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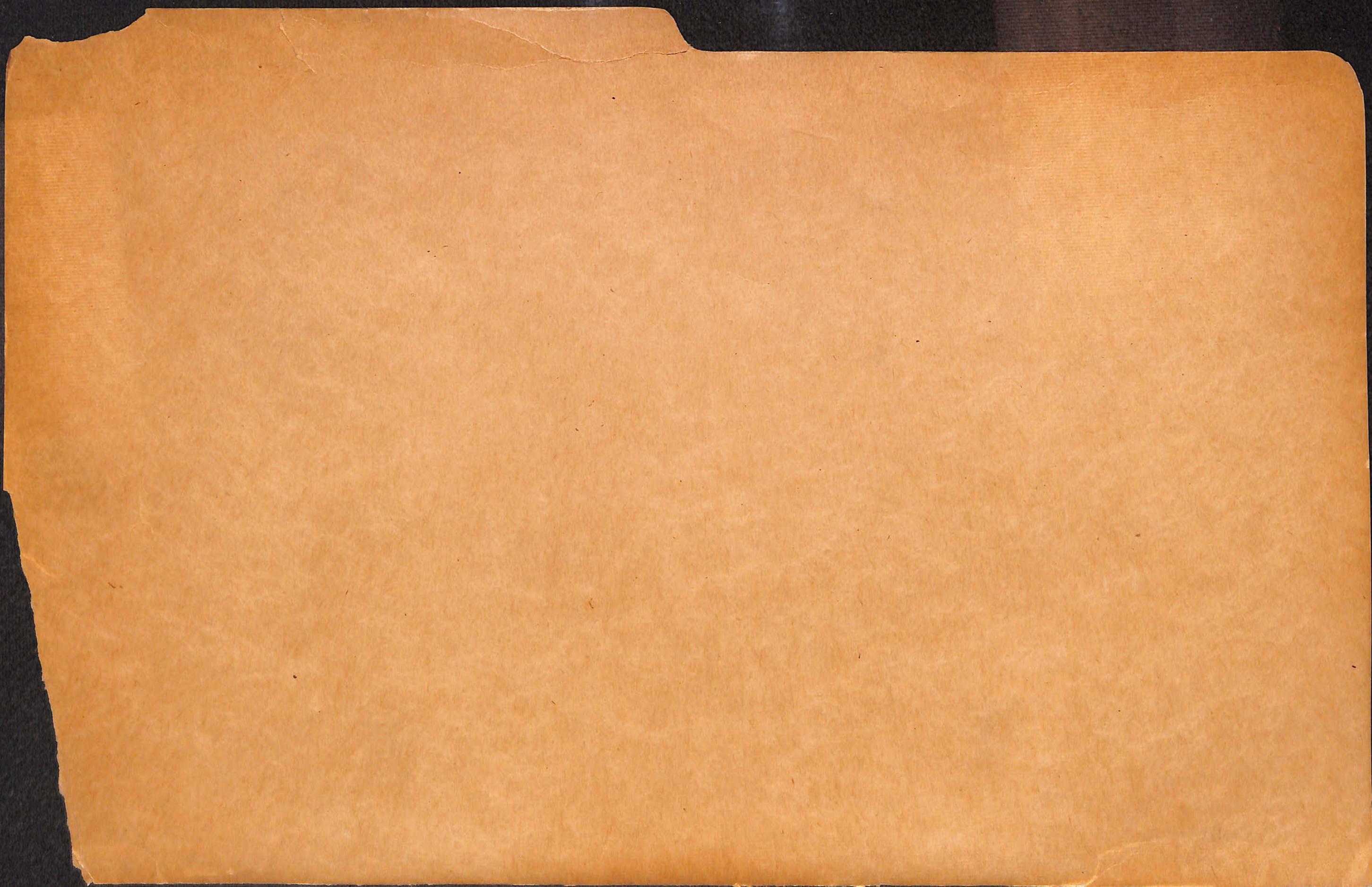
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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

State File No. \_\_\_\_\_

L. R. File No. 12843

203 #1-50M-12-29-41

answer carefully all questions to avoid receiving queries for information. Please give age, occupation and Social Security No. assist in settling S. S. claims.

1. Place of Death

(a) County Liberty Militia Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) City or Town Camp Stewart, Georgia  
(If Outside City or Town Limits, Write Rural)

(c) Name of Hosp. or Institution Station Hospital

(d) Length of Stay Hosp. or Institution 10 hours In This Community \_\_\_\_\_

2. Usual Residence of Deceased

(a) State Georgia (b) County Liberty

(c) City or Town Freedman Grove  
(If Outside City or Town Limits, Write Rural)

(d) R.F.D. and Box No. \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Citizen of Foreign Country? Yes (Yes or No) If Yes, Name Country \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name Willie A. Davis

If Veteran Name War \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number 257-14-7182

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

4. Sex Male 5. Race Colored Marital (S) M.

6. Status (circle) W. D. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Give Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

8. Age 44 Years 2 Months 7 Days \_\_\_\_\_

If less than 24 hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Min.

