

ACCELERATED RELEASE OF INFORMATION

DATE Dec 2, 1994

RE: BLESSING, GEORGE W. CPL SERVICE NO./SSN: 38 299 308

NOTE: BE SURE TO ENCLOSE THIS DOCUMENT (OR A COPY) IF YOU WRITE TO US AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT. OUR ADDRESS IS:
COMMANDER, U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND, ATTN: TAPC-PED-F, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22331-0482

☒ ENCLOSED, AS REQUESTED, IS A COMPLETE COPY OF _____ INDIVIDUAL
DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE. THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE.

ENCLOSED, AS REQUESTED, IS/ARE THE DOCUMENT(S) YOU SEEK ON THE ABOVE
INDIVIDUAL(S) FROM HIS/THEIR INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE(S).

ENCLOSED ARE TWO COPIES OF THE REPORT OF DEATH. THIS WAS THE ONLY
DOCUMENT ISSUED AS PROOF OF DEATH FOR A SERVICEMEMBER DURING WORLD WAR II AND THE
KOREAN WAR. THE DOCUMENTS BEAR THE RAISED SEAL OF THIS COMMAND ATTESTING TO THEIR
AUTHENTICITY.

REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN AN INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE FOR THE ABOVE
INDIVIDUAL/GROUP FROM THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL RECORDS CENTER WERE UNSUCCESSFUL;
THEREFORE, WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION YOU REQUESTED.

ITEMS OF PERSONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PERSONS OTHER THAN THE DECEASED HAVE
BEEN REDACTED FROM THE PROVIDED MATERIAL IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR PRIVACY.

WE HAVE NO RECORDS FOR SOLDIERS WHO DIED PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II. RECORDS FOR
SOLDIERS WHO DIED DURING THAT PERIOD ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MILITARY
REFERENCE BRANCH, NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, DC
20408. PLEASE WRITE DIRECTLY TO THEM FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY BE ABLE TO
PROVIDE.

INFORMATION CONCERNING AWARDS AND DECORATIONS MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM THE COMMANDER,
U.S. ARMY RESERVE PERSONNEL CENTER, ATTN: AARP-PAS-A, 9700 PAGE BOULEVARD,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63132-5200. PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REQUEST TO THAT OFFICIAL.

☒ THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION; HOWEVER, THEY REQUIRE THE SERVICE
NUMBER OF THE INDIVIDUAL. ADDITIONALLY, THE PRIVACY ACT MAY PREVENT THEM FROM
RELEASING ANY INFORMATION.

☒ NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
9700 PAGE BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63132-5200

☒ DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
810 VERMONT AVENUE, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, DC 20420

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF MEDICINE & SURGERY (332)
OFFICE OF DECEDENT AFFAIRS
23D & E STREETS, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, DC 20372-5120

INFORMATION ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF UNITS OR AIRCRAFT LOST IN COMBAT MAY BE OBTAINED
BY WRITING TO:

U.S. AIR FORCE HISTORIAN
HQ USAF/CHOR
BOLLING AFB
WASHINGTON, DC 20332-6098

AIR FORCE HISTORICAL RESEARCH AGENCY
MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA 36112-6677

UNLESS YOU CAN PROVIDE THE CORRECT NAME AND MILITARY SERVICE NUMBER OF THE SOLDIER,
WE CANNOT FURTHER ASSIST OR REFER YOU TO ANOTHER AGENCY WHICH MAY ASSIST YOU.

☒ COMMENTS: CPL BLESSING IS INTERRED AT PINE GROVE CEMETERY,
JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS.

CASE MANAGER:

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GISELA M. COURDUFF
MSG, USA

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION



February 22, 1994

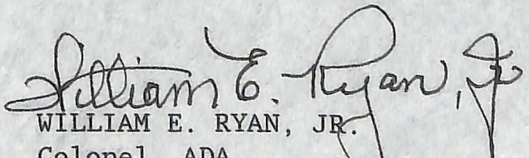
SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Department of the Army
U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (TAPC)
ATTN: TAPC-PED-F
2461 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22331-0482

1. Enclosed, as a matter pertaining to your operations, is a copy of the letter from Mr. Robert J. Holt, 5 Cardinal Lane, Monroe, CT 06468 in which he requests the name of the cemetery where CPL George W. Blessing, 38299308, a World War II casualty, is interred.

