

michalik



*INDIVIDUAL DECEASED
PERSONNEL FILE*

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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vicinity Dormans, Marne, France	CASE NUMBER 16188
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) 293 Michalik, John M.	RANK Cpl	SERIAL NUMBER 36 167 836
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: *(Check appropriate box)*

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>G.H.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>G.H.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

NAN FILE

MAY 2 1951

[Signature]

IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>[Signature]</i> MAJ A. [Signature]	MAY 2 1951

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER 16188 (1)
AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **Michalik, John M.** RANK **Cpl** SERIAL NUMBER **36 167 836**

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.

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

MAY 2 1951

Vicinity Dormans, Marnes-la-Meudon, FRANCE
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

NAME OF CASE ANALYST **Vincent A. Thomas**
CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO **Registration Branch, Correspondence Sec.**
Vincent A. Thomas/cwt FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, 1st Lt, CMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Capt CMC	<i>13 May 51</i>

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,
Liege, Belgium, on 27 December 1950.

2. Members present:

C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC

LEWIS A. McAMIS, Captain, QMC

JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2nd Lt., QMC

3. PURPOSE: To Review and determine, from evidence presented, the
non-recoverability of the remains of the deceased in question, lost in the
geographical area as described below:

a. Map Sheet T-06,8 Vicinity Dormans, Marne, France

b. FACTS:

1. Cpl John M. Michalik, 36167836, was a member of Company
"C" 40th Tank Battalion, and one (1) of five (5) crew members in a tank,
which was hit by enemy anti tank fire and immediately set on fire. Subject
casualty was reported on OQMG Form 371, as Killed in Action, on 28 August
1944, in the vicinity of Dormans, France.

4. FINDINGS:

a. An affidavit of crew member Pfc Paul Skelton, reported the
following: "Immediately a fire started and I crawled out and rolled into
a ditch on the right of the road. I could see the driver T/5 Homer L.
Thomas come out, then the tank commander, Sgt Richard L. Peden. The last
man out was the assistant gunner Pfc John F. Bell. Peden and Bell were
badly cut and soon the medical aid men came up in a jeep to take care of
them. I did not see Cpl Michalik get out of the burning tank at any time.
I am sure Cpl Michalik is dead because the fire was coming out of all the
hatches and I laid in the ditch for a good five minutes after we were hit
and no one else got out of the tank.

Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings (Cont'd)

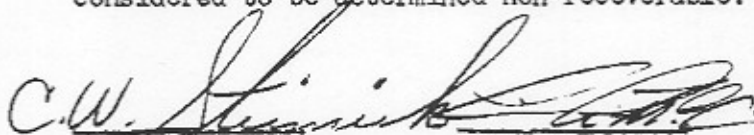
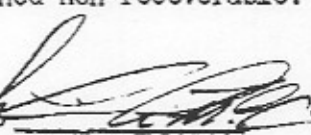
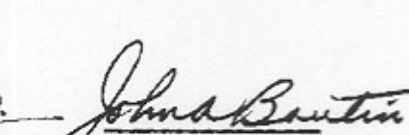
b. Statements of eyewitnesses S/Sgt Milan Alpeter and Sgt Leo Geib, members of Company "C" 40th Tank Battalion, revealed that a thorough examination of the tank #W-3036627 made on 28 August 1944, convinced them that there was no evidence whatsoever of any human remains.

c. The four (4) crew members Sgt Richard L. Peden, T/5 Homer L. Thomas, Pfc John F. Bell, Pfc Paul Skelton who escaped the burning tank were returned to US Military control.

d. Attempts to associate unknown remains of American deceased recovered from this area with subject casualty proved negative.

e. Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; War Dept Message Form 201 File; On file in The Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedent herein considered to be determined non-recoverable.

		
C. W. STEINSIEK	LEWIS A. McAMIS	JOHN A. BOUTIN
Captain QMG	Captain QMG	2nd Lt. QMG
Member	Member	Member

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

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 139)

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

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 Q'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. MULVANY, 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.,

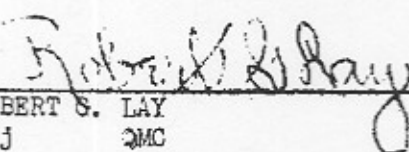
BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

AIR MAIL

QMGMS 293
Michalik, John M.
SN 36127836

18 October 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7837 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 15 September 1950, file GMP 293.3, subject as above.
2. Requested information will be forwarded your headquarters approximately 17 November 1950.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
Memorial Division

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AIR MAIL

QMGMS 293

1st Ind

Michalik, John M.

