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SPTS-MH
Blake, James T.
SN 20 725 969

4 August 1965

Mrs. Marie Arnold
Attica, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Arnold:

This will acknowledge receipt of your application for a Government flat bronze marker for placement in Attica District Cemetery, Attica, Kansas, in memory of your late brother.

While anyone having interest in or knowledge of an unmarked grave may apply for a Government grave marker, applications for memorial markers must be submitted by or with the consent of the next of kin. The official records indicate that at the time of his death, the decedent was survived by his father, Mr. Charles E. Blake, Rural Route #1, Augusta, Kansas, who was recognized as his legal next of kin.

The inclosed form shows the order in which survivors are recognized as next of kin. In accordance with the information shown thereon, it is requested the following be completed.

| Name & Address of Next of Kin | Relationship |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MEMORIAL MARKER IS DESIRED: | |
| | Signature of Next of Kin |

An envelope is inclosed for your convenience and an early reply will enable this Office to take further action on the case.

Sincerely yours,

T. W. HELD
Chief, Headstone Branch
Memorial Division

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
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NONRECOVERABLE

CONTROLLED CASE

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|---|--|--|--------------------------|
| NAME BLAKE, JAMES T. | | GRADE SGT | SERIAL NO. 20 725 959 |
| 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 (<i>Initials</i>) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION | | FLAGGED BY (<i>Initials</i>) Edwards | |
| UNKNOWN X - | NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 16558 | A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY | 333 CARD FLAGGED BY |

IMPORTANT

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

FINAL SEARCH AND COMPARISON OF 293 FILE

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| NAME <i>BLAKE JAMES T.</i> | | RANK <i>SGT</i> | ASN <i>20 725 969</i> | ORG <i>Co "H" 320TH INF REGT 35TH INF DIV</i> |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|--|
| ITEM | DOCUMENTS FOR PROCESSING | FOR ACTION | ACTION TAKEN | DATE AND INITIALS |
| 1 | AG/R PRESENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | 1 | 1 | |
| 2 | B/R PRESENT (Latest if reburial) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO CEMETERY PLOT ROW GRAVE | | | |
| | | | <i>X 2011023914 Lt. ex-hydr 13 Jan 47 not a record in # identification 16 Oct 1946 C Coffey</i> | |
| 3 | PREVIOUS B/R'S (If reburial) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO CEMETERY PLOT ROW GRAVE | 3 | 3 | |
| 4 | BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | 4 | 4 | |
| 5 | ORGANIZATION INFORMATION COMPLETE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | 5 | 5 | |
| 6 | RACE <i>WHITE</i> CREED <i>PROTESTANT</i> | 6 | 6 | |
| 7 | NEXT OF KIN* (Relationship) <i>FATHER</i> NAME <i>BLAKE CHARLES E.</i> STREET <i>RURAL ROUTE #1</i> CITY AND STATE <i>AUGUSTA KANSAS</i> | 7 | 7 | |
| 8 | GR/L TO NOK BY CORRESPONDENCE SECTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES (Dated) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | 8 | 8 | <i>N/A N no Blw 13 Nov. 46 Shattid</i> |
| 9 | ALL ACTIONS TAKEN AS REQUIRED IN 293 FILE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | 9 | 9 | |
| 10 | "A-Z" PRESENT, COMPLETE AND CURRENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO CEMETERY PLOT ROW GRAVE | 10 | 10 | <i>AZ made 11-6-46 mla</i> |
| 11 | FORM NO. 333 PRESENT, COMPLETE AND CURRENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO CEMETERY PLOT ROW GRAVE | 11 | 11 | <i>333 made 11-6-46 mla</i> |
| 12 | PLOTTINGS OF ITEM NO. 3 REMOVED FROM P/M AND OLD FORM NO. 333 SENT TO "DEAD FILE" <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | 12 | 12 | <i>DNA</i> |
| 13 | LETTER OF INQUIRY TO NOK DATED: | 13 | 13 | |
| 14 | REPLY TO LETTER OF INQUIRY RECEIVED (Date) | 14 | 14 | |

*Doubtful case. Refer to Legal Branch, OQMG

FILE - 293
DATE *11 June 47*
INITIALS *Peterson*



W. J. ...

QMGMF 293
Blake, James T., Sgt.
SN 20 725 969

10 December 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Blake
Rural Route #1
Augusta, Kansas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blake:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Sergeant James T. Blake.

It is with deep regret that your Government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your son's remains. Since all efforts to recover and/or identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information 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,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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cc: DPBB mailed direct.

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



M.W. Donovan

QMGMF 293
Blake, James T. Sgt
SN
20725969

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Augusta
Kansas
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Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER 16558 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) RANK SERIAL NUMBER
293 Blake, James T. Sgt 20 725 969

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.)

Individual Case

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 | (CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) | INITIALS OF ANALYST |
|--|---|---------------------|
| 1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S) <i>ajc</i> | 2. REPORT OF DEATH STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION | <i>ajc</i> |
| 3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS | 4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA | <i>ajc</i> |
| 5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN | 6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED | |
| 7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES German Records | | <i>ajc</i> |

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:

Correct ASN for subject decedent: 20 725 969.

NAN
FILE

MIA 4 April 45, on banks of a canal in vic of ~~Germany~~, Germany.

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST: *A. J. Craten*
CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO: Registration Branch, Correspondence Sec.
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

| RECOMMEND APPROVAL | APPROVED | DATE |
|---|---|---|
| CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>C. E. Newbaker</i> C. E. NEWBAKER | CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, Capt QMC | CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Benjamin B. King</i> BENJAMIN B. KING, Lt Col QMC |
| | | 18/10/51 |

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EXHIBIT "A"
MAP SHEET GERMANY K-52

| NAME | RANK | ASN |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Barbour, Carson M. | T/4 | 13 066 471 |
| Blake, James T. | Sgt | 20 725 959 969 |
| Briskin, Solon R. | 2/Lt | 02 009 001 |
| Brough, Marcus S. | Pvt | 37 645 245 |
| Cole, Neil | Pfc | 38 691 043 |
| Engebretson, Phillip W. | 1/Lt | 02 067 268 |
| Fleming, Samuel | Capt | 0 681 638 |
| Foster, Jack | Pvt | 38 684 114 |
| Gardner, Ruel L. | Pvt | 38 023 764 |
| Gill, Donald D. | 2/Lt | 0 530 005 |
| Goemaat, Johannes | S/Sgt | 42 102 830 |
| Gordon, Robert | WOJG | W2 109 891 |
| Graham, Lynford A. | Sgt | 36 988 958 |
| Haboian, Casper | F/O | T 62 794 |
| Hadfield, Lynn W. | 2/Lt | 0 818 862 |
| Halterman, Claude A., Jr. | 2/Lt | 0- 767 204 |
| Hamilton, Thurman C. | Pfc | 33 652 972 |
| Hamilton, Vernon L. | Sgt | 13 187 769 |
| Hoffman, Fred D. | Pvt | 38 211 465 |
| Hoffman, Henry | Pfc | 36 189 862 |
| Kalausich, John | Sgt | 33 735 261 |
| Karich, Louis N. | Pfc | 37 564 775 |
| Koscak, William C. | Cpl | 33 620 010 |
| Lanahan, Lawrence P. | Pfc | 33 591 521 |
| Leach, Clarence H. | Pfc | 35 777 190 |
| Leichliter, Wayne | S/Sgt | 35 534 472 |
| Lucas, William S. | 2/Lt | 0 706 605 |
| Luick, Ferdinand W. | T/Sgt | 32 590 251 |
| Manning, John P. | Cpl | 32 853 612 |
| Massar, Baptist J. | Pvt | 32 031 083 |
| Mazel, Paul W. | 1/Lt | 0 763 693 |
| McCarter, Edward C. | S/Sgt | 17 021 312 |
| Miller, Charles C. | S/Sgt | 12 056 357 |
| Myers, George W. | Sgt | 15 043 113 |
| Nelson, John W. | 1/Lt | 0 740 262 |
| Nimmer, George J. | S/Sgt | 33 797 269 |
| Regan, Robert C. | 2/Lt | 0 780 005 |
| Rensink, Earl M. | Pvt | 37 115 863 |
| Ringheim, Earl M. | Pvt | 39 934 173 |
| Roby, George T. | T/Sgt | 16 001 673 |
| Roller, William E. | Sgt | 6 910 113 |
| Rumburg, Ray M. | Pvt | 13 064 810 |
| Schiff, David | Pfc | 42 058 131 |
| Schultz, Raymond P. | 1/Lt | 0 824 921 |

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| Selin, Robert L. | F/O | T 129 303 |
| Severine, Donald G. | Sgt | 37 476 725 |
| Siciliano, John J. | T/5 | 32 947 604 |
| Strong, James W. | 2/Lt | 0 744 514 |
| Struth, Henry J. | Capt | 0 429 990 |
| Thall, Mark M. | 1/Lt | 0- 766 119 |
| Vander wonde, Howard E. | Sgt | 36 169 571 |
| West, Benjamin H. | Pfc | 38 370 349 |
| Wilson, Gene | Pvt | 6 579 919 |

NOTE:

Board Findings of nonrecoverability and Roster received from the Field Board are filed in the 293 file of T/4 Carson M. Barbour, 13066471.

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

Proceedings of Board of Review appointed in accordance with letter,
AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar. 1947) D-M, War Dept., TAGO, 9 April 1947.