2. Mr. Holt has been informed of this referral. A copy of our reply is enclosed.

FOR THE SECRETARY


WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, ADA
Director of Operations
and Finance

Encls.

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION



February 23, 1994

CPL George W. Blessing
38299308
Private cemetery in the
state of Texas

Mr. Robert J. Holt
5 Cardinal Lane
Monroe, CT 06468

Dear Mr. Holt:

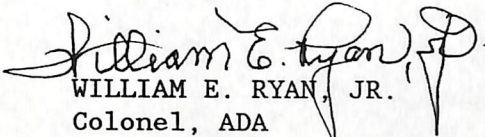
Thank you for your letter of November 6, 1993.

This Commission's Register of World War II Dead buried or commemorated on foreign soil does not contain a listing for Corporal George W. Blessing. Therefore, the Department of the Army, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (TAPC), Attn: TAPC-PED-F, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331-0482 was contacted on your behalf. The complete Register of World War II Dead maintained by that organization revealed that following the war, by decision of next-of-kin, the remains of CPL George W. Blessing, 38299308 were repatriated to the United States and permanently interred in a private cemetery in the state of Texas. CPL Blessing was initially interred in the American military temporary Mirandola Cemetery Mirandola, Italy.

The name of the cemetery where CPL Blessing is interred may be available from the Department of the Army, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (TAPC), Attn: TAPC-PED-F, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331-0482. A copy of your letter has been sent to that organization for reply.

If we may be of any other service, please let us know.

Sincerely,


WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, ADA
Director of Operations
and Finance

Encls.

5 Cardinal Lane
Monroe, CT 06468
November 6, 1993

American Battle Monuments Commission
Pulaski Building
20 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear Sir or Madame:

I am hoping that you can help me provide some information for my father. His best friend was killed in action in WWII, and my father would like to know if he was buried overseas, or in the United States. I have heard that the American Battle Monuments Commission has a record of every overseas grave, and I was hoping that you could tell me whether or not you have a record of my father's friend.

His friend was Corporal George W. Blessing, from Jacksonville, Texas. He was seriously wounded on April 29th, 1945 somewhere near Vicenza, Italy, and died of his wounds on May 1, 1945. George Blessing served as a gunner in Company B of the 752nd Tank Battalion. I believe his service number was 38299308.

Could you please let me know if you have any information on George Blessing? My father would greatly appreciate any help or information you can provide. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Holt

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ABMC
WASHINGTON

Robert T. Holt
5 Cardinal Lane
Monroe, CT 06468

American Battle Monuments Commission
Polaski Building
20 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000



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Texas Mirandola Cent, Mirandola,
Italy

5 Cardinal Lane
Monroe, CT 06468
November 6, 1993

Army Mortuary Affairs and
Casualty Support Division
2461 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22331-0482

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Dear Sir or Madame:

I am writing on behalf of my father, who had heard that your Agency has a computerized listing of all Army deaths. He is hoping that you can provide him with some information regarding his best friend, who was killed in action in WWII shortly after my father had been furloughed home.

His friend was Corporal George W. Blessing, from Jacksonville, Texas. He was seriously wounded on April 29th, 1945 somewhere near Vicenza, Italy, and died of his wounds on May 1, 1945. George Blessing served as a gunner in Company B of the 752nd Tank Battalion. I believe his service number was 38299308.

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Support Division
2461 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22331-0482

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

NY-019-R

SECTION A —
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

5252 00431

DATE

15 06 48
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME

BLESSING GEORGE W

SERIAL NUMBER

38299308

RANK

CPL

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DATE OF DEATH

DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY

MIRANDOLA

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

1 8500 10
CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT

A

ROW

12

GRAVE

137

COUNTRY

ITALY

CAUSE OF DEATH

1

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

GRAGARD-SPRAGGINS FUNERAL HOME
JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

BERTHA BLESSING (MOTHER)
RURAL FREE DELIVERY 1
JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

DATE DISTINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON

ORGANIZATION

RELIGION

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

☐ REMAINS
☐ MARKER

USAGF

NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES /

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE

BY

CASKET SEALED BY

EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE

BY

JOHN B. RANKIN, CAPT, QMC

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER
FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTERS DEPOT FORT WORTH TEXAS

ROUTINE

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: **GRAGARD SPRAGGINS FUNERAL HOME**
JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

DAY LETTER

DLR AND REPORT
ANY CHARGES

REMAINS OF LATE ⁷⁹³ CPL GEORGE W. BLESSING BEING SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED
BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NUMBER THIRTY TWO MISSOURI PACIFIC
RAILROAD DUE TO ARRIVE **JACKSONVILLE** STATION **THREE FORTY SEVEN PM**
RAILROAD TIME **7 DECEMBER**. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS
AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO
NEXT OF KIN.

