

G.R.S. Form #114-B

9639

FULL NAME ..... BARRETT, Blanton ✓

RANK ..... Capt. ✓ SERIAL ..... *None*

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... Co. B, 307th Inf. ✓ *77 Div.*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *July 21 1918* ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *New York* ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED ..... *None* ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....	3	16	F
Date	Grave	Row	Block
	Meuse-Argonne, #1232		
	..... Cemetery		

Rec'd World War Div.  
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23/306/ARK

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*US 4-11-28*

8. A.G.O.  
AUG 11 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Pres. Harding

Capt. Blanton Barrett

5-17-33

MA

✓  
*Decline*

I *cannot 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. Blanton Moore Barrett

(Name)

c/o Moore's Furniture Co. Inc., P.O.Box 1426, Buena Vista,  
(Town or City) Dade Co. (State) Miami, Fla.

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**V. A. MOORE & Co.**

IRON, STEEL, HEAVY HARDWARE  
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ATLANTA, GA.

April 21, 1919.

O. Q. M. C.  
CEM. BR.  
Rec'd

APR 24 1919

Graves Registration Department,  
U. S. War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been informed that the grave of my son-in-law Captain Blanton Barrett, his remains identified and a photograph of the grave taken.

Captain Barrett was identified with the 307th Regiment (Company B), 154 Brigade, 77th Division, and was killed in a daylight raid on the 21st of July, 1918.

Our information is that he was buried in German Loraine, in a small town called Cirey.

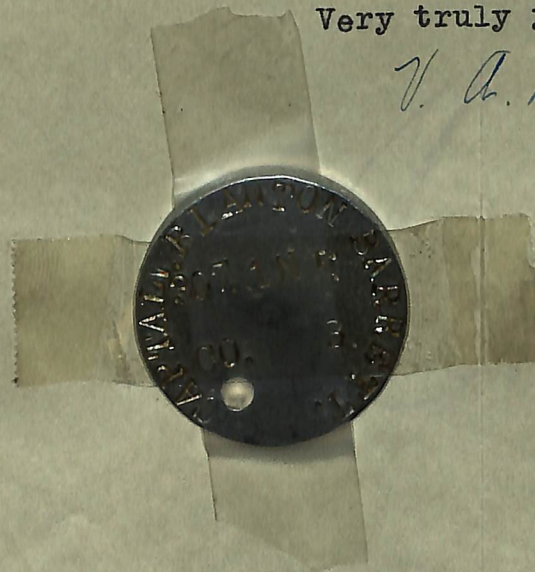
I would ask that you kindly send a photograph of his grave, if it is in your possession, to me personally, as I prefer to show it to my daughter at some opportune moment.

Thanking you for such attention as you may give this, I, am

Very truly yours,

*V. A. Moore*

VAM/LH



293.7 Barrett, Blanton

1st Ind.

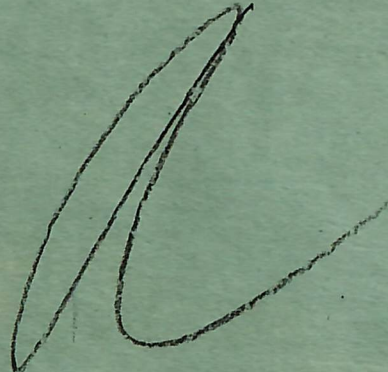
In answer refer to file No. 293.2 (Barrett, Blanton)-Cemeterial.  
Office, Quartermaster General of the Army, April 26, 1919. — To  
Lieutenant Colonel Chas. C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration  
Service, France.

1. Forwarded for your consideration and action relative to the  
photograph of grave. The writer has been advised of reference.

By authority of the Quartermaster General of the Army:

H.R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

PCW



APR 26 1919

MAILED

293.2 (Barrett, Blanton)-Cemeterial.

April 26, 1919.

Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

V. A. Moore, Iron, Steel, Heavy Hardware and Railroad Supplies  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Photograph of grave.

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, requesting a photograph of the grave of your son-in-law, Captain Blanton Barrett who was killed July 21, 1918, you are informed that a copy of your letter has been forwarded this date to Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration Service, France, for his consideration and action.

H. L. Rogers,  
Quartermaster General of the Army,

By:

H. R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

PCW

RECEIVED  
APR 26 1919

293.2  
Barrett, Blanton

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON July 26, 1922.

*File  
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FILE: 293.8 C-R #104215.

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of **Captain Blanton Barrett, Co. B,  
307th Infantry.**

TO: **Mrs. Blanton Barrett, c/o V. A. Moore, Healy Building,  
Atlanta, Ga.**

1. The permanent grave of this **officer** is No. **3**, Row **16**,  
Block  
**F, The American Cemetery of the Meuse-Argonne, Meuse, France.**

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

**MAILED**

JUL 27 1922

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

**ENC**

**G.R.S.**

4 copies

DATE 10/15/21

1. NAME **BARRETT, Blanton** SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_

RANK **Capt.** ORGANIZATION **Co. B, 307th Inf.**

GRAVE LOCATION **French Communal Cty. CIREY-sur-VEZOUZE-(M-et-M) #1328**  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

**23**

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION **23** **Cirey-sur-Vezouze** **M-et-M.**  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES **Not known.**

CONCENTRATED TO **No record of concentration.**  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

**Cirey-sur-Vezouze** **1328.**  
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 **Feb. 23, 1921. 23 (same grave)** **Cirey-sur-Vezouze 1328.**  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*Stanley J. Grogan*  
STANLEY J. GROGAN, Capt. Inf. USA-

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION **10/15/21** **3** **16** **F.**  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

**Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1252, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).**  
CEMETERY

*Audited by  
CBH  
4/15/22*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept 14th 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 BARRETT, Blanton

10. Name

2. No.

11. No.

3. Rank Capt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.B. 307th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. July 21/18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. K.I.A.

(b) D.B. none

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 23 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none

18. Cemetery French Communal Cty.

19. Commune or town CIREY-sus-VEZOUZE

20. Dept. or County M-et-M.

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1328

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept 14th 1921

By E.T. Anderson

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Blanton Barrett

Serial No.

Rank Capt.

Organization Co.B. 307th Inf.

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

J. A. Dougherty  
Signature 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).

Bottle record agrees with 114-A. Reburied 2-23-21 Identified by gravemarker only.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial in pine box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept 14th 1921 By E.T. Anderson

31. Casket sealed by E.T. Anderson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E.T. Anderson  
E.T. Anderson

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-3166**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BARRETT, Blanton** Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank **Capt.** Organization **Co. B, 307th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne American Cty. at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon # 1232**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Sept 14th 1921** By **E.T. Anderson**

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 *F.R. Whipple*

36. Remarks **none** **F.R. Whipple, 1st Lt. QMC**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Sept 24th 1921**

To Permanent Cemetery **1232. Meuse-Argonne. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon** (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer **R.E. Williams** Signature Shipping Officer *F. Overheiser*

40. Received: Date **Sept 27 1921** **F. Overheiser, 1st Lt. QMC**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*

41. Reinterred: **Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 15th 1921** (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

42. Grave No. **3** Section \_\_\_\_\_

**block F** Row **16**

43. ~~Plot~~ \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*  
**James W. Younger, Capt QM**  
jt.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #104215

(a) Name BARRETT, Blanton Ser. No. ---  
(b) Rank Capt. Organization Co. B, 307th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 7/21/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. meh  
CKR. *JB*

## II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 23 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. meh

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Blanton Barrett (wife) c/o V.A. Moore, Healy Building, Atlanta, Ga.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ---- CKR. *JB*

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file

(a) Name no card in file (b) Relationship no card in file

(c) Address no card in file

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S. ? no card in file

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no card in file

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. no card in file

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. no card in file

Examiner's Initials no card in file Date no card in file, 192

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from no card in file

no card in file, dated no card in file

confirming request in Par. IV., item no card in file, above, or requesting that no card in file

Examiner's Initials no card in file Date no card in file, 192

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: 6/20 - Let from W. J. Harris, Senator, etc. letter from father, Franklin Barrett requesting grave location & details of death and burial.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? no card in file

Examiner's Initials *JB* Date 3/30/22, 192

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1328 SHEET No. 28

*Checked  
Meh 3/30/22*

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on 4/8/22, 192

Add. Adv. Par. 1 - not to be returned. JB 4/8/22

IX.

REMARKS

4/21/21 Letter from father-in-law V.A. Moore, Atlanta, Ga. req. grave location and Photograph of grave.

2/10/22 Letter to wife giving grave location.

4/3/22 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 814 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN 4/7/22 III. 9. <sup>with 3/30/22</sup>

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File #104215

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(a) Name BARRETT, Blanton Ser. No. ---  
 (b) Rank Capt. Organization Co. B, 307th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 7/21/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

} meh  
TYP. *[Signature]*

II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 23 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. meh  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Blanton Barrett (wife) c/o V.A. Moore, Healy Building, Atlanta, Ga.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ---- OKR.

IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

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 .....  
 .....

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 4/8/22, 192

*Add. Adv. Pac. 1 - Not to be returned - DB. 4/8/22*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<u>4/3/22</u>	<u>PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 814</u>	<u>TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN</u>	<u>4/7/22 M.G.</u>
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 23, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BARRETT, Blanton SERIAL NUMBER -----

RANK Captain ORGANIZATION Co. B. 307th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 2-23-21 From (give complete location): Grave #23 in Cem. #1328

By: Group 3 Unit Section II

3. Reburied (date): 2-23-21 In (give complete location): Grave #23 in Cem. #1328

By: Group 3 Unit Section II Nature of reburial Wooden box, burlap.

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

Wooden box; shroud Badly decomposed

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

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

Found under grave marker 23 "Capt. Blanton Barrett;" therefore presumed to be the body of Captain Barrett.

*Hold for further identification*

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 16 never cut, 11 gold filling.

(a) Height (actual measurement) estimated 70 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 160 to 170 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color dark brown

Quantity unable to determine

Characteristics straight

(d) Hair on face—Color none discernable

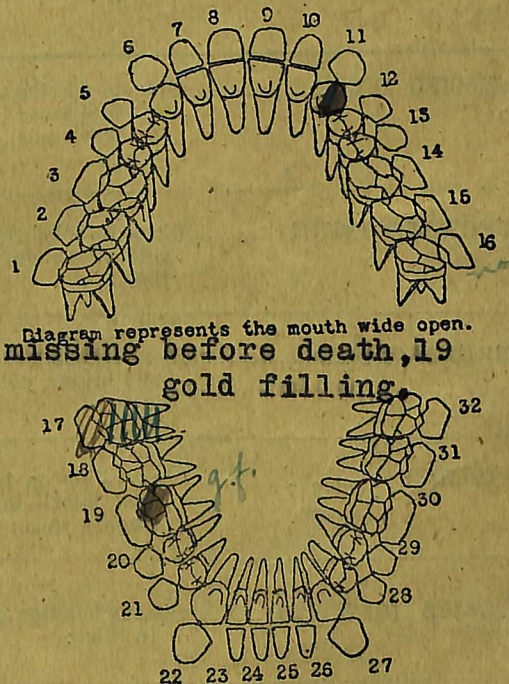
Location none

Quantity none

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 50350

none discernable



7. Disinterment supervised by W.R. Tomlinson

Approved: C. J. Blake  
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.R. Tomlinson

Approved: C. J. Blake  
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.

