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 Interréd 17 March 1949  
 D-11-37-USMC ST. LAURENT  
 C. H. HIENSTRA  
 Lt Inf. Interring Officer  
 DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED  
 DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3586 00300  
 DATE 15 06 48  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME BERLIN WILLIAM J SERIAL NUMBER 32996830 RANK PFC ARM 1  
DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY ST MERE EGLISE NO 2 - CARENTAN  
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DAY MONTH YEAR  
 1 3505 80  
CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT M ROW 2 GRAVE 29 COUNTRY FRANCE  
CAUSE OF DEATH  
 2

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN **Flag sent 17 March 1949**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE ST. LAURENT, FRANCE  
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN TESSIE V. PRAVATA (MOTHER)  
 201 EAST 11TH STREET  
 NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME BERLIN, William J. SERIAL NUMBER 32996830 RANK PFC. DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED 7 May 1948

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON  REMAINS ORGANIZATION USAGF RELIGION CATH. IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY JOHN M. PEACOCK  
 MARKER NAME AND TITLE Embalmer

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL OD Uniform CONDITION OF REMAINS Fractured mandible.  
 Advanced decomposition.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION NONE

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1 NONE

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASE~~ transfer case

DATE 14 May 1948 BY JOHN M. PEACOCK

CASKET SEALED BY E. E. CASTELLARIN EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED All markings, tags and plates verified by:

DATE 18/6/48 BY J. E. CARLISLE R. B. HOWARD, 2nd Lt., INF.

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct on this form are true except casketing  
 I certify that the entire contents of this form are true except casketing  
 copies of the entries on Copy No. 4 of this Dis-

# RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

## 1. SHIPPED

FROM <b>USMC STE MERE EGLISE #2</b>		TO <b>USMC ST. LAURENT</b>	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE <b>TRUCK</b>		NAME OF CONVOYER <b>PFC. GIBBS</b>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <b>W. T. DAILEY, Capt, QMC-1ST</b>	DATE <b>24/5/48</b>	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <b>D. A. MAC KENZIE, Capt, INF</b>	DATE <b>24/5/48</b>

## 2. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 3. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 5. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <b>ELVIGE</b>	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <b>(MORIN)</b>	DATE

## 6. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

## 7. SHIPPED

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

(S-12-8-44)  
JRM:LB:cms  
November 8, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO 109310 B

Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata  
201 E. 11th Street  
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Pravata:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Private First Class William J. Berlin.

These effects, contained in one package, are being forwarded and should reach you in the near future.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

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

Yours very truly,

F. A. ECKHARDT  
Captain Q.M.C.  
Assistant

1 Incl--  
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged;

*Added to  
Pravata  
4-5-48*

QMGMP/293 Berlin, William J., Pfc, 32 996 830, OQMG, 5 Apr 48, "Non Reply  
to Letter of Inquiry"

TCNYP TDC 293

1st Ind

American Graves Registration Division, NYPE, Brooklyn, New York, 22 April  
1948

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C. ATTENTION: Memorial  
Division

Inclosed is Form 345 completed by Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata.

1 Incl:  
Completed Form 345

*John T. Campbell*  
JOHN T. CAMPBELL  
1st Lt, QMC  
Asst. Administrative Officer

*Pfc William J. Berlin . 32 996 830*

*APR 23 1948*

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

In Reply Refer To RR Br:

QMGR 293

Berlin, William J., Pfc., 32 996 830  
Plot M, Row 2, Grave 29  
United States Military Cemetery  
Ste Mere Eglise #2, France

5 April 1948

P R I O R I T Y

SUBJECT: Non Reply to Letter of Inquiry

TO: Commanding General  
New York Port of Embarkation  
First Avenue and 58th Street  
Brooklyn 20, New York  
Attn: AGR Division

1. To date this office has not received a reply form indicating disposition instructions for the decedent from \_\_\_\_\_ mother \_\_\_\_\_

(relationship)

Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata  
(name)

201 East 11th Street, New York, New York

(Address)

2. It is requested that the attached OQM Form 345 be properly accomplished, and legal documents, if appropriate, be furnished this office as soon as possible.