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1. The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, Headquarters, 7887
Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at
Liege, Belgium, on 16 January 1951.

2. Members present:

C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC
ALLAN L. LAWSON, Captain, QMC
JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2nd Lt., QMC

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented, the
non-recoverability of the remains of World War II dead lost in the
geographical area described below:

a. Germany, Map Sheet, K-52

4. FINDINGS:

a. General and/or individual Area Search and Recovery operations
have been completed in the above area from 1946 through 1950.

b. List of persons lost in subject area whose remains are de-
termined non-recoverable is attached as Exhibit "A". This list contains
fifty-three (53) names.

c. It has not been possible to associate definitely any of the
persons listed in Exhibit "A" with any of the unknown remains recovered in
the area.

d. Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; Missing Air Crew Reports;
Status Review and Determination Reports, After Action Reports, Statements of
Survivors, Reports Field Investigation previously forwarded for resolved
casualties in the area: On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedents listed in
Exhibit "A" be determined non-recoverable.

s/t/ C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain QMC
Member

s/t/ ALLAN L. LAWSON
Captain QMC
Member

s/t/ JOHN A. BOUTIN
2nd Lt. QMC
Member

A TRUE COPY:

Mary A. Edwards
MARY A. EDWARDS
1st Lt QMC

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS)
:)
NUMBER 139)

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased. Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases:

- LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANITY, O 359 598, QMC., President
- MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,
- MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
- CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,
- CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC.,
- CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC.,
- CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,
- 1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,
- 2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
CAPT., QMC,
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

A TRUE COPY:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
CAPT., QMC
Adjutant.

Robert S. Lay
ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Case #16,558

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|---|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION | | DATE 5 October 1951 | |
| FROM (Branch and Section) Identification Br., Nonrec. Sec. | REQUESTED BY Craten <i>[Signature]</i> | TEL. EXT. 73940 | ROOM NO. 1521 B |
| NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) BLAKE, James T. | RANK Sgt. | SERIAL NUMBER 20 725 969 | |

INFORMATION REQUIRED

All available dental information on above decedent.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

15 Oct 51.

One Form 79 for above attached. TWX forwarded your office 11 Oct 51.



PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature) *[Signature]*
 Major, QMC
 QM Pentagon Liaison

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| Case #18,538 | | REQUEST FOR INFORMATION | |
| DATE | | PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION | |
| 3 October 1951 | | PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION | |
| ROOM NO. | TELE. EXT. | REQUESTED BY | FROM (Branch and Section) |
| 1851 B | 7390 | Grafton | Identification Br., Honor. Sec. |
| SERIAL NUMBER | | RANK | NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) |
| SO 785 989 | | Sgt. | BLAKE, James T. |

All available dental information on above decedent.

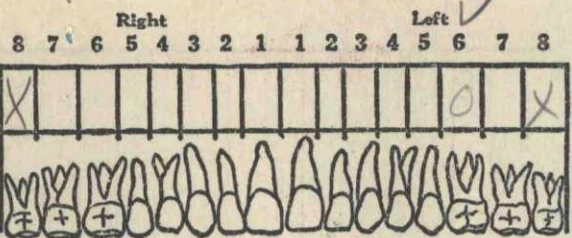
10 Oct 51
 One form TA for above attached. Text forwarded
 your office 11 Oct 51



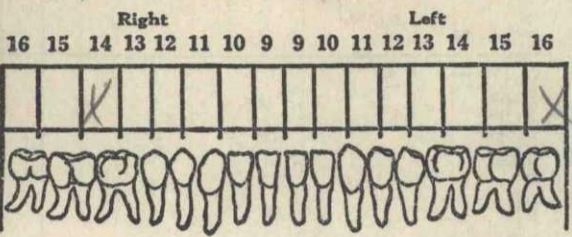
PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)
 JAMES T. BLAKE
 Major, USAF
 ON PROTECTIVE TOUR

***REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

UPPER TEETH



LOWER TEETH



CLASS II

Occlusion 2: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
 Periodontoclasia 1
 Dental foci suspected: Yes No
 Other conditions 1

Date 4/18, 1944
Capt. Zepher
 Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*Restorable carious teeth by O
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line)

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| X | X | X |
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (oval to include abutments)

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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
 CAMP BUTNER, N.C.

| (1) SURNAME | | (2) CHRISTIAN NAME | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Blake, James T. | | - 20725969 | | |
| (3) RANK | (4) COMPANY | (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS | | |
| Pfc. | A. | 320th Inf. | | |
| (6) AGE, YEARS | (7) RACE | (8) NATIVITY | (9) SERVICE, YEARS | |
| 21 | W. | Kans. | 3-3/12 | |
| (10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC. | | | | |
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| (11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS | | | | (12) RESULTS AND REMARKS |
| 1944 | | | | CLASS |
| Apr 11 | | | | JHU |
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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

FOR MAJ GIBBS QM CAS RES SEC RM 1E946 PENT URMSG 28 9 OCT ON JAMES T
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QMGM 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20 725 969

9 June 1950

Mr. Norman C. Carey
316 Mitchell Bldg.
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Mr. Carey:

Your letter dated 29 May 1950 regarding the fate of
Sergeant James T. Blake has been received in this Office, and
the information you were able to furnish has been forwarded
to the Graves Registration Service overseas.

Please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks for your
prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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9 June 1950

COMM 233
Blake, James T.
SAN 23 755 262

[Handwritten signature]

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Capt
Graves Division



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QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20 725 969

9 June 1950

Mr. Rodney P. Scoville
Closterdock Road
Alpine, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Scoville:

Your letter dated 30 May 1950 regarding the fate of Sergeant James T. Blake has been received in this Office, and the information you were able to furnish has been forwarded to the Graves Registration Service overseas.

Please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks for your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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9 June 1950

Mr. Robert P. Scoville
Blake, James T.
225 2nd St

Mr. Robert P. Scoville
Clasford Road
Alpine, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Scoville:

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Please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks for your

prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER R. COX
Chief
Memorial Division



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AIR MAIL

QMMS 293
Blake, James T.
SN 20 725 969

6 June 1950

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement File and Subject as above, dated 25 April 1950.
2. Submitted herewith are copies of replies from remaining crew members contacted for information pertaining to Sergeant James T. Blake, 20725969.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

- 2 Incls:
1. Reply fm Carey
 2. Reply fm Scoville

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
Memorial Division

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ECK:vmt

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AIR MAIL

8 June 1950

MEMORANDUM
TO: SAC, New York
FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding Officer
1987 Graves Registration Station
490 7th Ave., New York
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to last memorandum with subject as above, dated 23 April 1950.

2. Detailed reports are copies of copies from remaining crew members contacted for information pertaining to subject James T. Blair, POW/MI.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

3 Incls:
1. Reply to Query
2. Reply to Query
S. Evans, SAC
Det. 1, SAC
Memorial Division



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ALL INFO

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AIR MAIL

QMOMS 293
Blake, James T.
SN 20 725 969

1 June 1950

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement, this Office, File reference and Subject as above dated 25 April 1950.

2. Submitted herewith is copy of reply received from John P. Westphal pertaining to Sgt. James T. Blake.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Cpy of Reply fm Westphal

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
Memorial Division

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ECK:vmt



AIR MAIL

AIR MAIL

1 June 1950

FROM: SAC, New York
TO: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Additional information

TO: Commanding Officer
1987 Army Aviation Detachment
190 787, 1st Cavalry Division
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to the memorandum, this office, this
reference and subject as above dated 22 April 1950.
2. Enclosed herewith is copy of reply received from John R.
Westphal pertaining to Sgt. James T. Blain.
FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

1 copy
Copy of reply to Westphal
THOMAS R. COX
Capt., MC
General Division

BGR:mtf



AIR MAIL

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QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

May 30, 1950

Thomas E. Cox
Capt., QMC
Memorial Division

Dear Sir:

It has been my intention to answer your letter regarding Sgt. Blake much sooner but other matters have seemed to interfere. I am very glad to be of assistance to you in respect to this matter. I do know that Sgt. Blake was the only man killed in our company after my return to the organization in late March of 1945.

As you have stated, Sgt. Blake was killed while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite side of the canal. As I recall, the mission was taken by a small patrol upon request of higher eschalons. Capt. Norman C. Carey, our company commander, went with this particular patrol and if you have written to him I presume you have first hand information. The captain was very much concerned over the death of Sgt. Blake.

As to his burial, unfortunately I am uncertain as to exactly what happened. I feel pretty certain that the company did something on the spot in respect to fullmilitary honors. I am sure that Capt. Carey could be very definite about this. He was a very capable and conscientious leader. Sgt. Blake was a member of the third platoon of the company which was at one time the platoon I commanded. I feel quite certain that if his remains were not removed by higher headquarters, they should be found in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

I don't feel that this has been very helpful. I hope that you have contacted both Capt. Carey and 1st Sgt. Pfeiffer who was then platoon sergeant of the particular unit. The platoon lieutenant at the time was I believe 1st Lt. Alan C. McVaine.

Sincerely yours,

Godfrey B. Skille

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THOMAS F. COX
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

Dear Sir:

It has been my intention to answer your letter regarding the fact that the mission was taken by a small patrol upon us. I am very glad to be of assistance to you in respect to this matter. I do know that Sgt. Pike was the only man killed in our company after my return to the company in late March of 1945.

