

To The A. G. O.

14102

G.R.S. Form #114-B

OCT 6 - 1926

FULL NAME *✓* . BEX, Curtis

RANK *✓* . Private 1/cl SERIAL *✓* . 5784

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *✓* . Med. Det., 9th Inf. *2 Div*

DATE OF DEATH *✓* . *Oct 4 1918*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *✓* . *Indiana*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. *6/9/25* *35* *43* *H*
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse Argonne American Cemetery # 1232
Cemetery

OCT 6 1926
A. G. O.
WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY

*8471
83*

Prof Curtis

RECEIVED



ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK

APR 16 1919

5 WAR DEPT.

J.M.B.

Washington - D.C., Apr 16th 1919
Hon. Deey War Baker,
Washington - D.C.

U.S. C. & G.

CEM. BR.

Rec'd

APR 17 1919

Dear Sir:

Since receiving the information that my son Curtis E. Bex, 9th Infantry Metal Tag 201 was killed last October, I desire that the body be returned to me at Huron, Indiana, for permanent burial.

Please inform me if this can be done and if possible about when I may expect the body to arrive.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am
Respt. - Ulysses D. Bex,
Father

Address reply to
Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army,
WASHINGTON.

No. **293.3-Cemeterial.** April 18, 1919.
From: Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.
To: **Mr. Ulysses S. Bax, Washington, Ind.**
Subject: **Shipment home of the remains of Curtis E. Bax, 9th Infantry, killed October 1918.**

1. This office is in receipt of your **letter of the 10th instant,** requesting shipment to **you at Hiron, Indiana, for burial - - - - -** of the remains of **your son, Curtis E. Bax - - - - -** deceased.

2. In reply I regret to inform you that it will not be possible to comply with your request immediately, but whenever it is practicable to ship the remains home, it will be done. If the address indicated above is not correct, or you should desire that your request be canceled, this office should be advised accordingly.

3. Under existing regulations the necessary steps are being taken by the military authorities to mark the grave of every soldier who has died abroad or been killed in battle and to register the number and location of the grave, so as to establish beyond a doubt his identity when it becomes practicable to disinter his remains for removal to the United States.

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

By:

H.R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

PGW

Copy to Zone S.O.,
New York City.

APR 18 1919
MAILED

293.3 Bax, Curtis E.

*Bex, Curtis
P.F.C.*

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

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

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK AUGUST 27, 1930

S. S. AMERICA

No. 612

Name Mrs Sarah E Bex (S-5)
Address Mitchell, Ind.
From Mitchell, Ind. To New York City and return

Going Route

B&O to New York City

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Mitchell 2:05 PM No. 4 Aug. 25
Ar. Jersey City 2:08 PM No. 6 Aug. 26

Sleeping car from Mitchell to Jersey City

Elapsed time 24 Hrs 3 Min *1/4*

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^{Bex, Curtis}
MEDICAL RECORD Party S. Group T

Prot 1cl, Md. Det. 99mf.

Station: Verdun

Date: Sept 10th 1930

Name Mrs. S. E. Bex Bex

Home address 1019 W. Warren St., Mitchell, Ind.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs. Georgi Paulina (daughter)
720 N. O St., Bedford Ind.

Religion Prot. Age 62

History of Present complaint: 10/9 Feeling "sick in the stomach" Diarrhea
Weakness. Feeling chilly. Temp. normal. Heat applied
externally. Brandy 20cc. Milk of Magn. 25 cc. at 10⁴⁵ p.m.
Brandy 20 cc. at 12 m. n. Vomited once during night
11/9 Feeling weak. Complains of headache.

12.9.30. Stood journey well. 9s rested and very well this a.m. (in M. Stewart-hurse)
14.9.30. Kept in bed today Complts of headache. (over) Feeling better: up today.

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 9/10/30 Intestinal La^ontation RHE

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 9/10/30 Milk of magnesia - Brandy RHE
9-11-30 Some vomiting during night. This morning complaining of
headache only. Has had aspirin & bromide this day.
14. 9. 30. Aspirin 8^{rs}X. Brandy 15^{se}.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: ⁹⁻¹¹⁻³⁰ R.P. 110/70

Sept 18-30 To Cherbourg - Beach.

Party "S" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed August 27, 1930 on AMERICA. Capt. R. E. Shannon in charge. Capt. Merrill Ross assistant. Arrived Cherbourg September 5th. Met by 11 officers, 8 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Train left 3.30 pm. Arrived Gare des Invalides in Paris at 10.15pm. Met by Officer in Charge and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- Sept. 6th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Wreath placed on tomb of Unknown Soldier at 3.50pm by Mrs. Mary Damon for Party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 7th. Left 7.15am for Verdun via Porte de Pantin Neaux, La Porte sous Jouarre, Montmirail (rest stop Hotel du Vert), Chalons s/ Marne (lunch Hotel Haute Marne); Ste Menould (rest stop Modern Hotel). Arrived Verdun 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel Neuvel.
- Sept. 8th. Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.
- Sept. 10th.
- Sept. 11th. Left Verdun at 9.15am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Charpentry; Argonne Forest; Four de Paris; Vienne-le-Chateau; Vienne-le-Ville; Somme Biomes; Suippes (rest stop Hotel Champagne); Juchery; St. Milaire-le-Grand; Arrived 6.15pm. Quarters Hotel Bristol Crystal.
- Sept. 12th. Tour Reims and Cathedral. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Left 1.30pm for Paris via Champfleury Ay; Eprenay; Dormans; Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme) Bolleau Woods; Le Thiolet Montreuil-aux-Lions, La Porte sous Jouarre. Arrived Paris 6.45pm.
- Sept. 13th. Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip of Paris. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 14th. Free or church. Lunch at hotel. Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- Sept. 15th. Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch at Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Departed 4pm via Melun. Arrived Paris 6.30pm. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 16th. Versailles. Lunch at hotel in Paris. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 17th. Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- Sept. 18th. Train left Gare des Invalides at 2.12pm for Cherbourg. Arrived 8.30pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 11pm. Arrived New York September 26, 1930.

Bel, Curtis

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BEX, CURTIS — M.A.

Party "S"
 Number 3499

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Bex, Mrs. Sarah E. Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

Mitchell, Lawrence County New York, to *Mitchell, Ind.*
 Home Address

Ind. \$ *9.00*

New York, to *Mitchell, Ind.*
 Destination

Via *B & O to dest.*

Ticket expires: *Sept. 27, 1930*
 Nov. 24, 1930 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	Jersey City	B&O	<i>1</i>	<i>9/27</i>	<i>1:30p</i>			
AR	<i>Mitchell, Ind.</i>	"	<i>9/28</i>	<i>10:39a</i>	<i>Lo 6</i>	<i>A-1</i>	<i>Wg-1024623</i>	<i>9.00</i>
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TOTAL *9.00*

Remarks:

Capt. Harrell

2499

NAME BEX, MRS. SARAH W.