SN 36167836

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C., 20 November 1950

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

Attached herewith are copies of Missing Report and 4th and 5th
Indorsements with four (4) affidavits attached, covering all the
available information pertaining to Cpl. John M. Michalik, 36167836.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

3 Incls

1. Cy Missing Rpt
2. Cy 4th Ind
w/affidavits att'd
3. Cy 5th Ind

THOMAS E. COX
Captain QMC
Memorial Division

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

GROP 293.9

15 September 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 and 293 file, your office, pertaining to Cpl. John M. Michalik, 36 167 836.
2. It is requested that all available data contained in records your office, including Status Review and Determination Report and After Action Report, be forwarded this headquarters as a possible aid in resolving this case.
3. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR.
Major, OMC
Operations Division

SEP 25 1950



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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

MICHALIK, JOHN M

RANK

CPL

SERIAL NUMBER

36167836

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

28 AUG 44

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. COX

19 JUNE 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

THOMAS

19 JUNE 51

REMARKS

QMCMF 293
Michalik, John M.
SN 36 167 836

13 June 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Michalik
6916 Mercier
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Michalik:

This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the final determination which has been made in the case of your son, the late Corporal John M. Michalik.

The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your son was a member of Company C, 40th Tank Battalion, and that he was killed in action on 28 August 1944. At the time of his death, your son's organization was operating in the vicinity of Dormans, France.

The Graves Registration Service of the Army conducted extensive investigations in the general area in which your son met his death. The results of these investigations were negative, however, inasmuch as no trace of your son's remains was found. All unidentified remains recovered from this area during these investigations were thoroughly examined by accredited anthropologists; however, the physical and dental characteristics pertaining to the remains were such as to preclude any association with your son.

After full consideration of the pertinent facts of the case and the unsuccessful results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your son 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

cc: DFRB
Mailed Direct

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Michalik, John M.

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE Mr. and Mrs. Marion Michalik	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) 6916 Mercier Detroit, Michigan		
RELATIONSHIP parents			

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	1 white	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
	<p>This Office desires to furnish you information concerning the final determination which has been made in the case of your son, the late Corporal John M. Michalik.</p> <p>The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your son was a member of Company C, 40th Tank Battalion, and that he was killed in action on 28 August 1944. At the time of his death, your son's organization was operating in the vicinity of Dormans, France France.</p> <p>The Graves Registration Service of the Army conducted extensive investigations in the general area in which your son met his death. The results of these investigations were were negative, however, inasmuch as no trace of your son's remains was found. All unidentified remains recovered from this area during these investigations were thoroughly examined by accredited anthropologists; however, the physical and dental characteristics pertaining to the remains were such as to preclude any association with your son.</p> <p>After full consideration of the pertinent facts of the case and the unsuccessful results of the investigations, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that the remains of your son are not recoverable.</p> <p>Realizing the extent etc.</p> <p>cc: DPRB</p>	

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE EFW 11 June 51	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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GRADE
CPL

SERIAL NUMBER
36 167 836

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The records of the Department of the Army indicate that your son, the late Corporal John M. Michalik was killed on 28 August 1944 while a member of Company C, 40th Battalion. His organization was operating in the vicinity of Dormans, France, *at that time*

The Graves Registration Service of the Army conducted extensive investigations in the general area where your son met his death in an attempt to recover and identify his remains, however, they could not be located. All unknowns recovered from this same general area were examined by an accredited anthropologist, utilizing advanced scientific and technical procedures in an attempt to identify one of these unknowns as the remains of your son. The dental and physical characteristics of each of these unknowns were such that no association with your son was possible. *Therefore*, it has been determined that the remains of your son are nonrecoverable.

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CONTROLLED CASE

NAME MICHALIK, John M.		GRADE Cpl	SERIAL NO. 36 167 836
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials) Wasson	
UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 16188	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY

IMPORTANT

THIS FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TOP OF 299 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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HEAD-QUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

10 March 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25 D. C.

It is requested that latest available dental information
(Form 79) be forwarded this headquarters on Corporal John M. Michalik,
36 167 836. ZTT

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

GEORGE L. FREEMAN
1st Lt QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

QMGMS 293 1st Ind
Michalik, John M.
SN 36 167 836

Depts of the Army, QMGMS, Washington 25, D. C., 7 April 1949

T9D Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,
European Area, APO 58, New York, New York

Inclosed herewith are photostatic copies of dental Form 79 for Cpl.
John M. Michalik, SN 36 167 836

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL



Incl -3 Photo cys Forms 79

JEM/rvs

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

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NJS

AIRMAIL

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE 3 October 1950	
FROM (Branch and Section) Ident Br., Search Info Sec.	REQUESTED BY Hospel	TEL. EXT. 72000	ROOM NO. 1534-B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) Michalik, John M.	RANK Cpl.	SERIAL NUMBER 36167836	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Request all available information surrounding the death of above individual.

