

G.R.S. Form #114-B

JUN 1 - 1928

DATE 10/29/21

1. NAME BISHOP, CHESTER M SERIAL No. 2146235

RANK PFC ORGANIZATION CO. B 139th Inf. 35

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232. Sec. 51

CTY. NAME NUMBER

22 - Sec. 51 1

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 12 BAC Exerment Ardennes

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35SE 279.4N 301.2E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/9/19 22 51 1 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 and cross

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Sept 28/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ia

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEYE Ist Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/29/21 37 25 E. DATE GRAVE ROW Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse) CEMETERY

Robert C. Davis, Major General, Adjutant General, hd.

AUDITED BY M.M.E. 4-13-23

US 4/6/28

AG O JUN 10 1928 WORLD WAR DIV

World War Div. APR 2 1928 JUN 10 1926

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Bishop 2145235 Chester M.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. *Oct 11 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL. *301.4 x 79.5*

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

*Map Montfaucon*

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *yes* Cross?.....  
Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *yes*.....

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

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

REPORTED BY:

*Thomas Henry Chaplain*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Not in File

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bishop, 2145235 Ochsner II.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... 10/11/18.

PLACE OF BURIAL..... 301.4 - 77.5  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Map Montpelier

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Cline

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. B, 139th Inf.  
35th Division.

Bishop, Chester M.-Pvt. 1cl. 2146235  
Home: Lovilla, Iowa.

Bishop was last seen in the North edge of the woods about 1 mile S.W. of Exermont, France, 28 Sept. 1918 about noon; he was killed instantly by shrapnel, and buried near where he fell. Private Bishop was a soldier of the kind that all American soldiers should be, a good soldier and almost fearless. As this company was advancing toward Exermont about noon of the 28th, under a terrific bombardment from the Germans, Private Bishop was killed by a bursting shell and died instantly. He was killed in what is known as the Montribeau woods between the town of Baulny and Exermont, France, and buried about twenty feet to the north of these woods.

Informant: Blevins, Theodore R.-1st Sgt. 1455896  
Co. B, 139th Inf.  
Home: Oskaloosa, Kans.

Searcher:

Emergency address:  
Mrs. Charles M. Bishop (mother)  
Lovilla, Iowa.  
G.P.

35

Informant says Bishop was killed by concussion of high explosive shell on the Argonne, Meuse front. He is buried at Cheppy.

Informant: Byrd, Laurence, Pvt 145602  
Kits and Sweaters  
12 rue Boissy d'Anglas.  
Co. B 139 Infantry  
Haiti, Mo.  
March 22, 1919

Killed instantly by M.G. by three men of my Signal  
Group. Medium size and slight  
September 22, buried 28, 1918  
E. Cradick, Searcher

DH

Informant: [unclear], [unclear]  
Co. B 139 P.S. Co.  
Home: Berlin N.J.  
March 22, 1919

Thelma, Warner, Searcher

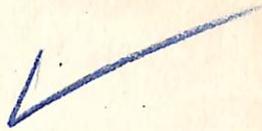
Killed instantly by M.G. bullet in neck and head. Was buried in field by three men of my Signal Corps and I saw his "dog tags" as he lay on the ground. Medium size and slight about 130 lbs. Dark hair, killed about September 24, buried 28, 1918 at Sodreu Farms near Exemont.  
Informant intelligent

Informant: Braddock, William Pvt 390286  
Co. B 317 F.S. Bn.  
Home: Berlin N.J.  
March 23, 1919

DH

Thelma, Warner, Searcher

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BISHOP	3	299
Chester M.	CEMETERY	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE	2	37
	ROW	2	25
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	La.	2	16
BANK	Post 1/c	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	139	3	139
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Bishop	3	299
Mrs Mattie	STATE	2	16
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	68
	CITY	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	(Bad)	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No age -	1	2 65. 47.