9. Birth Date Sept 25, 1898 Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

Mo. Day Year

10. Usual Occupation Laborer

11. Industry or Business Construction

12. Name \_\_\_\_\_

13. Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

14. Name \_\_\_\_\_

15. Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_

16. Own Signature \_\_\_\_\_

17. Informants P. O. Address \_\_\_\_\_

18. Burial, Cremation or Removal Removal (a) Date December 5, 1942

19. P. O. Address of Place of Burial \_\_\_\_\_

20. Signature of Person Burying Body Lemuel Carter  
Carters Funeral Home Date Filed with L. R. \_\_\_\_\_

21. P. O. Address of Undertaker Minesville, Georgia

22. Registrar's Own Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check Certificate Carefully Before Signing)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

23. Date of Death December 5 19 42 Time 5:21 A. M. P. M.

(Hour : Minute)

24. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased who died on the above date. I last saw him Alive on December 5, 19 42

Primary Cause of Death Apoplexy, cerebral

(Please Underline the Cause to Which This Death Should Be Charged)

Contributory Causes \_\_\_\_\_

(Including Any Pregnancy Within Three Months of Death)

Operation None

Date of Operation \_\_\_\_\_ Diagnosis: Clinical Lab., X-Ray (Check) \_\_\_\_\_ Was Autopsy Performed?

25. If death was due to external violence please answer the following questions:

(a) Accident, Suicide Homicide (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Date of Occurrence \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Place of Accident \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (County) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Where: Home, Farm, Industry, Public Place \_\_\_\_\_ While at Work \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Means of Injury Direct Trauma

Physician's Own Signature Isreal Hauber, Captain  
Station Hospital Camp Stewart, Georgia Date Signed Dec. 5, 1942

SPQYA 293  
Davis, Willie Lee

10 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Payment of Burial Expenses.

TO: General Accounting Office.  
THRU: Fiscal Director, ASF. ATTN: Receipts and Dis-  
bursements Division.

1. Under provision of Par. 3 a (1) & (6), AR 30-1830, it is recommended that payment in the amount of \$195.00 be made to Pughsley's Funeral Home, Swainsboro, Georgia, for necessary expenses incurred incident to the disposition of the remains of the late T/5th Grade Willie Lee Davis, 34059054, Medical Department, who died 3 July 1943, at Graymont, Emanuel County, Georgia.

2. No expenses were incurred by the War Department in this case and there was no contract in effect under which the remains could have been prepared. Of this amount \$175.00 is properly payable as burial expenses proper and \$20.00 as interment expenses.

3. The allotment advice properly chargeable is 7-77 P 443-07 A 212/40502.

For The Quartermaster General:

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 Incls.  
#1 Invoice in trip.  
#2 Report of Death

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

PUGHSLEY'S FUNERAL HOME  
PHONE 4461  
Swainsboro, Georgia.

November 20, 1943

SPQYA 293  
Davis, Willie L.

Army Service Forces  
Fourth Service Command  
Camp Gordon  
Augusta, Georgia.

To funeral expenses for the above named Veteran. which was performed on July 9, 1943	\$20.00
To Hearse Service	\$20.00
To Embalming of body	125.00
To casket	155.00
To Vault	25.00
TOTAL	<u>\$225.00</u>

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF EMANUEL

Personally before me came Fannie S. Pughsley, manager of Pughsley's Funeral Home, and after being duly sworn says that the above amount is certified as true and correct, and payment has not been received.

Pughsley's Funeral Home  
By s/ Fannie S. Pughsley, mgr.  
t/ Fannie S. Pughsley

Sworn to and Subscribed  
to before me this day of 26  
Nov 1943  
s/ L. S. Proctor  
N. P. and Ex. Off. J. P.

This is to certify that the above Funeral Services were satisfactorily performed and that the bill has not been paid.  
Sworn to and subscribed  
to me this 26 day of November, 1943

s/ L. S. Proctor, N. P. Ec. Off, J. P. s/ Ethel Davis Mother

C O P Y

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Army Service Forces  
Headquarters, Eighth Service Command  
Dallas 2, Texas

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293  
AG 201- (Enl) DAVIS, Willie Lee

WPS/ms  
10 July 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Death.

TO : Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Report of death is furnished in compliance with AR 600-550  
14 May 1943.

4th S.C.

1. Full name: Willie Lee Davis
2. Serial number: 34059054
3. Grade and Organization: T/5th Gr., Detachment Medical Dept., Sta. Hosp.
4. Arm or Service: Medical Department
5. Station to which Assigned: ADTS, New Orleans AAB, New Orleans, La.
6. Date of death: 3 July 1943
7. Place of death: Graymont, Emanuel County, Georgia
8. Cause of death: Killed by Civilian Police
9. Beneficiary: Ethel Davis Relationship: Mother  
Address: Summit, Georgia
10. Date of Birth: 25 November 1918
19. Emerg. Addressee: Ethel Davis Relationship: Mother  
Address: Summit, Georgia
23. State of residence: Florida

\*Undetermined; Supplementary report follows.

For the Commanding General:

*W.P. Spaulding*  
W. P. SPAULDING,  
Major, Infantry,  
Asst., Mil. Pers. Branch.

