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

1 April 1959

IN REPLY REFER TO
QMGME-H 293
Baldus, William J.
SN 37 492 532

Mr. William Baldus
601 North Main Street
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldus:

Reference is made to your application for a Government flat granite marker for erection in Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, Missouri, in memory of your son, the late William J. Baldus. A check of official records indicates that, at the time of his death, he was survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie P. Baldus, 717 North Spring Street, Independence, Missouri, who was recognized at that time as his legal next of kin.

The Army wishes to assure that, when the memorial marker is furnished, it will serve as the greatest possible source of comfort to his next of kin and to the other members of his immediate family. Therefore, it is requested the following be completed:

My son W. J. Baldus had no children
Mrs. Jessie Baldus has been married to a Mr. Stone for 13 years
Mrs. Jessie Baldus has been married to a Mr. Stone
Name and Address of Next of Kin Relationship

MEMORIAL MARKER IS DESIRED William Baldus
Signature, Next of Kin

(In the case of a married decedent, survivors are recognized as next of kin in the following order: Widow or Widower if not divorced, separated or remarried, Sons over 21 years of age in the order of seniority, Daughters over 21 years of age in the order of seniority, Father, Mother, Brothers over 21 years of age in the order of seniority, Sisters over 21 years of age in the order of seniority, Grandfather and Grandmother)

SHIP STONE TO:

20 miles
Mr. Baldus 601 N. Main St Independence Mo
Consignee's name Street Address City and State

The inclosed envelope is for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours, NAT

C. F. Beckman
R. F. BECKMAN
Chief, Headstone Branch
Memorial Division
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C. F. Beckman

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HEADQUARTERS
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1 April 1959

SN 37 422 232
Balduz, William J.
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IN REPLY REFER TO

Mr. William Balduz
601 North Main Street
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mr. Balduz:

Reference is made to your application for a Government flat granite marker for erection in Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, Missouri, in memory of your son, the late William J. Balduz. A check of official records indicates that, at the time of his death, he was survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie F. Balduz, 717 North Spring Street, Independence, Missouri, who was recognized at that time as his legal next of kin.

The Army wishes to assure that, when the memorial marker is furnished, it will serve as the greatest possible source of comfort to his next of kin and to the other members of his immediate family. Therefore, it is requested the following be completed:

MEMORIAL MARKER IS DESIRED

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SHIP STONE TO:

Signature, Next of Kin

Name and Address of Next of Kin

Relationship

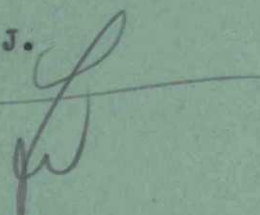
The enclosed envelope is for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,
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E. F. BECKMAN
Chief, Headstone Branch
Memorial Division
HQ. Quartermaster Branch
The Quartermaster General
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Mr. William Baldus
601 North Main Street
Independence, Missouri

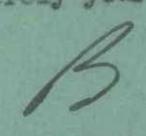
Dear Mr. Baldus:

Reference is made to your recent letter regarding the furnishing of a Government marker for erection in memory of your son, the late William J. Baldus.

The Act of Congress which permits the Secretary of the Army to furnish memorial markers was approved by the President on 14 August 1958. Since appropriations for Government headstones and markers for the current fiscal year ending on 30 June 1959 did not include money for the furnishing of memorial markers, the Army must regretfully delay complying with such requests.

There is inclosed an application on which items 1 through 11 have been filled in from records of this Office. Please complete items 12 through 20 and return it to this Office at your convenience. As soon as funds for memorial stones become available, the case will be processed.

Sincerely yours,



R. F. BECKMAN
Chief, Headstone Branch
Memorial Division

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SIGNS A GRAVES BILL.

**Families of Lost Servicemen
May Obtain Markers.**

Washington, Aug. 15.(AP)—

President Eisenhower has signed a bill to provide, on request, markers for empty graves of servicemen lost in action.

The markers could be obtained by families of men whose bodies were never recovered or who were buried at sea. Congress was told there are 93,055 victims of World War I and later conflicts in this category.

Call!
219 Summer Dres
..... **\$11-**
3rd Floor

Partially complete appl.
Send (you have the) - Don't
forget Km-Red stamp

[Signature]

Independence Mo
Aug 16-1958

Dear Sir -

I see in the paper
President Eisenhower has signed
a bill to provide markers for
service men lost in action
his body was never recovered
his name was

William J Baldus
was with 81st Tank destroyers
battalion was reported
missing Sept. 22-1944

I asked for a marker in
Sept. 1948 and they said the
79th Congress did not enact it
into law, please let me know
if I can get one yours

William Baldus, father
601 N. Main St. Independence Mo

I am sending clipping from paper

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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH France	CASE NUMBER
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Baldus, William J.	RANK T/5	SERIAL NUMBER 37 492 532
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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>HM</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>HM</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	<i>Hayden</i>

REMARKS
Possible association

Hayden

(Tank) - Lorry-Mardigny (Moselle) France

Identification data for the above decedent has been compared with QMG Forms 1944 for all Unresolved World War II Unknowns recovered from area of Lorry-Mardigny, France, (Map Ref 9), with negative results.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>Leah Marks</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>G. E. DeWolfe</i>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Robert G. Lay</i> ROBERT G. LAY	NOV 28 1950

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Major, QMG

1 April 1959

QMGME-H 293
Baldus, William J.
SN 37 492 532

Mr. William Baldus
601 North Main Street
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldus:

Reference is made to your application for a Government flat granite marker for erection in Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, Missouri, in memory of your son, the late William J. Baldus. A check of official records indicates that, at the time of his death, he was survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie P. Baldus, 717 North Spring Street, Independence, Missouri, who was recognized at that time as his legal next of kin.

The Army wishes to assure that, when the memorial marker is furnished, it will serve as the greatest possible source of comfort to his next of kin and to the other members of his immediate family. Therefore, it is requested the following be completed:

Name and Address of Next of Kin	Relationship
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MEMORIAL MARKER IS DESIRED

Signature, Next of Kin

(In the case of a married decedent, survivors are recognized as next of kin in the following order: Widow or Widower if not divorced, separated or remarried, Sons over 21 years of age in the order of seniority, Daughters over 21 years of age in the order of seniority, Father, Mother, Brothers over 21 years of age in the order of seniority, Sisters over 21 years of age in the order of seniority, Grandfather and Grandmother)

SHIP STONE TO:

Consignee's name	Street Address	City and State
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The inclosed envelope is for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,

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R. F. BYERMAN
Chief, Headstone Branch
Memorial Division

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1 April 1932

WILLIAM J. BALDWIN
222 3rd Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Mr. William Baldwin
101 North Main Street
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Reference is made to your application for a Government Life
Grants Review for election in Federal Cemetery, Independence,
Missouri, in memory of your son, the late William J. Baldwin, a
child of official records indicates that at the time of his death,
he was survived by his widow, Mrs. Josephine F. Baldwin, 114 North
Spring Street, Independence, Missouri, who was recognized at that
time as his legal next of kin.

The large estate to assure that, when the memorial marker is
furnished, it will serve as the greatest possible source of comfort
to his wife and to the other members of the Baldwin family.
Therefore, it is requested the following be completed:

Name and address of next of kin
Relationship

MEMORIAL MARKER IS DESIRED

Signature, Next of Kin
In the case of a married decedent, survivors are recognized as next
of kin in the following order: Widow or widower if not divorced,
separated or remarried; Sons over 21 years of age in the order of
seniority; Daughters over 21 years of age in the order of seniority;
Father, Mother, Brothers over 21 years of age in the order of seniority;
Sisters over 21 years of age in the order of seniority; Grandfather
and Grandmother.

SEND TO:

Decedent's name
Street Address
City and State

The enclosed envelope is for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,

R. F. WILSON
Chief, Records Branch
Memorial Division

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE 23 October 1950	
FROM (Branch and Section) Identification Br., Final Det. Sec.	REQUESTED BY Hayden	TEL. EXT. 73940	ROOM NO. 1522 B
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALDUS, William J.	RANK T/5	SERIAL NUMBER 37 492 532 ✓	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

All available dental information on above decedent.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Attached herewith 1 Form 79 for William J. Baldus, 37 492 532. A TWX containing dental data was forwarded to your office 14 November 1950.

PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

Donald A. Renner
DONALD A RENNER
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION		DATE: 23 October 1950
FROM (Branch and Section): Identification Br., Final Det. Sec.	REQUESTED BY: Hayden	TEL. EXT.: 13940
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial): BALDUS, William J.	RANK: LTJ	ROOM NO.: 1522 B
INFORMATION REQUIRED:	SERIAL NUMBER: 37 492 523	

All available general information on above decedent.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Attached herewith I Form 79 for William J. Baldus, 37 492 523. A TWX containing general data was forwarded to your office 14 November 1950.

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PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

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FORM 79 1939

ON WILLIAM J BALDUS 37492532 DENTAL CHART AT INDCN 21 DEC

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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)

BAROUS, WILLIAM J

Rank

TEC 5

Serial Number

37492532

Arm of Service

ARMY

Date of Death

22 SEPT 44

Area of Death

FRANCE

Name of Auditor

LEWIS

Date

26 SEPT 50

Name of Reviewer

BLATCHLEY

Date

28 SEPT. 50

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME Baldus, William J.		GRADE T/5	SERIAL NO. 37 492 532
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
<input type="checkbox"/> LIAISON OFFICE, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION		FLAGGED BY (Initials) Lt. Barry	
UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 4289	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.

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QMGMT 293
Baldus, William J.
SN 37 492 532

1 August 1949

Mr. William Baldus
Blue Springs, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldus:

Almost four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldus.

The unfortunate circumstances surrounding the death of your son have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon information presently available, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult 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,

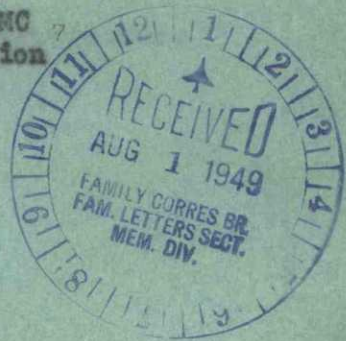
W. E. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

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Wm. J. Ballou, Jr.
27 222 232

Mr. William Ballou
New Springs, Missouri
Dear Mr. Ballou:

Almost four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your son, the late William J. Ballou.

The unfortunate circumstances surrounding the death of your son have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon information presently available, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolences to you who have loved and lost under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage. Yet the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country is a source of unending comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

V. E. CARROLL
Lt. Colonel, GIC
Memorial Division



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QMCMF 293
Baldus, William J.
SN 37 492 532

1 August 1949

Mrs. Jessie P. Baldus
717 North Spring Street
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Baldus:

Almost four years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your husband, the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldus.

The unfortunate circumstances surrounding the death of your husband have been thoroughly reviewed and, based upon information presently available, the Department of the Army has been forced to determine that his remains are not recoverable. I wish to assure you that, should any additional evidence come to our attention indicating that his remains are in our possession, you will be informed immediately.

Realizing the extent of your grief and anxiety, it is not easy to express condolence to you who gave your loved one under circumstances so difficult that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your husband's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division



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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET				NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle) Baldus, William J.
PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	
ADDRESSEE MISSISSIPPI MISSISSIPPI MRS. Jessie P. Baldus	ADDRESS (Street, City, State) 717 North Spring St., Independence, Missouri			
RELATIONSHIP Wife				
PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS			
110 A	Please make carbon copy for AGO			
	Same letter to Father: Mr. William Baldus Blue Springs Missouri			
ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE BEM 28 July 1949			TYPYST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
OQMG FORM 1902 REV 17 JUN 48			GRADE T/5	SERIAL NUMBER 37 492 532

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

C. NUMBER

4289 (3)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

EUROPEAN

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

BALDUS, William J.

RANK

T/5

SERIAL NUMBER

37 492 532

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.)

ADAMS, Hallie A.	Cpl.	37 492 340
GOFF, Dossie M.	Sgt.	20 537 544
BALDUS, William J.	T/5	37 492 532

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		INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S) DECEASED	<i>GP</i>	4. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWNNS	<i>GP</i>
(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>GP</i>	5. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWNNS NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>GP</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>GP</i>	6. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES OF INFORMATION ENUMERATED BELOW	<i>GP</i>

a. Geographical clue index file of unknowns from pertinent area

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

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

GLADYCE BROOKS

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO Repatriation Branch, Correspondence Sec.
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

A.J. Craten
A.J. CRATEN

W.R. Deweese
W.R. DEWEESE, 1st Lt QMC

G.W. Rogers
by G.W. ROGERS, Capt QMC

22 July 1949

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HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 U S ARMY

11 MAY 1948

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter File AGAO - S 293.9 (27 Mar 47), D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 Apr 47.

The board convened pursuant to Per 4, SO No. 33, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Command, APO 58, US Army, 22 Mar 48, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France on 11 MAY 1948. The purpose of the board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under the jurisdiction of this command.

The board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered are attached.

CASE No.	NAME	ASN	GRADE
4.	ADAMS, Hallie A.	37 492 340	Cpl
	COFF, Dossie M.	20 537 544	Sgt
	BALDUS, William J.	37 492 532	T/5

FINDINGS: The board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable,

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

EDWARD D. MULVANNY, Lt Col, QMC

FRANCIS P. SWEENEY, Maj, INF

GROSVENOR W. FISH, Maj, QMC

OWEN F. MCCANN, Capt, QMC

GEORGE L. FREEMAN, 1st Lt, QMC

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RAG 300.4

22 Mar 48

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 33

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-368, 14 May 47 and AR 420-5, the following Board of officers is appointed to meet at Liege, Belgium, or at such other places as the president may designate at the call of the president thereof, for the purpose of considering whether such EMs as may be brought before it should be discharged prior to the expiration of their term of service. Proceedings of the Board will be in conformity with AR 420-5. Findings and recommendations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, and entered on WD AGO Form 37.

LT COL	PARK W. BAILEY	0242216	INF
MAJ	DAVID WIMS, JR	0228758	FA
MAJ	JOHN W. LONG	0333779	INF
CAPT	THOMAS C. HAYDEN	01584337	QMC
1ST LT	ALVIN C. BECK	01646841	INF
1ST LT	ROBERT VANINA	01786119	MC

2. Par 3 and 4, SO 6, this hq, 14 Jan 48 pertaining to appointment of Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area), are rescinded.

3. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, subj "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area):

LT COL	PATRICK W. GUINEY	019066	QMC
MAJ	GEORGE M. VER HULST	A0650035	USAF
MAJ	MARSHALL J. BLACKMON	0277013	INF
CAPT	JACK C. HAYES	01577297	QMC
1ST LT	JOSEPH E. McCLUSKEY	01338110	INF

4. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for non-recoverability of remains (European Area) :

LT COL	EDWARD D. MULVANY	0359598	QMC
MAJ	GROSVENOR W. FISH	042932	QMC
MAJ	FRANCIS P. SWEENEY	034485	INF
CAPT	OWEN F. McCANN	01595680	QMC
1ST LT	GEORGE L. FREEMAN	0159551	QMC

5. VOCC 6 Jan 48 auth CAPT GORDON L. ALDERMAN 0479536 CHC to tvl fr Second Zone, AGRC, APO 58, Carentan, France, to First Zone, AGRC, APO 58, Liege, Belgium, by TPA are confirmed, the exigencies of the service having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance.

