
Kline, Edgar
Patton, Leo J.

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Croce, Mario Jr.
Golder, George
Cohoon, John H.
Smith, John C.
Vieths, Willard D.
Bordash, Andrew A.

STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

14 February 1949

1. This case involves the non-recoverability of the remains of sixteen (16) Army personnel who became missing in action as a result of the bombing and sinking of the British Hospital Ship "St. David" in the Tyrrhenian Sea, just off the coast of Anzio, Italy on the night of 24 January 1944. (Tab "A")

- a. Reference is made to par. 4 of 1st Ind. dated 31 May 1944 to the Adjutant General. (Tab "B") Of the 215 individuals manifested aboard the "St. David" all except 55 were rescued. The subject decedents comprising 16 of the 55, leaving a total of 39 individuals unaccounted for. AGO Casualty List #42 (Tab "A"), lists the subject decedents as the only Army personnel manifested aboard the "St. David" unaccounted for. Therefore, it appears that the determination of the non-recoverability of the remains of the remaining 39 individuals, is not a matter for consideration by this office.

2. Status Review and Determination Report obtained from AGO, (Tab "C") reveals that less than two hours after departing from Anzio, Italy, the "St. David" received a direct hit, resulting in a heavy explosion and fire. The lights went out immediately and the ship sank within ten minutes. The fact that the incident occurred in an area controlled by Allied Forces rendered possible the prompt rescue of survivors by two British ships and a U.S. Naval vessel. It is believed that some of the missing personnel were killed by the explosion, and some so badly wounded that they were unable to escape and others trapped below decks because of the rapidity with which the ship sank. A detailed account of the sinking and an affidavit of one of the survivors, 2/Lt. Laura R. Hindman, H-724 590, ANC, is also contained in the Status Review and Determination Report.

3. An extensive search was made of the entire west coast of Italy and adjacent islands by AGRS personnel in an effort to recover the remains of the subject decedents. The results were negative. (Tabs "D" and "E")

4. The following files have been checked by this office with negative results, in an endeavor to find any possible burial location of subject decedents either as knowns or unknowns:

- a. A-Z files of known interments in U.S. Military Cemeteries, isolated locations and sea burials.
- b. Alphabetical index file of "Believed to be" and potentially identified unknowns.
- c. Alphabetical file of former unknowns now identified.
- d. Geographical clue index file of unknowns interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries in the general area in which the subjects deceased were last reported.
- e. 293 files of subjects deceased.

5. All information secured confirms the Findings and substantiates the recommendations made by the Overseas Board.

William F. Laving
WILLIAM F. LAVING
Analyst

QMGW 293

Adams, John E. O-345350
and fifteen (15) enlisted personnel

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF OFFICERS

Organization: Headquarters, 9107 TSU-QMG
American Graves Registration Service
Mediterranean Zone
APO 794, US Army

Place : Rome, Italy

Proceedings of Board of Officers which convened at Rome, Italy, pursuant to Par. 3, Special Orders No. 100, Headquarters, 9107 TSU-QMG, AGRS/MZ, APO 794, dated 3 June 1948, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A".

The Board met pursuant to the foregoing order at 1330 hours on JUN 21, 1948.

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT AS INDICATED

Major	TOWNSEND C. ANDERSON	O-30195	QMG	A
Major	BAILLY SKINNER	O-497878	QMG	P
Capt	THOMAS P. FULLIAN	O-1586051	QMG	P
Capt	SAMUEL F. FRITZ	O-410379	QMG	A
Capt	ROBERT C. OLSEN	O-444621	MC	A
1st Lt	HENRY B. ZUIDEMA	O-454611	QMG	P
1st Lt	LEON W. RENDTRELIN	O-1547286	MSC	A

PURPOSE

(a) To review and act upon all cases pertaining to the identity of Unknown remains referred to the Board by Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

(b) To review and determine in all cases, from evidence presented, the non-recoverability of remains referred to the Board by Headquarters, AGRS/MZ.

(c) If approved, these cases will be removed from the Agenda for further search and attempts to identify and no further search or investigation will be made unless additional information is forthcoming or orders, are received from the OQMG to the contrary.

The following case was brought before the Board:

The following U.S. Army personnel were killed in action, aboard the British Hospital ship, HMHS "St. David", at Anzio, Italy, on 24 January 1944, as the result of enemy aircraft dive bombing. Map reference: F 8617, sheet 17, Road Map of Italy, 1:200,000.

(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on Adams, John E. and fifteen (15) enlisted personnel, continued.)