(Title)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 14 1921

1. REMAINS OF BARRETT Blanton

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK Capt

ORGANIZATION Co B 307th Inf

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

September 14, 1921

Gr. 23 Cem 1328

By: Group

Unit

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Oct 15th 1921 MeuseArgonne Cemetery "1232 Gr 3block F row 16

By: Group re-burial S

Unit

Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

unrecognizable, badly decomposed, in pine box

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? no

On grave marker? no

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

bottle record agrees with 114 A reburied February 24, 1921.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? MBD 16 not cut 1

(a) Height (actual measurement)

-do

(b) Weight (estimated)

-do

(c) Hair—Color

-do

Quantity

-do

Characteristics

-do

(d) Hair on face—Color

-do

Location

-do

Quantity

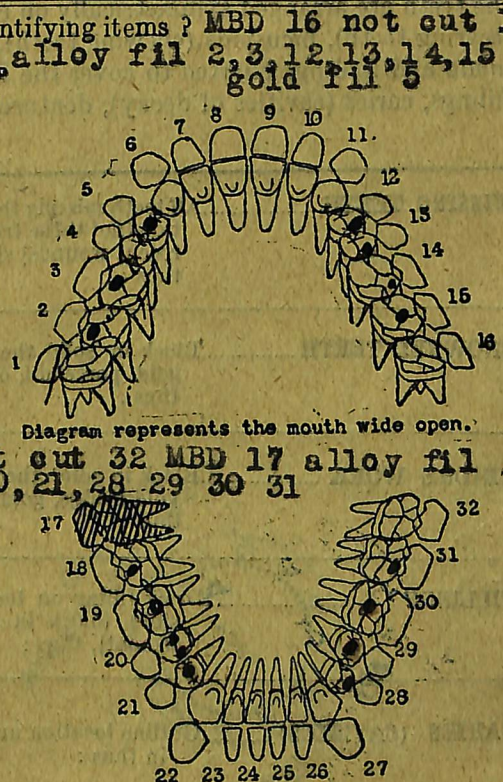
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) -do

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

-do

Checker J. A. Dougherty



7. Disinterment supervised by

E. T. Anderson  
E T Anderson  
Supervising Embalmer

Approved: F. A. Whipple

(Title) 1st Lieut QMC

8. Reburial supervised by

A. U. Dfault  
A. U. Dfault

Approved: James W. Yonger  
James W. Yonger, Capt QMC

(Title)

jt.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

..... **BARRETT, Blawton** .....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

..... **Captain Co. B. 307th Infantry** .....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .....

CAUSE OF DEATH: ..... **Kia July 21 1918** .....

DATE OF BURIAL: .....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .....

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

**FILE.**

GRAVE NUMBER: .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?.....Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

If name unknown and tags missing, description and mark should be given here?

NEAREST RELATIVE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

RELATIONSHIP: .....

REPORTED BY: .....

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D'IENA, PARIS

File No.

April 25, 1922

**FILE**

From: Chief,

To: Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following  
correspondence from your office:

Letter )

dated: April 8, 1922

~~inclosure~~ )

File No. 293.8 C.R. #104215, Barrett, Blanton, Cty. 1328- 28

Subject: Additional advice on French Civilian Cemetery, Cirey sur Vezouze.  
M & M # 1328

Name:

Barrett, Blanton, Captain

SL.

H. F. BETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

104215

April 8, 1922.

MSG-C 04- # 104215, Barrett, Stanton, Cty. 1328 - 29.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Graves Registration Service),  
Chief, American Graves Registration Service, A.M.G., in Europe.

Additional advice on French Civilian Cemetery, Cirey-sur-Vouzouse,  
M-et-M, # 1328.

**FILE**

1. The remains of the deceased named below, interred in the  
French Civilian Cemetery, Cirey-sur-Vouzouse, M-et-M, # 1328, are not to be  
returned to the United States in accordance with our cablegram # 1125 para-  
graph 1.

Cable AMVIC 04215

Ref. No.

28. Barrett, Stanton, Captain, Co. B. 307th Infantry.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GMF  
MF

CHARLES J. STINE,  
Captain, C.M. Corps.

**MAILED**

APR 10 1922

Overseas Proj. Sec.  
Cemeterial Division

Noted on Form No. 119

Date 4/8/22

Noted on Form No. 119-a

Date 4/8/22

COPY FOR ADM. FILES

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WAR DEPARTMENT

C-R 814

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Washington, D.C.

DRAFT OF CABLEGRAM

Transmittal by the Adjutant General Requested

FILE

H. L. Rogers,

Quartermaster General.

Sent as Cablegram

Paragraph No. 1.

Sent from

File No.

NO. 1155

4/3/22

Date April 3, 1922.

Received back.

TO: Military Attache,

Ambassy, Paris.

For Return: NO NOT RETURN: SA Walter Grabowski 1234;

595 Louis Rogavero 1652; 1526 Blanton Barrett 26.

Copies to: Comterial Div. Information & Guidance.

Feb. 10, 1922.

293.8 C-R #104215-(Barrett, Blanton Capt.)

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

Mrs. Blanton Barrett, c/o V.A. Moore, Healy Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Grave location.

1. This office is pleased to inform you that the investigation made to locate the grave containing the remains of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett, Company B, 307th Infantry has finally been successful and the records now show this body to be buried in Grave 23, French Civilian Cemetery at Cirey-sur-Vesouze, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

*Wm*  
LH  
HCH

MAILED

FEB 10 1922

CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

FILE  
Pm 10-22



File Number 104215

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 1/23/22

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: Barrett, Blanton

Serial Number

RANK: Capt.

ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	1. Yes. Co. B, 307th Inf.
2.	Date of death.	2. 7/21/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. K/A.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	4. 349-SPP-24.
5.	Date buried.	5. No record.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Grave #23, French Civil Cty. 1328, Cirey-sur-Vezouze, Meurthe-et-Mosele.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	
9.	Report as to grave marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) No. (b) No.
11.	Complete emergency address?	11. Mrs. Blanton Barrett (Wife) c/o V.A. Moore, Healy Building, Atlanta, Ga.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	
14.	What is the photograph number?	
15.	Inquiry made by.	

ECC

N. B.—All proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

.....X..... Confirmed.

Inv. & Adj. Dept., ..... Unconfirmed.

OPINION

11/30/ 1921

CASE OF Barrett, Blanton, Capt., Co.B, 307th Inf.

GRAVE #23, French Communal Cty. #1328.

DECISION Body is that of above man.

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment			Report on Disinterment		
A.G.O.		Emergency Address			
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.	No record		#16 never cut	#11 Gold filling	
U.L.					
L.R.			#17	#19 Gold filling	
L.L.					

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height 6 feet	None	Estimated 70 inches
Weight 133 lbs.		160 to 170 lbs.
Hair Blonde		Dark Brown
Fractures None		None discernable

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

None

None

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

None. Body found under grave marker 23, "Capt. Blanton Barrett", therefore presumed to be the body of Capt. Barrett.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from (Original burial)  
 This man reported buried originally Grave 23, French Communal Cty. #1328.  
 Organizations of other men buried around original location 77th Div.

OVER

M.B. Harry  
Investigator

Concur:

Smuhalu

APPROVED:

[Signature]

*Have gone over this case with Miss Caldwell (Over)*

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris.

November 7, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, AGRS., QMC in E.

(thru Chief, Operations Division)

1. With reference to the attached letter from the Office of the Quartermaster General referring to report of Americans reported murdered at CIREY (Meurthe-et-Moselle), the following is submitted :

During the time the reported murder of American Soldiers at Cirey, Meurthe-et-Moselle, was investigated, the undersigned as Second Lieutenant, QMC., was Officer in charge of Registration, Headquarters, Graves Registration Service, stationed at Neufchateau (Vosges). Some time in January 1919, a rumored report was received at headquarters, Neufchateau (Vosges) to the effect that fifteen American soldiers were brought to the Square in Cirey (Meurthe-et-Moselle) lined up against the wall and a machine gun turned on them by the Germans. Certain residents of Cirey stated, at that time, that a machine gun was turned on these soldiers and the tops of their heads blown off.

This report having been brought to the attention of the Inspector General, Second Army, then stationed at Toul (Meurthe-et-Moselle), an investigation was made by Lieutenant Colonel Abrahams of the Inspector General's Office, Second Army, together with several Officers of the Medical Corps and former Lieutenant C.P. Keating, QMC., Inspector of Graves Registration Service.

At the time the bodies were uncovered, they were buried side by side and no means of identification was found with the exception of one body on which was located a card to which was attached, by means of a ribbon, a smaller card announcing the birth of a Daughter to Captain and Mrs Blanton Barrett. This card was brought to me at Neufchateau by former Lieutenant C.P. Keating, QMC. Upon consulting the Record of men reported missing in action on file at Graves Registration Service Headquarters Neufchateau, I located the name of Captain Blanton Barrett, 307th Infantry. By communicating with the Personnel Adjutant of the 307th Infantry (at that time still in France) I was informed that Captain Blanton Barrett, together with fourteen other men of his command (the names of these men being furnished by the Personnel Adjutant at that time) went forth on certain Patrol Duty and the last report received was to the effect that this Patrol, after having engaged in a fierce hand to hand battle with the Germans, was captured near Cirey (Meurthe-et-Moselle).

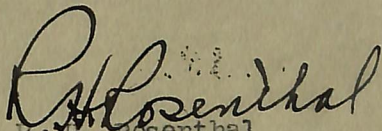
The Inspector General, Second Army, having investigated this case, rendered report, copy of which was referred to Headquarters, Neufchateau, by the Office of Chief, Graves Registration Service, then located in Tours (Indre-et-Loire) France. The findings of the Inspector General, as contained in this report, were to

the effect that these soldiers were not murdered by the Germans, but that the crushed condition of the skulls of these bodies, was caused when they were engaged in hand to hand combat with the Germans by the butts of rifles used during the conflict.

Inasmuch as the names of the soldiers killed simultaneously with Captain Blanton Barrett were known, and the fact that the number of these soldiers agreed with the number of men buried with Captain Blanton Barrett, it was assumed that these were the men buried at Cirey (Meurthe-et-Moselle). There being no means of identification located on the individual bodies, it was impossible to determine identity in any case except that of Captain Blanton Barrett, and the usual report was rendered to the Office of Chief, Graves Registration Service, Tours (Indre-et-Loire). Since that time I know of no action taken with reference to identifying these remains.

2. I have no knowledge of any other report being rendered with reference to this case.

RHR/mr.

  
R. H. Rosenthal  
Civilian Employee.

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
8 Avenue d'Iena,  
PARIS.

4th November 1921.

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, A.G.R.S.  
(thru Operations Division)

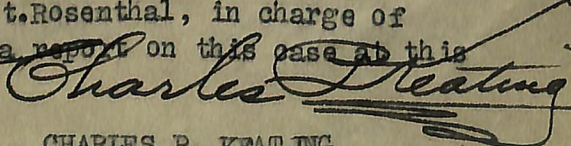
1. With regard to a report that unarmed American soldiers were shot by Germans at Cirey (M-et-M), the following is submitted:

2. Sometime in January, 1919, the writer, as a Lieutenant doing duty as an Inspector for Graves Registration Service, had occasion to visit a unit working in Cirey (M-et-M). One of the men connected with the outfit brought me the story (told him by several citizens of Cirey) of how fifteen Americans were brought to the Square there, and a machine gun turned on them. One of them - an Officer - was buried separately and in a wooden coffin.

3. This information was transmitted by me, verbally, to the Office of the Inspector General, Second Army at Toul, with the result that a date was set sometime in March for a full investigation. Lieut. Colonel Abraham, of the Inspector General's office, Second Army, with several officers of the Medical Corps, went to Cirey where the writer met them, and conducted them to the municipal cemetery.

