

SSGT John A. Blanda
392nd BB, 576+1BS
downed 5-29-44
over Gueltz, Germany



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

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Blanda

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 25 Dec 1944
EB/HR/402

FULL NAME <u>Blaida</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>16,179,150</u>	GRADE <u>Sgt</u>						
HOME ADDRESS <u>Monroe, Mich</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Air Corps</u>	DATE OF BIRTH						
PLACE OF DEATH <u>France</u>	CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in Action</u>		DATE OF DEATH						
STATION OF DECEASED <u>Engineer</u>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>10 Dec 1942</u>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">YEARS</th> <th style="width: 33%;">MONTHS</th> <th style="width: 33%;">DAYS</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </table>	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	1	0	0
YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS							
1	0	0							

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
2512 1/2 Maple, 213 Algon Avenue, Monroe, Michigan

BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
2512 1/2 Maple, 213 Algon Avenue, Monroe, Michigan
Wife & child, same address.

INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
		X			X	X				X			

ADDITIONAL DATE AND/OR STATEMENT

I am in this report of death as held by the War Department to
 have been in action. It was from 10 Dec 1944 until the death of
 3rd Cavalry Division evidence was sufficient to establish the
 death of the Secretary of War from the Government
 in National Red Cross.

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2. O. C. I.	O. & D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

☒ BATTLE
☐ NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

24 JUL 1945 FILE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME				SERIAL NUMBER				GRADE		ARM OR SERVICE		REPORTING THEATRE	
Blaida, John M.				16,176,158				S/Sgt.					
PLACE OF CASUALTY				DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY		SHIPMENT NUMBER		
				DAY	MONTH	YEAR							
				29	May	44			KIA		182125-4-U-23		

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			
		Mrs.		Helen		Blaida		Mother			
NO. AND NAME OF STREET			CITY			COUNTY			STATE		
216 Almyra Avenue			Monroe						Michigan		

REMARKS: AG 383.6 (28 June 44) ☐ CORRECTED COPY

US1893 Thru PMG Berlin Cables IRC Liberator Dead

Evidence of death receive in W. D.
7 July 1944 VMC

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FORM 43 _____ AG 201 REQ _____									
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____									
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (AS INDICATED BELOW):									
FILE NO.		MESSAGE NO.		TYPE		DATE AND AREA		E. A. NOTIFIED	
100-100000-091		771		771		27 July 44		16	
REPORT NOT VERIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> NO FORM 43 <input type="checkbox"/> NO CAS. BR. FILE <input type="checkbox"/> CHECKED BY <u>Shannon</u> 44 REVIEWED BY _____									

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA		CASUALTY STATUS		ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.		LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA		CREW PGS.		RESIDENCE					COMP		RACE		
				DAY	MO.	YR.			DAY	MO.	YR.					STATE	COUNTY								
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

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

✓
 178458

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 12/26/1941

FULL NAME				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <div style="text-align: center;">20,173,160</div>		GRADE <div style="text-align: center;">Sgt</div>	
HOME ADDRESS				ARM OR SERVICE <div style="text-align: center;">Air Corps</div>		DATE OF BIRTH	
PLACE OF DEATH			CAUSE OF DEATH <div style="text-align: center;">Killed in Action</div>			DATE OF DEATH	
STATION OF DECEASED				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <div style="text-align: center;">10 Dec 1941</div>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
						YEARS	MONTHS
						1	0
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <div style="text-align: center;">W. J. ... 115 Adams Avenue, Detroit, Michigan</div>							
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <div style="text-align: center;">W. J. ... 115 Adams Avenue, Detroit, Michigan</div>							
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES		NO	
X	X	X	X	X		X	



ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

The person named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in active service from 10 Dec 1941 until death on 10 Dec 1941. The person named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in active service from 10 Dec 1941 until death on 10 Dec 1941. The person named in this report of death is held by the War Department to have been in active service from 10 Dec 1941 until death on 10 Dec 1941.

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM	WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU	AGO
	WER 3832

AG 201 BLAIDA, JOHN W (10 JUN 44) SPXPC-N KTD 091 12 JUNE 1944
ASN 16 176 158

MRS HELEN BLAIDA
216 ALMYRA AVENUE
MORRIS MICHIGAN

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR
SON STAFF SERGEANT JOHN W BLAIDA HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION
SINCE TWENTY NINE MAY OVER GERMANY IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER
INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

ULIO

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

OFFICIAL:

BATTLE

ADJUTANT GENERAL



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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

IN REPLY REFER TO:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your husband,

We know you want to receive this property quickly. However, before making shipment, we would like to have you confirm your address. Please mail your reply in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage. Use of this specially marked envelope will accelerate shipment of the property.

This Bureau dislikes exceedingly to resort to a mimeographic letter under circumstances of this kind but we feel that your desire to receive the property as early as possible justifies its use.

Yours very truly,

1 Incl.
Envelope

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

~~QMG/293~~
QMG/293
BLAIDA, John M.
S/Sgt 16176158

23 March 1948
DATE

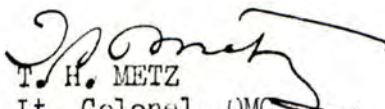
SUBJECT: Identification of Former Unknown Deceased

TO : Effects Quartermaster
Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

1. The remains previously interred as Unknown X- 6291
Plot AA, Row 11, Grave 261, USMC
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium, have been identified by the Graves
Registration Service in the Field as those of S/Sgt John M. Blaida,
16176158 whose emergency addressee
is: Mrs. Helen Blaida (Mother) 216 Almyra Avenue, Monroe, Michigan

2. The identification as established has been approved by the
Identification Board of Review, this office.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:


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



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. John Blaida

216 Almyra Avenue

Monroe, Michigan

SHIP TO:
S/Sgt. John M. Blaida

Effects of: 16176158

Name

178453 D

ASN

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 9 August 1945

File: 10:ag

W. J. Blaida
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check

Acct. No. _____

Amount _____

Inclose "Valuables" item _____

Ship "Valuables" item(s) _____

Remove G.I. _____

Note discrepancy in _____

Films removed _____

Diary removed _____

Laundry removed _____

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch

1 Warehouse Division

2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

#1 Ctn {
- 2 Ctn { Inw 4/6/45

REMARKS:

Franked

FRANKED

AUG 21 1945

Est. Exp. Chgs. _____

Est. Frt. Chgs. _____

No. of packages 2

JLC
Shipping Clerk

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. John Blaida
216 Almyra Avenue
Monroe, Michigan

SHIP TO:
S/Sgt. John M. Blaida

Effects of: 16176158
Name 178458 D
ASN
Case No.
Wt.

DATE 24 May 1945
CHG:MH:jk

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

X Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. 72081
Amount \$80.33 *paid*
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

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

ROUTING:

1 Accounting Branch *etc*
 Warehouse Division
2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

72081

178458

77055 emh

John Blaida

May 31

45

80.33

~~Eighty and 33/100~~

REMARKS:

Franked
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt Chgs.
No. of packages

Shipping Clerk

NAME

16176158

22754

RANK

ARMY SERIAL NO.

CONTROL NO.

ORGANISATION

576th Bomb Sq. (H)

TE OF REPORT

REPORT
18 June 1944
EASED OR

June 1944
RELEASED OR MISSING
LA

LA
IRKS

CLOSED

178,458

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

JHM:MH:jlk

Case No. 176458

Date 29 May 1946

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

John M. Blaids

16176156

(Name of decedent)

(Army Serial Number)

Staff Sergeant

Air Corps

(Grade)

(Organization, Army or Service)

on the 26 day of May, 1944, in European Area

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 223 Hq. HQ 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 transmission 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 17 May 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 223, Headquarters HQ Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of John Blaids 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, John Blaids (Name of person found entitled) of

216 Almyra Avenue (Number, Street or Avenue)

Monroe

(City, Town or Village)

State of

Michigan

is the

father

(Relationship or Capacity)

of the

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

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

CLASS I

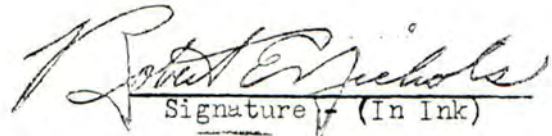
1 Prayer chain
1 Prayer book
1 Religious book
Souvenirs
1 Address book
1 Package pictures
2 Billfold & Pictures

1 Pr. Ear muffs
1 Auto. pencil
2 Brushes
10 Pr. Socks
23 Handkerchief
12 Drawers, cotton
5 Undershirts, cotton
2 Cap, garrison, khaki

CLASS II

1 Pr. shoes
10 Towels
1 Gym suit
1 Shaving kit

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that effects were shipped to Effects QM. ETOUSA, A.P.O. 507, G-14, U.S. Army by delivering to Station Quartermaster, AAF Station on June 21 1944.