Maj.	Adams, John E.	0-345350
S/Sgt.	Lovett, John R., Jr.	34267994
Cpl.	Bowers, Reuben M.	19059532
Pfc.	Elffors, Norbert G.	36280168
Pvt.	Bianche, Thomas	33604442
Pvt.	Kline, Edgar	35010659
Pvt.	Fatton, Leo J.	33783921
Pvt.	Pederson, Theodore L.	36222407
Pvt.	Thompson, Bernard H.	37207081
Pvt.	Groce, Mario Jr.	38587784
Pfc.	Golder, George	35089757
Pvt.	Coboon, John H.	13093911
Pvt.	Smith, John C.	34771775
Pvt.	Vieths, Willard D.	37553782
Pfc.	Bordash, Andrew A.	32806747
Pfc.	Halbakken, Gilman	37091385

The identifiable remains of the above mentioned decedents have not been recovered by this headquarters.

FINDINGS

The Board having carefully considered the evidence presented finds that:

- (a) No member of the above named U.S. Army personnel has been seen or heard from, since 24 January 1944. (Exhibit "B", (16) OQMG Form 371)
- (b) Subject decedents were aboard the HMHS "St. David", (British Hospital Ship) which was bombed by enemy aircraft, in the Port of Anzio, on the night of 24 January 1944. (Exhibits "C", 1st Ind. Ltr. Hq. NATOUSA, dtd. 31 May 1944.)
- (c) A search of the entire west coast of Italy and its adjacent islands made by AGRS/MZ searching team, failed to recover the identifiable remains of the sixteen (16) herein mentioned casualties. (Exhibit "D") Statement, Major Anderson.)
- (d) Records this headquarters indicate that the identifiable remains of none of the above mentioned casualties have been recovered or interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries throughout Italy to date.
- (e) Dental records and other identification data pertaining to subject decedents have been compared with all available dental records and identification data of all unidentified deceased recovered from the west coast of Italy and adjacent islands, without effecting an association.

(Report of Proceedings of Board of Officers on Adam John H. and fifteen (15) enlisted personnel, continued.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the findings the Board recommends that no further attempts toward recovery of subject decedents be made and that the remains be declared Non-Recoverable, in accordance with provisions of Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 1947) IAW Subject "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of "Unknown Dead Overseas", dated 9 April 1947.

The Board adjourned at 1730 hours on JUN 21, 1948.

/s/ Bailey Skinner
/t/ BAILEY SKINNER
Major QMG

TOWNSHED C. ANDERSON
Major QMG

/s/ Thomas P. Fulliam
/t/ THOMAS P. FULLIAM
Capt QMG

SAMUEL F. FRITZ
Capt QMG

ROBERT C. OLSEN
Capt MC

/s/ Henry B. Zuidema
/t/ HENRY B. ZUIDEMA
1st Lt QMG

LEON W. ENDERLIN
1st Lt MSC

ACTION BY COMMANDING AUTHORITY

24 June 48

Approved:

/s/ Whitfield W. Watson
Colonel QMG
Commanding

4 Exhibits

- "A" - Special Order, Appointing Board of Review
- "B" - sixteen (16) OQMG Forms 371
- "C" - 1st. Ind. Ltr. Hq. NATOUSA, dtd. 31 May 1944.
- "D" - Statement, Major Anderson.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Robert E. Barry

ROBERT E. BARRY
1st Lt. QMG

HEADQUARTERS
9107 TSU - QMC
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
MEDITERRANEAN ZONE
APO 794 US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS

3 June 1948

NUMBER 100

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3. The following officers, this command, are appointed as a Board of Review for "Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", effective this date.

Major	TOWNSEND C ANDERSON	0-30195	QMC
Major	BAILLY SKINNER	0-497876	QMC
Capt.	THOMAS P PULLIAM	0-1586051	QMC
Capt	SAMUEL F FRITZ	0-410379	QMC
Capt	ROBERT C OLSEN	0-444621	MC
1st Lt	HENRY B ZUIDEMA	0-454611	QMC
1st Lt	LEON W BENDERLIN	0-1547286	MSC

The Junior member of the Board in proceedings will act in the capacity of recorder. Subject Board will met at the call of the President. WDAGO Ltr: AGAO-S/293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M. 9 April 1947.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL WATSON:

OFFICIAL:

WILLARD EDGERTON
Major QMC
Acting Adjutant

/s/ Willard Edgerton
/t/ WILLARD EDGERTON
Major QMC
Acting Adjutant

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Robert E. Barry
ROBERT E. BARRY
1st Lt., QMC
Memorial Division

Exhibit A

CASUALTY BRANCH
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

List No. 42

PERSONNEL LOST AT SEA AS RESULT OF SHIP SINKINGS DURING WORLD WAR II

HMHS ST DAVID	Tyrrhenian Sea near the coast of Italy	NAT	24 Jan 44
Name of Ship	Place Sunk	Reporting Theater	Date

