

293 BRANCH, THOMAS O. 34832197 PVT. EUROPEAN AREA (GA.) (INF.)

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

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BRANCH	THOMAS	O	PFC	34832197
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

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

STATION FILE

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CAMBRIDGE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY
A.F.O. 556 U. S. ARMY
Office of the Commanding Officer

10-12-1944

I certify that ^(two)~~(one)~~ Identification tags accompanied the
remains of Thos. O. Branch
To Cambridge American Military Cemetery.

Thomas E. Beatty Capt.
(name) (rank)

Organ. 158 Gen. Hosp.

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USMC CAMBRIDGE PLOT D ROW 6 GRAVE 78 DATE OF BURIAL 15 SEP 48 VERIFIED BY: <i>W.C. ENTZMINGER</i> DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE PLOTTED BY M. MANN									
SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED				DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1615 00536		DATE 15 12 47 DAY MONTH YEAR			
NAME BRANCH THOMAS O				SERIAL NUMBER 34832197		RANK PFC		ARM 1	
CEMETERY CAMBRIDGE				DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1 1601 80 CODE DIST. PT.		DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR			
PLOT U ROW 5 GRAVE 19 COUNTRY BRITISH ISLES				CAUSE OF DEATH 1					
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN									
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND					NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN MRS. THOMAS O. BRANCH (WIFE) ROUTE #2 RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA				
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION									
NAME BRANCH THOMAS O		SERIAL NUMBER 34832197		RANK PFC		DATE OF DEATH 9 DEC 44		DATE DISTINTERRED 14 APR 48	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ☒ REMAINS ☒ MARKER		ORGANIZATION USAGF		RELIGION P		IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY JOSEPH NOVACK 2/LT CE 540 QM SV CO NAME AND TITLE			
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT									
NATURE OF BURIAL UNIFORM U K CASKET					CONDITION OF REMAINS ABDOMINAL, SPINAL AND CRANIAL POST BODY INTACT COMPLETE AND IN SECONDARY STAGE OF DECOMPOSITION				
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION INFANTRY COLLAR INSIGNIA									
MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1 NONE									
REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET									
DATE 14 APR 48 CASKET SEALED BY THOMAS A CONLEY					BY THOMAS A CONLEY EMBALMER (Signature) THOMAS A CONLEY EMB <i>Thomas A Conley</i>				
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED FREDERICK W BOYD DATE 14 APR 48 CLERK RECORDER					SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY ORA L NIDA 1/LT QMC <i>ORA L NIDA</i>				
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. ORA L NIDA 1/LT QMC SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR <i>ORA L NIDA</i>									
1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies. RECORD OF CUSTODIAN QMC FORM REV 15 MAR 46 1194 FINAL LETTER SENT 18 JAN 1949									

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RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

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18 January 1949

Mrs. Thomas O. Branch
Route #2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Pfc Thomas O. Branch, ASN 34 832 197
Plot D, Row 6, Grave 78
Headstone: Cross
Cambridge U. S. Military Cemetery

Dear Mrs. Branch:

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, the central address of which is Room 713, 1712 "G" Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interment activities are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. However, upon completion thereof, due notice will be carried by the press.

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,

THOMAS B. IARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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PASS TO MEMORIAL DIVISION

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SIXTH SEPTEMBER ONE NINE FOUR EIGHT PD REQUEST WHETHER REMAINS ARE TO
BE DISINTERRED AND SHIPPED USA OR CANCELLATION DISREGARDED PD AND AGREE

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BUDGET BUREAU No. 49-R277.

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Dec 20 1947

Pres accepted Sept 8
DD cut Jan 26293
Pfc. THOMAS O. BRANCH - 34 832 197u-5-19
Cambridge, Eng.

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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, George A Branch

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

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|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| ☐ 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 |

Calvary Cemetery. Brinson Decatur County Georgia

(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

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| ☐ 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) |

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| ☐ 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.)

Private First Class. Thomas Branch ASN 34 832 197. Died in France Dec 1944

DD Jan 24 80-1601

OQMG FORM 345 MILITARY
14 NOV 1946

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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 Player Funeral Home	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET 201 West Street	CITY OR TOWN Bainbridge	COUNTY OR PROVINCE Decatur
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) Bainbridge Georgia	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY Georgia	TELEPHONE No. 144

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 Player Funeral Home. 201 West St. Bainbridge Georgia			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) Bainbridge Ga.	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS Bainbridge Ga	TELEPHONE No. 144	

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 Mrs Lula Branch	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET Route 1	CITY OR TOWN Brinson	COUNTY OR PROVINCE Decatur	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY Georgia

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

The wife of Thomas Branch who was Blanche Sheehan Branch, remarried about Dec 1946 in Atlanta Georgia to the brother of Thomas Branch. Troy Branch. Original Form # 345 returned by her after re-marriage

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.

George A Branch
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

Route 1. Brinson Georgia
(STREET AND NUMBER)

George A. Branch
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

Route 1 Brinson Georgia
(CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 20 day of Dec,

1947, at city (or town) of Bainbridge, county of Decatur, and State (or Territory or District) of Georgia

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

P. H. Bault
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large,
My Commission Expires March 8, 1949.
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

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PART II — RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)
NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____	_____
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	(DATE)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
	(CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

_____	_____
(SIGNATURE)	(DATE)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
	(CITY AND STATE)

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.



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QMCMF 293

Branch, Thomas O., 34 832 197
Plot U, Row 5, Grave 19
AMC, Cambridge, England

18 November 1948

Mr. George A. Branch
Route #1
Brinson, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branch:

The Department of the Army is desirous of furnishing you information regarding the remains of your son, the late Private First Class Thomas O. Branch.

