

293 BLANCHARD, HOWARD S. 31392013 PVT. EUROPEAN AREA (MASS.) (INF.) 45 jt

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

IN REPLY REFER TO
CMGME-H 293
Blanchard, Howard S.
SN 31 392 013

24 May 1960

Mr. Howard K. Blanchard
38 Carlin Street
Athol, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your application for a Government flat bronze marker to commemorate your son.

In accordance with the available records, your son's service is authorized to be shown on the marker as indicated below. If not acceptable, it will be necessary for you to submit official papers showing the desired rank.

PVT CO K 320 INFANTRY Howard K. Blanchard
Signature of Acceptance

An envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,

R. F. Beckman

R. F. BECKMAN
Chief, Headstone Branch
Memorial Division

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HEADSTONE BRANCH
E. F. LENARD
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MEMORIAL BRANCH
OFFICE, HEADSTONE BRANCH
E. E. GEMARD



Sincerely yours,

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Statement of acceptance

FOR CO K 330 HEADSTONE BRANCH

Having granted the desired rank,
not acceptable. It will be necessary for you to submit official
is authorized to be shown on the market as indicated below. It
in accordance with the available records, your son's service
please refer to commensurate rank.
reference is made to your application for a government job

Best regards

Major, Massachusetts
38 Central Street
Mr. Howard K. Blanchard

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Blanchard, Howard K.
OFFICE - 11 503
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27 MAY 1960



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

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

293
BLANCHARD HOWARD S

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

31 392 013

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

14 AUG 45

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

RAGSDALE

DATE

10 MAR 52

NAME OF REVIEWER

MANSFIELD

DATE

11 MAR. 52

REMARKS

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CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Blanchard, Howard S.	GRADE Pvt	SERIAL NO. 31 392 013
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DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:

 LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION

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 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION

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IMPORTANT

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

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Chief, Headstone Branch
Memorial Division

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**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER
17674 (1)
AREA OR ZONE(S)
EUROPEAN

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **Blanchard, Howard S.** RANK **Pvt** SERIAL NUMBER **31 392 013**

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>VAT</i>	2. a. INDEX OF DEATHS b. FINDING OF DEATH c. INDEX OF DEATHS	<i>VAT</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>VAT</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 AG Memorandum, dated 28 March 1950			<i>VAT</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:

None

**NAN
FILE**

MAR 7 1952

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST **Vincent A. Thomas**
VINCENT A. THOMAS/meh

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL	APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH	
<i>Charles E. Newbaker</i> CHARLES E. NEWBAKER	<i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Major SMC	<i>Mar 15 52</i>

17674

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS BRANCH
APO 757 US ARMY

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

1. The Board convened pursuant to par. 1, SO 4, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 7 January 1952, at Griesheim/Main, Germany, on 15 February 1952.

2. Members present: As indicated by signatures below.

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. Vicinity of MORTAIN, Manche, France
Case # Manche, France - 5798

b. Facts:

Pvt. Howard S. Blanchard, 31 392 013, Co "K" 320 Inf. Regt.
35th Inf. Div. was reported MIA in the vicinity of Mortain, Manche, France on 13 August 1944.

4. FINDINGS :

a. Pvt. Blanchard participated in a mission to secure and hold high ground northeast of Mortain, France. In the ensuing battle with the enemy, Pvt. Blanchard was reported slightly wounded in action. Co "K", cut off and surrounded by enemy, subsequently withdrew. Pvt. Blanchard was reported MIA.

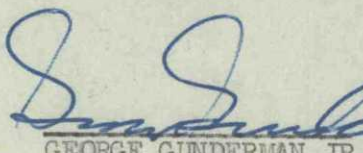
b. Pvt. Blanchard was never reported as a prisoner of war.

c. Extensive area searches in the Department of Manche, France as well as individual investigations concerning other unresolved casualties reportedly lost in the area have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of the remains of Pvt. Blanchard.

