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BOSTON, Nov. 25—James J. Kilroy, who maintained that he was the original Kilroy that was there, died yesterday in Peter Bent Brigham Hospital here. He was 60 years old.

Wherever American troops served in World War II, the scrawl "Kilroy was here" marked their passage. Afterward, many accounts of its

origin arose.

Mr. Kilroy's was adjudged outstanding when he offered it on a radio program in Boston in 1947. He said he had been working as an inspector in a Fall River shipyard at the start of the war, and grew tired of being asked to descend into tanks he had already inspected. Thereafter, he related, every time he inspected a tank he would chalk on the lid, "Kilroy was here." The tanks went picked up the abroad, G.I.'s phrase and a legend was born.

Mr. Kilroy lived in suburban Halifax with his wife, Margaret,

and their nine children.