Signature (In Ink)

(Block letters) { ROBERT E. NICHOLS
Name
{ 1st. Lt. Air Corps
{ Asst. Adj.
{ 576th Bomb Sq.
Rank and Organization

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
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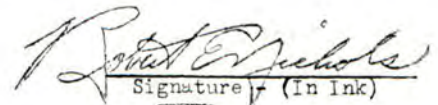
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1 Auto. pencil
2 Brushes
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letters)

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Name
{ 1st. Lt. Air Corps
{ Asst. Adj.
{ 576th Bomb Sq.
Rank and Organization

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NAME	Blaida, John M.	RANK	S/Sgt	ASN	16176158	CONTROL NO.	22754
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[illegible][illegible][illegible]

CREDITORS NAME AND ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DATE CERT FOR PMT	REASON NOT CERTIFIED FOR PAYMENT DATE AND INITIAL

at _____ Box _____

Shown on Tally In as _____

EFFECTS OF 4000 ft. altitude RANK 2nd Lt.

CONSIGNOR _____

DELIVERING CARRIER Mail G B/L NO. _____ G B/L DATE _____

[illegible]

NAME BLAIDA, JOHN M. SGT 6158

21 Feb

1944

Date

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
29	52		7433

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
BOX		

RE. QM Form 43

cts.

, APO. 507.

Adm. Cir. # 80, dated 25 Oct.
concerning subject named below.

Blaida John M SGT 6158

(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN) (Control No.)
(For use of
Effects QM.
ETOUSA)

576 Bomb Sq. 992 Bomb Gp. (H)

Organization

(UNIT - - - - Not Branch of Service)

~~ROCK~~

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

2572

Status. ~~Deceased~~, Missing in Action, Prisoner of War) on the
day of 19

~~Home, John Blaida (Mother), 215 1/2 Ave., Monroe, Michigan.~~

C. II Assets: Cash found in effects, less cost of money order inclosed herewith

U.S.M.O. # 6107 Amt \$ 80.33 U.S.M.O. # Amt \$

U.S.M.O. # Amt \$ U.S.M.O. # Amt \$

U.S. Official Check # Amt. Bank
(Name and branch)

Bank Accounts

Debtors

Creditors

Inclosed is
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks. Describe Fully)

REMARKS (if any)

* Strike only when not applicable

Negative only when not applicable

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
(Attach extra sheets if necessary) ✓

CLASS I

1 Prayer chain ✓
1 Prayer book ✓
1 Religious book ✓
Souvenirs ✓
1 Address book ✓
1 Postage pictures ✓
2 Billfold & Pictures ✓

2 Fr. hat hair ✓
1 Auto. pencil ✓
2 Brushes ✓
10 Fr. Socks ✓
29 Handkerchiefs ✓
12 Drawers, cotton ✓
3 Undershirts, cotton ✓
2 Cap, garrison, khaki ✓

CLASS II

1 Fr. shoes ✓
10 Towels ✓
1 Gun suit ✓
1 Shaving kit ✓

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Robert E. Nichols
Signature (In Ink)

(Block
letters)

ROBERT E. NICHOLS

Name
1st Lt. AAF Corps
Asst. Adj.
576th Bomb Sq.

Rank and Organization

SHORTAGES

91.5 m.o. #8107 amt.
1880.33

U. S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

[Signature]

INVENTORY CLERK

[Signature]

SUPERVISOR

REMOVED

ARM EFFECTS BUREAU
LAUNDRY LIST

FILED 048107
NO.

2-12-1914

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See p. 11

[Handwritten signature]

Aug 5 1964



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

IN REPLY REFER TO 178458

CHG:ML:dn
May 31, 1945

Mr. John Blaida
216 Almyra Avenue
Monroe, Michigan

Dear Mr. Blaida:

I am inclosing a check for \$80.35, representing funds of your son, Staff Sergeant John M. Blaida.

No other property belonging to him has been received at the Army Effects Bureau to date.

Our action in transmitting funds does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of decedent's legal residence.

Money ordinarily is sent from overseas by mail in advance of other effects; therefore, it is probable that additional belongings of decedent will reach this Bureau at a later date. As it is intended to forward any such property to you promptly upon receipt here, I ask that you please notify this Bureau if there is a change in your address within the next few months.

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

Sincerely,

A. G. SCHUMACHER
1st Lt., Q.M.C.
Asst. Chief, Admin. Division

1 Incl--Check

AC

178458

RTE:VM:ag
August 9, 1945

Mr. John Blaida
216 Almyra Avenue
Monroe, Michigan

Dear Mr. Blaida:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, Staff Sergeant John M. Blaida.

These effects, contained in two cartons, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

Sincerely yours,

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

AFPPA-8

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AAF 201 - (5212) Blaida, John M.
(KU 2086) 16176158
(AV 965/44)

Lt. Sacks

AFPPA-8/DMS/jva/6484
RE 5D867 4/19/46

Mrs. Helen Blaida
216 Almyra Avenue
Monroe, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Blaida:

I am writing to you in reference to your son who gave his life in the service of his Country during the European conflict.

In an effort to furnish the next of kin with all available details concerning casualties among our personnel, the Army Air Forces recently completed the translation of several volumes of captured German records.

In regard to Staff Sergeant John M. Blaida, these records indicate that he was killed on 29 May 1944, when his B-24 (Liberator) bomber was shot down by enemy aircraft and crashed at Guelitz (53° 45' North Latitude, 13° 11' East Longitude), Germany, twelve and one-half miles southeast of Demmin. These records further state that on 31 May 1944, his body was recovered and interred in grave eight, which is located one-half mile away from the Guelitz farm.

The Quartermaster General in his capacity as Chief, American Graves Registration Service, is charged with the responsibility of notifying the legal next of kin concerning grave locations of members of the military forces who are killed or die outside the continental limits of the United States. If the report of your son's burial has not been confirmed and you have not been notified by the Quartermaster General, that official will furnish you definite information immediately upon receipt of the official report of interment from the Commanding General of the Theater concerned.

May the knowledge of your son's valuable contribution to our cause sustain you in your bereavement.

Very sincerely,

LEON W. JOHNSON
Brigadier General, USA
Chief, Personnel Services Division

File
5/22/46
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FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer 2/III

PLACE: Greifswald

DATE: May 31, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A Liberator
EW//UNWD/VNG:// AT: G u e l t z (railroad Demmin - Altentreptow) Demmin
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) On May 29, 1944 about 11.45. county.
 FIRST NAME: B l a i d a
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) John, H.
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) 16176158 T 43 - 3 B
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: dead
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: On May 31, 1944 burried in grave Nr. 8 in Gueltz
 800 m. far from farm Gueltz.

Signed(illegible)

Captain and officer for special duties.

FILE
FEB 19 1946
EJ

293 Blaida, John H.
DDMG FORM 302a
1 Dec. 1944

BURIAL INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE ENEMY
THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE RED CROSS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

NAME (Last First Middle) 293 BLAIDA, John H.	RANK Airman	ORGANIZATION Air Corps (Machine type unknown) 16176153 T 43-3 B
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

DATE OF DEATH Shot down 29 May 44
body recovered 31 May 1944

PLACE

PLACE OF BURIAL

ROW NUMBER

GRAVE NUMBER

Cem. Gultz 800 Meters from Gutshof Gultz, Germany

TYPE OF BURIAL

DATE OF BURIAL

DATE OF REBURIAL

☐ SINGLE

☐ COMRADE

OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW OF

NAME	RANK	NAME	RANK
1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	

PERSONAL EFFECTS

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: GERMAN LIST OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES NO. 32/125

RUS NUMBER

DATED

PLACE

6667

27 July 1944

Saalfeld/Saale, Germany

DATE

STAMP: INFORMATION CENTER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND CASUALTIES

27 July 1944

REMARKS

293 Blaida, John H.

DEPT.
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Form No.
Approved Nov. 230

WAR DEPARTMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

OVERPAYMENT OF PER DIEM

RECEIPT FOR MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS

\$ 14.00 (9.5)

AAF Station 118, APO 634
(Station)

20 March
(Date)

19 44

* Received in h of
* Collected

from } JOHN M. BLAIDA, Sgt, 16176158

Dollars and

Cents, -

on account of ~~overpayment~~ of per diem per GO #115, Hq Sta 11, Caribbean Wing, ATC
Morris: Fld, W. Palm Beach, Fla., dd 12 Jan 44.