**AUDITED**  
DEC 14 1931  
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C O D E S L I P

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bishop	3	299
	Chester M.		
	CIMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE 37	2	37
	ROW 25	2	25
	BLOCK 8-	1	5
STATE	La	2	16
RANK	Private	1	2
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	139	3	139
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME	Higby, Mrs.	3	
	North Alice		
RESIDENCE	Box 65	2	
	Bradgate, La.		
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No.	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
	29/514		

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(Signature)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bishop, Chester M. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lovilia, Iowa.

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.

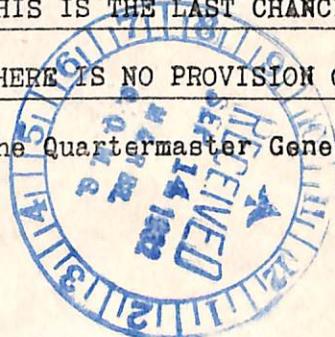
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>No</i>		
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	<i>Very poor age 66-</i>		Age: <i>66 years</i> Health: <i>poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>		
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>None</i>		

*Mattie Bishop*  
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*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bishop Chester E (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Mattie Bishop  
Lovilia Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Bishop, Chester M. (MA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lovilia,  
Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Chester M. Bishop. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and later decide to make a pilgrimage it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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-M  
Bishop, Chester M. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lovilia, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>44</i> Health: <i>Bad</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

*Mattie Bishop*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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

Encl:  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 465~~ A-M

Bishop, Chester H. Pvt. 1 cl (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lorilia, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bishop, Chester M. 1232 M

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Mattie Bishop  
Lovilia, Iowa.

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.

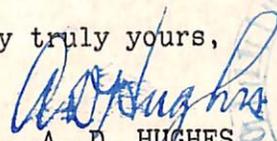
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

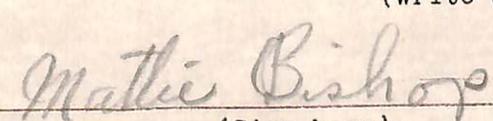
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No  
(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

October 7, 1929.

Bishop, Chester M. 1232 M

Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lovilia, Iowa.

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) 43	Health (Good) (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken) None

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl. *They took my good boy and I am broke down*  
Act  
Envelope

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8-20-29

QM 293 A-C  
Bishop, Chester M.

September 13, 1929.

Mrs. Nora Alice Higby,  
Box 66,  
Bradgate, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 30, 1929, relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929 does not contain any provision for any member of the family making the trip except the mother or unmarried widow. As you have remarried, it is regretted to have to inform you that you are not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage.

The War Department has been charged with the execution of this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc. of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives or friends of the deceased soldiers to visit their graves in Europe must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations available in the small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and widows eligible under the above mentioned Act, make it necessary for those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

I regret that your request to make the trip to your late husband's grave cannot be granted, but you will understand that the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

When the invitations for the pilgrimage are sent out, one will be extended the mother of your late husband, Mrs. Mattie Bishop, Lovilia, Iowa.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Bradgate La

Aug. 30. 1929

Office of the Quartermaster General  
War Dept, Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have filled out the enclosed questionnaire and am returning it -

In doing so I find that I am not entitled to the pilgrimage to the battlefields of France because of remarriage.

I am very sad indeed to have this trip denied me for one of my hopes since the terrible World war has been that, that I might have the small comfort of placing a tribute of respect on the resting place of my soldier husband.

We had been married only a short time when the call came for men.

He went glad to be of service to his Country.

Then came the official Notice killed in action and I found myself alone with my baby daughter. And so after nearly twelve years I am left out of the group because after a period of years I again took up the broken threads of life and wove them into another home.

I do wish to go and will be willing to pay for my expenses and for my daughter if arrangements could be made for a similar trip. Could arrangements be made for such a trip?

I would like to have a  
Reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Mrs Nora Alice High  
Bradgate, La.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bishop, Chester M.

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Nora Alice Higby,  
Box 65,  
Bradgate, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. 1/c Chester M. Bishop, Co. B. 139th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

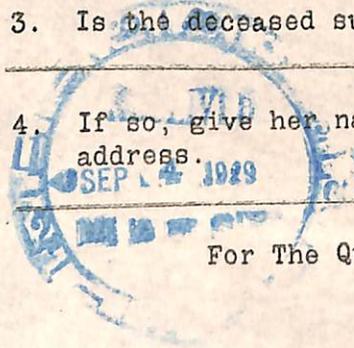
Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below:

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

Yes  
Even tho ~~remarried~~  
I do desire this trip.

