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RTB:KD:wa  
October 26, 1945

Mrs. Nellie E. Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

The Army Effects Bureau has received a ring belonging to your son, Technical Sergeant Thomas J. Brannan, which is being forwarded to the above address.

I regret that the ring was damaged prior to receipt at this Bureau. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

Yours very truly,

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

(Name of deceased)

(Army Serial number)

**Thomas J. Brannan**

**33352348**

who died

(Grade)

(Organization, Army or Service)

on **Technical Sergeant**

19

at **Air Corps**

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department 25, D.C.  
**16 August 44 European Area**

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O., 228, Hq., AGC's Inpt., 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_, of which the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "none": otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. \_\_\_\_\_.)  
**none**

**none** c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt \_\_\_\_\_, Incl. \_\_\_\_\_.)  
**none**

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 \_\_\_\_\_, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCqM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of **13 July 1945**

\_\_\_\_\_ for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the **Mrs. Nellie B. Brannan** United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, \_\_\_\_\_ of  
(Name of person found entitled)

**Mrs. Nellie B. Brannan**

(Number, Street or Avenue)

(City, Town or Village)

State of

**59 Frederick Street**, is the **Wilkes-Barre**

(Relationship or Capacity)

of the

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

**JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, GAC**

(Name, Rank, Organization)



422nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
305th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
APO 557



23 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Inventory of Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, APO 57, U.S. Army

1. Submitted herewith in accordance with instructions contained in  
Admin Cir 90, dated 25 October, 1943, is  
the Inventory of Effects of:

Thomas J. Brennan (Name) T/Sgt. (Rank) 38352248 (A.S.N.)  
422nd Bomb Sq, 305th Bomb Group (H) AAF

STATUS: Mission in Action Date of Status 13 August, 1944

a. Class I Effects

Number	Articles
1 pr	Gummers wings
1 pr	Shears (small)
3	Towels, bath
1	Towel face
2 pr	Shorts, cotton
5 pr	Socks, wool
1	Pipe, smoking
1	Sweater sleeveless C.D.
3	Undershirts
3 pr	Socks, cotton
2	Handkerchiefs
1	Prayer book
3 pr	Shoes, oxfords
1	Shoe shining kit
1	Cigarette case
6	Sewing kits
1	Baricore kit
2	Soap dishes
2 pr	Shirts, khaki
1	Toilet kit
1	Shoe brush
1	Flight hat
1	Fountain pen
1	Belt, webb
1	Money belt
1	Now Testament
1	Devotions book
5	Ties, tan
1	Air Medal
1	Billfold
Misc	Papers
1	Bracelet
1	Air Medal Ribbon
Misc	Pictures

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Date SEP 2 1944  
Receipt is acknowledged of Class II  
Assets as shown on basic communication.

EFFECTS QM.

b. Class II Assets, enclosed herewith are as follows:

(1) Money: U.S. Official Check No. 574574 for \$1-7-11 on Barclays Bank Ltd.

(2) T-Sgt. Thomas J. Brannen (is) (is not) known to have  
had a bank account in this Theatre at None  
Name of

Bank

Location of Bank

(3) Following is a list of known debtors and creditors:

(a) Debtors	<u>None</u>	Amount
		<u>Amount</u>
(b) Creditors	<u>None</u>	Amount
		<u>Amount</u>

(4) The name and address of the designated beneficiary is:  
Mrs. Nellie Brannen (Mother)  
59 Frederick St.  
Wilkes Barre, Penn.

(5) Net Assets do not exceed \$ 500.

(6) Remarks: None

2. I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the person whose name appears above. The class I personal effects were delivered on 28 August, 1944 to: Base Quartermaster, Station No. 106, APO 557.