In an endeavor to determine the feasibility of changing previous interment instructions with respect to the final burial of the remains of your son, we communicated with the American Graves Registration Command in the European Area. In reply, this Command informed us that the remains of your loved one had been finally and permanently interred, side by side with other fallen comrades in the American Military Cemetery, Cambridge, England, in accordance with the original instructions of the widow. In consideration of the above, I am extremely sorry to advise you that, although the widow may have subsequently remarried, there is no authorization whereby the Department of the Army may arrange for the return of the remains of your loved one to this country for reburial.

This action may not entirely conform to your wishes, but it is my sincere hope that you may obtain some consolation from the realization that every detail incident to final interment has been accomplished with all the reverence and solemn dignity traditional for our heroic dead.

The American Military Cemetery Cambridge, England, located fifty miles north of London, England, will be beautified, carefully maintained and permanently cared for under the jurisdiction of the American Battle Monuments Commission. You may be assured that this cemetery, through landscaping and architectural developments, will be transformed into a fitting memorial for the noble sacrifices of our honored dead. Your loved one's grave will be appropriately marked with a suitable, properly inscribed, headstone. A beautiful memorial chapel, to be erected at a future date, will insure an atmosphere of serenity within the calm, peaceful and dignified surroundings.

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QMGMF 293
Branch, Thomas O., Pvt.
SN 34 832 197

18 November 1948

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

Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. SMITH
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMC, 293

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NEW YORK, N.Y.

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr. George O. Branch Relationship Father
Addressee: Mrs. Branch
State Route #1
City, State Brinson, Ga. Date letter '47
Cemetery
Temporary: American Cem. Cambridge Eng
Permanent: American Cem. Cambridge Eng
Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

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REQUEST FOR NEW LETTER OF INQUIRY			
TO LETTER OF INQUIRY SECTION REGISTRATION RECORDS BRANCH		FROM	
NAME OF DECEDENT (Print, Middle, Last)		GRADE	
CEMETERY		GRAVE LOCATION	
LETTER OF INQUIRY TO BE SENT TO: MR. MISS MRS.		PLOT	
RELATIONSHIP		ROW	
GRAVE		SERIAL NUMBER	
ADDRESS CITY AND STATE			
STREET			
AUTHORITY FOR LETTER OF INQUIRY AND REMARKS			
<i>Department cancelled 28 11 1950</i> <i>10-01-50</i> <i>FC 42</i> <i>11/4/48</i>			
DATE		CLERK'S SIGNATURE	

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THIS FORM IS TO BE FILLED IN 325 FILE

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REPLY FORM ACTION REQUEST

TO: <i>J.L.</i>		FROM: REPLY FORM ACCEPTANCE SECTION FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH	
NAME (Last, First, Middle) <i>Branch, Thomas O</i>		RANK <i>Pfc</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>341832197</i>
CEMETERY <i>Cambridge, England</i>	PLOT <i>U.</i>	ROW <i>5</i>	GRAVE <i>19</i>
NEXT OF KIN MR. MISS MRS. <i>George A. Branch</i>		ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>Route #1 Brunson, Georgia</i>	
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <i>Father</i>		OPTION SELECTED <i>1</i>	OQMG FORM 345 EXECUTED BY <i>Widow</i>

WRITE NOK FOR CORRECTION OR COMPLETION OF REPLY FORM ON ITEMS CHECKED BELOW

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|---|---|
| ☐ RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED | ☐ SIGNATURE OF NOK |
| ☐ OPTION DESIRED | ☐ NOTARIZATION |
| ☐ NATIONAL OR PRIVATE CEMETERY INTERMENT DESIRED | ☐ NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED IS CLOSED |
| ☐ COUNTRY (Homeland) OF DECEASED OR NOK | ☐ REPLY TO "REMARKS" ON FORM 345 |
| ☐ NAME AND/OR ☐ ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE | ☐ SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS |
| ☐ SECURE DOCUMENTS: ☐ REMARRIAGE ☐ BIRTH | ☐ DEATH ☐ OTHER _____ |

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Advise father that the remains of his son are permanently interred in the above cemetery on instructions received from the widow who was the proper person to complete disposition instructions as she was not remarried until May 17, 1948 and at that time was the legal legal mother.

DATE <i>17 November 1948</i>	CLERK'S SIGNATURE <i>Im Brooke</i>
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OQMG FORM 1910
29 JUN 48

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILED IN 293 FILE

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FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH
FCA SECTION, ACCEPTANCE UNIT

TO BE USED ON IRFS

Branch, Thomas O. R.T. 34532197 Father # 2

Name Rank / SN 345 Signed by Option Selected
Cambridge U - 5 - 19 Player Funeral Home
Cemetery Plot Row Grave Consignee
Bainbridge, Ga.
Address

Write NOK Mr. George A. Branch Father
Mrs. Name Relationship
Miss
Route # 1, (Address)
Brunson, Ga. (City and State)

A. Action to Family Letters Section

1. () Indicate RELATIONSHIP
2. () Indicate OPTION desired
3. () Indicate CEMETERY in which interment desired
4. () Indicate Country (HOMELAND) of deceased or NOK
5. () Indicate CONSIGNEE - Name and/or Address
6. () Obtain SIGNATURE of NOK
7. () Obtain NOTARIZATION
8. () Advise NOK that NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED IS CLOSED and request that another choice be made

B. Action to Case Resolution Unit, FCA

9. () Secure DOCUMENTS (Remarriage), (Birth), (Death), (Other _____)

10. () Reply to REMARKS on IRF

11. () SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 345 rec'd from father stating widow remarried. 293 does not show remarriage. 2.22. cut by letter dated 6 June 48 from wife

12. () Inform Party Listed Below of Action Taken by This Office

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____

Orig-With 345
Dup-M&R for 293 File

M. Epling 6 Apr 48
Acceptance Clerk's Name Date

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

BRANCH OFFICE NO. 4
900 NORTH LOMBARDY STREET
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

October 27, 1948

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: RV8B
XC-3 784 692
BRANCH, Thomas O. 34832197 PFC

293
Cambridge, Eng. U-5-19

Officer In Charge
Memorial Division
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated October 26, 1948 requesting the current address and marital status of Blanche S. Branch, widow of PFC Thomas O. Branch, CMA 34832197.