SUNK AS RESULT OF DIVE BOMBER ATTACK

NAME	ASN	RANK	ORGANIZATION OR ARM OR SERVICE	INITIAL CASUALTY STATUS	PRESENT CASUALTY STATUS	BURIAL REPORT	
						ON FILE	
						YES	NO
Levett, John R., Jr.	34267994	S/Sgt.	CE	MIA	KIA		X
Bowers, Reuben M.	19059532	Cpl	FA	MIA	KIA		X
Elffors, Norbert C.	36280168	Pfc	INF	MIA	KIA		X
Bianche, Thomas	33604442	Pvt	INF	MIA	KIA		X
Kline, Edgar	35010659	Pvt	INF	MIA	KIA		X
Batton, Leo J.	33783921	Pvt	INF	MIA	KIA		X
Rederson, Theodore L.	36222407	Pvt	CE	MIA	KIA		X
Thompson, Bernard H.	37207081	Pvt	CE	MIA	KIA		X
Groce, Mario Jr.	36587784	Pvt	FA	MIA	KIA		X
Golder, George	35059757	Pfc	INF	MIA	KIA		X
Cohoon, John H.	13093911	Pvt	MD	MIA	KIA		X
Smith, John C.	34771775	Pvt	INF	MIA	KIA		X
Vieths, Willard D.	37553782	Pvt	INF	MIA	KIA		X
Bordash, Andrew A.	32806747	Pfc	INF	MIA	KIA		X
Adams, John E.	0345350	Maj	MC	MIA	KIA		X
Halbakken, Gilman	37091385	Pfc	INF	MIA	KIA		X

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C. (Attn: Casualty Branch).

1. The following US Army personnel became MIA 24 January 1944 as a result of the sinking of HMHC "St. David":

Major John B. Adams, O-345350
S/Sgt. John R. Lovett, Jr., 34267994.
Cpl. Reuben M. Bowers, 19059532.
Pfc. Norbert C. Elffors, 36280168.
Pfc. George Golder, 35059757.
Pfc. Gilman Halbakken, 37091385.
Pvt. Thomas Bianche, 33604442.
Pvt. Andrew A. Bordsash, 32806747.
Pvt. John H. Cohoon, 13093911.
Pvt. Mario Croce, Jr. 36587784.
Pvt. Edgar Kline 35010659.
Pvt. Leo J. Patton, 33783921.
Pvt. Theodore L. Pederson, 36222407.
Pvt. John C. Smith, 34771775.
Pvt. Bernard H. Thompson 37207081
Pvt. Willard D. Vieths, 37563782

2. Shortly after dark on the night of 24 January 1944, the HMHC "St. David" was subjected to a low level attack by an unknown number of dive bombers. Flares had been dropped to outline the target. One bomb fell on the after well deck resulting in a heavy explosion and fire. The lights went out immediately and the ship sank in ten (10) minutes.

3. The abandon ship was carried out orderly and well. Some life boats and rafts were launched, some were overturned due to listing of the ship while being launched and some were rendered unseaworthy as a result of the explosion. Apparently everyone was equipped with a life belt and all were evacuated from the ship except those trapped or killed by the explosion and resulting fire.

4. There were 215 individuals including crew and patients aboard. Of these, all except 55 were rescued by two other British hospital carriers and a US Naval vessel which were in the immediate vicinity. The sinking took place in the Tyrrhenian Sea not far off shore. It is believed that everyone who was evacuated from the ship was shortly picked up and that no loss of life was incurred by those who took to rafts and life boats. The records contain no indication of enemy attack on survivors. The temperature of the air and water was cold, with a moderate sea. No further information is available.

5. Since over four (4) months has elapsed during which no trace of the above (16) casualties has been found, and due to the fact that the possibility of their falling into the hands of the enemy is extremely remote, it is believed that reasonably conclusive evidence of death exists and that their status should be changed to KIA 24 January 1944, providing their families have received no communication from them since that date.

For the THEATER COMMANDER:

Exhibit "C"

OWEN ELLIOT
Major, AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

B

REVIEW
AND
DETERMINATION OF STATUS
OF
STAFF SERGEANT JOHN R. LOWETT, JR., 34267994
AND
THIRTEEN OTHERS
ABOARD USSC "ST. DAVID".

Status Review and Determination Section

Casualty Branch

23 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, Mail and Message Section,
Casualty Branch,

SUBJECT: Reports of Death.

1. In accordance with the determination approved by the Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.O., casualty reports will be initiated, stating that the following enlisted men were killed in action 24 January 1944, near the coast of Italy, as a result of an attack by enemy planes on a British ship on which they were being evacuated. None of them was in a flying pay status.

Staff Sergeant John R. Lovett, Jr.	31267991, CE
Corporal Reuben M. Rogers	19059532, PA
Private First Class Robert C. Kliffers	36280168, INF
Private Thomas Blanche	33601112, INF
Private Edgar Kline	35010659, INF
Private Leo J. Patton	33783921, INF
Private Theodore L. Pederson	36222107, INF
Private Bernard H. Thompson	37307018, CE
Private Mario Croce, Jr.	36987781, PA
Private First Class George Golder	35057757, INF
Private John H. Cochran	13097911, MD
Private, John C. Smith	36772775, INF
Private Willard D. Vieths	37553782, INF
Private First Class Andrew A. Bordash	32806717, INF

2. Evidence considered sufficient to establish conclusively the fact of death was received by the War Department on 22 September 1944.