S.S. HARDING SEP 28 1930

HOME MITCHELL, LAWRENCE COUNTY, (IND.)

R.R. *Boo to dest*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE *Nov. 26-31*

1552

BEX

Name **BOX**, Mrs Sarah E.

Paris Hôtel **HOTEL AMBASSADOR**

BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address **Mitchell, Lawrence County, Indiana**

Party **S** Group **I** Unit **S/S AMERICA**

Date of arrival **SEPT. 5. 1930** Date of departure **S/S HARDING, Sept. 10, 1930**

Relationship **Mother**

Name of deceased **BOX, Curtis**

Rank **PCF** Organization **Med. Det. Inf. 9th**

Cemetery **MEUSE ARGONNE**

REMARKS

Mrs. Bex unable ~~to~~ to come back from Verdun by bus, returned to Paris by train on Sept. 11th, 7.24 p.m. accompanied by Miss Stewart.



August 12th, 1930.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell,
Indiana.
Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

*Quarters - Ny sent Mrs S Wilson
of West Mrs Ketural Thurman*

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Arrived Ny 2:08 PM - Aug 26

Train 6 - B & O RR

Capt Harrod

Enclosures:
2 tags

quarters in Cabin 313a on America

with Mrs. Melia Poole & Mrs Ella Armstrong

J. L. Mayo

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bef</i>	<i>Bo Ex</i>	3	<i>25-4¹²</i>
<i>Curtis</i>	CEMETERY <i>232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>35</i>	2	<i>35</i>
	ROW <i>43</i>	3	<i>43</i>
	BLOCK <i>H</i>	1	<i>8</i>
STATE	<i>Ind.</i>	2	<i>15</i>
BANK	<i>Post 1/c</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>9</i>	3	<i>009</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bef Mrs</i>	<i>Bo Bef</i>	5	<i>25-12</i>
<i>Sarah E</i>	STATE <i>Ind</i>	2	<i>15-4</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Lawrence</i>	2	<i>47</i>
	CITY <i>Mitchell</i>	3	<i>057</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
	<i>no</i>		

Sailed

2/19/30

*Archived
OCT 9 1931
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NAME Box, Mrs. Sarah E. S

ADDRESS Mitchell, Indiana

DATE

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

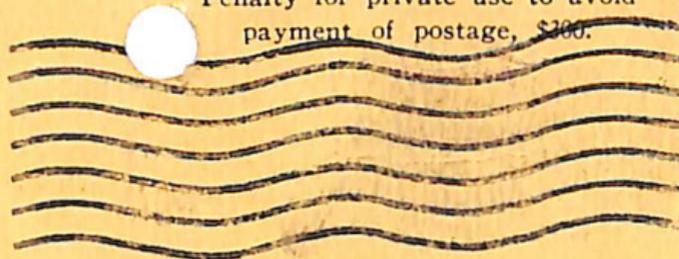
I beg to inform you that I have returned to my
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Sarah E. Box

WAR DEPARTMENT

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



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

..... INDIANA

Bex, Curtis^SM
NAME **Bex, Mrs. Sarah E.** HOME ADDRESS **Mitchell, Lawrence County**NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Mrs. S. Polonie 720 No. 0 St
Bedford, Ind.*ARRIVAL IN NEW YORKDATE *Aug 26* HOTEL *Pennsylvania* ROOM NO. *712a*DEPARTURE NEW YORKDATE **August 27, 1930** VESSEL **SS AMERICA** CABIN NO. *313a*DESTINATION **CHERBOURG** CEMETERY **M.A.**

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE .SEP. 26. 1930

Mitchell, Indiana
Lawrence County

NAME BEX, MRS. SARAH E. HOME ADDRESS

RETURN ON S. S. HOTEL ROOM NO. 1552

S/S HARDING
S/S AMERICA
S/S HARDING

PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 9/27

ROAD B&O TRAIN 1 CAR A-1 BERTH or SEAT L6

REMARKS
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1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Anna 8-27-30

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

Deliver to addressee only

Sarah E. Box

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

8-6
Date of delivery -----, 19*30*

Form 3811

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF
POSTAGE, \$300.



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

3534

RETURN RECEIPT

1732

Annica 8-27-30

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

Sarah E. Box

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

8-4

1930

Form 3811

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

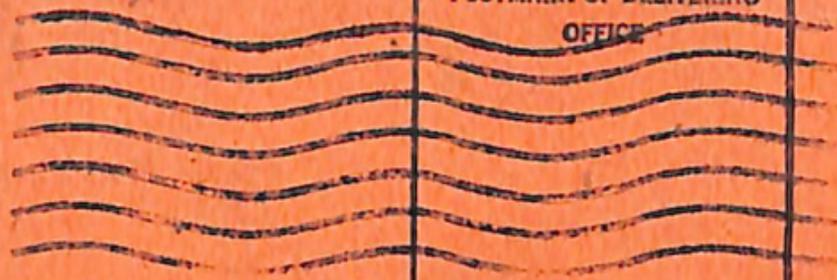
REGISTERED ARTICLE



No. 925

INSURED PARCEL

No.



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

Street and Number, }
or Post Office Box, }

(NAME OF BUILDER)
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Post Office at

State Washington D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bex, Curtis PFC 1232 M

August 4, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell,
Indiana.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ³³⁴²¹² in the
amount of \$ ^{12.50}, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

XXX A-M

Box, Curtis 1252 M

August 1, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Box
Mitchell, Indiana

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Mitchell	B&O	No. 4	2.05 PM	August 25
Ar. Jersey City "	"	6	2.08 PM	26

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 893 - A-C

Bex, Curtis, - 1232 M

May 28, 1930.

Mr. Ray R. Mitchell,
Lawrence Circuit Court,
Bedford, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20, 1930, relative to the passport of Mrs. Sarah E. Bex, Mitchell, Indiana, for the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that the matter has been taken up with the State Department and the necessary blanks have been forwarded to you.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

LAWRENCE CIRCUIT COURT

JAMES A. COX, JUDGE

Lawrence
BEDFORD, INDIANA

May 20th, 1930.

War Department,
Office of Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I have a request for a Special Pilgrimage Passport and have none on hand. This one is to be issued to Mrs. Sarah E. Bex, Mitchell, Indiana and she presents your letter of May 12th, 1930, your file QM 293 A-C, Curtis Bex 1232 M as authority to have it issued.