Evidence of record shows that the veteran's widow remarried May 17, 1948 to a person with the same last name as the veteran. The widow's present husband's name is Troy Allen Branch and her current address is given as 1010 East Water Street, Bainbridge, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. B. Uppercue".

W. B. UPPERCUE
Director, Claims Service



An inquiry by or concerning an ex-service man or woman should, if possible, give veteran's name and file number, whether C, XC, K, N, or V. If such file number is unknown, service or serial number should be given.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

BRANCH OFFICE NO. 1
800 NORTH LOMBARDY STREET
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

October 27, 1948

IN REPLY REFER TO:
XC-3 784 692
BRANCH, Thomas O. 34832197

Officer in Charge
Memorial Division
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated October 26, 1948, requesting the current address and marital status of Blanche S. Branch, widow of H/C Thomas O. Branch, CMA 34832197.

Evidence of record shows that the veteran's widow remarried May 17, 1948 to a person with the same last name as the veteran. The widow's present husband's name is Troy Allen Branch and her current address is given as 1010 East Water Street, Bainbridge, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

W. B. UFFORD
Director, Claims Service



An inquiry by or concerning an ex-service man or woman should, if possible, give veteran's name and file number, whether C, XC, K, N, or V. If such file number is unknown, service or serial number should be given.

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293 Branch, Thomas O.
348-32-197

OMGMW DEPT OF ARMY WASH DC MULLIGAN X-71672

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BRANCH OFFICE #4
900 NORTH LOMBARDY STREET
RICHMOND VIRGINIA

PRIORITY

CHARGE GRAVES WW II

XC 3784692 REQUEST CURRENT ADDRESS AND MARITAL STATUS OF BLANCHE S BRANCH
CMA WIDOW OF PFC THOMAS O BRANCH CMA 34832197. TELEGRAPH REPLY END VOGL

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Branch, Thomas O., 34832197

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Captain, OMC, Memorial Division

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CHARGE GRAVES WW II

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BRANCH, Thomas O., 34832197

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Major, G. J. MURRAY
Memorial Division

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THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSONS TO WHOM THE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED

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RESEARCH REPORT FOR EVALUATION OF TREATMENT METHODS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 08-11-2010 BY 60322 UCBAW/STP

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Branch, Thomas O. 34832197

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Nov 48

O. J. MURRAY
Major, GNC, Memorial Division

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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE SECRETARY, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

FROM : THE SECRETARY, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

MCJ 50842

DATE: [Illegible]

CLASS: [Illegible]

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2. [Illegible]

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4. [Illegible]



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QM3MP 293
Branch, Thomas O., 34 832 197
cc

16 April 1948

Mrs. Blanch S. Branch
Route 2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

This office is endeavoring to determine the person who may be authorized to designate the disposition of the remains of the late Private First Class Thomas O. Branch.

Information has been received which indicates that you have remarried. It is requested, therefore, that you inform this office whether you have, in fact, remarried in order that the records of the Department of the Army may be correctly amended. For your convenience, completion of the form below will be considered adequate.

Your cooperation and promptness in this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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Incl
Self addressed envelope

I, Mrs. _____ the former widow of the
late Private First Class Thomas O. Branch, 34 832 197 have remarried.

My current address is:

Mrs. _____
City _____
Street _____ State _____

(Signature)

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Branch, Thomas O., 84 832 197
CHAMP 238

15 April 1948

Mrs. Branch, 2. Branch
Route 2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

This office is endeavoring to determine the person who may be
authorized to designate the disposition of the remains of the late
Private First Class Thomas O. Branch.

Information has been received which indicates that you have re-
married. It is requested, therefore, that you inform this office
whether you have, in fact, remarried in order that the records of the
Department of the Army may be correctly amended. For your convenience,
completion of the form below will be considered adequate.

Your cooperation and promptness in this request will be greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOPER
Major, GSC
Memorial Division

Self addressed envelope

Enclosed

APR 16 3 1948
RHC



I, Mrs. _____
late Private First Class Thomas O. Branch, 84 832 197, have remarried.

My current address is:

Mrs. _____

Street _____

State _____

(Signature)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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QMGMF 293
Branch, Thomas O., 34 832 197
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16 April 1948

Mr. George A. Branch
Route 1
Brinson, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branch:

We have received the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form in regard to the final interment of the remains of your son, the late Private First Class Thomas O. Branch.

In accordance with the precedence of relatives eligible to designate the disposition of the remains of your son, the widow has prior disposition right unless legal documentary evidence substantiates that she has been separated, divorced or remarried. In either of these events, the disposition right reverts to the parent of the decedent, the father having precedence over the mother.

To enable the Department of the Army to determine who may legally exercise the right of disposition, you are requested to submit a certified copy of the marriage certificate to this office. Upon receipt of this evidence, our records may be amended to indicate that you are the next of kin legally authorized to direct the disposition of the remains of your son.