AUTH: Sec I, Cir 157, Hq USFET, 23 Oct 46 & Cir 28, Hq EUCOM, 9 May 47.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

CARL W. RAGUSE
Colonel, QMC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Frank Francis
FRANK FRANCIS
Major, - AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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- Ea Individ concerned 4
- P & A Div 10
- P & A Div EUCOM 1
- AG EUCOM 1

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY;

Robert E. Barry

ROBERT E. BARRY
1st Lt., QMC

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN AREA
 APO 58 US ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

SUBJECT: Non-recoverable Remains

TO: Non-recoverable Board AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following case:

NAMES:	ADAMS,	Hallie A.	Cpl	37 492 340
	GOFF,	Dossie M.	Sgt	20 537 544
	BALDUS,	William J.	T/5	37 492 532

ORGANIZATION: 814th T.D. Bn. Co. "A"

PLACE OF DEATH: LORRY-MARDIGNY (Moselle), FRANCE

DATE OF DEATH: 22 Sept 1944

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: The above three tank destroyer men were killed and their remains are believed to have been completely burned, when the tank destroyer in which they were riding received several direct hits, causing the ammunition to explode and setting the vehicle aflame at LORRY-MARDIGNY on 22 September 1944. Subject vehicle was under observation of the two members who were not in the tank destroyer from the moment it was hit and throughout the night, during all of which time it continued to burn, making rescue of the three men impossible. An examination of the interior of the vehicle was made on 23 September 1944, by the Company Commander, and there was found one backbone with attached ribs and one identification tag belonging to Cpl ADAMS, the conclusion being drawn that the remains were entirely destroyed by the fire. It is believed that the remains of the three men were burnt beyond possibility of recovery and dispersed when subject vehicle was removed and dismantled.

Reference is made to 7th Ind. Hq 7th Armd.Div., dated 9 Jan 45; 2nd Ind., OQMG, dtd 27 June 1947; Letter, Hq Third Zone, dtd 7 May 1947; Letter, Hq Third Zone, dtd 10 April 1947; Letter, 4444 Service Company, dtd 4 April 1947; 2 Statements; Diary, dtd 21 March 47; Diary, dtd 25 March 47; Affidavit, dtd 27 February 45; OQMG Form 371 for T/5 BALDUS and Cpl. ADAMS.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records in File Headquarters American Graves Registration Command.

3. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials. The results are negative.

4. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.



WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Inf
Chief, Isolated Burials Branch

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BALDUS, William J.			GRADE Tec 5	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 37 492 532	
ORGANIZATION Co. "A" 814th T.D. Bn.		RACE White	CREED Protestant	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 22 Sep 44	CAUSE OF DEATH K I A		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA France European Area		
DATE OF FOD					
HEIGHT 5' 5½"	WEIGHT 204 lbs	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE 8-E	
DENTAL CHART 21 Dec 41					
UPPER RIGHT X X 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			UPPER LEFT X 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT X X 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 X 16		
X=Extracted		O=Carious		1=Carious Non-Restorable	
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS Not of record			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK Not of record		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Age: 33					
Crew member of tank destroyer hit and destroyed by artillery fire in the Alsace Area of France.					
<u>Operational Instructions No. 32</u>					
Above deceased and crew members, Sgt Dossie M. Goff, 20537544, and Cpl Hallie A. Adams, 37492340, were killed in action 22 September 1944, two (2) miles east of Lorry, France.					
Circumstances surrounding the casualties are contained in inclosed Missing Report and Affidavit.					

Copy of 7th Ind. Reg. 704/A 1939;

AG 704 (A) (ADAMS, Hallie A) (Cas) 7th Ind.
(9 Jan 45)

Hq 7th Armd Div APO 257, U.S. Army, 2 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, First United States Army, APO 230, U.S. Army
(Attn: AG Casualty Division) (Thru Channels)

1. Basic communication and 1st indorsement complied with.
2. In compliance with directives contained in basic communication and 1st Indorsement, an investigation was conducted by this headquarters, for the purpose of determining the present casualty status of Cpl Hallie A. ADAMS, 37 492 340, Company "A", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, attached to this command.
3. Collateral investigation was likewise conducted by this headquarters, for the purpose of determining the present casualty status of personnel, who were members of the crew of the tank destroyer of which Cpl. Adams was a member, and who are now being carried as "missing in action", as a result of the enemy action referred to in basic communication.
4. This headquarters is in receipt of Message Form, War Department, Washington, D.C. file AGPC-S Goff, Dossie M., 20537544 (7 Feb 45), dated 7 February 1945, requesting that a report be rendered regarding the casualty status of Sgt Goff (See Inclosure No. 1). Sgt Goff was a member of the crew of the tank destroyer in which Cpl. Adams was a member and consequently no separate action has been taken in connection with this inquiry, as all available information concerning named soldier is incorporated in subject investigation.
5. Investigations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, above, disclosed the following facts:
 - a. On 22 September 1944, the crew of Tank Destroyer No. 2, Company "A", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, of which tank destroyer crew Cpl Adams was a member, was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Lorry, France.
 - b. The members comprising the crew of this tank destroyer on that particular day, and the positions they occupied, were as follows:

(1) Tank Commander	Sgt Goff, Dossie M.	20 537 544	✓
(2) Cannoneer	Cpl Adams, Hallie A.	37 492 340	✓
(3) Gunner	Tec 5 Baldus, William		
		J. 37 492 532	✓
(4) Driver	Pvt Fries, Frederick	37 652 118	
(5) Assistant Driver	Pvt Davis, Oliver L.	34 242 522	
 - c. The mission of the tank destroyer on that day was to assume a defensive position, as part of the 1st Platoon, Company "A", for Combat Command "A", 7th Armored Division, 2 miles East of Lorry, France.
 - d. At 1600 hours on that day the vehicle received near artillery fire and moved 100 yards to the left.
 - e. At 1700 hours, while Pvts Fries and Davis were absent from

the vehicle, it received a direct artillery hit, the shell landing in the turret, causing the ammunition therein contained to explode and setting the vehicle aflame.

f. Subject vehicle was under the observation of both Pvt Fries and Pvt Davis from the moment it was hit and throughour the night, during all of which time it continued to burn, making rescue of Sgt Goff, Cpl. Adams and Tec/5 Baldus impossible.

g. Sgt Goff, Cpl Adams and Tec 5 Baldus were not seen to have escaped from the tank destroyer.

h. A joint sworn statement, furnishing facts and circumstances, concerning subject matter has been secured from Pvt Fries and Davis. (See Inclosure No. 2).

i. An examination of the interior of the vehicle was made at 0800, on 23 September 1944, by the Company Commander, and there was found, one back-bone with attached ribs and one identification tag belonging to Cpl. Adams, the conclusion being drawn that the remains were entirely destroyed by fire.

j. Sgt Goff, Cpl. Adams and Tec 5 Baldus have been reported as "missing in action" in France, as of 22 September 1944, on Battle Casualty Report No. 11, Headquarters 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, dated 29 September 1944.

k. "Missing Reports", true copies attached, for Sgt Goff, Cpl Adams and Tec 5 Baldus, have been forwarded in accordance with existing directives. (See inclosure 3,4 and 5).

6. In view of the foregoing and based upon the information disclosed in attached inclosures, it is the opinion of this headquarters that there is reasonably conclusive evidence and circumstances which lead to no other logical conclusion, but hat the following named personnel, previously reported "MIA", are, in fact, dead, and that a change in casualty status from "MIA" to "KIA" is justified:

Sgt Goff, Dossie A,	20 537 544
Cpl Adams, Hallie A.	37 492 340
Tec 5 Baldus, William J.	37 492 532

7. Appropriate Battle Casualty Report denoting a change in wasualty status "from 'MIA' 22 Sep 44 to 'KIA' 22 Sep 44" in connection with Sgt Goff, Cpl Adams and Tec 5 Baldus, is being submitted this date.