If she is applying to the proper office, will you kindly forward me one application, and oblige,

Yours very truly,



Ray R Mitchell
Clerk

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bex, Curtis-1232 M
America 8-27

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

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

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

ms Georgia Bex Polinic
Name
720 north 9th Bedford Ind
Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,
A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl.
Env.

America

8/27/30

1232

Bey, Curtis

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,

(Name)

Mitchell, Lawrence County, Indiana

(Town or City)

(State)

Bex, Curtis
1232

list for May 1930
card punched accordingly
U.P.

Mitchell Gr. I

1-29-30

293

Part - Curtis

To the War Department.

Washington D.C.

I have just been advised by
Congressman James W. Dumber
that I am listed to make the pilgrimage ^{to France}
at a later date other than 1930.

"now" this is what I wish to do. I wish to
go on the first pilgrimage, and have
made my plans to do so.

So please change my list to the first
pilgrimage of 1930

and ablige

Mrs Sarah E. Bex

1019 West W. 1st St

Mitchell Gr. I

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK
JAN 29 1930
2 WAR DEPT.

gms

RECEIVED
JAN 30 1930
U.S. DIV.
O. P. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bex, Curtis 1232 M

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell, Ind.

Dear Madam:

Sailed
AUG 27 1930

later letter states desire
to make trip in 1930
Card re-punched and listed up.

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>61</u> Health <u>Poor</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak? <u>english</u>	English <u>Yes</u> (Yes) (No) Other language <u>no</u> (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bex, Curtis
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell, Ind.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~June~~ July 29, 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:

*His mother
was married.*

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.

*yes his real
mother.*

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

*yes,
Mrs Sarah E. Bex*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Box, Curtis.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Box,
Mitchell, Ind.

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 mother of the late **Private, First class Curtis Box, Med. Detch. 9th 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 widow 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.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

XXX A-1

Bex, Curtis 1232 M

August 1, 1930

**Mrs. Sarah E. Bex
Mitchell, Indiana**

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Box, Curtis - 1232 read carefully the suggestions made above June 12, 1930
and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort through-
out the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out success-
fully the pilgrimage. This letter is being
Mrs. Sarah E. Box, conducted the pilgrimage. This letter is being
Mitchell, Ind. and widow who has accepted the invitation sent
by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

Dear Madam: Quartermaster General

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 - H-C

Bex, Curtis, - 1232 M

May 28, 1930.

Mr. Ray R. Mitchell,
Lawrence Circuit Court,
Bedford, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20, 1930, relative to the passport of Mrs. Sarah E. Bex, Mitchell, Indiana, for the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929.

In this connection you are advised that the matter has been taken up with the State Department and the necessary blanks have been forwarded to you.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 235 A-C
Box, Curtis

May 14, 1930.

Mr. Christopher B. Coleman,
Director, Historical Bureau, State House,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May
5, 1930, concerning the place of burial of the late
Private, first class Curtis Box, M. D., 9th Infantry.

You are informed that the remains of the late
soldier are permanently interred in Grave 35, Row 43,
Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-
Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

May 12, 1930.

Box, Curtis 1232 M

Mrs. Sarah E. Sox,
Mitchell, Ind.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Bex, Curtis-1232 M
America 8-27

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Box, Curtis 1930
America 8-27

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Sarah E. Box,
Mitchell, Ind.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Historical Bureau

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5 May 1930

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re record of Curtis Bex, 5784, private
first class, M.D., 9th Infantry.

Where is he buried?

Sincerely,


Director.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Box, Curtis - 1232 H

B. ex, Curtis

Mrs. Sarah E. Box
1019 West Warren Street,
Mishawaka, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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JAN 20 1930

Honorable James W. Dunbar,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 10, 1930, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

In connection with Mrs. Sarah E. Bex's taking her nineteen year old son with her on the above pilgrimage, the Act of March 2, 1929, provides that invitations for a pilgrimage shall be extended only to the mothers and widows for whom it is authorized. It does not contain any provision which will permit anyone else to make the pilgrimage. It is, therefore, regretted to have to advise that Mrs. Bex's son is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage at Government expense.

It is, of course, possible for relatives and friends to secure accommodations on the same steamship and arrange for accommodations in Europe, and if Mrs. Bex's son desires to do this at his own expense, he should take the matter up direct with the steamship company when his mother is notified of the ship upon which passage for her has been engaged. In the event that Mr. Bex secures passage on the same ship on which his mother makes the crossing, he should understand that it may not be possible to secure accommodations in the same hotel outside of Paris in which the Government will have made reservation for his mother, nor will it be possible for him to make the pilgrimage to the cemetery in company with his mother for whom bus transportation will be provided by the Government.

In connection with your statement that Mrs. Bex would like to go on the first pilgrimage, the records of this office show a statement by Mrs. Bex to the effect that she does not wish to make the pilgrimage in 1930, and accordingly she has been listed by this office among those to make the pilgrimage later than 1930. In the event that Mrs. Bex has changed her mind, she should communicate with this office, so that her desires in the matter may be met in so far as practicable.

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You may assure Mrs. Bex that competent personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the groups of mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) PATRIOT J. HURLBY

Secretary of War.

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This record copy will be returned to the S. O. M. C. after mailing.

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ROOM 242, STATE, WAR, AND NAVY BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR

Date January 14, 1930.

Subject: **Letter from Cong. Dunbar 1/10/30 re eligibility
of Mrs. Sarah E. Box to make pilgrimage**

Bex

To: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

- 1 Necessary action.
- 2 Necessary action and direct reply.
- 3 ~~Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of THE ASST. Secy. of War.~~
- 4 Nec. action and prep. of reply for sig. of the Executive.
- 5 Preparation of memo. to inclose with reply.
- 6 Preparation of memo. on which to base personal reply.
- 7 Remark and recommendation.
- 8 Notation and filing or return.

By direction of *The Assistant Secretary of War:*

Geo. Van Horn Moseley,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army.
Executive.

*By Capt Stanchip
Major Cook*

Con. Camp, Desib. Rel. to # 26

JAMES W. DUNBAR
3D DISTRICT INDIANA

Recorded, M. & R. Div., W. D.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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January 10, 1930.

War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The name of Mrs. Sarah E. Bex, Mitchell, Indiana, 1019 West Warren St., appears on the list of those entitled to make the pilgrimage to France. She desires that her son, a young man of 19 years accompany her, as she is very anxious to make the trip, and does not feel that she can go alone. Will you please advise me respecting this.

Mrs. Bex would like to go on the first pilgrimage, providing arrangements can be made. Will you please consider her application to make the first pilgrimage?

Thanking you for giving this your attention,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

James W. Dunbar
JAMES W. DUNBAR
Member of Congress.