Your cooperation and promptness in forwarding the requested document to our office will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

- 2 Incls
1. Information Slip
2. Self addressed envelope

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division



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cc: Mr. Arrowsmith

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Branch, Thomas O., 34 832 197
GNDP 288

18 April 1948

Mr. George A. Branch
Route 1
Brisson, Georgia
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Sincerely yours,

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2. Self addressed envelope

cc: Mr. Arrowsmith

RICHARD E. COOMBS
Major, CGO
Memorial Division



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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr. Miss.
Addressee: Mrs. George A Branch Father
State Route 1 Relationship
City, State Brinson Ga '47
Date letter
Cemetery
Temporary: _____
Permanent: _____
Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

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your son

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marriage certificate

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(2)
Mrs. Blanch S Branch
Route 2
Rutherfordton, N.C

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Barker

Analyst Typist Reviewer

Modifications

OKed

Decedent:

Branch
Last

Thomas
First

Q
Initial

Pfc
Rank

34832197
ASN

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FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH
FCA SECTION, ACCEPTANCE UNIT

TO BE USED ON IRFS

201 Branch. Thomas O. RT. 34532197 Father # 2
Name Rank / SN Signed by Option Selected
Cambridge U-5-19 Player Funeral Home
Cemetery Plot Row Grave Consignee
Bainbridge, Ga.
Address

Write NOK Mr. George A. Branch Father
Mrs. Relationship
Miss
Route # 1 (Address)
Brunson, Ga. (City and State)

A. Action to Family Letters Section

1. () Indicate RELATIONSHIP
2. () Indicate OPTION desired
3. () Indicate CEMETERY in which interment desired
4. () Indicate Country (HOMELAND) of deceased or NOK
5. () Indicate CONSIGNEE - Name and/or Address
6. () Obtain SIGNATURE of NOK
7. () Obtain NOTARIZATION
8. () Advise NOK that NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED IS CLOSED and request that another choice be made

B. Action to Case Resolution Unit, FCA

9. (☒) Secure DOCUMENTS (Remarriage), (Birth), (Death), (Other _____)

10. () Reply to REMARKS on IRF

11. () SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 345 revid from father stating widow remarried. 293 does not show remarriage. 29.20. cut by letter dated 6 June 48 from wife

12. () Inform Party Listed Below of Action Taken by This Office

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____

Orig-With 345
Dup-M&R for 293 File

M. E. King
Acceptance Clerk's Name

6 apr 48
Date

FILE
Name *M. C. Neal*
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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE SUBSECTION
RECORDS SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

Pfc. Thomas O. Branch, 34 832 197
Plot U, Row 5, Grave 19
USMC Cambridge, England

21 August 1947
(Date)

SUBJECT: Remains to be interred in a Permanent Overseas Cemetery, per instructions from the Next of Kin.

The Remains of Thomas O. BRANCH, Pfc
(Name) (Rank)

34 832 197, buried in Cambridge, England, U
(ASN) (Cemetery) (Plot)

5 19, are to be interred in a Permanent Military
(Row) (Grave No.)
Cemetery Overseas; per authority:

Letter to the QM by the Next of Kin, Widow, Mrs. Thomas O. Branch, Rt #2,
Rutherfordton, N. C., states that she wishes the remains of her husband to
rest permanently overseas. Letter dated 6 June 1947. See 293 file for letter.

Cambridge England

DD proc. JAN 5 1948

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POOLE ROGERS
POOLE ROGERS, Captain, OQMG

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1010 Water St.
Bainbridge, Ga
June 6, 1947

Dear Sir,

In reply to your
letter which I have
just received today,
concerning the Burial of
my husband ^{W3} Off. Thomas
O. Branch 34 832 197

Plot V, Row 5, Grave 19
United States Military
Cemetery, Cambridge, ^{file} ^{29 June 47} ^{W.A.H.} ^{Encl.}
England, I request
his body be placed
in a Cemetery over Sea's
with the 35th division
of the 3rd Army, ~~Plot~~

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I
I can rest assure that
his grave will be kept
up to standard there. I
will be perfectly
satisfied with any
plans that are made
by you.

His parents disagree
with me in everything
I try to point out to
them about leaving his
body over seas and
say they will have
his body brought back
and I can't help myself.
They want him placed
in a Country Cemetery

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when it never keep up, where
the cattle runs over
the graves. I tell them
it hard to bare, when
I offered to make arrange-
ments for his body to
be placed in a Military
Cemetery here in the
States. Cost to them and
pay all the cost. But
they want work with
them. His death was
all look like I can bare
with out having to go
through all this again.

I just loved him so
much till I can't stand

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to see his body brought
back and him placed
where his grave
want be cared for.

Trusting in God ad
you he will remain
over seas.

yours truly
Mrs Thomas O. Branch
Rutherfordton
Rt # 2. N.C.

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293 Branch, Thomas D. (34, 832, 197)

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Branch, Thomas O.
A.S.N. 34 832 197

26 February 1947

Mrs. Blanche S. Branch
Route #2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Cambridge, England, in which your husband, the late Private First Class Thomas O. Branch, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of these heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Photograph

G. A. HORKAN
Brigadier General, GMC
Assistant

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Pfc. Thomas O. Branch, 34 832 197
Plot U, Row 5, Grave 19,
United States Military Cemetery
Cambridge, England

20 May 1947

Mrs. Blanche S. Branch
Route #2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

Reference is made to the "Letter of Inquiry - Disposition of Remains" sent to you about 45 days ago, requesting you to complete and mail the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form.

Since no reply has been received, you are again respectfully urged to return this completed form at the earliest possible date in order to avoid any unnecessary delay in the final disposition of the remains of your loved one.

Due to the tremendous amount of work involved in carrying out final burial arrangements for all of the deceased Americans of World War II, this program must proceed cemetery by cemetery in each area of the world.

The cemetery in which the remains of your loved one are buried is expected to be evacuated in the near future. In the absence of any reply from you by that time, the Government will assume that you have no objection to the final burial of the deceased in a permanent American Military Cemetery Overseas.

Sincerely,

G. A. HOKIAN
Brigadier General, GMC
Chief, Memorial Division



RETURN RECEIPT DEMANDED 9-0-47

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20 May 1947

W.C. Thomas O. Branch, 34 832 191
P.O. Box 19, New York 19
United States Military Cemetery
Cambridge, England

Mrs. Branch S. Branch
Route 42
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

Reference is made to the "Letter of Inquiry - Disposition of Remains" sent to you about 45 days ago, requesting you to complete and mail the "Request for Disposition of Remains" form.