3. The action herein directed is based upon the approved memorandum of Special Determination Sub-Section, Status Review and Determination Section, dated 23 September 1944, attached hereto.

DANIEL P. POHRT
Colonel, A. G. D.
Officer in Charge
Status Review and
Determination Section

23 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Casualty Branch, A.G.C.

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status of
Staff Sergeant John R. Lovett, Jr., 34267994,
and Thirteen Others Aboard USS IC "ST. DAVID."

1. Shipment number 044 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported the following named enlisted men missing in action since 24 January 1944:

Staff Sergeant John R. Lovett, Jr.	34267994, CE	
Corporal Reuben M. Bowers	19059532, PA	
Private First Class Robert O. Elffors	36280168, INF	
Private Thomas Bianche	33604442, INF	
Private Edgar Kline	35010659, INF	
Private Leo J. Patton	33783921, INF	
Private Theodore L. Pederson	36222107, CE	
Private Bernard H. Thompson	37207081, CE	(1)*

2. Shipment number 0400 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported Private Mario Croce, Jr., 36587784, PA, missing in action since 24 January 1944. (2)

3. Shipment number 052 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported the following named enlisted men missing in action since 24 January 1944:

Private First Class George Golder	35059757, INF	
Private John H. Cohoon	13099911, ID	
Private John C. Smith	34772775, INF	(3)

4. Shipment number 061 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported Private Willard D. Vieths, 37553782, INF., missing in action since 24 January 1944. (4)

5. Shipment number 053 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, reported Private First Class Andrew A. Bordash, 32806747, INF., missing in action since 22 January 1944. Radio F 30605 received from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, corrected the date from which subject enlisted man was missing in action to 24 January 1944. (5,6)

6. The Commanding General, North African Theater of Operations, submitted the following report concerning the missing status of subject personnel:

"1. The following US Army personnel became MIA 24 January 1944, as a result of the sinking of HMC 'St. David':

Major, John B. Adams, O-345350
S/Sgt. John R. Lovett, 31267994
Cpl. Reuben H. Bowers, 19059532
Pfc. Herbert C. Riffers, 36280168
Pfc. George Golder, 350597757
Pfc. Gilman Halbakken, 37091385
Pvt. Thomas Bianco, 33701112
Pvt. Andrew A. Bardash, 32067117
Pvt. John H. Cochran, 13093911
Pvt. Mario Croce, Jr., 36587784
Pvt. Edgar Kline, 35010699
Pvt. Leo J. Patton, 33783421
Pvt. Theodore L. Pedersen, 36222107
Pvt. John C. Smith, 31771775
Pvt. Bernard H. Thompson, 37207081
Pvt. Willard D. Vieths, 36553782

"2. Shortly after dark on the night of 24 January 1944, the HMC 'ST. DAVID' was subjected to a low level attack by an unknown number of dive bombers. Flares had been dropped to outline the target. One bomb fell on the after well deck resulting in a heavy explosion and fire. The lights went out immediately and the ship sank in (10) ten minutes.

"3. The abandon ship was carried out orderly and well. Some life boats and rafts were launched, some were overturned due to listing of the ship while being launched and some were rendered unseaworthy as a result of the explosion. Apparently everyone was equipped with a life belt and all were evacuated from the ship except those trapped or killed by the explosion and resulting fire.

"4. There were 215 individuals crew and patients aboard. Of those, all except 55 were rescued by two other British hospital carriers and a US Naval vessel which were in the immediate vicinity. The sinking took place in the Tyrrhonian Sea not far off shore. It is believed that everyone who was evacuated from the ship was shortly picked up and that no loss of life was incurred by those who took to rafts and life boats. The records contain no indication of enemy attack

on survivors. The temperature of the air and water was cold, with a moderate sea. No further information is available.

"5. Since over four (4) months has elapsed during which no trace of the above (16) casualties has been found, and due to the fact that the possibility of their falling into the hands of the enemy is extremely remote, it is believed that reasonably conclusive evidence of death exists and that their status should be changed to KIA 24 January 1944, providing their families have received no communication from them since that date.

(7)

"7. The status of Major John E. Adams has been determined to be "killed in action" 24 January 1944.

(8)

8. Affidavit of Second Lieutenant Laura R. Hindman, N721590, ANK, submitted as an inclosure to a report from 2nd Auxiliary Surgical Group, 14 February 1944, pertaining to the disappearance of Major John E. Adams, 0315350, ANK, who was lost on HMKB "ST. DAVID" is as follows:

"This is to certify that I was aboard the British Hospital Carrier 'St. David' on the night of January 24, 1944, at the time the ship was sunk as the result of a direct hit by an aerial bomb. We had left the port of Anzio, Italy at approximately 1730 hours in company with the other British Hospital Carriers 'Leinster' and 'St. Andrew'. The ships were lighted in the manner prescribed by the Geneva Convention as soon as the 5 mile limit was reached. They stood out brilliantly in the night as the result of the lighting. I was the surgical nurse on the surgical team headed by Major John E. Adams aboard the 'St. David'. We had been given no special duties and no boat station assignment in the event of an emergency, or the necessity to abandon ship.