*James A. McGowan Jr.*  
JAMES A. MCGOWAN JR.,  
1st Lt., AC  
Adjutant



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Thomas J. Branigan

33352348

~~June 11-45~~

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DRY CLEANING		do not use	LAUNDRY		do not use
SHIRTS, WOOL			2	SHIRTS, DRESS, COTTON	2
TROUSERS, WOOL			1	HANKERCHIEFS	1
COAT, SERVICE, WOOL				TROUSERS, COTTON	
JACKET, FIELD				TIE, COTTON	
OVERCOAT, LONG			2	UNDERSHIRTS, COTTON	2
OVERCOAT, SHORT, WOOL			1	DRAWERS, WOOL	1
CAP, GARRISON, WOOL				SWEATSHIRTS, COTTON OR WOOL	
CAP, GARRISON, W/LEATHER COTTON				DRAWERS, WOOL	
CAP, SERVICE WOOL				SOCKS, COTTON, PR.	
CAP, SERVICE, W/LEATHER COTTON			6	SOCKS, WOOL, PR.	6
TIES, WOOL				PAJAMA TOPS	
GLOVES, LEATHER OR WOOL				PAJAMA BOTTOMS	
SCARFS				FATIGUES, 1PC, COTTON	
SWEATERS				FATIGUES TOPS, COTTON	
TRUNKS, SHIM				FATIGUES TROUSERS, COTTON	
				CAP, FATIGUE, COTTON	
			1	BELT, COTTON	1
			2	TOWEL	2
				CLOTH, WASH	
				CAP, GARRISON, "NO LEATHER" COTTON	
				CAP, SERVICE, "NO LEATHER" COTTON	
				GLOVES, COTTON	
				LEGGINGS	
				SUPPORTERS, ATHLETIC	
				SCARFS	
				TRUNKS, GYM	
			1	BAGS, BAGGAGE	1

WAREHOUSE SPACE

STORER BY

WEIGHT

DATE SHIPPED

21 1945



TT 1000

NAME **THOMAS, J. BRANNAN**  
A.S.N. **33352348** RANK **Sgt**

TALLY NO. **8224**  
INV. DATE **11 June 45**  
Orig. No. **1**  
OF PIES.  
ECK NO.  
SHEET **1**  
OF **1** SHEETS  
ORGANIZATION  
**82nd AF**  
**401CW 300.800**  
**422B49**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Belt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WIPES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REL. MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CLOTHING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BAGG. CASE OR TRUNK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cloth, Wash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BRACELETS, TOOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BILLFOLDS (NO MONEY) W/C
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brushes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CASE CIG.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Footwear, Pr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CAMERAS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Footlock
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Handkerchiefs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Knives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BOOKS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Headwear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lighters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Books, Address
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jackets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MISC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Books, Pilot Log
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overcoats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pen, Fountain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DIARY (REMOVED FOR LOG)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scarfs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pencil, Mechanical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FLAME
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shirts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pipes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Letters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Socks, Pr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Papers, Personal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STAMP, DECORATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photos
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Towels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoe Shine Articles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trousers, Pr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SHORT SHORTS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trunks, Pr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Toilet Articles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SOFTWEAR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Underwear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WATCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SOFTWEAR MONEY
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stationery
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TESTAMENTS
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

**THOMAS, J. BRANNAN** M L  
**33352348** S/Sgt 11 June 45 V.W.  
**1. AIR. MEDAL, w/ RIBBON, 4 citations**

VALUABLES SHIPPED

DATE **7/30/45**  
BY **EJ**

REMARKS **mother**  
**Mrs. Nellie Brannan**  
**59. Frederick St**  
**Wilkes Barre Penna.**

ATTACHMENTS  
**1 last will & testament**  
**2 Powers of attorney**  
**& top**

WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	SPORTAGE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
DATE SHIPPED <b>15</b>	LOCKED STORAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.A.T. **none**  
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STORED BY **TLB**