Ltr 954

INFORMATION FURNISHED

15 November 1950

Inclosed herewith all the information available which was obtained from DPRB 201 Files and AGO Casualty Files pertaining to the death of Corporal John M. Michalik, 36,167,836, of Headquarters, 40th Tank Battalion.

FILE
NOV 14 1950
Identification Branch

Donald A. Renner

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

DONALD A. RENNER
CAPT QMC

CONFIDENTIAL

MISSING REPORT

Classification Removed
L. 29 Dec 44
Initials: *[Handwritten]*

To accompany WD AGO Forms 66-1 or 24 of Missing or Missing in Action Personnel (other than those covered by Missing Air Crew Report).

NAME Michalik, John M. ASN 36167836 GRADE CPL Arm or Service INF.
ORGN Co. "C" 40th Tank Bn APO 257 Date Reported MIA 28 Aug 1944
MISSION To DESTROY ENEMY GUNS & EMPLACEMENTS.
POINT OF DEPARTURE DORMANS, FRANCE. DATE 28-AUG-1944.
INTENDED DESTINATION VERDUN, FRANCE.
LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS 1-MILE EAST OF DORMANS, FRANCE.

BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

THE TANK IN WHICH THE CREW WAS OPERATING IN ENGAGED THE ENEMY ABOUT 1/2 MILE E. DORMANS, FRANCE. AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF FIGHTING THE TANK WAS HIT BY AN ANTI-TANK GUN, AND IMMEDIATELY CAUGHT ON FIRE. 4 OF THE CREW ESCAPED (SWA) BUT CPL. MICHALIK, COULD NOT BE FOUND, AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BURNED.

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES, IF ANY: NONE

REMARKS: (Any information not covered above, including details and results of search, if any, conducted) AT THE TIME NO SEARCH COULD BE MADE DUE TO HEAVY ENEMY SMALL ARMS + ARTY FIRE. THE AREA WAS STILL IN ENEMY HANDS AT THE TIME THIS UNIT WITH-DREW.

WAR DEPT., A. G. O.
CASUALTY STATUS VERIFIED

Group 10th AF

[Signature]
Verified by



FILE CASUALTY BRANCH
28 APR 1945
Charles B. Chaney-Jr.
1st Lt., A. G. O.
S. R. & D. Section

Date of Report 17-SEP-44

[Signature]
(Signature of preparing officer)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
MESSAGE FORM

21 April 1945

File AG 201 Michalik John M. 36,167,836 Cas

Office of origin AG CAS

Address: Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U.S. Army

To:

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MESSAGE:

1. Your attention is invited to our 8th Indorsement, AG 201 Michalik, Jon John M. 36,167,836/Cas, dated 28 March to War Department Messageform AGPC-S 201 Michalik, John M. 36,167,836 (26 Feb 45), case number 2999, dated 26 February 1945

2. Reference inclosure 1. Record of this headquarters indicate the present status of all crew members of subject task to be as shown below:

Cpl. John M. Michalik,	36,167,836	KIA	28 August 1944
Sgt. Richard L. Peden	14,038,314	EUS	25 Nov 1944
T/5 Homer L. Thomas	38,106,044	LIA	28 January 1945
Pfc. John F. Bell	34,264,211	EUS	15 December 1944
Pfc. Paul Skelton	37,180,290	LWA	8 February 1945

3. No additional information is available at this headquarters

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

s/H. M. RUND,
Colonel, AGD
Asst. Adj. General.

C O P Y

AG 201 Michalik, John M. 8th Ind.
36,167,836/Cas

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887 U.S. Army, 28 March 1945.

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

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of subject tank crew members to be as shown below:

Sgt. Richard L. Peden	14,038,314	EUS	25 November 1944
Cpl John M. Michalik	36,167,836	MIA	28 August 1944
T/5 Homer Thomas	38,106,044	LIA	28 January 1945
Pfc John F. Bell	34,264,211	EUS	15 December 1944
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2. This headquarters concurs with the opinion of the reporting unit as shown in the 7th Indorsement.

3. Reference is made to paragraph 5, of the 5th Indorsement. Upon receipt of the above mentioned information, it will be forwarded to your office by essential airmail.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

s/H. M. RUND,
Colonel, AGD
Asst. Adj. General.

COPY

704-BCR (Misc)-Michalik, John M. (Enl) 6th Ind.
(26 Feb 45)
HEADQUARTERS, V CORPS, APO 305, 23 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, First U.S. Army, APO 230, ATT: AG Casualty Division

s/
S.F. T.

3 Incls:
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7th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, APO 230, 26 March 1945

TO: Commanding General, Communications Zone, ETOUSA, APO 887.