Yes  
Mrs. Mattie Bishop  
Lovilia Iowa



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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# WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED**

**UNCLAIMED**  **UNKNOWN**

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bishop, Chester M.

June 29 , 1929.

Mrs. Nora Bishop,  
New Hampton, Iowa.

*N. R. married  
Mrs. Nora Alice Higby,  
Box 65,  
Bradgate,  
Iowa.*

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*7-29-Am*

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt.1/c Chester M. Bishop, Co.B. 139th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bishop, Chester M. (MA)

Sept. 5, 1932.

Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lovilia, Iowa.

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.

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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:  
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bishop Chester M (MA)

July 7 1932

Mrs Mattie Bishop  
Lovilia Iowa

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

QH 293 A-M  
Bishop, Chester M. (MA)

January 8, 1932

Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lovilia,  
Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Chester M. Bishop. In reply to a questionnaire you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you change your mind and later decide to make a pilgrimage it is requested that you so notify this office. You are assured that the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

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-M  
Bishop, Chester W. (M-1) M

September 29, 1931.

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Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Levlia, Iowa.

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,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1931.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Bishop, Chester M. Pvt. 1 cl (M-A) M

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OQMG M&R BFF  
Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lovilia, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bishop, Chester M. 1232 M

June 6, 1930

Mrs. Mattie Bishop  
Lovilia, Iowa.

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.

**Bishop, Chester M. 1232 M**

**Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Lovilia, Iowa.**

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  
Envelope

QM 293 A-C  
Bishop, Chester M.

September 13, 1929.

Mrs. Nora Alice Higby,  
Box 65,  
Bradgate, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 30, 1929,  
relative to the Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to  
Europe.

You are advised that the Act of March 2, 1929 does not con-  
tain any provision for any member of the family making the trip ex-  
cept the mother or unmarried widow. As you have remarried, it is re-  
gretted to have to inform you that you are not eligible under the law  
to make this pilgrimage.

The War Department has been charged with the execution of  
this Act and its efforts therefore must be restricted to making the  
arrangements necessary for the transportation, entertainment, etc.  
of those named as eligible under the Act.

Any arrangements which are desired to be made by relatives  
or friends of the deceased soldiers to visit their graves in Europe  
must be made by them personally. The limited accommodations avail-  
able in the small towns in the neighborhood of the cemeteries in  
Europe, and the fact that it is contemplated that the War Department  
will utilize these accommodations to the limit for those mothers and  
widows eligible under the above mentioned Act, make it necessary for  
those ineligible under the Act to make their own arrangements.

I regret that your request to make the trip to your late  
husband's grave cannot be granted, but you will understand that the  
War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as  
passed by Congress.

When the invitations for the pilgrimage are sent out, one  
will be extended the mother of your late husband, Mrs. Mattie Bishop,  
Levilis, Iowa.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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U.S.M.G.M & R DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bishop, Chester M.  
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Nora Alice Highy,  
Box 66,  
Bradgate, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 20, 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,

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

Bishop, Chester M.

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Nora Alice Higby,  
Box 65,  
Bradgate, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. I/c Chester M. Bishop, Co. B, 139th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Bishop, Chester M.

June<sup>29</sup>, 1929.

Mrs. Nora Bishop,  
New Hampton, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. 1/c Chester M. Bishop, Co. B, 139th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

Sept. 5, 1923.

Mrs. Nora Bishop,  
New Hampton,  
Iowa.

Dear Madam: The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Private, 1st class, Chester M. Bishop, Company B, 139th Infantry, is Grave 37, Row 25, Block E, 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 headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. H. CNEAL,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

In



SEP 16 1923  
M.H.W.

*son  
WPK*

Bishop,

(Surname.)

Chester

(Christian name in full.)

2,246,235

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1c1

Co B 139th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *wife*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *yes no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Nora Bishop  
New Hampton, Iowa*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn S. M.