LAUNDRY 83



WASHINGTON

**IMPORTANT:** This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: LOCATION AAF STA 105 APO 557 COMMAND OR AIR FORCE 8TH AF  
GROUP 305TH BOMB(H); SQUADRON 422ND BOMB(H) DETACHMENT
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE CHELVESTON, ENGLAND COURSE INDEFINITE  
INTENDED DESTINATION BOHLEN, GERMANY TYPE OF MISSION HEAVY BOMBARDMENT
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
NIL LOW OR MED. CLOUDS 6/10 TO THIN CIRROSTRATUS. DOWN VISIBILITY 20 MILES
4. GIVE: (A) DATE 16 AUG 44 TIME 1007 HRS. AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN  
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT 5048N-1050E  
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER ☒ LAST SIGHTED; ( ) LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO;  
( ) FORCED DOWN; ( ) SEEN TO CRASH; OR ( ) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY ONE): ( ) ENEMY AIRCRAFT; ☒ ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT; ( ) OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS:
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES B-17G AAF SERIAL NO. 44-6301
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES R-1820-97 AAF SERIAL NO. (A) SW-021117 (B) SW-021341 (C) SW 020337 (D) SW-021207
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER) SEE ATTACHED SHEET  
(A) (B) (C) (D)  
(E) (F) (G) (H)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY MLI  
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 9; PASSENGERS 0; TOTAL 9  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
(1) PILOT	BETZ, DARRELL V.	2/LT	0-756156	EJS
(2) CO-PILOT	PETERSON, LOUIS	F/O	T-2254	KIA
(3) NAV	ZECH, THEODORE R.	2/LT	0-711526	KIA
(4) BOMB	MAUZY, JAMES E.	2/LT	0-772694	KIA
(5) RAD. OPR.	BRANNAN, THOMAS J.	T/SGT	33352348	KIA
(6) TOP T. GUN	O'BRIEN, RICHARD D.	T/SGT	32466839	KIA
(7) BALL T. GUN	DUNN, WILLIAM D.	S/SGT	39333988	KIA
(8) TAIL GUN	MICHALSKI, JOSEPH B.	S/SGT	33700166	KIA
(9) R.W. GUN	MAJOR, CHARLES A.	S/SGT	34539398	KIA
(10)				
(11)				

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) CORRADO, FRANK A.	F/O	T-122577		X		
(2)						
(3)						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED; (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH; OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY)
13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. SEE ATTACHED SHEET
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE NONE

19 AUG 1944

(Date of Report)

/S/ FRED C. PETTEE,

(Signature of Preparing Officer)



MACR NO. 8436

WEAPONS NUMBERS OF  
MISSING AIRCRAFT NO. 44-74

POSITION	SERIAL NUMBER	MANF.
LEFT WAIST	255391	COLT
RIGHT WAIST	256288	"
RIGHT TAIL	232358	FRIGIDAIRE
LEFT TAIL	232550	"
RIGHT BALL TURRET	452806	KELSEY HAYES
LEFT BALL TURRET	232607	FRIGIDAIRE
RIGHT CHIN TURRET	225440	"
LEFT CHIN TURRET	177846	HI STANDARD
RIGHT TOP TURRET	112441	KELSEY HAYES
LEFT TOP TURRET	224189	FRIGIDAIRE
NOSE GUN	173878	HI STANDARD

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FOLLOWING IS EXTRACTED FROM INTELLIGENCE INTERROGATION REPORT:

A/C NO. 44-6304 WAS HIT BY FLAK IN THE LEFT WING, BUT NO FIRE WAS OBSERVED. THE AIRPLANE SPUN DOWNWARD, AND NO PARACHUTES WERE SEEN.

FRANK A. CORRADO/S/  
FRANK A. CORRADO/T/  
F/O, 364TH BOMB SQ

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY.

FRED C. PETTEE  
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS  
ASST. BASE ADJUTANT

RVS



Distribution center #1  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
BR BKLYN, NEW YORK

I certify that this message is an official business and that its transmission with a lower precedence, or by air mail, regular mail, or scheduled messenger would be prejudicial to the public interest.

1949 AUG 1 13 41  
NELLIE B BRANNAN

59 FREDERICK ST

WILKES BARRE PA

*James McCarthy*  
JAMES MCCARTHY  
Major, TC  
Admin Q, WAGR Div.

*CAH-1*

PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE

**T SG THOMAS J BRANNAN**  
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO

**MICHAEL J MCLAUGHLIN FUNERAL HOME 142 SOUTH WASHINGTON ST WILKES BARRE PA**

WE CAN'T GIVE A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN INTERVAL OF SEVERAL WEEKS WILL ELAPSE BEFORE DELIVERY CAN BE EFFECTED. YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS PRIOR TO DELIVERY GIVING DATE AND TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION ON ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO INFORM YOU SO YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION OR SUBMIT NEW INSTRUCTIONS. WE REGRET IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT HOURS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

DOG (REV)

RELEASED TO W U

3 AUGUST 400, QMC  
G. H. BARE

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RTE:KD:bjb  
July 21, 1945

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Nellie B. Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Technical Sergeant Thomas J. Brannan.

