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Return to W. M. GENERAL

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BISCOE, WILLIAM J (MA)

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
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MAR 10 1926

DATE 1/18/22.

1. NAME BISCOE, William J. SERIAL No. 1779512

RANK PFC. ORGANIZATION Hq. Co. 313th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. ROMAGNE-ss- MONTFAUCON (Meuse) 1232  
CTY. NAME NUMBER Sec, 26

169 Sec. 26

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isol. Grave 2 Malancourt Meuse C-177

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 273.35N 312.1E Verdun S. E. 35

CONCENTRATED TO 4-25-19 169 Sec. 26 4  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body  
DATE OF DEATH Sept 26, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ind.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED -  
Data from Form 1  
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

e jr. tm

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. CLINE Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 1/18/22. 24 27 B.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT BLOCK.

Audited by 112 3-76-23 Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, Meuse, CEMETERY

MAR 13 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert G. ... Major General  
The Adjutant General  
By EMP  
MAR 18 1926

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Biscoe 1799512 William Joseph  
(Surname) (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Hdq Co 313 Inf  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Verdun Sector

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept. 30th 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: Vicinity of Verdun  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Map-Verdun A 11.9-73.5 on N.W. & ~~EXX~~

S.E. road 100 paces N.W. of R.R.

8 paces E. of R4

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mollie Biscoe

ADDRESS: Valley Lee St. Mary County

RELATIONSHIP: Mother (Maruland USA)

REPORTED BY:

1st Lt Robt B Street Chap 115 F A

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

(Signature and rank of reporting officer)

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

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BISCOE 1,779,512 WILLIAM J.  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials).

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: VERDUN SECTOR

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED IN ACTION

DATE OF BURIAL: SEPT 19 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: VICINITY OF VERDUN

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

MAP: VERDUN A. 11.9 73.5

O.N.W. AND S.E. COR. 100 PAGES N.W. OF  
R. R. 12 PAGES E. OF ROAD

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? YES

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? NO

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? YES 2

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: MOLLIE BISCOE M.P.

ADDRESS: VALLEY LEE ST. MARY CO. MD.  
M.P. U.S.A. M.P.

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

1LT Robert B Street CHAP. 115 FA  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Briscoe,</i>	<i>B D S</i>	3	<i>299</i>
<i>Mm. J.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>24</i>	2	<i>24</i>
	ROW <i>27</i>	2	<i>27</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>MD</i>	2	<i>24</i>
RANK	<i>PFC</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>79</i>	2	<i>79</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>313</i>	3	<i>313</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Briscoe,</i>	<i>B D S</i>	3	<i>299</i>
<i>Mrs. Mary</i>	STATE <i>Maryland</i>	2	<i>24</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>St. Mary's</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	CITY <i>Valley Lee</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>

**AUDITED**

MAR 10 1932

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

Biscoe, William J. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
Maryland.

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

*WJ* ✓  
(Yes) or (No)

*Mrs Mary Biscoe*  
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Chas W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.:  
Env.

QM 293 A-M

Biscoe William J. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Biscoe  
Valley Lee, Maryland.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space\_\_\_\_\_, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here\_\_\_\_\_. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,  
Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Biscoe, Wm. J. (MA)

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee, Md.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Biscee William J (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Mary Biscee  
Valley Lee Md

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Biscoe, William J. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
Maryland.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Biscoe, William J. Pvt 1 cl (M-A) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee, Md.

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  
Biscoe, William J. Pvt. 101. 1232-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
Maryland.

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private first-class William J. Biscoe was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Questionnaire  
Act - Amendment  
Envelope

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Biscoe, William J. 1282 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mary Biscoe  
Valley Lee  
St. Mary's Co., Maryland

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Biscoe, William J.  
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mr. William L. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
St. Mary's Co.,  
Maryland.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 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?

Mrs Mary P. Biscoe  
Valley Lee, St. Mary's Co  
Md  
"Mother"

"No"

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress,  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Biscoe, William J.