As you have stated, Sgt. Pike was killed while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite side of the canal. As I recall, the mission was taken by a small patrol upon us. Capt. Norman G. Garry, our company commander, went with this particular patrol and if you have written to him I presume you have first hand information. The captain was very much concerned over the death of Sgt. Pike.

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NORMAN C. CAREY
ATTORNEY AT LAW

MON.-TUES.-WED.
700 NORTH PARK STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO
TELEPHONE AD 9171, EXT. 221

THURS.-FRI.-SAT.
316 MITCHELL BUILDING
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO
TELEPHONE 2-6281

May 29, 1950

Captain Thomas E. Cox
Memorial Division
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: QM QMS 293
BLAKE, James T.
20 725 969

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of 26 May, 1950, please be advised of the following details concerning the death of Sergeant Blake:

Company "A", 320th Inf. was in an extended defensive sector along the north bank of a canal near Brambauer, Germany, with a holding mission coupled with offensive patrolling on the part of the entire battalion. I was ordered to send a combat patrol of platoon size to the south bank of this canal on the night of April 4th with the mission of securing prisoners and reconnoitering certain designated areas within the German lines. I directed the 3rd platoon, commanded by Lt. Werth to undertake this mission and arranged for supporting mortar fires to box off the area of crossing in the event of surprise. Sergeant Blake was a squad leader of the 3rd platoon and was in the first boat load across. The engineers furnished only two "three-men" boats and just two trips were made successfully, the third trip the Germans discovered the boat and firing upon it. A German foot patrol of three Germans approached along the south bank of the canal, discovered the boat in midstream, called upon it and came up to the edge of the canal. Along the edge were laying four NCO's of the third platoon including Sgt. Blake. The lead German on seeing the shadows fired down at Blake, striking him in the head and killing him instantly. The other GI's shot the German, the patrol scattered, and two German LMG's opened upon the boat in the canal, puncturing it and capsizing its occupants into the canal. Fire was returned and the mortars were called in to furnish the defensive screen. Under this cover, the men on the far bank were brought back, but because of the fire, I ordered them not to try to recover Blake's body that night. Our orders required us to be back on the north side of the canal by 1:30 A.M. to open the area for American artillery, leaving us no further opportunity to effect a crossing.

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Sgt. Blake's body was left where it fell, on the sloping side of the canal, about 10 feet above the water line, and approximately 200 yards west of a demolished bridge, about opposite a widening of the canal. The narrowest point of crossing here was about 30 yds. Blake was wearing fatigues and a steel helmet-- no identification other than his dog tags, and like the others, had his face blackened with charcoal.

Because of burning coal and slag piles in the background which lit up the area, no crossing could be accomplished on the following night, and on the 6th of April (to the best of my recollection) the 320th Inf. was withdrawn from the area, relieved by another 35th Division unit, and the 320th was then sent across Germany to be attached to the 75th Division then assaulting Dortmund. Capt. Charles Guilford was then in command of the 1st Bn, 320th Inf., Lt. Col. Walton then being on leave at the Riviera.

To the best of my knowledge, American units (possibly elements of the 35th Division) attacked on April 7th, forcing a crossing of the canal to the west and then turned east sweeping eastward along the front of A Company's former area. These units would have captured the area where Sgt. Blake's body was left.

Location of Sgt. Blake's body was reported through proper channels to 1st Bn, 320th Inf, and this to Hq. 320th Inf.

Platoon Sgt of 3rd platoon was Tech Sgt. Pfeffer, who I believe would know little more than I have reported herein, although I can furnish you with the names of others, including the sergeant who was beside Blake when he died.

This report is based on a first hand witnessing of the incident as I accompanied my third platoon on this mission.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me, although I am not familiar with the cemeteries used by the 35th Division for casualties in this vicinity.

Very truly yours,

Norman C. Carey

Norman C. Carey
Major (formerly Captain), Inf., USAR



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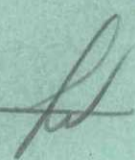
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26 May 1950

BLAKE, James T.
20 725 969



Mr. Norman C. Carey
910 West High Street
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Mr. Carey:

Reference is made to our letter to you dated 24 April 1950, relative to the death and burial of Sgt. James T. Blake, 20725969, member of Company A, 320th Infantry Regiment, who was killed in action on 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

Since no reply has been received to the above letter of inquiry, this Office is again contacting you for information that will aid in the search and recovery of Sgt Blake's remains.

Inasmuch as records indicate that you were the Commanding Officer of Company A at the time, it is believed that you may be able to recall the incident in which Sgt Blake became a casualty and place of burial.

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

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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28 May 1950

BLAKE, James T.
20 755 992

Mr. Norman G. Carey
910 West High Street
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Mr. Carey:

Reference is made to our letter to you dated 24 April 1950, relative to the death and burial of Sgt. James T. Blake, SOVS2889, member of Company A, 230th Infantry Regiment, who was killed in action on 4 April 1948, in the vicinity of Brunnau, Germany.

Since no reply has been received to the above letter of inquiry, this Office is again contacting you for information that will aid in the search and recovery of Sgt Blake's remains.

Inasmuch as records indicate that you were the Commanding Officer of Company A at the time, it is believed that you may be able to recall the incident in which Sgt Blake became a casualty and place of burial.

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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. GOK
Capt
General Division



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QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20 725 969

16 May 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to First indorsement, dated 25 April 1950 file, QMGMS 293, Blake, James T., 20725969, Subject: Request for Information.
2. Submitted herewith are copies of replies from former members of Company A, 320th Infantry Regiment pertaining to the death of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725969.
3. Company Commander Norman C. Carey has been contacted and upon receipt of his reply your headquarters will be promptly notified.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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 - 3 - cy reply fr Tremel
 - 4 - cy reply fr Stewart

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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AIRMAIL

16 May 1950

MEMORANDUM
Blake, James T.
SER NO 755 269

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

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3. Company Commander Norman C. Gery has been contacted and upon receipt of his reply your headquarters will be promptly notified.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
CPT
Historical Division

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*Att to G. J. W.
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293-BRPAG-Blake, James T. (Enl) 1st Ind
20 725 969 (26 Apr 50)
SUBJECT: Request for Information

HEADQUARTERS, Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28 APR 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 95th Military Government Group, Swarmer Detachment (Provisional), Fort Bragg, North Carolina

For compliance with basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HODGE:

S. H. Owen
S. H. OWEN
1st Lt AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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*Info sent to field
1 May 50*

~~293- Blake, James T. (Enl) 2d Ind.
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HEADQUARTERS, 95th Military Government Group, SWARMER Detachment (Prov), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 12 May 1950

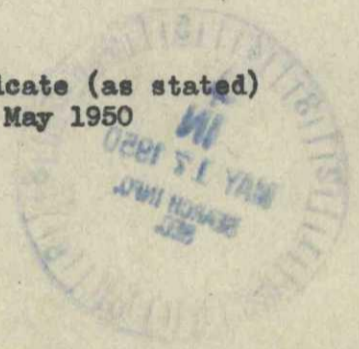
TO: Department of The Army, Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

- 1. Basic communication complied with.
- 2. See attached certificate.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1-Incl:
Certificate (as stated)
dtd 14 May 1950

R. F. Turnbull
R. F. TURNBULL
1st Lt., CMP
Asst. Adjutant



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HEADQUARTERS, 88th Military Group, SWANBERG Detachment (Prov),
Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 12 May 1950

TO: Department of the Army, Office of the Quartermaster General,
Washington 25, D. C.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:
1. Basic information specified with
2. See attached certificate.

[Handwritten signature]
Lieut. Colonel
James E. (Wol) Blake

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Sgt. Blake, James E. (Wol)
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12 May 1950

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

26 April 1950

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
20 725 969

Headquarters Ft Bragg
AG File No. 293

SUBJECT: Request for Information

THRU: Commanding General
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

TO: 2d Lt John P. Westphal, O 1053869
95th Military Government Group
Swarmers Det (Prov)
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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3. It is requested that you furnish this Office with any information pertaining to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of Sgt Blake's remains.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Thomas E. Cox
THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division



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

26 April 1950

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John P. Westphal

JOHN P. WESTPHAL
1st Lt., O 1053869

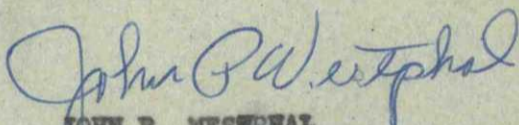
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QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

27 April 1950

Department of the Army
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

Thomas E. Cox
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

Dear Captain Cox:

Sergeant Blake was a sergeant in my platoon at the time that he was killed. He was killed on the opposite side of the Canal and, according to another sergeant, (Johnson?) died instantly. We did not recover the body that night. Our unit moved from there in the next several days. I do not know whether or not his body was recovered by our unit or any other unit. One or two Germans were supposed to have been killed immediately beside Sergeant Blake. It may be that he was buried with them.

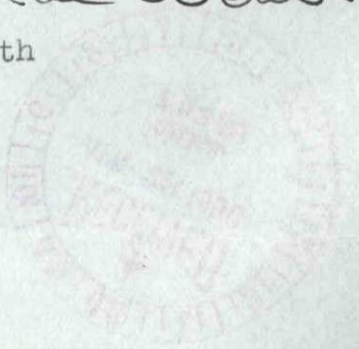
Your records undoubtedly show the address of the Company Commander of Company A, and of the other units of the regiment.