I am inclosing a check for \$5.63, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property is being forwarded to you in two cartons. In addition, a medal which was awarded him is being sent, under separate cover, by registered mail. Also there is inclosed a Will and a Power of Attorney which were received here as part of his effects.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

C. B. QUINN  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Files Branch

3 Incls--a/s



Nov. 10 1945  
Mrs. M. Brannan  
59 Frederick St.  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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DL

Henry Brannan  
2nd St., 2nd  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Sir,

On Nov. 1st we received a ring  
which belonged to my son. See 2nd.

Thomas J. Brannan.

We would appreciate it very much  
if you can tell us where you  
found it. Thomas often belonging  
some a few months ago.

Thanking you in advance, I remain.

Mrs. M. Brannan  
59 Frederick St.  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

FM UEP 23P/33/32 COLLECT 3 EXTRA

WILKESBARRE PENN MAY 19 817P

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL ATTN MAJOR SMITH

WASHDC

SUBJECT RETURNS OF REMAINS OF T/SGT THOMAS J BRANNAN

33352348 TO MICHAEL J MCLAUGHLIN FUNERAL HOME 142 SOUTH

WASHINGTON TO XXXXXX WASHINGTON ST WILKES BARRE PENN FOR BURIAL  
IN PRIVATE CEMETERY

MRS NELLIE B BRANNAN 59 FREDERICK ST

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 845P

33352348 59..

mi B  
boxed 5-26-49  
L. H. Pratt

Rep. - Car.

Clearance for  
20 May 11:45 AM  
X-10

Neunville's Condry  
GG-5-11 MAY 23 1948

20 May  
APR 23 1948

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

RTB:KD:ilo  
November 29, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO 197969

Mrs. Nellie Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

This has reference to your letter of November 10, concerning the ring recently sent you by the Army Effects Bureau.

I regret that I am unable to give you any details regarding the recovery of the ring except it was sent here by German authorities. It is not known how this item was recovered.

I am sorry that I am unable to furnish you a more complete explanation in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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

*LM*



21 October 1948

Mrs. Nellie Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

The Department of the Army is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Technical Sergeant Thomas J. Brannan, A.S.N. 33 352 348.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, plot GG, row 5, grave 117. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located nine miles southwest of Liege, Belgium and is under the constant care and supervision of the United States military personnel.

The Department of the Army has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide all legal next of kin with full information and solicit their detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN O. HYATT  
Colonel, GAC  
Memorial Division

csb

T/Sgt. Thomas J. Brannan, 33 352 348  
Plot 66, Row 5, Grave 117,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

26 October 1948

Mrs. Nellie Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

8 Incls.

csb



(Germany M 51)  
2429

Evacuation Number  
IF-9615

HEADQUARTERS 6TH ARMORED DIVISION  
Office Of The Division Quartermaster

APO 256 US Army  
24 May 1945

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO : Graves Registration Officer, Ninth United States Army  
APO 339

One common grave containing the bodies of eight American Air Corps men is located in the city cemetery at Vollradisroda, Germany. (J 643640) 1/100.000 Sheet R-6 Jena.

The names of the deceased are: Theodore R. Zeck, ASN is unknown, Thomas I. Brannan, ASN 33352348, Charles A. Major, ASN 34539398, William D. Dunn, ASN 39333988, Louis Peterson, ASN unknown, Richard D. Brien, ASN 32466839, Joseph B. Michelski, ASN 33700166, and James E. Mauzy, ASN 0-772694. The bodies are buried in the above order reading from south to north.

The Burgermeister of Dobrtischen, Germany (J 629644) has the records of burial.

For the Graves Registration Officer:

/s/ Robert F. Mills

ROBERT F. MILLS  
Major QMC  
Asst Division Quart.

