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G.R.S. Form #114-B

MT

DATE 11/30/21.

1. NAME ARMSTRONG, Bliss A ✓ SERIAL No. 1447840 ✓
 RANK Pvt ✓ ORGANIZATION Co C 137th Inf ✓
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfauc on 1232 Sec.32 ✓
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
133 Sec.32 3

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION BAC 4 Aprement Ardennes #1052
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES 35SE 278.9N 301E
 CONCENTRATED TO 4/28/19 133 Sec 32 3
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
Meuse Argonne 1232
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

DATE OF DEATH Tag on cross Sept 29, 1918 data f-1/pfb OK

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Kan.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none of record



SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY
 SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR [Signature]
1st Lt., C.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/30/21. 40 36 C.
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block ~~row~~

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfauc on. (Meuse)
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
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A. G. O.
30 1926

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Arnold, 1447840 Bliss
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/24/43

PLACE OF BURIAL 70.8 - 04

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

Co. C. 137th In
35th Div

He was
and was struck by
side of his chest
ten A.M., Sept.

1447840
end, Kansas.

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is was about

n D. 1st Lt.

REPORTED BY:

Charles Flynn

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

i. - 1st Lt.

K.E.

Co. C. 137th Inf.
35th Div.

ARMSTRONG, Bliss - Pvt. 1447840
Home: Great Bend, Kansas.

He was last seen on the northern edge of Montrebeau Woods and was struck by the bullet from a sniper. The bullet entered the right side of his chest and killed him instantaneously. This was about ten A.M., Sept. 28, 1918.

Informant: Hillis, William D. 1st Lt.
137th Inf.
Home: Girard, Ga.

Searcher: Black, George M. - 1st Lt.
137th Inf.

K.E.

Date 4th, June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: ARMSTRONG, BlissNumber: 1447840Rank: Unkn.Organization: Unkn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

28th, April 1919Amer. B/A Cty. #4APREMONT ARDENNES35 S.E. 301. E; 278.9 N.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

28th, April 1919Grave No. 133 - Sec. 32 - Plot 3ARGONNE AMER. CTY. #1232.ROMAGNE MEUSE.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NOWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. JordonR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.C.O. Group Unit

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Armstrong	ARM	3	1 0 3
BURIED	Bliss A	CEMETERY	1	1
		GRAVE	2	40
		ROW	2	36
		BLOCK	1	3
STATE	Kan.		2	18
RANK	Pvt		1	2
DIVISION	35		2	35
ORGANIZATION	137		3	137
ARM	Inf		1	1
MARTIAL	No		1	2
NAME	Armstrong		3	
RESIDENCE	Mr. Simon Marion (Father)	STATE	2	
		COUNTY	2	
		CITY	3	
RELATION	SM	mother	1	1
OTHER	no loco		1	
ELIGIBILITY	no loco	Head	1	6
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH			1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH			1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP		MO.	1	
		YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE			1	

AUDITED

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, Bliss A. - 1232 F

July 3, 1930

Mr. Simon Marion Armstrong
4030 Falcon Street
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

None

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

None

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

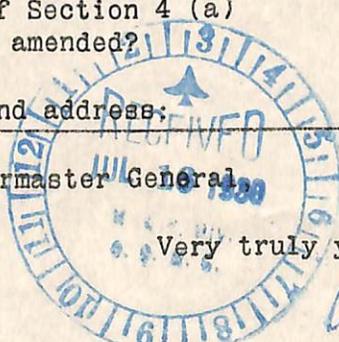
None

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Armstrong, Bliss A.

August 12, 1929

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4030 Falcon Street,
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Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Bliss A. Armstrong, Co. C 137th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

No

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

No one

4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Armstrong, Bliss A.

June 28, 1929.

~~Mr. Sam Armstrong,~~
~~918 E. Solemn St.,~~
~~Portland, Ore.~~

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Simon Marion Armstrong
4030 Falcon St.
San Diego Calif.
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Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

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2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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4. Does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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June 28 , 1929.

Mr. Sam Armstrong,
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Portland, Ore.

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 5, 1923.