GENERAL DIVISION  
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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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TELE. CAB.  
SECTION

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REPORT OF DEATH OF WILLIE L DAVIS 5 TH GRADE 3405904//XXX  
34059054 MED DETACHMENT ASSIGNED TO NEWORLEANS ARMY AIR BASE NOT STATED  
DIED ABOUT MIDDNIGHT 3 JULY 1943 AT GRAYMOUNT EMANUEL CO  
GEORGIA BY REASON OF KILLED BY CIVILIAM POLICE SOLDIER ON FURLOUGH AT TI  
FO// OF DEATH FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND REQUESTER TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT WILL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF ADITIONAL  
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Office of Chief, QM Branch, Sup. & Serv. Div., Camp Gordon, Ga. 30 November 1943

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Attention: Quartermaster Branch.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 4 (3) (a) and (c) of AR 30-1830, dated 11 August 1943, there is forwarded to you for transmittal to The Quartermaster General for payment, invoice in the amount of \$225.00 covering burial expenses proper and interment expenses of Willie Lee Davis T/5th grade. Funeral arrangements were made by the mother of the deceased, however, an inspection of the body was made by a Medical Officer and the Assistant Purchasing and Contracting Officer of this station.

For the Commanding Officer:

*gm*

*William D. Lavender*  
WILLIAM D. LAVENDER,  
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.,  
Ass't. Chief, QM Branch.

QM 293-Davis, Willie Lee (T/5th Gr.) 9th Ind.

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Hq, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia, 3 December 1943.

To: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Contract in effect at Camp Gordon with Blount's Funeral Home for colored military personnel provides as follows:

- Item 1 - \$10.00
- Item 2 - \$55.00
- Item 3 - \$75.00
- Item 4 - \$ 5.00
- Item 5 - \$ 3.00

*not applicable*  
*gc*

MEMORIAL DIVISION

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However, Swainsboro is outside the 20 mile radius of the Contractor's establishment.

For the Commanding General:

*Henry L. Bowden*  
HENRY L. BOWDEN,  
Captain, QMC,  
Asst. Ch, QM Br.

*293 Davis, Willie Lee*

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U.S. AIR FORCE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

For the commanding general:

General:

Novelty, and to provide the 30 mile radius of the command, a

- Item 2 - \$ 2.00
- Item 4 - \$ 2.00
- Item 2 - \$12.00
- Item 3 - \$22.00
- Item 1 - \$10.00

containing the (1) personnel records as follows:  
1. Information in effect as of 30 miles radius of the command, a  
to: The commanding general, Headquarters, D. C.

He: Colonel George Collins, Captain 3, Dec 2, 1943

On 22-12-43, 11:15 AM (1/2 PM local) AMT



U.S. AIR FORCE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

For the commanding officer:

Investigation and controlling officer of this station.  
An investigation of the report was made by a medical officer and the investigation  
showed that the allegations were made by the mother of the deceased, however,  
primary expenses were and interest expenses of \$111.00 were paid 1/2 PM  
containing general for payment, in the amount of \$222.00 containing  
of 11:15 AM, there is to be paid to you for the amount of \$222.00  
I. Under the provisions of paragraph 4 (3) (a) and (c) of AF 30-1830

Attention: Controlling Officer

to: Commanding General, Colonel George Collins, Captain 3, Dec 2, 1943

Office of Chief, Air Force, and 22-12-43, 11:15 AM, AMT, 30 miles radius of the

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201 - Davis, Willie Lee (enl) 6th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana, 9 November 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Reference preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding Officer:

*gm*

*M. J. Pierson*  
M. J. PIERSON,  
CWO, USA,  
Asst Chief, Mil Pers.



QM 293-Davis, Willie Lee (T/5th Gr) 7th Ind.

SW:C:vs

Hq, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia, 13 November 1943.

To: Commanding Officer, Camp Gordon, Georgia.

For compliance with basic letter.

By command of Major General BRYDEN:

*Henry L. Bowden*  
HENRY L. BOWDEN,  
Captain, QMC,  
Asst. Ch, QM Br.

*QM 293 - QMC - Davis, Willie Lee (enl.)*

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201 - Davis, Willie Lee (enl) 4th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS AIR DEPOT TRAINING STATION, New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana, 20 October 1943.

TO: Base Quartermaster, Air Depot Training Station, New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana.



*M. J. P.*  
M. J. P.



201 - Davis, Willie Lee (enl)

5th Ind.

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QUARTERMASTER, NEW Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, 18, Louisiana.  
29 October 1943.

To: The Commanding Officer, New Orleans Army Air Base,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

1. Reference basic communication, this office has no record of the disposition of remains of deceased in question by this Station. It is our understanding that burial services were conducted in Swainsboro, Ga., arrangements having been made by Headquarters, Camp Gordon, Ga.

*C. M. White*  
C. M. WHITE  
Lt. Col., QMC  
Quartermaster.



293-Davis, Willie Lee

2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICE COMMAND, ARMY SERVICE FORCES, QUARTERMASTER BRANCH,  
Camp Stewart, Georgia, 15 October 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Army Service Forces,  
Atlanta, 3, Georgia. ATTN: Quartermaster Branch.