S. H. Partridge
S. H. PARTRIDGE
LT. COLONEL, QMC
GALT, AGR DIVISION

DEC 3 1948

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED

THIS 7 DAY OF December, 1948
DAY MONTH

Sgt. John E. Parker
WITNESS (Escort)

Gragard Spraggins
by *Roy Swafford*
CONSIGNEE

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FILE
RECORDS ANNOTATED
29-1126-48
DATE
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FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

MRS. BERTHA BLESSING

DLR & REPORT
ANY CHARGES

RFD 1

JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE OPL GEORGE W. BLESSING
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS
DELIVERED TO GRAGARD-SPRAGGINS FUNERAL HOME, JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

. WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER RECEIPT
OF THIS MESSAGE PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW
DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AND FURNISH YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS BY TELEGRAM
COLLECT TO COMMANDING OFFICER, FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, FORT WORTH
1 TEXAS. REPLY IS NECESSARY WITHIN THIS PERIOD SINCE IT WILL NOT BE
POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY
INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY EIGHT HOURS. WHILE
DELIVERY OF THE REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIPT
FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY OF REMAINS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.
HOWEVER AS SOON AS REMAINS ARE RECEIVED HERE AND IT IS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE
THEM FOR DELIVERY YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF RAIL
ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATIONS. ALSO
HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH YOU THIS INFORMATION SO THAT YOU MAY COMPLETE
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THIS TELEGRAM WILL BE SENT AT LEAST FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO
ACTUAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS DISTRIBUTION CENTER. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL
DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REMAINS WILL
BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL
YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGE-
MENTS. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING
FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

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ST. BRIDGES
1ST COLONEL, Q.M.C.
A. & S. DIVISION

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DISINTERMENT OPERATIONS RECORD

NY-019-R

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER		DATE		
NAME BLESSING GEORGE W		SERIAL NUMBER 38299308		GRADE CPL	ARM 1	DAY RACE MONTH RELIGION YEAR
CEMETERY MIRANDOLA ITALY		PLOT A	ROW 12	GRAVE 137		DISPOSITION OF REMAINS CODE DIST. CTR.

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
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SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME BLESSING GEORGE W.	SERIAL NUMBER 38299308	GRADE CPL	DATE OF DEATH 26 July 1948	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION UNK	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY JASS H. CARNAL 1st Lt. NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Shroud	CONDITION OF REMAINS Advanced decomposition
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Burial report found with remains	

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE **2 August 1948** BY **E. E. Castellarin**

CASKET SEALED BY

E. E. Castellarin

EMBALMER (Signature)

E. E. Castellarin

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY

DATE **2 Aug 48** BY **Landi**

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.



SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

Lewis A. McAmis, 1st Lt, QMC

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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INSPECTION CHECKLIST

(FOR USE AT OVERSEAS PORT, U.S. PORT, AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

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NAME BLESSING, GEORGE W.		GRADE CPL	SERIAL NUMBER 38299308
SOURCE USMC MIRANDOLA, ITALY		CONSIGNEE GRAGARD-SPRAGGINS FUNERAL HOME JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS	
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	
FINISH (Exterior)		REMARKS <i>minor Repair</i>	
HANDLES			
DRAW BOLTS			
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE			
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER			
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER			
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF CASKET (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	
FINISH (Exterior)		REMARKS <i>small scratches</i>	
HAND RAILS & FINALS			
NAMEPLATE			
CAM LOCKS (Sealing) AND GASKET			
ODOR OR MOISTURE			
ROUTED TO			
MORTUARY SECTION		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SECTION	
CONDITION OF REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		CASKET REPAIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (Explain)		CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
		SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
		REMARKS	
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	
		TIME DATE SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR <i>Pm 11/1/48 M. V. A. N. H. M.</i>	
REMARKS			

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REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)

DATE 12-7-48
WW II

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) BLESSING, GEORGE W.		BRANCH OF SERVICE U.S. ARMY	TO BE FILLED IN BY CLAIMANT A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERMENT EXPENSES (Civilian or Private Cemetery) B. <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (National or Post Cemetery)
RANK OR GRADE CPL	SERIAL NO. 38299308		

INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM

DEC 13 1948

1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director.
2. Fill in as required and sign four copies.
3. Check Box "A" or Box "B" above, not both.
4. Check Box "A" when interment is in a civilian or private cemetery.
5. Check Box "B" when remains are delivered to home or other place prior to burial in a national or post cemetery.