I am sorry that I can give you no information that would aid you, since I know nothing of any burial or recovery of his remains or removal to an American Cemetery. If it was done, it was done by some organization other than Company A.

Very truly yours,

McRae Werth

McRae Werth



27 April 1950

ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Department of the Army
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.

Thomas E. Fox
Capt
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Your records undoubtedly show the name of the company, the name of Company A, and of the 1st Infantry Regiment.

I am sorry that I can give you no more information at this time. I have nothing of any value to you. I am sure that your records or reports to the War Department will be of some assistance to you.



ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH
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MEMORIAL DIVISION



May 1950

407 5th St.

Eau Claire, Wis

Dear Sir,

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In regard to your letter of April 25th regarding Sgt. (James T. Blake - 2072 5969). There really isn't much information that I can forward to you. As at the time of the operation stated in your letter I was on 3 day leave from Co. A. But when I returned the following day it was ~~it~~ confirmed to me by members of my platoon that the above operation had failed the night before & that Sgt. Blake was killed & his body was left on beach-head when the other members returned to the America sides again. But at the time my platoon was stationed 1/2 mile from crossing & the above facts statements may not be official.

To the best of my knowledge if you have not written the company commander of Co. A. at the time. I am forwarding his present address on reverse side of this paper.

Sincerely Yours
Lawrence E. Herman

Company Commander of Co A. at time of operation

Formally Capt. — Norman C. Carey
910 W. High
Springfield, Ohio



THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF MINERAL INDUSTRIES
STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

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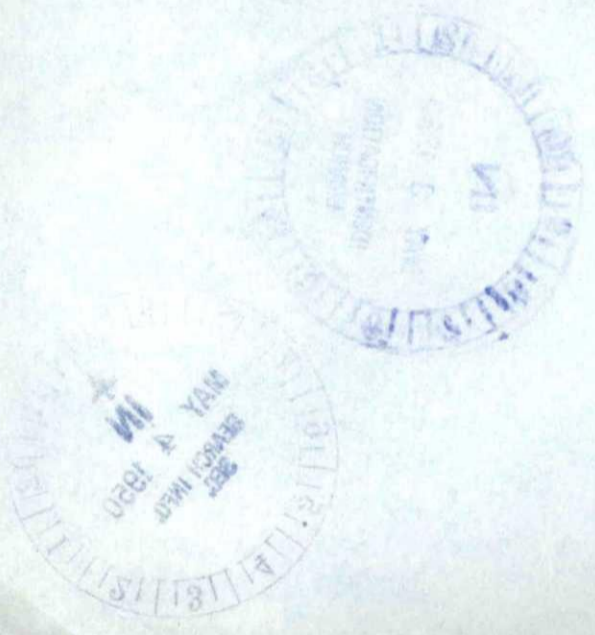
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Sirs:

Relative the disposal of Sgt. Blake's remains, I'm sorry, but I have no idea as to what took place after he was killed on a patrol mission in which he led the group.

Captain Norman C. Carey should know more of the details attending this case.

Sincerely,
095 Paul S. Fremel.



THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF MINERAL INDUSTRIES
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MR. DANIEL C. STEWART, JR.
11 MEADOWBROOK CIRCLE ST. DAVIDS, PENNSYLVANIA

April 26, 1950

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

Reference:
QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

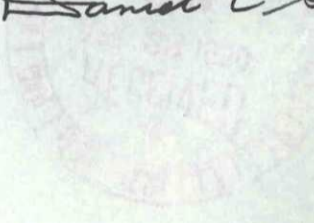
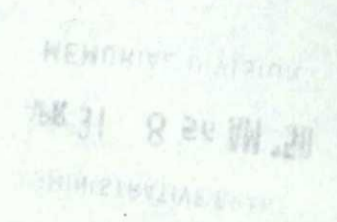
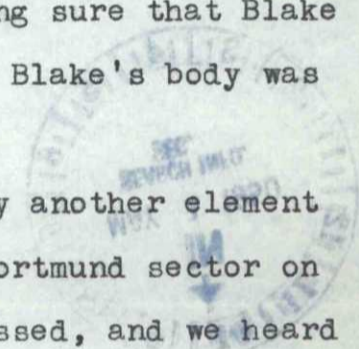
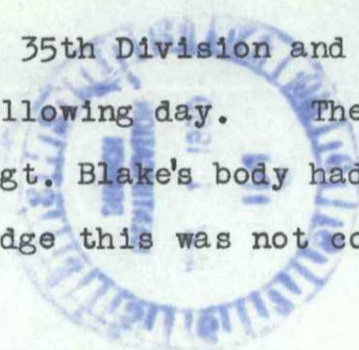
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The 320th Infantry was relieved by another element of the 35th Division and transferred to the Dortmund sector on the following day. The canal was later crossed, and we heard that Sgt. Blake's body had been recovered. To the best of my knowledge this was not confirmed.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel C. Stewart Jr.



MR. DANIEL C. ...
11 MEADOWBROOK CIRCLE ST. DAVENPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

April 26, 1950

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Reference:
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ASN 2072509

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Sincerely,

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26 April 1950

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THRU: Commanding General
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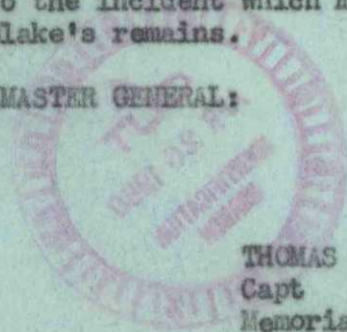
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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:



THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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26 April 1950

Blake, James T.
20 725 269

SUBJECT: Request for Information

FROM: Commanding General
Fort Bragg,
North Carolina

TO: Sd Lt John P. Westphal, O1053869
92nd Military Government Group
General Post (Prov)
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

1. The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that former members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725269, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brammer, Germany.
2. Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed instantly while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that Sgt Blake's remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.
3. It is requested that you furnish this Office with any information pertaining to the factors which may aid in the search and recovery of Sgt. Blake's remains.



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QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

25 April 1950

Mr. Leo C. Lyon
1320 Orchard St
Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear Mr. Lyon:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725969, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

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It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you could furnish any information pertaining to the incident of Blake's death which may aid in the search and recovery of his remains.

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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
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25 April 1950

ARMY 2012200
Blake, James T.
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Mr. J. C. Lyon
1320 Graham St
Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear Mr. Lyon:

The section Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 1300th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 2012200, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Hranstet, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that Sgt Blake's remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you could furnish any information pertaining to the incident of Blake's death which may aid in the search and recovery of his remains.

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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS H. BOX
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QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

25 April 1950

Mr. La Moine E. Heiman
407 5th Street
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Heiman:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725969, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

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Sincerely yours,

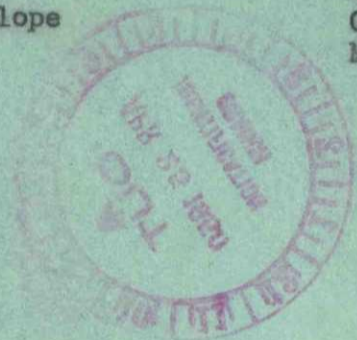
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25 April 1950

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Blacks, James T.
207 30th Street

Mr. La Moine E. Nelson
407 30th Street
San Diego, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 207396, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wuppertal, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that Sgt Blake's remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American cemetery.

It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you could furnish any information to the incident of Sgt Blake's death which may aid in the search and recovery of his remains.

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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. WOOD
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QMMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

25 April 1950

Mr. McRae, Werth
525 W. Main St
Waynesboro, Virginia

Dear Mr. Werth:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725969, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed instantly while attempting to establish Beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that his remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you could furnish any information pertaining to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of Sgt Blake's remains.

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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt GMC
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23 April 1950

MEMORANDUM
TO: SAC, New York
FROM: SAC, Richmond

Mr. Tolson
200 W. Main St.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Tolson:

The American Groves Registration Command in Virginia has requested that members of Company "A", 250th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt. James T. Blake, 2073507, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Remagen, Germany.

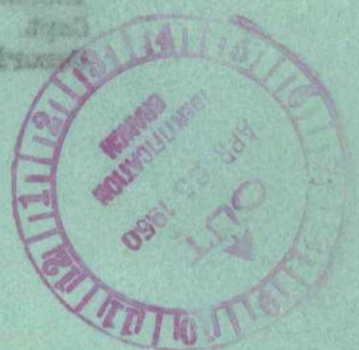
Records indicate that Sgt. Blake was killed in action while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the Rhine and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that his remains were removed by his wife and taken to an American Cemetery.

It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you could furnish any information pertaining to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of Sgt. Blake's remains.

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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. GUN
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QMGS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

25 April 1950

[Handwritten signature]
Mr. Daniel C. Stewart, Jr.
Box 176
St. David, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725969, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed while attempting to establish a Beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that Sgt Blake's remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

It will be very helpful and greatly appreciated if you can supply this Office with any information relative to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of Sgt Blake's remains.