"The ship was hit at approximately 1920 hours. All lights on the ship immediately went out. At the time, I was in my stateroom on Deck 'C' with my wife Lt. Anna Bess Berrut, my roommate. With the aid of a flashlight, we grabbed our life preservers and started for the stairway. We had ascended to 'B' Deck and Major Adams was standing at the head of the stairs holding a flashlight and, presumably, waiting for us to come up from below. Major Adams helped me put on my life preserver and commented 'Well, Ruth, you have gotten it again'. (Note: Miss Hindman was aboard the British Hospital Carrier 'Newfoundland' when it was bombed and sunk on September 12, 1943 about 20 miles off Salerno Beachhead). After I had gotten the life preserver on, I sat down on the steps and hastily put on

my shoes. I then started up the steps from 'B' Deck to 'A' Deck when I realized that I had left Miss Berret behind in my haste. I turned and called to her to 'come on'. At this very moment I saw Major Adams for the last time. He had gone into the resuscitation ward on 'B' Deck where he had several seriously ill patients. I am sure that his motive was to see that these cases were evacuated from the ship. Miss Berret and I bounded out into 'A' Deck portside and were immediately ordered into the nearest life boat. Just as we were getting seated someone exclaimed that the ship was sinking. From the position of the mast it was evident that the ship was rolling over on its portside. Someone screamed for everyone to jump out of the lifeboat and clear the ship as much as possible. Due to the resultant panic and confusion at this instant, I was unable to get out and was carried beneath the surface of the water. In fact, at this time, the entire ship sank and I was dragged down with it. I am unable to say by what means I became extricated from the sinking wreckage. The next thing I knew I seemed to be coming up to the surface, but each of the two times that I came up, I seemed to be caught beneath some part of the ship. When I came up for the third time, I was free of the wreckage and the ship had completely disappeared. There were numerous screaming survivors in the water about me. We were eventually rescued and carried aboard the British Hospital Carrier 'Leinster'.

I feel that Major Adams lost his life attempting to rescue the patients. Knowing the rapidity with which the ship sank after we left him, there was practically no chance for him to have escaped."

9. Examination of Casualty Branch files, AG 201 files, and Enlisted records discloses that in only ten cases is there a statement of the disability or reason for evacuation. One man, Cochran, being evacuated because of disease, nature unstated; one man, Elffors, being evacuated because of an injury, a sprained ankle, incurred in action, and the other eight suffering from light wounds which, although incapacitating as far as combat is concerned, would not render the individual a stretcher case or immobile.

10. On 24 January 1944, USMC "ST. DAVID", while evacuating wounded personnel from Anzio, Italy, was attacked and sunk by an undetermined number of enemy aircraft. The attack took place at approximately 1920 hours, while the ship was proceeding through the Tyrrhenian Sea, not far from shore, lighted in accordance with the Geneva Convention. A bomb from an enemy dive bomber made a direct hit on the after well deck, resulting in a heavy explosion. The ship's lights went out and abandonment of the ship commenced. Within a few minutes the ship began to list to port, rolled over and sank. The time

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elapsed between the bomb hit and the disappearance of the ship has been estimated as between five and ten minutes. Rescue operations were conducted by two other British hospital ships and a US Naval Vessel. All survivors who succeeded in escaping from the sinking ship were picked up by the rescue ships. In view of the fact that the ship received a direct hit from an enemy bomb which exploded with sufficient force to disable the ship, disrupt the lighting system and sink it within 10 minutes, it must be assumed that some of the missing persons were killed outright by the force of the explosion, and that others were trapped in portions of the ship from which egress was blocked by the force of the explosion or debris resulting therefrom. Within a very short time, the ship listed seriously and then rolled over, so that it is reasonable to assume that some of the missing were unable to reach the deck and when the ship rolled over, were trapped and drowned. The account of Lieutenant Hindman establishes that there were patients below deck when she left the stairway. Although, from the meagre records available, it is impossible to determine the seriousness of the disability of the missing persons, all but four of them had been previously reported slightly wounded in action and there are no previous casualty reports on the other four. From this, it is to be assumed that these men were able to care for themselves in an emergency and unless killed or trapped, would have been able to leave the ship prior to its sinking. It is to be noted that, in all likelihood, the rolling over of the ship accounted for some casualties either caught in the rigging and dragged down, or struck by articles such as life boats or hatch covers falling from the deck and either killed or rendered unconscious and drowned. This sinking took place during the period of establishment of the Anzio Beachhead and the waters were under control of the Allied forces. Rescue operations were prompt and unobstructed. Since rescue ships were close by at the time of the sinking, it must be assumed that all survivors were promptly rescued. The Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, has recommended that the status of the missing persons be changed from "Missing in action" 24 January 1944, to "Killed in action" 24 January 1944. In view of the circumstances surrounding the sinking and the complete lack of evidence of survival, no reason is perceived why this office should not act upon that recommendation. It is, therefore, recommended that the status of the enlisted men mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, be changed from "missing in action" 24 January 1944, to "killed in action" 24 January 1944.