For the Commanding General:

/t/ MAX ZAIDENBERG
2/Lt A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

A F F I D A V I T

Privates Frederick FRIES, 37652118 and Oliver L. DAVIS, 34242522, both of Company "A", 814th Tank Destroyer, being only sworn on their respective oaths, depose and say:

1. That they are members of Company "A", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion and were members of that company and organization on 22 September 1944.
2. That they were acquainted with Sergeant Dossie M. Goff, 20537544, Corporal Hallie A. Adams, 37492340, and Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldus, 37492532, who were former members of Company "A", 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, and were likewise members of that Company and organization on 22 September 1944.
3. That they have been advised that Sergeant Goff, Corporal Adams and Technician Fifth Grade Baldus have previously been reported as being "Missing in Action" in France as of 22 September 1944 on Battle Casualty Report No. 11, Headquarters 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, dated 29 September 1944.
4. That the purpose of this affidavit is to establish the death of the individuals referred to in Paragraph No. 3 above and have been reported as being "Missing in Action".
5. That at or about 1600 hours on 22 September 1944 approximately two miles east of Lorry France a Tank Destroyer crew comprising of the affiants and the persons mentioned as being missing in action in this affidavit, was engaged in action against the enemy.
6. That during a momentary lull in such engagement affiant (Fries) left the vehicle and affiant (Davis) also left the vehicle for the purpose of observation.
7. That during the absence of these affiants the vehicle suffered a direct artillery hit which landed in the turret, causing an explosion and setting the vehicle aflame.
8. That the vehicle was under observation from the very moment that it received the direct artillery hit and throughout the night, during all of which time the vehicle continued to burn, making the rescue of Sergeant Goff, Corporal Adams and Technician Fifth Grade Baldus impossible.
9. That Sergeant Goff, Corporal Adams and Technician Fifth Grade did not escape from the vehicle and there is no question in their minds but that they are dead.

/s/ Frederick Fries
Private Frederick Fries, 37652118
Co. "A", 814th Tank Destroyer Bn.

/s/ Oliver L. Davis
Private Oliver L. Davis, 34242522
Co. "A", 814th Tank Destroyer Bn.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY 1945.

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

Concern: Tec 5 William J. BALDUS ASN 7 492 532

DIARY

21 Mar 1947

Departed Nancy 1300 hrs.

Arrived Lorry-Mardigny 1415 hrs.

Contacted Secretary of Mayor who stated that he had no knowledge of an American tank having burned two miles East of the town on the 22 September 1944. He added that all the American tanks left after the combats of September 1944, in the vicinity of the commune, had been removed since. He never heard of human remains found in any of these tanks. He furthermore stated that no American soldier had ever been buried in the territory of the commune and that, since the removal of the dead soldiers by American units a short while after the combats, no remains had been found anymore.

I further investigated in town and neighborhood and contacted Mr. Robin, farmer, Mrs. Petris, Mrs Leroy, Mr. Louis Laugustin and widow Morhain whose verbal statements corroborated with the Mayor's.

At 1530 hrs. I departed for Marieules, East of Lorry where I contacted the Hqs of the French Demining Unit in the sector. Mr. Mamgin & Ratz, deminers reported a place where they knew three tanks to be. They revealed to be German.

They had no knowledge of other tanks in the sector and advised me to contact the Chef of the Demining Unit, which I did, in the vicinity of Vezon. One of the working deminers reported three wreckages of American tanks to be in the fields in the vicinity of Sillegny, East of Lorry at about three and a half miles.

Arrangement has been made so that the deminer, Mr. KUBS will accompany the team on the 25 Mar 1947 to the place where these wreckages are.

Departed Vezon 1615 hrs. Arrived Nancy 1745 hrs.

/s/ George A. Geno
/t/ GEORGE A. GENO
Investigator
WD Belg. Civ. 61861

D I A R Y

25 Mar 1947.

Departed Nancy 0845 hrs. Arrived Vezon 100 hrs. Took Mr. KUBS, deminor, along and departed for Sillegny. Arrived Sillegny 1030 hrs. Made a complete search of the parts of tanks wreckage, obviously American as shown by helmets, cartridges, and other small items and part of equipment. In spite of a thorough search, no remains or parts of remains and any number, personal effects or other identification clues as tags, ago cards could be found. Mr. KUBS said that previously, several hands bones had been found among the wreckage of one of the tanks but it was impossible to find them anymore.

Investigation in the fields giving no results, I decided to continue the investigation among the inhabitants of the town. Mr. Charles Perrin, former mayor was not able to give any information or any clue regarding T/5 Baldus. I proceeded to the Mayor who told me that a few minutes before me an other investigator had visited him in connection with another case and that he had given him all the informations in his possession regarding American casualties in Sillegny area. Upon returning in Nancy a check was made with Mr. Carpentier who happened to be the investigator hereabove mentioned. Reference is made to diary and statements of case 369, Moselle 5951 regarding Cpl Curley, Everett, ASN 37 406 949.

Left Sillegny and returned to Marieulles where Mr. KUBS, deminor was left. Mr. Louis Lemaire, Mayor of Marieulles and Vezon, cerbally stated that there were no more American soldiers buried in the territory of both Communes and that he was positive that all investigations regarding T/5 Baldus would be negative as far as his communes were concerned.

Being convinced that no more clue could be found in the area returned to Nancy. Arrived Nancy 1745 hrs.

26 March 1947.

Departed from Nancy to Pierrepont and Lorry-les-Metz. Arrived Lorry-les-Metz 1500 hrs. Contacted Mayor, Mr. Martial ROUSSEL who stated that no combat took place in September 1944 so that it is not his commune where William Baldus could have been killed. Left Lorry-les-Metz 1545 hrs.

Conclusion: It is to be presumed that William J. Baldus was killed in the vicinity of Lorry-Mardigny bxt that his remains have been either removed previously or that they have been completely burnt out and that they won't be found anymore, the wreckage of American tanks having been removed previously and dismantled.

/s/ George A. Geno
/t/ GEORGE A. GENO
Investigator

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned Kiffern Georges, Secretary of Mayoralty at Lorry-Mardigny, state that to my knowledge there is no mor American tank on the territory of the commung and that no badies of American Military Personnel has ever been found or buried in the territory of the Commune and that I do not know anything about an American tank that wouldhhave burned at about 3 kms East of the village on the 22 Sept 1944. The names William Baldus, and Dossie M. Goff and Hallie A. Adams are absolutely unknown to me.

Lorry-Mardigny, 21 March 1947

/s/ Kiffern

Town Stamp

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned Mayor of Lorry-les-Metz, Roussel Martial, state not to have any knowledge of an American tank that would have been burnt in the vicinity of the village (3 kms East). The village was evacuated by the inhabitants on the 4 Sept 1944 and the combats for its liberation took place during the month of november 1944. There was no combat in September 1944 in the sector consequently it cannot be my village that is involved concerning the loss of a tank in Sept 1944. There is no American soldier buried in the territory of the commune and the name of William J. Baldus is completely unknown to me.

Lorry-les-Metz, 26 Mar 1947

The Mayor

/s/ M. Roussel

Town Stamp

444 SERVICE COMPANY (AC) THIRD ZONE
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
 APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

4 April 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of case Moselle 5852 regarding
 T/5 William J. BALDUS 37 492 532

TO : Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, ETA. APO 58 US ARMY

ATTN : Operations Officer.

1. Investigation of this case was undertaken at Lorry-Mardigny and Lorry-les-Metz. When it had been established that no combat took place in last mentioned town during September 1944 further investigation was conducted at Lorry-Mardigny.
2. A statement was received from secretary to the mayor who asserted that no more American tanks are left in the commune's territory; especially none at approximately 3 kms East of the village. A complete tour of the area was made together with Mr. Kabs, demining chief, during which time several wreckages of American tanks in the neighboring commune of Sillegny were closely examined without any discoveries being noted.
3. No remains of American military personnel were ever located or buried in the commune of Lorry-Mardigny; therefore it may be assumed that the remains of subject deceased were burnt beyond possibility of recovery and dispersed when the TD in which casualty occurred was removed and dismantled.
4. Your attention is invited to inclosed statements and copy of investigators diary.

/s/ Louis A. Bockstafler
 /t/ LOUIS A. BOCKSTAHLER
 1st Lt. Inf
 Commanding

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE
531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

GRW

10 April 1947

SUBJECT: (IB) Moselle 5852

TO : Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Command
ETA, APO 58, US Army.