This office has no knowledge of the death and disposition of remains  
of deceased in question.

For the Commanding Officer:

*H. C. McKnight*  
H. C. MCKNIGHT  
1st Lt., Q. M. C.  
Purch. & Contr. Officer. *MB*

QM 293-Davis, Willie Lee(T/ 5th Gr) 3rd Ind.

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Hq, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia, 18 October 1943.

To: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, New Orleans, La.

For information as to whether your Headquarters has record of  
burial expenses for the late Willie Lee Davis, referred to in basic  
letter.

For the Commanding General:

*Henry L. Bowden*  
HENRY L. BOWDEN,  
Captain, QMC,  
Asst. Ch, QM Br.

*QM 293-210-Davis, Willie Lee*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQYA 293  
Davis, Willie Lee

7 October 1943



SUBJECT: Report of Burial Expenses.

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Post Office Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia. ATTN: Supply Division.

1. The records show that the Report of Burial Expenses,  
relative to disposition of remains of the following as called  
for in accordance with Par. 15, A.R. 30-1820, has not been re-  
ceived.

Willie Lee Davis, 34059054, T/5th Gr., Detachment Medical  
Dept., Sta. Hosp., New Orleans AAB, New Orleans, Louisiana,  
who died 3 July 1943, Graymont, Emanuel County, Georgia.

2. It is requested that report in this connection be  
forwarded at the earliest practicable date.

For The Quartermaster General,

*Chas D Gipson*  
CHAS. D. GIPSON,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

*QM*

*QM 293 - 0710 - Davis, Willie*

QM 293-Davis, Willie Lee (T/5th Gr.) 1st Ind.

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Hq, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia, 11 October 1943.

To: Commanding Officer, Camp Stewart, Georgia.



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CHAS. D. GIPSON,  
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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SPQYA 293  
Davis, Willie Lee

10 December 1943.

Address Reply to THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Pughsley's Funeral Home,  
Swainsboro,  
Georgia.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the invoice of your firm submitted to this office, which covers burial expenses incurred in the case of the late Willie Lee Davis.

You are advised that your claim has been placed in line for payment to you by General Accounting Office in the amount of \$195.00, which is the maximum amount allowable in this case by the War Department under existing regulations.

Any further inquiry concerning this matter should be addressed to Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C., since the case is now under the jurisdiction of that office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Yours very truly,

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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SPQYA 293  
Davis, Willie Lee.

10 December 1943.

Address Reply to THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Mrs. Ethel David,  
Pond Lane,  
Woodmere, Long Island,  
New York.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

There has been received in this office an invoice covering burial expenses of your son, the late Willie Lee Davis, which is certified by the undertaker as unpaid. The invoice has been forwarded to General Accounting Office to be placed in line for payment to Pughsley's Funeral Home, Swainsboro, Georgia, in the amount of \$195.00, which is the maximum amount allowable in this case by the War Department under existing regulations.

Should you pay this bill from personal funds, it is requested that you immediately notify Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C. of this fact, inclosing with your letter a receipted bill from the undertaker.

For The Quartermaster General:

Yours very truly,

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
Office of The Adjutant General  
World War II Records Branch  
High Point, N. C.

*DAM*  
AG 201 Davis, Willie L.  
(21 Oct 43)RW-C ASN-34059054

4 December 1943.

Mrs. Ethel Davis,  
860 Pond Lane, L. I.,  
Woodmere,  
New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt relative to benefits, a flag, and burial expenses in the case of Willie L. Davis, Army serial number 34059054.

Your letter has this day been forwarded to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Washington 25, D. C., who administers the laws providing for insurance of members of the armed forces.

Copies of your letter have been sent to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, in connection with gratuity pay, to the Chief, Claims Division, General Accounting Office, concerning pay due the soldier at time of death, and to the Quartermaster General, Army Service Forces, regarding a flag and burial allowance, all of whom have offices in Washington 25, D. C.

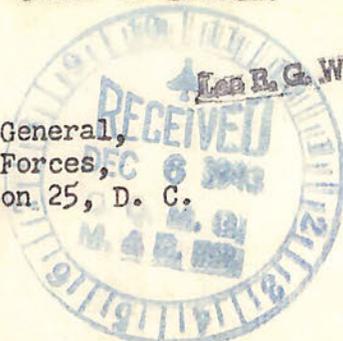
Very truly yours,

JONATHAN D. HAWKINS,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Chief of Branch.

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GENERAL DIVISION

Copy for:

The Quartermaster General,  
Army Service Forces,  
Washington 25, D. C.



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My Dearst Mrs Roosevelt.