3. It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above, they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this request. In the event you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of the decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

*John O. Hyatt*

JOHN O. HYATT  
Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

Incls.

*File*

*10 May 48*



*W. E. Brennan*  
*W. E. Brennan*  
*W. E. Brennan*

*32996830*  
*Berlin*  
*William J.*  
*Pfc.*

## INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

293 Berlin, William J

DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1 NO.	2 FROM-	3 TO-	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1.	IOI Section R/R Br.	Record Section R/R Br.	<del>MARCH</del> 1948 30 Apr 48	<p>1. As 333 card in this case could not be immediately located, action has been taken with a view to resolving the case without the 333 card.</p> <p>2. File is forwarded to your Section for such correction in 333 card as may be indicated.</p> <p>3. When your action has been completed, please forward file to Mail and Records.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">             GILL            71507         </p> <p style="text-align: right;">             SNOWDEN            6535         </p>

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

1383 - QMPTS - Camp Lee, Va. - 3 - 21 - 47 - 100M

pap  
25 March 1948

## QUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

Pfc William J. Berlin, 32 996 830  
 Plot M, Row 2, Grave 29,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Ste Mere Eglise #2, France

5 April 1948

A	C
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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

1. TESSIE V. PRAWATA (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)  
 (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

- 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. ST. MARCKNT, FRANCE
2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE HOMETLAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_  
 (NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

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

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

YES  NO

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

None

L. D. P. A.

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

OR

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

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

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
288 East 6th Street	MARY	New York	Sister

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.

Jessie V. Pravaita (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)  
Jessie V. PRAVAITA (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)  
201 East 17th Street (STREET AND NUMBER)  
New York (CITY AND STATE)  
N.Y. (CITY AND STATE)

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

1946 at city (or town) of New York, county of N.Y., and State (or Territory or

District) of NY

J. M. Thienes (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
Summary Clerk of Office (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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



**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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(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 I 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NUMBER)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY AND STATE)

27 May 1949

Pfc. William J. Berlin, ASN 32 996 830  
Plot-D, Row II, Grave 37

Headstone: Cross

St. Laurent (France) U. S. Military Cemetery

Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata  
201 East 11th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Pravata:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

H. FELDMAN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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Pfc. William J. Berlin, 32 996 830  
Plot M, Row 2, Grave 29,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Ste. Mere Eglise #2, France

24 September 1947

Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata  
201 East 11th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Pravata:

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

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

LSC enr 5 Apr 48

9 October 1946

Mr. Frank Prayata  
201 East 11th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Prayata:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private First Class William J. Berlin, A.S.N. 32 996 830.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Ste. Mere Eglise #2, plot M, row 2, grave 29. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located twenty miles southeast of Cherbourg, France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARCH  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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

In Reply Refer To HQ DVI

OSM: 293

Berlin, William J., Pfc., 32 996 830  
Plot #, Row 2, Grave 29

United States Military Cemetery  
Ste Marie Eglise #2, France

5 April 1948

**PRIORITY**

**SUBJECT: Non Reply to Letter of Inquiry**

**TO:**

Commanding General  
New York Post of Identification  
First Avenue and 58th Street  
Brooklyn 20, New York  
Attn: AGI Division

1. To date this office has not received a reply form indicating disposition instructions for the decedent from \_\_\_\_\_  
mother  
(relationship)

Mrs. Fessie V. Fravata  
(name)

201 East 11th Street, New York, New York  
(Address)

2. It is requested that the attached OQMI Form 345 be properly accomplished, and legal documents, if appropriate, be furnished this office as soon as possible.

3. It is recommended that in contact with the next of kin mentioned above, they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this request. In the event you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the next of kin, it is further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of the decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

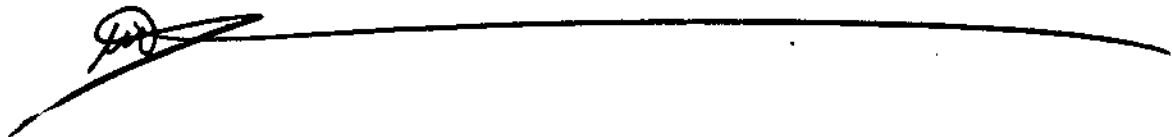
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JOHN O. KYATT  
Colonel, OMS  
Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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NAME BERLIN, WILLIAM J.  
ASN 32 996 830



Changes made in information Form 333  
are from sources listed below:

1. A.G.O.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Officer's Initials AKH  
RA

FROM: Relationship step - father  
 NAME: Mr. Frank Pravata  
 STREET: 201 E. 11th St.  
 CITY & STATE: New York City N.Y.