Mr. William L. Biscoe,  
Valley Leo,  
St. Mary's Co.,  
Maryland.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late ~~Private 1st Cl., William J. Biscoe, Hq. Co. 315th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Hame-Argonne Amer. Ctry., Remagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.~~

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them 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 relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Biscoe, Wm. J. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mr. Wm. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee, Md.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Biscoe William J (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Mary Biscoe  
Valley Lee Md

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Biscoe, William J. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931 cd

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
Maryland.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Biscoe, William J. Pvt 1 cl (M-A) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee, Md.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Biscoe, William J. Pvt. 1st. 1232-M

April 4, 1931

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee, Md.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the <sup>of</sup> the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, 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. <sup>mother</sup>

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.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Condition of Health \_\_\_\_\_

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures  
Envelope  
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QM 293 A-M  
Biscoe, William J. Pvt.1cl. 1232-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
Maryland.

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private first-class William J. Biscoe was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a 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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Questionnaire  
Act - amendment  
Envelope

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October 10, 1930

Biscoe, William J. Pvt 1 Cl 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
Dear Madam, ~~St. Mary's~~ St. Mary's County, Maryland.

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cometerios 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 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.

Encls:  
Act  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bisceo, William J. 1232 H

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mary Bisceo  
Valley Lee  
St. Mary's Co., Maryland

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Biscoe, William J. 1232 M**

**Mrs. Mary Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
St. Mary's County, Md.  
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.

Encl.  
Act  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Biscoe, William J.  
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mr. William L. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
St. Mary's Co.,  
Maryland.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 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:                                                                                                                                              | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>       |
| 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. | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| 3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?                                                                                                                                                                        | <hr/>                   |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Biscoe, William J.

Mr. William L. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
St. Mary's Co.,  
Maryland.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Private 1st Cl., William J. Biscoe, Hq. Co. 315th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend invitations to them 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 relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

*Reserve Army*

June 26, 1923.

Mr. William L. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
St. Mary's County, Md.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
~~Private 1/c William J. Biscoe, Headquarters~~  
the permanent grave of  
Company, 313th Infantry, is Grave 24, Row 27, Block B, Meuse-Argonne  
American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

RD

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Biscoe William J

Private 1/cl Hq Co 313th Inf.

Maryland

1232

A. L.

Single

Mother's latest address ?

~~Widow?~~

Molly Biscoe (born 6-26-60)  
Valley Lee - Md

Ins goes regularly to this address

(27)

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BISCOE, William J. SERIAL NUMBER 1779512.  
 RANK Pfc. ORGANIZATION Co. Hq. 313th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan 16, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 169, sec 26, plot 4. Cty. 1232.  
 By: Group Russell. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 18, 1922, Grave 24, Block B, Row 27, Cemetery 1232. In (give complete location): Unlined Casket,  
 By: Group Reburial S Unit  Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. body decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
G.R.S. plaque on body checks with records.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

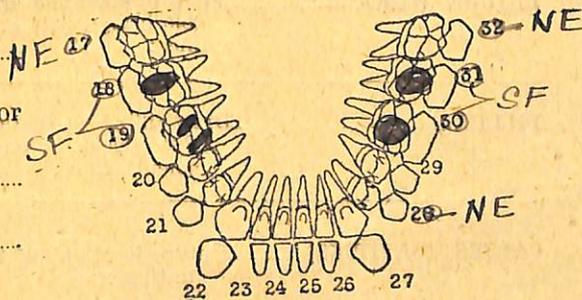
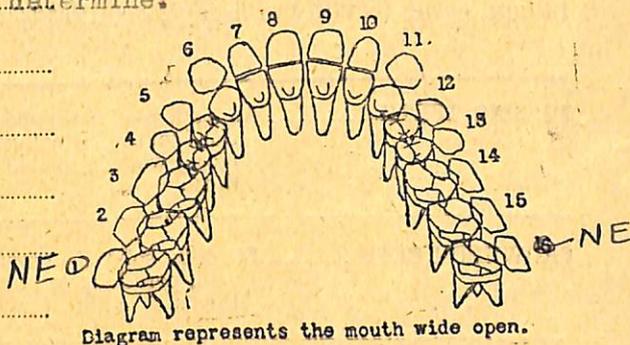
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell Approved: A. J. Dewey  
C.V. Russell. (Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Shields Approved: James W. Younger  
JEL W.B. Shields, (Title) Captain Q.M.C.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-20758