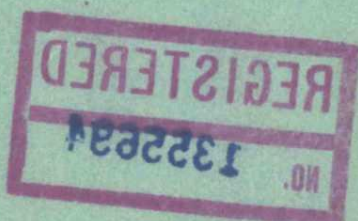
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Sincerely,

G. A. NORMAN
Brigadier General, USA
Chief, Memorial Division



RETURN RECEIPT DEMANDED 0-0-0

MAIL & RECORDS
MAY 20 1947
U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY
CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND

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Form 3811
Rev. 1-1-40

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

1 Mrs. Blanch S. Branch
(Signature or name of addressee)

2 _____
(Signature of addressee's agent—Agent should enter addressee's name on line ONE above)

Date of delivery 6-7, 1947

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Post Office Department
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BAINBRIDGE, GA
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
(GPO)

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

X
Return to **The Office of The Quartermaster General**
Room 1250, Tempo Bldg. A
2nd & R St. S. W.
D. C.
(NAME OF SENDER)
Street and Number,
or Post Office Box

REGISTERED ARTICLE
1355694

No. _____
INSURED PARCEL

WASHINGTON,
D. C.

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Pfc. Thomas O. Branch, 34 832 197
Plot U, Row 5, Grave 19,
United States Military Cemetery
Cambridge, England

5 March 1947

Mrs. Blanche S. Branch
Route #2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

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

MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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CAMBRIDGE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY
APO 556 US ARMY

CHAPLAINS INTERMENT RECORD

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

293
NAME Branch, Thomas O. RANK Pfc
ORGANIZATION Co. E, 320th Inf, 35th DIV
RELIGION Protestant ASN 34832197

DEATH

PLACE 6th Field Hosp.

DATE 9 Dec 1944.

MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICE

DATE 12 Dec 1944 TIME 1500 hrs

DENOMINATION Prot

PLOT U ROW 5 GRAVE 19

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Unknown RELATIONSHIP _____

ADDRESS Unknown

ESCORT Thomas E. Beatty, Pvt, 158th Gen Hosp.

REMARKS _____

FILE

11 DEC 1946

V. Dougherty
nat

(Signature of Chaplain)

(Rank)

(Org'n)

Plot
U

Row
5

Grave
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		DATE
	KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI			
2	283 Branch, Thomas			D.
3	pfc 24832197			

For necessary action.

PIERCE

Orig. fwd. to K. C. by this office, CIB

2 Incls

- 1 Ltr. dtd. 26 April 1945
- 1 Ltr. dtd. 31 July 1945

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
	ML			31 July 1945
MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25, D. C.				TELEPHONE

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

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

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SPQYG 293

Branch, Thomas O.
S. N. 34 832 197

31 July 1945

Mrs. Blanch S. Branch
Route #2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

Your letter of recent date requesting information concerning your husband, the late Private First Class Thomas O. Branch, has been received in this office.

Inasmuch as the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the disposition of personal effects of our deceased military personnel whose deaths occur overseas, a copy of your communication has been forwarded to that office for appropriate attention and necessary action.

An official report of interment received in this office reveals that the remains of your husband were interred in United States Military Cemetery, Cambridge, England, Grave 19, Row 5, Plot U. This cemetery is located approximately forty-two miles northeast of London, England, just outside the university town of Cambridge.

At the beginning of the war it became necessary to adopt the policy that the remains of military personnel interred outside the United States would not be returned until the cessation of hostilities in all theaters of operation. A notation has been made on the official records of this office that it is your desire to have the remains of your husband returned to the United States for final interment, if possible.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR L. WARREN
Colonel, QMC
Assistant

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Rutherfordton N.C.
April 26, 1945

Dear Sir;

I would like to have
some information about
the personal effects of my
husband Pfc. Thomas O Branch
Serial No. 34 832 197 who died
Dec. 9, 1944 in France. If possible
I would like to have any
clothing he was wearing when
wounded, his field with
his pictures or anything he had
over seas

Also I would like to know
the location of his grave, and if
his body can be returned to the
U.S.A. after the war is over. If so
will I be permitted to open it.

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if the piece of shrapnel
that was removed from
his back was saved, I would
like very much to have it.
I know of one boy who was
wounded in the stomach
and it was given to him, after
he recovered.

yours truly,
Mrs Blanche S. Branch
Rutherfordton N.C.
Route 2.

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CRIMINAL REGISTRATION SECTION

APR 30 4 58 PM '45
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SPQYG 293
Branch, Thomas,
S.N. 34832197

19 January 1945

Address Reply to THE
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Mrs. G. A. Branch,
Route 1, Box 315,
Brinson, Georgia.

Dear Mrs. Branch:

Your letter of 11 January 1945 has been forwarded to this office for necessary reply concerning the return of the remains of your son, the late Private First Class Thomas Branch.

At the outbreak of the war it became necessary to adopt the policy that the remains of military personnel who die at stations outside the United States shall be interred locally until the end of the war, at which time the remains will be prepared and shipped at Government expense to the place thus designated.

A notation has been made on the official records of this office that it is your desire to have the remains of your son returned, if possible, for final interment after the war. At the proper time, the legal next of kin will be contacted by this office in order to obtain the latest shipping instructions and action will be taken at that time to carry out your request.

Permit me to extend to you my deepest sympathy in the loss of your son.

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
ARMY SERVICE FORCES

AGOB-P 201 Branch, Thomas
(11 Jan 45)

TRANSMITTAL SHEET

RSE/hbb/1E-871
16 January 1945.

TO	The Quartermaster General, 1501 Tempo "B"	
	(Service, division, or organization)	(Location)
DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED COMMUNICATION	(Branch or unit)	(Attention)
	BRANCH, Mrs. G.A., Rt. 1, Box 315, Brinson, Ga. to TAG	11 Jan 45
	(Originator)	(Addressee) (Date)
FROM	Shipping remains of her son after the war.	
	(Subject)	(File No.)
FROM	Operations Branch, AGO	
	(Service, division, or organization)	(Location) (Telephone)
1E-871 Pentagon Ext 2267		

As a matter of primary interest. Writer of
attached letter has been advised of this reference.