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House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bex, Curtis 1232 M

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell, Ind.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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
Bex, Curtis
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell, Ind.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ~~July 29, 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
Box, Curtis.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Sarah E. Box,
Mitchell, Ind.

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 mother of the late Private, first class Curtis Box, Med. Detch. 9th 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 widow 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.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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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Bex, Curtis, Pvt. 1st cl.

July 27, 1925.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell,
Ind.

Dear Madam:

With further reference to office letter of April 30th, 1925, The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the European Office reports that the remains of your son, the late Private, 1st class, Curtis Bex, Medical Detachment, 9th Infantry, have been permanently buried in Grave 35, Row 43, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Inclosed herewith is identification tag worn by your son, which you no doubt will be pleased to retain as a memento of his service to his country. There is also inclosed a card giving the permanent grave location.

Very truly yours,

DM
D. K. MITCHELL,
Major, Q. M. C.,
Assistant.

2 incls.
Incl. 1-envelope with tag
" 2-card



FILE

for
AUG 19 1925

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Case ~~Mrs~~ Nicholson

Pfc. Curtis E. Box- 5784- M/D 9th Infantry- KIA 10/4/18

Action requested.

Letter to mother advising her of grave location,
~~and affix to hexantix claims Section for forwarding to~~
inclosing therein identification tag taken from body as per her
request.

Grave 35, Row 43, Block H, Meuse Argonne American Cty. 1232.

E. Ansett Vail
E. Ansett Vail
Investigator.

✓ 293 Bex, Curtis.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, July 6, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions in preceding indorsement, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A and 16-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 35, Row 43; Block H, Cemetery 1232.

2. G.R.S. Form 1-A covering this reburial forwarded this date by 2nd indorsement on letter of this office dated October 3, 1924, subject: "Recovery," reporting concentration of remains of Cpl. Carl Frithiof Bergdahl, 55th Co., 5th Marines.

3. Forwarded herewith is identification tag requested in paragraph 1 of preceding indorsement.



W. O. Smith
W. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Chief.



- 3 encls.
encl. 1-GRS Form 114-A
encl. 2-GRS Form 16-A
encl. 3-Identification tag.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

IN REPLYING

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE

PLEASE ADDRESS:

20 RUE MOLITOR

CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Bex, Curtis E.

PARIS, FRANCE February 26, 1925.

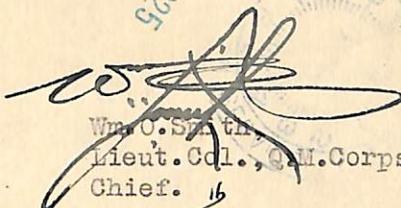
Subject: Recovery.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of Pvt. 1/cl. Curtis E. Bex, 5784, Med. Det., 9th Infantry, located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.



5784
1925

Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief. *ib*

1 encl.

QM 293 A-C
Bex, Curtis, Pvt. 1st cl.

1st Ind.

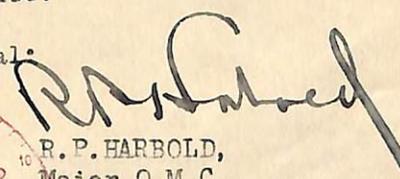
War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., April 30, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private, 1st class, Curtis Bex, Medical Detachment, 9th Infantry, is confirmed by this office. You will forward the soldier's identification tag to this country.

2. The body is to remain buried in France.

By order of The Quartermaster General:




R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

✓ Box

Box, Curtis

5,784 ✓

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1cl Med Det 9 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? yes
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? no
(Yes or no.)

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

Baron Lawrence county ind
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.) Baron

Ab. E. Moore Baron
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.) ind

(Sign here) Samuel Bex

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

X

~~No city #~~

no city #

7-20-21

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE June 8th, 1925.

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 BEX, Curtis
- 2. No. 5784
- 3. Rank Pvt.1/cl.
- 4. Org. Med.Detachment, 9th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Oct.4,1918.
- 6. C.D. KIA

- 10. Name C.E. BEX
- 11. No. _____
- 12. Rank _____
- 13. Org. _____
- 14. (a) D.D. _____
- (b) D.B. _____

Isolated fox hole. Blanc Mont Ridge, Commune Somme-Py
(Marne). E-267.79, N-281.31.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____

- 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery ---

19. Commune or town Somme-Py

20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country France

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

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb.17th,1925.

By Gaetano Tucci.

24. Inscription on grave marker: None.

Name _____

Serial No. _____

Rank _____

Organization _____

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

Gaetano Tucci
Gaetano Tucci.

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). T.O.B. reads "C.E. Bex PVT.1st Cl.M.D.9th INF.USA."-forwarded per instruction, letter Hq.Paris, dated 5/25/25-File No.293 Bex, Curtis. Subject:Reburial. Medical corps thermometer, broken-buried.No effects.

27. Condition of body Flesh decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

28. Nature of burial Buried 2 feet deep in same Fox hole as U-4128, Buried in OD US Uniform, field shoes size 7EE.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? TOB reads, "C.E. BEX".

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb.21,1925. By James McGourty.

31. Casket sealed by _____ James McGourty.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *James McGourty*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. G-32962

32. Designation of body:

Name BEX, Curtis Serial No. 5784

Rank Pvt.1/cl. Organization Med. Detachment, 9th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.#1232,Romagne-s/Montfaucon (Meuse).

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) June 8th, 1925. By James McGourty.

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 *James McGourty*
James McGourty.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

Convoyer _____ (Name)

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 _____

To Permanent Cemetery _____

Convoyer _____ (Name)

Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative _____

41. Reinterred June 9th, 1925.

(Date)

42. Grave No. Thirty-five (35), ~~####~~ Block "H".

43. Plot ----- Row Forty-three (43).

G.R.S. Representative *W. B. Shield*
W. B. Shield,
Caretaker.

Meuse Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.
 Romagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).
 Place

Date February 21, 1925.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BEK, Curtis SERIAL NUMBER 5784.
 RANK Pvt. 1st Cl. ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 9th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 17, 1925. From (give complete location): Blanc Mont Ridge
 Comme Somme Py (Marne). East 267.79 North 281.31.

By : Group two Unit Meuse Argonne Sector.

3. Reburied (date): June 9th, 1925. In (give complete location): Grave 35, Block "H",
 Row 43, Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cemetery, #1232.

By : Group W.B. Sheild, Civ. emp., Unit AGRS., QMC. in E. Nature of reburial OD Blanket &
 GRS Case, casket, sheet &

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 2 feet
 deep in same Fox hole as U-4128. Buried in OD. US Uniform, field shoes size 7EE.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? None
 T.O.B. reads C.E. Box Pvt. 1st Cl. M.D. 9th Inf. USA.