32. Designation of body:

Name William J. BISCOE Serial No. 1779512

Rank PFC Organization Hq. Co. 313th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, ROMAGNE-ss-MONTFAUCON

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Jan 16 1922 By C V Russell (Meuse)

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 A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Jan 16 1922 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed Signature Shipping Officer (Name G F Spann, Capt. QMC)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer (Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred, Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232. Jan. 18, 1922,

(Date)

42. Grave No. 24 Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block B Row 27

G.R.S. Representative

JEL

James W. Younger, Captain Q.M.C.

AUDITED BY

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 16 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

jc.

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BISCOE, William J.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. No. 1779512

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank PFC.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Hq. Co. 513th Inf.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. Sept. 26th

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. KIA.

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 169 Sec. 26

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-ss-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232--Sec/26

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 16 1922

By C V Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William J Biscoe

Serial No. 1779512

Rank PFC

Organization HQ Co 513th Inf

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

J L White  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

J L White

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).

GRS plaque on body reads William J Biscoe 1779512

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap 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 Jan 16 1922 By C V Russell

31. Casket sealed by C V Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C V Russell  
V Russell

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

4/18/22 Edmund  
Concentration  
Munich - Argonne  
1232 aff 4/25/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #32591

(a) Name BISCOE, William J. Ser. No. 1779512  
(b) Rank Pvt. 1/cd Organization Hq. Co., 313th Infantry  
(c) Date of death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA  
CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 169 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 26 TYP. DMA  
(b) Emerg. Address William L. Biscoe (father) Valley Lee, Md.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name W. L. Biscoe (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address Valley Lee  
(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 of body in U. S. W. L. Biscoe  
Valley Lee, Md.  
Porto Bellis Expo & Tele Offices Valley Lee Md  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-9-1921

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from father William L. Biscoe  
Valley Lee Md., dated 3-5-19

confirming request in Par. IV., item d, above, or requesting that he be advised  
how to get the body of son.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-9-1921

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE shows as follows: father W. L. Biscoe Valley Lee  
Md 10/4/20 now desires to have body  
remain in France thereby cancel

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? request on card

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-9-1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-sec. 26 SHEET No. 17

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Handwritten notes and signatures at bottom right.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115  
Att. 4/25/22  
See

File #32591

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR. B. J.

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 MAY 25 1921, 192

Sec. 26 PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED (G.S.)

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. -----

FRANCE

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----- Biscoe, William J. 1,779,512 -----  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

----- Pvt 1st Cl Hq Co 313 Inf -----  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased ----- Father

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

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

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

----- W. L. Biscoe Corbett Bell Valley Lee -----  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

----- Valley Lee Ind -----  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) ----- W. L. Biscoe -----

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

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Received by P.F.

4-9-21

1232 - Dec 26. 17

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BISCOE, Wm. J.

Number: 1779512

Rank: UKN.

Organization: UKN.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give Complete location)

25th., April, 1919

Grave #2 Isol. Gr.-2 MALINCOURT MEUSE.

MAP 35 S.E. 312.1 E 273.35 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

25th., April, 1919

Grave #169 Section #26 Plot #4

ARGONNE AMER. CTY. # 1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

1232

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
BURIAL Good. BODY BURIED IN UNIFORM. BADLY DECOMPOSED.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? YES.

What other means of identification were found on the body? NONE.

Note:

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

Supervised by: LT. STRONG

HS

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. D.M.C.U.S.A.  
Unit

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(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 26

FORM 115 Sheet No. 17

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(Initials)

OSP-SS  
Form No. 1011.