I am a poor old heart broken mother I am. asking. your for help. as you are in power. to help me out. I had a son in the army. and he was on his furlow home to see me. as I am a widdow. and the mother of two sons. and this one was in camp in New Orleans La. Army Air Base Med Dept and I no you have heard how The white people are in the south he was shot in the back by a civilian policeman because he would not let him surch him Cpl Davis runs from him and he shot him in the back. Now Mrs Roosevelt you have sons. in camp. to I am willing for my only two boys to die for our cuntry but not be killed. By a mam he is fighting for now the other son is in camp to. for Robert Davis. and I am glad for him to go. But the one that got killed the War Department has promes to help me put him a way. I have got berearl letters from them. and have not got eny help they have not send me eny flag. he had insurance. and they promes to send me so much a month and have not done Enything now Mrs Roosevelt Last. summer IWO War infamation ask me to make a speach on the Radio after the Presedent maid his talk and I did and had some Record recded I was praising the United States. the Presedent have one of them. So if this is the way wee are treated what are wee fighting for wee treated Like dogs. Mr Marvin Cox of Atlanta ga. I did it for him so please help me out I have had work sick or well to pay for his burial and they have not done enything yet I will thank you for eny help you can give me obliege Mrs Ethel Davis.

ps the killing was in Summit ga, and the mans name was J M Bahanon  
sumit ga he beat ~~out~~ women to

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SPQYA 293  
Davis, Willie L.

26 August 1943

Address reply to THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Mrs. Etziel Davis,  
Summit,  
Georgia.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

In compliance with the request of the Army  
Emergency Relief, there is attached hereto a memorandum  
concerning disposition of remains of deceased military  
personnel and payment of burial expenses by the War Depart-  
ment.

The procedure outlined in this memorandum should  
be followed in filing claim for burial allowance in the case  
of your son, Willie L. Davis.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Incl.  
Memo.

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HONORABLE HENRY L. STIMSON  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR  
JOHN J. McCLOY, VICE PRESIDENT  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR  
ROBERT A. LOVETT, VICE PRESIDENT  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR FOR AIR

**ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

16 August 1943

MAJOR GENERAL IRVING J. PHILLIPSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: Executive Director, Army Emergency Relief, War Department, Washington, D.C.  
TO: Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D. C.  
SUBJECT: Mrs. Ettiel Davis, Summit, Georgia.

Soldier's Name: <sup>243</sup> Willie L. Davis Grade: T/5 Ser. No. 34059054

Allotment (is) (is not) being made. Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, station or last mailing address: (deceased)

Above information verified by Special Searchers' Division.

THE ATTACHED COMMUNICATION IS BEING REFERRED TO YOU FOR:

- Direct reply.
- Your information.
- Appropriate action.
- Letter has been acknowledged.
- Investigation and appropriate action.
- Attention is invited to previous correspondence.
- Investigation by Red Cross and appropriate action.
- Action recommended by Red Cross.
- Soldier should be requested to make voluntary allotment. (W.D. Cir. 288-Par. 23).
- Soldier should be requested to apply for family allowance (Class A) (Class B).
- Have investigator explain Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act to applicant.
- Have investigator explain Dependency Allotments (Circular No. 97) to applicant.
- Have investigator explain Dependency Transfer (Circular No. 270 AR 615-360) to applicant.
- Give applicant complete information on Soldiers' & Sailors Civil Act of 1940.
- Note reference to Red Cross.
- Send copy of report to AER Section investigating applicant's home condition.
- A report concerning disposition on this case is requested.

Incl:  
ltr. 8/3/43  
rep. 8/16/43

For the Executive Director:

EDGAR A. MYER,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Assistant to Executive Director.

16 August 1943

Mrs. Ettiel Davis,  
Summit,  
Georgia.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

This is in reply to your letter post marked 3 August 1943 regarding burial expenses of your son, Willie L. Davis.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D. C., who administers the benefits connected with the burial of servicemen who have died within the continental limits of the United States. That office has been requested to give your communication immediate consideration and will communicate with you directly concerning this matter.

If you are in need of financial assistance we suggest that you communicate directly with the Fourth Service Command Branch, Army Emergency Relief, 321 Grant Building, Atlanta, 3, Georgia, who will render whatever financial assistance your circumstances may warrant.

For the Executive Director:

EDGAR A. MYER,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Assistant to Executive Director.





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FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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Army Emergency Relief  
War Department Washington

Dear Sirs I am asking you all for help please I am a widdow and had 2 Boys and one of them is a flicted and one went to fight for our country and came home on a furlow to se me and was killed by a plain clothes policeman for nothing he wanted to search him and he told him not to search him that he was a army man and the policeman slap him and my boy slap him back then my boy run from him and the policeman shot him in the back and killed him at once and I went and swore out a warant for him and he is still a free man out kicking poor old negraes around please help me out my boy was a Cpl. Tech Willie Lee Davis of the Med Dept army air Base New Orleans Ga. he was a good boy he did not drink nor smoke and please help me to pay for his buiel please. Oblige looking to hear at once Mrs Ettiel Davis. ~~7~~8/

TO — Hm. 1801-A

M & R Staging Area

To be combined with 293

Davis, Willie Lee 7/5 34059054

if case has been sent to AGO Storage, forward for combining.

VAN LEVENTER

STO.  
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ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
FOURTH SERVICE COMMAND  
Camp Gordon  
Augusta, Georgia

15 November 1943

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293 Davis, Willie Lee 1/5 S&SD-P1-vb 34059054

Pughsley Funeral Home  
Swainsboro,  
Georgia

Dear Sirs:

This office has no record of having received from you invoice covering the burial and interment expenses of Willie Lee Davis. Please promptly furnish us a statement of these services so that the bill can be placed in line for payment.