TO: Relationship Mother  
 NAME: Mrs. Jessie Pravata  
 STREET: 201 E. 11th St.  
 CITY & STATE: New York City N.Y.

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File  
Franklin

**RESTRICTED**  
**REPORT OF BURIAL**  
TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

16042  
12 July 1944  
Date  
1944 32996830 54  
Serial No.

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**Berlin** **William** **J** **Pfc**  
Last Name First Initial Rank  
**33 Inf 83rd Div**  
Unit Organization  
**Normandy, France** **12 July 1944** **W.I.A** **K.I.A. Shrapnel** **Jaw**  
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death  
**1500** **12 July 1944** **St Mere Eglise #2** **St Mere Eglise, France**  
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location  
**29** **2** **M.** **Cross**  
Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

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

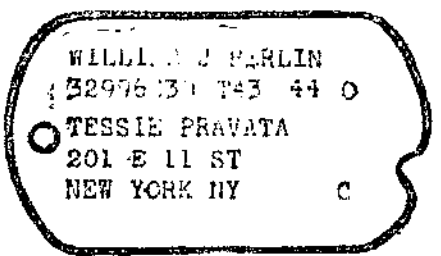
If No Identification Tags  
How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on:  
Deceased's Right: **Ward** **0-1184965** **2nd Lt** **83rd Div** **30**  
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.  
Deceased's Left: **Grogan** **34389466** **Pfc**  **28**  
Name Serial No. Rank Organization 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:

Emergency Addressee **Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata**  
Name  
**201 E 11th St New York City N.Y.**  
Address

Religion **C**

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

- 1 Watch
- 1 Pen & Pencil
- 1 Knife
- 1 Ring
- 1 Wallet w/photos

Fwd. to effects **WM.**

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial  
OCT 1 1944  
*[Handwritten Initials]*

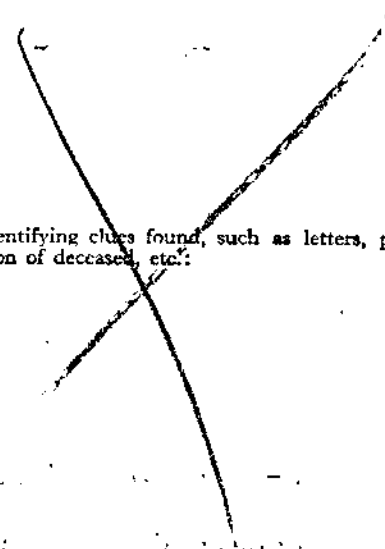
## IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

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.:



Left Hand

4
3
2
1
Thumb

Right Hand

4
3
2
1
Thumb

### TOOTH CHART

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

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

Characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Data: \_\_\_\_\_

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.



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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 6 September 1944

dlr 4627

FULL NAME 243 Berlin, William J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 32,996,830		GRADE Pfc									
HOME ADDRESS New York, New York		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry		DATE OF BIRTH 26 Jan 1917									
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 12 July 44									
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 9 August 1943		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS									
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata, mother, 201 E. 11 <sup>th</sup> St., New York, N.Y.													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Tessie Valusek, Pravata, mother, same as above Mr. Frank Pravata, father, 201 E. 11th St., New York, N.Y.													
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	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata

201 East 11th Street

New York, New York

Effects of:

Name

PFC William J. Berlin

ASN

32996830

Case No.

109310 D

Wt.

DATE 24 October 1945

RTB:TS:ec

*T. Spirakis*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

         Inclose Bureau Check

         Acct. No.         

         Amount         

         Inclose "Valuables" item

         Ship "Valuables" item(s)

         Remove G.I.