Mr. Sam Armstrong,
918 East Solem St.,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of **Private Bliss A. Armstrong, Company C, 137th Infantry, is Grave 40, Row 36, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.**

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial NO.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

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Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial no.

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Remarks *WRCA + PWA*

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*checked by
of 4-27-21*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 30, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF ARMSTRONG BLISS A. SERIAL NUMBER 1447840
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., C 137th Inf. 1447840

2. Disinterred (date) : Nov, 30, 1921. From (give complete location) :
Gr. 133 sec 32 pt 3 Cem., #1232.

By : Group 6 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date) : Nov, 30, 1921. In (give complete location) :
Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232. Grave 40, Row 36, Block C

By : Group Re-burial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
body decompose unrecognizable. In pine box and uniform.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? No On grave marker ? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
GRS plaque on body inscribed " Bliss A. Armstrong 1447840.



6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

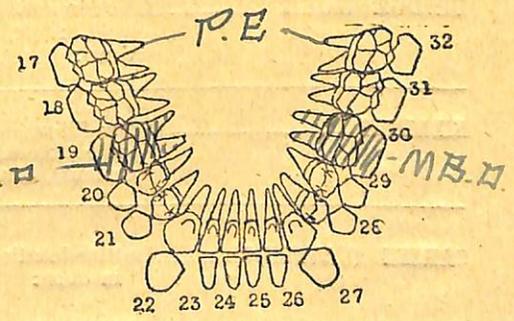
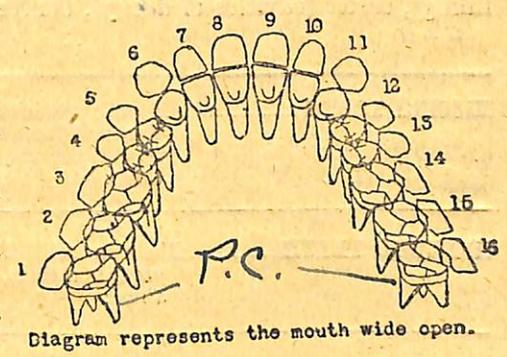
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp to det.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible

7. Disinterment supervised by H. E. Strong
 H. E. Strong

Approved : H. S. Harpole
 H. S. Harpole 1st. Lt. OMC
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
 A. U. Dufault cbr

Approved : James W. Younger
 James W. Younger
 Captain, OMC
 (Title)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



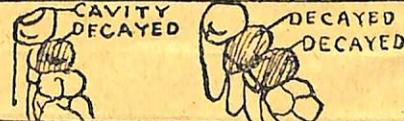
BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 30, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ARMSTRONG, Bliss A

10. Name

2. No. 1447840

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co C 137th Inf

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9-27

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 133 Sec. 32

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne-s-Montaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 32

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 30, 1921

By H.E.Strong.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bliss A. Armstrong.

Serial No. 1446840

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. C. 137th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes. On body? no

L.B. Ayers
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

L.B. Ayers.

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail)

G.R.S. plaque on body inscribed "Bliss A. Armstrong 1446840"

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and burlap and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov 30, 1921

By H.E.Strong.

31. Casket sealed by

H.E. Strong.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

H.E. Strong
H.E. Strong.



AUDITED BY

MT

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SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body:

Name Bliss A Armstrong Serial No. 1447840

Rank Pvt Organization Co C 137th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-s-Montfauc on 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov 30, 1921 By H.E. Strong.

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector H.S. Harpole
H.S. Harpole, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov 30, 1921.

To point of Concentration Romagne Morgue.

Convoyer W.J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole
J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C.A.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232, Nov. 30, 1921.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 40 Section _____
Block

43. ~~Row~~ C Row 36

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger
Captain, QMC

cbr

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

33829

October 13, 1919.

Mr. S. M. Armstrong,
Big Leake, Washington.

Dear Sir:

AGO CARD
RETURNED
UNCLAIMED

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

File # 33829 Headquarters 35th. Division
 Missing Report or Information Co Co
 Details Death or Burial Address next of kin

Surname	No.	Rank	Christian Name	Co.	Regiment	Home address
Armstrong	1447840	Pvt	Bliss	C	137th	Great Bend, Kans

Given By

Surname	No.	Rank	Christian Name	Co.	Regiment	Home address
Hillis	----	1st. Lt	William D	--	137th.	Girard, Ga.