Invoices should be prepared in accordance with instructions set out in the enclosed mimeographed sheet.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM D. LAVENDER,  
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.  
Chief, Contract Section.

1 Incl-  
Mimeographed Sheet.

STATION FILE

James B. Witherington

Captain, Med. Corps. A. U. S.

Ralph B. Willis, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt

1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Asst Provost Marshal

Extension # 83

Col. Plotkin - Med. Corps, Ward 131.

P. L. YOUMANS  
SHERIFF  
EMANUEL COUNTY

Swainsboro, Ga. .... 194

Pughsley Funeral Home  
Swainsboro, Ga.

Willie L. Davis T/5

A.S.N. 34059054, Det. Med.

Dept, Air Depot Training Station

New Orleans Army Air Base

New Orleans, La.

Mother: Ethel Davis, Summit, Ga.

Camp Gordon, Georgia

6 July 1943  
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION OF REMAINS

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I have this day inspected the remains of Davis, Willie L., T/5, ASN: 34059054, Det. Med. Dept., Air Depot Training Station, New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, La.

~~Camp Gordon, Georgia,~~ and find that the undertaking services have been performed satisfactorily; that the casket meets specifications, the body was properly dressed and properly embalmed, and presented an excellent appearance.

*James B. Witherington*  
James B. Witherington  
(Name)

Captain, Med. Corps, A.U.S.  
(Rank & Organization)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I have this day inspected the remains of

Davis, Willie L., T/5th, Serial Number 34059054

organization Det. Med. Dept., Air Depot Training Station,  
New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, La.

both after they were embalmed and while nude, and after having been clothed and placed in the casket and found them to be properly embalmed, clean, well-shaven and suitably dressed, in underwear and in a proper uniform, ~~and that the service performed by contractor complies in every respect with the provisions of his contract.~~

*William D. Lavender*  
Asst. Purchasing & Contracting Officer  
WILLIAM D. LAVENDER, 2nd Lt., QMC

6 July, 1943  
Swainsboro, Ga.

I, the undersigned, have inspected the remains of Willie L. Davis. Formerly a member of the United States Army, Technician 5th Grade, Detachment Medical Department, Air Depot Training Station, New Orleans, Army Air Base, New Orleans, La., now at rest at the Pughsley Funeral Home, Swainsboro, Ga. The body is properly attired in uniform and has been properly prepared for burial.

*William D. Lavender*

WILLIAM D. LAVENDER  
2nd Lt., QMC

I, Ethel Davis, mother of Willie L. Davis do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of Willie L. Davis now lying at rest at Pughsley Funeral Home, Swainsboro, Ga., from 2nd Lt. William D. Lavender as representative of the Army. I have inspected the remains of my son and do acknowledge that they are satisfactory for burial.

*Ethel L. Davis*

ETHEL L. DAVIS

*W. H. Green*  
*Basic*  
*Oct 7, 1943*

*Mr* *Davis, Willie Lee T/3* 8th Ind. 34059054 S&SD-P1-WDL-vb  
Office of Chief, QM Branch, Sup. & Serv. Div., Camp Gordon, Ga. 30 November 1943

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Attention: Quartermaster Branch.

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 4 (3) (a) and (c) of AR 30-1830, dated 11 August 1943, there is forwarded to you for transmittal to The Quartermaster General for payment, invoice in the amount of \$225.00 covering burial expenses proper and interment expenses of Willie Lee Davis T/5th grade. Funeral arrangements were made by the mother of the deceased, however, an inspection of the body was made by a Medical Officer and the Assistant Purchasing and Contracting Officer of this station.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM D. LAVENDER,  
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.,  
Ass't. Chief, QM Branch.

STATION FILE

201 - Davis, Willie Lee (enl) 6th Ind.

(2A-2b)

HEADQUARTERS, New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana, 9 November 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Reference preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding Officer:

M. J. PEERSON, /s/  
M. J. PIERSON,  
CWO, USA,  
Asst Chief, Mil Pers.

QM 293-Davis, Willie Lee (T/5th Gr) 7th Ind.

SW:C:vs

Hq, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia, 13 November 1943.

To: Commanding Officer, Camp Gordon, Georgia.

For compliance with basic letter.

By command of Major General BRYDEN:

HENRY L. BOWDEN,  
Captain, QMC,  
Asst. Ch, QM Br.

201 - Davis, Willie Lee (enl)

4th Ind.

(2A-2B)

HEADQUARTERS AIR DEPOT TRAINING STATION, New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana, 20 October 1943.

TO: Base Quartermaster, Air Depot Training Station, New Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, Louisiana.

M. J. P. /initialed  
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201 - Davis, Willie Lee (enl)

5th Ind.

(C6-20)

QUARTERMASTER, NEW Orleans Army Air Base, New Orleans, 18, Louisiana.  
29 October 1943.

To: The Commanding Officer, New Orleans Army Air Base,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

1. Reference basic communication, this office has no record of the disposition of remains of deceased in question by this Station. It is our understanding that burial services were conducted in Swainsboro, Ga., arrangements having been made by Headquarters, Camp Gordon, Ga.