(Germany M 51)  
2429

Evacuation Number  
IF-9615

TRANSLATION

Vollradisroda 30 March 1948

I observed six to eight planes coming from West..One plane was shot down. One man parachuted. The plane burnt. The back part loosened and the other part crashed about 500 meters south. Eight (8) men of the crew were found, but one not.

/s/ Otto Lorenz

Certified true translation

*Kaethe Brönnner*

Kaethe Broenner  
Interpreter  
Berlin Det.(Prov.) PFC AGRC

Ich habe gesehen, das 6 - 8 Flugzeuge vom Westen kamen und ein Flugzeug abgeschossen wurde. Ein Mann ist im Fallschirm abgesprungen. Das Flugzeug brannte, der hintere Teil loeste sich und das andere Teil stuerzte ungefaehr 500 Meter suedlich ab. 8 Mann von der Besatzung sind gefunden worden, aber einer nicht.

Vollradisroda, den 30. Maerz 1948

gez. Otto Lorenz



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RTB:KD:wa  
October 26, 1945

Mrs. Nellie E. Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

The Army Effects Bureau has received a ring belonging to your son, Technical Sergeant Thomas J. Brannan, which is being forwarded to the above address.

I regret that the ring was damaged prior to receipt at this Bureau. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

Yours very truly,

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

(Name of deceased) Thomas J. Brannan (Army Serial number) 33352348 who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 16 day of August, 1944, at Air Corps

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department 25, D.C.  
16 August 44 European Area

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O., 228, Hq., A.D.A. 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 decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$          , of which the sum of \$           was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "none": otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl.           .)  
none

none c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$          , which has been paid by the Summary Court-martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt           , Incl.           .)  
none

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           , pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCAD Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of             
13 July 1945

           for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the Mrs. Nellie B. Brannan United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112,            of  
(Name of person found entitled)

Mrs. Nellie B. Brannan State of             
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)  
59 Frederick Street, is the Wilkes-Barre of the  
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, MC  
(Name, Rank, Organization)



422nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
305th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
APO 557



22 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Inventory of Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETCUSA, APO 557, U.S. Army

1. Submitted herewith in accordance with instructions contained in

Admin Dir 80, dated 25 October, 1943, is  
the Inventory of Effects of:

Thomas J. Brennan (Name) T/Sgt. (Rank) 38352248 (A.S.N.)

422nd Bomb Sq, 305th Bomb Group (H) AAF

STATUS: Mission in Action Date of Status 13 August, 1944

a. Class I Effects

28678

Number	Articles	Number	Articles
1 pr	Gunnery wings		
1 pr	Shears (small)		
3	Towels, bath		
1	Towel face		
2 pr	Shorts, cotton		
5 pr	Socks, wool		
1	Pipe, smoking		
1	Sweater sleeveless O.D.		
3	Undershirts		
3 pr	Socks, cotton		
2	Handkerchiefs		
1	Prayer book		
3 pr	Shoes, oxfords		
1	Shoe shining kit		
1	Cigarette case		
6	Sewing kits		
1	Baricore kit		
2	Soap dishes		
2 pr	Shirts, khaki		
1	Quilt kit		
1	Shoe brush		
1	Flight hat		
1	Fountain pen		
1	Belt, webb		
1	Money belt		
1	New Testament		
1	Devotions book		
5	Ties, tan		
1	Air Medal		
1	Billfold		
Misc	Cigars		
1	Bracelet		
1	Air Medal Ribbon		
Misc	Pictures		

Date SEP 2 1944  
Receipt is acknowledged of Class II  
Assets as shown on basic communication.  
EFFECTS QM.

b. Class II Assets, enclosed herewith are as follows:

(1) Money: U.S. Official Check No. 574574 for \$1-7-11 on Barclays Bank Ltd.

(2) T-3rd. Thomas J. Brannan (is not) known to have

had a bank account in this Theatre at

None

Name of

Bank

Location of Bank

(3) Following is a list of known debtors and creditors:

(a) Debtors None Amount

Amount

(b) Creditors None Amount

Amount

(4) The name and address of the designated beneficiary is:

Mrs. Nellie Brannan (Mother)

59 Frederick St.

Wilkes Barre, Penn.