4. The trench, over which a cross bearing the inscription "Fifteen Brave Americans" was erected, was uncovered. Fourteen bodies were buried side by side, with no other covering but their O.B. breeches and shirts, and though a thorough search was made nothing was found that would give any clue to identification. In the search for the body buried in a coffin was found a card, to which was attached by a white ribbon a smaller card announcing the birth of a daughter to Captain and Mrs. Blanton Barrett. As we had a record of all men missing in action on file at our G.R.S. OFFICE at Neufchateau, I took the card to that place and verified that Captain Blanton Barrett, 307th Inf., was missing in action. The fourteen bodies were buried together in another plot, and the body of Captain Barrett separately, and the grave properly marked.

5. I know for a certainty that Lieut. Rosenthal, in charge of Registration at Neufchateau, did not make a report on this case at this particular time.

  
CHARLES P. KEATING  
Chief Supervisory Embalmer.

Office, Inspector General.

31, March, 1919.

MEMORANDUM :

To Inspector General:

1. I have investigated the attached communication on the subject of alleged German atrocities toward American prisoners of war at CIREY (Mourthes-et-Moselle). This investigation was made between March 9, 1919, and March 29, 1919.

2. When members of the Graves Registration Service were searching for American graves in CIREY in January, 1919, they found a grave marked on a wooden cross which stood at its head "15 tapfers Amerikaner" (15 brave Americans).

French civilians who have lived in CIREY during German occupation and during the entire war, stated that these Americans had been murdered by the Germans. This rumor of the murder of Americans had spread in CIREY and was apparently based on the following facts:

- (1) Live Americans were seen in CIREY under guard on July 21 and July 23, 1918.
- (2) On July 22, 1918, fifteen dead Americans were seen lying in a shed.
- (3) Fifteen Americans were buried in CIREY in the grave already referred to.

Nobody in CIREY saw these Americans murdered, but, considering the above facts, the French assumed they have been murdered because otherwise they did not think the Germans would bring them to CIREY for burial, but would bury them at the front had they been killed there.

3. The following witnesses were interviewed and their testimony is inclosed herewith and marked as indicated:

Camille Renaud.....	Exhibit A
Joseph Richard.....	" B
Mme Josephine Pickley.....	" C
Isedore Pickley.....	" D
Mme. Demangeon.....	" E
Georges Aubry.....	" F
Auguste Masson.....	" G
Marl Wolter.....	" H
Joseph Dupuy.....	" I
Mlle. Lucie Cis.....	" J
Mlle. Madeleine Hppe.....	" K



missing

The following information was obtained concerning the men originally marked

Those last fifteen enlisted men were all prisoners of war in Germany.

15 enlisted men have either rejoined the company or are in the Base Hospital at VIMY, France.

Captain Barrett and 16 enlisted men are marked "killed in action".

Of the one Officer (Capt. Barrett) and 21 enlisted men reported missing in this action, company records show the following:

Of the Americans returning to our lines all but two were wounded.

1 Officer and 19 men returned to our lines.

1 Officer (Capt. Barrett) and 21 enlisted men missing.

On Sunday, July 21, 1918, at 2:00 p.m. a daylight raid on German trenches was made by a part of Co. B, 307th Infantry for the purpose of taking prisoners. The raid was made in the IMMEDIATE Sector from the trenches then being occupied by the 77th Division. The raiding party was engaged by the Germans. An unequal fight followed which lasted about 30 minutes. The American casualties were:

Reports on Capt. Barrett's raid from the files of the 77th Division are included herewith and marked Exhibit 21.

of the wounds.

There is also inclosed herewith with photographs taken at time of disinterment showing condition of bodies and the identity of definitely ascertain the nature

The report of examination of the disinterred bodies of the fifteen Americans is inclosed herewith and marked Exhibit "X".

- George Richard.....Exhibit 1
- Capt. Harry L. Sheffield, Co. B,
- 307th Infantry.....
- Corp. Wm. Bell, Co. B, 307th Infantry.....
- Pvt. Edward Remick, Co. B, 307th Infantry.....
- Pvt. Jack H. Korda.....
- Pvt. George Hoffstein.....
- Pvt. Clyde Savage.....
- Pvt. Julius Morse, Sen. Det. 307th Inf.....
- Elmer J. Patterson, Co. B, 307th Inf.....
- Corp. Samuel Lapidus.....
- Corp. Adams Allen.....
- 1st Lt. A. J. Gillette.....

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that Capt. Barrett's body was brought to this station by the Germans. It is suggested that the body was buried in a trench near the station and was not returned to the United States. Although not sufficient to determine positive identification, this was the body of Capt. William Barrett, 307th Infantry, which was identified from a card in his shirt pocket. This card announced the birth of a daughter to Captain and Mrs. William Barrett.

6. Of the fifteen bodies dis-interred only one body could be identified. In this grave there were only fourteen other members of the riding party. The other grave contained fifteen Americans. Testimony shows that one of these men was provisionally identified in a hospital in GERMANY and arrangements were being made for his burial when the other dead Americans were brought to GERMANY. A coffin had been provided for this one dead American but at the last minute Captain Barrett's body was placed in the coffin and the hospital patient buried with the other Americans.

The other grave contained fifteen Americans. Testimony shows that one of these men was provisionally identified in a hospital in GERMANY and arrangements were being made for his burial when the other dead Americans were brought to GERMANY. A coffin had been provided for this one dead American but at the last minute Captain Barrett's body was placed in the coffin and the hospital patient buried with the other Americans.

Two of the seventeen missing have died in GERMANY. One of these is identified as being buried in GERMANY. There were sixteen Americans buried in GERMANY at this time. One number of the riding party who died in a hospital in GERMANY on July 22, 1918 (Ref. Human Remains) was buried in a separate grave. This grave is properly marked with his name and a photograph of same is enclosed.

Company records show that the other five men were changed from "missing" to "killed in action" on statements of men since these returned from GERMANY, but the could not be seen by me.

Other men seen Americans dead on the field but were unable to recognize them. This definitely accounts for eleven of the sixteen enlisted men originally reported "missing".

Company records show that Sergeant GILLIG, Co. B. 307th Inf., seen three other men killed in action. Testimony of Sergeant GILLIG was not taken as he was on leave during my visit to the 7th Division.

Report on the raid (Exhibit I) reports Corp. Walsh as definitely killed in action. Pvt. Sheffield reports Pvt. Brooks as killed in action (Exhibit H, p. 2). Ptes. Kartin and Grown died in hospital in GERMANY (Exhibit H, p. 3 and 4). Ptes. Schilling and Flehinger died in hospital in GERMANY (Exhibit H, p. 5).

Corporal Keith and Pvt. McKinley, killed in action (Exhibit H, p. 5). Captain Barrett was seen by Corporal Wm. Bell, Co. B. 307th Inf. to have been killed in action (Exhibit H, p. 4). Corporal Bell also accounts for six other men as follows:

that the other men killed in this action were also brought to CIREY for burial.

7. The statements of the French civilians that these Americans were practically naked were not born out by the examination of the bodies. The American who died in the hospital and who was not one of the raiding party was naked. Captain Barrett had on a cotton O D shirt and cotton underdrawers. The other thirteen bodies had on O D breeches and shirts.

8. Testimony shows that seven unwounded Americans were made prisoners of war by the Germans and were taken to CIREY between four and five p.m. on July 21, 1918. They left CIREY by marching about 10:00 a.m., July 22nd. All of these seven men have since returned from Germany and report nothing unusual in regard to their treatment by the Germans. These are probably the seven Americans mentioned in the testimony of several French civilians.

9. Twelve wounded Americans taken prisoners by the Germans at the same time were taken to CIREY on July 21, 1918, and kept there until July 23, 1918. Two of these men died in the hospital in CIREY on Monday morning, July 22nd. They were probably buried with the other men who were killed in action. Two of these men died later in hospitals in Germany.

10. This would account for the thirty-two men "Missing" from this raid as follows:

Seventeen men known to have been taken from CIREY to Germany.

Fifteen men buried in CIREY.

11. The examination of the dis-interred bodies (Exhibit X) showed four bodies with extensive crushing injuries to skull. These four and one other showed injuries which were capable of causing, with probability, immediate death. It is impossible to definitely explain these wounds. The fighting, however, is reported to have been very fierce and there were many hand to hand engagements. The opinion in the 77th Division is that it is reasonable to expect that at least seventeen would be killed in such an action.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

(1) That the Americans alleged to have been murdered by the Germans were members of a raiding party that endeavored to raid the German trenches on July 21, 1918.

(2) That during the raid Capt. Blanton Barrett, 307th Infantry and twelve enlisted men were killed in action; that two other enlisted men died the next morning in the hospital in CIREY from wounds received in action.

(3) That only one dead American could be recognized by the Germans.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

Date 11/4/21

File No. 104215 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. **Barrett** *OK*
- b. Christian name. **Blanton** *OK*
- c. Serial number. *none*
- d. Organization. **Co. B, 307th Inf.** *OK*
- e. Rank. **Capt.** *OK*
- f. Date of death. **7/21/18** *OK*
- g. Cause of death. **K/A** *OK*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) **349 SPP 24** *OK*
- i. Emergency address. **Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
% V.A. Moore, Healy Bldg.** *OK*
- j. Relationship. **Wife.** **Atlanta, Ga.** *OK*

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment. **27**
- b. Color of eyes. **Hazel.**
- c. Color of hair. **Blonde**
- d. Height. **6 feet.**
- e. Weight. **133 lbs.**
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.) **none**

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

- a. Strike out teeth missing: **no record**
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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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.     |

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By *H. J. Conner*

**H. L. ROGERS,**  
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

**H. J. CONNER,**  
Captain, Q. M. C.  
REC'D MAIL SECTION,  
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and in connection with the circumstances surrounding the death, attention is invited to the attached copy of report submitted by The Officer of The Inspector General covering this case.

2. Upon completion of an extensive investigation for the purpose of discovering the exact location of the graves of the officer and soldiers to whom reference is made above, it is the opinion of this office that their bodies are buried in French Civilian Cemetery #1328, Cirey-sur-Vezouze, Meurthe-et-Moselle, and Form 1-A covering the burials in this cemetery shows fifteen unknown Americans to be buried in Grave #12, and the body of an unknown American officer to be contained in Grave #13, and unknown American soldiers to be buried in Graves #2-3-6-7-16 and 21.

3. The body descriptions and dental charts of the officer and soldiers to whom reference is made afford the following information:

CAPTAIN BARRETT -- Age at enlistment -- 27 years, 6 months; Color of eyes -- hazel; Color of hair -- blonde; Height -- 6 feet; Weight -- 133 pounds; Teeth O.K. No additional information can be obtained relative to the description of the teeth of this officer.

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CORPORAL GARBADEN -- Age at enlistment -- 22 years, 5 months; Color of eyes -- brown; Color of hair -- black; Height -- 5 feet, 6-1/2 inches; Weight -- 128 pounds. The records show no teeth missing on date of enlistment, see attached photostat copy of dental chart. No record of any fractures of bones.

PRIVATE 1/c ANDREWS -- Age at enlistment -- 24 years, 10 months; Color of eyes -- brown; Color of hair -- black; Height -- 5 feet, 4 inches; Weight -- 129-1/2 pounds. The following teeth were missing on date of enlistment -- upper right #6, upper left #6 lower right #8, lower left #8.