C. M. WHITE /s/  
C. M. WHITE,  
Lt. Col., QMC  
Quartermaster

293- Davis, Willie Lee

2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICE COMMAND, ARMY SERVICE FORCES, QUARTERMASTER BRANCH,  
Camp Stewart, Georgia, 15 October 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Army Service Forces,  
Atlanta, 3, Georgia. ATTN: Quartermaster Branch.

This office has no knowledge of the death and disposition of remains  
of deceased in question.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ H. C. McKnight,  
H. C. MCKNIGHT,  
1st Lt., Q M C,  
Purch. & Contr. Officer

QM 293-Davis, Willie Lee (T/5th Gr.) 3rd Ind.

SW-C-vs

Hq, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia, 18 October 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, New Orleans, La.

For information as to whether your Headquarters has record of burial  
expenses for the late Willie Lee Davis, referred to in basic communication.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Henry L. Bowden,  
HENRY L. BOWDEN,  
Captain, QMC,  
Asst. Ch, QM Br.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

201 - Davis, Willie Lee

7 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Report of Burial Expenses.

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Post Office Building  
Atlanta, Georgia. ATTN: Supply Division.

1. The records show that the Report of Burial Expenses, relative to disposition of remains of the following as called for in accordance with par 15, AR 30-1820, has not been received.

Willie Lee Davis, 34059054, T/5 Gr., Detachment Medical,  
Dept, Sta Hosp., New Orleans AAB, New Orleans, Louisiana,  
who died 3 July 1943, Graymont, Emanuel County, Georgia.

2. It is requested that report in this connection be forwarded at the earliest practicable date.

For the Quartermaster General:

/s/ Chas. D. Gipson,  
CHAS. D. GIPSON,  
1st Lt., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293-Davis, Willie Lee (T/5th Gr.) 1st Ind.

SW-C-vs

Hq, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, 3, Georgia, 11 October 1943.

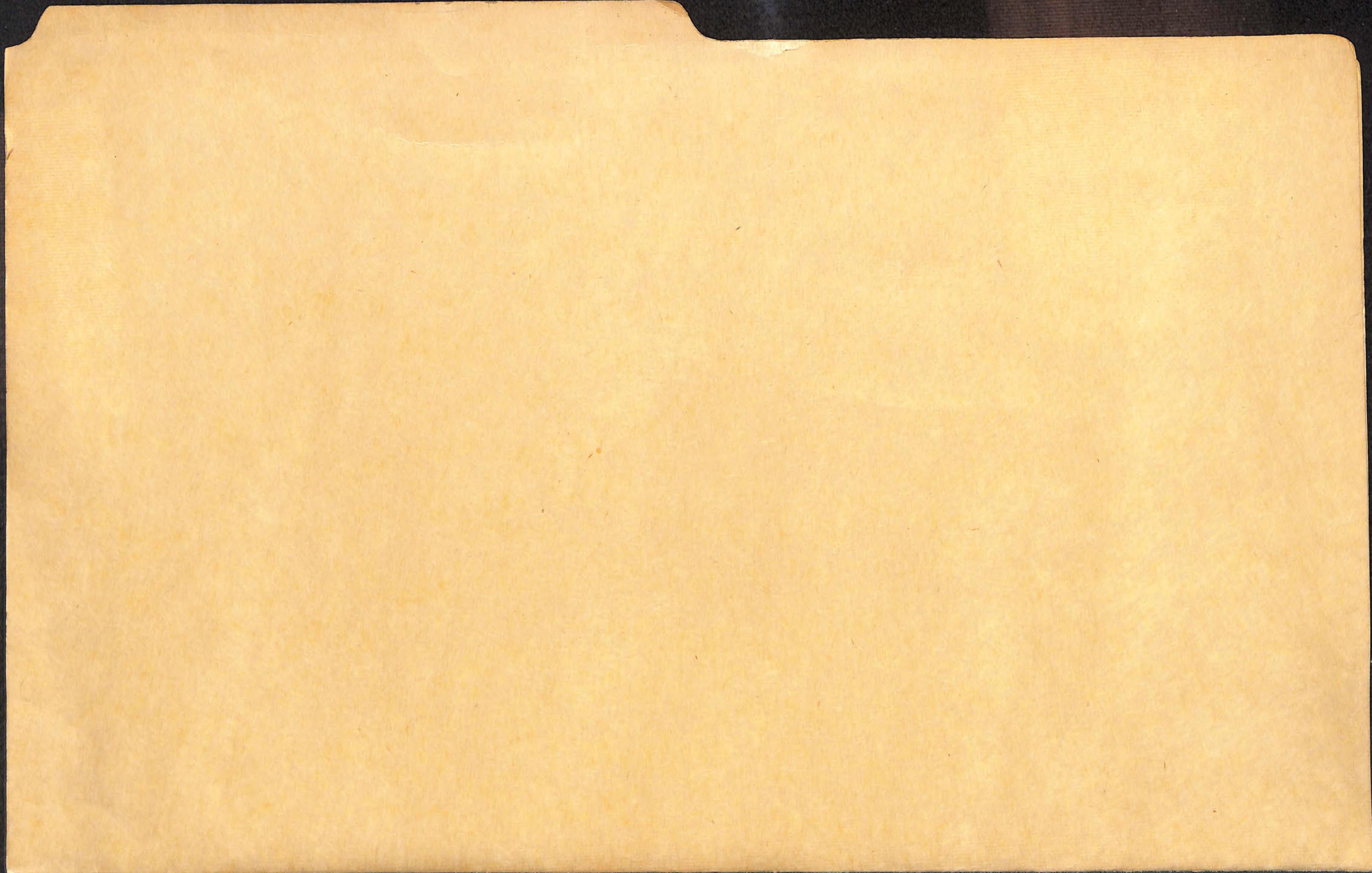
TO: Commanding Officer, Camp Stewart, Georgia.