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G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General,  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- ✓(c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Pvt. William J. Biscoe,  
#1779512

Grave Location:

Grave #169, Sec. 26, Plot 4,  
Argonne American Cemetery,  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

- ✓(a) Return of Body to the U.S. *H.K.S.*
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

William L. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
St. Mary's County,  
Maryland.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES G. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
NS-2992/L

G.R.S. #106  
DISPOSITION OF BODY

293.8 Cem. #32591

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General.  
Graves Registration Service  
Washington, D.C.

October 16, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France.
- ~~(c) Office Files.~~
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of: Private 1/c William J. Biscoe,  
Headquarters Co., 313th Inf.

Grave Location: Grave #169, Section 26,  
Plot 4, Argonne American  
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-  
Montfaucon, Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- ~~(b) Permanent Burial in France.~~
- ~~(c) Cancellation of former requests.~~
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by: Mr. W. L. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee, Ind.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L  
DS

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

BISCOE, 1,799,512 WILLIAM JOSEPH  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Hdq Co 313 INF.  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: VERDUN SECTOR

CAUSE OF DEATH: KILLED IN ACTION

DATE OF BURIAL: SEPT 30, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: VICINITY OF VERDUN

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

MAP - VERDUN A. 11.7-73.5  
ON NW AND SE. RD. 100 PACES NW OF  
R.R. 8 PACES E. OF R.R.

GRAVE NUMBER: 3

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? YES

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Headboard? Bottle? YES

Was one buried with body? YES

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: MOTHER BISCOE

ADDRESS: VALLEY LEE ST. MARY COUNTY Md, U.S.A

RELATIONSHIP: MOTHER

REPORTED BY:

1st Lt. Robert B. Sted, Chap. 115 F. A.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

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Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

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October 16, 1920.

293.8 Cem. #32591 (Biscoe, William Joseph, Pvt. 1/c.)

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).  
 To: Mr. W. L. Biscoe, Valley Lee, Ind. *md*  
 Subject: Cancellation of former request.

1. In reply to your letter of October 4, 1920, referred to this office by the Secretary of War with instructions to reply to same, you are advised that notation has been made of your desire to cancel your former request that the remains of your son, the late Private first-class William J. Biscoe, Headquarters Company, 313th Infantry, be returned to the United States, and record has been made of your present wish that the remains of this soldier be permanently interred in France. Instructions will be sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to have your wish complied with provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

DS

M. N. GREELEY,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

BPM

*for* ✓ *mail*  
 RECEIVED  
 OCT 16 1920

Remailed  
 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

*Oct. 19/20*

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Biscoe

cty. 177 - not  
audited - # 0710/14

Valley Lee, Md.  
Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1920

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Reel 11, General Div., D. O. M. G.  
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32591

The War Department  
Washington  
D.C.

Dear Friends:

Since writing I have  
changed my mind about  
having my son body William  
Joseph Biscoe brought from  
France. You may leave it  
where it is.

Biscoe, Wm. Joseph

Yours truly  
W. L. Biscoe  
Valley Lee  
Md.

gms

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK  
OCT - 5 1920  
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*Biscoe*

To: Inquiry Section.  
From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. <sup>177</sup> (furnished by: FS) (date 10/13/20)

Data sent Overseas none  
Operations to commence (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Operations to be completed (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies shipped from European Port \_\_\_\_\_  
Bodies arrived at Hoboken \_\_\_\_\_ 1779512

II. CASE OF Biscoe, William J. Pvt 1st Cl Hq Co

The following information was abstracted (Date) 10/13/20 from: 313 Conf Files

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE	Shppg. Inquiry (sent _____)	Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>FS</u>	<u>yes</u>	To _____		
A.G.O. Corresp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.					

ago card DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Father <u>W. J. Biscoe, Valley Lee, Md.</u>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mother					
Brothers					
Sisters					

Body to be shipped to W. J. Biscoe, Valley Lee, Md  
was shipped (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS cty. 177 not audited 13913/13-20

File Number 32591.