APP. 832/10425 FSA 1942-44

P. A. 91-5 P. 431-02

which sum I have passed to the credit of the United States, and hold myself accountable therefor.

H. Greenberg
H. GREENBERG, 1st Lt.

Finance

* Strike out words not applicable.

To be executed in triplicate.
Ribbon copy to be sent to Chief of Finance.
One copy to be furnished as receipt.
One copy to be retained by Disbursing Officer.

MISSING IN ACTION

BLAIDA, John M. S/Sgt. 1 76158

1 S.W.B. 28658

Rec'd 7th July, 1944.

July 24th Form 5 placed in above box.

SHIPPED TO APO 507
LIST EF 186. CHECK NO. 64947
30 OCT 1944 TALLY OUT NO. 1457

CHECK LIST OF MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

FOR: Unknown X-6291, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium as: Blaida, John M.

FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE

Date and place in agreement	X
Dental Chart	X
Estimated Height	X
Type Clothing	X
Identification Tag	*X
Statement of Civilians	X
Enemy Records	X
Map Sketch	X
Americans disinterred from same Cem.	X
Grave Marker	X

* ID tag nailed to Wooden Cross over grave of X-6291, tag belonged to Blaida.

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

BLAIDA, JOHN E.

GRADE

S/Sgt

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

16176153

ORGANIZATION

576th Bomb Sq.
292nd Bomb Gp.

RACE

White

CREED

Catholic

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER

(if applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

29 May 1944

CAUSE OF DEATH

KIA

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF

MIA

Beliz

DATE OF FOD

HEIGHT

5'11"

WEIGHT

156

COLOR

EYES

Brown

COLOR HAIR

Brown

SHOE SIZE

11 1/2

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LOWER RIGHT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

LOWER LEFT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X = Extracted

C = Cavius

1 = Cavius Non Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

17-2819

G. R. & E. DIV.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER
HQ. COM. ZONE, ETOUSA

TOOTH CHART

RTR: BLAIDA, JOHN M.
S/Sgt., 16176158

5 September 1947

Date

Unknown Y-6291

Unknown

Unknown

Last Name Unknown

First

Initial

Rank Unknown

Serial No.

Gultz, Germany

Unit

Est. 29 May 1944

Organization

Plane crash

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

Right

Left

	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		A O FD	A O FD	A O FD	A O FD											
Side views																
TOP																
VIEW																
Side Views																
		A O FD														

Upper partial pink acrylic denture replacing
R-1 & L-1. Clapsed to R-5. Left section of denture missing.
No space between R-13 & R-15.
R-13 rotated 1/4 of a turn mesially
Lower anteriors worn on incisal edge.
Teeth normal size, white, alignment good.

Ernest C. Gaddy
Signature of Officer or other person who prepared Tooth chart

Verified by G. R. S. Officer

ERNEST C. GADDY
CWO USA C.I.P.

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Blackley, Fred</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>100 425</i>		GRADE <i>Sgt</i>
HEIGHT <i>6-1</i>	WEIGHT <i>156</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Grey</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Dark</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>11 1/2</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>4-28-44</i>

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

576 Bomb Sq. 392 Bomb Group

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA *Killed while in action over Germany on 4-28-44 near Berlin*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Lockport, Ill.</i>	<i>April 1942 - May 3, 1942</i>
<i>Lowry, Ill.</i>	<i>May 1942 - July 10, 1942</i>
<i>FAB, Fort Belvoir, Ill.</i>	<i>July 10, 1942 - Aug 10, 1942</i>
<i>Wendover Field, Utah</i>	<i>Aug 10, 1942 - Sep 8, 1942</i>
<i>RAF, FAE, Clonville, Ireland</i>	<i>Sep 14, 1942 - Dec 13, 1942</i>
<i>RAF, Lythe, Scotland</i>	<i>Oct 17, 1942 - Dec 22, 1942</i>
<i>FAB, Fort Belvoir, Ill.</i>	<i>Dec 26, 1942 - Jan 11, 1943</i>

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

None

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

None

DENTAL CHART

8 7 16 ② 4 3 2 X

UPPER RIGHT

X 2 3 X 5 6 7 8

UPPER LEFT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

LOWER RIGHT

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

LOWER LEFT

X - EXTRACTED

O - CARIOUS

/ - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

5-212

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)			GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
BLAIDA, JOHN M.			S/SGT.		1617 & 158
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)	
576 TH BOMB SQ. 392 ND BOMB GP.(H)		WHITE	CATHOLIC		
DATE OF DEATH/WT*	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
29 MAY 1944	KILLED IN ACTION		GUELTZ, GERMANY		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
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X = Extracted O = Cavious I = Cavious Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					
PLACE OF DEATH: GUELTZ, DEMMIN COUNTY GERMANY					
PLACE OF BURIAL: GULTZ, 800 METERS FROM GUTSHOF GULTZ, GERMANY, GRAVE NO. 8					
AS PER GERMAN CASE REPORT KU-2086					
AGE: 21					
HAVE PHOTOSTAT OF DENTAL RECORD MADE					

E X T R A C T
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT No. MF-200

Evacuation Number

MF 2819

1. Organization: Location AAF Sta 118 Command on Air Force
Group 392(W) Squadron 675 8th
2. Specify: Point of Departure Home Station
Intended Destination Politz, Germany
4. Date: 29 May 1944 Time 1212
6. Aircraft: Type, Model and Series B 24 W A.A.T. Serial Numbr.
42-95136

Crew Position	Name in full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Present Status
1. Pilot	TYLER Ace W.	1st Lt.	0-685100	KIA
	RICCI Joseph A	2nd Lt.	0-692121	DD
	BASSETT Earl F	1st Lt.	0-683905	no card
	PODOLSKI Paul D	S/Sgt.	31136342	KIA
	METZ William	T/Sgt.	12040746	KIA
	BLAIDA John M	S/Sgt.	16176158	KIA
	MAC DONALD George F Jr	T/Sgt.	11017433	KIA
	BROWN Gilbert R	S/Sgt.	14054427	KIA
	POWELL Marvin L.	S/Sgt.	75724646	KIA
	TROUTMAN Edward A	S/Sgt.	35352594	KIA

Evacuation Number

1F 2819

Gulitz Ger.

N 54 / U 68

1/250.000

Field



- N
- 9 [] Brown
 - 8 [] Blaida
 - 7 [] Podolski BTB
 - 6 [] Trautman B.T.B.
 - 5 [] Tyler
 - 4 [] Powell
 - 3 [] McDonald
 - 2 [] Miller BTB
 - 1 [] Metz B.T.B.

Dirt Road To Village of Gulitz

Evacuation Number

1F 2819

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EVACUATION NO.

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Destination: Gultz-Pomerania-Kreis Stettin-Pomerania - Germany.

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1F 2819

Gulitz Ger.

N 54 / U 68

1/250.000

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 - 1 ☐ Metz B.T.B.

Field

Dirt Road To Village of Gulitz

Burgermeister's by

13. Landrat Demmin:

* The American crew, which was shot down in May 1945 in Guelz, Kreis Demmin, is buried in the forest of Guelz.

Guelz

collected

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C O P Y .
R E P O R T .

Eldena 8 Jan 46

In the middle of Apr 44 a plane crashed south-east of Eldena about 150 meters off old Elde-river bridge. Inside the plane were one dead and one severely head-injured airman, so that the witnesses thought he was dead, further one slightly injured and six unwounded soldiers.

The deceased and the wounded were by truck taken to the airport command Ludwigslust. The other 6 men were at first brought to the Landwacht (militia) and interrogated, from there also taken to Ludwigslust.

It is supposed, that those uninjured six crewmembers were handed over to a Prisoner of War compound.

Burgermeister

/s/ SCHMELING

Witnesses are:

Bauer (Farmer)	Hermann ROESCHE, Eldena
Bauer	Hermann FANN, Eldena
Bauer	Johannes WEGNER, Eldena
Reinhold VOLCK,	Altona b. Eldena.

Eldena, 8 Jan. 1946

A true certified translation:

P.C. Johnson II
P.C. JOHNSON II
W.D. Civilian
Operations.

