

To The A. G. O.

3549

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JAN 15 1926

DATE

1. NAME BANKS, William

SERIAL No. 3176836

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co.B.535th Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cemetery, St. Nazaire, Loire-Inf.

21

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

99

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL ~~BATTLE AREA~~ GRAVE LOCATION

99

StNazaire

Loire Inf.

As shown by original burial book of
Cty.#21.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

Not given

CONCENTRATED TO

Nothing of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

None of record.

DATE OF DEATH

Sept. 4, '18

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Virginia

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Stanley J. Grogan

STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 31, 1922

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Block c

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

AUDITED BY

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

CEMETERY

rmc.

A. G. O.

JAN 16 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Banks, 3176836, William
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
Private, Co B. 535th Engineers
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Sept 4th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery # 21
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Saint Nazaire

GRAVE NUMBER 99-D

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Peg to be replaced by
Cross? a cross

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY :

Chaplain Walter B. Hilton, 1st Lt
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.) 509 Eng

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

Banks, William 47.64
Pot. 6.38 ✓

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West Virginia

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S.AMERICAN BANKER, JUNE 23, 1933.

Kanawha County

Name: Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks (C-8)

Address: 1546 Piedmont Road, Charleston, W. Va.

Route: Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Washington, Pennsylvania R.R. New York, N.Y.

✓ Lv. Charleston Train No. 6	3.43 P.M., June 21
Ar. Washington	3.30 A.M., June 22
✓ Lv. Washington PRR Train No. 112	4.05 A.M., June 22
✓ Ar. New York (Penna. Station)	9.15 A.M., June 22

Accommodations: Pullman berth from Charleston, W. Va. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 17 hours 32 minutes.

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KW

Banks, Wm.
CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION *Port.*

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING

HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK AUGUST 16, 1930

S. S. AMERICAN MERCHANT

No. 528

Name Mrs Florence Gladys Banks (Q-5)
Address 1006 Neal Ave.,
From Charleston, W. Va. To New York City and return

Going Route

C&O to Washington
Penna RR to New York City

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Charleston	3:00 PM	No. 6	Aug. 14
Ar. New York	9:20 AM	No. 112	Aug. 15

Sleeping car from Charleston to New York City

Elapsed time 18 Hrs 20 Min

HLH
SW

WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 West 34th. St. New York, N. Y.

Party

Number ...289.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

.....Banks, Mrs. Florence C.....
Name of Pilgrim

1546 Piedmont Road
.....
City Home Address County

.....
 Charleston Wva.

 State

Actual cost of
Through Pullman at the
Lower Berth Rate.

New York, toCharleston, Wva.....

Destination of Ticket Charleston, Wya.

\$ 6.38

viaPenn.to.Washington....C & O.to.Charleston.....

..... July 25th, 1933
Date of Departure

..... Aug. 21, 1933
Expiration Date of Ticket

[illegible]

Excess Fare New York, to.

Cost \$

Total

638

Stop Over
THRU CAR N.Y. TO CHARLESTON W. VA

Through Rate

Excess

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Banks</i>	<i>BAN</i>	3	<i>214</i>
<i>William</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
<i>Enl. 6-18-18</i>	ROW <i>20</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Va.</i>	2	<i>54</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Eng</i>	2	<i>49</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>538</i>	3	<i>535</i>
ARM	<i>Eng. Ref</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NAME <i>Banks</i>	<i>BAN</i>	3	<i>214</i>
<i>Florence Glady.</i>	STATE <i>W. Va</i>	2	<i>57</i>
<i>Riedmont Road</i>	COUNTY <i>Kanawha</i>	2	<i>20</i>
<i>mother died</i>	CITY <i>Charleston</i>	3	<i>005</i>
RELATION	<i>widow</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER			
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>		<i>1</i>
NATIVITY			
RACE	<i>BLACK</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	<i>4</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
29/514/PJ	<i>age</i>		<i>38</i>

AUDITED
MAR 18 1982

NEGRO

Name BANKS, Mrs. Florence Gladys

Paris Hôtel HOTEL SPLENDID

Home address ~~1006 Neal Ave., S. Side, Charleston, Kanawha Co., W. Virginia~~
1546 Piedmont Road,

Party C Group Unit

Date of arrival 7/2/33 - AMER. BANKER Date of departure 7/15/33. AMER. FARMER

Relationship Widow, age 38

Name of deceased BANKS, William

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B 535th Engrs.

Cemetery OISE AISNE 3 C 20

REMARKS



Florence Gladys Banks.

PARTY "C"
OISE AISNE GROUP.