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

Date 10/14/20.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Biscoe, Wm Joseph, Serial Number

RANK: ORGANIZATION:

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1). Yes. (Pty, Hq. Co. 31st <sup>th</sup> Inf. (Ser # 1779512.)
2.	Date of death.	(2). 9/26/18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3). K/R.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4). # 286.
5.	Date buried.	(5). 9/30/18.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6). Grave 2, Isolated Grave, Commune. Malancourt, @-177, Re: - 4/25/19. (Meuse.) Grave 169, Section 26, Plot 4, Argonne - Am - Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse.)
7.	Who reported burial?	(7) - a. Yes.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	(8) - b. Yes.
9.	Report as to grave marker.	(9). Wm L. Biscoe, (Fath.) Valley Lee, Md.
10.	Identification tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(10). 5/23/19.
11.	Complete emergency address?	(11). D-35961.
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.	

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..... X ..... Confirmed.  
..... Unconfirmed.

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April 6, 1920.

32591-Inquiry (Biscoe, William J., Pvt. 1st cl.)

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

Mr. W. L. Biscoe, Valley Lee, Md.

Markings on cross.

1. In reply to your letter of March 29, 1920, directed to the Secretary of War this office has been instructed to advise you that the numbers appearing on the photographs of the grave of your son, Private 1st cl. William J. Biscoe, have no relation to the number on the tag or identification disc worn by this soldier. The number on the top of the cross is the grave number, which is 169. The number at the foot of the cross, D-35961, is the number of the photograph assigned by the Photographic Section of the American Red Cross.

2. The record of this case shows that an identification tag was found upon this body at the time of exhumation and that the other identification disc is attached to the cross. It would, therefore, seem that there is absolutely no question in regard to the identity of this grave and that your fears that the body returned to you would not be that of your son are without foundation.

3. The Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, in which the remains of this soldier are interred, lies within the Zone of the Armies wherein all exhumations are prohibited by decree of the French government. A commission of French and American officers convened for the purpose of considering conditions in this Zone has recommended modifications of this decree and it is believed that the French government will accept this recommendation and we will soon be authorized to operate in that Zone.

4. The files of this office already contain a request signed by you expressing the desire that the remains of this soldier be returned to the United States and the necessary instructions will be forwarded to our forces in France at the proper time.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

MAILED

By:

Charles J. Wynne,  
Capt., Q. M. C.

ACS:HLA  
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No 1.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

April 7, 1920.

MEMO. FOR: Mr. Durbin;  
Office of the Assistant and Chief Clerk, War Department.

1. Attached copy of letter to Mr. Biscoe in compliance with your letter to him under date of March 31, 1920.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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



ACS:RLA

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Valley Lee, Md.  
Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 1920.

APR 1920  
The War Department,  
Washington  
D. C.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask  
you if the number on  
the grave that was sent  
me of my son "William J. Biscoe"  
by the Red Cross was supposed  
to be the same as the  
number that was on the  
tag that he wore around  
his neck, as it is not the same

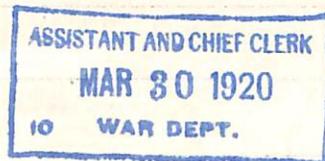
There are lots that seems to think that they will not be able to tell one body from another when they get ready to bring them home.

I want my son's body if they are sure that it is him, as I do not <sup>want</sup> no one else body but his.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain

Yours truly  
W. L. Biscoe  
Valley Lee  
Md.



P.S.

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Received -- Inq. Dept.

March 31, 1920.

My dear Mr. Biscoe:

The Secretary of War directs me to acknowledge your letter of March 29th and to advise you that he is asking the Chief of the Graves Registration Service in Washington to reply directly to your inquiry concerning the body of your son.

Cordially yours,

James H. Durbin,  
Clerk to the Secretary.

Father  
yes

Mr. W. L. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee,  
Maryland.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

\_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Flowers, Flags, etc.  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Monument  
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs  
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Discrepancies in Inscription  
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Burial In  
(a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Effects  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other Countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Form 111)

\_\_\_\_\_ Return of Bodies From  
✓ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)  
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks:

*See War Dept*

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11; and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

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Analysis Clerk.