PRIVATE GARRITT -- Age at enlistment -- 29 years, 8 months; Color of eyes -- brown; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 4-1/2 inches; Weight -- 140 pounds. The following teeth were missing, or decayed to such an extent that they were unserviceable on date of enlistment -- upper right #1 - #6, upper left - #1 - #2, lower right -- #5 - #6, lower left - #4- #5 - #6.

PRIVATE 1/c McCORMICK -- Age at enlistment -- 27 years; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 6 inches; Weight 115 pounds; The following teeth were missing on date of enlistment - lower right #6, lower left #6 - #8.

CORPORAL McHUGH -- Age at enlistment -- 26 years, 3 months; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- dark brown; Height -- 5 feet, 5 inches; Weight -- 124 pounds. The following teeth were missing on date of enlistment - upper left - #8, lower right - #8, lower left #6 - #7 - #8.

PRIVATE MCKINLEY -- Age at enlistment -- 28 years; 10 months; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 9-1/4 inches; Weight -- 160 pounds. The following tooth was missing on date of enlistment - upper right #6.

PRIVATE 1/c OTTO -- Age at enlistment -- 21 years, 8 months; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 8-1/2 inches; Weight -- 132 pounds. The following tooth was missing on date of enlistment -- upper right #6.

PRIVATE SCHILDKNECHT -- Age at enlistment -- 23 years, 10 months; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- blonde; Height -- 5 feet, 6 inches; Weight -- 115 pounds. The following tooth was missing on date of enlistment -- upper left - #4. Letter from the mother of this soldier states that dental work was performed for him, however, the dentist who did the work did not keep a record of same.

CORPORAL WALSH -- Age at enlistment -- 24 years, 6 months; Color of eyes -- gray; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 4 inches; Weight -- 123 pounds. For information regarding the description of the teeth, attention is invited to the enclosed photostat copy of dental chart and memorandum from Dr. Elwood A. Curtis.

PRIVATE STANISKI -- Age at enlistment -- 27 years; Color of eyes -- brown; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 7 inches; Weight -- 150 pounds. The following teeth were missing on date of enlistment -- upper right #8, upper left #8.


PRIVATE SKEETS -- Age at enlistment -- 24 years, 2 months; Color of eyes -- brown; Color of hair -- dark brown; Height -- 5 feet, 4-1/4 inches. No record of any teeth missing on date of enlistment. Repeated requests have failed to elicit any information in regard to the nature of any dental treatment which may have been performed for Private Skeets prior to his entry into the service.

PRIVATE 1/c CHARLES -- Age at enlistment -- 23 years, 2 months; Color of eyes -- gray; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 6 inches; Physical report of examination prior to enlistment shows - no record of any teeth missing. The following additional information was furnished this office by the mother of Private 1st Class Charles in reply to a letter of inquiry from this office: "His head was of abnormal size as his skull at the base protruded half an inch more than an ordinary skull, and he had to wear a 7 or 7-1/8 hat. His nose had the cartilage bone cut out when he was about 15 years old and he also received a very bad smash up on his left cheek while playing football. I know that he had one gold crown and several fillings.

4. It is requested that the bodies contained in Graves #2-3-6-7-12-13-16 and 21 French Civilian Cemetery #1328, Cirey-sur-Vezouze, Meurthe-et-Moselle be disinterred in an effort to ascertain the exact location of the graves of the soldiers to which reference is made above from the information contained herein. Forms 16-A covering these disinterments and reburials to be submitted to this office, together with a report of action taken and results obtained.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

4 Encls.  
Memo. from Office, Inspector General.  
2 Photostat copies of dental charts.  
Memo. from Dr. Curtos.

  
M. N. GREELEY  
Captain, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer  
Cemeterial Division.

293. Barrett, Blanton

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Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Jan. 28, 1921. To: Supervisor, Area #5, EPINAL (Vosges).

1. Forwarded. The Field Section operating in the vicinity of Cemetery #1328, CIREY-SUR-VEZOUZE (M-et-M) has been directed to proceed immediately to said Cemetery and to disinter and rebury all bodies buried therein. They have further been directed to forward Forms 16-A covering all reburials to your Headquarters. Upon receipt you will forward same attached to this communication to these Headquarters by indorsement hereon.

By direction:

*Edgar A. Fry*  
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Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Operations Division.

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Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. March 4, 1921. To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned. There is attached herewith G.R.S. Forms #16-A covering disinterment and reburial of 18 "Unknown American Soldiers" in Cemetery 1328, CIREY-SUR-VEZOUZE (Vosges).

2. Attention is invited to the fact that the records of these Headquarters originally showed "Unknown American Soldier" buried in Grave 7 and Sandri LEONARDI, 2443291. Pvt. Co. C., 308th Infantry buried in Grave 8. However, upon exhuming body in Grave 7, it was identified by tag on body as that of Sandri LEONARDI. "Unknown American Soldier" originally reported buried in Grave 7, was found in Grave 8.

*H. F. Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

22 Enclosures.

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D'IENA, PARIS

293. Barrett, Blanton.

January 28, 1921.

FROM: Chief

TO: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made: -your letter File Number 293.8 Cem.Div.--#104215 - Registration, dated January 7, 1921, case of Captain Blanton BARRETT, Co. B., 307th Infantry, to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is twenty-five days from date.

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HW/nva.

*H. F. Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.



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January 7, 1921.

293.8 Cem. Div. - #104215 - Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometerial Division)  
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe,  
#8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.  
Subject: Case of Captain Blanton Barrett, Company B, 307th Infantry.

1. The records of this office show the above named officer and the following named soldiers to have been reported by The Adjutant General of the Army as having been killed in action July 21, 1918:

- CHARLES, 1704827, Frank, Private 1st Class, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- SKREETS, 1680343, Frank, Private, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- BORKER, 2443212, Jacob, Private, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- GARBADEN, 1704787, Hugo, Corporal, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- ANDREWS, 1704878, Clair Ferris, Private 1st Class, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- GARRITT, 1695178, George W., Private, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- McCORMICK, 1704914, Michael, P., Private, 1st Class, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- McHUGH, 1704915, Martin, J., Jr., Corporal, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- McKINLEY, 1682507, Andrew, Private, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- OTTO, 1656713, William, Private 1st Class, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- SCHILDKNECHT, 1704925, Charles P., Private, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- STANISKI, 1682562, Frank, Private, Company B, 307th Infantry.
- WALSH, 1704756, James F., Corporal, Company B, 307th Infantry.

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and in connection with the circumstances surrounding their death, attention is invited to the attached copy of report submitted by The Officer of The Inspector General covering this case.

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PRIVATE 1/c McCORMICK -- Age at enlistment -- 27 years; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 6 inches; Weight 115 pounds; The following teeth were missing on date of enlistment - lower right #6, lower left #6 - #8.

CORPORAL McHUGH -- Age at enlistment -- 26 years, 3 months; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- dark brown; Height -- 5 feet, 5 inches; Weight -- 124 pounds. The following teeth were missing on date of enlistment - upper left - #6, lower right - #8, lower left #6 - #7 - #8.

PRIVATE MCKINLEY -- Age at enlistment -- 28 years, 10 months; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 9-1/4 inches; Weight -- 160 pounds. The following tooth was missing on date of enlistment - upper right #6.

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PRIVATE 1/c OTTO -- Age at enlistment -- 21 years, 8 months; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 8-1/2 inches; Weight -- 152 pounds. The following tooth was missing on date of enlistment -- upper right #6.

PRIVATE SCHILDKNECHT -- Age at enlistment -- 23 years, 10 months; Color of eyes -- blue; Color of hair -- blonde; Height -- 5 feet, 6 inches; Weight -- 115 pounds. The following tooth was missing on date of enlistment -- upper left - #4. Letter from the mother of this soldier states that dental work was performed for him, however, the dentist who did the work did not keep a record of same.

CORPORAL WALSH -- Age at enlistment -- 24 years, 6 months; Color of eyes -- gray; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 4 inches; Weight -- 123 pounds. For information regarding the description of the teeth, attention is invited to the enclosed photostat copy of dental chart and memorandum from Dr. Elwood A. Curtis.

PRIVATE STANISKI -- Age at enlistment -- 27 years; Color of eyes -- brown; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 7 inches; Weight -- 150 pounds. The following teeth were missing on date of enlistment -- upper right #8, upper left #8.

PRIVATE SKEETS -- Age at enlistment -- 24 years, 2 months; Color of eyes -- brown; Color of hair -- dark brown; Height -- 5 feet, 4-1/4 inches. No record of any teeth missing on date of enlistment. Repeated requests have failed to elicit any information in regard to the nature of any dental treatment which may have been performed for Private Skeets prior to his entry into the service.

PRIVATE 1/c CHARLES -- Age at enlistment -- 25 years, 2 months; Color of eyes -- gray; Color of hair -- brown; Height -- 5 feet, 6 inches; Physical report of examination prior to enlistment shows - no record of any teeth missing. The following additional information was furnished this office by the mother of Private 1st Class Charles in reply to a letter of inquiry from this office: "His head was of abnormal size as his skull at the base protruded half an inch more than an ordinary skull, and he had to wear a 7 or 7-1/8 hat. His nose had the cartilage bone cut out when he was about 15 years old and he also received a very bad smash up on his left cheek while playing football. I know that he had one gold crown and several fillings.

4. It is requested that the bodies contained in Graves #2-3-6-7-12-13-16 and 21 French Civilian Cemetery #1328, Cirey-sur-Vezouse, Meurthe-et-Moselle be disinterred in an effort to ascertain the exact location of the graves of the soldiers to which reference is made above from the information contained herein. Forms 16-A covering these disinterments and reburials to be submitted to this office, together with a report of action taken and results obtained.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

4 Encls.  
Memo. from Office, Inspector General.  
2 Photostat copies of dental charts.  
Memo. from Dr. Curtis.

M. H. GRIBELNY  
Captain, U.S.C.  
Executive Officer  
Cemeterial Division.  
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Inv. S.S. **MAILED**  
Inv. & Adj. **JAN 10 1921**  
**G.R.S.**

**SUSPENDED FOR** *March 8<sup>th</sup> / 21* 4-16-21

# V. A. MOORE & Co.

IRON, STEEL, HEAVY HARDWARE  
AND  
RAILROAD SUPPLIES

ATLANTA, GA. November 22, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. - #104215 Registration.

From: V. A. Moore  
To: M. N. Greeley, Captain Q.M.C.  
Subject: Dental Chart (Capt. Blanton Barrett)

In reply to your letter of November 17th, addressed to my daughter Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett, will state that your former communication bearing on the subject of dental chart was handed to my daughter and as she is not in possession of any such chart it is impossible to comply with your request.

I will ask if there has been any question as to the identity of the remains of her late husband Captain Blanton Barrett.

Very truly yours,

VAM/LH

*V. A. Moore*

*Barrett, Blanton*

Recorded, Cemetery  
File # 293.8  
104215  
O. O. M. G.

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# FILES.

November 17, 1920.

293.8 Cem. Div. - #104215 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
To: Mrs. M. Barrett, Healy Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.  
Subject: Dental Chart.

FILE

1. The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated September 21, 1920, wherein you were requested to secure from your local dentists and forward to this office a chart of all dental treatment performed for your Husband, Captain Blanton Barrett, prior to his entry into the service --- the chart to include fillings, crowns, bridges, etc. It was further requested that you furnish information relative to fractures of bones this soldier may have sustained, which you recall.

2. Your prompt attention to this important matter will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

Inv. S.S.  
Inv. & Adj.

DA

M. N. GREELEY,  
Captain, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer  
Cemeterial Division.



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MAILED  
NOV 17 1920  
G.R.S.