1. Arrived at Le Havre, France, July 2, on the SS American Banker. Debarked and entrained by 10:50 AM and the train arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 2:32 PM. The party went to the Hotel Splendid where they stayed for the night.
2. Monday, July 3, the morning was taken up with conferences with the Conducting Officers. In the afternoon she went to the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe and to the tea at the Restaurant Laurent.
3. Tuesday, July 4, the morning was free, lunched at the hotel and left Paris in the afternoon for Meaux and Soissons.
4. Wednesday, July 5, lunched at the cemetery and spent the night at Soissons.
5. Thursday, July 6, visited the cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry, visited the A.M. cemetery and went back to Soissons for the night.
6. Friday, July 7, she lunched at Reims and returned to Soissons for the night.
7. Saturday, July 8, she lunched at Soissons, visited the cemetery and returned to Soissons for the night.
8. Sunday, July 9, the pilgrim visited Pierrefonds, lunched at Compiègne, visited Chantilly and returned to Paris for the night.
9. Monday, July 10, the morning was free, lunched at the hotel and visited Napoleon's Tomb in the afternoon.
10. Tuesday, July 11, she went shopping in the morning, lunched at the hotel, and went to Versailles in the afternoon.
11. Wednesday, July 12, she went to Cluny in the morning, lunched at the hotel and visited Sacre Coeur in the afternoon.
12. Thursday, July 13, she visited the Louvre in the morning, lunched in the Bois, and went on a night sightseeing trip.
13. Friday, July 14, the morning was free, lunch at the hotel, and the pilgrim went to the Lafayette Escadrille in the afternoon.
14. Saturday, July 15, she visited Notre Dame in the morning, lunched at the hotel and entrained for Le Havre that afternoon. She sailed on the SS American Farmer which left Le Havre at 8:00 that day.

BANKS FLORENCE G. (MRS)

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PARTY C FILE NO.

NAME .. Banks, Mrs. Florence G
1546 Piedmont Road
Charleston, Wva

ROUTE OF TICKET

..... Penn. to Wash
..... Cto to Charleston
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..... to

Expiration date Aug - 21 - 33

The following stop overs are requested.
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(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

Mrs. Henrietta Henderson--19-1-Group OA

Mrs. Lillie Gilyard 19-3- Group OA

KATHLEEN McCLANE
28 PARK BOULEVARD STREET
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

B. O. Davis
B. O. DAVIS
COLONEL CAVALRY
JULY 25, 1933

MRS. FLORENCE BANKS WILL ARRIVE CHARLESTON NINE FORTY FIVE WEDNESDAY MORNING
JULY TWENTY SIXTH VIA C & O RAILROAD TRAIN NUMBER THREE PLEASE MEET HER

COLONEL POPE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PARTY "C"
June 9th, 1933

Mrs Florence Gladys Banks
1546 Piedmont Road
Charleston, WVa.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Y.W.C.A., 175 West 137th Street, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

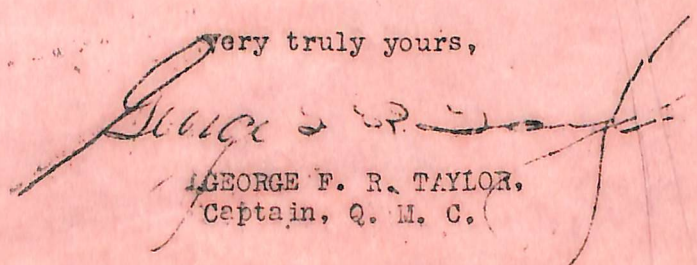
All mail intended to reach you between June 23rd, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and July 15th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
20 Rue Molitor,
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, Q. M. C.

- 7 Incls.:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Wm. (OA) x

August 28, 1933.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Banks:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 18th in which you express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of your husband in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you were accorded every courtesy by those in charge. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am particularly glad to know that you were pleased with the appearance of the Oise-Aisne Cemetery. You are assured that it will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will be the constant effort of the Government to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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Party c.

MEDICAL RECORD

O.A. Cnty

Nurse I. Murie

Station : Hotel Splendid

Date : July 2, 1933. Paris

Name Banks. Mrs. Florence Gladys

Home address 1546 Piedmont Road, Charleston, Kanawha Co., VIRGINIA.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs. Alice Jackson - aunt -

28 Park Boulevard Ataunton Virginia.

Religion Baptist Age 38

History of Present complaint :
Nervousness . Insomnia.

July 13, Headache.

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the office of the Chief Surgeon.

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Insomnia.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

July 2nd. Trip. Brom. tablet I. July 3rd. Seen by Major Bolibaugh.

trip. Brom. Cas. Pill given. July 4th, Soda Bicarb - July 13th, Sod. Sal. tal

Disposition : (include dates) July 15th, To Le Havre. Fitts.

Remarks : 7/18/33 SS American Farmer - Tostritt's

OBB.