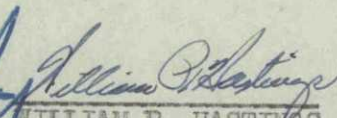
d. Efforts to effect association with unidentified remains from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative.

e. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 and Memorandum for Record dated 28 March 1950 on file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

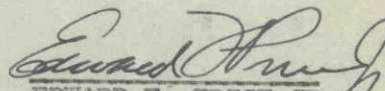
5. RECOMMENDATION: That the remains of the decedent herein considered, be determined Non-Recoverable.


GEORGE GUNDERMAN JR

Major QMC
Member


WILLIAM P. HASTINGS

Captain QMC
Member


EDWARD F. PRICE JR

Captain QMC
Member

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

SPECIAL ORDER)

NUMBER 4)

7 January 1952

1. PAC Ltr WD AGO-S 293.9, 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas" and par 118 b SR 820-110-5, DA 3 Mar 49, a Board of Officers as follows is appointed to meet at the call of the president thereof for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the identification of deceased and determination of non-recoverability of remains, and for the purpose of reviewing major discrepancy cases:

LT COL JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O1 576 321, QMC, President
MAJ GEORGE GUNDERMAN JR, O1 289 071, QMC
CAPT ISADORE EISENSMITH, O1 587 230, QMC
CAPT WILLIAM P. HASTINGS, O 50 054, QMC
CAPT EDWARD F. PRICE JR, O1 588 236, QMC

2. So much of par 1, SO 3, this hq pertaining to the transfer of SFC LOUIS P. LaMONICA, RA 32 193 552, is revoked.

3. SFC LOUIS P. LaMONICA, RA 32 193 552, (P) MOS 1885, Cau, DOE 21 Jul 50, TOE Unspecified, ROT Jul 53, Deps EUCOM: 2 is reld fr asgmt and dy w/7887 Graves Reg Det, APO 757, and asgd to 7966 HQ Group Com-Z, APO 58, Orleans, France. EM WP o/a 15 Jan 52 fr Liege, Belgium to Orleans, France reporting upon arrival to CG Hq Group Com-Z for dy EM auth to carry own service record and allied papers. Tvl by govt rail, govt vehicle, or TPA at personal expense auth. Max per diem alws auth while tvl UP JTR dtd 22 Dec 50, as c. Trans and shipment H/H gds auth. Deps will not initially accom sponsor. Their tvl and movement of H/H gds will be accordance with par 24, EUCOM Cir 22, 1950, as c. TC will furn nec trans. WP TDN TPA PCS 21022010 89-14 PL410-02 03 07 S99-999 LL05 LL60. EDCSA 20 Jan 52 Auth: VOCINC AG Career Guidance Br dtd 7 Jan 52.

4. So much of Ltr Orders, this Hq dtd 3 Jan 52 pertaining to the transfer of SGT ELMER A. ANDERSON, RA 37793862, and CPL WILLIAM B. STURKIE, RA 34649366 is revoked.

BY ORDER OF LT COLONEL MacFARLAND:

OFFICIAL

EDWARD F. PRICE JR
Captain QMC
Adjutant

s/ Edward F. Price, Jr.
t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
Captain QMC
Adjutant

A TRUE COPY:

John M. Neff

JOHN M. NEFF, Capt QMC

AIR MAIL

QMGMS 293
GRS European (Ident)

12 September 1951

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to message AGRC 4014, your headquarters, dated 15 August 1951.

2. Form 221, 6 December 1943, for Pvt. Howard S. Blanchard, 31392013, shows teeth missing R-6, L-6, 14; restorable tooth L-3. No additional dental data available.

3. Form 221, 12 July 1943, for Pfc. Wendell D. Brown, 35233779, shows teeth missing R-8, 14. No additional dental data available.

4. Form 221, 4 December 1942, for Pvt. Washie W. Masterson, Jr., 35572183, shows teeth missing R-8, 16, L-14; non restorable tooth R-14. Photostatic copies three Forms 79 are inclosed.

5. Form 64, 16 August 1941, for Captain Marshall Sneed, O-427779, shows teeth missing R-8, 14, L-14. No additional dental data available.