CLAIM VALID REPATRIATION

<p>FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED</p> <p>I certify that the sum of \$ <u>75.00</u> was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below:</p> <p>NAME: <u>Pine Grove Cem.</u></p> <p>CITY OR COUNTY: <u>Cherokee Co.</u></p> <p>STATE: <u>Texas</u></p>	<p>FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED</p> <p>I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above-named decedent from: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped)</p> <p>TO: (Name and Location of National or Post Cemetery)</p>
<p>RETURN FOUR COPIES TO</p> <p>Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot Fort Worth 1, Texas</p> <p>Attention: ACR Division</p>	<p>SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <u>Mrs. Bertha Blessing</u></p> <p>ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State) <u>Rt. #1. Jacksonville Tex.</u></p> <p>RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT <u>mother</u></p>

REMARKS

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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SYMBOLS

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CHIEF AGR DIVN=FTW=

THIS WILL CONFIRM ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT HOLD GOOD• RELATIVE
TO REMAINS CPL GEORGE W BLESSING=

MRS BERTHA BLESSING=

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Cpl George W. Blessing, 38 299 308
 Plot A, Row 12, Grave 137,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Mirandola, Italy

7 November 1947

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, Mrs. Bertha Blessing
 (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
Pine Grove Cemetery, Jacksonville, Texas. Rt 1
 (NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO _____, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
 (FOREIGN COUNTRY) (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.)

N. N. P. W.
6/28/48
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Coded 3 June 48

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3 MAY 1948

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4/30/48

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
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
		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			
<i>Gragard-Spraggins Funeral Home</i>			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
	<i>Jacksonville</i>	<i>Cherokee</i>	<i>Texas</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.	
<i>Jacksonville, Texas</i>	<i>Jacksonville, Texas</i>	<i>2441</i>	

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.

Mrs. Bertha Blessing
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)
Mrs. Bertha Blessing
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

R.F.D. 1
(STREET AND NUMBER)
Jacksonville, Texas
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 29th day of November, 19 47, at city (or town) of Jacksonville, county of Cherokee, and State (or Territory or District) of Texas.

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

A.R. Odum Jr.
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public, Cherokee Co., Texas.
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

Cpl George W. Blessing, 38 299 308
Plot A, Row 12, Grave 137,
United States Military Cemetery
Mirandola, Italy

7 November 1947

Mrs. Bertha Blessing
Route #1
Jacksonville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Blessing:

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

Incls.

Nov 7 2 43 PM '47

G.O.M.C.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

SPQYG 293
Blessing, George W.
S.N. 38 299 308

17 October 1945

Mrs. Bertha Blessing
Route 1
Jacksonville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Blessing:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter requesting the grave location of your son, the late Corporal George W. Blessing.

The official report of interment received in this office reveals that the remains of your son were interred in the United States Military Cemetery, Mirandola, Italy, Plot A, Row 12, Grave 137. This cemetery is located approximately eighteen miles northeast of Modena, Italy.

This office regrets sincerely, the delay in answering your letter and wishes to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your son.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

at

JLP:

Route 1 19
Jacksonville, Texas
Aug 11, 1945

Graves Registration Office,
Washington D.C.

Sirs:- upon making inquiries
as to how to learn the location of
my son's grave in Italy, I
was given this address. I wrote
letters to his outfit in Italy but no
one seemed to know anything
about where he might be buried.

He was ²⁹³ Opl. George W. Blessing
Co. B, 75th Tank Battalion, serial
number 38 299 308. He was wounded
April 29, and died May 1st.

I should be grateful to learn
the location of my son's grave, or
to learn to whom I should write
for this information. Thanks for
any help you might give me.

Yours truly

Mrs. Bertha Blessing

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 US ARMY



AG 293.9-Q

SUBJECT: Further Evidence of Identification of Deceased

TO: Commanding Officer
752nd Tank Battalion
APO 464, US Army

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1. This headquarters is in receipt of a report of burial for "Be-
lieved to Be" Corporal George W. Blessing, 38299308.