C O P Y

DER LANDRAT OF
KREIS LUDWIGSLUST

LUDWIGSLUST, 8 January 1946.

According to testimony of policeman TRAPP of LUDWIGSLUST, the remains of the deceased American soldiers, which were buried near the firing range, were disinterred and evacuated at the end of the month of June 1945.

Der Mecklenburgische Landrat

/s/ M E Y E R

A certified true translation:

P. C. Johnson II
P. C. JOHNSON II
W.D.Civ. B-303993
Operations

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
SEARCHING TEAMS NUMBER 1
SCHWERIN, GERMANY

Germany - M 54
3387

19 January 1946

TO : Commanding Officer, First QM Group, APO 654

SUBJECT: Negative searching report on Case 3387 (T/Sgt. Thahad Hunter, AAF)

1. HERMANN ROSCHE, HERMANN HAHN, JOHANNES WEGNER, all farmers living in Eldena, Germany (Coord. RT 4522, M-54) and REINHOLD VOLCK, living in Altona adjoining Eldena, all were witnesses of the following case and give substantially the same information which is as follows: During the middle of April 1944 a 4-motored US bomber was shot down over the south eastern edge of Eldena, 150 meters from the old Elde bridge. One (1) dead body was found in the plane and two (2) wounded men, six (6) men parachuted to safety. All nine (9) crew members, living, wounded and dead, and the plane wreckage were removed to the Airport at Ludwigslust. It was presumed that the living were sent to a POW camp.

2. The cemetery records of HANS MUND, cemetery caretaker at Ludwigslust show that on April 15 1944 one (1) unidentified American flier's body was brought in for burial by the Luftwaffe from the airport. He was buried there in the city cemetery. His records also show that on 24 January 1944 eight (8) unknown American fliers were brought in from a Fortress crash at Fresenbrugge (Coord.: RT 5426, M-54). These eight (8) were buried in a common grave in the same cemetery in Ludwigslust. (This was before the Eldena crash as the date shows.)

3. HANS MUND'S records and also those of the police show that sometime in June 1944 under the supervision of a German Graves Registration Ober-Lt., all nine (9) American bodies and those of two (2) English fliers were disinterred from the city protestant cemetery, and reburied in the woods in an old ammunition dump at the edge of Ludwigslust. All nine (9) Americans were buried in one (1) grave and the two (2) Englishmen in another common grave beside them.

4. The Burgermeister and the Police both testify that either at the end of June or early in July 1945 the American Authorities and the English Authorities both came and disinterred and removed their respective deceased. No one knows the American unit who did the disinterring or where the Bodies were removed to. The graves are now empty.

5. From the information on the German Luftwaffe burial card (AGRC case No. 3387) T/Sgt. Thahad Hunter, AAF Fortress Crew Member, died in a crash at Eldena 11 April 1944 and was buried in the cemetery in Ludwigslust 15 April 1944. This agrees with the above information.

/s/ Rowan A. Wakefield
1st Lt. O-1588343
Commanding

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

P.C. Johnson II
P.C. JOHNSON II
505007

Evacuation Number
1F 2819

NOTICE OF DISINTERMENT

GRS-GZ Form No. 8

Date 15 July 1947

The below listed U. S. deceased personnel have this date been disinterred from the location as shown and have been evacuated to U. S. Military Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium for reburial.

BLAIDA, JOHN M.	S/Sgt.	16176158	Gultz, Germany (N 54/U 68; 1/250,000)
(NAME)	(RANK)	(ASN)	(PLACE OF DISINTERMENT)

This case is classified Unknown X-6291 If communal cemetery show Plot, Row and Grave No., if available.
BTB.: BLAIDA, JOHN M., S/Sgt.,
16176158.

Wilmer C. Fason
T/SGT. WILMER C. FASON
(Officer or NCO in charge of Disinterment)

95th QM BN AGRC
(Organization)

RRE Form #43
20 Sep 48

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

BLAIDA	John	M	S SG	16176158
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

Subject remains have been permanently interred overseas in the United
States Military Cemetery NEUVILLE

Incl #

STATION FILE

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
MEMORIAL DIVISION

~~16176158~~ QMGMT 293
BLAIDA, John M.
S/Sgt 16176158

23 March 1948
DATE

SUBJECT: Identification of World War II Deceased

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

1. The identification of S/Sgt John M. Blaida, 16176158
(formerly X 6291 Plot AA Row 11
Grave 261, USMC Neuville-en-Condrez, Belgium) as
established by your Headquarters has been approved by this office.

2. Request all records be amended accordingly.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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

tmd
CS

O. O. M. G.

MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

NJS
JCM

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
MEMORIAL DIVISION

Matthew J. Lederman
Investigating Clerk

5 February 1948
Date

BASIS FOR IDENTIFICATION

BLAIDA, John M. 16176158 S/Sgt (Previously X-6291, Neuville-en-Condroz)
(Plot AA, Row 11, Grave 261)

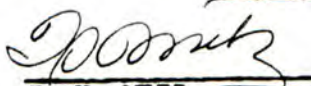
The Field established identification of remains of John M. Blaida, 16176158. This office has reviewed the case and recommends approval thereof, based on the following points of identification:

1. Unknown X-6291 disinterred from Gultz, Mecklenburg, Germany, Grave #8 (Exhibit A). This is in agreement with burial location recorded in German Record AV 965/44 (Exhibit B) for Blaida, S/Sgt, 16176158.
2. German records list the name Miller, Corbett X, 33143468, (as written in his Soldiers Individual Pay Record). Miller is not a casualty nor was he a member of Blaida's crew. The Germans recorded Miller's name from his pay book, therefore it may be assumed that one of the crew had this pay book in his possession.
3. Recording of name and serial, ^{numerals} tetanus shots and blood type on AV 965/44 is evidence identification tags were present at time of death.
4. US Army clothing found with Unknown X-6291.
5. Wooden cross over the grave of X-6291 had an ID tag nailed on it as follows: "John M. Blaida, 16176158 T43-3 B C".
6. MACR #5212 (Exhibit C) for Blaida lists only one (1) crew member as EUS. Ten (10) crew members were aboard. Nine (9) members were killed and one (1) has been identified as: George E. MacDonald, Jr., 11017433, Plot AA, Row 11, Grave 260, Neuville, also disinterred from Gultz, grave #3, agreeing with German Record AV 965/44. Eight (8) crew members are left to be accounted for and are all in the process of identification. (Approved by Field)
7. The only Americans disinterred from Gultz, Germany, are the nine crew members listed on MACR #5212 (Exhibit C).
8. ^{from PARTIAL} Dental chart for Unknown X-6291 compares favorably with Army dental records of Blaida (Exhibit D).
9. Tooth chart for X-6291 has been checked with tooth charts for all other deceased crew members on MACR #5212 with negative results.
10. Estimated height, 6'2 3/8" for X-6291, in ^{close} agreement with height, 6'1" recorded in Army records for Blaida (Exhibit D).

R/X Case History Unk. X-6291, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium as: Blaida John M.

11. Narrative and Map Sketch (Exhibit E) are in agreement with burial location for Blaida as recorded in German Records (Exhibit B).
12. Date and place of death for X-6291 agrees with MACR #5212, German Records, Statement of Witness (Exhibit F) and AGO Report of Death (Exhibit G) for Blaida.

Herman


T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC

1. Identification approved
2. Records corrected Identification Branch
3. Ltr. to Field re acceptance of Identification
4. Notification to Effects Bureau
5. Case (hand carried) to R/R Branch for correction of all records
6. Notification to AGO
7. Case (hand carried) by R/R Branch to Family Correspondence Br for NOK letter
8. Family Correspondence letter to NOK

23 Mar. 48

24 Mar. 48

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24 Mar 48

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To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Station Hosp Lowry Field Denver Colo.		28 May 1946	32352 N

1

ET

Clerk

28 May 46

Date

D.C.B.