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1135-

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

Investigation D  
Dept.

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

Date November 15, 1920

File No. 104713 ~~88094~~ Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial 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 Barrett
- b. Christian name ~~Blawton~~ <sup>Blanton</sup>
- c. Serial number
- d. Organization Co. B, 307th Inf.
- e. Rank Capt.
- f. Date of death 7/21/18
- g. Cause of death K/A
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 349SP24
- i. Emergency address Mrs. Blawton Barrett (Wife) c/o V. A. Moore, Healy Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION (at Plattsburg, N.Y. Co.)  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment 26 yrs. 11 mos.
- b. Color of eyes Hazel
- c. Color of hair blonde
- d. Height 6 ft.
- e. Weight 133 lbs.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks) none noted.

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

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							

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase and Storage.

BY:

H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lieut ~~Inspector~~, Q.M.C.

*W.C.*  
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**FILES.**

September 21, 1920.

293.8 Cem. Div. - 104215 Registration.

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

To: Mrs. M. Barrett, Healy Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Subject: Dental Chart.

1. It is requested that you secure from your local dentists and forward to this office a chart of all dental treatment performed for your husband, Captain Blanton Barrett, prior to his entry into the service -- the chart to include fillings, crowns, bridges, etc. It is further requested that you furnish information relative to fractures of bones this soldier may have sustained which you recall.

2. The information requested is to be used in matters of identification and will be greatly appreciated by this office. Please use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage for your reply.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

FW

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

*DRG*

By:

*[Signature]*

E. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant.

*mail*  
SEP 21 1920

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Inv. & Adj.

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*Nov. 11/20*  
*Oct 21 1920*

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 9-13-20

File No. 104215 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial 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 O.K. BARRETT
- ✓ b. Christian name O.K. Blanton
- ✓ c. Serial number
- ✓ d. Organization O.K. 300th Inf. 307th "
- ✓ e. Rank O.K. Captain
- ✓ f. Date of death 7-21-18 O.K.
- ✓ g. Cause of death K/A OK
- ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) 349-24 OK
- ✓ i. Emergency address Mrs. M. Barrett c/o V.A. Moore, Healy Bldg. Atlanta Ga.
- ✓ j. Relationship wife c/o

✓ BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- ✓ a. Age at enlistment 26 1/2 yrs.
- ✓ b. Color of eyes Hazel
- ✓ c. Color of hair Blonde
- ✓ d. Height 6 ft.
- ✓ e. Weight 151 lbs.
- ✓ 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

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

Special  
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BY:

H. J. CONNER  
Captain, Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div  
Date 9.14.20

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104215 -Inquiry (Barrett, Fernor Blanton, Capt.)

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June 17, 1920.

Hon. William J. Harris,  
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

In reply to your letter of June 11, 1920, enclosing letter of Mr. Fernor Barrett, you are advised that as yet there is no grave location registered in the case of Captain Fernor Blanton Barrett, Company E, 307th Infantry.

A request for an immediate investigation and report of this case has been forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe. As soon as any further information is received, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

DS                      HQ L. ROGERS,                      BPM  
Quartermaster General, U.S. Army.

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Chief, Cem. Div.

104215 -Inquiry (Barrett, Fernor Blanton, Capt.)

June 17, 1920.

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Hon. William J. Harris,  
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

In reply to your letter of June 11, 1920, enclosing letter of Mr. Fernor Barrett, you are advised that as yet there is no grave location registered in the case of Captain Fernor Blanton Barrett, Company B, 307th Infantry.

A request for an immediate investigation and report of this case has been forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe. As soon as any further information is received, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

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*W.S.*  
HQ L. ROGERS, *BPM*  
Quartermaster General, U.S. Army.

*Q.W.* *MARK*

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Chief, Cem. Div.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 6/15/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Barrett, Fernor Blanton. Serial Number

RANK Capt. ORGANIZATION Co. B, 307<sup>th</sup> Inf. 77<sup>th</sup> Div

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1). no. (Blawton Barrett)
2.	Date of Death.	(2). 7/21/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3). K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4). # 349 Sub PP 24.
5.	Date buried.	(5). no record.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6). " " "
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(a)-2. " " (a)-b. " " (Wife)
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(1). Mrs. Blawton Barrett, c/o V. A. Moore, Healy Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	(2). no record Atlanta, Ga.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(4). " "
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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FRANCIS E. WARREN, WYO., CHAIRMAN  
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United States Senate,  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

June 11, 1920

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Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

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INC. BRANCH  
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Div. Q. M. C.

My dear General:-

I am enclosing you a letter which I have just received from Mr. Fermor Barrett, regarding information which he desires as to the burial and location of the grave of his son, Capt. Fermor Blanton Barrett, Cob.B., 307th Infantry, 77th Div. who was killed in France July 21st, 1918.

The letter is self-explanatory, and I would thank you to furnish me with the information requested, in order that I may transmit it to Mr. Barrett.

With high esteem, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*W. J. Harris*

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June 9, 1920.

Hon . W.J. Harris, Senator,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

Referring to my son, Captain Fermor Blanton Barrett, Co. B., 307th Infantry, 77th Division, killed in France July 21st, 1918.

I will greatly appreciate it if you will give me all the authentic information with reference to his death, burial and location of his grave, which has been obtained by the War Department and the Red Cross.

Of course I have collected much information, but I want to get the most reliable obtainable.

As I remember it he was buried by the Germans on the inside of the German lines, and his body was afterwards found and removed to another burial place.

With best wishes, and highest regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Fermor Barrett*

G.R.S. FC #117. Reply to A.G.O.

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January 9, 1920.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

MEMORANDUM TO: Adjutant General's Office,  
Washington, D. C.

In reply to communication under date of  
The files of the Graves Registration Service show that ~~the remains of~~

~~No grave location registered in the case of:~~  
~~Blawton Barrett,~~  
~~Capt. 307th. Inf.~~

~~are buried~~ ~~were disinterred and reburied in~~

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
By:

G.R.S. File No.  
CJW/

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

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Address reply to  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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G.R.S., 293.2  
Barrett, Blanton.

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Graves Registration Service, Office of the Quartermaster General,  
18th St. & Virginia Ave., Washington, D. C. December 9, 1919. To-  
Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. The records of this office fail to show any grave location  
registered in the case of Capt. Blanton Barrett, Co. B, 307th Infantry,

By authority of the quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, O.M.C.,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, O.M.C.,  
Graves Registration Service.

TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 11-4-19.

FROM: - INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Barrett, Blawton* Serial Number

RANK *Capt.* ORGANIZATION *307<sup>th</sup> Inf.*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	<i>Barrett, Blawton Co. B 307<sup>th</sup> Inf.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	<i>Ser. * 99094, on white-card 4x6.</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	<i>Ser * 104215 on 4x6 - Blue-</i>
4.	Number of Casualty VCablegram.	<i>2 - 7-21-18</i>
5.	Date buried.	<i>3 - 15/a.</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	<i>5 - No record</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	<i>6 Grave no.</i>
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<i>no further information</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<i>m.g. 12-8-19</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	<i>(7) No record</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	<i>11 - Mrs. Blawton Barrett % V.A. Moresheadly Bldg Atlanta, Ga.</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	<i>(12) No Record.</i>
15.	Inquiry made by?	

*also list of 45 off  
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File No. 293.8  
G.L. - Capt. Wynne.

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from uncollected  
records - Romagna Dir*

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A. G. 201(Barrett, Blanton)CD

1st Ind.

War Dept., Feb. 4, 1919  
Force, for report by courier.

To Commanding General, American Expeditionary

By order of the Secretary of War:

LAO

P. C. Harris,  
The Adjutant General.

Received  
A. G. O.  
24 FEB 1919  
G. H. Q. A. E. F.

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date Dec.5,1919.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Barrett, Blanton

Serial Number

RANK Captain

ORGANIZATION

Co.B., 307th Infantry.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Blawton Barrett,
2.	Date of Death.	2. 7-21-18.
3.	Cause and place of death	3. K/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4. 349-24
5.	Date buried	5. Not Given
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Not Given
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	11. Mrs. Blawton Barrett, (Wife) c/o V.A. Moore, Healy Building, Atlanta, Ga.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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SYNOPSIS OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AND INDORSED OUT.

DATED: 1-3-1919 . DATE RECEIVED IN

FROM: V. A. Moore, Atlanta, Ga.

TO: A.G.O., War Department, Washington, D. C.

Information as to death of Captain Blanton Barrett, Co. B, 307th Inf.

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G.R.S. Form No. 101-A (Information Blank)

File Number **104215**

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date **Sept. 19, 1919.**

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME **BARRETT, Blanton**

Serial Number

RANK **Captain**

ORGANIZATION

**Co. B, 307th Inf.**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier: given above agree with Records?	No record in directory or in files
2.	Date of Death.	
3.	Cause and place of death.	
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	
5.	Date buried.	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	No burial record on unconfirmed cards. n.e.b.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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L.E.G.

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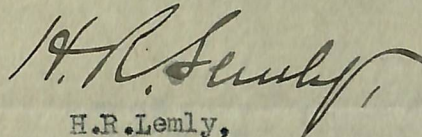
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In answer refer to file No. 293.2 (Barrett, Blanton)-Cemeterial.  
Office, Quartermaster General of the Army, April 26, 1919. -- To  
Lieutenant Colonel Chas. C. Pierce, Chief of the Graves Registration  
Service, France.

1. Forwarded for your consideration and action relative to the  
photograph of grave. The writer has been advised of reference.

By authority of the Quartermaster General of the Army:



H.R. Lemly,  
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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Atlanta, Ga.  
April 21, 1919.

Graves Registration Department,  
U.S. War Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have been informed that the grave of my son-in-law  
Captain Blanton Barrett, his remains identified and a photograph  
of the grave taken.

Captain Barrett was identified with the 307th Regiment  
(Company B), 154th Brigade, 77th Division, and was killed in a  
daylight raid on the 21st of July, 1918.

Our information is that he was buried in German Loraine,  
in a small town called Cirey.

Note  
I would ask that you kindly send a photograph of his  
grave, if it is in your possession, to me personally, as I prefer  
to show it to my daughter at some opportune moment.

Thanking you for such attention as you may give this,  
I am,

Very truly yours,  
V.A. Moore.

VAM/LH



CO P Y.

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WRAPPER INDORSEMENT.

Graves Registration Officer, Neufchateau Area #1, A.E.F., April 15th  
1919 - to: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717, A.E.F.

1. Enclosed herewith is report of the Inspector General, investigating the reported murder of American soldiers in Cirey, Meurthe-et-Moselle.
2. The members of this Service positively identified Captain Blanton Barrett and Private Hyman Fishfanger of the 307th Inf. The rest of the bodies have been identified collectively, but not individually. When these bodies are exhumed and transferred to an American E.F. Cemetery, the unidentified will be placed in one plot and the names of all placed on one marker. It is believed this is the only way possible of marking these burials.

(signed) Chester E. Staten.  
Major Q.M.C.  
G.R. Officer.

CES/rh.

Original data attached  
to file no 80089.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

Reference - 99094.

April 10th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO : 2nd Lt. Raymond L. Hill, Commanding Co. "A", 107th Supply Train,  
A.P.O. 734, Am.E.F.  
SUBJECT : Captain Blanton Barrett, Co. "B", 307th Infantry, American E.F.

1. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I am very sorry to have to inform you that my field force has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried.
2. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be informed.

By direction

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)  
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Per

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

Barrett

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COPY

Office, Inspector General.

31, March, 1919.

MEMORANDUM:

To Inspector General.