The basis of identification as now made is Fifth Army Association Card,
and letter.

2. As the above identification is not conclusive, it is desired
that further evidence be obtained to support identity of deceased, by
means of a statement of circumstances verifying the death of above sold-
ier, giving place (by coordinates), cause and date of death.

3. This information will be forwarded to this headquarters with
the least practicable delay in order that a complete identity may be
established.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:

John R. Cicero
JOHN R. CICERO
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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MEER

201- Blessing, George W.

1st Ind.

JJY/hfm

PERS. SECT., 752D TANK BN., APO 464, U.S. ARMY, 13 May 1945.


TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U.S. Army.

1. In compliance with basic communication, Cpl. George W. Blessing, 38299308, died in the 170th Evacuation Hospital 1 May 1945.

2. Cpl. Blessing was seriously wounded in action on 29 April 1945.

3. Enclosed is a copy of letter received by this organization from the 170th Evacuation Hospital.

For the Commanding Officer:


JOHN J. YANALAVAGE
WOJG, 752D Tank Bn.,
Personnel Officer.

1 Incl:

Copy ltr Hq. 170th E. H. 1 May/45

170th Evacuation Hospital
Office of the Registrar
APO 464, U. S Army

1 May 1945


SUBJECT: Letter of Condolence.

TO : Commanding Officer, Co B, 752 Tank Bn, APO 464, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with par 3, Cir Ltr No 5, Hq MTOUSA, dated 10 January 1945, the following information is submitted on BLESSING, GEORGE W. Col., 38299308.

- a. Cause: Shell fragment wounds of chest and face.
- b. General area or locality: Northern Italy.
- c. Circumstances surrounding death: Died in hospital 1 May 1945.
- d. Burial services rendered: Body transferred to Graves Registration Service.
- e. General location of grave: Northern Italy.

For the Commanding Officer:


L. M. COWLES, JR.,
2nd Lt., Med. Adm. C.,
Registrar

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Q.M.C. FORM 1 - GRS
SOS NATOUSA
July 1943REPORT OF BURIAL
AR 30-1815 & TM 10-630~~BELIEVED TO BE:~~ *lwk*

3 May 1945

Date Report Filled Out

293
 BLESSING George W. 38299308 W
 (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Serial No.) (Race)
 Cpl Co B 752nd Tank Bn Army USA
 (Rank) (Organization) (Branch) (Country)
 Vic. Mirandola, Italy 1 May 1945 WIA-Mult. SFW pen. chest, UNKNOWN
 (Place of Death) (Date of Death) (Cause of Death) (Religion: P. C. H. etc.)
 170th Evac. Hosp. neck & face.

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

Identification Tags found on body : Yes () ; No (O).

If no identification tags, other means used to identify body (identification card, letters, etc.):

5th Army Association card & letter.

Complete fingerprint chart of both hands on reverse side if body cannot be identified.

Complete tooth-chart on reverse side and list anatomical characteristics and other data if fingerprints cannot be taken.

If unidentified, give circumstances:

List of Personal Effects found on Body and disposition of Same: 1-5th Army Assoc. card, 1 letter,
 1 wallet, photos, 1 lighter, 1 ring, 1 notebook, personal card,
 4283 Lire (FD).

Fwd'd to Army Effects Bureau, KansasCity QM Depot, Kansas City, Mo.

UNKNOWN

(Name of Emergency Addressee)

UNKNOWN

(Address of Emergency Addressee)

PFC S. Granoff 47th QM (GR) Co.
 (Signature (or Name) of Person furnishing above data when other than the Officer reporting burial.)

1315 hrs

2 May 1945

U S Mil. Cem. at Mirandola, Italy

(Time and Date of Burial)

(Location, Name, & No. of Cemetery)

SHROUD

IF BURIAL OTHER THAN IN ESTABLISHED CEMETERY FURNISH SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE REVERSE SIDE THIS FORM

A 12 137 Temp Wood General
 (Plot No.) (Row No.) (Grave No.) (King Grave Markers) (Type of Religious Ceremony)

Identification Tag buried with body (O) ; Identification Tag attached to marker (O).

If identification Tags not present, what other identification data were buried with the body and in what kind of con-
 tainer? Copy of QMC Form #1-GRS buried in sealed, standard GRS container,
 Bodies buried on either side (See paragraph 4 on reverse side this form. with body.