1. Attention is invited to attached letter from the ~~4444~~ Sc Co, two (2) statements and diary, relative to investigation conducted in an effort to locate the remains of T/5 William J. BALDUS, 37 492 532.
2. Results of investigation conducted proved negative and a search of records in this Headquarters fails to reveal any clue which might lead to the location of subject deceased.
3. In view of negative findings in this case, which thoroughly corroborate the affidavit and statement furnished us basic data, it is recommended that this case be classed as "unrecoverable" and closed out.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

LAWRENCE A. HAYES
Capt AGD
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE
 531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP
 AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
 EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
 APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

GRW

7 May 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Isolated Burial Case (Moselle) 5852

TO : Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,
 ETA, APO 58, US Army

1. Reference is made to above numbered case relative to investigation conducted in an effort to locate the remains of T/5 William J. BALDUS, ASN 37492532, Sgt Dossie M. GOFF, ASN 20537544 and Cpl Hallie A. ADAMS, ASN 37492340.

2. Attention is invited to letter addressed your Headquarters dated 10 April 1947, copy attached, stating that a thorough investigation in subject case failed to reveal location of remains of T/5 BALDUS, Cpl ADAMS or Sgt GOFF.

3. In view of the fact that investigation and search of records in this Headquarters fails to give any clue as to the location of remains of above mentioned deceased presumed to have been casualties in a Tank Destroyer in the vicinity of Lorry, France on 22 September 44 it is recommended that this case be classed as "Unrecoverable" and closed out as such.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Lawrence A. Hayes
 /t/ LAWRENCE A. HAYES
 Capt ACB
 Adjutant

CMGMM 293 BALDUS, William J.
SN 37 492 532

2nd Ind.

WD, OCMG, Washington 25, D.C,

27 June 1947

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area,
APO 58, c/o Postmaster New York, New York.

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:

/s/ Martin G. Riley
/t/ MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

Identification Section
Memorial Division

Identification Data

Last Name BALDUS		First WILLIAM	Initial J	ASN 37492532	Grade T/5
Height 5'5 1/4"	Weight 204	Color Eyes BLUE	Color Hair BROWN	Shoe Size 8E	Date of Death 22 SEPT 1944

Last Organization to which attached or assigned (Give complete designation)

Co "A" 814th TD BN

Place of Death or place last seen if MIA

FRANCE

List all camps in which stationed in U.S. prior to service overseas, including inclusive dates at each.

STATION

DATES

CAMP BOWIE TEXAS

21 DEC 1942 - NOT OF RECORD

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

Fractures and/or Breaks	Tattoos and/or Birth marks
NOT OF RECORD	NOT OF RECORD

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J BALDUS, WILLIAM V

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
CAMP BOWIE, TEXAS	14 JAN 1943	17 JAN 1943	37611

RAMLOSE	8/23/46	DPRB QMC
Clerk	Date	Branch

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Register Number

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Hospital

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Date

Clerk

QMGMI 293
World War II
Unrecoverables

21 October 1948

*293 / SRS Europe
(Tank crew)*

Mr. Glen L. Randall
627 1/2 13th Avenue, North
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Randall:

An investigation is being conducted by this office to recover the remains of three members of the crew of Tank Destroyer No. 2, Company "A", 814th T.D. Battalion, which was engaged in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Lorry, France, 22 September 1944, resulting in the destruction of the vehicle and the loss of the lives of the following occupants:

GOFF, Dessie M.	Sgt.	20 537 544	(Tank Comm.)
ADAMS, Hallie A.	Cpl.	37 492 340	
BALDUS, William J.	T/5	37 492 532	

This office is advised that you were the Commanding Officer of Company "A" at the time of the mishap, and it is, therefore, believed that you may be able to furnish information regarding the following:

- a. Serial number of the vehicle?
- b. Nickname of the vehicle?
- c. Any unit markings or symbols on vehicle?
- d. Were any of the remains of crew removed from vehicle for burial. If so, when and by whom, and disposition of same?

It would be of the utmost importance to this office if you could furnish any or all of the information requested, and would be greatly appreciated.

In replying, please use the inclosed self-addressed envelope which requires no postage, in order to expedite delivery.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Frederick FRIES
Mr. Oliver Davis

WAW/wb

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Self-addressed Env.

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

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37492532*

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QMGMF 293
Baldus, William J., SN 37 492 532

24 September 1948

Mr. William Baldus
Blue Springs, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldus:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldus, has come to my attention.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in careful searching operations and expending every effort to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that the remains of your son have been recovered.

Every means possible and every known method is followed to recover missing decedents, including data obtained from captured enemy records, reports submitted by various commanding officers and fellow soldiers, and reports based upon the interrogation of returned prisoners of war. No effort is considered too great, and meticulous attention is given to the smallest details.

I, too, sincerely hope that this intensive search will result in the recovery and positive identification of the remains of your son. Please rest assured that I will inform you immediately upon receipt of any further information.

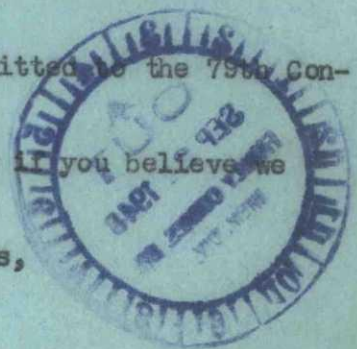
There is presently no provision whereby the Government may provide a headstone or marker to be erected as a memorial in your family plot in remembrance of your son, whose remains have not, as yet, been identified or recovered.

Legislation to provide for such memorials was submitted to the 79th Congress but was not enacted into law.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time if you believe we can assist you further.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. SMITH
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



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DA Form 283
Baldwin, William J., SN 37 492 282

24 September 1948

Mr. William Baldwin

Blue Springs, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldwin, has come to my attention.

Units of the American Graves Registration Service are now engaged in careful searching operations and expanding every effort to locate the remains of deceased Americans. As yet, however, no report has been received that the remains of your son have been recovered.

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There is presently no provision whereby the Government may provide a headstone or marker to be erected as a memorial in your family plot in the absence of your son, whose remains have not, as yet, been identified or recovered.

Legislation to provide for such memorials was submitted to the Congress in 1946 but was not enacted into law.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time we can assist you further.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES P. SMITH
Major General
Inspector General
Medical Division



Mr. Baldwin
Blue Springs, Missouri
Sept 24 1948

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

PREVIOUS BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
PRESENT BURIAL LOCATION (Cemetery and Country)	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE
ADDRESSEE MR. MISS MRS.	ADDRESS (Street, City, State)		
RELATIONSHIP			

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle)
Baldus, William J.

PARAGRAPHS (Sequence)	ADDITIONAL DATA — MODIFICATIONS
165A	
40B	"recovered" instead of "discovered" in Para 1, last line "recovery" instead of "discovery" in Para 3, line 2
163C	
166E	

GRADE
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SERIAL NUMBER
87492532

ANALYST INITIALS AND DATE DWP 23 Sept 1946	TYPIST INITIALS	REVIEWER INITIALS AND DATE
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MEMORIAL DIVISION
FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

DATE 9/15/48

TO: Identification Branch

FROM: Family Letters Section

SUBJECT: Case Name Baldus, William TC 537492532

Request situation paragraph, and cemetery if appropriate, applicable to this case.

AP

No Burial information MR

TO FL through 18 -

*Att: Lt. Barry
of Bureau
Ident Br
21 Sept 48*

21 September 1948

Findings of non-recoverability have been received on subject decedent, but they have not been approved to date by the Chief, Memorial Division.

For your information, the remains of other men are involved in this non-recoverable case. It is anticipated that the case will be ready for analyzing in the next week or ten days.