1. In view of the fact that inspection of the tank revealed no evidence of human remains and that immediately following the incident the area was in enemy hands, it is believed that Cpl Michalik might have been taken prisoner and that a report of death is not justified at this time.

2. Reference paragraph 5, 5th Indorsement, your headquarters will be notified in the event additional information is received from hospitalized personnel.

For the Commanding General:

s/TREADWELL RUMI,
Major, A.G.D.,
Ass't Adjutant General

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C O P Y

AG 704 (A) (Michalik, John M) (Cas) 4th Ind.
(26 Feb 45)
Hq 40th Tk Bn APO 257, U.S. Army, 16 March 1945

TO: Commanding General, 7th Armd Div APO 257, U.S. Army

1. Investigation by this Hq into the status of Corporal JOHN M. MICHALIK, 36,167,836, Company C, 40th Tank Battalion shown Missing In Action since 28 August 1944 while this Bn was operating in France, shows the following.

2. On 28 August 1944 Tank No. W-3036627 consisted of the following personnel:

Name	Duty	Present Status
Sgt Peden, Richard L. 14 038 314	Tank Commander	Hosp since 28 Aug 44 (SIA)
Cpl Michalik, John M. 36, 167,836	Gunner	MIA since 28 Aug 44
T/5 Thomas, Homer 38, 106,044	Driver	Hosp since 28 Jan 45 (NBC)
Pfc Bell, John F. 34,264,211	Gun Loader	Hosp since 28 Aug 44 (SIA)
Pfc Skelton, Paul 37,180,290	Bow Gunner	Hosp since 28 Aug 44 (LWA)

3. Attached hereto are two (2) statement of witnesses, members of Company C, 40th Tank Battalion, marked as inclosure 1 and inclosure 2.

4. Reference made to Captain ABBOTT and Lt. CARPENTER in inclgsure 1 and inclosure 2 states they were present at the time tank was inspected. Captain ABBOTT is no longer with this unit having been transferred to the 77th Medical Battalion. Lt. CARPENTER is Missing In Action since 14 September 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

s/PAUL M. RAGLA
1st Lt. Inf
40th Tk Bn
ADJUTANT

2- Incl:

Incl #1 - Affidavit of St Sgt MILAN ALPENTER
Incl #2 - Affidavit of Sgt LEO GEIB

C O P Y

COPY

15 March 1945

A F F I D A V I T

"MILAN ALPHEER, Staff Sergeant, 35,275,346, Company C 40th Tank Battalion, after being duly sworn on oath deposes and says:?"

On 28 August 1944 I was with Captain ABBOTT, then our Battalion Surgeon, 40th Tank Battalion, Lt. CARPENTER, Platoon Leader, Company C, 40th Tank Battalion and Sergeant LEO GEIB, Communication Sergeant, Company C 40th Tank Battalion who inspected tank No. W3036627 which was commanded by Sergeant RICHARD L. PEDEN, Company C, 40th Tank Battalion and destroyed by enemy action in the vicinity of DORMANS, FRANCE. This inspection convinced us that there was no evidence whatsoever of any human remains."

s/MILAN ALPHEER, St Sgt.
35 275 346
Co. C, 40th Tank Battalion

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of March 1945 at APO 257, U.S. ARMY, European FO."

s/PAUL M. BAGLA
1st Lt. Inf
40th Tk Bn
SUMMARY COURT

Inclosure #1

COPY

C O P Y

15 March 1945

A F F I D A V I T

"LEO GHEB, Sergeant, 32,227,830, Company C, 40th Tank Battalion, after being duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

On 28 August 1944, Captain ABBOTT, then Bn Surgeon, 40th Tank Battalion, Lt. CARPENTER Platoon Leader, Company C, 40th Tank Battalion and myself made a thorough examination of Tank No. W3036627 which was commanded by Sergeant RICHARD L. PEDEN, Company C, 40th Tank Battalion and destroyed by enemy action in the vicinity of DORMANS, FRANCE. This investigation of Sergeant PEDEN'S tank convinced us that there was no evidence whatsoever of any human remains."

s/LEO GHEB, Sergeant
32,227,830
Co C 40th Tank Bn

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of March 1945, at APO 257, U.S. Army, European TO."

s/PAUL M. RAGLE
1st Lt. Inf
40th Tank Bn
Summary Court

WAR DEPARTMENT

MESSAGEFORM

100/517

Date 26 February 1945

AGPC-S 201 Michalik, John M.
(26 Feb 45) 36167836

Telephone No. 78682

File No. Military Personnel

Casualty

SR&D SPXPC-S

Office of origin (Area of service) Washington 25, D. C. (Division)

(Branch)