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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
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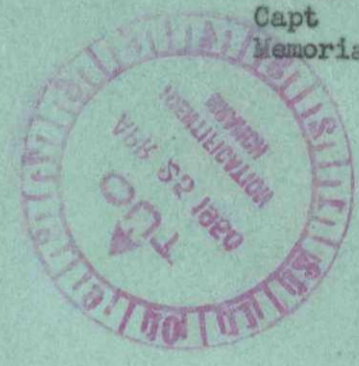
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Blake, James T.
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Mr. Daniel C. Stewart, Jr.
Box 178
St. David, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 2075969, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Wessendorf, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that Sgt Blake's remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

If you can supply information relative to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of Sgt Blake's remains, please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS H. COX
Capt
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QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
20 725 969
SUBJECT: Request for Information

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Dept of the Army, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C., 25 April 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment,
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Letters of inquiry have been dispatched to members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment pertaining to Sgt James T. Blake, 20 725 969. Upon receipt of replies, your headquarters will be promptly informed.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
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Blake, James T.
20 725 989

SUBJECT: Request for information

Dept of the Army, OCMG, Washington 25, D.C., 22 April 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment,
APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Letters of inquiry have been dispatched to members of Company
"A", 320th Infantry Regiment pertaining to Sgt James T. Blake.
20 725 989. Upon receipt of replies, your headquarters will be
promptly informed.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 757 U S ARMY

GRRE 293.9 (IB)

17 March 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 pertaining to Sgt James T. BLAKE, 20 725 969, KIA 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.
2. An investigation of records this headquarters failed to disclose any remains as being recovered from Brambauer.
3. It is therefore requested that your office communicate with members of Co. A., 320th Inf. Regt., 35th Inf. Div., in an effort to secure information relative to the actual place of burial, and the source of the information that subject decedent was buried with full military honors by his organization.
4. Further action withheld pending receipt of additional information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major QMC
Registration Division



QMGM 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

25 April 1950

Mr. Paul S. Tremel
74 West Broad St
Hatfield, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Tremel:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725969, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed while attempting to establish a Beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that Sgt Blakes remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

It will be very helpful and greatly appreciated if you can supply this office with any information relative to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of Sgt Blake's remains.

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Sincerely yours,

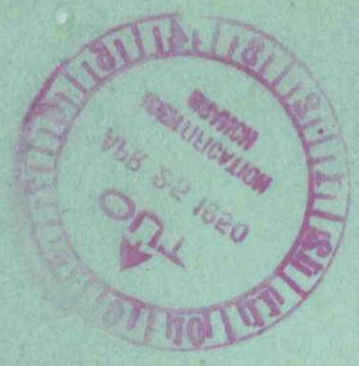
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22 April 1950

James E. Cox
Alaska, James E.
ASN 2072299

Mr. Paul S. Treanor
74 West Broad St
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Treanor:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding death and burial of Sgt James E. Blake, ASN 2072299, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Imshausen, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and was buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that Sgt Blake's remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

It will be very helpful and greatly appreciated if you can supply this office with any information relative to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of Sgt Blake's remains.

These are the enclosed self-addressed envelopes, which require no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt
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Mr. Treanor
74 West Broad St
Harrisburg, Pa.
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QMGMS 293
Blake, James T.
ASN 20725969

24 April 1950

Mr. Rodney P. Scoville
Closterdock Road
Alpine, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Scoville:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe had requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725969, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed instantly while attempting to establish Beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that his remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you could furnish any information pertaining to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of his remains.

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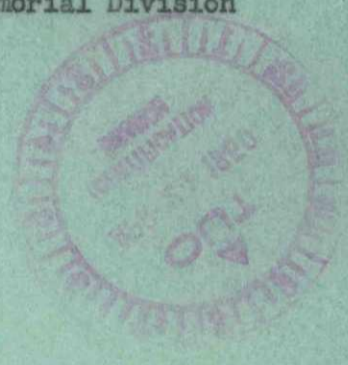
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THOMAS E. COX
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24 April 1950

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Blake, James T.
ASN 2072969

Mr. Anthony P. Scoville
Glosterbrook Road
Alpine, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Scoville:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe had requested that members of Company "A", 320th Infantry Regiment be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, ASN 2072969, who was reported killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Trebnitz, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed instantly while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that his remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

If you would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you could furnish any information pertaining to the incident which may aid in the search and recovery of his remains.

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Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Major
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QMOMS 293
Blake, James T
ASN 20725969

24 April 1950

Mr. Norman C. Carey
910 W. High St.,
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Mr. Carey:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that you be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt James T. Blake, 20725969, member of Company A, 320th Infantry Regiment, who was killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Brambauer, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt Blake was killed while attempting to establish Beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that his remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to this Office if you could furnish any information pertaining to the incident, such as the actual place of his death and the name of the cemetery which may aid in the search and recovery of his remains.

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Sincerely yours,

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Capt QMC
Memorial Division

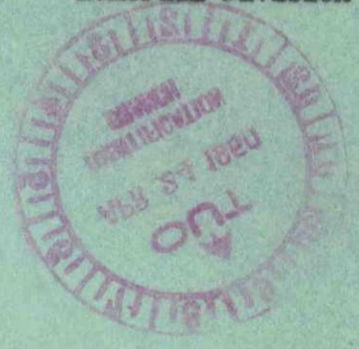
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Blake, James T
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Mr. Norman C. Gately
210 W. High St.
Springfield, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gately:

The American Graves Registration Command in Europe has requested that you be contacted for information surrounding the death and burial of Sgt. James T. Blake, 30752989, member of Company A, 320th Infantry Regiment, who was killed in action on 4 April 1945 in the vicinity of Bismarck, Germany.

Records indicate that Sgt. Blake was killed while attempting to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the canal and buried with full military honors. Records further reveal that his remains were removed by his unit and taken to an American Cemetery.

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THOMAS E. COE
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Co A 320th Infantry 35th Division

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Leading Patrol in Germany Bellefontaine

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QNGM 293
Blake, James T.
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WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C. 9 JUN 1947

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area,
APO 58, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to preceding correspondence.
2. Forwarded for processing in accordance with AG Letter, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 47)D-M, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review For Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Martin S. Riley
 MARTIN G. RILEY
 Major, QMC
 Memorial Division

293 Blake, James T. (20725969) (Germany K-52)
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Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58,
US Army, 13 November 1947.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith negative report received from First Field Command, AGRC on investigation conducted for the recovery of the remains of Sergeant James T. Blake, 20725969.
2. Continued efforts will be made to associate the above with an unknown recovered from Brambauer, Germany and reburied in US Military Cemetery.
3. For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Walter B. Morrow
 WALTER B. MORROW
 Major, Infantry
 Actg Asst Adj Gen

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1. Ltr 466th QM Bn, 17 Sep 47
 2. OQMG Form 371
 3. Narrative Report
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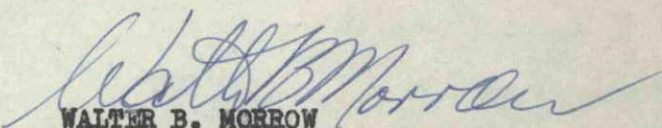
TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Extension of suspense date to 7 June 1947 has been granted
to the appropriate field command.

2. Completed report of investigation should reach your office
by 7 July 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incls
w/d


WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

(Germany, 1-23)
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(Basic: Ltr WD OMC, ENGINE 288, Blake, James T... 2- 232 288, dated
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Hq. American Graves Registration Command, APO 88, US Army, 9 May 1947

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

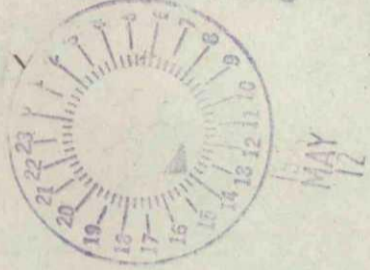
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WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
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In Reply Refer To
QMGM 293
Blake, James T.
SN 20 725 969

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMGYG 314.6, Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate is OQMG Form 371 for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>SERIAL NO.</u> |
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| Blake, James T. | Sgt | 20 725 969 |

3. The attached OQMG Form 371 contains all information available from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the AG Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Clinical Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, and captured enemy documents, and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters.

4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Martin C. Riley
MARTIN C. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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

In Reply Refer to
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SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and
Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater of Operations
APO 857, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

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22 JAN 1947

1. Reference is made to letter this office, GPO 311.6, subject:
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Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.
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| NAME | RANK | SERVICE NO. |
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from the Office of the Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the
As Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Central Postal Directory, St.
Louis, Missouri, Headquarters Army Air Forces, and other Army documents,
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4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to
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vestigation, whether positive or negative, be referred to this office by
indemnified return, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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

WALTER O. KERRY
Major, GPO
Assistant

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HEADQUARTERS
466TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171., U. S. ARMY

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293. AGRXA

17 September 1947

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report of Findings (Negative) Isolated Burial
Brambauer, Germany (K-52/A-73).

TO : Commanding Officer, First Field Command, American Graves
Registration Command, APO 403., U. S. Army

1. Attached hereto is report of findings of investigation, Case #5976 conducted at Brambauer, Germany as directed per Operational Instructions #38 dtd. 6 March 1947.
2. The deceased is not buried in Brambauer, Germany.
3. Attention is invited to conclusion of Narrative Report of Investigation.
4. Forwarded for your information and action as deemed appropriate.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

R L French
R. L. FRENCH
Capt. Inf
Operations Officer

Incls:

- #1 Basic Document, AGRC Case #5976
- #2 Report of disinterment of the community Brambauer
- #3 Certificate, Mr. Moesch, Chief City Secretary of Luenen
- #4 Narrative report of Investigator w/following incls:
 1. Statement; Emil Pott
 2. " ; Paul Moeser
 3. Report of Moeser, chief clerk
 4. Statement; Paul Tuerk



HEADQUARTERS
100TH AIRBORNE DIVISION
AMERICAN GRAVE REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171, U. S. ARMY

RL/ee

14 September 1947

293. 0014

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report of Findings (Negative) Isolated Burial
Bremen, Germany (E-22/A-73).