M O D I C A L R E C O R D

Party: C-8 Hotel S. S. American Banker Eastbound
 American Farmer Westbound

Name Banks, Mrs. Florence Gladys

Home Address 1546 Piedmond Rd. Charleston, Wva

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Alice Jackson, (Aunt)
 28 Park Blvd., Staunton, Virginia

Religion Age 38-W

History of present complaint:

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

PARTY

EASTBOUND
STATE

GROUP

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WEST VIRGINIA

Mrs. Banks, Florence Gladys Address 1546 Piedmont Rd. Charleston
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

West Virginia Kanawha

(State) (County)

Mrs. Alice Jackson - Aunt Address 28 Park Blvd St. Staunton
(Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

Virginia

(State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. Pennsylvania Train No. 112 Date 9:10 A.M. EST June 22, 1933
Hotel Y.W.C.A. 179 West 137th St. Room No. 106
Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date June 23, 1933 Vessel American Banker Cabin No. 19-1
In Cabin with Mrs. Henrietta B. Henderson 19-2 & Mrs. Lillie Gilyard 19-3
(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **July 24, 1933** Vessel **American Farmer** Cabin No. **19-2**
In Cabin with **Mrs. Henrietta B. Henderson 19-1 & Mrs. Lillie Gilyard 19-3**
Hotel **Y.W.C.A. 179 W. 137th St.** Room No. **202**
Roomed with **Alone**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **Penn** Train No. **135** Space **L 10** Car No. **K 23** Date **7/25/33..**

REMARKS

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(Over Eastbound)

Party C

O. A. Cnty

Nurse *I. M. Murie* **MEDICAL RECORD**

Station: *Hotel Splendid Paris*
Date: *July 2nd 1933*

Name *Banks, Mrs. Florence Gladys*

Home address *1546 Piedmont Road, Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia.*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *M^r. Alice Jackson. Aunt.*
28 Park Boulevard Stanton Virginia.

Religion *Baptist.* Age *38*

History of Present complaint: *Nervousness - Insomnia.*
July 13th - Headache.

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include es)

1. Insomnia .

Treatment and Progress : (include dates) July 2nd Trip. Brom lab I. July 3rd Seen by
Major Bolibaugh. Trip Brom & narrative. P.R. N. Cas. P. 11 given.
July 4th Cada. Picard. - July 13th Sod. Sal. lab 1.

Disposition : (include dates)

July 15. To Lettaw. Files

Remarks :

O.B.B.

WAR DEPARTMENT

Penalty for private use to avoid
payment of postage, \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH STREET,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

NAME MRS. FLORENCE GLADYS BAI

ADDRESS 1546 Piedmont Rd., Charleston, W.Va.

DATE *July 26 1933*

TO: Officer-In-Charge,
 PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Florence G. Banks.*

Am. Banker

6-23-33

OA

Pvt. William Banks

I accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks

(Name)

1546 Piedmont Rd

~~1006 Neal Ave., S. Side, Charleston, Kanawha Co.,~~

(Town or City)

West Va.

(State)

August 18th
1935

Charleston W. Va

Mr Jas H. Laubach

Dear Sir I received
my flag & I sure was
proud of it I do think
its beautiful & too I sure
did enjoy my trip to
Paris every one was
so loyal to us it was
a trip I will never
forget I aim to write
about it before now but
I have been so busy
talking to my friends
about what a trip we
had I dont think there
were anything left undone
for our comfort They
all was nice to us on

the ship & in ~~Paris~~
Paris I do think it was
a wonderful trip I feel
so much better after I
have seen the way the
Cementing are kept much
better than I would have
been able to do so I
thank you all for all
you have done in ~~planning~~
planning for ^{our} trip &
I remain as ever

Mrs Florence Gladys Banks
1546 Piedmont R.D.

Q. M. 293 A-M. 293

Wilson. W. M. Banks S. N.

3176836 Put. Co. B. 535 Enger

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Wm. (OA) x

August 28, 1933.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Banks:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 10th in which you express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of your husband in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you were accorded every courtesy by those in charge. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

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With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DOWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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Banks, F. G.

EXCERPTS FROM NARRATIVE REPORT - Party "C" EAST - June 23, 1933.

The following pilgrims of Party "C" arrived in New York off schedule for the reasons indicated:

B. & O. R. R.

Mrs. Lucy Nash, Akron, Ohio, scheduled to arrive on B. & O. train #10 at 10:54 A.M., June 22nd, arrived on train #2 at 12:33 P.M., as her train was forty minutes late in Akron, and she missed the early connection.

N.Y. N.H. & H. R.R.

Mrs. Delia A. Thomas, Providence, R. I., scheduled to arrive on N.Y.N.H. & H. train #11 at 2:25 P.M., arrived on train #177 at 4:20 P.M., June 22, through the Pennsylvania Station, having missed her train in Providence.

Pennsylvania R.R.

✓ Mrs. F. G. Banks, Charleston, W. Va., scheduled to arrive on Pa. train #112 at 9:10 A.M., June 22nd, arrived on train #118 at 9:15 A.M. having been placed on this train by the ticket agent.