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

Medical corps thermometer broken. Buried. No effects.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 9"

(b) Weight (estimated) None

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

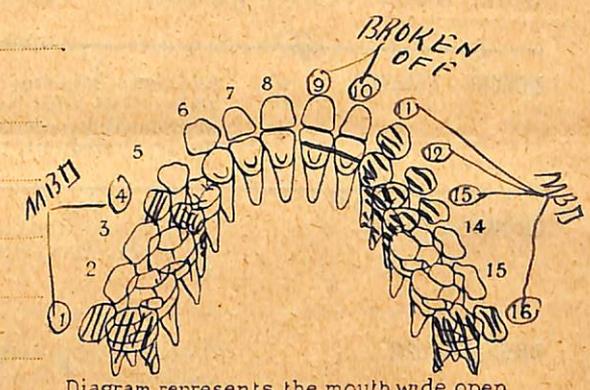
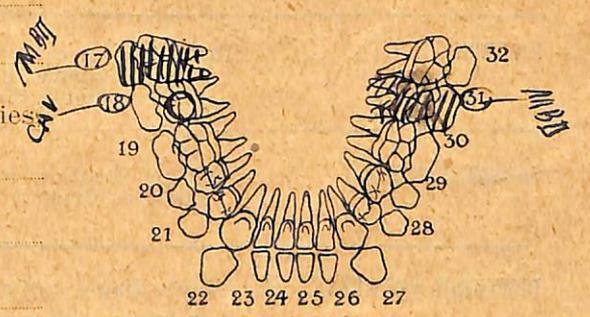


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

Both femur, pelvis, 3 ribs and vertebrae shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by Gastone Tucci
GASTONE TUCCI
 Investigator.

Approved: James Mc Gourtty
 (Title) JAMES MC GOURTY
 Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild
W.B. Sheild,
 Care taker.

Approved: _____
 (Title) _____

293 Box, Curtis.

2nd Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, July 6, 1925. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions in preceding indorsement, forwarded herewith are G.R.S. Forms 114-A and 16-A covering permanent concentration of the remains of this late soldier in Grave 35, Row 43, Block H, Cemetery 1232.

2. G.R.S. Form 1-A covering this reburial forwarded this date by 2nd indorsement on letter of this office dated October 3, 1924, subject: "Recovery," reporting concentration of remains of Cpl. Carl Frithiof Bergdahl, 55th Co., 5th Marines.

3. Forwarded herewith is identification tag requested in paragraph 1 of preceding indorsement.

JUL 25 1925



Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

3 encls.

encl. 1-GRS Form 114-A

encl. 2-GRS Form 16-A

encl. 3-Identification tag.



293 Box Curtis

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QM 293 A-C

Bex, Curtis, Pvt. 1st cl.

April 30, 1925.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bex,
Mitchell, Ind.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of April 27th, 1925.

In accordance with your wishes, instructions have this day been forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C., in Europe, to bury the remains of your son, the late Private, 1st class, Curtis Bex, Medical Detachment, 9th Infantry, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France, with his many comrades.

Upon receipt of a report from Europe as to the permanent grave location, you will be advised.

The Department is indeed gratified that you have confided the remains of your son to his country's care. He will rest, forever, in the beautiful Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, under the flag in defense of which he gave his young life and where the grave will be properly and tenderly cared for by this Government.

The European Office has also been directed to forward your son's identification tag to this country. When received, it will be transmitted to you.

Very truly yours,



R. P. HARBOLD LN
Major, Q.M.C., EKV
Assistant. CS
WPR

(2) file and 7/11/25

QM 293 A-C

Bex, Curtis, Pvt. 1st cl.

1st Ind.

War Dept., OQMG, Washington, D.C., April 30, 1925--To Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Identification of the remains of the late Private, 1st class, Curtis Bex, Medical Detachment, 9th Infantry, is confirmed by this office. You will forward the soldier's identification tag to this country.
2. The body is to remain buried in France.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

Noted by Statistical Clerk
Date 4/30/25 PD

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
EKV
GR
WPR

end.

293 Box, Curtis E.

February 26, 1925.

Subject: Recovery.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith is G.R.S. Form 16-A for the remains of Pvt.1/cl. Curtis E. Box, 5784, Med. Det., 9th Infantry, located by the Research personnel of this office.

2. These remains are being held in the Meuse-Argonne mortuary pending receipt of advice from your office as to confirmation of identification and disposition.

1 encl.



Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

This sheet not to be destroyed to be kept in files.

e.k.v. 3-31-25

NEXT OF KIN ~~NO~~ CLAIM NUMBER KNOWN

BEX, 5784, Curtis

Pvt. 1/cl Med. Det. 9th Inf.

188340

LETTER SENT TO FATHER ULYESSES BEX

Huron, Ind.

Letter was forwarded to Washington, Ind.

Returned unclaimed. Only address in file.

Mother - Sarah E Bex
Mitchell, Ind.

in reply to LHM 293a-C

April 27 1925

To the War Department

in the matter of Curtis Bet

wishes him to be buried by his comrades

in Europe and where the grave will be

located for a wish to have the number of

his grave and all so his identification tag

if this be the rules of this country so

bury my son by his comrades the late

Private 1st class Curtis Bet medical detachment

9th infantry

With respects

Sarah E Bet



APR 29 1925

293
Curtis

WAR DEPARTMENT.

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Mr. Ulyesses Bex,
Huron,
Indiana

REC'D
APR 20 1925
M. & R. BRANCH
O. O. M. O.

WASHINGTON, IND.
APR 17 7 1925
6 AM

Handwritten scribbles and signatures in purple ink.

QM 293 A-C
Bex, Curtis, Pvt. 1st cl.

Apr. 3, 1925.

Mr. Ulyesses Bex,
Huron,
Indiana.

re addressed to Mrs. Sarah E. Bex, Mitchell, Ind. 4/23/25

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that a recent search over the battlefields by trained personnel of the American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, has resulted in the recovery of many of our Soldier Dead whose graves had not heretofore been found, and among others so recovered, this office is glad to inform you, was the body of your son, the late Private, 1st class, Curtis Bex, Medical Detachment, 9th Infantry. His remains were found in an isolated grave, Blanc Mont Ridge, Commune of Somme-Py, Department of Marne, France, and were identified by evidence found on them in the shape of U. S. Army uniform and personal identification tag.

There is on file your request for the return of the body to this country for private interment. As some time has elapsed since you made the request, this letter is to inquire whether it is still your desire that this action be taken. If you still wish the return of the body, it will be brought back on the first available Shipping Board vessel sailing from a channel port. This should be within the next two or three months.