4-23-21

1232-51-13.

12-5-21  
P.S.  
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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

✓ 1-10-22 Returned for  
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 Mueser - Argonne 12-22  
 MRS 2/6/22

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

File # 32592

(a) Name BISHOP, Chester M. Ser. No. 2146235  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/C Organization Co. B. 139th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-28-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. hmp  
 CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 22 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 51 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Chester M. Bishop, (Wife) Lovilla. Iowa.

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

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

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Mrs. Bishop (b) Relationship Wife  
 (c) Address Hampton, Iowa R. # 2  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 4-23-, 1920

**V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE** shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 4-23-, 1920

**VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE**—shows as follows:

Mrs. Edgar E. Clark  
sister, 1714 West Robinson St., Knoxville, Iowa,  
11-15-20. No request for disposition.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes S.M.

Examiner's Initials S.M. Date 4-23-, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 51 SHEET No. 13



Location in

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial NO.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial no.

Org.

Remarks

*EA all address are different*

S-1783/MB

*checked 7-4-5-21*

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 32592

Sec 115  
MHS 2/6/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

BISHOP, Chester M.

2146235

(a) Name	Pvt. 1/G	Ser. No.	Co. B. 139th Inf.	hmp
(b) Rank	9-28-18	Organization	K/A	TYP. ....
(c) Date of death				13 J
(d) Cause of death				

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

(a) Grave No.	22	Row	----	Plot	1	Sec.	51	hmp
(b) Emerg. Address	Mrs. Chester M. Bishop, (Wife) Lovilla. Iowa.							TYP. ....

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ..... CKR. 13 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  
*Action # 51*  
*par # 2 - Not to be returned - HD*  
 letter of transmittal on *5/4/21* ..... 192

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. ....

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 28, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BISHOP CHESTER M. SERIAL NUMBER 2146235  
 RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co., B, 139th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 28, 1921. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 22 sec 51 pt 1 Cem., #1232.  
 By: Group 10 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 29, 1921. In (give complete location):  
Row 25 Block E, Grave 37, Cem. 1232.  
 By: Group Reburial S. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Unlined casket

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

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

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

tag on body reads: " - - - - - 2146235 Report of disinternment and reburial by Sec. 10 ~~xxxx~~ 6-30-21.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

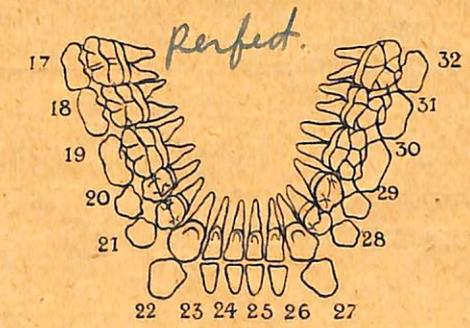
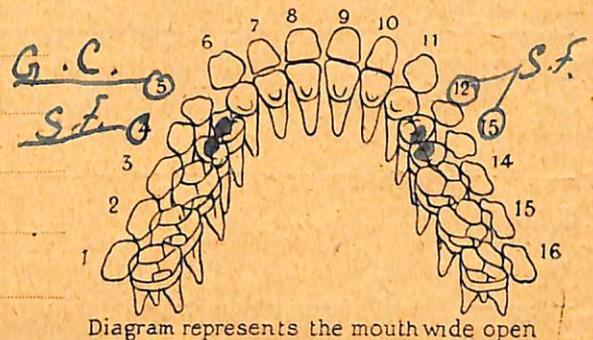
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by G. S. Wright S. M. Approved: H. S. Harpole  
G. S. Wright S. M. (Title) H. S. Harpole 1st. Lt. QMC (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault. Approved: Geo. C. Bland  
A. U. Dufault. (Title) concentration (Title) Geo. C. Bland, 1st. Lieut. QMC. (Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 28, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BISHOP. CHESTER M  
 2. No. 2146235  
 3. Rank PFC  
 4. Org. Co. B 139th Inf.  
 5. D.D. 9-28  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. No discrepancies.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 22 Sec. 51  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No discrepancies.