Mrs. Mary Bennett, Jackson, Tenn., Mrs. Julia B. Hickson, Middlesboro, Ky., and Mrs. Agnes Jones, Jackson, Tenn., scheduled to arrive on Pa. train #176 at 3:23 P.M., June 22nd, arrived at 4:35 P.M., having been put on this train by the ticket agent.

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Mrs. Lulah Moore, Sasakwa, Okla., turned in her Pullman ticket covering a lower berth from Kansas City, Mo. to Chicago, Ill., stating that the conductor refused to honor her ticket, and that she was obliged to spend the night in a day coach.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

June 2, 1933

Banks, William (OA) X

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Charleston	C&O Ry	Train No. 6	3:43 PM	June 21
Ar. New York	Penna.RR	112	9:15 AM	" 22
(Penna. Station)				

Accommodations: Pullman berth from Charleston, W. Va. to New York, N.Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

QM 293 A-M

Banks, William (OA)

May 31, 1933

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546-Piedmont Road,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 182,592 in the
amount of \$ 5.32 , to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Check No.

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Banks, William OA

May 4, 1933

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence
on this subject, you are informed that your passport
has been received and will be delivered to you aboard
ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 AM
Banks, William (OA) x

March 13, 1933

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Mrs. Florence Gladys Hanks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication cancelling your previous request for a stopover at Medina, N.Y. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN BANKER, June 23, 1933.

Accordingly, arrangements will be made so you will travel from New York directly to your home without any stopovers.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM
Banks, William (CA) x

March 7, 1933

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your replies to the form letters from this office, requesting a stopover at Medina, N. Y. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN BANKER, June 23, 1933.

Notation has been made on the records of this office as to the name and address of your aunt, Mrs. Alice Jackson, 28 Park Blvd., Staunton, Va., who is to be notified in case of emergency.

Transportation arrangements can be made for a stopover at Medina, N.Y. on your return journey but there will be an additional cost involved of one dollar and eighty one cents (\$1.81) due to excess rail fare, and four dollars and eighty seven cents (\$4.87) due to pullman fare, or a total of six dollars and sixty eight cents (\$6.68) which must be paid by you. All expenses incurred during your visit at Medina must also be paid from your personal funds.

Please advise immediately whether or not you desire this stopover and, if so, forward money order to this office at once in the amount of six dollars and sixty eight cents (\$6.68), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

The self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying and does not require postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,



R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Mr Shannon
Dear Sir

after thinking over my mind
I won't care to stop over after taking
such long trips

your truly

Mrs Laurence Gladys Banks.



IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Banks, Mrs. Florence Gladys
~~1006 Neal Avenue, S. Side~~
Charleston, West Virginia.
American Banker- June 23, 1933.
Banks, William (OA) x

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Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

Cities where I desire to stopover:

No. of days

1118 Geneva St

4

Medina New York

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Very truly yours,

Florence Gladys Banks
(Your name)

1546 Piedmont Road
(Your address) Charleston W. Va.

QM 293 AM
Banks, William (OA) x

March 7, 1933

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your replies to the form letters from this office, requesting a stopover at Medina, N. Y. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN BANKER, June 23, 1933.

Notation has been made on the records of this office as to the name and address of your aunt, Mrs. Alice Jackson, 28 Park Blvd., Staunton, Va., who is to be notified in case of emergency.

Transportation arrangements can be made for a stopover at Medina, N.Y. on your return journey but there will be an additional cost involved of one dollar and eighty one cents (\$1.81) due to excess rail fare, and four dollars and eighty seven cents (\$4.87) due to pullman fare, or a total of six dollars and sixty eight cents (\$6.68) which must be paid by you. All expenses incurred during your visit at Medina must also be paid from your personal funds.

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The self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying and does not require postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.
Assistant.

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Banks, Mrs. Florence Gladys
~~1006 Neal Avenue S. Side,~~
Charleston, West Virginia.
American Banker June 23, 1933.
Banks, William (OA) x

1546 Piedmont Road

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress
approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs Alice Jackson

Name

28 Park Blvd St. Staunton Va

Address

aunt

Relationship

Very truly yours,



Florence Gladys Banks
Your name

1546 Piedmont Road
Your address Charleston W. Va

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QM 293 A-M

August 6, 1932.

Banks, William (OA) x

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Avenue, S. Side,
Charleston, W. Va.

*1546 Piedmont Road
(per stopover form)*

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you desire to make a pilgrimage during 1933 to the grave of your husband, the late Private William Banks, and requesting that you be furnished the names and addresses of other women in your vicinity who will make the journey.

It is regretted to advise that the list of the mothers and widows who will make the pilgrimage in 1933 has not yet been compiled. However, when the list is completed I will send you the names and addresses of some of the women who will sail with you in order that you may communicate with them regarding the pilgrimage.