(5) Net Assets do not exceed  $\pm$  500.

(6) Remarks: None

2. I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the person whose name appears above. The class I personal effects were delivered on 28 August, 1944 to: Base Quartermaster, Station No. 106, APO 557.

*James A. McGowan Jr.*  
JAMES A. MCGOWAN JR.,  
1st Lt., AC  
Adjutant







TT 1000

NAME **THOMAS, J. BRANNAN**  
 A.S.N. **33352348** RANK **Sgt**

TALLY NO. **8224**  
 INV. DATE **11 June 45**  
 CRIS. No. **1**  
 OF PIES.  
 ECK NO.  
 SHEET **1** OF **1** SHEETS  
 ORGANIZATION **82nd AF**  
**401CW 300.000**  
**422B49**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Belt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WIPES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<del>BELT MONEY (NO MONEY)</del>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CLOTHING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BAGS, CARRY OR ISATRA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cloth, Wash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BRACELETS, IDETS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BILLFOLDS (NO MONEY) <b>W/C</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brushes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Case <b>CRIS</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Footwear, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	CAMERAS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Footlock <b>shoe shirt</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gloves, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glasses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ETS, SK, TIE, OR NECKTIE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Handkerchiefs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BOOKS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Headwear	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Books, Address
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MYEC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Books, Pilot Log
<input type="checkbox"/>	Overcoats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pen, Fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	PILOT (REMOVED FOR LOG)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scarfs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pencil, Mechanical	<input type="checkbox"/>	PLANS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shirts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pipes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Letters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Socks, Pr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Papers, personal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EMBROID. DECORATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photos
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Towels	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shoe Shine Articles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trousers, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHORT SPOUTS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trunks, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet Articles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SOFTENERS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/>	WATCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STATIONERY
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TESTAMENTS
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

**THOMAS, J. BRANNAN** **M L**  
**33352348** **S/Sept 11 June 45** **V.W.** **1 Sweater**  
**1. AIR. MEDAL. W/ RIBBON & Citation**

VALUABLES SHIPPED

DATE **7/30/45**

BY **EJ**

LAUNDRY

REMARKS **mother**  
**Wife of J. Brannan**  
**59. Frederick St**  
**Wilkes Barre Penna.**

ATTACHMENTS **1 last will & testament**  
**2 Powers of attorney**  
**& top**

WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
DATE SHIPPED <b>10</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOCKED STORAGE

C.A.T. **none**  
 WAREHOUSE SPACE **13 21**

STORED BY **HLB**



WASHINGTON

**IMPORTANT:** This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: LOCATION: AAF STA 105 APO 557 COMMAND OR AIR FORCE 8TH AF  
GROUP 305TH BOMB(H): SQUADRON 422ND BOMB(H) DETACHMENT
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE CHELVESTON, ENGLAND COURSE INDEFINITE  
INTENDED DESTINATION BOHLFEN, GERMANY TYPE OF MISSION HEAVY BOMBARDMENT
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
NIL LOW OR MED. CLOUDS. 6/10 TO THIN CIRROSTRATUS. DOWN VISIBILITY 20 MILES

4. GIVE: (A) DATE 16 AUG 44 TIME 1007 HRS. AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN  
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT 5048N-1050E

(B) SPECIFY WHETHER ☒ LAST SIGHTED; ( ) LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO;  
( ) FORCED DOWN; ( ) SEEN TO CRASH; OR ( ) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY  
ONE: ( ) ENEMY AIRCRAFT; ☒ ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT; ( ) OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS  
FOLLOWS:

6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES B-17G AAF SERIAL NO. 44-6301

7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES R-1820-97 AAF SERIAL NO. (A)  
SW-021117 (B) SW-021341 (C) SW 020337 (D) SW-021207

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER) SEE ATTACHED SHEET  
(A) (B) (C) (D)  
(E) (F) (G) (H)