Right side : LEQUIN, Camille R. PFC 31036370 Co A 175th Engrs (GS) 136
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Organization) (Grave No.)

Left side : KELLER, Ellis G. PFC 33884461 UNKNOWN 138
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Organization) (Grave No.)

(Signature of Person Reporting Burial)

(Verified by G.R.S. Officer)

THOMAS J. CROWELL, 2nd Lt., QMC 47th QM (GR) Co.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT BURIAL REPORT: Make out QMC Form 1-GRS in quadruplicate for U.S. dead, one additional copy for allied and enemy dead. Sign all copies. Submit report to nearest member of Graves Registration Service. Graves Registration Service will forward the original and two copies through at least one higher administrative headquarters (to be checked against Casualty Reports and allied papers and all copies verified by the Graves Registration Officer of that headquarters) to Base Section Graves Registration Service Officer. OVER FOR BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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2-8 FILE

Hq. PBS 8-44 - 200,000

Jul 28 1945

1. **PREPARATION OF BODY** : Have body examined by member of Medical Department whenever possible (to attach E.M.T. Form 52b.) Remove all personal property; remove one identification tag, leave other on body in protected position (in case of enemy dead, leave 1/2 tag on body, forward 1/2 with personal effects.) If no tag present, make notation of identifying data on form, protect in sealed bottle, canteen, spent shell, or best available container and bury with remains. If unidentified, take fingerprints of both hands; if this not possible, fill out tooth chart and note height, weight, color of eyes and hair tattoo marks, birthmarks, etc..., and other data as serial no. of weapon, laundry marks, where body found, etc. Wrap body in shelter half, mattress cover, or blanket when available.

2. **BURIAL** : Dig grave to a depth of five feet (hasty battlefield burials, to sufficient depth to prevent elements from exposing the body). Place only one body in a grave. Dig graves side by side, row behind row.

3. **MARKING OF GRAVE** : Fasten identification tag to temporary name peg and place at head of grave. For enemy dead, write data on peg. When pegs are not available copy data on a piece of paper, place in bottle, spent shell, or other receptacle, seal tightly and place so as to mark and identify grave. If identification tag cannot be fastened to peg or placed in container, do not leave at grave but forward with report of burial. If only one tag is found on body, it should be buried with body. The information thereon should be written on marker or placed in container at head of grave. Do not use weapons or helmets to mark graves.

4. **LOCATION OF GRAVE** : Report burials in established cemeteries by plot, row, and grave number (or show on cemetery map). For all other burials prepare sketch in space provided below; and give location by means of map references, or by reference to prominent permanent landmarks. Information must be specific, accurate, complete. Stand at foot of grave facing head to determine bodies buried to the left and right.

5. **PERSONAL EFFECTS** : List only personal effects taken from body on the Burial Report form. Place these with information as to identity of owner, organization, emergency addressee, in personal effects bag, or wrap in handkerchief, towel, or other available material and turn over to Grave Registration Service Personnel with report of burial. Government property is not to be included in personal effects but is to be turned in to Salvage Collecting Point.

SKETCH AND MAP REFERENCE: **N**

TOOTH-CHART

Physical Characteristics:

Height - 6'1"
Weight - 195 lbs (approx.)
Hair - red
Eyes - blue

Fingerprints by Sgt M. Knowlton
Med Det 47th QM (GR) Co.

When unidentified, take thumb and fingerprints of both hands.

If this not possible, fill in tooth chart.

(Right)																(Examinee's)																(Left)															
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	6	5	4	3	2	1	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		

INDICATE : missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O;
fillings by ☐ ; bridges by ☐ linkings anchor teeth;
replacements by denture ☐ (horizontal line.)

Characteristics : _____
Other Data : _____

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

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

522110
512769

Rm

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 21 May 45 glm/2831

FULL NAME Blessing, George W.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 299 308	GRADE Cpl.	
HOME ADDRESS Jacksonville, Texas		ARM OR SERVICE Armd Div.	DATE OF BIRTH 26 Dec. 18	
PLACE OF DEATH Mediterranean Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Died of wounds rec'd in action		DATE OF DEATH 1 May 45	
STATION OF DECEASED Mediterranean Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 Oct. 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
			YEARS	MONTHS
				DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)

Mrs. Bertha Blessing, mother, Rt. #1, Jacksonville, Texas

BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)

Bertha Blessing, mother, address shown above.
Imogene Blessing, sister, same as above.