Branch

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY



BLAIDA, John M., S/Sgt 16146458
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

previously buried as Unknown X-6291, USMC NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, Belgium
Identification accepted in accordance with Letter File AGAO-S 293.9(27 Mar 47)
D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 Apr 47, sub: Establishment of Beards of Review for
Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, by the following members of the
Board of Review established by Par.2, Special Orders Number 69, Hq, A.G.R.C.
dated 9 May 1947

Col. John H. Evans, O-15184 Inf Major K.J. HODSON, O-43268 JAGD

Major G.W. FISH, O-42932 QMC Capt. Jack E. HAYES, O-1577297 QMC

Maj. George E. Springer, O-284512 FA Maj. George E. Woods, O-252521 CE
41840

MACR #5212

ORGANIZATION: AAF Station 118, Eighth Air Force, 392nd Bomb Gp., 576th Bomb Squadron

INTENDED DESTINATION: Politz, Germany (CREW 10) TYPE OF MISSION: Bombardment

DATE: 29 May 1944

TIME: 1212

LOCATION: Peditz, Germany
(Last sighted)

CAUSE OF CRASH: Enemy Aircraft TYPE: B-24H AAF SERIAL NUMBER: 42-95136

POSITION	NAME	RANK	ASN	STATUS
Pilot	TYLER, Ace W.	1/Lt	0-685176	KIA
Co-Pilot	RICCI, Joseph A.	2/Lt	0-692821	DED
Navigator	Bassett, Earl F.	1/Lt	0-683805	EUS
Nose Gunner	PODOLSKI, Paul D.	S/Sgt	31136342	KIA
Radio Operator	METZ, William (NMI)	T/Sgt	12049746	KIA
Ass't Radio Operator	BLAIDA, John M.	S/Sgt	16176158	KIA
Engineer	MacDONALD, George E., Jr.	T/Sgt	11017433	KIA
Ass't Engineer	BROWN, Gilbert R.	S/Sgt	14054427	KIA
ARMORER Gunner	POWELL, Marvin L.	Sgt	35724646	KIA
Armerer Gunner	TROUTMAN, Edward A.	S/Sgt	35352584	KIA

The above nine (9) casualties are all in the process of identification.

Statement by the only surviving crew member (Bassett, Earl F., 0-683805, 1st Lt.)

Date and place of Death: 29 May 1944, Stettin, Germany.

Cause of Death: Plane was hit by fighters and the nose section was set afire, I bailed out but saw no more parachutes although I was in position to see them if they had been able to jump. Plane crashed and burned.

Place of Burial: Presumed to be Stettin, Germany.

Stettin, Germany - 53.25N, 14.34E

Gults, Germany - 53.44N, 13.13E

CORRECTED COPY

REPORT OF BURIAL

19 November 1947

B LA I D A

John

M

S/Sgt

16176158

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

675 Bomb Sq

392 Bomb Gp (H)

Unit

Organization

Gultz, Germany

29 May 1944

Plane Crash

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1500 - 11 Sept 1947

U.S. Military Cemetery NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, Belgium

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

261

Row Number

Cross

Grave Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes ☐ No ☒ Attached to Marker Yes ☐ No ☒

If No Identification Tags

:Previously buried as Unknown X-6291 (Neuville):

How were remains identified?

Identified through:

1. Favorable comparison of tooth chart for X-6291 and tooth chart for Sgt. Blaida.
2. Identification tag for Sgt. Blaida was found nailed to the cross over the grave of X-6291.

What means of identification were buried with the body? Estimated height of X-6291 is in agreement with the height of Sgt. Blaida.

4. Unknown X-6291 was disinterred from Gultz, Germany with identified remains of crew members of A/C 42-95136 of which Sgt. Blaida was a crew member.
5. German Dulag Record KU-2086 states that Sgt. Blaida was interred in grave 8, at Gultz to determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left. (see reverse side)

Who is buried on:

-MacDonald 11017433 T/Sgt 392 Bb Gp

260

Deceased's Right:

X-6292

262

Deceased's Left:

Name

Serial No.

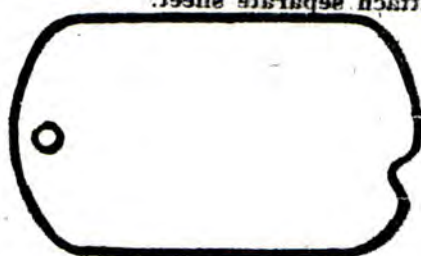
Rank

Organization

Grave No.

If this is an isolated burial, make a sketch of the location with permanent landmarks.

TOOTH CHART



If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Mrs. Helen Blaida, Mother

Emergency Addressee - Unknown

216 Almyra Ave., Monroe, Michigan

Address

Religion

Orthodox

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

REBURIAL

Previously buried in isolated grave located at: Gultz, Germany (Mechlenburg) N54/U68 1:250,000 Grave #8

This corrected copy of Report of Burial prepared in the office of the American Graves Registration Command.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

GEORGE L. FREEMAN

Verified by G. R. S. Officer

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S/Bgt. John M. Blaida, 16 176 158
Plot AA, Row 11, Grave 261,
United States Military Cemetery
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

8 April 1948

Mr. John Blaida
216 Almyra Avenue
Monroe, Michigan

Dear Mr. Blaida:

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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,

Incls.

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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QMCMT 293
BLAIDA, John M.
S/Sgt 16176158

23 March 1948

SUBJECT: Identification of Former Unknown Deceased

TO : Effects Quartermaster
Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

AA 11
Neuville-en-Condros, Belgium

261

6291

16176158

S/Sgt John M. Blaida,

Mrs. Helen Blaida (Mother) 216 Almyra Avenue, Monroe, Michigan

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

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



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QMGF 293
Blaida, John M.
SN 16 176 158

1 April 1948

Mr. John Blaida
216 Almyra Avenue
Monroe, Michigan

Dear Mr. Blaida:

We are desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Staff Sergeant John M. Blaida.

The official report of burial discloses that his remains were originally buried in an isolated grave located at Gulta, Mechlenburg, Germany, but were later disinterred and properly identified. I am therefore gratified to inform you that his remains are now resting in Plot AA, Row 11, Grave 261, in the United States Military Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condros, Belgium.

This cemetery is located nine miles southwest of Liege, Belgium, and is under the constant care and supervision of our government, and you may be interested to know, has been designated as a permanent American Military Cemetery, dedicated in grateful remembrance of our World War II Dead.

I wish to assure you that the identification of your son's remains was established by favorable comparison of the tooth charts made for the deceased with those maintained in Army dental records for your son; by comparison of physical characteristics; and by the fact that one of his identification tags was attached to the grave marker over the original grave.

His identification is further substantiated by the fact that the estimated date of death, and the place of death, as given on the official report of death, are in agreement with the Missing Air Crew Report for Air-crew Number 42-25136, of which your son was a crew member, and with the records of the Assistant General's Office for Sergeant Blaida. Furthermore, other deceased crew members were also recovered from this isolated location, and individually identified.



QMOMF 293 Blaida, John M. - SN 16 176 158

1 April 1948 (Cont'd)

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I trust this message will be a source of consolation, and will, in some way, be a measure of relief from the distress you have suffered.

May I extend my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

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RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

S/Bgt. John M. Blaida, 16 176 158
Plot AA, Row 11, Grave 261,
United States Military Cemetery
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

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Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

Incls.

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5 May 1949

S/Sgt John M. Blaida, ASN 16 176 158
Plot D, Row 7, Grave 49
Headstone: Cross
Neuville-en-Condroz (Belgium)
U. S. Military Cemetery

Mr. John Blaida
216 Almyra Avenue
Monroe, Michigan

Dear Mr. Blaida:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

S/Sgt. John M. Blaida, 16 176 158
 Plot AA, Row 11, Grave 261,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

8 April 1948

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, JOHN BLAIDA

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☒ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☒ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- ☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO _____ (FOREIGN COUNTRY) THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____

(LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

☐ YES ☐ NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

NONE

PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NO.

OR

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NO.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

 (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) JOHN BLAIDA (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	216 Almyra Ave (STREET AND NUMBER) Monroe Michigan (CITY AND STATE)
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Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this _____ day of _____, 19____, at city (or town) of _____, county of _____, and State (or Territory or District) of _____

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

Der Landrat des Kreises Ludwigslust

Bank-Konten: Kreisbank Ludwigslust Nr. 1320

fernrufruf: 456, 457 und 458

G.-Nr.

(Bei Antwortschreiben anzugeben)

Ludwigslust, den 8. Januar 1946.

Nach Aussagen des Polizisten *Trapp, Ludwigslust*
sind die Leichen der gefallenen amerikanischen Soldaten, die
bei den Schießstandanlagen beigesetzt waren, Ende Juni ds. Jrs.
1945 ausgebettet worden.



Der Meckl. Landrat.

Meyer

The bodies of the killed American soldiers
buried in the forest, were reburied at the
end of June 1945.