Date 4/9/20

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

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME BISCOE - William J.

Serial Number

RANK

ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1) Pot. 1 lb. Hq. Co. 313 Infantry.
2.	Date of Death	2) 9-26-18
3.	Cause and place of death	3) Unknown.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4) 286
5.	Date buried	5) 9-30-18
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) Disinterred from Grave. #2 (Isolated) C-177- Malancourt Meuse. Reburied 4-25-19: Grave 169. Sec 26 Plot 4--Argonne Am. Ctry 1232 - Romagne-sous-Moalfontaine - Meuse
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?	10) (a) yes (b) yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11) William Lee Biscoe Dutch Valley Lee, Md.
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)	12) 2-4-19-21a 5-23-19 1-17-20-107
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14) D35961
15.	Inquiry made by?	Falk - yes

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

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

\_\_\_\_\_ Circumstances of Death  
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

\_\_\_\_\_ Liberty Bonds  
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(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

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(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

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(b) Other countries

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance  
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: *G. L.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

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Analysis Clerk.

February 9, 1920.

(Biscoe, Wm. J.: Pvt. 1/cl.) G.R.S.

Graves Registration Service.

Mr. William L. Biscoe, Valley Lee, St. Marys County, Maryland.

Return of Remains to United States for Final Burial.

1. Replying to your letter received in this office on the 1st inst., you are advised that notation has been made of your desire to have the body of your son, Private 1st Class William J. Biscoe returned to the United States for final burial.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

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

EEH:BG

Valley Lee, St Marys County, Md.

Hon. Charles C. Pierce,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service,  
Washington,  
D.C.

My dear Sir:

I have received yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> (GRS Form No 107 32591) informing me that the remains of my dear boy Pvt/c William J. Discov 1779512 have been disinterred and reburied in Grave # 169 Sec 26, Plot 4, Argonne American Cemetery # 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse," for which I thank you from my very heart's core. Praying that the Government will answer my previous petition to bring back to us his sacred remains whenever it is possible to do so, I am cordially but

Sincerely Yours.

William L. Discov.

Father.

P. petition

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

Date 2/14/20

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME *Biscoe, William J.*

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

RANK *Private* ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	(1) <i>yes Biscoe William J. #1779512 7th Co. 313th Inf.</i>
2.	Date of Death.	(2) <i>9/26/18</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) <i>K-A.</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) <i>#286</i>
5.	Date buried	(5) <i>9/30/18</i>
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) <i>Grave #2, Isolated Grave, C-177 Comme Malancourt, Meuse</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	<i>Reburied: 4/25/19. Grave # 169, Sect 26, Plot 4, Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse</i>
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	(9) <i>Cross</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	(10) <i>a yes b yes</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	(11) <i>William J. Biscoe father Valley Lee, Md.</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	(12) <i>2/4/19 85123/19 8117/20-107</i>
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	(14) <i>D-35961</i>
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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

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Colley Lee, Md.

Mar. 5; 1919.

Adjutant Gen. of the Army.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please  
advise me how to get the  
body of my son, William J.  
Biscoe, Sgt. Co. 313<sup>th</sup> Infantry.  
Died Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1918.

Commune of Malancourt,  
Meuse, France.

Yours very truly,

William L. Biscoe.

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Ms 293.8, Biscoe, William J.

A. G. 293.8 Biscoe, William J.  
(Misc. Div.)

March 10, 1919.

Mr. William L. Biscoe,  
Valley Lee, Md.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 5, 1919 requesting information concerning the body of your son, William J. Biscoe, I beg leave to advise you that the plans for the transfer of the bodies of our soldiers who have lost their lives in the service abroad are being formulated and the Department will have ready, within a few days, instructions which will be sent to the persons whose names were given by the soldiers to be notified in case of emergency.

Permit me to extend to you the deep 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.

Very truly yours,