TO : Commanding Officer, First Field Command, American Graves
Registration Command, APO 171, U. S. Army

1. Attached hereto is report of findings of investigation, case
#2930 conducted at Bremen, Germany as directed per Operational In-
structions #28 etc, 6 March 1947.

2. The deceased is not buried in Bremen, Germany.

3. Attention is invited to conclusion of Narrative Report of
Investigation.

4. Forwarded for your information and action as deemed appro-
priate.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

H. L. French
H. L. FRENCH
Capt. 1st
Operations Officer

- 1. Basic Document, MORG Case #2930
- 2. Report of disinterment of the commonly Bremen
- 3. Certificate, Mr. Mosser, Chief City Secretary of Bremen
- 4. Narrative report of Investigator following items:
a. Statement; Paul Tank
b. " ; Paul Mosser
c. Report of Mosser, chief clerk
d. Statement; Paul Tank



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6 March 1947 Suspense: 20 April 1947 (Germany K-52) 5976

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| 293 File | | DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED | | |
| Name (Last, Middle Initial, First) | | Grade | Present Serial Number | |
| Blake, James T | | Sgt | 20 725 969 | |
| Organization | | Race | Cred | Former Serial Number |
| Co A 320th Inf Regt 35th Inf Div., APO 35 N.Y. | | White | Protestant | |
| Date of Death/MIA | Cause of Death | Place of Death or place last seen if MIA | | |
| 4 Apr 45 | Killed in Action | Germany | | |
| Date of FOD | | | | |
| Height | Weight | Color Eyes | Color Hair | Shoe size |
| 5' 5½ | 132 | Blue | Black | 7½C |

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| None shown | None shown | |

Additional Information: AGE: 23

Pvt. Blake's Co. was attacking enemy who were entrenched on the opposite side of a Canal in Vicinity of Brambauer, Germany. Soldier instantly killed while attempting to establish Beachhead on opposite bank of canal, buried with full Military Honors, but exact location of grave is unknown.

OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS NR 38

Brambauer located at coordinates: A-73

Attempt has neen made to associate Unknowns with the above with negative results.

HEADQUARTERS
466TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
APO 171, U.S. ARMY

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6 September 1947

NARRATIVE REPORT

On September 3, 1947 I was dispatched from this Headquarters to investigate AGRC case # 5976 at Brambauer, Germany (K-52/A-73). Operational instruction # 38 states that Co. A, 320th Inf. Regt. was attacking the enemy which was entrenched on the opposite side of the canal in the vicinity of Brambauer. Pfc. James T. Blake was instantly killed and buried with full military honors, but exact location is unknown.

I first went to the cemetery of Brambauer and spoke with the cemetery caretaker Emil Pott, who states, (see incl. #1) that he has worked there since April 1946 and he has no knowledge of American soldiers ever being buried there. He states that there were thirteen (13) English soldiers buried there but now they have been disinterred and taken to Cleve to a British Military Cemetery. They were identified by a British major as all being English. He also states that Paul Tuerk, who was an interpreter for an American unit formerly stationed in Brambauer, had reported that one (1) American was buried in this cemetery with military honors by an American unit, but was taken away by this same organization a few days later.

He also states that approximately five weeks ago an American officer was there making an investigation about a James Blak.

I then spoke with Paul Moeser, chief of administrative office in Brambauer, who states that in June 1947 there were thirteen (13) English soldiers disinterred from this town and taken to Cleve for burial by the British. He states that cemetery caretaker Derksmann thought that one body had the name of James Blak. At the end of July a W. D. Civilian Croize of the 164th QM Bn made an investigation for the same body James Blak. His investigation carried him to Cleve where the English took the body. He later returned and told Derksmann it was negative (see incl. #2).

I secured a copy of the letter that Moeser sent to Croize and it reported that an American was killed near Brambauer and was buried in the local cemetery and a statement from Paul Tuerk states that the soldiers took this soldier with them when they left the town (see incl. #3).

I proceeded to Watterscheid to speak with Paul Tuerk who states he was employed by B-Comp., 315th Regt, 79th Inf. Division which was stationed in Bachum. He was told by an American soldier that one of their comrades was buried in the cemetery of Brambauer and his name was James Blak. He was killed near the canal while trying to cross it.

in battle.

He also states in July 1945, he was present when an English Sgt. was buried on the right side of Blak's grave. He noticed then that Blak was gone, so he made some inquiries and found out that the deceased had been removed by his own unit and taken to an American Cemetery but he does not know the name of the cemetery.

CONCLUSION:

It is concluded that James Blake is not buried in Brambauer, Germany (K-52/A-73) as an interpreter states he was told by some of Blak's comrades that he was disinterred by his unit and taken to an American cemetery (see incl. #4).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that all U.S. Military cemeteries be checked for the burial site of James Blake. If the grave is not located, suggest that personnel formerly with Co, A, 329th Inf. Regiment, 35th Infantry Division during April 1945 be contacted to see if any definite information can be obtained as to where the body was later buried.

Paul V. Carter, Jr.
PAUL V CARTER, Jr.
S/Sgt
Investigator

4 Incls.:

- # 1. Statement: Cemetery caretaker, Emil Pott
- # 2. Statement: Clerk of Adm., Paul Moesser
- # 3. Copy : letter sent to Gerard M. Croize
- # 4. Statement: Interpreter Paul Tuerk

incl. 4.

TRANSLATION

Administration of Luenen
Sub-Office of Brambauer

Luenen, 12 August 1947

To
Gerard Croize M
WDC O-6618, 164th QM Bn

A a c h e n
Vaalserstr. 6

Concerning your interview at the Office of the local
Justice of Peace I report the following:

When the Americans occupied our town one (1) member of
the American Army who had been killed near Brambauer was buried
in the local cemetery. According to a statement made by a Mr.
Paul Tuerk, residing at #11 Hellweg, Wattenscheid, who had been
interpreter with the US Army, the body of this American soldier
has been disinterred and taken along when this unit moved. For
more information see the above mentioned Mr. Tuerk.

s/ Moeser
Chief Community Clerk

Translated by:

Hans Koch
Interpreter
466th QM Battalion

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OF TRANSLATION:

R. L. FRENCH
Capt. Inf
Oper. Officer

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Stadtverwaltung Luenen
Verwaltungsnebenstelle Brambauer

Luenen, den 12 August 1947

An
Gerard Croize M.
WDC O-6618, 164th QM Bn.

A a c h e n
Vaalserstrasse 6

Bezugnehmend auf Ihre persoeliche Unterredung beim hies.
Standesamt teile ich Ihnen Folgendes mit:

Beim Einmarsch der amerikanischen Truppen in unser Stadt-
gebiet wurde ein Angehoeriger der amerikanischen Armee, welcher
in der Naeh von Brambauer gefallen war, auf dem hiesigen Fried-
hof beerdigt. Nach Angabe eines Herrn Paul Tuerk, Wattenscheid,
Hellweg 11 wohnhaft, welcher als Dolmetscher bei der amerikani-
schen Truppe taetig war, wurde beim Abzug der amerikanischen Truppen
die Leiche dieses amerikanischen Soldaten wieder ausgegraben und
von der Truppe mitgenommen. Naehere Angaben duerfte der Obenge-
nannte - Tuerk - machen koennen.

gez. Moeser
Stadtobersekretaer

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R. L. FRENCH
Capt. Inf
Operations Officer

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TRANSLATION

Brambauer, 4. 9. 1947

STATEMENT

My name is Pott, Emil, cemetery caretaker in Brambauer. I declare hereby:

1. Since 15 April 1946 I have been working as cemetery caretaker here. In this cemetery there were thirteen (13) British bodies buried when I started this job. All thirteen (13) bodies were disinterred in June 1947 by a British disinterment team and evacuated to a British Military Cemetery in Cleve. As far as I know all thirteen bodies were identified as English by an English major.

2. I do not know anything about a burial of an American soldier here. Likewise I have no records about a burial of such a kind. However during my leave, my representative, Mr. Bergmann, received information about the burial of an American soldier in this cemetery. This information was obtained by a former interpreter who was engaged with an American unit which was formerly stationed here. The interpreter's address is: Paul Tuerk, Wattenscheid, Hellweg 11.

According to his report the body of one (1) American was buried in this cemetery with military honors by an American unit which was stationed here. A few days after this burial the American unit moved and was said to have taken the body of the American along. It was said that the name of the deceased was Blak.

3. About five weeks ago investigation was made by an American officer concerning the killed American soldiers, James Blak.