WAB
BADEN
73472



Blue Springs Mo
Sept. 8 - 1948

Dear Sir:

As I have never heard
any more from you as to
the finding of the remains of
my son ²⁹⁸ William J Baldus

S.N. 37 492 532 QMG MF 293

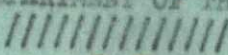
I have been wondering if not
found they would send me a
stone to put on my cemetery
lot at Independence Mo
Woodland Cemetery. Hoping to
hear from you and oblige

Wm Baldus

Blue Springs Mo



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



QMGMP 293
Baldus, William J.
SN 37 492 532

20 November 1947

Mr. William Baldus, Sr.
Rural Route #1
Blue Springs, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldus:

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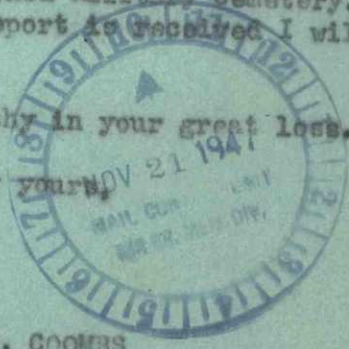
With deep regret I must inform you that since our letter of 30 April 1947, no information has been received in this office indicating that the remains of your son have been recovered.

A continuous and intensive search is being made of the area in which he died, and it is my sincere hope that it will be possible to recover and rebury the remains of your son in an established Military Cemetery. Meanwhile, please rest assured that ~~when~~ a report is received I will inform you immediately.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, GMC
Memorial Division



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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Addressee: ^{Mr.} Mrs. William Baldus, Sr. Father
 State Rural Route #1 Relationship
 City, State Blue Springs, Missouri '47
 Cemetery Date letter
 Temporary: _____
 Permanent: _____
 Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS (sequence)

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 add -- since our letter of 30 April 1947 no
 information

Decedent: Baldus
 Last
William
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 Initial
J-5
 Rank
37-492-532
 ASN
file 1/15/47

Wojcik
Analyst Typist Reviewer

Modifications

OKed

Blue Springs Mo
Nov. 8-1947

Dear Sir-

I have been wondering
if you have ever found the
remains of my son

²⁹³
~~Mr.~~ William J Baldus AM & MF

SN 37492532 some of the
boys bodies have arrived and
make me feel like he should
be with them

Yours

W. Baldus Sr.



RECORDS BRANCH
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MEMORIAL DIVISION

QMGMM 293 Baldus, William J. 2nd Ind.
SN 37 492 532

WD, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C.

27 June 1947

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area,
APO 58, c/o Postmaster New York, New York.

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:

Base 17 Jan 1947

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

AIR MAIL

(Moselle)
5852

(Basic Ltr OQMG, QMGMR 293/ Baldus, William J. SN 37 492 532,
dtd 17 Jan 1947).

RRE 293.9 (IB) 1st Ind

Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Theater Area,
APO 58, U S Army, 14 May 1947.

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

1. Inclosed herewith are copies of documents pertaining
to negative report received on T/5 William J. Baldus, 37492532:

- a. Letter, Hq Third Zone, dated 10 April 1947.
- b. Letter, 4444 Service Co, dated 4 April 1947.
- c. Two diaries, dated 21 and 25 March 1947.
- d. Two statements.

2. Forwarded for your information and the completion of
your files.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

6 Incls:
a/s

WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen



HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE
531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

GRW

10 April 1947

SUBJECT: (IB) Moselle 5852.

TO : Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Command,
ETA, APO 58, US Army.

1. Attention is invited to attached letter from the 4444 Sv. Co., two (2) statements and diary, relative to investigation conducted in an effort to locate the remains of T/5 William J. BALDUS, 37492532.

2. Results of investigation conducted proved negative and a search of records in this Headquarters fails to reveal any clue which might lead to the location of subject deceased.

3. In view of the negative findings in this case, which thoroughly corroborate the affidavit and statement furnished us basic data, it is recommended that this case be classed as "Unrecoverable" and closed out as such.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

LAWRENCE A. HAYES.
Capt. AGD.
Adjutant

Incl: a/s

Tel : Nancy 8415
Ext. 51

Case # 350

(Moselle)
58524444 SERVICE COMPANY (AC) THIRD ZONE
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

4 April 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of case Moselle 5852 regarding
T/5 William J. BALDUS 37492532.

TO : Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, ETA, APO 58 US Army.

ATTN : Operations Officer.

1. Investigation of this case was undertaken at Lorry-Mardigny and Lorry-les-Metz. When it had been established that no combat took place in last mentioned town during September 1944 further investigation was conducted at Lorry-Mardigny.

2. A statement was received from secretary to the mayor who asserted that no more American tanks are left in the commune's territory; especially none at approximately 3 kms East of the village. A complete tour of the area was made together with Mr. Kabs, demining chief, during which time several wreckages of American tanks in the neighboring commune of Sillegny were closely examined without any discoveries being noted.

3. No remains of American military personnel were ever located or buried in the commune of Lorry-Mardigny; therefore it may be assumed that the remains of subject deceased were burnt beyond possibility of recovery and dispersed when the TD in which casualty occurred was removed and dismantled.

4. Your attention is invited to inclosed statements and copy of investigators diary.

LOUIS A BOCKSTAHLER
1st Lt Inf
CommandingIncls: 2 statements
1 diary

Case # 350

Moselle 5852.

Concerning Tec 5 William J. BALDUS ASN 37 492 532

D I A R Y.

21 Mar 1947.

Departed Nancy 1300 hrs.

Arrived Lorry-Mardigny 1415 hrs.

Contacted Secretary of Mayor who stated that he had no knowledge of an American tank having burned two miles East of the town on the 22 September 1944. He added that all the American tanks left after the combats of September 1944, in the vicinity of the commune, had been removed since. He never heard of human remains found in any of these tanks. He furthermore stated that no American soldier had ever been buried in the territory of the commune and that, since the removal of the dead soldiers by American units a short while after the combats, no remains had been found anymore.

I further investigated in town and neighborhood and contacted Mr. Robin, farmer, Mrs. Petris, Mrs. Leroy, Mr. Louis Laugustin and widow Morhain whose verbal statements corroborated with the Mayor's.

At 1530 hrs. I departed for Marieules, East of Lorry where I contacted the Hqs of the French Demining Unit in the sector. Mr. Mamgin & Ratz, deminers reported a place where they knew three tanks to be. They revealed to be German.

They had no knowledge of other tanks in the sector and advised me to contact the Chef of the Demining Unit, which I did, in the vicinity of Vezon. One of the working deminers reported three wreckage of American tanks to be in the fields in the vicinity of Sillegny, East of Lorry at about three and an half miles.

Arrangement has been made so that the deminer, Mr. KUBS will accompany the team on the 25 Mar. 1947 to the place where these wreckages are.

Departed Vezon 1615 hrs.

Arrived Nancy 1745 hrs.

George A. Genu
GEORGE A. GENO
Investigator.
WB Belg. Civ. 61861

Case # 350

Concerning c § William J. Baldus, ASI Moselle 5852.
7 492 532.D I A R Y.

25 Mar 1947.

Departed Nancy 0845 hrs. Arrived Vezon 1000 hrs. Took Mr. KUBS, deminor, along and departed for Sillegny. Arrived Sillegny 1030 hrs. Made a complete search of the parts of tanks wreckage, obviously American as shown by helmets, cartridges and other small items and part of equipment. In spite of a thorough search, no remains or part of remains and any number, personal effects or other identification clues as tags, ago cards could be found. Mr. KUBS said that previously, several hands bones had been found among the wreckage of one of the tank but it was impossible to find them anymore.

Investigation in the fields giving no results, I decided to continue the investigation among the inhabitants of the town. Mr. Charles Perrin, former mayor was not able to give any information or any clue regarding T/5 Baldus. I proceeded to the Mayor who told me that a few minutes before me an other investigator had visited him in connection with another case and that he had given him all the information in his possession regarding American casualties in Sillegny area. Upon returning in Nancy a check was made with Mr. Carpentier who happened to be the investigator hereabove mentioned. Reference is made to diary and statements of case 369, Moselle 5951 regarding Cpl. Curley, Everett, ASN 37406949.

Left Sillegny and returned to Marieulles where Mr. KUBS, deminor was left. Mr. Louis Lemaire, Mayor of Marieulles and Vezon, verbally stated that there were no more American soldiers buried in the territory of both Communes and that he was positive that all investigations regarding T/5 Baldus would be negative as far as his communes were concerned.