State fully in detail in informant's own words what he says he saw or heard giving date and place of occurrence

He was last seen on the Northern edge of Montrebeau Woods and was struck by the bullet from a sniper. The bullet entered the right side of his chest and killed him instantaneously. This was about ten a.m. Sept. 28/18.

WPK

FILE

George M. Black
 1st. Lieut., 137th. Inf.

Form 604

Date

No. of Hospital

Signature of Searcher

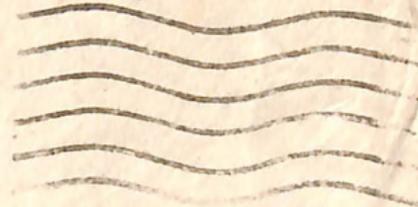
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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
American Expeditionary Forces

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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Mr. Sam Armstrong, —
918 E. Solemn St.,
Portland, Ore.

not at 918 Salmon

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From
Portland, Oregon

MAY 17 1919



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April 23 1919

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Liaison.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

() Surname: Armstr ong.
() Number: 1447840
() First name: Bliss.A.
() Rank: Pvt.
() Company: C.
() Organization: 137th Inf.
() Date of death: Sept.2nd 1918.
() Cause: K/a
() Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

() Relative: Sam Armstrong

() Relationship: Father

() Address: 918 E.Solemn St, Portland, Ore.

() Authority:

Cablegram No: 288

Telegram from:

dated:

() Reported to Washington:

C.C. Nos:

(UnderSCORE the "official" G.C.)

() Remarks:

() Show present status on reverse side.

Burial notification was returned, advise correct address of N.R.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,

Lieut.-Colonel, G.M.C., U.S.A.

Initials of Reporter:

Soldiers No. 1447840

33829

ARMSTRONG

BLISS

Rank

Co.

Regt. Corps

Date death

Cause

Date burial

American...
Cemetery

EXERMONT

ARDEENNES

Town

Department

4
Grave No.

19
Plot No.

Cross
Grave Markings

yes
Body Identification tags Grave

Sketch No. 28

278.9.N. 301.1.E. Lambert (35) S.E.
Map reference

Southedge of small strip of woods. 2K.S. of
Exermont. 1/2K.E. of Fleville. Varennes road
1.1/2K.NW. of Chaudron Fme.

C.M. Daugherty
Groupe 2 Unit 306 G.R.S.

RBA
1821



#1447840

84552

Name..... BLISS ARMSTRONG.....

Rank.. X..... Co. X..... (Company) U.S.A.....

Date of Death..... X.....

Place..... X.....

Cause..... X.....

..... X.....

Date of Burial..... X.....

Grave No. 4..... PLOT A.....

Cemetery..... BATTLE GROUND CEMETERY.....

Identified by (Tag Papers Clothing) TAG.....

List of Effects..... X.....

..... CROSS ATTACHED.....

Field Record Made by..... Grace Hamilton.....

GRP-2 Company 305 Graves Registration Service.

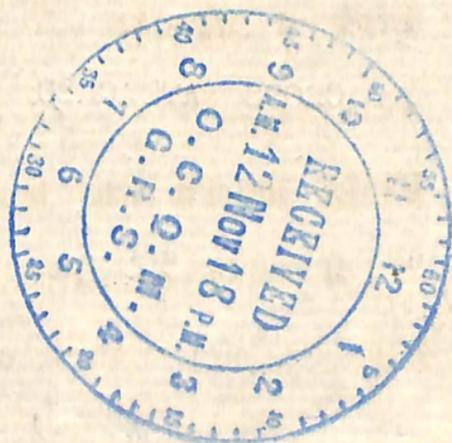
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301.2 E. 278.7 N. VERDUN S.W. 35

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KILO.N.E.OF APREMONT.



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From

84552

Armstrong,

Bliss Arthur

3,447,840

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co C 137th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.