It is indeed gratifying to know that you will make the journey next year, and you are assured you will receive the best of care and attention and that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Charleston W. ^{Va} ~~W. Va~~

4086 Neal Ave

Dear Sir

If you know of any that
live in this state that
are goin in 1933 please let
me know send me ~~their~~
Their name & address so
I can keep in ~~touch~~ so I can
write them I ~~like~~ would
like to go with some one
from around here if I can
your truly

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Florence Banks
Widow of Bro William Banks
Ct B. 535 ingr

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Banks William OAK

July 13 1932

Mrs Florence Gladys Banks
1006 Neal Ave S Side
Charleston W Va

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

Yes
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Florence G. Banks.

QM 293 A-M
Banks, William (OA) x

April 6, 1932

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Avenue, S. Side,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private William Banks is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address.

It will also be appreciated if you will furnish the date of death of the mother of this late veteran.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.

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Row 3-25-93
and 6-18-18

Banks, William Pvt.
Co. B, 535th Engrs.

Va.

O.A.

Widow - Mrs. Florence G. Banks

Mother - dead - Date of death?

L.P.?

S.M.?

no
record

Parents died
before 1918

Rose

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Banks, William (O-A) Hx

Oct. 24, 1931

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Banks, William (OA) Wx

September 30, 1931.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>no</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>37</i> Health: <i>not good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>no other</i>

Florence G. Banks.
Sign here
1006 Neal Ave S. Side

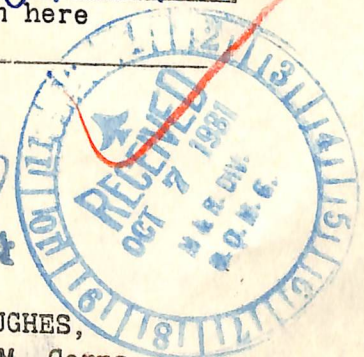
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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-AM

Banks, William Pvt. (O-A) Wx

June 22, 1931.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Noel Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 2, 1930

Banks, William 608-W

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks
1006 Neal Ave.
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

No
(Write answer here)



Mrs Florence Gladys Banks
(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M

Banks, William 608 W

July 2, 1930

Mrs. Florence G. Banks,
1008 Neal Avenue,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of June 27, 1930, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "American Merchant" August 16, 1930, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private William Banks, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

There is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to make any money allowance to mothers or widows in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, C. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Florence Gladys Banks
1006 Neal Ave
Charleston, West Virginia
Widow of Dr. Williams
Banks. @M 293 A-C

A. W. Hughes



Declines Inv. American
Merchant 8-16-30 -

Dear Sir:

Dated for 1931

I am very sorry.
But I will have to decline
my pilgrimage on account
of sickness and the doctor
says I will be unable to
make the trip as I also
will have to go to the
hospital. And I would app-
reciate very much if you
all would send me the
money that you were going
to allow me on the trip so
I can pay my hospital fee and
some bills that I am behind

in since being sick. Thanking
you all very much. ~~It~~. I remain

As Ever

Mrs. Florence Gladys
Banks.



American Merchant

8-16-30

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Banks, Wm

declines by letter 6-30-30

I ~~Accept~~

(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended

and 7-1-30

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,

(Name)

1006 Neal Ave., Charleston, Kanawha County, W. Va.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Banks, William 608 W

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Florence G. Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) ☒ (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) ☒ (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) ☒
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>35</u> Health (Years) (Good) ☒ (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English (Yes) ☒ (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, William

August 6, 1929.

**Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, West Va.**

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late **Private William Banks, Co. B, 535th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?
2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?
3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?
4. If so, give her name and complete address.

I have not

yes

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope

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

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Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20, 1929.

Banks, William.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
~~Lexington~~, W.Va.

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Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Private William Banks, Co. B, 535th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M
Banks, Wm. (QA) x

August 28, 1933.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Banks:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 18th in which you express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the grave of your husband in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you were accorded every courtesy by those in charge. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am particularly glad to know that you were pleased with the appearance of the Oise-Aisne Cemetery. You are assured that it will be perpetually maintained in the same fine condition in which you found it, as it will be the constant effort of the Government to make it a fitting resting place for the heroes buried there.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DEWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Banks, Wm. S.H. 3176836
Pvt., Co. D, 535th Engrs.
Husband

August 2, 1933

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Rd.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,
instructions have been issued to forward you a
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-
vided a flag has not previously been furnished
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.
With instructions to furnish flag.

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Widow
American Gold Star Mothers
OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of
my beloved husband SON OR DAUGHTER Name of Deceased William Banks

Address of Deceased

NUMBER

STREET

CITY

STATE

Army, Navy, Marine

RANK

REGIMENT

COMPANY

Stationed at

Lost at Sea

Among the Missing

Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death

Where Buried

Name of ~~Mother~~

Address

NUMBER

STREET

CITY

STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

QM 293 AM
Banks, William (OA) x

March 13, 1933

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Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication cancelling your previous request for a stopover at Medina, N.Y. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN BANKER, June 23, 1933.