4. Above statement is given to the best of my knowledge.

s/ Emil Pott

Translated by:

Hans Koch
Interpreter
466th QM Battalion

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OF TRANSLATION:

R. L. FRENCH
Capt. Inf
Oper. Officer

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Brambauer, den 4. 9. 1947

Erklaerung

Mein Name ist Pott, Emil, Friedhofswaerter in Brambauer.
Ich erkläre hiermit:

1. Seit 15. April 1946 bin ich hier als Friedhofswaerter beschaeftigt. Bei meinem Amtsantritt waren auf dem hiesigen Friedhof dreizehn (13) englische Leichen beerdigt. Saemtliche dreizehn (13) Leichen wurden im Juni 1947 durch ein engl. Ausgrabungskommando ausgegraben, und nach Cleve auf einen britischen Militaer Friedhof ueberfuehrt. Soweit mir bekannt ist, wurden alle dreizehn Leichen durch einen englischen Major als Englaender identifiziert.

2. Mir ist nichts bekannt, dass hier ein amerik. Soldat beerdigt worden ist. Ebenfalls habe ich keinerlei Unterlagen ueber eine derartige Beerdigung. Jedoch erhielt mein Vertreter, Herr Gergsmann, waehrend meines Urlaube Nachricht ueber die Beerdigung eines Amerikanischen Soldaten auf dem hiesigen Friedhof. Diese Auskunft wurde durch einen frueheren Dolmetscher, der bei der hier frueher stationierten amerik. Einheit beschaeftigt war, erteilt. Die Anschrift des Dolmetschers ist: Paul Tuerk, Wattenscheid, Hellweg 11

Nach seinem Bericht wurde die Leiche eines Amerikaners von der hier stationierte gewesen amerik. Einheit unter militaerischen Ehren auf diesem Friedhof beerdigt. Einige Tage nach der Beerdigung zog die amerikanische Truppe ab und soll die Leiche des Amerikaners mitgenommen haben. Der Name des Toten soll als Blak angegeben worden sein.

3. Ungefuehr vor fuenf Wochen wurden bereits durch einen amerikan. Offizier Ermittlungen ueber den gefallenen amerik. Soldaten James Blak angestellt.

4. Vorstehende Angaben habe ich nach meinem besten Wissen gemacht.

gez. Emil Pott

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Capt. Inf
Operations Off.

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TRANSLATION

STATEMENT

Brambauer, 4. September 1947

My name is Moeser Paul, chief of the administrative office in Brambauer. I declare hereby:

1. In the local cemetery there were thirteen (13) English soldiers buried, which were disinterred and reburied in a cemetery in Cleve about June 1947. According to the statement of the cemetery-worker Derksmann, it is believed that the name of one of the thirteen British soldiers was James Blake. In the end of July I was visited by the WDC Gerard Croize M. O-8618 of the 1649 QM Bn stationed at Valserstr. in Aachen and made an investigation for the body of an American soldier whose name was James Blake. This investigation was negative. Mr. Croize also visited the British Military Cemetery in Cleve and made an investigation concerning the disinterment and evacuation of these thirteen (13) bodies to Cleve. He stated afterwards that this investigation was negative also.

2. In the meantime I tried to get information concerning this American body from the local cemetery-caretaker, Mr. Pott. I sent a report of this to the WDC Gerard Croize in Aachen. A copy of this report is attached for further investigation of this case.

3. The above statement I made to the best of my knowledge.

Official Seal

s/ Paul Moeser

Translated by:

Hans Koch
Interpreter
466th QM Battalion

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OF TRANSLATION:

R. L. FRENCH
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Operations Off.

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Erklaerung

Brambauer, den 4. 9. 1947

Mein Name ist Moeser, Paul, Leiter der Verwaltungsstelle in Brambauer. Ich erkläre hiermit:

1. Auf dem hiesigen Friedhof waren 13 engl. Soldaten beerdigt, die ungefaehr im Juni 1947 durch engl. ausgegraben und auf einen Friedhof in Cleve beerdigt wurden. Nach Aussagen des Friedhofsarbeiters Derksmann wurde angenommen, dass einer der dreizehn engl. Soldaten James Blake hiess. Ende Juli erschien bei mir der WDC Gerard Croize M., O-6618, 1649 M Bn. von Aachen, Vaalserstr. und stellte Ermittlungen nach der Leiche des amerik. Soldaten James Blake an, welche hier ergebnislos verliefen. Herr Croize war auch auf dem Britischen Militaerfriedhof in Cleve und stellte dort auf Grund der hier durchgefuehrten Ausgrabung und Ueberfuehrung der obengenannten dreizehn Leichen nach Cleve, Ermittlungen an, welche nach seinen Aussagen ebenfalls ergebnislos verlaufen waren.

2. In der Zwischenzeit habe ich durch den hiesigen Friedhofs- waerter Pott Nachricht ueber den Verbleib der gesuchten amerik. Leiche erhalten. Einen Bericht darueber habe ich an den WDC Gerard Croize nach Aachen geschickt. Eine Abschrift dieses Berichtes fuege ich hier fuer weitere Ermittlungen in dieser Angelegenheit bei.

3. Vorstehende Angaben habe ich nach meinem besten Wissen gemacht.

Stempel

gez. Paul Moeser

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R. L. FRENCH
Capt. Inf
Operations Officer

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Town Office Luenen
Branch office Brambauer

Luenen, 23rd July 1947

Certificate

Herewith it is certified, that on the 26th June 1947 a special command from the 82nd English G.R.C. Lindforth were here in suggestikn by the English Military Government to exhume and evacuat 13 English soldiers to Cleve (Niederrhein). It is presumed, that one of the deceased was named James Black. The action is stated by the cemetery-workman Gerhard Derksmann, who was present at the time of exhumation. The cemetery caretaker made the reference to this special command, that all crosses belonged to the deceased, were intend with them.

s/ Moesch
Chief City secretary

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Translated by:

Hans Koch
Interpreter
466th QM Bn

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Capt Inf
Operations Officer

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Stadtverwaltung Laenen
Nebenstelle Brambauer

Laenen, den 23. Juli 1947

B e s c h e i n i g u n g

Hiermit wird bescheinigt, dass am 26. Juni 1947 von Seiten der englischen Militaerregierung ein Sonderkommando der 82. Graeberdivision Lindforth 13 englische Soldaten ausgebetet und abgeholt wurden, mit dem Ziel Cleve/Niederrhein. Es wird angenommen dass einer von den Gefallenen den Namen James B l a c k fuehrte. Bestaetigt wird dieses durch den Friedhofsarbeiter Gerhard Derksmann, welcher an der Umbettung taetig war. Von Seiten des hies. Friedhofsaufsehers wurde das Sonderkommando darauf hingewiesen, dass die einzelnen Kreuze auch tatsaechlich zu den dazugehoerenden Leichen gelegt wurden.

gez. Moesch
Stadtobersekretaer

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

R. L. FRENCH
Capt Inf
Operations Officer

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TRANSLATION

Wattenscheid, Sept. 5th, 1947

SWORN STATEMENT

My name is Paul Tuerk, born on the 7th of May 87 in Essen, living in Wattenscheid, Hellweg 11. I declare hereby:

1. Immediately after the marching in of the American Forces I was employed as an interpreter by the B-Co., 315th Rgt, 79th Infantry Division which was stationed in Bochum. From Bochum I often rode with the American soldiers to the area of Dortmund and Brambauer. The American soldiers who were with me told me that one of their comrades had been buried in the cemetery of Brambauer. As far as I can remember the name of the deceased was James Blak; it has been told by the American soldiers that he was killed in action when he crossed the canal near Brambauer and that he was buried with military honor by members of his unit.

2. On the 8 July 1945 I was in Brambauer at the burial of the British Sgt Worby, who was buried on the right side of Blak's grave. At the burial of Sgt Worby I established that Blak was disinterred. At once I made inquiries for the body of Blak. American soldiers of Blak's unit informed me that the body of Blak was disinterred by his unit. The soldiers told me that Blak had been buried in an American cemetery. I do not know the name of the cemetery because I did not ask for it.

3. Above statement is given to the best of my knowledge.

s/ Paul Tuerk

Translated by:

Hans Koch
Interpreter
466th QM Battalion

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R. L. FRENCH
Capt. Inf
Operations Off.

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Blaker, James T.
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AD, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C.

9 JUN 1947

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area,
APO 58, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

1. Reference is made to preceding correspondence.
2. Forwarded for processing in accordance with AG Letter, File AGAO-S 293.9 (27 March 47)D-M, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review For Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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(Basic: Ltr WD OQMG, QMGMR 293, Blake, James T., 2- 725 969, dated
13 January 1947)

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Hq. American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, US Army, 9 May 1947

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Extension of suspense date to 7 June 1947 has been granted to the appropriate field command.
2. Completed report of investigation should reach your office by 7 July 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incls
w/d

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen



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

In Reply Refer To
QMGMR 293

13 JAN 1947

~~Blake, James T.~~
~~SN 20 725 989~~

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO : Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to letter this office, QMGYG 314.6, Subject: Additional Methods of Locating and Identifying Unknowns and Resolving Cases of Remains Not Yet Recovered, dated 4 October 1946.

2. Attached hereto, in duplicate is OQMG Form 371 for the following deceased individual whose remains have not yet been recovered or identified:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>SERIAL NO.</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Blake, James T. | Sgt | 20 725 989 |

3. The attached OQMG Form 371 contains all information available from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the Adjutant General, the AG Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and Clinical Records Branch, St. Louis, Missouri, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, and captured enemy documents, and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters.