For The Adjutant General:

Walter P. Lyden
Adjutant General.

1 Incl: Ltr, 11 Jan 45

297 Branch, Thomas



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Open

Rte. 1, Box 315
Brinson, Georgia
January 11th, 1945

Adjutant-General
Munitions Bldg.
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to have my son's body sent
back here to the above address after the war.
His address is as follows when he was killed:

Pfc. Thomas Branch
34832197
Co. E, 320 Inf.
APO 35, c/o P. M.
New York, N. Y.

He was wounded the 22nd of November, 1944, and
died the 9th of December, 1944.

If there is anything further I should
do in order for me to get his body, please let
me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. A. Branch

Mrs. G. A. Branch



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Box 318
Princeton, Georgia
January 11th, 1945

Adjutant-General
Princeton, Georgia
Princeton, Georgia
Princeton, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I would like to have my son's body sent
back here to the address after the war.
His address is when he was killed:



He was wounded on November 1st, 1944, and
died the 2nd of December, 1944.
If there is anything further I should
do in order for me to get his body, please let
me know.

Sincerely,

Wm. B. Branch



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CASUALTY BRANCH
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington, D. C.

DEATH

293 Branch Thomas
AGPC-G 201 *Branch, Thomas O.*
(4 Jan 45)

22 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Change of Address of Emergency Addressee:

A communication has been received from Mrs. Blanche S. Branch
regarding her husband, Private Thomas O. Branch 34,832,197 who died of
wounds on 9 December 1944 in France

requesting that the records of this office be amended as follows:

FROM

Mrs Blanche S. Branch
2530 East Givinnette Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

TO

Mrs Blanche S. Branch
Route 2,
Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

Copies furnished:
General Accounting Office
✓ Quartermaster General
Social Security Board
CG 4th Service Command
Chief, Army War Bond Office
Director, Bureau of Public Relations
Decorations and Awards Branch
CG, Army Air Force (If air force personnel)
If POW send copy to OPMG
AG 201 file

Adjutant General.

Mr. L. Day



✓ *293 Branch, Thomas O*

✓
*File
1/25/45
att*

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SECTION
JAN 25 8 54 AM '45
MEMORIAL DIVISION



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GRAVES REGISTRATION
FORM NO. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)RESTRICTED
REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

9 Dec 44

Date

Branch

Thomas

O.

Pfc

34832197

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

Co E 320th Inf.

1st Hosp Unit Unit Chilbolton, Hants.

Organization Acute Suppurative
Meningitis

6th Field Hospital, APO 350

9 Dec 44

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

1500 hrs. 12 Dec 1944. Cambridge American Mil. Cemetery.

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

19

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U

Temp wooden cross.

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

Irregular circular scar on right jaw
bone, about 1½" dia.

What means of identification were buried with the body? One (1) Ident tag.

Escorted

by:

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right: O'Byrne, John F. 810-09-43.Y2c. Com Nav Eu 20

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Grave No.

Deceased's Left: Cox, Billy J. 34734362.Pvt.Det Med Dept, 168 Sta 18

Name

Serial No.

Rank

Organization

Hosp. Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

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

BRANCH, THOMAS O.
34832197 T44 44 A

Emergency Addressee Unknown

Name

Unknown

Address

Religion

Protestant

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

- 1 Smoking Pipe 6 Photographs
- 1 Fountain Pen 13 U S Air Mail Stamps
- 1 Leather Wallet
- 1 Identification Card Folder
- 1 Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit
- 1 Soldier's Individual Pay Record, WD AGO Form 28
- 1 Soldier's Individual Pay Record, WD AGO Form 28

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

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IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height: Laundry Marks:
Weight: Number of Rifle:
Color of Eyes: Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair: Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart; if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

TOOTH CHART

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

Decayed's Right								Decayed's Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper															
Lower															

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by C linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics: _____

Other Data: _____

RESTRICTED

AG P BR HQ SOS

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 17 May 45

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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													
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AMOUNT OF CHECK	☒ NOTE DISCREPANCY IN	INCLOSE VALUABLES	RECIPIENT FROM
ACCOUNT NUMBER	☒ NAME	SHIP VALUAB	CASUALTY REPORT
	☒ SERIAL NUMBER	VALUABLES SHIPPED BY (clerk)	INVENTORY
	☒ RANK		FORM 20
Pvt Thomas O. Branch 34832197 — 403366 D — Mrs. Blanche S. Branch ✓ 1010 Water Street ✓ Bainbridge, Georgia ✓			☒ LETTER ✓
			NO. & TYPE OF CONTAINER
			ENVELOPE
			CARTONS
			PACKAGE 2
			FOOT LOCKER
			SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
			REMOVE GI
			SHIP BLOODSTAINED
			☒ SHIP DAMAGED
			REMOVE BL'DSTAINED
			REMOVE DAMAGED
			FILMS REMOVED
			DIARY REMOVED
CLR/MH/tms	SUMMARY COURT DATA		DATE ACTION TAKEN
DATE OF FINDING	APPLICANT		MAIL REVIEWER (initials)
2 OCT 46	MRS. BLANCHE S. BRANCH		10-16 WBC
REMARKS SCREENED 03614/48			☒ SHIPPED
			☒ FRANKED
			☒ EXPRESS
			☒ FREIGHT
			DATE SHIPPED
			OCT 16 1946
			SHIPPING CLERK
			2MK
			ROUTING
			ACCOUNTING BRANCH
☒ WAREHOUSE			
☒ FILE			