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QMCMF 293 Elaida, John M. - SN 16 176 158

1 April 1948 (Cont'd)

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Sincerely yours,

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RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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Air-Base Hqts 2/III
Greifswald

AV 965/44

Greifswald, 1 June 1944

Reference AF-Manual 1000

Subject Recovery of bodies of english AF-members.

To
DISTRIBUTOR.

NO	DATE & PLACE OF RECOVERY	RANK	NAME & IDENT.TAG	DATE OF DOWNING	PLACE OF BURIAL
1	31 May 1944 Guelts-Estate	Unkn	METS, William 12049746 T 42-3 BP	29 May 1944	Buried at GUKITZ, 800 meter from GUE estate Grave No 1
2	same	Sgt?	MILLER, Corbett X. 331434468	same	same Grave No 2
3	same	unkn	MC DONALD George E. 11017433 T 42-3 B	same	same Grave No 3
4	same	unkn	POVELL, Marvin 35724646 T 43 43	same	same Grave No 4
5	same	unkn	TYLER, Ace W. 0 - 684176 T 42 43 C	same	same Grave No 5
6	same	unkn	TRAUTMANN, Edward 35352584 T 42 43 0	same	same Grave No 6
7	same	unkn	PODOLSKI, Paul D 31136342 T 43 43 00	same	same Grave No 7
8	same	unkn	BLAIDA, John H. 16176158 T 43-3 B	same	same Grave No 8
9	same	unkn	BROWN, Gilbert R. 14054427 T 41-3 42	same	same Grave No 9

KU 2086

Subject: Report of downed planes

Place of crash: Guelts (railroad Demmin - Altentreptow) about 20 km south eastward Demm

Time: May 29, 1944 about 11.45 Kind of plane: Liberator

Identification and factory number: Unknown (No admittance number on the stab. (29 51 36)

Crew: AA 9 dead (ranks unknown. William Mets

Probably Sgt. Corbett, X. Miller 33143468 (as written in his
"Soldier's Individual Pay Recor

George MacDonald
Marvin Pawell
Ace W. Tyler
Edward A. Troutman
Paul D. Podolski
John H. Blaida
Gilbert R. Brown

EXTRACT *

*KV - 2086

OFFICIAL GERMAN RECORDS

DATE:	29 May 1944	AT:	1145	RANK:	NAME:	
PLACE:	Guelts near Demmin in Pomerania	5	1st Lt	TYLER, ACE W.	ASN: 0-685176	dead
TYPE OF CRAFT:	Liberator		2nd Lt	RIOCI.	ASN:	dead
MARKINGS:	295136 576 (HB) Sqd. 392 Group	9	1st Lt.	BASSETT, Earl F.	ASN: 0-683805	dead
AIRBASE:	Wendling	8		BROWN, Gilbert R.	ASN: 14054427	dead
TARGET:	Airbase HQ Greifswald	2		BLAIDA, John M.	ASN: 16176158	dead
		4		MILLER, Corbett.	ASN: 33143468	dead
		6		POWELL, Martin	ASN: 35724646	dead
		7		TRAUTMAN, Edward A.	ASN: 35352584	dead
		3		PODOLSKI, Paul D.	ASN: 31136342	dead
		1		MC DONALD, George E.	ASN: 11017433	dead
				METZ, William	ASN: 12049746	dead
					9 dead, interred 800 mtrs. from Guelts Farm. (Gutshof Guelts)	

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5212 (Rev:)

REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right

Left

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

LOWER TEETH

Right

Left

16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS 7

Occlusion 1: Calculus: Slight, Med. Heavy

Periodontoclasia 7

Dental foci suspected Yes No

Other conditions: 25710

Date Feb 20 54 1954

Dental Corps, U.S.

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

Teeth replaced by denture
(horizontal line)

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

X

NUMBER OF DENTAL PATIENT. AT 51
Sta Hosp. DC AAFTC Madisch, Wis.

(1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME
Blaida, John M. (16176158) A
(3) RANK (4) CO (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
Pvt. 627 S.S.
(6) AGE (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE
YEARS YEARS YEARS
19 W Mich. 3/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLI- CATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC									
Abscess Periapical									
L-3									
Tfd. fr. Pld.									
Feb. 1943									
2/20 T.E.									
Radene									
James									
(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS									
(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS									

Chief Dental Corps, U. S. A.

REPORT OF DENTAL EXAMINATION

UPPER TEETH

Right

Left

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

LOWER TEETH

Right

Left

16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CLASS II

Occlusion N: Calculus: Slight, Med. Heavy

Periodontoclasia None

Dental foci suspected Yes No

Other conditions: None

Date Feb 20 1943

Dental Corps, U.S.

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

X

16-20622

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

AREA SEARCH

1F 2819

Attention: Registration
Division Hq. AGRC — for
use in Casualty Clearance
19 September 1947
Date

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946

NAME **Unknown X-6291** RANK **Unknown** ASN **Unknown**
ORGANIZATION **Unknown**
MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION **None**

(All statements above this line will be completed, upon final) processing, by the clerical staff at the unit processing point.)

SECTION A — GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? **No** If so, state the following information:

a. NAME **Unknown** RANK **Unknown** ASN **Unknown**
b. ORGANIZATION **Unknown**

2. Was partial identification established? **Yes** If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME **JOHN M. BLAIR** RANK **Sgt.** ASN **16178158**
b. ORGANIZATION **392nd Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force**

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY (See attached narrative and MACR)

(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MARC)

a. Date of above burials **29 May 1944** **Isolated burials, no in cemetery** **No**

5. Name and Type of Cemetery
(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery

a. Town **Mecklenburg** Country **Germany** **Not applicable**

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section **Row** Grave **)**

b. Is Sketch attached?

8. If remains are located in a cemetery, give exact location. **Mecklenburg, Germany, N 54/U 68, 1: 250,000**

a. Town **Mecklenburg** Coordinates **grave No. 8 beginning from left**

b. Is Sketch attached? **No**

c. Is area mined?

9. How is the grave marked? **Wooden cross** (See attached sketch)

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon

a. From what source was this information obtained? **Identification tags**
(Identification tags, personal effects)

1. By whom **Police**

11. Where are the cemetery records? **No records**
(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)

26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? Yes
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? Yes
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash Many "very big formation"
29. State precise time and date of plane crash 1300 hrs. 29 May 1944
30. Were parachutists seen? Yes 3 (Night?) (Day?) No
1 prisoner; 2 parachutes failed to open Escaped? _____
 Prisoners? _____

SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

- This section not applicable**
31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? _____
 a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed _____
 (Radio man, driver, assistant driver or . . . front, side, or back)
 b. Near wreckage? _____
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
 a. Type of tank _____
 b. Markings and/or name of tank _____
 c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc. _____
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? _____
34. Did tank explode? _____ Burn? _____
35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement _____
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased? _____
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank _____ (Night?) (Day?)
38. Did any of the crew members escape? _____ Prisoners? _____

SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable). **Not applicable**

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i. e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire) _____
 If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
 a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? _____
40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased _____

SECTION E — GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? No
Disposition unknown
 If not, state reason. Yes
 a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Unknown
 Where? _____ By whom? Police
Unknown
 Present disposition _____

If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
AREA SEARCH

1F 2819

Evacuation Number :

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)

19 September 1947

Date

1 January 1946

NAME Unknown Y-6291 RANK Unknown ASN Unknown
ORGANIZATION Unknown
MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None

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a. NAME RANK ASN

b. ORGANIZATION

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b. ORGANIZATION 392nd Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force T 43-3

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY (See attached narrative and MACR)

(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)

a. Date of above burials 29 May 1944 Common Graves? No
Isolated burials, not in cemetery

5. Name and Type of Cemetery (Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery)
a. Town Country)

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.) Not applicable

a. Section Row Grave)

b. Is sketch attached?

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SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? This section not applicable
- a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed
(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or . . . front, side, or back)
- b. Near wreckage? _____
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of tank _____
- b. Markings and/or name of tank _____
- c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc. _____

33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? _____

34. Did tank explode? _____ Burn? _____

35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement _____

36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased? _____

37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank _____
(Night?) (Day?)

38. Did any of the crew members escape? _____ Prisoners? _____

SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable). Not applicable

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i. e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire) _____

If so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.

- a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? _____

40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased _____

SECTION E — GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? No

If not, state reason Disposition unknown

- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? Yes

Where? Unknown By whom? Police

Present disposition Unknown

If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned.