11. Evidence considered sufficient to establish conclusively the fact of death was received by the War Department on 22 September 1944.

CHARLES B. CLANCY, JR.,
Second Lieutenant, A.C.D.,
Special Determination
Sub-Section

CONCURRED IN:

JOHN T. BURNS
Major, A.C.D.
Status Review and
Determination Section

DANIEL P. POHST
Colonel, A.C.D.
Officer in Charge,
Status Review and
Determination Section

APPROVED:

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Secretary of War by Section 9 of the Act approved March 7, 1942 (56 Stat 143), as amended by Public Law 409-73rd Congress, approved July 1, 1944, and delegated to the Chief, Casualty Branch, Adjutant General's Office, by a delegation of authority dated 22 August 1944, the information cited in the foregoing review and determination of status is accepted as an official report of death. Reports of death will be issued stating that subject personnel died on 24 January 1944, and that evidence of their death was received by the War Department on 22 September 1944.

By order of the Secretary of War:

GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, A.C.D.
Chief, Casualty Branch, A.C.O.

Staff Sergeant John R. Lovell, Jr., 34267994,
and Thirteen Others Aboard USS "SS. DAVID."

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14 June 1948

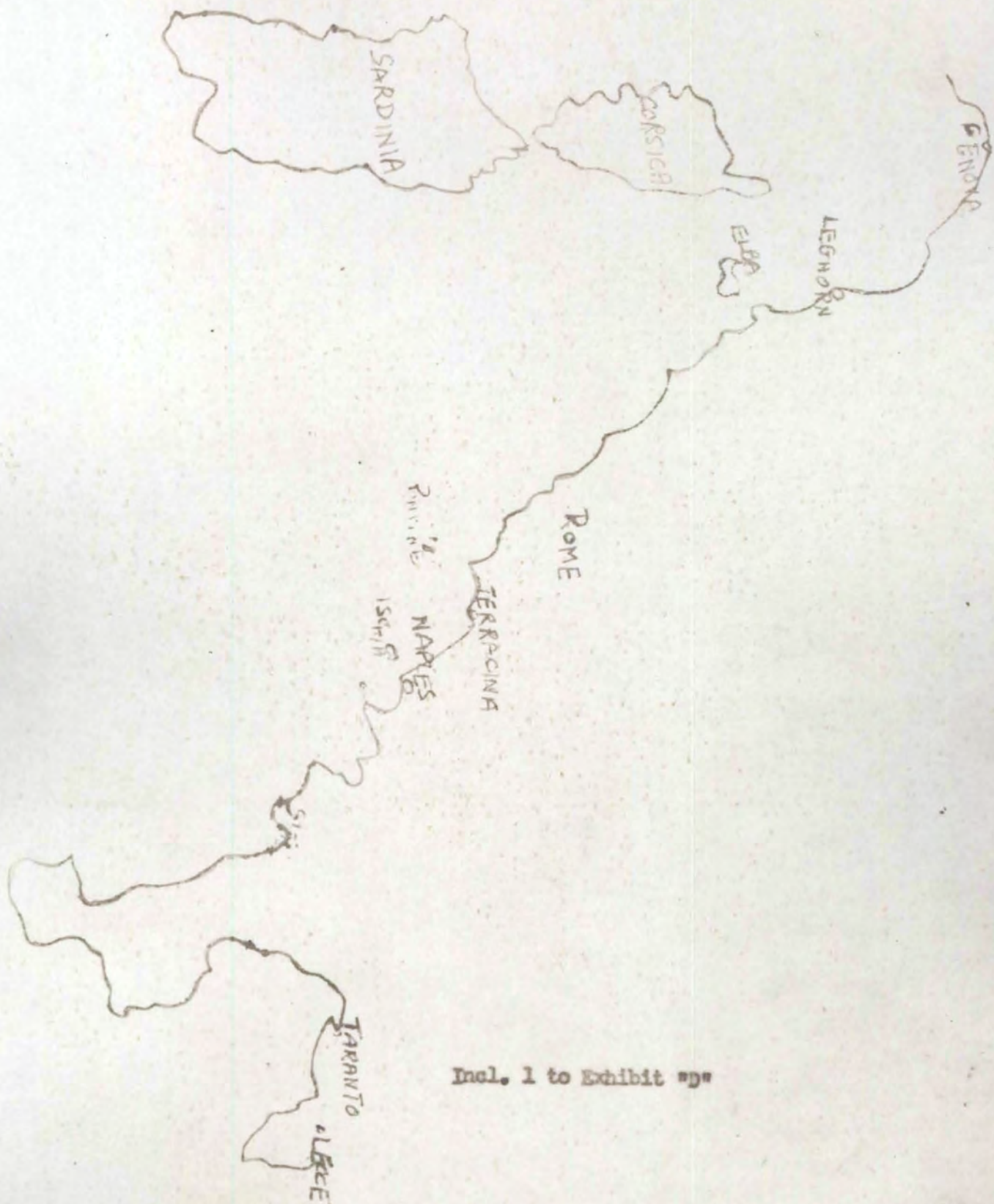
C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the coastlines of Italy from Lecce, Grid: 5.4 - 0.2 (South-East) to the French Border and adjacent islands was searched for remains of American deceased and that statements from town and church officials and local civilians of towns and villages located on the seacoast and islands, certifying that to their knowledge no remains of American deceased are interred or above ground in the territory under their jurisdiction, are on file in Headquarters, AGRS/MZ:

/s/ T. C. Anderson
/t/ T. C. ANDERSON
Major QMC
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Exhibit "D"

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Incl. 1 to Exhibit "B"

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

QMGMS-293

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>PEDERSON, THEODORE L.</i>		GRADE <i>PVT.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>36 222407</i>	
ORGANIZATION <i>CO. D 540TH ENBR. REGT.</i>		RACE <i>W</i>	CREED <i>PROT.</i>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>24 JAN 44</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>K I A</i>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>ABOARD BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP "ST. DAVID" SUNK OFF THE COAST OF ITALY.</i>		
DATE OF FOD		HEIGHT <i>73"</i>	WEIGHT <i>198</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BLUE</i>
		COLOR HAIR <i>BLOND</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>10-C</i>	

DENTAL CHART

16 Apr. 42

UPPER RIGHT <i>8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1</i>	UPPER LEFT <i>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8</i>
LOWER RIGHT <i>16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9</i>	LOWER LEFT <i>9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16</i>

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Incl. 8

Exhibit "B" - 8

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Pedersen Theodore L</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>36222407</i>		GRADE <i>Priv.</i>
HEIGHT <i>73</i>	WEIGHT <i>198</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Blonde</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>10C</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>24 Jan 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co. D - 540 Cnqr Regt.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
*Near the coast of Italy
North African area.*

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

STATION	DATES	
<i>Ft. Sheridan Ill.</i>	<i>22 April 42</i>	<i>20 April 42</i>
<i>CP. Forrest Tenn.</i>	<i>23 April 42</i>	<i>5 Aug 42</i>
<i>CP. Edwards Mass.</i>	<i>7 Aug 42</i>	<i>11 Sept 42</i>

**FROM. W.D. AND CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE**

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>None</i>
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X - EXTRACTED O - CARIOUS / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

Pedersen Therese J. 36-202407.

Last Name

First Name

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital

From

To

Register Number

FT. Bragg N.C.

20 Nov 42

22 Nov 42.

Chuband

Clerk

7-20

Date

Q.M.C.

Branch

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECORDED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

293
PEDERSON, THEODORE L.

GRADE

PVT.

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

36 222407

ORGANIZATION

C.O. D
540TH ENGR. REGT.

RACE

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CREED

PROT.

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

24 JAN 44

CAUSE OF DEATH

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PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

ABOARD BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP
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DATE OF FOD

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TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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L.A. Cauffman
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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>PEDERSON, THEODORE L.</i>		GRADE <i>PVT.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>36222407</i>
ORGANIZATION <i>Co. D. 540th ENGR. REGT.</i>		RACE <i>WHITE</i>	CREED <i>PROTESTANT</i>
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>24 JAN. 44</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>KILLED IN ACTION</i>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>NEAR THE COAST OF ITALY. NORTH AFRICAN AREA.</i>	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT <i>73"</i>	WEIGHT <i>198#</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BLUE</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>BLONDE</i>
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>NONE</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK <i>NONE</i>
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Gill
Hospital
H. J. [unclear]
19 APR 1948

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 4 October 1944
jre 4632

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FULL NAME <u>Pederson, Theodore L.</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>36 222 407</u>	GRADE <u>Pvt.</u>
HOME ADDRESS <u>Ettrick, Wisconsin</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Corps of Engineers</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>15 Dec 11</u>
PLACE OF DEATH <u>North African Area</u>	CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in Action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>24 Jan 44</u>
STATION OF DECEASED <u>North African Area</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>16 Apr 42</u>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mr. Louis Pederson, Father, Ettrick, Wisconsin</u>			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Louis Pederson, Father, Ettrick, Wisconsin</u> <u>Clara Pederson, Mother, Ettrick, Wisconsin</u>			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
			X
		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
		YES NO	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 24 Jan 44 until such absence was terminated on 22 Sept 44, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the North African Area. Action based on memorandum, Status Review and Determination Section, approved by Chief of Casualty Branch on 23 Sept 44.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR
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ADJUTANT GENERAL