Being convinced that no more clue could be found in the area returned to Nancy. Arrived Nancy 1745 hrs.

26 March 1947.

Departed from Nancy to Pierrepont and Lorry-les-Metz. Arrived Lorry-les-Metz 1500 hrs. Contacted Mayor, Mr. Martial ROUSSEL who stated that no combat took place in september 1944 so that it is nit his communewhere William Baldus could have been killed. Left Lorry-les-Metz 1545 hrs.

Conclusion: It is to be presumed that William J. Baldus was killed in the vicinity of Lorry Mardigny but that his remains have been either removed previously or that they have been completely burnt out and that they won't be found anymore, the wreckage of American tanks having been removed previously and dismantled.

George A. Gend
GEORGE A. GEND
Investigator.

Case # 350

Moselle 5852.

Statement.

I, the undersigned Kiffern Georges, Secretary of Mayoralty at Lorry-Mardigny, state that to my knowledge there is no more american tank on the territory of the commune and that no bodies of American Military Personnel has ever been found or buried in the territory of the Commune and that I do not know anything about an American tank that would have burned at about 3 kms East of the village on the 22 Sept. 1944. The names William Baldus, and Dossie M Goff and Hallie A. Adams are absolutely unknown to me.

Lorry-Mardigny, 21 March 1947

/s./ Kiffern

Town Stamp

A CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION

*George A. Geno.*GEORGE A. GENO
Investigator.

Case # 350

Moselle 5852.

STATEMENT.

I, the undersigned Mayor of Lorry-les-Metz, Roussel Martial, state not to have any knowledge of an American tank that would have been burnt in the vicinity of the village. (3kms East) The village was evacuated by the inhabitants on the 4 Sept. 1944 and the combats for its liberation took place during the month of november 1944. There was no combat in September 1944 in the sector consequently it cannot be my village that is involved concerning the loss of a tank in Sept 1944. There is no American soldier buried in the territory of the ~~commune~~ and the name of William J. Balduz is completely unknown to me.

Lorry-les-Metz, 26 Mar 1947.

The Mayor
/s./ M. Roussel.

Town Stamp

A CERTIFIED TRUE TRANSLATION

George A. Geno.
GEORGE A. GENO
Investigator.

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

In Reply Refer To
QMGR 293

17 JAN 1947

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Baldus, William J.
S.N. 37 492 532

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>
Baldus, William J.	Technician Fifth Grade	37 492 532

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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1 Incl - Per 2
(5 Cys - 371)*

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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

JAN 17 1947

In Reply Refer to
Form 223

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, GWOYB 214, 6, Subject:
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JAN 17 2 01 PM '47
RECORDS BRANCH

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, GPO
Assistant

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(2 Cms - 371)

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Baldus, William J.		GRADE Tec 5	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 37 492 532
ORGANIZATION Co. A 81st T.D. Bn.	RACE White	CREED Protestant	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 22 Sep 44	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA France European Area	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT 5'5 1/2"	WEIGHT 204 lbs.	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Brown
			SHOE SIZE 8 E

DENTAL CHART **21 Dec 41**

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Not of recordADDITIONAL INFORMATION **AGE: 33****Crew member of tank destroyer hit and destroyed by artillery fire in the Alence Area of France.**

QMGMF 293
Baldus, William J.
SN 37 492 532

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

30 April 1947

Mr. William Baldus, Sr.
Blue Springs, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldus:

I have received your letter of 12 April 1947 concerning your son,
the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldus.

It is with deep regret that you are advised that, up to the present
time, we have not received information pertaining to the burial of the
remains of your son. An inquiry is being made to obtain information
regarding his remains.

At the present time we cannot assure you that it will be possible
to return the remains of your son, as a report of interment has not been
received. However, an effort is being made to obtain a report covering
the disposition of the remains and upon receipt of such information you
will be advised.

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

Sincerely yours,

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QMGM M&R BR

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMG
Memorial Division

APR 30 4 07 PM '47
MEMORIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION AND
RECORDS BRANCH
RBC

30 APR 1947
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Attention: Memorial Division
THE CHIEF OF BUREAU
Address Reply To

Mr. William Baldwin, Sr.
Nine Springs, Missouri

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

I have received your letter of 19 April 1947 concerning your son,
the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldwin.

It is with deep regret that you are advised that up to the present
time, we have not received information pertaining to the burial of the
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RECORDS BRANCH

MEMORIAL DIVISION
APR 30 4 03 PM '47
RECORDS BRANCH

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Blue Springs
April 12 - 1947 Mo

Dear Sir:



I wrote you in regard
to my son ^{M3 Cpl. or Jt. Sargent} William J. ~~Baldes~~ ^{Baldes}

37492532. Gen. Co A 817 2nd

A.P.O. 640 he was reported
missing Sept 22, 1944 and later

reported dead in the Alsace
sector would like to know

more about it and would like
to have his body returned if

possible. Please let me hear
from you. Yours
Wm. Baldes Sr.
Blue Springs Mo



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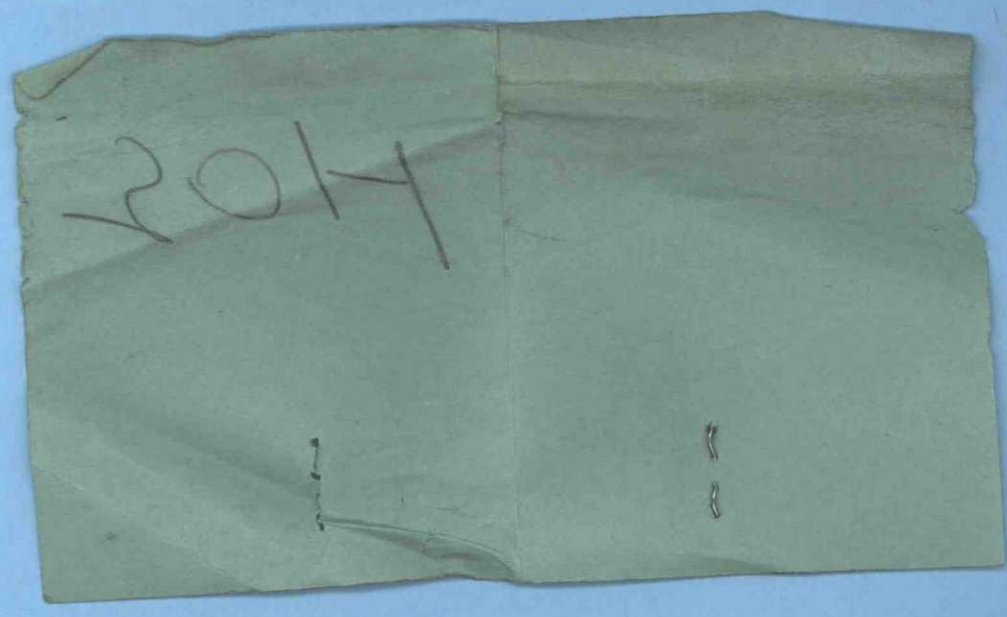


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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION WORK SHEET

Send Letter to Mr. William Baldus, SR. Relationship Father

ADDRESS Blue Springs, Missouri

Army Serial Number 37 492 532 Rank T/S

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SUSPEND _____ days

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Gary CSV
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NAME OF DECEASED

LAST NAME Baldus

FIRST NAME William

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 19 Mar 1945

FULL NAME Baldus, William J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 37 492 532		Imp 2651 T/5									
HOME ADDRESS Independence, Missouri		ARMY OR SERVICE Field Artillery		DATE OF BIRTH 6 Dec 1911									
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 22 Sept 1944									
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 21 Dec 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS									
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Jessie P. Baldus, Wife, 717 North Spring St., Independence, Mo.													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Jessie P. Baldus, Wife, 717 North Spring St., Independence, Mo. William Baldus, Father, RFD #2, Independence, Mo. Myrtle Baldus, Mother, same as above													
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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 22 Sept 1944 until such absence was terminated on 10 Mar 1945, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of War from the Commanding General in the European Area.