18. Cemetery Meuse Argonne Amer.  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 51

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon  
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 28, 1921.

By G.S. Wright.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Chester M. Bishop  
 Rank Pvt. 1/c

Serial No. 2146235  
 Organization Co. B, 139 Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

C. T. Brown  
 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).  
Tag on body reads, "-----2146235". Report of disinterment and reburial by Sect. #10, 6-30-21.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, burlap and uniform.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 28, 1921. By G.S. Wright.

31. Casket sealed by G. S. Wright.

AUDITED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) G. S. Wright

RECEIVED  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SER.



JUL 21 1922

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-13946.**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BISHOP. CHESTER M**

Serial No. **2146235.**

Rank **PFC**

Organization **CO. B 139th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

**Oct. 28, 1921,**

By **G. S. Wright.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date)

By

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

*H. S. Harpole*  
**H. S. Harpole, 1st Lieut., QMC.**

36. Remarks

**None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

**Oct. 28, 1921.**

To point of Concentration

**Morgue, Romagne.**

Convoyer **W. J. Royed.**

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

*G. E. Spahn*  
**G. E. Spahn, 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

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Arg. Cemetery** **1232** **Oct. 29, 1921.**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **37**

Section

43. ~~Plot~~ **Block E.**

Row **25**

G.R.S. Representative

*Geo. C. Bland*  
**Geo. C. Bland,  
1st. Lieut., QMC.**

Date 12th June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

32592

Remains of:

Name: BISHOP, Chester M.Number 2145235Rank: Unkn

Organization

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

6 9th May 1919Amer B A Cty Grave No 12CHATEL CHEHERY ARDENNES35 SE E301.2 N279.4

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

9th May 1919Grave No 22 Sec 51 Plot 1ARGONNE AMER. CEMETERY NO. 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

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

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Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on 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 of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt Howlett

JMB

R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.G.U.S.A

C.O. Group

Unit

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bishop 2145235 Chester M.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 11 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL 301.4 x 79.5

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

Map Montjeu on

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Reg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

OMME. Chatelet-Chehery (Ardennes)  
(C. 246) 35 SE COORD E. 301.4  
N. 279.5

REPORTED BY: Thomas H. Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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

Soldiers No..2145235

32592

BISHOP.. .. CHESTER..M....

Rank Co. Regt. Compd

Date death Cause

American.....

Date burial Cemetery

EXERMONT.. .. ARDENNES.....

Town Department

..12.. ..22..

Grave No. Plot No.

.. .. Gross.. ..

Grave Markings

.. ..yes...  
Body Identification tags Grave

Sketch No.31

279.3.N.301.2 E.Lambert (35) S.E.  
Map reference

10m.W.of woods. 1/3/4K.S.of Exermont. 1K.E  
of Fleville.Varennes road. 1.1/2K.NW.of  
Chaudron Fmc.

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

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January 24, 1921

FILE

293.8 Gen. #32592 (Bishop, Chester M., Private 1st Class)

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

TO: Mrs. Edgar B. Clark, 1714 West Robinson St., Knoxville, Iowa.

SUBJECT: Location of grave.

1. In reply to your letter of November 15, 1920, addressed to the Matron of the Argonne American Cemetery and referred to this office for action, you are advised that the records of this office show that the body of your brother, Private 1st Class Chester M. Bishop, Company "B", 139th Infantry, is buried in grave #22, section #51, plot #1, in the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse. This grave is situated at the edge of the cemetery and the body lies in front of the cross as it shows in the picture sent you by the American Red Cross Photographic Section, attached to this office. This is the reason that you do not see other crosses in the picture.

2. The famous Argonne Offensive Drive was made over the ground on which this cemetery is built and this site was chosen as a cemetery in memory of the fighting done by the American soldiers in this area.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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CHARLES J. WYNN,  
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.

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29 Nov 20  
H. O. AMERICAN G. R. S.  
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Knorrville Iowa  
Nov. 15. 1920.