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY MLI  
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 9: PASSENGERS 0: TOTAL 9  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
(1) PILOT	BETZ, DARRELL V.	2/LT	0-756156	EVS
(2) CO-PILOT	PETERSON, LOUIS	F/O	T-2254	KIA
(3) NAV	ZECH, THEODORE R.	2/LT	0-711526	KIA
(4) BOMB	MAUZY, JAMES E.	2/LT	0-772694	KIA
(5) RAD. OPR.	BRANNAN, THOMAS J.	T/SGT	33352348	KIA
(6) TOP T. GUN	O'BRIEN, RICHARD D.	T/SGT	32466839	KIA
(7) BALL T. GUN	DUNN, WILLIAM D.	S/SGT	39333988	KIA
(8) TAIL GUN	MICHALSKI, JOSEPH B.	S/SGT	33700166	KIA
(9) R.W. GUN	MAJOR, CHARLES A.	S/SGT	34539398	KIA
(10)				
(11)				

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) CORRADO, FRANK A.	F/O	T-122577		X		
(2)						
(3)						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED; (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH; OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY)

13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. SEE ATTACHED SHEET

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE NONE

19 AUG 1944

(Date of Report)

/S/ FRED C. PETTEE,

(Signature of Preparing Officer)



MACR NO. 8436

WEAPONS NUMBERS OF  
MISSING AIRCRAFT NO. 44-74

POSITION	SERIAL NUMBER	MANF.
LEFT WAIST	255391	COLT
RIGHT WAIST	256288	"
RIGHT TAIL	232358	FRIGIDAIRE
LEFT TAIL	232550	"
RIGHT BALL TURRET	452806	KELSEY HAYES
LEFT BALL TURRET	232607	FRIGIDAIRE
RIGHT CHIN TURRET	225440	"
LEFT CHIN TURRET	177846	HI STANDARD
RIGHT TOP TURRET	112441	KELSEY HAYES
LEFT TOP TURRET	224189	FRIGIDAIRE
NOSE GUN	173878	HI STANDARD

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FOLLOWING IS EXTRACTED FROM INTELLIGENCE INTERROGATION REPORT:

A/C NO. 44-6304 WAS HIT BY FLAK IN THE LEFT WING, BUT NO FIRE WAS OBSERVED. THE AIRPLANE SPUN DOWNWARD, AND NO PARACHUTES WERE SEEN.

FRANK A. CORRADO/S/  
FRANK A. CORRADO/T/  
F/O, 364TH BOMB SQ

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY.

FRED C. PETTEE  
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS  
ASST. BASE ADJUTANT

RVS



Distribution center #1  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
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I certify that this message is an official business and that its transmission with a lower precedence, or by air mail, regular mail, or scheduled messenger would be prejudicial to the public interest.

NELLIE B BRANNAN

59 FREDERICK ST

WILKES BARRE PA

*James McCarthy*  
JAMES MCCARTHY  
Major, TC  
Admin O, AGC Div.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE

ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. <sup>T SG THOMAS J BRANNAN</sup> OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO

MICHAEL J McLAUGHLIN FUNERAL HOME 142 SOUTH WASHINGTON ST WILKES BARRE PA

WE CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN INTERVAL OF SEVERAL WEEKS WILL ELAPSE BEFORE DELIVERY CAN BE EFFECTED. YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS PRIOR TO DELIVERY GIVING DATE AND TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION ON ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO INFORM YOU SO YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION OR SUBMIT NEW INSTRUCTIONS. WE REGRET IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT HOURS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

DOG (REV)

RELEASED TO W U

3 AUGUST

G. H. BARE  
402, QMC

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197969

RTB:KD:bjb  
July 21, 1945

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Nellie B. Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Technical Sergeant Thomas J. Brannan.

I am inclosing a check for \$5.63, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property is being forwarded to you in two cartons. In addition, a medal which was awarded him is being sent, under separate cover, by registered mail. Also there is inclosed a Will and a Power of Attorney which were received here as part of his effects.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

C. B. QUINN  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Files Branch

3 Incls--a/s



Nov. 10, 1945  
Mrs. N. Brannan  
59 Frederick St.  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

1977969

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Henry Brannan  
2nd St., 2nd  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Sir,

On Nov. 1st we received a ring  
which belonged to my son. See left.

Thomas J. Brannan.

We would appreciate it very much  
if you can tell us where you  
found it. Thomas often belonging  
some a few months ago.

Thanking you in advance, I remain.