1. I have investigated the attached communication on the subject of alleged German atrocities toward American prisoners of war at Cirey (Meurthe-et-Moselle). This investigation was made between March 9, 1919 and March 29, 1919.

2. When members of the Graves Registration Service were searching for American graves in Cirey in January, 1919, they found a grave marked on a wooden cross which stood at its head "15 tapfers Amerikaner" (15 brave Americans).

French civilians who have lived in Cirey during German occupation and during the entire war, stated that these Americans had been murdered by the Germans. This rumor of the murder of Americans had spread in Cirey and was apparently based on the following facts:

- (1) Live Americans were seen in Cirey under guard on July 21, and July 23, 1918.
- (2) On July 22, 1918, fifteen dead Americans were seen lying in a shed.
- (3) Fifteen Americans were buried in Cirey in the grave already referred to.

Nobody in Cirey saw these Americans murdered, but, considering the above facts, the French assumed they had been murdered because otherwise they did not think the Germans would bring them to Cirey for burial, but would bury them at the front had they been killed there.

3. The following witnesses were interviewed and their testimony is inclosed herewith and marked as indicated.

Camille Renaud . . . . .	Exhibit A
Joseph Richard . . . . .	" B
Mme Josephine Pickley . . . . .	" C
Isadore Pickley . . . . .	" D
Mme. Demangeon . . . . .	" E
Georges Aubry . . . . .	" F
Auguste Masson . . . . .	" G
Marl Wolter . . . . .	" H
Joseph Dupuy . . . . .	" I
Mlle. Incie Cis . . . . .	" J
Mlle Madeline Eppe . . . . .	" K

Georges Richard . . . . .	Exhibit L
Pvt. Harry L. Sheffield, Co. B, 307th Inf. . . . .	" M
Corp. Wm. Bell, Co. B, 307th Inf. . . . .	" N
Pvt. Edward Rennie, Co. B, 307th Inf. . . . .	" O
Pvt. Jack N. Korda, Co. B, 307th Inf. . . . .	" P
Pvt. George Mojstein, " " " . . . . .	" Q
Pvt. Clyde Savage " " " . . . . .	" R
Pvt. Julius Morse, San.Det. " " " . . . . .	" S
Elmer J. Patterson, Co. B, 397th Inf. . . . .	" T
Corp. Samuel Lapidus " " " . . . . .	" U
Corp. Adams Allan " " " . . . . .	" V
1st Lt. A.J. Gilleppe " " " . . . . .	" W

The report of examination of the disinterred bodies of the fifteen Americans is enclosed herewith and Marked Exhibit "X".

There is also inclosed herewith photographs taken at time of disinterment showing condition of bodies and the difficulty of definitely ascertaining the nature of the wounds.

Reports on Capt. Barrett's raid from the files of the 77th Division are inclosed herewith and marked Exhibit "Y".

4. On Sunday, July 21, 1918, at 2:00 P.M. a daylight raid on Germans trenches was made by a part of G.B. 307th Infantry for the purpose of taking prisoners. The raid was made in the Laneville Sector from the trenches then being occupied by the 77th Division. The raiding party was ambushed by the Germans. An unequal fight followed which lasted about 30 minutes. The American casualties were:

1 Officer (Capt. Barrett) and 31 enlisted men missing.

1 Officer and 19 men returned to our lines.

Of the Americans returning to our lines all but two were wounded.

5. Of the one Officer (Capt. Barrett) and 31 enlisted men reported missing in action, Company records show the following:

Captain Barrett and 16 enlisted men are marked "Killed in action."

15 enlisted men have either rejoined the company or are in the Base Hospital at Vichy, France.

These last fifteen enlisted men were all prisoners of war in Germany.

The following information was obtained concerning the men originally marked missing:

Captain Barrett was seen by Corporal Wm. Bell, Co. B, 307th Infantry to have been killed in action (Exhibit N p.4)

Corporal Bell also accounts for six other men as follows:

Corporal McHugh and Pvt. McKinley, killed in action (Exhibit N p.3)

Pvts. Schildkoeck and Fishfanger died in hospital in Cirey (Exhibit N pa.3)

Pvts. Kaurin and Cronin died in hospital in Germany (Exhibit N p.3 and 4)

Pvt. Sheffield reports Pvt. Skeets as killed in action (Exhibit N. p.3)

Report on the raid (Exhibit Y) reports Corp. Walsh as definitely killed in action.

Company records show that Sergeant Gillig, Co. B, 307th Infantry saw three other men killed in action.

Testimony of Sergeant Gillig was not taken as he was on leave during my visit to the 77th Division.

Other men saw Americans dead on the field but were unable to recognize them.

This definitely accounts for eleven of the sixteen enlisted men originally marked "missing."

Company records show that the other five men were changed from "missing" to "killed in action" on statements of men since returned from Germany/<sup>and</sup> who could not be seen by me.

Two of the seventeen missing have died in Germany, would leave fifteen to be buried in Cirey at this time. One member of the raiding party who died in a hospital in Cirey on July 22, 1918 (Pvt. Hyman Fishfanger) was buried in a separate grave. This grave is properly marked with his name and a photograph of same is inclosed.

The other grave contained fifteen Americans, Testimony shows that one of these men has previously died in a hospital in Cirey and arrangements were being made for his burial when the other dead Americans were brought to Cirey. A coffin had been provided for this one dead American but at the last minute Captain Barrett's body was placed in the coffin and the hospital patient buried with the other Americans.

In this large grave then only fourteen were members of the raiding party.

6. Of the fifteen bodies dis-interred only one body could be identified. This was the body of Captain Blanton Barrett, 307th Infantry, which was identified from a card in his shirt pocket. This card announced the birth of a daughter to Captain and Mrs. Blanton Barrett. Although not sufficient to determine positive identification by the Germans, it is sufficient under the present circumstances. The fact that Capt. Barrett's body was brought to Cirey for burial would make it very reasonable that the other men killed in action were also brought to Cirey for burial.

7. The statement of the French civilian that these Americans were practically naked were not born out by the examination of the bodies. The American who died in the hospital and who was not one of the raiding party was naked. Captain Everett had on a cotton O.D. shirt and cotton underdrawers. The other thirteen bodies had on O.D. breeches and shirts.

8. Testimony shows that seven unwounded Americans were made prisoners of war by the Germans and were taken to Cirey between four and five p.m. on July 21, 1918. They left Cirey by marching about 10:00 a.m. July 22nd. All of these seven men have since returned from Germany and report nothing unusual in regard to their treatment by the Germans. These are probably the seven Americans mentioned in the testimony of several French civilians.

9. Twelve wounded Americans taken prisoners by the Germans at the same time were taken to Cirey on July 21, 1918, and kept there until July 25, 1918. Two of these men died in the hospital in Cirey on Monday morning, July 22nd. They were probably buried with the other men who were killed in action. Two of these men died later in hospitals in Germany.

10. This would account for the thirty-two "missing" from this raid as follows:

Seventeen men known to have been taken from Cirey to Germany.

Fifteen men buried in Cirey.

11. The examination of the dis-interred bodies (Exhibit X) showed four bodies with extensive crushing injuries to skull. These four and one other showed injuries which were capable of causing, with probability, immediate death. It is impossible to definitely explain these wounds. The fighting however, is reported to have been very fierce and there were many hand to hand engagements. The opinion in the 77th Division is that it is reasonable to expect that at least seventeen would be killed in such an action.

## 12. CONCLUSION

(1) That the Americans alleged to have been murdered by the Germans were members of a raiding party that endeavored to raid the German trenches on July 21, 1918.

(2) That during the raid Capt. Blanton Barret, 307th Infantry and twelve enlisted men were killed in action. That two other enlisted men died the next morning in the hospital in Cirey from wounds received in action.

(3) That only one dead American could be recognized by the Germans. This was Pvt. Hyman Fishfanger, Co. B, 307th Infantry. He was buried in a separate grave in Cirey.

(4) That the other fourteen dead Americans and one American who died about the same time in the hospital in Cirey were buried in one grave.

5. That these Americans were not murdered by the Germans but were either killed in action or died from wounds.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS.

That no further action be taken on this report.

C. F. ABRAHAM  
Lieut. Colonel, I.G.

1st Ind.

Headquarters, Second Army, A.E.F. I.G.O., 2nd April, 1919 -  
To Adjutant General, 2nd Army, FORWARDED:

1. Conclusions and recommendations of Lt. Col. C.F. Abraham, Inf. concurred in.

A. T. OWENSHINE,  
Colonel, Inspector General.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

C. A. 107 Supply Train,  
8 March, 1919.

Graves Registration Bureau,  
Elysee Palace, Paris,

Can any information  
be given me of the grave, if  
located, of Capt. Blanton Barret,  
Co. B., 307 Inf.?

He was killed about July 25,  
1918, in the Baccarat Sector in  
the Vosges. He took a raid over,  
and was killed by the Germans  
somewhere between Ancerville  
Neuviller, probably not more than  
a half mile from the former. A  
deserter reported that the Germans  
gave Capt. Barret a military burial,  
so it is likely they marked the  
place.

As near as I can figure  
out, Capt. Barret must have  
been killed where the German  
lines run through the Bois des  
Haies and close to the Bois des Cheues,  
likely in the N.W. corner of the square  
bounded by 435-194-436-193 on the  
Ancerville-Montoux map of Pooceat  
in Luneville sector.

The patrol, starting from  
the center of the French-American  
line where it runs through the Bois  
des Haies, pushed straight north,  
passed over some German trenches,  
and were engaged from all sides in  
a small clearing. There were about  
a dozen U.S. soldiers killed. This  
occurred when the 77th Div. occupied  
the sector.

Any information you can  
give me will be appreciated.

Raymond L. Hill,  
2nd Lt. Commanding  
Co. A. 107 Supply Train  
A.P.O. 734



293. Barrett, Blanton.

2nd Ind.

HW/nwa.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., OMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. March 4, 1921.  
To: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned. There is attached herewith G.R.S. Forms #16-A covering disinterment and reburial of 18 "Unknown American Soldiers" in Cemetery 1326, CIRÉY-SUR-VEZOUZE (Vosges).

2. Attention is invited to the fact that the records of these Headquarters originally showed "Unknown American Soldier" buried in Grave 7 and Sandri LEONARDI, 2443291. Pvt. Co. C., 308th Infantry buried in Grave 8. However, upon exhuming body in Grave 7, it was identified by tag on body as that of Sandri LEONARDI. "Unknown American Soldier" originally reported buried in Grave 7, was found in Grave 8.

A. J. DAVIS

MAJOR Q.M.C.

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M. P. A. BURNS

Colonel, Q.M.C.  
Chief.

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Co. B 307 Inf.

Barrett, Planton Cap.

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Co B 307 Inf.

BARRETT Planton Captain

Missing in action July 21-1918

We went upon that front Lorrain sector about June 18-1918 a week later he was killed He was in the First Batt. He took his platoon at 2:30 P.M. over the top and was shot directly from a report of the seven men who returned. The next day three Germans gave themselves up as prisoners and they said capt. Barrett was shot and the Germans Officers gave him an Officers burial. He was shot right through the heart and killed instantly. I did not know him, we got this report in the Regt. This has been published in his home papers-

Informant: Stiber Geo J Pvt 170609  
U S Base hospital No. 1  
APO 781  
Co Hdq. 307 Inf.

Home : 248 Penn Ave. Brooklyn N Y  
Jan. 14-1919

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F/N.

Mrs V.L. Foard ARC Searcher.