Room 4802 (Section) (Symbol)

Address

CLASSIFICATION

To: Commanding General,
United States Forces,
European Theater of Operations,
APO 887, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

by air
28 OCT 1945

PRECEDENCE	
ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL	
Urgent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Routine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deferred	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent "Deferred."
Initial of officer assigning precedence
CBC

MESSAGE:

1. Your Casualty Shipment reported Cpl John H. Michalik, 36167836, Co. C, 40th Tank Bn, missing in action since 28 August 1944, in France.
2. A report from the 40th Tank Bn reveals that about one half mile east of Dormans, France, Cpl Michalik's tank was hit by an anti-tank gun and immediately caught on fire. Four of the crew escaped, but Cpl Michalik could not be found and is believed to have burned.
3. Your attention is invited to paragraph 5a and c, Circular 2, WD, 1945. If the circumstances justify a report of death, request compliance with provisions of paragraph 7, Circular 2, WD, 1945. If the circumstances do not justify a change of status, request that you forward a more complete account of this incident including statements from witnesses, survivors and persons who may have examined the remains of the vehicle and the facts upon which you base your presumption of survival.
4. It is further requested that you furnish the names and present status of all other crew members of subject tank.

ULIO
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

OFFICIAL:

ADJUTANT GENERAL



File AG 201 - Encl. Blank
Name King, G. R. & D.
Date 27 Feb 45
Room No. 4802
Case No. 2999

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A F F I D A V I T


of

Pfc Paul Skelton ASN 37 180 290

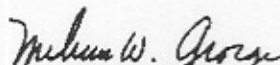
4191 U. S. Army Hospital Plant
APO #209, U. S. Army

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authority for administering oaths in cases of this nature, one Pfc. Paul (NMI) Skelton ASN 37 180 290, Detachment of Patients, 4191 U. S. Army Hospital Plant, APO #209, U. S. Army, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

We were one of a column of tanks and had stopped because a bridge was blown out just in front of us. After a few minutes a shot was fired and I just happened to be looking in that direction, it was to our left. Cpl Michalik was turning his gun, but before he could get it on the spot a second round hit us just above the track on the left side, passing through and getting our ammunition rack. Immediately a fire started and I crawled out and rolled into a ditch on the right of the road. I could see the driver T/S Homer Thomas came out, then the tank commander, Sgt. Richard L. Peden came out next. The last man out was the assistant gunner Pfc John Bell. Peden and Bell were badly out and soon the medics came up in a jeep to take care of them. I did not see Cpl Michalik get out at any time. I am sure Cpl. Michalik is dead because the fire was coming out of all the hatches and I laid in the ditch for a good five minutes after we were hit and no one could get up on the tank.


Paul (NMI) Skelton
Pfc., ASN 37 180 290

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 27 day of March 1945 at
Headquarters, 129th (US) General Hospital, APO #209, U. S. Army.


MELVIN W. GEORGE
Captain, MAC
Adjutant

NAME: Michalik, John M. ASN: 36,167,836 RANK: CP1

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

DATE: 11 Dec 1941

RACE: White

ORGN: Hqs 40th Tank Bn

RELIGION: Roman Catholic

STATUS: MIA - 28 Aug 1944

BORN: 30 May 1919

PLACE OF CASUALTY: in France

PLACE: Detroit, Michigan

WEIGHT: 170 lbs

FRACTURES: None

HEIGHT: 5' 8 1/2"

EYES: Brown

HAIR: Brown

SCARS: None

COMPLEXION: ruddy

SHOE SIZE: 11 1/2 B

HAT SIZE: Not shown

FORMS 791: None

DENTAL

(Date: _____)

Right

Left

Upper

8 7 ~~X~~ 5 4 3 2 1

As of 11 Dec 1941

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Lower

16 15 ~~X~~ 13 12 11 10 9

9 10 11 12 13 ~~X~~ ~~X~~ 16

Teeth: Indicate restorable carious teeth by circling; nonrestorable carious teeth by /; missing natural teeth by X.

DENTAL CHART, DTD. _____ SHOWS:

Michalik, John M.
PC-N ET0186

31 March 1945

Mr. Marion Michalik
6916 Mercier
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Michalik:

I am again writing you concerning your son, Corporal John M. Michalik, 36,167,836, who was previously reported missing in action since 28 August 1944.

It distresses me to have to inform you that no report of any change in his status has yet been received. If at the expiration of twelve months a missing person has not been accounted for, all available information regarding the circumstances attending his disappearance is reviewed under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended, at which time a determination of his status is made. Before the twelve months' period has elapsed all data or evidence obtainable from any source which may be of any significance in the case is carefully considered. Occasionally relatives and friends of missing personnel receive communications containing pertinent and reliable information not officially reported to the War Department. If you have received any such communications and will send them or photostatic copies of them to this office, it will be greatly appreciated. After their review they will be returned to you if you so desire.