ORDER FOR ACTION

EFF QM FORM 14
10 OCT 1945

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ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY		STATUS	
☒	INBOUND INVENTORY	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		☐	DECEASED
☐	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL			☐	MISSING
☒	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.			☐	P. O. W.
☐	TALLY IN FORM 43			☐	ABANDONED
☐		☐		☐	UNKNOWN
	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	BELT	OVERCOATS		
	BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, ADDRESS	PAPERS, PERSONAL		
	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, PILOT LOG	PENCIL, MECHANICAL		
	BOOKS	BRUSHES	PEN, FOUNTAIN		
	BRACELET, IDENT.	CASE	PHOTOS		
	CAMERAS	CLOTH, WASH	PIPES		
	CLOTHING	COATS	RINGS		
☒	MISC. ARTICLES	FOOTLOCKER	SCARFS		
	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	FOOTWEAR, PR.	SHIRTS		
	RIBBONS, DECORATION	GLASSES	SOCKS, PR.		
	SHORT SNORTER	GLOVES, PR.	STATIONERY		
	SOUVENIR MONEY	HANDKERCHIEFS	TIES		
	SOUVENIRS	HEADWEAR	TOBACCO		
	TESTAMENTS	JACKETS	TOILET ARTICLES		
	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	KITS	TOWELS		
	U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	KNIVES	TROUSERS, PR.		
	WATCH	LETTERS	TRUNKS, PR.		
	WINGS	LIGHTERS	UNDERWEAR		
CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO		INFORMATION			
none.		Mrs. Blanche S. Branch 25-30 E. Guinnett St. Savannah, Ga. Home address 25-30 E. Guinnett Savannah Ga.			
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS		CROSS REFERENCE			
CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK		
MONEY ORDER			TRANSMIT ORIGINAL		
BOND		SYMBOL	ORIG. REG. MAIL		
TRAV. CHECK		AMOUNT	TO G. A. O.		
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED		
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY		
		DATE			
		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	M. 21		
		PAYEE	9-10		
		REMITTER OR DRAWER			
TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET _____	
8700		27 Aug. 46		OF _____ SHEETS	
NAME		A. S. N.			
THOMAS ODIS BRANCH.		34532197			
ORGANIZATION		RANK	CASE NO.		
		P/c.			
WAREHOUSE SPACE	EXAMINED BY	DIARY REMOVED			
852	Probst	PHOTO FILM REMOVED			
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	PACKED BY	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED			
1 pkg	Corruch	SHIPPED			
WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY	DATE	BY WHOM		
	WJ	OCT 16 1946	MK		
	STORED BY				

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G.I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

1 fountain pen, rust
damage. 1 testament
slight brown stain.
Pics. cards & papers. Slightly
discolored from moisture.
1 Billfold torn.

SHORTAGES

1 Ident. card folder

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

Probst

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

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BRANCH, THOS O. PFC. 34832197 403366

SHIPPED TO N.Y.P.O.E. BROOKLYN N.Y.

GROUP 288

DATE OF SAILING 4 Dec45

VESSEL: JULIA P. SHAW

TYPE OF CONTAINER: S. PKG.

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BRANCH, Thos. O. Pfc. 34832197.

~~WOUNDED IN ACTION~~ 403,366

DECEASED

S. Package. W-655.(Boxed in Case No.1041)

CHS

Rec'd Dec. 27th, 1944. By Mail.

18th Sept 1945 - A.G. Cas Div MRU reports owner DOW

See Over.

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See letter # 16073 on Correspondence file.

Check No. 440389 Baggage List No. EF288

Space requested 13 NOV 1945

T/O _____ SSI No. 249/42

VESSEL _____ SAILING DATE _____

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BRANCH THOS 0		FC 2197		TYPE PKG. CTN
SAY 2	PALLET	BOX 20	TALLY 8700	

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HEADQUARTERS
SIXTH FIELD HOSPITAL
1st Hospitalization Unit
APO 350 US Army9 Dec 44
(Date)

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Branch,	Thomas	O.	Pfc	34832197
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, United Kingdom Base, APO 507, US Army
Transmitted herewith in accordance with ltr Hq, ETO, 15 Nov 44, file AG 332,3 PUBGA subject
disposition of personal effects in U.K. is inventory of effects concerning subject named below.
The above named individual of Co E, 320th Inf Regt (Unit) (Organization)

was reported Hospitalized about 8 December 1944.
(Status-Killed, MIA, Hospitalized) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Mrs. Blanche S. Branch(Wife) 2530 E. Gwinnett St., Savannah, Ga.INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- 1 Smoking Pipe ✓
- 1 Fountain Pen ✓
- 1 Leather Wallet ✓
- 1 Identification Card Folder ○
- 1 Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit ✓
- 2 Soldier's Individual Pay Record,
WD AGO Form 28 ✓
- 1 New Testament (Protestant Version) Bible ✓
- 6 Photographs ✓
- 13 U S Air Mail Stamps. ✓

Money in the amount of none. has been turned into _____

Form WDFD 38

(Name of finance officer and symbol number)
enclosed.

(Names and addresses of any banks in which accounts may be carried;

I certify that the above items constitute all the effects, secured by
me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects
Depot by Mail on 11 Dec 44
(Rail, Truck, etc.) (Date)

Walter G. Mc Kenrick, Jr.
WALTER G. MC KENRICK, JR.
2d Lt, MAC, O-1546424
Name, Rank, ASN, Organization

Any additional pertinent information:

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403366

CLB/MH/mf
16 October 1946

Mrs. Blanche S. Branch
1010 Water Street
Bainbridge, Georgia

Whe
10-16

Dear Mrs. Branch:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your husband, Private Thomas O. Branch.

This property, consisting of a few small items, is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

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

Yours very truly,

C. L. HUMFIELD
1st Lt, QMC
Asst Effects Quartermaster

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

PUM/MH/tms

Case No. 403366

Date 3 October 1946

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Thomas O. Branch, 34832197 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Private, Infantry who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 9 day of December, 19 44, at European Area

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

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 decedents 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. none.)

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 none, Incl none).