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293 DAVIS, WILLIE LEE

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SPQYH 293  
Davis, Willie Lee

10 November 1944.

Mrs. Ethel Davis,  
19 Alvin Place,  
Inwood, L.I., New York.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Reference is made to your letter of recent date regarding the Government upright marble headstone for the grave of the late Willie Lee Davis.

The records of this office show that this stone was shipped under date of 31 October 1944 to Mr. Albert Chance, Summit, Georgia.

For your information, freight traffic at this time is unusually slow due to war conditions.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

M. A. BEYERS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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STATUS OF HEADSTONE APPLICATION

*Willie Davis*

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October 30 1964.

to the Quater Master General.  
 Munitions Building. Will you  
 please let me no. What is the  
 trouble. I sent application about  
 3 months ago. I have not had  
 any Reply. it seems like I do have  
 a hard time having anything about  
 the 5 grade med Det Willie L Davis  
 who was killed over a year ago.  
 by a plain cloth policeman.  
 please let me hear in a Reply.  
 oblige

293 Davis Willie L.

Mrs Ethel Davis

1 Galvin Place  
Inwood L.I. N.Y.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQYH 293

Davis, Willie Lee

31 July 1944.

Address Reply to THE  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Mrs. Ethel Davis,  
19 Alvin Place,  
Inwood, L.I., New York.

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Reference is made to your application for a Government headstone to mark the grave of the late Willie Lee Davis, and to your request for a flag.

There is inclosed a verification slip covering the authorized inscription to appear on the stone for the above veteran's grave, which it is requested that you sign and return to this office if the inscription shown will be acceptable to you.

In regard to the flag, you are advised to write to the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., as that is a matter coming under the jurisdiction of that office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

*M. A. Beyers*  
M. A. BEYERS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Incls:  
Ver. Slip  
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SEP 9 1944 FILE 68



Dear Sir:

in Reply to your letter. yes the Cemetery  
is all for the marker. and if not to much  
trouble. I ~~will~~ would like for this on it  
Carpl Willie Lee Davis Tec 5 grade Med Department  
No. 1 Air Base. died in honor for his country  
and if you all cant Will Thank you for  
Everything you all do for me. So Please  
dont think dont appreciate it I do. so it is  
all right what you all that is fine what you  
have to put on there yes Everything is  
correct Please send it to that address and  
it. Will Be safe oblige

Mrs Ethel Davis.

19 Alvin Place

Inwood L I N Y



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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH  
D. O. M. G. I.

SPQYH 293

Davis, Willie Lee

31 July 1944.

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For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

M. A. BEYERS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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O. Q. M. G.  
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

JUL 29 3 15 PM '44  
CORPORAL DIVISION

Letter with  
listing re  
flag

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SEP 9 1944 FILE CW

293 Davis, Willie Legum

Please send me a flag as I have not got. ~~one~~ one yet I will be so grateful to you officers for a marker as I am not able to buy one my self. My health is so bad and I am not able to work a little at the time and both my sons was in the services and I dont get a pension. This is his Rank.

Detachment Medical Department Air Depot  
Training Station New Orleans Army Air Base

New Orleans La

Mrs Ethel Davis

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19 Alvin Place  
Inwood Ny L I

MEMORIAL DIVISION

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293 Davis Willie Legum (copy)

JUL 13 1944 LIST

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE  
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

CHECK TYPE HEADSTONE DESIGN

UPRIGHT MARKER

FLAT MARKER

Enlistment dates November 18, 1941

Discharge dates \_\_\_\_\_

Pension number \_\_\_\_\_

DUPLICATE

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
393 DAVIS, WILLIE L. <sup>Lee</sup>	CPL	1st	8888 Central Postal Directory Base Charleston	July 3, 1943

Name of Cemetery	Located in or near—		If World War Veteran—		
	City	State	Division	State	Emblem
Peter Brunson	Summit	Georgia			Christian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hebrew None

To be shipped to Albert Chance, at Summit - Emanuel Co. Georgia  
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R. station, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is R. F. D. Box 70 Summit Georgia

DO NOT WRITE HERE

To A. G. O. JUL 7 1944

Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

B/L \_\_\_\_\_

Shipped \_\_\_\_\_

This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to accept promptly the headstone at destination, remove it, and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense. NO FEE SHOULD BE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Mrs Ethel Davis, Applicant.

Address 19 Alexis Place Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Inwood, Long Island  
 NOV.