         Note discrepancy in         

         Films removed

         Dairy removed

         Laundry removed

ROUTING:

         Accounting Branch

  1   Warehouse Division

  2   Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

Franked         

Est. Exp. Chgs.         

Est. Frt. Chgs.         

No. of packages   1  

*mck*  
Shipping Clerk

15 August 1946

Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata  
201 East 11th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Pravata:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private First Class William J. Berlin, A.S.N. 32 996 830.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Ste. Mere Eglise #2, plot M, row 2, grave 29. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located twenty miles southeast of Cherbourg, France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

MAIL & RECORDS DIVISION  
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RTB:TStec  
October 24, 1945

Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata  
201 East 11th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Pravata:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, Private First Class William J. Berlin.

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

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOEB  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Branch

4-9-45  
SCREENED  
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<b>ATTACHMENTS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INBOUND INVENTORY <input type="checkbox"/> G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL <input type="checkbox"/> WILL OR POWER OF ATTY. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TALLY IN FORM 43	<b>EFFECTS INVENTORY</b> <b>ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU</b>	<b>STATUS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING <input type="checkbox"/> P. O. W. <input type="checkbox"/> ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN
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<input type="checkbox"/> BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL <input type="checkbox"/> BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY) <input type="checkbox"/> BILLFOLD (NO MONEY) <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS <input type="checkbox"/> BRACELET, IDENT. <input type="checkbox"/> CAMERAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOTHING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISC. ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> RIBBONS, DECORATION <input type="checkbox"/> SHORT SNORTER <input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIR MONEY <input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIRS <input type="checkbox"/> TESTAMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS <input type="checkbox"/> U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT) <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH <input type="checkbox"/> WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> BELT <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKS, PILOT LOG <input type="checkbox"/> BRUSHES <input type="checkbox"/> CASE <input type="checkbox"/> CLOTH, WASH <input type="checkbox"/> COATS <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTLOCKER <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTWEAR, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> GLASSES <input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> HANDKERCHIEFS <input type="checkbox"/> HEADWEAR <input type="checkbox"/> JACKETS <input type="checkbox"/> KITS <input type="checkbox"/> KNIVES <input type="checkbox"/> LETTERS <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> OVERCOATS <input type="checkbox"/> PAPERS, PERSONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PENCIL, MECHANICAL <input type="checkbox"/> PEN, FOUNTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> PIPES <input type="checkbox"/> RINGS <input type="checkbox"/> SCARFS <input type="checkbox"/> SHIRTS <input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> STATIONERY <input type="checkbox"/> TIES <input type="checkbox"/> TOBACCO <input type="checkbox"/> TOILET ARTICLES <input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS <input type="checkbox"/> TROUSERS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> TRUNKS, PR. <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR	
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<p style="text-align: center;">CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">none</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">none Rechecked</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CROSS REFERENCE</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> BUREAU CHECK
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<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. CURRENCY	PAYEE	<input type="checkbox"/> TO ISSUING AGENCY	
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE <i>11-Oct-43</i>	BOX NO.	SHEET OF SHEETS
NAME <i>WILLIAM J. BERLIN</i>		A. S. N. <i>32996830</i>		
ORGANIZATION		RANK <i>cpl.</i>	CASE NO. <i>9</i>	
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>605</i>	EXAMINED BY <i>BH Smith</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIARY REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>...</i>	PACKED BY <i>...</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
	WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY <i>J...</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
	STORED BY <i>M...</i>	DATE <i>OCT 31 1943</i>	BY WHOM <i>mk</i>	

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

William J. Berlin, 32996830 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)

Pfc, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)

on the 12 day of July, 1944, at European Area

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 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. \_\_\_\_\_.)

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

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

FINDING:

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 4 November 1944, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata 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. Tessie V. Pravata of  
(Name of person found entitled)

201 East 11th Street, New York State of  
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

New York, 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, QMG  
(Name, Rank, Organization)  
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU  
 INVENTORY

# Deceased X  
 # Missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 # P.O.W. \_\_\_\_\_  
 # Abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

File # Pal 27  
Box #170

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS Berlin, William J. Pfc. ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 1

TALLY-IN NO. 5486 INVENTORY DATE 10-26-44 CASE NO. 109310

EFFECTS OF William J. Berlin RANK Pfc.