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

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

Evidence of death rec'd in WD 11 May 45.

☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE

COPIES FURNISHED:

G. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O., U. S. A.
2. O. Q. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

James W. Pinkart

ADJUTANT GENERAL

522110

RTB:RW:wp
July 25, 1945

Mrs. Bertha Blessing
Route #1
Jacksonville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Blessing:

Thank you for the information furnished the Army Effects Bureau in connection with the personal effects of your son, Corporal George W. Blessing.

I am inclosing a check for \$42.83, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property is being forwarded to you in two packages.

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

Sincerely yours,

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

1 Incol-
Check

bw

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mrs. Bertha Blessing

SHIP TO:

Route #1

Effects of: Cpl. George W. Blessing

Jacksonville, Texas

Name

38299308

ADD

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Case No.

Wt.

DATE 19 July 1945

RTB:RW:bw

V. Marriot
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

☒ Inclose Bureau Check

Acct. No. 110014

Amount \$42.83 *me*

Inclose "Valuables" item

Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.

Note discrepancy in

Film removed

Diary removed

Laundry removed

ROUTING:

103024 emh

- gv*
- ☒ 1 Accounting Branch
 - ☒ 2 Warehouse Division
 - ☒ 3 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

110014

522110

July 26

45

Bertha Blessing

42.83

Forty-Two and 83/100

REMARKS:

SHIP BLOODSTAINED AND DAMAGED ITEMS

1 pkg - inv 5-30-45

1 pkg " 6-12-45

Franked

Art. Exp. Chgo.

Est. Art. Chgo.

No. of packages *2*

FRANKED

AUG 1 1945

RET
Shipping Check

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

DECEASED

MISSING

P.O.W.

ABANDONED

TALLY

NO. 9860

INV.

DATE 30 May 45

ORIG. NO.

OF PKGS. 1

BOX

NO.

SHEET

OF 1 SHEET

ORGANIZATION

Co B, 752nd Tank Bn

522110

NAME George W. Blessing

A.S.N. 38299308 RANK

Epl

BELT
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)
CLOTH, WASH
COATS
FOOTWEAR, PR.
GLOVES, PR.
HANDKERCHIEFS
HEADWEAR
JACKETS
OVERCOATS
SCARFS
SHIRTS
SOCKS, PR.
TIES
TOWELS
TROUSERS, PR.
TRUNKS, PR.
UNDERWEAR

TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS
CLOTHING
BRACELET IDENT.
BRUSHES
CAMERAS
GLASSES
KNIVES
LIGHTERS
MISC. INSIGNIA
PEN, FOUNTAIN
PENCIL, MECHANICAL
PIPES
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
RIBBONS, DECORATION
RINGS
TOBACCO
TOILET ARTICLES
WATCH

WINGS
BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
CASE
FOOTLOCKER
KIT, SEW, TLT, OR WRITING
BOOKS
BOOKS, ADDRESS note
BOOKS, PILOT LOG
DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
FILMS
LETTERS
PAPERS, PERSONAL
PHOTOS
SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
SHORT SNORTER
SOUVENIRS
SOUVENIR MONEY
STATIONERY
TESTAMENTS
U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS no information

ATTACHMENTS

X

FORM #54

FORM #100

no label

* couple of photo's slightly bloodstained
** damaged by moisture, dirty.

C.A.T. none

WAREHOUSE SPACE

1403

STORED BY

INVENTORIED BY

B. Counts

PACKED BY

CHECKED BY

WEIGHT

G.I. REMOVED

SHORTAGE
ON REVERSE

IDENT. TAGS
REMOVED

DIARY
REMOVED

LOCKED
STORAGE

LAUNDRY
REMOVED

FILM REMOVED

DATE SHIPPED

AUG 1 1945

#43 OR
ADDITIONAL

NAME BLESSING, GEORGE W. CPL. 9308

BAY

PALLET

BOX

TALLY

9860

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

GRB

JUN 20 1945

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY	RECEIVED
# I pk	522,110.	MISSING
		P.O.W.
		ABANDONED
		TALLY NO. 97
		INV. DATE 12 June 45
* NAME GEORGE W. BLESSING	RANK 6 pl.	Orig. No. of PKGS. 1
		BOX NO. -
		SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS
		ORGANIZATION Co "B"
		752d TANK BN.
A.S.N. 382 99308		