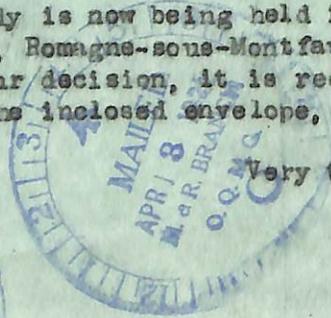
Please understand, it is not the policy of the Department to attempt to influence relatives as to the disposition of their dead, but to endeavor to carry out their wishes so far as is humanly possible. On the other hand the Department is honored when relatives entrust the remains to its care and intends to administer that trust in a manner befitting the service the soldier rendered his country and humanity. If agreeable to you, this office will be glad to receive your permission for burial of the remains of your gallant son among his comrades in Europe, and where his grave will be tenderly cared for by a grateful Nation.

The body is now being held in the mortuary in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagny-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France. As action is suspended pending your decision, it is requested that you kindly reply as soon as possible, using the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

LN
EKV
WDR



File 4/23/25

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
MUNITIONS BUILDING

Memo

3-30-25

Case

Pvt 1/c Curtis E. Bex- 5784- Med. Det. 9th Inf. KIA 10/4/18

Remains of Pvt 1/c Bex recovered from isolated grave Blanc Mont Ridge, 2/17/25.

Mother request that the body be returned to the U.S. on both AGO card, and also in letter to the President (President Wilson) requests that the body of son be returned to this county-

Therefore

Request letter to father Ulyesses Bex, Huron, Ind. advising him that the remains of his son Pvt 1/c Curtis Bex- 5784, Med. Det. 9th Inf. was recovered from an isolated grave Blanc Mont Ridge, Cmm of Somme-Py, Department of Marne, Feb. 17, 1925 and is now being held in the Morguary at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, as out records show the request for the return of the body to the U.S. it is the desire of this office to know if this is still your wish.

E. Kensett Vail
E. Kensett Vail
Investigator.

AGO give name of friend as E/A.

EKV

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA.

I. Location Index Card

(a) Name Bex, Curtis Ser.No. 5784
 (b) Rank Pvt.1.c Organization Med. Detch., 9th Inf. TYP. -----
 (c) Date of Death 10-4-18 (d) Cause of Death K/A CKR -----

II. Registration Card

(a) Grave No. Morgue 1232 Row ----- Plot ----- Sec. ----- Block -----
 (b) -----
 (b) Emerg. Address Newt McDermid (Friend) Huron, Ind.

III. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name Sarah E. Bex (b) Mother
 (c) Address Huron, Ind.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U.S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U.S. at No
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival in U.S. Sarah E. Bex
Huron, Lawrence County, Ind. Express & tel. office
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. Huron, Ind.

IV. G.R.S. Files, Correspondence shows as follows

addressed to
President Wilson from Ulysses Bex (Father)
dated Aug 24, 1919 asking if any dead
bodies can be brought back to America

Examiner's Initials PPD Date 4/2/25

COUNTRY ----- Cemetery No. Morgue 1232 Sheet No. 284

V. Final Action:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by letter on April 30, 1925 "Remain"

VI.

REMARKS

IV. G.M.S. Files, Correspondence shown as follows

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION ~~Box~~ Cardis

5784

(a) Name <u>Ivt. L. C.</u>	Med. Ser. No. <u>9th Inf.</u>	}	TYP.
(b) Rank <u>10-4-18</u>	Organization <u>K/A</u>		TYP.
(c) Date of death	(d) Cause of death		TYP.

II. REGISTRATION ~~Morgue~~ Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. Newt. R. Overmid (Friend) Pvt. Huron, Ind. TYP.

(b) Emerg. Address

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR.

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, 192

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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.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., 192

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

G. R. S. Form 115-A
August, 1920

Morgue 1232

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O P I N I O N

3-28-25 1922

CASE OF BEX: CURTIS- 5784- Pvt. 1/c Med. Det. 9th Inf. KIA 10/4/18
Blanc-Mont ridge, Cime Somme Py, Marne E289.79 N281.31
GRAVE Body now held in Morgue Cty 1232.
It is the opinion of the investigator that the body exhumed from the
DECISION above grave 2/17/25 and now held in the morgue Cty 1232 IS THAT of
Pvt 1/c Curtis Bex- 5784- Med. Det. 9th Inf.

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.		Emergency Address		Miss A.D.	
Missing	Dental Work	Dental Work	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
U.R.			1;3	9;10 broken off	
3					
U.L.			11;12;15;16		
13	14 either useless or crowned as				
L.R.	circle around it.		17	18 cav.	
L.L.			31		

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows: 21 yrs when enlisted
Aug. 5, 1915. The AGO report 14 with circle around it - Europe reports nothing
whatever relative to tooth 14.

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height: 5' 9"		5' 9"
Weight 138 yrs.		Wgt. not estimated.
Hair Lt. Brown		No hair.
Fractures		

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body	Found on Cross
YES CG.E.BEX Pvt. 1st Cl. M.D. 9th Inf. USA	NONE

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body Both femur, pelvis, 3 ribs and vertebrae shattered.
Buried 2 ft. deep OD uniform, filed shoe size 7EE Med. corps thermometer broken.

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Grave location unknown
This man reported buried originally
Organizations of other men buried around original location

E. Kensett Vail
Investigator

Concur:

APPROVED:

Over.

- 1...G.L.B.----- -- Killed on Blanc Mont, Champagne) H.E. shell direct hit.
Grave location and date of burial not known.
- 2...R.C.S. reports This information given by the above named Sgt. who was an eye witness. Killed instantly Oct. 4, 1918, Champagne Front (Mont Blanc Ridge.) OO informant Sgt. William Davis- 53346- Co. F 9th Inf..
- 3..Name not located on the Cmmme. list for either Somme-py or St. Etienne-a-Arnes.
- 4...Investogator looked for another G.L.B. but did not locate same.
- 5.. The 9th Inf. was a part of the 2nd Div.
- 6.. The 2nd Div. was in the Champagne Front - Meuse Argonne Offensive Oct 1 to 10, and the early part of Oct they(from the records of other men of the Org. appear to have been in the vicinity of Blanc Mont.

7..So far the investigator has been unable to find out who buried this soldier- However as The Organization was in the vicinity in which the soldier's body was recovered and tag was found on the body and all teeth reported as missing by the AGO are missing in the body but tooth 14 shows discrepancy as Europe does not made any report relative to this tooth

The Investigator is of the opinion that the body recovered from Blanc Mont Ridge, 267.79E--- 281.31 N. and now held in the Morgue Cfy 1232 notwithstanding the discrepancy between AGO report and Europe's report regarding tooth #14.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

E. Aensett Vail
E. Aensett Vail
Investigator.

AGO D/C and corr. shows request for the return to the U.S. of body.
E.KV.