Enquirer: Sgt J Adams Ord. Dept APO 702-

Missing in action July 21-1918

"Capt Barrett was killed. Lt Mulkey who was with him in the daylight raid, and was badly wounded., said he was shot down by machine gun fire and killed by a hand grenade. According to Mulkey, he was ordered to make the raid. He would never have done so without the authorization, or at least, the consent of the commanding officers. The Germans evidently knew, through their spy system, that the raid was to take place. They waited until the Americans were in a pocket and riddled them with machine gun bullets"

Informant: Sylvester Robert Capt.  
Co L 307 Inf.  
Base hospital 65  
Home : Patchogue L.I. New York  
Jan. 10-1918

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F/N.

Enquirer: Sgt J Adams Ord Dept APO 702

Mildred Stanford Searcher.-

Capt. Barrett took a daylight raid over into enemy trenches in the Baccarat Sector on a Sunday (Informant and three other officers had lunch with Barrett only an hour before the raid went over) Evidently the Germans had information of the raid because they were all ready. The party ran into six machine guns and Capt. Barrett was killed by machine gun fire. He was buried by the Germans near where he was killed, this information being told by German prisoners. Capt. Barrett's home was in Virginia-- he was a gentleman farmer--about 6'1" tall, fair complexioned, wore glasses, had a splendid soldierly bearing. He was considered an officer of the very highest type.

Informant--Prentice John H. Major  
Hospital Base A R C No 3  
307th Inf.  
Home Address--New York, New York,  
Nov. 25, 1918

Releaser E. Johnson  
Searcher

S.  
Sgt. F.W. Adams-Cdr. Dept. A.P.O. 702

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Missing in action July 21-1918

Capt. Barrett was killed in a daylight raid. The Germans knew all about it and waited till they got the Americans in a pocket, then attached them by a cross fire of machine guns I wasn't an eyewitness we came up afterward in support Lt Mulkey was wounded, riddled with machine gun bullets- I saw him carried back. The boys that weren't killed waited till dark and crawled back- follows do not expect to go back alive" I do not know anything personally about him.

Informant: Schulman George Cpl 705027  
Base hospital 65  
Co C 307 Inf. Michael R Cpl 168133  
Home : ----- (evac. to US)  
Jan 21-1919  
Lockport N Y  
Jan. 1919

F/N.

Mildred Stanford Searcher

Enquirer: Sgt J Adams Ord Dept APO 702-

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Missing in action July 21-1918

Capt Barrett took over a company on a daylight attack at Newville, on the Lorrian sector I do not know the date. He was killed by machine gun bullets.

They say his body was brought back. It was a misquotation of time in the orders it should have been 3:00 A.M. and it read 3:00 P.M. Captain Barrett said to his men "you fellows do not expect to go back alive" I do not know anything personally about him.

Jan 27-1919

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J R Schanz

Searcher

Informant: White Michael R Cpl 1680382

USBH No. 1 Vichy

Co D 307 Inf.

Home : Lockport N Y

Jan. 1919

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Mrs V.L. Foard ARC Searcher.

Enquirer: Sgt J Adams rd Dept APO 702-

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Top Sgt Todd left for the States in Nov. left a list of names of men  
killed in day light raid about 2.30 afternoon with Pvt O'Neil all of B.Co  
307 Inf;-

Informant: Cpl Daniel O'Neil 1704806  
Co B 307 Inf.

Camp 1 St-Nazaire  
Home : 1044 Jefferson Ave Brooklyn N Y  
Jan 27-1919

F/N. J F Schunck Searcher -

Enquirer: Sgt J Adams Ord Dept. APO 702-

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Missing in action July 21-1918

Killed in action July 21st- while conducting a raiding party in Lorraine  
A letter giving details has been written to his father in law V.A. Moore  
Atlanta Georgia His personal affects were boxed and sent to his wife in  
care of V.A. Moore.

B F Plimpton Searcher  
Jan. 22-1919

F/N.

Enquirer: Sgt J Adams Ord Dept. APO 702

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Donnelly was Barretts orderly Barrett led out 53 men in a day time  
They had practical for it for a week. The subject was to get prisoners  
they all fell into a German trap- Donnelly was in the same raid by  
side of Barrett at the time Barrett was killed every one of the 54 were  
killed as wounded or taken prisoners only 19 got tack. -one of the 19 was  
Donnelly The next day 3 Germans were taken prisoners. They said that  
Barrett was buried-

Informant: Donnelly Hugh Pvt 1/C; 1704777

Taken at H.D.Q.

Dist Paris Clignancourt

Co B 307 Inf.

Home : 240 Ainslie St Brookly N Y

Jan 23-1919

F/N

Enquirer: Sgt J Adams Ord Dept APO 702-

Mahel H Kittredge Searcher

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ra. It was one of the men who went with Capt. Barrett on the afternoon raid, on but the Lorraine Front. It was pulled off in the afternoon, without any barrage. The idea was to capture prisoners. There were two officers, the captain and the second lieutenant, and about fifty men. The Lt. was wounded and the Capt. killed. This captain was a real army man. So far as I can tell you, the ~~major~~ major wouldn't give him permission to make the raid, so he went to the colonel, and he gave him permission. He was offered a barrage, but wouldn't have it. He thought there was nothing to it. Of course, this is only company talk. It was in the Baccarat sector. We weren't willing to go, because it was broad daylight and without barrage, and the German observation balloon was up there watching us. We asked the Captain whether it was compulsory or voluntary, because it looked to us like death. He said: "when I call you, it is compulsory." A couple of nights before he had been out on patrol himself, and had found only a handful of Germans there. It was only a practice sector for us, and as we never went over the top there, it was not likely there would be much resistance. From our position (trenches) to theirs (German) was about half a mile. We had to go through about 200 yds of barbed wire, and they let us get through before they opened fire - saw our half-coming, let us get close to them, then opened up on us. Then the only chance for us was capture or going back. We couldn't get back very fast.

They blew a bugle and their men came running from every direction. They looked to be about 20 to our one. There were hundreds of them. Their bugle was their signal to fire. The Capt. was about the fifth man killed - was near the trenches when it happened ahead of us. When we saw him killed there was nothing to it. Those that gave up were captured, and those who didn't had a hard fight - very few got back. They used machine gun fire on us - we had Chauchaut guns - no tools compared to theirs. I don't know how I ever got back, but I did without a wound. I saw one fellow by the name of Fishfinger captured. There were only three or four captured.

The rest were killed. That was our first experience. After that we knew what it meant going over the top. Lt. Mulkey was wounded, but he was close to our lines and they pulled them back. We all liked our captain, and I don't know how it happened how he made such a mistake. He just had it figured out wrong. There were some many spies in Baccarat, the talk went about a couple days before the raid was pulled off. When we heard that we were really to go, the night before, we really thought for a while the Captain was joking. When we knew it was true, the boys who were going gave away their things to the ones who weren't and settled their affairs, for they didn't expect to get back. Sgt. Gillick took the place of one man who felt very badly about going - said he didn't mind and nobody would know the difference.

Informant: Lipman, Herman Pvt. I721437  
Co. B, 307th Inf.  
Kerhuon Hosp. Center,  
Jan. 29th, 1919.  
Home address: 775 Tinton Av. Bronx,

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Barrett Blanton

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QM 293 A-M  
Barrett, Blanton (MA)

January 16, 1933.

Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore Furniture Co., Inc.,  
P.O. Box 1426, B.V.,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 11th advising that you cannot sail May 17th on the PRESIDENT HARDING to visit the grave of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett.

It is regretted you are unable at this time to accept the last offer of the Government to make the pilgrimage. Should you later find it possible to sail May 17th, it is requested you advise this office and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Barrett, Blanton (MA)

February 27, 1932

Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
% Moore's Furniture Co. Inc.,  
P. O. Box #1426,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 24th, advising that you are unable to sail May 17th on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett.

I am indeed sorry that circumstances prevent you from making the journey at this time and hope you may be able to take advantage of the offer of the Government at some future date. You will be communicated with again when pilgrimages are being arranged for next year and it is hoped you will be able to arrange to make the trip then, as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Barrett, Blanton (M-A) W

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co., Inc.,  
P. O. Box 1426,  
Dear Madam: Miami, Fla.

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The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the LIVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

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In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 5, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested you advise this office to that effect.

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-AM

Barrett, Blanton Cpt. (MA) M+

July 10, 1931.

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co. Inc.  
P. O. Box 1426,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Florida

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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Sign here

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QM 293 A-M  
Barrett, Blanton 1232 W

February 12, 1931

Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
% Moore's Furniture Co., P.O. Box 1426,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 11, 1931, declining the invitation to sail on the GEORGE WASHINGTON May 6, 1931, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1932, 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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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Barrett, Blanton 1232-W

January 27, 1931

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co.,  
P. O. Box 1426,  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 6, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before February 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-M

October 20, 1930.

Barrett, Blanton 1232 W Capt.

Mrs. Blanton Moor Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co., Inc.,  
P.O.Box 1426,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Fla.  
Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 295 A-M

Barrett, Blanton 1232 W

July 2, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett  
P. O. Box 1426, B. V.,  
Miami, Florida

Dear Madam:

Your letter dated June 20, 1930, addressed to the Veterans Bureau, inquiring as to whether or not you would be allowed a sum of money in lieu of the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, has been referred to this office for reply.

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

In view of the foregoing, it is requested you communicate with this office definitely as to whether or not you desire to make the journey.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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June 26, 1930.

QM 293 A-M  
Barrett, Blanton 1232 W

VX 201 Honorable Duncan U. Fletcher,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 23, 1930, with enclosures, relative to the desire of Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett, P. O. Box 1426, B. V., Miami, Florida, to receive a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

In this connection, you are advised there is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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  
Barrett, Blanton 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co., Inc.,  
Buena Vista, P. O. Box 1426,  
Miami, Fla.

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)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Barrett, Blanton 1232 W

February 3, 1930.

Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co., Inc.,  
P. O. Box #1426, Buena Vista, Miami, Florida.

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. 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,

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

January 27, 1930

Barrett, Blanton 1232

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Store,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Fla.

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 Capt. Blanton Barrett, Co. B, 307th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Barrett, Blanton

September 9, 1929

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Store,  
Buena Vista,  
Miami, Florida

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated August 12, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

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

**Barrett, Blanton**

**August 12, 1929**

**Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Store,  
Buena Vista,  
Miami, Florida**

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 **Captain Blanton Barrett, Co. B, 307th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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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  
Barrett, Blanton

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
c/o V. A. Moore,  
Healy Bldg.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

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 Captain Blanton Barrett, Co. B, 307th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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.

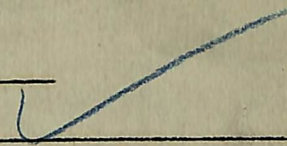
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Barrett	3	218 <sup>0</sup>
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	03
	ROW	2	16
	BLOCK	1	6
STATE	ny	2	37
RANK	Capt	1	1
DIVISION	77	2	77
ORGANIZATION	307	3	307
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	yes	1	1
NAME	Barrett	3	218 <sup>0</sup>
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	09
	COUNTY	2	13
	CITY	3	016
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER	Daughter	1	3
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	1	
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QM 293 A-M  
Barrett, Blanton (MA)

January 16, 1933.

Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore Furniture Co., Inc.,  
P.O. Box 1426, B.V.,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 11th advising that you cannot sail May 17th on the PRESIDENT HARDING to visit the grave of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett.