6. Form 22, 23 December 1941, for Sgt. George W. Suyama, 19055942, shows teeth missing R-8, 16, L-6, 8, 16. Photostatic copies three Forms 79 are inclosed.

7. Form 64, 6 October 1941, for 1/Lt. William E. Taylor, O-430950, shows teeth missing L-4, 14. Photostatic copy Form 79 inclosed.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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1. Photo cys Forms 79 (Masterson)
2. Photo cys Forms 79 (Suyama)
3. Photo cy Form 79 (Taylor)

BENJAMIN B. KING
Lt. Colonel QMG
Memorial Division

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AIR MAIL

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE 22 Aug 51	
FROM (Branch and Section) Search Info--Ident Br.	REQUESTED BY Stiles	TEL. EXT. 72000	ROOM NO. 1439-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) Blanchard, Howard S.	RANK Pvt	SERIAL NUMBER 31392013	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Request all available dental info on above decedent. (World War II)

Radio 3071

INFORMATION FURNISHED

29 Aug 51
Information requested above attached.



*WAT
Stiles
11 Sept 51
Tel Stiles
ID B7*

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

S. GIBBS (68)
Major, QMC
QM Pentagon Liaison

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICES (215M41444)

OR PENTAGON LIAISON
MEM. DIV.
2 AUG 23 1951



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INFORMATION FURNISHED

INFO 2047

Request for information on above subject. (II Law Div.)

INFORMATION REQUIRED

NAME OF DECEASED (Last, first, middle initials)	DATE	SERIAL	
BRANCHFIELD, HOWARD S.	1942	35000	1438-B
LOCATION (Agency and section)	REGISTERED AT	EXPI. DATE	BOOK NO.
PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		23 AUG 51	
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION		DATE	

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INFORMATION FURNISHED			
<p>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)</p>			



FORM NO. 10
MAY 1950

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1950 O - 87211

REPLY TO DIVISION SECTION OFFICER (219040)



INFORMATION FURNISHED

INFO CONT

Request for information regarding the records of the following individual (219040)

INFORMATION REQUESTED

NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL)	SSN	SERIAL NUMBER	
219040	1-44	00000	E-671
FROM (please see format)	REQUESTED BY	LET. EXT.	ROOM NO.
REPLY TO DIVISION SECTION OFFICER MEMORIAL DIVISION		219040	
TO:		DATE	
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION			

FOR MAJ GIBBS QM CAS RES SEC 1E946 PENT URMSG 45 24 AUG ON HOWARD S
BLANCHARD 31392013 FORM 221 DATED 6 DEC 43 SHOWS TEETH MISSING RIGHT
6 LEFT 6 14 RESTORABLE TOOTH LFT 2 FORMS 79 NOT FOUND

1. FILE UNDER NO. 293 - BLANCHARD, Howard S. 31392013

SYNOPSIS

2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: 2d Ind 3. DATE: 6 Aug 51

4. FROM: OQMG

5. TO: CO, 7887 GR Detachment, APO 757, NY, NY

6. SUBJECT: List of Unresolved Cases

Blanchard, Howard S. Pvt 31392013
Brown, Wendell D. Pfc 35233779
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7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 - GRS, European (Unresolved Cases)

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Enter after the above headings information as follows:

- 1. File classification under which this cross-index sheet is to be filed.
- 2. Appropriate term, such as: "ltr," "memo," "1st ind," etc.
- 3. Date of Document.
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- 6. Brief and comprehensive synopsis of the content or subject matter.
- 7. File classification under which the document is filed.

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Blanchard, Howard S.		GRADE Pvt.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 31392013
ORGANIZATION Co K 320 Inf Regt 35th Inf. Div.		RACE White	CREED Prot
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 13 Aug. 44	CAUSE OF DEATH FOD	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA European Area	
DATE OF FOD 14 Aug. 45			
HEIGHT 67"	WEIGHT 155	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Brown
			SHOE SIZE 9D

DENTAL CHART **6 Dec. 43**

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 X 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 O 3 4 5 X 7 8
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 X 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Age 23

He was a crew member of a company which became isolated on a mission to secure and held high ground northwest of Mortain, France.