BODY DESCRIPTION

could. given for the location of the body appears on the map to be in the Cmmme of St. Etienne-a-arnes and not in Somme-Py however it appears almost on the line between the two communes.

E.KV.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

DECISION

CHVAE

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1933

Meuse Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.
 Remagne sous Montfaucon (Meuse).
 Place

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date February 21, 1925.

1. REMAINS OF BEX, Curtis E. SERIAL NUMBER 5784
 RANK Pvt. 1st. Cl. ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 9th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 17, 1925. From (give complete location) Blanc Mont Ridge
 Comme Senne Py. (Marne). East 267.79 North 281.31.

By: Group Two Unit Meuse Argonne Sector.

3. Reburied (date): _____ In (give complete location): _____

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of reburial _____

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Buried 2 feet
 deep in same "Fox Hole as U-4128. Buried in OD US Uniform, field shoes size 7EE.

(a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? None

T.O.B. C.E. Bex Pvt. 1st Cl. M.D. 9th Inf. USA.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Medical corps thermometer broken. Buried. No effects.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5' 9"

(b) Weight (estimated) None

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

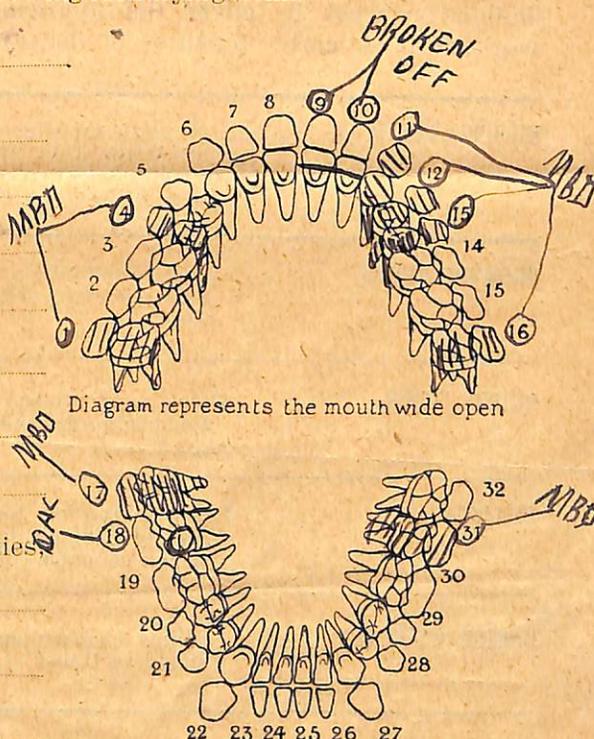
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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



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

Both femur, pelvis, 3 ribs and vertebrae shattered.

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7. Disinterment supervised by G. Tucci
GABRIANO TUCCI
 Investigator.

Approved: James M. Gourtty
JAMES MC GOURTY
 (Title) Chief Investigator.

8. Reburial Supervised by _____

Approved: _____
 (Title) _____

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Co.M.D., 9 th Inf.
2 nd Div.

BEX, Curtis E - Pvt. F/C 5784
Home : Huron , Ind.

This information given by the above named Sgt. who was an eye witness:
Killed instantly Oct.4, 1918. Champagne Front (Mont Blanc Ridge).

Informant: Davis, William - Sgt. 53346
Co.F, 9 th Inf.
Home : Box # 178 - Petoskey, Mich.

March 19. 1919.

Signed : Howard B. Cheatham - Pvt. f/c
9 th Inf.

M.S.

FILE UNDER NO.

293 - Bex, Curtis
M.D. 9

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

3/5/25

Letter to Capt. Julius J. Babst, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. from CQMG

The body of above soldier has not been recovered.

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293 - Holt, Edwin B.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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QM 293 A-C

Straight, Bur, D. Lt.

Jan. 21, 1925.

SUBJECT: Investigation.

TO: Chief, AGRS, QMC., in Europe.

1. Reference is made to 4th Ind. from your office dated Feb. 2nd, 1925, (293-Straight, Bur, D. Lt.) Paragraph 3.

2. The records of this office show the following:

BEX, Curtis, Pvt. 1st cl. 5784, Medical Detachment, 9th Inf. -
dental chart, 3 and 13 b.d. (14), 5 ft. 9", Lt. Br. Hair,
138 lbs. 21 years.

BURKE, John, T. Pvt. - Identified.

BOURDES, Joseph, Pvt. 106736, Co. C, 9th Inf., 5'4" - Br. Hair,
22 years, dental chart, 4-5-7 b.d. - KIA instantly by
machine gun bullet in head 10/3 - Blanc Mont Ridge.

HOLT, Ed. S. 1492673, Pvt. 1st cl. Co. C, 9th Inf. -
KIA 10/3/18, 25 yrs. 5'11", 131 lbs. dental chart - 1 and
16 b.d., Bridge 7-10. (May be U-3778).

BRAGANIE, Louis, Pvt. 1st cl. 75598, Co. E, 9th Inf. - 5'8", 189
lbs. 32 years, black hair, Dental Chart 30 b.d.

GRAINGER, Chas. D. 1344086, Pvt. Co. E, 9th Inf. - 5'11", 21 yrs.
dark brown hair, 156 lbs., dental chart 14 b.d.

MOSS, Claude, L. 1343872, Co. E, 9th Inf. - 5'9", 129 lbs. 22 yrs.,
Brown Hair, Dental chart, no teeth missing b.d.

SMITH, Clifton, A. Pvt. 2101367, Co. E, 9th Inf. - 6'1", 28 yrs. Red
Hair. No dental record. KIA 10/3 on road at Medere Farm-
Blanc Mont Ridge and buried at same place.

THIBEAULT, Albert, Cpl. 293986, Co. E, 9th Inf. - 5'6", 120 lbs.,
27 yrs. Black Hair, dental chart - (1)(16) (30) and 10 b.d.

THOMASON, Manuel, A. Pvt. 1st cl. Co. F, 9th Inf. 2101378, Co. F, 9th
Inf. 24 yrs. 5'10", 149 lbs. Brown Hair, Dental chart, 2-5-14-15-
16-19 and 30 b.d.

O. Q. M. G.

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Straight, Bur, D.Lt. (letter to Europe Jan.21/25 cont'd.)

BERNHART, Harold W. 39739, Pvt. - Discharged.

SIMMONS, Dominick, 40954, Pvt.Co.M - Discharged.