B e r i c h t .

Mitte April 1944 stürzte ein Flugzeug südöstlich Eldena, 150 mtr.rechts der alten Eldebrücke, ab.Im Flugzeug befand sich ein Toter,ein Schwerverletzter mit Kopfschuss,sodass die Zeugen glaubten es mit zwei Toten zu tun zu haben.Ferner ein Leichtverletzter und sechs unverletzte Soldaten.

Der Tote und die Verletzten wurden mit einem Lastkraftwagen der Fliegerkommandantur Ludwigslust zugeführt.Die sechs Unverletzten wurden zunächst der Landwacht zugeführt und vernommen,und von dort ebenfalls der Fliegerkommandantur Ludwigslust übergeben.

Es wird angenommen,dass die unverletzten sechs Flugzeuginsassen einem Kriegsgefangenen-Lager zugeführt worden sind.

Witnesses are

Zeugen sind:

Farmer

Bauer Hermann Rösche, Eldena

Bauer Hermann Hann, Eldena

Bauer Johannes Wegner, Eldena

Reinhold Volck, Altona b.Eldena.

Eldena, den 8.Januar 1946

Der Bürgermeister:



Stumeling

In the middle of April 1944 a plane was shot down in south easterly direction from Klelena, 150 metres to the right from the old Klele-bridge. The witnesses found in the plane 1 dead body, one badly wounded by a shot in his head, so that they thought there were two dead bodies. In addition to this was one light wounded soldier. 6 soldiers were not wounded. The killed soldier and the two wounded were brought by truck to the air-force Hq. in Ludwigslust. The 6 not wounded flyers were brought to the police-station first and then to the same place in Ludwigslust. We suppose, the 6 not wounded soldiers were brought to a PW camp.

Witnesses are:

- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? Yes
Where? Unknown By whom? Police
Present disposition ~~xxxx~~ Unknown
- c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? No
- d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot? No
42. Was Deceased given first aid? No If so, where? _____
By whom? _____ Are statements from the medical people attached? _____
43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital? No
Where? _____ Names of people concerned _____
44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? No
45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? No
Seven crashed with plane, 2 parachuted with chutes failed
(Burnt? Decapitated? etc.) _____
46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? No
a. If so, give basis for positive assumption _____
b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? _____
47. Was case previously investigated? No By whom? _____
When? _____
48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed Wilhelm Wolf, Helene Sodmann, of Gultz
49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? Yes
50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? No
51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? No - Soviet Zone
(If special investigation, give case number) Attached
52. Give Brief Narrative _____

(Use attached, sheets if necessary)

for

Signature of Interpreter

Rank

ASN

Organization

Note: Investigating Officer no longer attached to this unit.

ALBERT C. KALWEIT

Signature of Investigator

Major EA O-327477

Rank

ASN

95th QM BN AGRC

P.C. Johnson II
P.C. JOHNSON II
W.D. Civilian/Operations

- a. What information was contained thereon?
- b. Where was the information obtained?
- c. By whom?
12. What is the date of death? 29 May 1944
a. Give basis Witness statements
13. What is the cause of death? Plane crash
b. Give basis Witnesses statements
14. What is the date of burial? 30 May 1944
a. Give basis Withⁿesses statements
15. What was the place of death? Gultz, Germany Coords N 54/ U 68
b. Give basis Witnesses statements ~~Vicinity of Gultz~~
16. Where were the remains found? Vicinity of Gultz Coords N 54/ U 68
a. By whom? Police
b. Is sketch attached? No, exact site unknown
17. Was a casket used? No Who furnished the casket?
- Type of casket How marked?
18. Who made the burial Italian prisoners of war supervised by following non-commissioned nav(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.) officer:
a. What are the names and addresses? Name unknown; rank: Chief Petty Officer; present address: Via San Giacomo No. 271, Cavour, Province of Torino, Italia

SECTION B — AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the AAF).

19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? Yes
a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed Unknown
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
b. Near wreckage? Unknown; 2 of deceased crashed to death when parachutes failed to open
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).
a. Type of Plane Wreckage removed by Germans, Witnesses say
b. Markings and/or name on plane 4-engine bomber
c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: Impossible to determine
21. How did crash occur? Anti-aircraft No
Enemy Planes? Yes Collision? No
22. Did plane explode in the air? No On ground? Yes
23. Did plane burn in the air? Yes On ground? Yes
24. What was the direction of the flight? From the south to north in the probable direction of Stettin; see attached statement of Italian POW.
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane?

- b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? Yes
 Where? Unknown By whom? Police
 Present disposition Apex Unknown
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12. What is the date of death?

a. Give basis

13. What is the cause of death?

b. Give basis

14. What is the date of burial?

a. Give basis

15. What was the place of death?

b. Give basis

16. Where were the remains found?

a. By whom?

b. Is sketch attached?

17. Was a casket used?

Type of casket

18. Who made the burial

a. What are the names and addresses

29 May 1944

Witness statements

Plane crash

witnesses statements

30 May 1944

Witnesses statements

Gultz, Germany

~~Vicinity of Gultz~~

Vicinity of Gultz

N 54/ U 68

Coords

N 54/ U 68

Coords

Police

No, exact site unknown

No

Who furnished the casket?

Italian prisoners of war supervised by following non-commissioned naval officer:

Name unknown; rank: Chief Petty Officer; present

(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
address: Via San Giacomo No. 271, Cavour, Province of
Torino, Italia

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(Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)

b. Near wreckage?

20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).

Wreckage removed by Germans, witnesses say

a. Type of Plane

4-engine bomber

b. Markings and/or name on plane

Impossible to determine

c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment:

No

Yes

21. How did crash occur?

Anti-aircraft

No

Enemy Planes?

No Collision?

Yes

Yes

Yes

22. Did plane explode in the air?

On ground?

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From the south to north in the probable direction
of Stettin; see attached statement of
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(Rev. 1 Apr. 1945)
(Supersedes GRS Form 1)

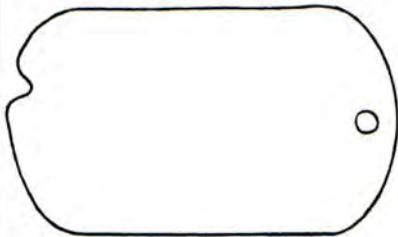
REPORT OF INTERMENT

(AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)

DATE OF REPORT

9 Sept 1947

Imprint Identification Tag If Possible.
DO NOT TYPE

Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION ~~Blaida, John M.~~

NAME (Last, first, middle initial) S/Sgt 16176158

SERIAL No.

~~Unknown~~ (X- 6291)~~Unknown~~

GRADE

ORGANIZATION

675 Bb Sq 392 Bb Gp

BRANCH OF SERVICE

~~Unknown~~~~Unknown~~

Unknown

RACE

~~Unknown~~ White

RELIGION

~~Unknown~~
CatholicIF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE
NAME OF COUNTRY

PLACE OF DEATH

Gultz, Germany

CAUSE OF DEATH

Plane Crash

DATE OF DEATH

29 May 1944

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Helen Blaida, Mother, 216 Almyra Ave., ~~Unknown~~ Monroe, MichiganIDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY
(1, 2, or none)

One (1) See Check List

IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse)

Ident. by Field, accepted by Col. Metz - 23 Mar 48 mnl

WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no)

Yes

LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME

None

Section 2.—BURIAL. If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY

USMC, Neuville en Condrez, Belgium (VK 390187)

DATE OF BURIAL	HOUR	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other)	TYPE OF GRAVE MARKER	PLOT No.	ROW No.	GRAVE No.
11 Sept 1947	1500	Casket	Wooden Cross Temp	AA	11	261

WAS THIS A REBURIAL?
(Yes or no)

Yes

IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE

Gultz, Germany (Mecklenburg) N54/U68 1:250,000
(Grave #8 Beginning from Left)

PLOT No.

ROW No.

GRAVE No.

TYPE OF RELIGIOUS
CEREMONY

General

PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES

Capt. Edward W Prentiss
Capt. Edwin W Casey
Rabbi LenchivcherIF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND
CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODYOne copy of WDQMC Form
1042 placed in burial
bottle and buried with remains.IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH
BODY (Yes or no)

No

IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO
MARKER (Yes or no)

No

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

X-6292

RANK

Unknown

SERIAL No.

Unknown

ORGANIZATION

Unknown

GRAVE No.

262

BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

Mac Donald, George E

RANK

T/Sgt

SERIAL No.