Accordingly, arrangements will be made so you will travel from New York directly to your home without any stopovers.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 AM
Banks, William (OA) x

March 7, 1933

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1546 Piedmont Road,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your replies to the form letters from this office, requesting a stopover at Medina, N. Y. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the AMERICAN BANKER, June 23, 1933.

Notation has been made on the records of this office as to the name and address of your aunt, Mrs. Alice Jackson, 28 Park Blvd., Staunton, Va., who is to be notified in case of emergency.

Transportation arrangements can be made for a stopover at Medina, N.Y. on your return journey but there will be an additional cost involved of one dollar and eighty one cents (\$1.81) due to excess rail fare, and four dollars and eighty seven cents (\$4.87) due to pullman fare, or a total of six dollars and sixty eight cents (\$6.68) which must be paid by you. All expenses incurred during your visit at Medina must also be paid from your personal funds.

Please advise immediately whether or not you desire this stopover and, if so, forward money order to this office at once in the amount of six dollars and sixty eight cents (\$6.68), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

The self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying and does not require postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M

August 6, 1932.

Banks, William (OA) x

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Avenue, S. Side,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date advising that you desire to make a pilgrimage during 1933 to the grave of your husband, the late Private William Banks, and requesting that you be furnished the names and addresses of other women in your vicinity who will make the journey.

It is regretted to advise that the list of the mothers and widows who will make the pilgrimage in 1933 has not yet been compiled. However, when the list is completed I will send you the names and addresses of some of the women who will sail with you in order that you may communicate with them regarding the pilgrimage.

It is indeed gratifying to know that you will make the journey next year, and you are assured you will receive the best of care and attention and that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Banker William G. G. G.

July 13 1932

Mrs Florence Gladys Banker
1008 Canal Ave S Side
Charleston W Va

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Banks, William (OA) x

April 6, 1932

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Avenue, S. Side,
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private William Banks is survived by a stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him for a period of five years prior to his reaching the age of eighteen, and if so, her name and address.

It will also be appreciated if you will furnish the date of death of the mother of this late veteran.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Banks, William (O-A) Hx

Oct. 24, 1931

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Banks, William (OA) Wx

September 30, 1931.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

In order that the records may be complete, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

QM 295 A-M
Banks, William 608 W

July 2, 1930

Mrs. Florence G. Banks,
1006 Neal Avenue,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of June 27, 1930, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "American Merchant" August 16, 1930, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Private William Banks, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

There is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to make any money allowance to mothers or widows in lieu of the pilgrimage.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Banks, William - 608

June 30, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Avenue,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Charleston	Train No. 6	C&O	3:00 PM	August 14
Ar. New York	" " 112	Penna	9:20 AM	" 15

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Banks, William Pvt. (O-4) Wx

June 22, 1931.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____

Write answer here

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, William 608-74 carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to the success of the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out its policy. This letter is being sent to Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks, mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her son to visit the graves of her son in Europe. 106 Neal Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia.

June 13, 1930

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

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

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 2, 1930

Banks, William 608-W

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks
1006 Neal Ave.
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Banks, William 1008 W
American Merchant

June 2, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 2, 1930.

Banks, William 608 W.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Banks, William 608-W

May 3, 1930.

Mr. Florence Gladys Banks,
Dear Madam:
Charleston, W. Va.

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Banks, William 608 W

October 7 1929.

Mrs. Florence G. Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, William

August 6, 1929.

**Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, West Va.**

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late **Private William Banks, Co. B, 535th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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:

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| 1. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran? | |
| 2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage? | |
| 3. Is the deceased survived by a mother? | |
| 4. If so, give her name and complete address. | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 20 1929.

Banks, William.

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
Lawton, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

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Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
BANKS, William - Pvt.

April 12, 1924

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
Lawton,
W. Va.

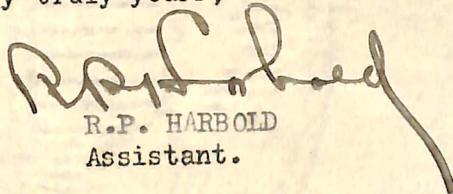
Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,


R.P. HARBOLD
Assistant.

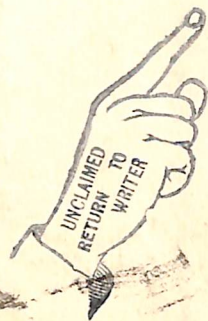
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Soldier's Overseas
Grave

Name William Banks

Rank Private

Organization Company B, 535th Engineers

Grave No. 3 Row 20 Block C

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France

Banks,

(Surname.)

William

(Christian name in full.)

3,176,836

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co B 35th Engr

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes
(Yes or no.)

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

Yes
(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)

Mrs Florence Mary Banks

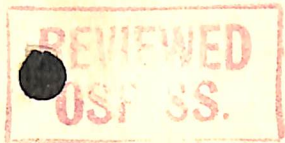
Lawton, Ok. or a

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.



macil, sp.

*Don't know
21-55
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BANKS, William - Pvt.