GROFF, Oren E. Pvt.1st cl. 59466, Co.M, 9th Inf. - 22 yrs.Lt.Br.Hair,
6'1", 153 lbs. KIA 10/3/18, Dental chart, 1-16-17-32 b.d.

STEPHENS, Isaac, Pvt. 1637618, Bty.E, 15th F.A., 25 yrs. Brown Hair,
5'9", 138 lbs. dental chart, 1-16-19 and 30 b.d.

WATSON, Harold, Pvt. 1st cl. 75423, Co.L, 9th Inf. - 18 yrs. Lt.Brn.
Hair, 5'3", 146 lbs. dental chart 12 b.d. KIA 10/3.

LAWLESS, Michael, F. Pvt. 41390, M.G.Co. - Discharged.

3. Unknown U.S.Soldier U-3775, cannot be identified as Pvt. Isaac
Stephans.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

8 incls.
8 copies of G.L.Blanks.

R.P.HARBOLD
Major, Q.M.C.
Assistant.

O. Q. M. G.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Date 3/25/24

SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Bex
- b. Christian name Curtis
- c. Serial number 5784
- d. Organization med Det 9th Div
- e. Rank Pfc
- f. Date of death Oct. 4, 1918
- g. Cause of death R.I.A.
- h. Authority C 493-112
- i. Emergency Address Newt me Derrned
- j. Relationship Friend

BODY DESCRIPTION:

- a. Date of enlistment Aug. 5, 1915
- b. Age at enlistment 21 yrs.
- c. Color of hair Dr. Brown
- d. Height 5 ft. 9 in
- e. Weight 138 lbs.
- f. Fractures or breaks none shown

DENTAL CHARTS:

Mobilization,	<u>Reg. Army</u>	Local Board.
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right	Upper left	Upper right Upper left
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right	Lower left	Lower right Lower left

Robert C. Davis,
The Adjutant General,
per a/c

For the Quartermaster General

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O. Q. M. G.
Assistant.

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.

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FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
~~Munitions~~ Building
Room 2009

War Trade Board

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G. R. S. Form 8-W-1
Information requested of A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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File No. 110833

Registration.

Date July 20, 1921.

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.

~~BOX~~ *Bex*

f. Date of death.

10/4/18 *OK*

b. Christian name.

Curtis *OK*

g. Cause of death:

K/A *OK*

c. Serial number.

5784 *OK*

h. Authority (C. C. No.)

493 SP 112 *OK*

d. Organization.

Med. Detch. 9th Inf *OK*

i. Emergency address.

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Luron Indiana*

e. Rank.

Pvt. 1/cl. *OK*

j. Relationship.

friend

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Age at enlistment.

a. Strike out teeth missing:

b. Color of eyes.

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c. Color of hair.

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Lower right Lower left

d. Height.

e. Weight.

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

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REC'D MAIL SECTION, By
W. W. Div., A. G. O.

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H. L. ROGERS,

Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,

1st Lieut. *Adjutant, Q. M. C.*

MDT/Miss Knight.

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OK,
Curtis

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

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

Date 6-24-21

File No. 110633 Requisition.

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 **BEX,** *OK*

b. Christian name **Curtis** *OK*

c. Serial Number **5784**

d. Organization **Med. Det. 9 Inf.** *✓*

e. Rank **Pvt. 1/c** *✓*

~~f.~~ Date of death *Oct. 4/18*

~~g.~~ Cause of death *K.I.A.*

h. Authority (C.O.#)

~~i.~~ Emergency address *Newt McDermid
Huron, Ind.*

~~j.~~ Relationship *Friend*

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We have on file in this Office a disposition card signed by Sarah E. Bex, Mother, Huron Lawrence County, Ind. Can you confirm information given above and furnish date & cause of death, also Emerg. Address.

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

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.G. 8th & B Div. A.G.O.

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:

TYPED BY:

5/713/LML

World War I War Dept.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT NINTH I ANTRY
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

1242.

Germany, 8, May 1919

FROM: Surgeon 9th Infantry, APO # 710
TO: The Adjutant General, American E.F.
(Thru Channels)
SUBJECT: Grave Registration of Pvt f/c Curtis Bex, Med. Dept, 9th Inf.

1. There are no records in this office of the place or date of the burial of the above named soldier.

2. When the Regiment was in action this work was accomplished by some other branch of the Army other than the Medical Department.

Walter W. Point
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Major MC USA

1st Ind.

Personnel Adjutant, 9th Inf., May 16th, 1919. - To Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

1. Forwarded. No record of soldier's burial place is on file in this office.

W. H. Beckstein
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.
TO : C.O. Medical Detachment 9th Infantry.
SUBJECT : Information for Burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Graves Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

Note: ✓

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Mrs Bex

Relationship: Mother

Address: Huron, Indiana

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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BOX

5784

Curtis.

(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. 1/c

Med Detch.

9th Inf.

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Blanc Mont (Champange)

CAUSE OF DEATH: HE Shell (direct hit)

DATE OF BURIAL: unknown

PLACE OF BURIAL: unknown

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

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GRAVE NUMBER: unknown

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? unknown Cross? unknown

Headboard? unknown Bottle? unknown

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs Bex

ADDRESS: Huron, Indiana

RELATIONSHIP: Mother

REPORTED BY: *Walter W. Point*

Walter W. Point, Major MC
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY

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TO THE PRESIDENT
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President Wilson
Dear Sir am writing
you a few lines concerning my son
Private Curtis Bey Born in 1892.
Company 9th Regt he enlisted in May
1915 Oct 3rd was killed Oct 4 1918
want to know if you can have
any dead bodies brought back
to America. wrote ad General but
give no reply want to hear from
you. at once your truly
Ulysses
Bey

Bey, Curtis.

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293.8 (Bex, Curtis) DRD

Sept. 12, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: Mr. Ulysses Bex, Washington, Indiana.

Subject: Disposition of the remains of Curtis Bex, 1st Class Private, Med. Dept., 9th Infantry.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24th, addressed to the President, on the above subject.
2. In reply thereto, I beg to say that it is the intention of the War Department to return to the United States the bodies of the deceased soldiers in all cases where the nearest of kin request that they be returned.
3. Negotiations between the State Department and the French Government are now in progress, with a view of having the French Government remove or modify the present restrictions which, in effect, prohibit the transportation of military dead for a period of three years. The War Department cannot proceed further in the matter until the outcome of these negotiations is known.
4. The card returned to this office, relative to disposition of the remains of the late Curtis Bex, which was signed by the mother of this soldier, has been placed on file, for reference when the work of the transfer of the bodies is begun. Relatives may rest assured that every effort will be made to expedite this work, and that they will be notified in ample time before the remains are received in the United States.
5. It is desired to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which your son gave his life.

File

P. C. Harris.

Per