A.S.N. 32996830 ORG. 83rd Div.

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION:	#
ARTICLE DESCRIPTION	
1 Billfold w/religious items (no money)	
+ photo	
1 Knife	
*1 Fountain Pen cleaned	
*1 Mechanical Pencil cleaned	
* Ring	
**1 Wristwatch (Damaged) (Benzon)	

REMARKS:

No Information  
 NO Correspondence.  
 \* Bloodstained  
 \*\* Crystal Broken & Hands missing.  
 C.A.T. not available

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Inventory of Effects ✓  
 1 G.P. Label ✓

NO CORRESPONDENCE  
 SHORTAGE ON REVERSE  
 G. I. ON REVERSE

STORAGE SPACE }  
 SAFE STORAGE VAULT STORAGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 WEIGHT SHIPPED 07  
 Invenoried by Al Gray Packed by \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOV 10 1944

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS SHIP

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

*Bill 17*

Ship to:

Mrs. Tessie V. Pravata  
201 East 11th Street  
New York 3, New York

Effects of:

Name **PFC William J. Berlin**  
ASN **32996830**  
Case No. **109310 D**  
Wt.

*File  
PK  
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**FORWARDED**

Ship Via \_\_\_\_\_ G B/L No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date **JEM:LB:db**  
**7 November 1944**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Manley*  
For the Effects Quartermaster

PACKAGES SHIPPED

*1 pkg*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL *1* WT. \_\_\_\_\_

Franked \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Shipped **NOV 10 1944**

**NOV 9 1944**

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REMARKS:

**NOV 10 1944**

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INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

*File #16*

The following listed effects

were found on Pfc  
(Rank)

Berlin, William J. 32996830  
(Orgn)(Name) (SSN)

83d Div. 12 July 1944  
(Orgn) (Date Died)

Buried at St Mere Eglise #2

and effects forwarded to Effects Co.

- Watch ✓
- Pen & Pencil ✓
- Knife ✓
- Ring ✓
- Wallet ✓
- Photos ✓

*W. Berlin*  
*File #16*

\*NAME .BERLIN, WILLIAM T 6830

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
11	7	14	3414
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
CTN			



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

JRM:JS:wm  
August 23, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO 109310-D

Mrs. Tessie Pravata  
201 East 11th Street  
New York 3, New York

Dear Mrs. Pravata:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 15, 1944, concerning the personal property of your son, Private William J. Berlin.

We have checked our records and regrettably have not received any property belonging to Private Berlin.

All War Department agencies are under instruction to forward the personal property of military personnel to the Army Effects Bureau for disposition, and it is reasonable to assume that his property ultimately will be received here. However, because of transportation difficulties, considerable time may elapse before the shipment arrives here.

You may be assured that upon receipt of any of Private Berlin's property, you will be promptly notified.

Yours very truly,

S. N. GREENSTEIN  
Captain Q.M.C.  
Assistant

109310

W—

Aug. 15, 1944

FADW  
WFM

Dear Sir: 8-18

I am writing this  
letter to you, much to my  
dorrow. My son was killed  
in action in France.

Private William J. Berlin 32 996 830  
Infantry on July 12<sup>th</sup> 1944.

I would appreciate your  
kindness in sending home  
all of his belongings so well  
as personal. I would appreciate  
it very much, also his  
wrist watch.

Thank you very

kindly.

Mrs Jessie Pratte

201 East 11<sup>th</sup> St.

Nyc #3

BERLIN, William V.  
32996830.

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✓  
✓  
✓  
Soap Box. Razor. ✓  
Writing Portfolio. ✓  
Sewing Kit. ✓

3 July  
DR

Serial No. 3996830 Name BERLIN, WILLIAM J

Grade Pfc Rank

Organization

Address

Nearest Relative

Address

Killed in Action Died of Disease

Date 7-11-44 Hospital

Battle Area I Amn Information

Place of Burial At sea

Point of Coordination

Description of Body

Members Missing

Signed Jimmy Plummer  
Captain