The War Department is mindful of the anguish you have so long endured and you may rest assured that, without any further request on your part, you will be advised promptly if any additional information concerning your loved one is received. Should it become necessary to establish his status in accordance with the provisions of the law cited, you will be notified of the findings shortly after the expiration of the twelve months' absence.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your sorrow and it is my earnest hope that the fortitude which has sustained you in the past will continue through this distressing period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,



John D. Ralston
1st Lt. A. C. D.
J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General

AGPC-G 201 Michalik, John M.
(19 Nov 44) 36167836

30 November 1944.

Mr. Marion Michalik,
6916 Mercier Street,
Detroit 10, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Michalik:

Reference is made to your recent letter in which you requested information concerning your son, Corporal John M. Michalik.

The War Department, you may be assured, is most mindful of the concern of the families of our men who have been reported to be missing and regrets that up to this time no report has been received other than that Corporal Michalik has been missing in action since 28 August 1944 in France. Although a constant check is made of the lists of prisoners of war received through the International Red Cross your son's name has not been found on any of these lists. The military authorities are exerting all means at their command to ascertain the exact status and whereabouts of our military personnel who are missing and to furnish such information to the War Department as it becomes available. You may be assured that any further information obtained regarding him will be transmitted to you promptly.

I fully realize how very much it would mean to you to learn that your son is safe and earnestly hope that favorable reports will be received.

Sincerely yours,

~~Edward F. Witsell~~
Edward F. Witsell

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.



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AGPC-O 201 Michalik, John M.
(11 Aug 45) 36 167 836

20 August 1945

Mr. Marion Michalik
6916 Mercier Street
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Michalik:

This is in reply to a communication received from the Personal Affairs Office at Fort Wayne, which requested information concerning your son, Corporal John M. Michalik.

Your desire for details surrounding the death of your son is fully understood. It is sincerely regretted that no further information has been received in this office other than that already conveyed to you. The records show that a letter was sent to you from Lieutenant Colonel John C. Brown on 13 April 1945. I am sure you will understand that casualty reports received in this office were prepared under battle conditions and contained only factual data. It is deeply regretted that the details which led to the heroic action that caused the death of our loved ones is not always known.

A copy of your letter has been referred to the Quartermaster-General, Washington 25, D. C., since that official has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to burial of our army personnel.

My sincere sympathy is with you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

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EDWARD F. HITSSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

(COPY)
 WAR DEPARTMENT
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON

AG 201 Michalik, John M.
 PC-W ETOLLO

25 April 1945

Mr. Marion Michalik
 616 Mercier Street
 Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Michalik:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Corporal John M. Michalik, 36,167,836, who was previously reported missing in action on 28 August 1944 in France.

An official message has now been received which states that he was killed in action on the date he was previously reported missing in action. Recently provisions were made whereby there will be sent directly to the emergency addressee or the next of kin a letter containing further information about each person who dies overseas in the service of our country, and if this letter has not already been received, it may be expected soon.

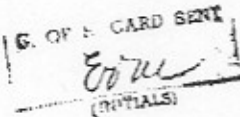
I realize the burden of anxiety that has been yours since he was first reported missing in action and deeply regret the sorrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice for his home and country be a source of sustaining comfort.

My sympathy is with you in this time of great sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULIO
 Major General
 The Adjutant General

1 Inclosure
 WD Pamphlet No. 20-15



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HEADQUARTERS 40TH TANK BATTALION
A.P.O 257, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

13 April 1945

Mr. Marion Michalik
6916 Mercier Street
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Michalik:

It is with the greatest personal sorrow that I write to express our sense of loss in the death of your son and our comrade, Corporal John M. Michalik, 36,167,836.

He was killed in action on 28 August 1944 while we were engaged in a particularly hazardous undertaking in France. During the course of the engagement fierce enemy resistance was encountered and the lives of many of our soldiers endangered. Corporal Michalik, by his heroic actions on that occasion, contributed materially to the success of our mission and in so doing lost his life.

Those of us who knew your son always respected him and admired him for his courage and devotion to duty. Your sorrow and ours on his loss is something beyond writing or speech. We can only say this; we are proud to have known him and we will always remember him with affection. He died for his country.

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN C. BROWN,
Lt Col., Cav.
Commanding

COPY

COMPANY C 40 TANK BN.