April 12, 1924

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,

Jayton,

W. Va.

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant.

R.P. HARBOLD

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APR 12 1924
A.

Cemetery No. 21

Sheet No. 55

File No. 14663

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name BANKS, William Ser. No. 3176836)
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 535th Engrs. (OK, 1/18)) TYP. MCH
 (3) Date of death 9-4-18) CKR. OK
 B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia) TYP. ILH
 (5) Grave No. 99 Row --- Plot D Square #1) CKR. 28
 Sect. ---

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No CardB. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Wife
 (7) Name Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks
 (8) Address Lawton, W. Va.
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at No
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions?

aa-4-20-20

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card?
 If so, specify such information.

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by T. L. (Date) 4-20-20
No correspondence.

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.?) Yes. Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? Yes. (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No" give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by G. Y. B. (Date) 4-21-20

(over)

3/1/22 Examined
 for Concentration #608
 Dies - Airline 608
 att 3/21/22

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) _____

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to _____

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed _____

(18) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) _____

(19) Typed by _____ Checked by _____ (Date) _____

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. no. _____) APR 26 1940

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

Form # 120 no change - 1-13-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 3rd, 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 BANKS, William

10. Name

2. No. 3176836

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. B. 535th Engrs.

13. Org.

5. D.D. 9-4-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Disease

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 99

Sec.

15. Grave No.

Sec.

8. Plot

Row

16. Plot

Row

9.

17.

No discrep.18. Cemetery American Cemetery19. Commune or town St. Nazaire20. Dept. or County Loire-Inf.21. Country France.22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 2123. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 3rd, 1921

By

Ben A. Bradford

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William Banks

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization

Co. B. 535th Engrs.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?

Yes

On body?

YesSignature E. S. Garrow
Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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).

Disc only.

27. Condition of body

Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial

Pine box and uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?

No discrep.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date

Nov. 3rd, 1921

By

Ben A. Bradford

31. Casket sealed by

Ben A. Bradford

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

Ben A. BradfordADDED BY
JAN 14 1922

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-14525

32. Designation of body:

Name BANKS, William

Serial No. 3176836

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.B. 535th Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer.Cty.#608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 3rd, 1921 By Ben A. Bradford

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

P. L. Herron, Capt., QMC.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration Oise-Aisne Amer. Cty. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.
(Name)

Convoyer Jack Roberts

Signature Shipping Officer

S.D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

2 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery

Oise, Aisne, Am. Cty 608

Seringes et Nesles, Aisne

(Name)

Convoyer Jack Roberts

Signature Shipping Officer

S.D. CAMPBELL, Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred, Aug. 31, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)
(Date)

42. Grave No.

3

Section

43. Plot-BLOCK

C

Row

20

G.R.S. Representative

W.D. Cleary

Lt., Chaplain, USA.

Place St. Nazaire, Cem. 21.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 3rd, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BANKS, William SERIAL NUMBER 3176836
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 535th Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 3rd, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 99, Cem. 21

By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 31, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 3, Block C, Row 20, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined casket

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

Pine box and uniform. Badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Disc only.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

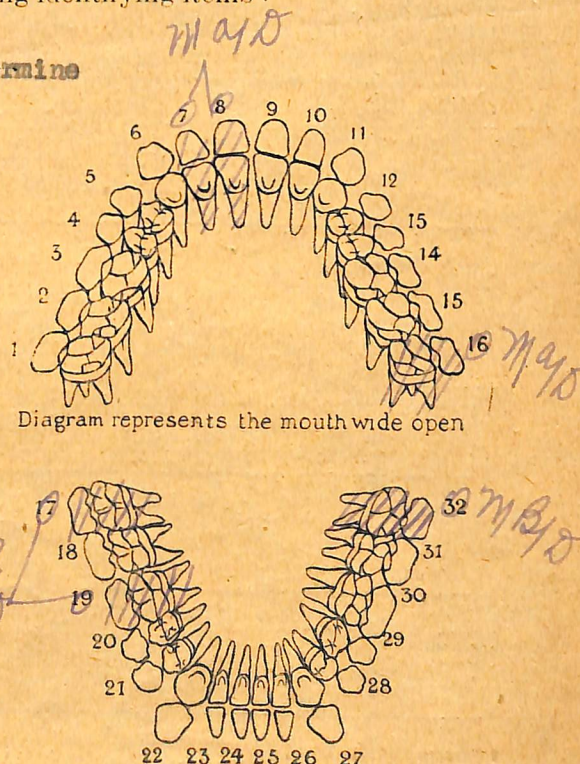
Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)

None



E. S. Parker, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by Ben A. Bradford Approved: J. S. Herron

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays Approved: W. D. Cleary
 (Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington.

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 1/10/21.