4. It is requested that every attempt be made by your command to locate or identify remains of this individual and the results of your investigation, whether positive or negative, be returned to this office by indorsement hereon, within 60 days of receipt of this communication.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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| Blake, James T. | | Sgt | 23 725 000 | |
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| Co A 800th Inf Regt 88th Inf Div., APO SS, N. Y. | White | Protestant | | |
| DATE OF DEATH/MIA | CAUSE OF DEATH | PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA | | |
| 4 Apr 45 | KIA | Germany | | |
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| 5' 01" | 130 | Blue | Black | 7 1/2 |
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| None Shown | | None Shown | | |
| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AGE 25 Pvt. Blake's Co. was attacking enemy who were entrenched on the opposite side of a Canal in vicinity of Bradener, Germany. Soldier instantly killed while attempting to establish beachhead on opposite bank of canal, buried with full Military Honors, but exact location of grave is unknown. | | | | |

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

In Reply Refer To
QMCMR 293

13 JAN 1947

Blake, James T.
SN 20 725 969

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE ATTACHED FILE BE RETURNED TO:
(Name)

Lt. Griffith

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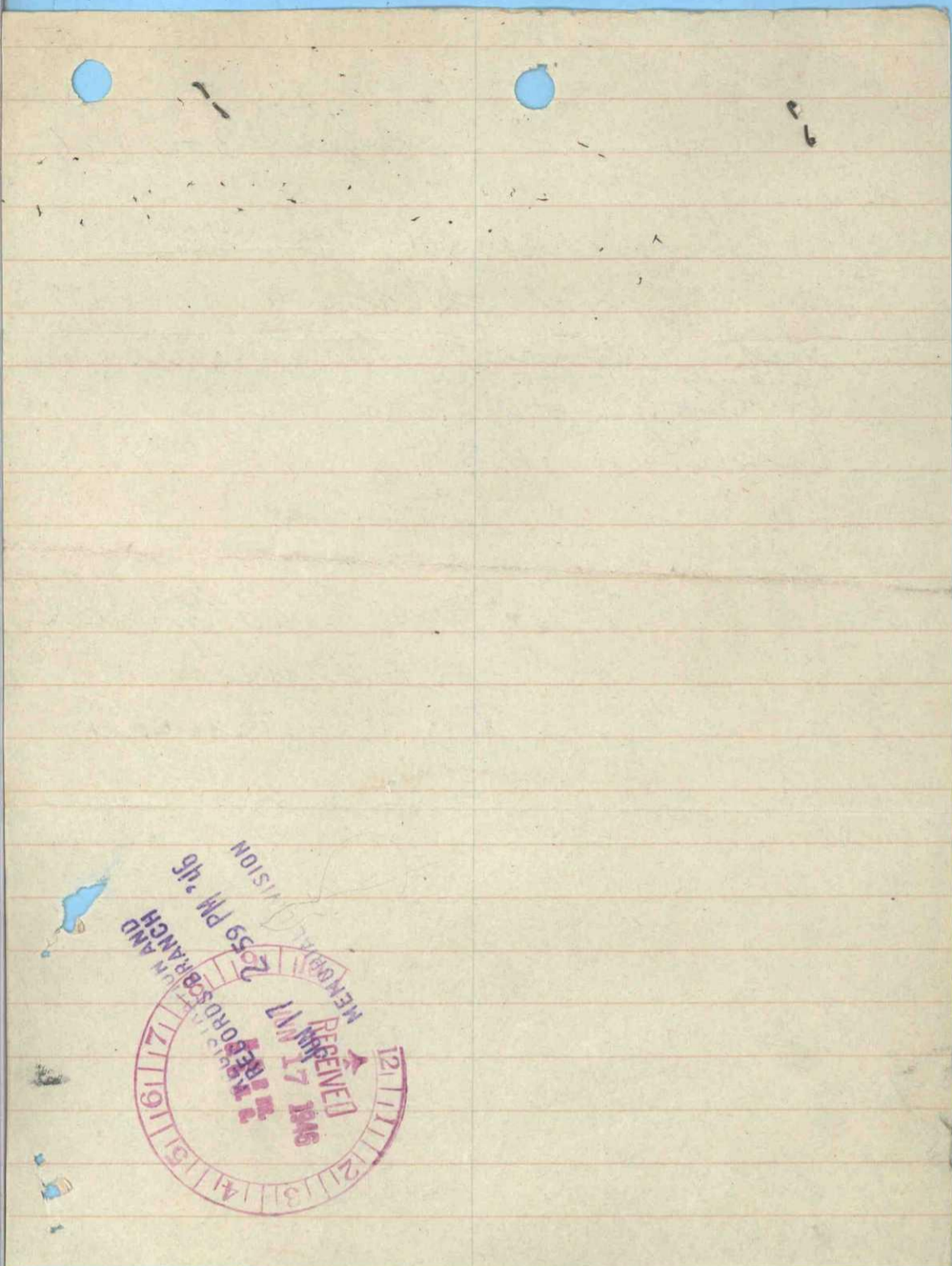
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Please send me the
name and place where boy
293 S. Sgt. James T. Blake is
buried, he was killed
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Thanks

Mr. + Mrs. Chas E. Blake
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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

7 August 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Blake
Rural Route # 1,
Augusta, Kansas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blake:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Sergeant James T. Blake, has been received in this office.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in searching operations in an endeavor to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that your son's remains have been discovered.

Information being utilized by these searching units includes data gathered from captured enemy records, from reports submitted by various commanders as well as fellow soldiers, and from reports rendered after the interrogation of returned prisoners of war.

I sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the discovery and identification of your son's remains. Please be assured that when further information is received, you will be informed with a minimum of delay.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

MEMORIAL DIVISION

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 23 Apr. 45 gln/2831

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| FULL NAME Blake, James T. | | ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 20 725 969 | GRADE Sgt. |
| HOME ADDRESS Augusta, Kansas | | ARM OR SERVICE Infantry | DATE OF BIRTH 26 Feb. 22 |
| PLACE OF DEATH European Area | CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action | | DATE OF DEATH 4 Apr. 45 |
| STATION OF DECEASED European Area | | DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 26 Sep 40 | LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS over 3 yrs |
| EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. Charles E. Blake, father, RFD #1, Augusta, Kansas | | | |

BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
Mrs. Charles Edward Blake, mother, address same as above.
Irwin Blake, brother, same as above.

| 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 |
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

Evidence of death rec'd in WD 16 Apr. 45.

* Combat Infantryman - source and date of order will be furnished when rec'd.

COPIES FURNISHED:

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| S. G. O. | F. B. I. | F. O., U. S. A. |
| S. O. C. M. G. | O. F. D. | ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU |
| S. A. O. | VET. ADMIN. | CASUALTY BRANCH FILE |
| | | A. G. 201 FILE |

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

James W. Kenhart
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

30 APR 1945

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W Blake, James T. Sgt.
DA. 20 725 969

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mr. Charles E. Blake

RFD # One

Augusta, Kansas

Sgt. James T. Blake

Effects of:
Name

20725969

ASN

484115 D

Case No.

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SCREENED
4-1-48wl

DATE 4 October 1945
RTB:DW:cs

W. C. ...
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check
 Acct. No.
 Amount
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

 Remove G.I.
 Note discrepancy in
 Films removed
 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

 Accounting Branch ✓
 1 Warehouse Division
 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

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Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Int. Chgs. OCT 9 1945
No. of packages

B. J.
Shipping Clerk

484115

RTB:DW:dn
October 4, 1945

Mr. Charles E. Blake
RFD # One
Augusta, Kansas

Dear Mr. Blake:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Sergeant James T. Blake.

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,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt., QMC
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Branch

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BLAKE James T.

207225969

SGT.

BOX # 12 T/O # F.D. 2068 DATE 5 Jun 45

R.T.O. CAR No. 20262

K.C.

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

JRM:DW:cs
Case No. 494115
Date 3 October 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of
James T. Blake, 20725969 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Sergeant, Infantry who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 4 day of April, 1945, at European 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, dates 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. _____.)
- 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 _____, Incl. _____)
- 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 1 October 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Charles E. Blake 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, Charles E. Blake of (Name of person found entitled)
RFD # One, Augusta State of (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
Kansas, 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)
JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, .M.C.
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

NAME BLAKE, JAMES T. CGT 5969

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~~INVENTORY FORM~~

Auth AR-30-1815-C2
E. Sweger

11 April 1945
(Date)

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of
BLAKE James T. Sgt 20725969
(Last name) (First name) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO _____, US Army

The above named individual of Co A, 320th Infantry
(Unit) (Organization)
was reported ALA about 4 April 1945
(Status) (Date)

Designated beneficiary if information readily accessible:
Charles E. Blake, Father, RFD #1, Augusta, Kansas
Name, address and relationship

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 kit, toilet article ✓
- 1 ETO ribbon ✓
- 1 letter ✓

Money in the amount of None has been turned into _____
Name of _____
Form WD FD 38 enclosed.

Finance Off & Symbol No. None
(Name and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried)

I certify the above items constitute all of the effects, accrued by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the 35th Infantry Division QM by Truck on May 45 1945
(Mail, Truck, Etc)

K H PRATER
(Name)
CWO - 2106897

(Rank & ASN)
Asst. Adj-320th Inf
(Organization)

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Auth AR 30-1815-C2
E. Sweger

RETURN TO:
MIL. R. RECORDS BRANCH
AIR FORCE DEFENSE UNIT
C. H. BLDG 12
FURNACE & UNION STS.
ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22314

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