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

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 2 October 1946, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Blanche S. Branch 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. Blanche S. Branch of
(Name of person found entitled)
1010 Water Street, Bainbridge State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
George, is the Widow of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

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

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

P. U. MAXEY, Lt. Col, QMC

(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

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SPQYG 293

Branch, Thomas O.
S. N. 34 832 197

31 July 1945

Mrs. Blanch S. Branch
Route #2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

Your letter of recent date requesting information concerning your husband, the late Private First Class Thomas O. Branch, has been received in this office.

Inasmuch as the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the disposition of personal effects of our deceased military personnel whose deaths occur overseas, a copy of your communication has been forwarded to that office for appropriate attention and necessary action.

An official report of interment received in this office reveals that the remains of your husband were interred in United States Military Cemetery, Cambridge, England, Grave 19, Row 5, Plot U. This cemetery is located approximately forty-two miles northeast of London, England, just outside the university town of Cambridge.

At the beginning of the war it became necessary to adopt the policy that the remains of military personnel interred outside the United States would not be returned until the cessation of hostilities in all theaters of operation. A notation has been made on the official records of this office that it is your desire to have the remains of your husband returned to the United States for final interment, if possible.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR L. WARREN
Colonel, QMC
Assistant

SPY 293

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403, 366
DS
Rutherfordton, N. C.
April 26, 1945

INQUIRY CLERK

Dear Sir:

I would like to have some information about the personal effects of my husband Pfc. Thomas O. Branch, Serial No. 34832197 who died Dec 9, 1944, in France. if possible I would like to have any clothing he was wearing when he was wounded, billfold with his pictures or any thing he had over seas.

Also I would like to know the location of his grave, and if his body can be returned to the USA after the war is over. If so will I be permitted to open it.

If the piece of shrapnel that was removed from his back was saved, I would like very much to have it. I know of one boy who was wounded in the stomach and it was given to him, after he recovered.

Yours truly
Mrs. Blanch S. Branch
Route 2
Rutherfordton, N. C.

400-2182
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MAY 1 1945
U.S. ARMY
OFFICE OF THE
ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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APR 26 1945
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RUTHERFORDTON, N.C.

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ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

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IN REPLY REFER TO 403366

Mrs. Blanche S. Branch
Route #2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your husband, Private Thomas O. Branch.

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

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

Sincerely yours,

C. L. Rumfield
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1 Incl--
Envelope

C. L. RUMFIELD
2nd Lt., QMC
Asst. Effects Quartermaster

*I am the legal wife of Thomas
Otter Branch and wish his property sent to address
following-
My address is now as following*

Mrs Blanche S. Branch

1010 Water St.

Bainbridge Georgia

*I like these things as quick as possible
Mrs Blanche S. Branch.*

*m.H.
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KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

SEP 26 1946

IN REPLY REFER TO 100-100000

Mr. William S. Branch
House #2
Superintendent, North Catholic

West St. Louis



KANSAS CITY, MO.
SEP 26 1946

The Army Effects Bureau has received your letter of September 10, 1946, regarding the return of your property of your husband's effects.

I know you want to receive this property as soon as possible, and in making application it is necessary only that you furnish your address, stating that you are the legal widow of your husband.

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

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Branch
Superintendent
North Catholic

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RTB:VC:bjs
August 17, 1945

Mrs. Blanch S. Branch ✓
Route #2 ✓
Rutherfordton, North Carolina ✓

Dear Mrs. Branch:

This acknowledges your letter of April 26, which has been referred to this Bureau by The Quartermaster General for reply to that portion pertaining to the personal effects of your husband, Private Thomas C. Branch.

This Bureau has not received any property belonging to your husband since writing you on March 26. Due to transportation difficulties, it is difficult to determine accurately when the effects will arrive here.

You are assured that any property received here belonging to Private Branch, will be forwarded to you promptly.

Yours very truly,

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

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

JRM:DW:mec
March 26, 1945

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IN REPLY REFER TO

Mrs. Blanch S. Branch
Route #2
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Branch:

This refers to your recent letter inquiring about the personal effects of your husband, Private First Class Thomas O. Branch.

I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of your husband's property. There is inclosed an information circular which will give you some idea of the time which may elapse before personal effects arrive here from overseas.

Please disregard Paragraph 3 of this circular. It is our intention to forward your husband's effects promptly upon receipt at this Bureau; therefore, I shall appreciate your notifying us, without fail, in the event there is a change in your address during the next few months.

I wish to express my sincere regret of the circumstances prompting this correspondence.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

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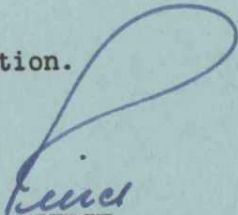
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS
				DATE
1	EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU	KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI	
2				
3				

For necessary action.


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2 Incl.^s

1 Ltr. dtd. 26 April 1945
1 Ltr. dtd. 31 July 1945

NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
FROM: ML			31 July 1945
MEMORIAL DIVISION, PLANNING & REGISTRATION BRANCH, TEMPO "C" WASHINGTON 25, D. C.			TELEPHONE

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

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

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

Rutherfordton, N.C.

Feb. 26, 1945

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Dear Sir:

I have been told by friends that, I may obtain my husband's personal things, from or through your office.

Some of the things that I would like most to keep are, his uniform which he was wounded in, if possible, this I would treasure greatly. Also his billfold, Pictures, fountain Pen and anything else that he had.

He was first wounded Nov. 22, 1944 and died December 9, 1944, his address after wounded was Pfc. Thomas O.

Branch 34832197, (Hospitalized) Central Postal Director, A.P.O. 640, 40 Post Master New York, N.Y.

Address before wounded was as following
Pfc. Thomas O. Branch 34832197, Co E. 320th
Inf. A.P.O. 35, 40 Post Master New York, N.Y.

yours truly,

Mrs. Blanch S. Branch
Rutherfordton N.C. R#2

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