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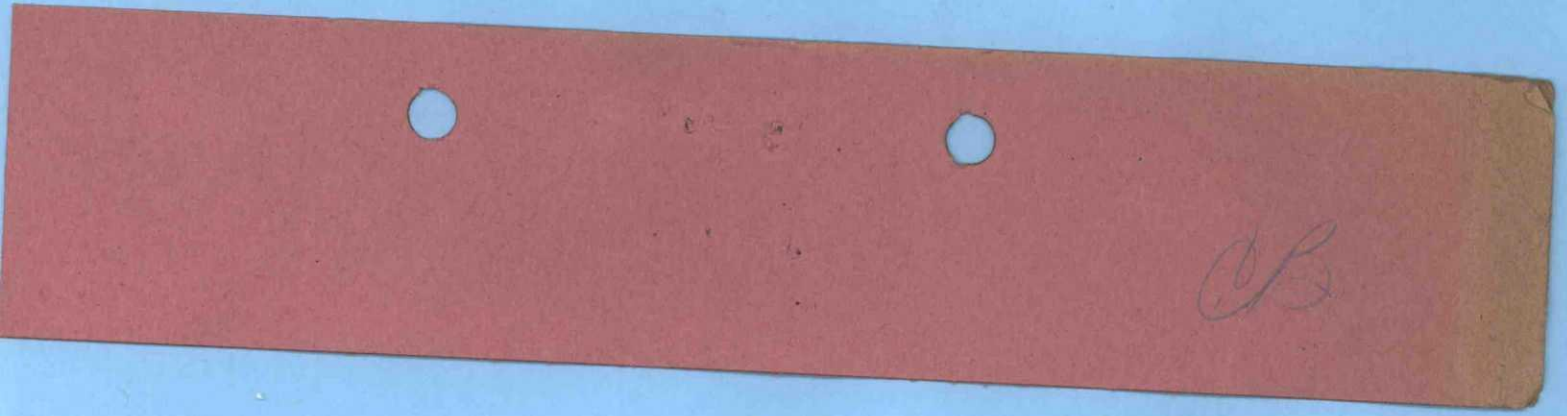
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

James W. ...
ADJUTANT GENERAL

FILE
APR 22 1942

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needed in detail*



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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

James W. Binkhart

ADJUTANT GENERAL

No record of me
in death.

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

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

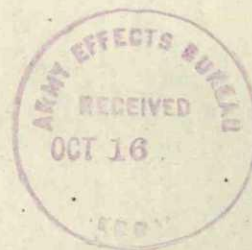
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	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		SHIPMENT NUMBER
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS JESSIE P BALDUS	WIFE	11 OCT 44 SDP
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
407 NORTH SPRING STREET INDEPENDENCE MISSOURI		

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____					
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO _____ YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):					
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				M. & M.	NON-DEL.
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Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

WHH:JBS:bl

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

William J. Baldus, 37492532 late a
(Name of decedent) (Army Serial number)

Technician Fifth Grade Field Artillery who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 22 day of September 1944, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.C., 228, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 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 decedent's 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 20 July 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Jessie P. Baldus 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, Jessie P. Baldus of (Name of person found entitled)

717 North Spring Street, Independence State of (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Missouri is the Widow of the (Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

W. F. REHMAN, Major, GIC
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

259375

RTB:JBS:sh
July 24, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Dear Mrs. Baldus:

Thank you for the information recently given the Army Effects Bureau in connection with the disposal of personal property of your husband, Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldus.

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This property consisting of one Bible is being sent you.

60

If, for some reason, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this letter, please notify me so tracer can be instituted.

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I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

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Sincerely yours,

HARRY NIEMIEC
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Correspondence Branch

pc

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Jessie P. Baldus
717 North Spring Street
Independence, Missouri

T/5 William J. Baldus

Effects of:
Name 37492532
ASN 259,375
Case No.
Wt.
DATE 21 July 1945
J. Stewart:bl

fc
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
 Warehouse Division
 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

SHIPPED DAMAGED ITEMS

1 pkg FRANKED

Franked JUL 28 1945
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
No. of package _____

Shipping Clerk

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION
1 pkg

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY
 259375

JUN 29 1945

DECEASED MISSING
 P.O.W. ABANDONED
 RALLY NO. 8895 ✓
 INV. DATE 22 June 45 ✓
 ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1
 BOX NO. 23
 SHEET OF 1 SHEETS ✓
 ORGANIZATION
 CO A
 814 TDBn

NAME WILLIAM J BALOUS add.
 A.S.N. 37492532 RANK T/5

Belt	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, Wash	BRACELET IDENT.	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
Coats	Brushes	Case
Footwear, Pr.	CAMBRAS	Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.	Glasses	KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs	Knives	BOOKS
Headwear	Lighters	Books, Address
Jackets	MISC.	Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	Pen, Fountain	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
Scarfs	Pencil, Mechanical	FILMS
Shirts	Pipes	Letters
Socks, Pr.	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	Papers, Personal
Ties	RIBBONS, DECORATION	Photos
Towels	Rings	Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.	Tobacco	SHORT SHORTER
Trunks, Pr.	Toilet Articles	SOUVENIRS
Underwear	WATCH	SOUVENIR MONEY
		Stationery
		TESTAMENTS ✓
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

few

rechecked

REMARKS *no information* ATTACHMENTS *inventory* FORM #54 FORM #100

The above effects were found with the effects of Sgt Dossie in Gaff 2537544 Bible badly damaged by moisture mouldy

C.A.T. *None*

WAREHOUSE SPACE *2213* STORED BY *AG*

INVENTORIED BY *Panish* DATE SHIPPED *JUL 28 1945*

PACKED BY *V Bailey* CHECKED BY *JP* #43 OR ADDITIONAL

G.I. REMOVED
 SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
 IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
 DIARY REMOVED
 LOCKED STORAGE
 LAUNDRY REMOVED
 FILM REMOVED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

5 Oct. 1944
(Date)

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Baldus William J T/5 37492532
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication zone, APO 230 U.S. Army.

The above named individual of Co. "A"
(Unit)

814 T.D. Battalion was reported KIA
(Organization) (Status KIA, MIA)

about 21 Sept. 1944
(Date)

Designated beneficiary if information readily accessible _____

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

1 Ea. Bible. ✓

I certify that the above items constitute all the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the effects depot by _____ on _____ (rail, truck, etc.)

Name John W. Lockman

Rank & ASN 1st Lt. 0-1211753

Organization 114th Inf. Div.

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of the temple
Son of God, call
He said: give in
angels

down
into him
the son of
us



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

Self

(S-8-11-45)
RTB:JBS:gt
July 11, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO 259375

Mrs. Jessie P. Baldus
717 North Spring Street
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Baldus:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your husband, Technician Fifth Grade William J. Baldus, consisting of a Bible.

I know you want to receive this property quickly, and in making application it is necessary only that you confirm your address, stating that you are the legal widow of Corporal Baldus.

I regret to advise that the Bible is damaged, apparently by moisture and mold. Please say whether you want this item sent. It is our desire to refrain from sending any article which would be distressing; at the same time, we do not feel justified in disposing of the item without your consent.

Your reply may be made at the foot of this letter, if desired, and mailed in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Sincerely yours,

R. T. Brown
R. T. BROWN
1st Lt., QMC
Chief, Adm. Division

1 Incl--
Envelope

Dear Sir

*Please send it as soon as possible. I had hoped for more but must be satisfied with this.
Mr. Jessie P. Baldus*

ARMY SERVICE BUREAU
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT
ARMY SERVICE BUREAU
KANSAS CITY, MO.

7-11-45
7-11-45

REPLY BY REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

The enclosed report was received from the
Kansan property of your name, containing
information concerning the same.

I am sure you will find this report
interesting and helpful in your
investigation. Please let me know if you
need any further information.

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interesting and helpful in your
investigation. Please let me know if you
need any further information.

Your report is being made a part of this
file and will be available to the
proper authorities.

ARMY SERVICE BUREAU
KANSAS CITY, MO.
JUL 16 1945

7-11-45