File No. 14663 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cometarial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

a. Surname Banks OK

f. Date of death 9/4/18. OK

b. Christian name William OK

g. Cause of death B. Pneumonia. OK

c. Serial Number 3176836 OK

h. Authority (C.C.#)

d. Organization Co. B, 535th Engrs.
or (Co. B, 35th Engrs.)

i. Emergency address

e. Rank Pvt. OK

j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

CIMETERY NO: 21

BY: H. J. CONNEL

SHEET NO: 55

TYPED BY: I.W.

H. L. ROTERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,

H. J. CONNEL,
1st. Lieut. U.S.A.

Rec'd World War Div.

Date 1-11-21

JAN 11 1921

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Donnelly OK
Enl Pers Sec 24 8/11/21

14663
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Banks 3176836 William
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co VB. 535th Engineers
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. Sept 4th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL. American Cemetery # 21

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

Saint Nazaire

GRAVE NUMBER. 99-D

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Peg to be replaced by Cross? a cross

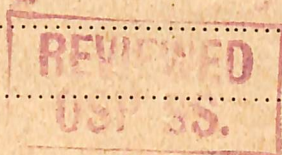
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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



REPORTED BY.:

Chaplain Walter B. Hilton, 1st Lt 509d
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.) Eng

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

9 SEP Rcu

IMPORTANT

You are requested to furnish this office at the earliest practical moment the name and address of the following named relatives of deceased soldier - widow, children, father, mother, oldest brother and sister,

If soldier was not married or if relative is dead this fact must be stated on the enclosed form before action will be taken on this case.

Although this form is sent to you it is expected, should you not be the nearest living relative, that you will have the nearest living relative, in the above mentioned order, sign the attached form. Prompt action is necessary.

JUN 17 1920

Shipping Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY 21-55

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON

JUN 17 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

Bush Answer

TO: Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks, Lawton, W. Va.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William Banks.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his
body be Not returned to United States.

*There is no way for me to get this sister
and brother to sign this paper so I had to
do it myself*

If these are not the correct instructions, please change them. Make
changes on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of the body
to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National
Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow <i>Florence Gladys Banks</i>		<i>Lawton</i>	<i>W. Va</i>
Soldier's Children 1. (Name oldest first) 2.			
3. <i>Kathalean Banks</i>		<i>Lawton</i>	<i>W. Va</i>
Father <i>don't know</i>			
Mother <i>Dead</i>			
Brothers (Name oldest first) 2. <i>Robert John Banks don't know he is</i>			
3. <i>James Bank</i>		<i>Arlington</i>	<i>W. Va</i>
Sisters <i>Mary Anderson</i>		<i>Mallory</i>	<i>W. Va</i>
Date <i>June 23rd 1920</i>		Signature <i>Florence Gladys Banks</i>	

Address *Lawton W. Va* Relationship *Widow*

Note:- Instructions on the reverse side of this sheet should be carefully read
before filling out this paper.

(OVER)

The transfer of bodies will be made
entirely at government expense.

it has fell in my line of business
to  this paper as I could not
get them to sign it as we are not in
the same town

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper **MUST** be signed by the person who is the **NEXT** of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the legally appointed guardian of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
4. If **YOU** are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If **YOU** are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

G. R. S. Form #120
Shipping Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

tvh

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks, Lawton, W. Va.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. William Banks.

APR 28 1920

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be not returned to United States Interred

Shipped to

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to home for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow <i>Florence B. Banks</i>	— — — —	<i>Lawton</i>	<i>West Virginia</i>
Children (Name oldest first) <i>Kathleen Banks</i>	— — — —	<i>Lawton</i>	<i>West Virginia</i>
Father <i>don't know</i>	— — — —		
Mother <i>dead</i>	— — — —		
Brothers <i>James Banks</i> <i>John Banks</i>	— — — —	<i>Arlington</i>	<i>Virginia</i>
Sisters <i>Mary</i> <i>don't know</i> <i>Anderson</i>	— — — —	<i>Malton</i>	<i>Virginia</i>

Date *May 13th 1920*

Signature *Florence Gladys Banks*

Address *Lawton W. Va.*

Relationship *Widow*

I will send this paper in as his
him people will not agree to sign them
I have taken one and they would not
sign it so I will not take any more
as we are not in the same town

JUN 28 1920



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G.R.S. Form #120
Shipping Inquiry.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U.S. Army.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father			
Mother			
Brothers			
Sisters			

2nd 120 sent

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

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Banks, William

608

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. American Banker 7/23/22

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

Lawrence M. Banks

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

5/26/25

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to _____

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(NAME OF SENDER)

Post Office at _____

Washington, D. C.

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State _____

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RETURN RECEIPT

American Merchant 6-23-33

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

✓ Mrs. Lawrence Black Banks
(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

6/1 - 1933

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POSTAGE, \$300.

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to _____

(NAME OF SENDER)
MONITIONS BUILDING

**Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,**

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Banks, William 608 W
American Merchant 3-16

May 31 1930

Mrs. Florence Gladys Banks,
1006 Neal Ave.,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.