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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REPORT OF DEATH

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INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
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				AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
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				OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
				YES	NO

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TELEGRAM

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AG 201 PEDERSON, THEODORE L. (25 MAR 44) SPXPC-B NAT 044 27 MARCH 1944
ASN 36 222 407

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MR LOUIS PEDERSON

RYTRICK WISCONSIN

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU REPORT NOW RECEIVED STATES YOUR SON PRIVATE
THEODORE L. PEDERSON WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN ACTION
IS NOW REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE TWENTY FOUR JANUARY IS TRULY IF
FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY
NOTIFIED

ARMY STAFF BUREAU
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ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

JRM:NM:slb

Case No. 107876 M

Date 4 December 1944

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Theodore L. Pederson, 36222407 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Private, Corps of Engineers who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 24th day of January 1944, at North African Area.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 228, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

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

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. none.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt none, Incl. none.)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING:

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 2 December 1944, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Louis Pederson for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Louis Pederson of (Name of person found entitled)
Ettrick State of (City, Town or Village)
(Number, Street or Avenue)
Wisconsin, is the Father of the (Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

W. F. BISHMAN, Major Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

JRM:NM:cms
December 5, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO: 107876 M

Mr. Louis Pederson
Ettrick, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Pederson:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Private Theodore L. Pederson.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one package.

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Ship to:
Mr. Louis Pederson
Ettrick, Wisconsin

Effects Of

Name Pvt. Theodore L. Pederson

ASN 36222407

Case No. 107876 D

Wt.

FRANKED

Ship Via _____ C B/L No. _____

Date December 2, 1944
JRM:NM:slb

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For the Effects Quartermaster

PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 Ctr

TOTAL / WT. _____

Franked _____
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
Date Shipped DEC 5 1944

REMARKS:

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USED IN 1944

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(Shipping Clerk)

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ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORY

Deceased X
Missing
P.O.W.
Abandoned IRS

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS PEDERSON, THEODORE, L. ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 1
TALLY-IN NO. 4390 INVENTORY DATE 8/4/44 CASE NO. 107876
EFFECTS OF THEODORE L. PEDERSON RANK PVT.
A.S.N. 36222407 ORG. CO "D", 540 ENGR. REGT.

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION:	ARTICLE DESCRIPTION
<u>I pkg.</u>	
<u>2 Testaments</u> ✓	
<u>1 Lot of Religious pamphlets</u> ✓	
<u>1 Lot of souvenir coins</u> ✓	
<u>1 Service Ribbon</u> ✓	
<u>2 Religious medals</u> ✓	
<u>1 Lot of photograph</u> ✓	
<u>1 Scarf</u> ✓	
<u>1 Folder w/photo</u> ✓	
<u>3 Negatives</u> ✓	
<u>1 Dime U. S. Currency</u> ✓	
<u>1 Kit w/toilet articles</u> ✓	
<u>1 Bank (wood box)</u> ✓	
<u>1 Cigarette Case</u> ✓	
<u>1 Wrist Watch</u> ✓	
<u>1 Bridge (teeth)</u> ✓	

REMARKS: ATTACHMENTS:

LOUIS T PEDERSON
ETTRICK, WIS.

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NO CORRESPONDENCE
~~SHORTAGE ON REVERSE~~
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STORAGE SPACE 3/1602 SAFE STORAGE VAULT STORAGE WEIGHT SHIPPED 3#
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INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-550)

Pederson, Theodore, L. **36222407**
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a **Pvt. Co. D, 540 Engr. Regt.**
 (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the **24** day of **Jan.**, 19**44**

CLASS I—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1	Watch, wrist, w/strap (Perla)	
1	Case, Cigar., Leather	
4	Coins, French	
5	Coins, Italian	
2	Medals, Italian	
1	Bar, campaign	
1	Charm, religious	
1	Bank, wooden, small	
4	Photographs	

*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	Scarf, colored, wool
1	Portrait
3	Negatives
1	Dine, U.S.
2	New-Testaments

CLASS II—Continued

NUMBER	ARTICLES
1	Bridge, removable, (3teeth)
1	Kit, leather, personal, w/ comb, hair-brush, etc.
1	Prayer-book, Service
5	Pamphlets, religious
<p>* This comprises all the personal effects not on the Pvt. at the time of the mishap.</p>	
<p>Money { Specie... \$..... Notes... \$.....</p>	

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that *the effects were delivered to _____
(Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative

or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

*the effects of class I have been forwarded to The Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.

Richard P. Perry

Capt. CE

APO #464, NY.

(Station)

April

44

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(Date)

*Strike out words not applicable.