2 December 1944

Crew members of tank knocked out 28th Aug, 44 of which Cpl. John M. Michalik 36,167,836 was reported missing in action were Sgt Richard L. Peden 14,028,314, Tec. 5th Grade Homer L. Thomas 38,106,044, Pfc Paul Skelton 37180290, and Pfc. John F. Bell 34,264,211 of which the latter four members were seriously wounded in action. There were no other survivors of the crew. There were inspections made of tank, but no trace of MIA man could be found. There is no members of crew present for duty now.

s/Roy W. Nelson
ROY W. NELSON
Capt. 40th Tank Bn
Commanding

A TRUE COPY:

s/ Max Zaidenberg,
2nd Lt. A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General.

COPY

COMPANY C, 40th TANK BATTALION

16 September 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that a search has been made for the personal effects of Cpl Michalik, John M., 36 167 836, this organization and that same could not be located. In making this search, information received from persons who were in the vicinity where the above soldier was missing in action makes me believe his personal effects were destroyed by fire or captured by the enemy.

s/HILLTON J. DEUTSER
1st Lt., Inf
Co C, 40th Tank Battalion

A TRUE COPY

s/G. M. HAAS,
C. W.O., U.S.A.,
Assistant Adjutant

C O P Y

**REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
Ft. Benning, Ga. ASN 36167836 70**

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Michalik,		John M.	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Cpl.	C.	40th Tank Bn.	
(6) AGE YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE YEARS
25	W.	Mich.	2-2/12

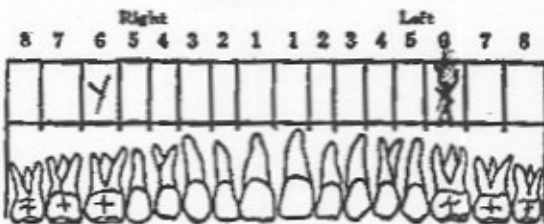
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				(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS
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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

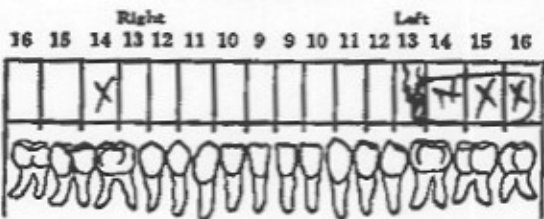
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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH



LOWER TEETH



CLASS IV

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

Date 3-27-1944
Capt. Renuity
 Dental Officer, U. S. A.

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

Teeth replaced by denture
 (horizontal line)

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

○	X	○
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**REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT
Ward # 22
DC-Hospital Area Camp Polk, La.**

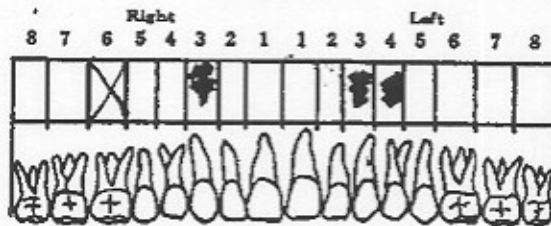
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Michael, John M		36167836 69			
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS			
Cpl.	MP	40th. A. R.			
(6) AGE YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE YEARS		
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TRANSFERRED FROM THIS COMMAND					(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.
					(11) DATE AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS
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MAJOR, D. C.
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

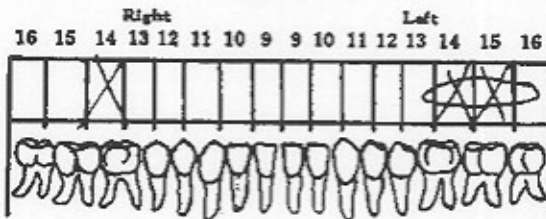
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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH



LOWER TEETH



CLASS II

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

Date 1-30- 1943
E. Plungh
 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)

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

○	X	○
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

Camp Polk, La. 71

(1) SURNAME: Michalik
 (2) CHRISTIAN NAME: John W.
 (3) RANK: Pvt.
 (4) COMPANY: "B"
 (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS: 40th. S. P.
 (6) AGE YEARS: 23
 (7) RACE: W
 (8) NATIVITY: Mich.
 (9) SERVICE YEARS: 6/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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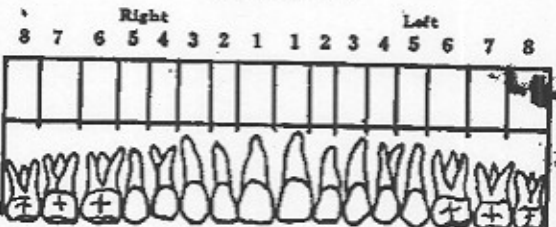
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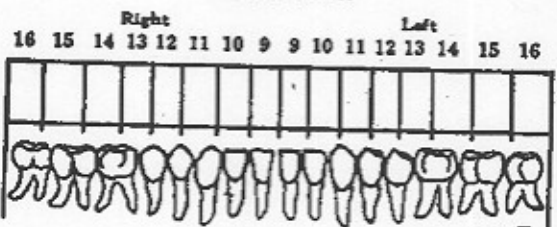
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*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH



LOWER TEETH



CLASS III - I IV

Occlusion: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions

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Date 7-15- 6-30- 19 42

Capt. J. L. Morrison
Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line)

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

O	X	O
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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Michalike, John M.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>36167836</i>		GRADE <i>Cpl</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 8 1/2"</i>	WEIGHT <i>170</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	HAIR STYLE <i>1 1/2 B</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>28 Aug 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

C C 40th Tank Bn

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

KIA in France

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Fort Custer, Michigan</i>	<i>Jan 42 to Jan 42</i>
<i>Camp Polk, Louisiana</i>	<i>Feb 42 to Sep 43</i>
<i>Fort Benning, Georgia</i>	<i>Sep 43 to Jun 44</i>

FROM: HQ, 153d ...
NO RECORD OF THE ...

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None Shown

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

None Shown

DENTAL CHART 11 DEC 41

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LOWER RIGHT LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED

O - CARIOUS

/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

SPQYG 293
Michalik, John M.
S.N. 36 167 836

19 September 1945

Mr. Marion Michalik
6916 Mercier Street
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Michalik:

This office has been requested to furnish you information concerning the burial of your son, the late Corporal John M. Michalik.

It is regretted to have to advise you that, up to the present time, information pertaining to the burial of the remains of your son has not been received in this office. An inquiry is being made to ascertain information regarding the remains of all our deceased military personnel where burial information has not been received. Upon completion of this inquiry you will be advised as to the results.

This office wishes to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your son.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

MORIN
M. V. TURNER
Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROLLING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
1	Dir., Memorial Division,	OQMG	Room 1005, Tempo C Building	<i>cup</i>
	Washington, D. C.			DATE 21 Aug 45
2				
3				

1. For necessary action.

2. Cpl. John H. Michalik, 3616736, PIA, 28 Aug/44



Incl

Copy basic communication
Copy reply to basic communication

Haynes

H. C. Keenan

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
	Casualty Branch,	<i>Operating Composite</i>	Section # 4	20 Aug 45
	Family Relations	Sub-Section		TELEPHONE 70815

W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115
1 October 1944

This Form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115, 23 March 1944,
which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

AGPC-O 201 Michalik, John M.
 (11 Aug 45) 36 167 836

20 August 1945

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Sincerely yours,



EDWARD F. FITSELL
 Major General
 Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

FORT WAYNE ORDNANCE DEPOT

Personal Affairs Office

Shannon/hd
11 August 1945

John L. ~~Shannon~~ (deceased), Cpl., ASN 36167836, 40th Tank Bn.,
APO 257, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

TO: Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. The father of the above deceased soldier requested this office to obtain if possible information as to how the soldier was killed in action, where buried and any other pertinent information available.
2. The father advises that he directed a communication to the Commanding Officer in Charge, Lt. Colonel John C. Brown, but has never been received from the Chaplain offering the information desired by the father.
3. Request is made if such information is available that the parents of the deceased soldier be advised.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

G.W. SHANNON
Major, QMC
Personal Affairs Officer

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) MICHALIK John M.		GRADE MPL.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 36167836
ORGANIZATION Co. C 40th TANK Bn	RACE WHITE	CREED CATHOLIC	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) —
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 27-8-44	CAUSE OF DEATH KILLED IN ACTION	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA FRANCE	
DATE OF FOD —			
HEIGHT 5' 8 1/2"	WEIGHT 170	COLOR EYES BROWN	COLOR HAIR BROWN
		SHOE SIZE 11 1/2 B.	

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LOWER RIGHT 16 15 X 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 8 10 11 12 13 X 14
X — Exposed O — Carious I — Carious Non-Restorable	

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

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures are present in this section.]

FILED
MAY 24 1948
U. S. ARMY, 1st Lt. G. W. [unclear]
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

[Signature]

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

REPORT OF DEATH

mb/3707

DATE 26 Apr 45

FULL NAME Michalik, John M.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 36 167 836	GRADE Cpl
HOME ADDRESS Detroit, Michigan		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 30 May 19
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 28 Aug 1944
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 11 Dec 41	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS 0 3 1
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. Marion Michalik, father, 6916 Mercier, Detroit, Michigan.			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Louise Michalik, Mother, same as above. Marion Michalik, father, same as above.			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)		YES	
NO		X	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

The individual named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 28 August 1944 until such absence was terminated on 23 April 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from a Commander in the European Area.

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