Mrs. N. Brannan  
59 Frederick St.  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

FM UEP 23P/33/32 COLLECT 3 EXTRA

WILKESBARRE PENN MAY 19 817P

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL ATTN MAJOR SMITH

WASHDC

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SUBJECT RETURNS OF REMAINS OF T/SGT THOMAS J BRANNAN

33352348 TO MICHAEL J MCLAUGHLIN FUNERAL HOME 142 SOUTH

WASHINGTON TO XXXXXX WASHINGTON ST <sup>01</sup> WILKES BARRE PENN FOR BURIAL

IN PRIVATE CEMETERY

MRS NELLIE B BRANNAN 59 FREDERICK ST

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 845P

33352348 59..

ma B  
Dated 5-26-49  
L. Alcott

Rep. - Car.

Checked with for sent  
20 May 11 45 AM/Brannan  
X-Ad-10

Transmitted to Condor  
GG-5-11 MAY 23 1948

TL-5



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
801 HARDESTY AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

RTB:KD:ilo  
November 29, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO 197969

Mrs. Nellie Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

This has reference to your letter of November 10, concerning the ring recently sent you by the Army Effects Bureau.

I regret that I am unable to give you any details regarding the recovery of the ring except it was sent here by German authorities. It is not known how this item was recovered.

I am sorry that I am unable to furnish you a more complete explanation in this matter.

Yours very truly,

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

*Handwritten initials*



21 October 1948

Mrs. Nellie Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

The Department of the Army is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Technical Sergeant Thomas J. Brannan, A.S.M. 33 352 348.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, plot GG, row 5, grave 117. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located nine miles southwest of Liege, Belgium and is under the constant care and supervision of the United States military personnel.

The Department of the Army has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide all legal next of kin with full information and solicit their detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN O. HYATT  
Colonel, GSC  
Memorial Division

csb

T/Sgt. Thomas J. Brannan, 33 352 348  
Plot 88, Row 5, Grave 117,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

26 October 1948

Mrs. Nellie Brannan  
59 Frederick Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

8 Incls. 

csb



(Germany M 51)  
2429

Evacuation Number

IF-9615

HEADQUARTERS 6TH ARMORED DIVISION  
Office Of The Division Quartermaster

APO 256 US Army  
24 May 1945

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

TO : Graves Registration Officer, Ninth United States Army  
APO 339

One common grave containing the bodies of eight American Air Corps men is located in the city cemetery at Vollradisroda, Germany. (J 643640) 1/100.000 Sheet R-6 Jena.

The names of the deceased are: Theodore R. Zeck, ASN is unknown, Thomas I. Brannan, ASN 33352348, Charles A. Major, ASN 34539398, William D. Dunn, ASN 39333988, Louis Peterson, ASN unknown, Richard D. Brien, ASN 32466839, Joseph B. Michelski ASN 33700166, and James E. Mauzy, ASN 0-772694. The bodies are buried in the above order reading from south to north.

The Burgermeister of Dobrtischen, Germany (J 629644) has the records of burial.

For the Graves Registration Officer:

/s/ Robert F. Mills

ROBERT F. MILLS  
Major QMC  
Asst Division Quart.

(Germany M 51)  
2429

Evacuation Number  
IF-9615

TRANSLATION

Vollradisroda 30 March 1948

I observed six to eight planes coming from West. One plane was shot down. One man parachuted. The plane burnt. The back part loosened and the other part crashed about 500 meters south. Eight (8) men of the crew were found, but one not.

/s/ Otto Lorenz

Certified true translation

*Kaethe Brönnner*

Kaethe Brönnner  
Interpreter  
Berlin Det. (Prov.) FFC AGRC

Ich habe gesehen, das 6 - 8 Flugzeuge vom Westen kamen und ein Flugzeug abgeschossen wurde. Ein Mann ist im Fallschirm abgesprungen. Das Flugzeug brannte, der hintere Teil loeste sich und das andere Teil stuerzte ungefaehr 500 Meter suedlich ab. 8 Mann von der Besatzung sind gefunden worden, aber einer nicht.

Vollradisroda, den 30. Maerz 1948

gez. Otto Lorenz