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AG 201 Blanchard, Howard S.
31392013 (28 Mar 50)

KEK/1D667/gvg/10077

28 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance
of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. Private Howard S. Blanchard, 31392013, of Company K, 320th Infantry Regiment, 35 Infantry Division, was reported missing in action, in France, on 13 August 1944, by ETO Shipment No. 006, and was presumed dead as of 14 August 1945, under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act by SR&D No. 3848.

2. Private Blanchard's casualty file contains a "MIA Report", dated 12 March 1945, signed by Captain Homer W. Kurtz, which states that on 13 August 1944, Private Blanchard was a member of Company K, assigned the mission of securing high ground northeast of Mortain, France (approximately thirty five miles southeast of St Lo, in northwestern France). In the ensuing battle Private Blanchard was hit and was reported slightly wounded in action. As Company "K" withdrew, it was not known whether he was evacuated or not. Since no further information was available his status was changed to missing in action.

3. Subject person was never reported as a prisoner of war, an internee, or as returned to duty.

4. Private Blanchard was posthumously awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge by Circular 151, WD 1945 and the Expert Infantryman Badge by General Order #9 dated 20 August 1944.

5. The Memorial Division, OOMG, reported that there was no burial information of record pertaining to subject enlisted man.

6. Private Blanchard of Company K, 320 Infantry, participated in a mission to secure and hold high ground northeast of Mortain, France. In the ensuing battle with the enemy, Private Blanchard, was reported slightly wounded in action. This Company was cut off and surrounded by the enemy and upon its withdrawal subject soldier was reported missing in action. He has not been seen or heard from in the five and one half years which have elapsed since the incident. It would appear from the above circumstances that Private Blanchard may have been killed and his body removed from the

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AG 201 Blanchard, Howard S.
31392013 (28 Mar 50)

area or he may have been captured and never reported as a prisoner of war. However, in the absence of any definite information it is concluded that the issuance of an official report of death pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act, is not warranted.

Kathryne E. Kiefner
Investigator

CONCUR:

N.B. STARR
Captain, AGO
Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit
Casualty Section, P.A. Br., AGO



AG 201 Blandford, Howard S.
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Casualty Section, P.A. Br., AGO



IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Blanchard Howard S.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>31392013</i>		GRADE <i>Pvt.</i>
HEIGHT <i>67</i>	WEIGHT <i>155</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Blue</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>9D</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>FOD 14 Aug 45</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co K, 320th Inf.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
Missing 13 Aug 44 near Mortain, France

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Cp. Blanding, Florida</i>	<i>Jan 44 - May 44</i>

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
<i>_____</i>	<i>_____</i>

6 Dec 43

DENTAL CHART

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

16 JAN 1947

In Reply Refer To
QMCMR 293

Blanchard, Howard S.
SN 31 392 013

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>
Blanchard, Howard S.	PVT	31 392 013

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:

1 Incl - Par 2
(5 Cys - 371)
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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMG
Assistant

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED		
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Blanchard, Howard S.		Pvt	31392013	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
Co B 320 Inf Regt 35 Inf Div		White	Prot.	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
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Form prescribed by
Comptroller General, U.S.
7 October 1944

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

3848

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Howard S. Blanchard, Army Serial Number 31,392,013, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 13th day of August 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 14th day of August, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Herbert

ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA		FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LIRE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European		No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS							
None							
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
10 Aug 1922	Athol, Massachusetts	28 Dec 1943		YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
				Under	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Bertha Blanchard	Mother	38 Carlin Street Athol, Massachusetts

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
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Awarded Expert Infantryman's Badge by GO #9, Headquarters 320th Infantry, dated 20 August 1944.

Circumstances of disappearance: He was member of a company which became isolated on a mission to secure and hold high ground northeast of Mortain, France.

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