11017435

ORGANIZATION

392nd Bb GP.

GRAVE No.

260

SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT

ALBERT G. RICHARDSON

USWD CIV CAF 3

SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT

IVOR J. FOSMO

2nd Lt Inf CIP

DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for U. S. and allied dead, signed original and one copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Headquarters GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

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(Basic Ltr WD OCMG, OCMGMN 293, Blaida, John M. SN 16 176 158,
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Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58,
US Army, 19 December 1947

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

1. Unknown X-6291 has been identified as S/Sgt John M.
Blaida, 16176158; reburied in US Military Cemetery Neuville-en-
Condroz, plot AA, row 11, grave 261.

2. Corrected Report of Burial was submitted your office
by Letter of Transmittal #2585, dated 11 December 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. Mulvanity

E. D. MULVANITY
Lt Colonel, QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

File
After
7 Dec 47



A I R M A I L

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

In Reply Refer To
QMGM 293

15 JUL 1947

BLAIDA, JOHN M.
SN 16176158

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

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

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, QMGM Form 371
(covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
BLAIDA, JOHN M.	S/SGT	16176158

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be
furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The
Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject
Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead
Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incl - 2
Form 371 (5 cys)
DENTAL CHART

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MARTIN G. FILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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Incl 15 4 50 PM '47
Form 371 (5 cys)
DENTAL CHART

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) BLAIDA, JOHN M.			GRADE S/SGT		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 16176158
ORGANIZATION 576TH BOMB SQ 392ND BOMB GP (H)			RACE WHITE	CREED CATHOLIC	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH MM 29 MAY 44		CAUSE OF DEATH KILLED IN ACTION		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA GUELTZ (RAILROAD DEMMIN- ALTENTREPTOW) DEMMIN COUNTY, GERMANY	
DATE OF FOD		KILLED IN ACTION			
HEIGHT 6-1	WEIGHT 156	COLOR EYES GREY	COLOR HAIR BROWN	SHOE SIZE 11½B	
DENTAL CHART					
UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 0 0 4 3 2 X 1			UPPER LEFT X 1 2 X X 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 X 14 13 12 11 10 9			LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 X 14 15 16		
X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable					
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
NONE					
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AGE: 21 BURIED: GULTZ, 800 METERS FROM GUTSHOF GULTZ, GERMANY, GRAVE NO. 8 - AS PER GERMAN CASE REPORT KU - 2086 GUELTZ (53°45'N, 13°11'E) GERMANY, 12½ MILES SE OF DEMMIN					

VAN COTT, T.M.
17 JANUARY 1961
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IMPORTANT: This report is to be completed by the pilot or other person who was on board the aircraft at the time of the crash. It should be checked against the log.

1. CIRCUMSTANCES: Location, Altitude, Time, Direction of Wind, etc. (If possible, include a sketch of the area.)
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NAME	DATE	TIME	STATUS
(1) Pilot	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(2) Co-pilot	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(3) Navigator	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(4) Bomb Gun	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(5) Med. Corp	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(6) Asst. Eng.	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(7) Engineer	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(8) Asst. Eng.	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(9) Asst. Eng.	10/1/60	10:10	OK
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(19) Asst. Eng.	10/1/60	10:10	OK
(20) Asst. Eng.	10/1/60	10:10	OK

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

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SPQYG 293

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



18 February 1946

SUBJECT: Report of Burial

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Service-ETA
Versailles, France
A.P.O. 757
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

1. Request that a Report of Burial, if completed, or other currently available information be furnished concerning the following named decedent for whom no report is on hand in this office:

NAME: Blaida, John M.

DATE OF DEATH: 29 May 1944

RANK: Staff Sergeant

PLACE OF DEATH: Gultz, (Railroad
Demmin-Altentreptow) Demmin county
Germany.

SERIAL NO.: 16 176 158

2. The following information has been received in this office which may aid in the location and recovery of his remains:

PLACE OF BURIAL: Gultz, 800 meters from Gutshof Gultz, Germany,
Grave No. 8.

AS PER GERMAN CASE REPORT KU-2085.

3. If no Report of Burial is on hand, it is requested that this office be furnished the approximate time during which the particular area where his remains are believed to be located will be searched.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

GUSTAVE GAVIS
2nd Lt., QMG
Assistant

The following information is authentic as per AGO Report of Death: Name, Rank, Serial Number,

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
FEB 19 4 02 PM '46
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Blaida, John M.

16 176 158

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T-#50

Tr. to field

16 Aug. 1945

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FEB 19 1946

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Gefangenenlager: H. U. 20%

Gefangenen-Nr.:

Staatsangehörigkeit:

U.S.A.

Nr. der Liste:

Seite der Liste:

Name:

Blaita, Blaida

Beruf:

Vornamen:

John, H. John M.

Dienstgrad: Flg. / Sgt. / Sgt.

Geburtsdag u. Geburtsort:

Truppenteil:

Marzator - Machine Liberator

Vorname des Vaters:

Komp. usw.

Matr. Nr. 16176158

16 176 158 T 43-3 B

Familiennamen der Mutter: Mrs. Helen Blaida

216 Almyra Ave, Monroe, Mich.

Ort und Tag der Gefangennahme oder Internierung:

Verwundungen, Verletzungen oder Tod:

Name u. Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person:

wann und von wo zugegangen:

Aufenthalt u. Veränderungen: 29.5.44 Giltz abgeschossen

Shot down 29 May 1944 at Giltz

31.5.44 geboren.

Body was recovered 31 May 1944

Grablege: Giltz - 800 m. v. Giltshof Giltz, Grab Nr.

Buried Giltz - 800 meters from Giltshof Giltz - Grave No. 8, Germany

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gem. d. Fl.-Kdtr. 2/III Greifswald v. 1. Juni 44 abgel. A.V. 965/44
v4 an Ref. IV 1
J. int. Nr. 32
Lft. " 125

I. Abld. gem. d. Dölz - Luft Unterlg b Abt. Kf. IV

Source of information. I

Report from Local Headquarters, air base

2/III Greifswald - 1 June 1944

Ref. IV 1 - Report no. 965/44

II - Report Thon Dölz - Luft -

Lower camp - Section for prisoners of war

Appears on Dead List 32/125-

WAISE Blaida, John M.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL NO. 29/A

SERIAL NUMBER 16 176 158

DATED 19 Feb '46

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FEB 19 1946
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AS PER GERMAN CASE REPORT KI-3086.

3. If no Report of Burial is on hand, it is requested that this office be furnished the approximate time during which the particular area where his remains are believed to be located will be searched.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

GUSTAVE CAVIS
2nd Lt., QMC
Assistant

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED MISSING P.O.W. ABANDONED TALLY NO. 7433 INV. DATE 6/21/45 ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1 BOX NO. SHEET 7 OF 7 SHEETS ORGANIZATION 2-72 Bn. 576 Bn. 25.
NAME JOHN M. BLAIDA A.S.N. 16176/58 RANK S/SGT		178,458	

BELT	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY) X	CLOTHING	BAGG, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	BRACELET IDENT.	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
COATS	BRUSHES	CASE
FOOTWEAR, PR.	CAMERAS	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR.	GLASSES	KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
HANDKERCHIEFS	KNIVES	X BOOKS
HEADWEAR	LIGHTERS	BOOKS, ADDRESS
JACKETS	MISC. INSIGNIA	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
OVERCOATS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
SCARFS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	FILMS
SHIRTS	PIPES	LETTERS
SOCKS, PR.	X RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	PAPERS, PERSONAL
TIES	RIBBONS, DECORATION	PHOTOS
TOWELS	RINGS	SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
TROUSERS, PR.	TOBACCO	SHORT SNORTER
TRUNKS, PR.	TOILET ARTICLES	X SOUVENIRS
UNDERWEAR	WATCH	X SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

* 2 face towels
* 2 caps cot.

* 2 sweat shirts
* 5 undershirts
* 12 shorts cot
* 23 handkerchiefs
* 1 pr. trunks
* 11 pr. socks
* 8 Bath towels

REMARKS	ATTACHMENTS	FORM #54	FORM #100
John Blaida 216 Alameda Ave. Monroe Mich. Laundry Bkg in this warehouse * Removed for laundry B.N. Beneficiary not legible on document C.A.T. none		Inventory	Form 54
WAREHOUSE SPACE	STORED BY	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
			X SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
			IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
			DIARY REMOVED
		DISPATCHED	LOCKED