It is regretted you are unable at this time to accept the last offer of the Government to make the pilgrimage. Should you later find it possible to sail May 17th, it is requested you advise this office and arrangements will be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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## MOORE FURNITURE COMPANY

INCORPORATED

N. E. SECOND AVENUE AT FORTIETH STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA

January  
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The Quartermaster General,  
Munitions Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I regret that the necessity for providing for my family prevents my acceptance of the Government's invitation.

I cannot afford to leave my position for the necessary length of time.

I had hoped that things would work out so that the financial strain would ease up enough to permit me to make this trip, but instead they get tighter.

Assuring you of my appreciation and my sincere regret at not being able to avail myself of this opportunity, I am,

Sincerely,

*Margaret Moore Barrett*

Margaret Moore Barrett (Mrs. Blanton)  
c/o Moore Furniture Co., Inc.,  
P.O. Box 1426, B.V.,  
Miami, Fla.

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Barrett, Blanton

I Decline by wire 2-24-32  
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 provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett  
(Name)  
90 Moore's Furniture Co. Inc.  
P. O. Box 1426, Buena Vista, Miami, Fla.  
(Town or city) (State)

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QM 293 A-M  
Barrett, Blanton (MA)

February 27, 1932

Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
% Moore's Furniture Co. Inc.,  
P. O. Box #1426,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 24th, advising that you are unable to sail May 17th on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett.

I am indeed sorry that circumstances prevent you from making the journey at this time and hope you may be able to take advantage of the offer of the Government at some future date. You will be communicated with again when pilgrimages are being arranged for next year and it is hoped you will be able to arrange to make the trip then, as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C.

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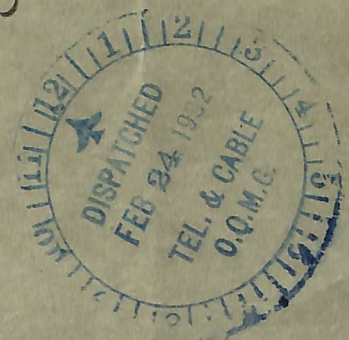
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=MRS BLANTON BARRETT.

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*Barrett - Blanton*

Washington, D. C. February 23, 1952.

MRS BLANTON MOORE BARRETT  
C/O MOORE'S FURNITURE CO INC  
P O BOX 1426  
BUENA VISTA MIAMI FLORIDA

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY SEVENTEEN NOT RECEIVED

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4028GSM

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QM 293 A-M Barrett, Blanton (MA) W

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Washington, D. C. February 23, 1932.

MRS BLANTON MOORE BARRETT  
C/O MOORE'S FURNITURE CO INC  
P O BOX 1426  
BUENA VISTA MIAMI FLORIDA

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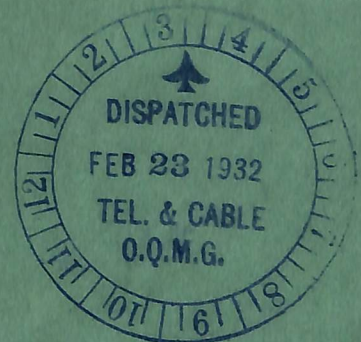
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4026GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Barrett, Blanton (MA) W

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QM 293 A-M

Barrett, Blanton (M-A) W

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co., Inc.,  
P. O. Box 1426,  
Dunn Station, Miami, Fla.

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The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the LIVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 5, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Barrett, Blanton Cpt. (MA) M\*

July 10, 1931.

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co. Inc.  
P. O. Box 1426,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Florida

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

QM 293 A-M  
Barrett, Blanton 1232 W

February 12, 1931

Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
% Moore's Furniture Co., P.O. Box 1426,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 11, 1931, declining the invitation to sail on the GEORGE WASHINGTON May 6, 1931, to visit the grave of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1932, 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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Barrett, Blanton

I Decline <sup>2-11-31</sup> by telegram - To go in 1932  
(Accept or decline) the invitation extended

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. Blanton Moore Barrett  
90 Moore's Furniture Co. <sup>(Name)</sup> - Buena Vista  
Miami, Dade Co., Fla.  
(Town or City) (State)

# Signal Corps, United States Army

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Washington, D. C.

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RE 2531 GSM REGRET CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE TRIP IMPOSSIBLE MAY  
SIXTH THIS YEAR STOP COULD MY TRIP BE MADE IN NINETEEN  
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MRS BLANTON BARRETT.

Barrett -

*Decline Wash.  
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Listed to go in 1932*

*Bl Barrett*

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RECORD ATTACHED

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1931

MRS. BLANTON MOORE BARRETT,  
C/O MOORE'S FURNITURE CO.  
P. O. BOX 1426,  
BUENA VISTA, MIAMI, FLA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY SIXTH NOT RECEIVED STOP  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2531GSM

A.D.H.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Barrett, Blanton 1232-W



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Barrett, Blanton 1232-W

January 27, 1931

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co.,  
P. O. Box 1426,  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 6, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before February 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 295 A-M

Barrett, Blanton 1232 W

July 2, 1930.

Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett  
P. O. Box 1426, B. V.,  
Miami, Florida

Dear Madam:

Your letter dated June 20, 1930, addressed to the Veterans Bureau, inquiring as to whether or not you would be allowed a sum of money in lieu of the pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Captain Blanton Barrett, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, has been referred to this office for reply.

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

In view of the foregoing, it is requested you communicate with this office definitely as to whether or not you desire to make the journey.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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June 27, 1930.

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Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett,  
Post Office Box 1426, B. V.,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 20, 1930, relative to the legislation providing pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe, by mothers and widows of deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces who are now interred in such cemeteries.

The administration of the legislation in which you are interested is under the jurisdiction of the War Department, to which department your letter is being referred for attention.

ASSISTANT & CHIEF CLERK  
JUN 28 1930  
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For the Director,

O'C. ROBERTS,  
Assistant General Counsel.

Hall



Miami, Fla.  
June 20, 1930.

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Chief Veterans Bureau,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My husband was Capt. Blanton Barrett, 307th Infantry,  
Company B., 77th Division. He was killed in action  
July 18th, 1918.

I have received letters from the Government relative  
to visiting the cemeteries in France. I have wanted  
very much to go, and filed my application for 1931,  
hoping that I would have my affairs in such shape that  
the trip would be possible.

However I am so terribly pushed financially that I am  
writing you to ask if I didn't go, could I have the  
money the trip would cost? I work as hard as it is  
possible for a person to work, but things are hard  
here and it is going to be impossible, even with the  
closest management to pay the interest on the mortgage  
on my home. If, by giving up the trip I could manage  
that, it would enable me to keep my home in which I  
have put every cent that it was possible to set aside  
from the living expenses of myself, my daughter, and  
my mother, whom I must support.

I would certainly appreciate your consideration of  
this matter and assure you that there is no stone I  
have left unturned before writing you, and that my need  
is dire.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,  
*Margaret Moore Barrett*

Margaret Moore Barrett,  
(Mrs. Blanton Barrett)  
P.O. Box 1426, B.V.,  
Miami, Fla.

June 26, 1930.

QM 295 A-M  
Barrett, Stanton 1232 W

Honorable Duncan U. Fletcher,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 23, 1930, with enclosures, relative to the desire of Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett, P. O. Box 1428, E. V., Miami, Florida, to receive a money allowance in lieu of the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of March 2, 1922.

In this connection, you are advised there is no provision of the law which would permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow in lieu of the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
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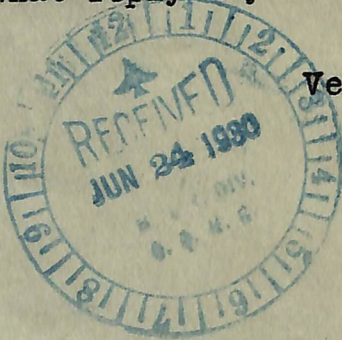
The Quartermaster General,  
 Munitions Building,  
 War Department.

My dear Sir:

Please advise - with return of enclosures,  
 what reply may be made to Mrs. Barrett, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

*Duncan U. Fletcher*



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 Barrett, Mrs.  
 Fletcher, Quartermaster

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MOORE FURNITURE COMPANY  
N.E. SECOND AVENUE AT FORTIETH STREET  
MIAMI FLORIDA

June 20, 1930.

Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I am Mrs. Margaret Moore Barrett, a cousin of the late Mr. T. V. Moore, whom you no doubt remember. My husband was Captain Blanton Barrett, Co. B., 307th Infantry, 77th Division. He was killed in action in the second battle of the Marne, July 19, 1918.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have written to the Chief of the Veterans' Bureau, which is self-explanatory.

I would certainly appreciate it if you could interest yourself in this matter. There are places I could go and ask for money, but so far I have been able to shoulder my own responsibilities, and I do think that I can weather this tight place, things will get better here. Having known Cousin Vivian as well as you did, you perhaps understand better than most that it would be preferable to me to give up anything belonging to me, no matter how dear, and stand on my own feet, than to have to ask help as a favor.

I am taking the liberty of bringing this matter to your attention because it is very vital to me, and know that if anything can be done about it you will do it.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely,

Margaret Moore Barrett  
P. O. Box 1426 B V  
Miami, Florida.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Barrett, Blanton 1232 W

February 3, 1930.

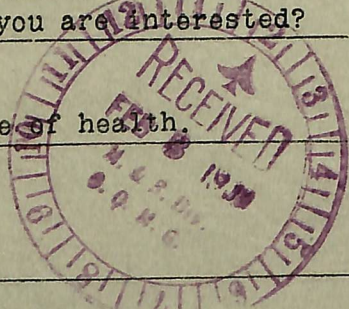
Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Co., Inc.,  
P. O. Box #1426, Buena Vista, Miami, Florida.

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. 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?	<i>yes</i> (Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<i>No</i> (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)	<i>No</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>35</i> (Years)	Health <i>Good</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - <i>yes</i> (Yes)	(No) Other language <i>French</i> (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  
Barrett, Blanton 1232

January 27, 1930

Mrs. Blanton ~~Moore~~ Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Store,  
Buena Vista, Miami, Fla.

→ Mrs. Blanton Barrett  
or  
Margaret Moore Barrett

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 Capt. Blanton Barrett, Co. B, 307th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

Yes.

2. If so, give her complete address.

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P.O. Box 1426 B. Co.,  
Miami, Fla.

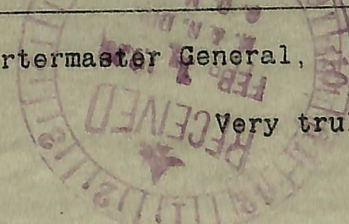
3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

No woman of this status  
but a little daughter  
who never saw him.  
but adores his memory.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
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John T. Harris  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Barrett, Blanton

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Blanton Moore Barrett,  
c/o Moore's Furniture Store,  
Diens Vista,  
Miami, Florida

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 Captain Blanton Barrett, Co. B, 307th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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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  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Barrett, Blanton

June 29, 1929.

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Mrs. Blanton Barrett,  
~~c/o V. A. Moore,~~  
~~Healy Bldg.,~~  
~~Atlanta, Ga.~~

*Moore's Furniture Store*  
*Buena Vista,*  
*Miami, Fla.*

*XC 116222*  
*7-27*  
*JH*

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Captain Blanton Barrett, Co. B, 307th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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.

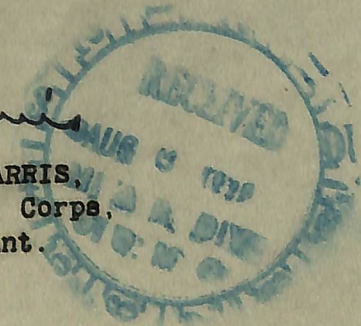
For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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