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

REMARKS (mother)	ATTACHMENTS	X	FORM #54	FORM #100
Mrs. B. Blessing				
R.R. #1. Jacksonville Texas				
* Found in the effects of George Blessing were the effects of Arthur A. Pendleton, and set up as additional				
C.A.T. name				
WAREHOUSE SPACE 2089	STORED BY		WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
INVENTORIED BY			DATE SHIPPED	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
PACKED BY	CHECKED BY			IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
				DIARY REMOVED
				LOCKED STORAGE
				LAUNDRY REMOVED
				FILM REMOVED

NAME BLESSING, GEORGE W. CPL. 9308

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
			97
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG.			

Flat Box

JUN 26 1945

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

Eff QM Form 11a

Serial No. 38299308 Name BLESSING George W
Grade Cpl Rank
Organization COB 752 TANK. BN.
Address APO 464, U.S.
Nearest Relative
Address
Killed in Action WIA Died of Disease
Date 1 MAY 45 Hospital 170 EVAC. Hosp.
Battle Area Information
Place of Burial US MIL CEM. MIRANDELLA
Point of Coordination ITALY
Description of Body
Members Missing NONE
Contents Belonged To A Signed
DECEASED SOLDIER
Estimated Value to Family

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
BELIEVED TO (See AR 600-550) BE:

BLESSING, George W. 38299308

(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

Date a Cpl Co B 752nd Tank Bn
(Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the 1 day of May, 19 45

CLASS I. — Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DECEASED		
1	5th Army Assoc. card	✓
1	letter	✓
1	wallet	✓
	photos	✓
1	lighter	✓
1	ring	✓
1	notebook	✓
	personal card	✓
	2283 Line (FD)	✓

* To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General

CLASS II. — Other effects

[illegible]

CLASS II. — Continued

NUMBER

ARTICLES

Fwd'd to Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City ON Depot, Kansas
City, Mo.

Registered Mail No.

APO No.

Date

Symbol No. 913-325
Check date 3-5-46

Fwd'd by

Govt
Check No.

5,218

Money

{ Specie \$
Notes \$ 42.83

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that the effects were delivered

to

(Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative

or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

The effects of class I have been forwarded to The Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.

Thomas J. Crowell
THOMAS J. CROWELL, 2nd Lt.,
47th GM (GR) Co.

(Station)

(Date)

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*Strike out words not applicable.

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

JRM:RW:bw

Case No. 522110

Date 19 July 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

George W. Blessing 38299308 late
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Corporal Armored Division who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 1 day of May, 1945, at Mediterranean 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., 228 HQ, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

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

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

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 18 July 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of

Mrs. Bertha Blessing 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, Mrs. Bertha Blessing of (Name of person found entitled)

Route #1 Jacksonville State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

Texas is the Mother of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

JUL 13 1945

Pt 1 Jacksonville, Texas.

July 7, 1945.

SHIPMENT CLERK

522, 110

Army Effects Bureau,
(Kansas City.

Gentlemen: -

my son, George W.

Blessing, was not married, and
his father is deceased. There are
only his mother (myself), one brother
and one sister in the family.

As to the pictures, please send
them over, as they were photos of
some one he would want us to
keep. Perhaps they are too damaged
to be eligible but please send
them over. He had no will
that I ever knew of.

Thanks.
Yours truly

Mrs. Bertha Blessing

P.S. The number on inquiry was 522, 110

522110

(S-8-7-45)
CHG:AP:jvv
July 3, 1945

Mrs. Bertha Blessing
Route #1
Jacksonville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Blessing:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your son, Corporal George W. Blessing.

To make proper disposition of this property, it is necessary that we have certain information regarding your son's family. I would like to know whether he was married and, if so, the name and address of his widow; also the name and address of his father, if he is living.

If your son left a Will which has been probated please furnish the original or a certified copy of the Letters Testamentary. Any papers submitted will be returned to you as soon as possible.

I regret to advise that included among your son's effects were some photos which are damaged, apparently by blood-stain. In the event you are determined the appropriate recipient please say whether you want these photos sent with the remainder of the property. It is our desire to refrain from sending any article which would be distressing; at the same time, we do not feel justified in removing the items without your consent.

Please mail your reply in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage, as this will accelerate delivery of the property.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Chief, Correspondence Branch

1 Incl--
Envelope