To the Mother of Argonne Cemetery

243. BISHOP. C. M.

I am writing to you in regard to the grave of dear brother who gave his life in the war, he was killed in action in the Argonne Forest & his Chem says he was buried there, and I beg of you to see if his grave in the Cemetery you have there, the Red Cross sent us a picture of his grave but no other crosses can be seen at all, & I am just wondering if it really is his grave, the picture we have bears his name Chester M. Bishop, U. S. A. Then down at the ground where the cross is planted is a number D32170

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I am very anxious to get a direct word from you on this as mother is in very poor health & feeling fast since this grief came upon her, and if he is buried there could I get a picture of his grave for her & what would it cost? also I would like to have a large picture of the whole Cemetery, & what would it cost? Was this Cemetery built upon the same ground the boys fought over? my brother was a First class private in the 139<sup>th</sup> Infantry. any advice you can give me will be deeply appreciated I remain  
Mrs Edgar E. Clark  
Knoxville  
1714 West Robinson St. Iowa

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293. BISHOP. CHESTER M. 1st Ind.

Chief, Hq., A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, 3 December, 1920 -  
To: Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded, inviting attention to the above communication and the reply of this office to Mrs. Edgar E. Clark.

2. The records of this office show:-

Bishop, Chester M., Pvt. 1/cl. #2146235, Co.B., 139th Inf.  
Grave 22, Sec. 51, Plot 1, Cty. #1232, Romagne-  
sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

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

JMK/DNP  
Inf.  
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Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
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*Bishop, Chester M.*

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3 December, 1920.

Mrs. Edgar E. Clark,  
1714 West Robinson Street,  
Keosauqua,  
Iowa.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of November 15th addressed to  
the Matron of the Argonne Cemetery, making enquiries  
concerning the grave of your brother, Private Chester  
H. Bishop, #2146235, Co.B., 139th Inf., has been sent  
to this office for reply.

We are forwarding same to the Quartermaster  
General of the Army, Washington, D.C. from whom you may  
expect an early reply.

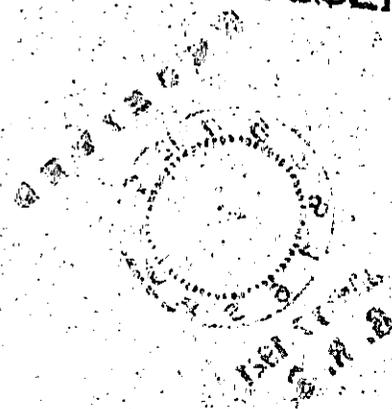
Large pictures of Romagne Cemetery are on sale  
at the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House, Romagne Cemetery and can  
be purchased for 2.50 francs, which is about 25 cents in  
American money.

Sincerely yours,  
E. CEWELEWITZ

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JOSEPH M. KANGLEY,  
Captain (Chaplain) Ret.,  
In Charge,  
Information Branch.



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293.8 Cem. #32592 BISHOP, Chester M.

Knoxville, Iowa  
Nov. 15, 1920.

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Yours truly,

Mrs. Edgar E. Clark,  
Knoxville, Iowa.  
1714 West Robinson St.

Copied by L. C.

325912 Missing Report or Details Death or Burial

Headquarters Information Co Division

Address next of Kin

Surname	No.	Rank	Christian Name	Co.	Regiment	Home address
Bishop			Chester M.	A.	139th Inf	Kas

Given By

Surname	No.	Rank	Christian Name	Co.	Regiment	Home address
Braddock	39286		William	B.	5th U.S. Cav	Berlin, N.J.

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

Killed instantly by m.g. bullet in neck + head -  
 "was buried in field by three men of my signal corps and I saw his dog tags as he lay on the ground. Medium size and slight about 130 lbs. Dark hair - Killed about Sept 24. Buried 28<sup>th</sup> 1918 at Adrien Farms near Evremont."

Informant intelligent

Date \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Searcher *Melina Name* Form 604

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

Dec. 27, 1918.

From: Chief, Graves Registration Service.  
 To: Major W. R. Castle, Jr., Bureau of Communication, A.R.C., Washington.  
 Subj: Photograph of grave of Chester M. Bishop, Co. B, 139th Inf.

Reference your request received through Paris, for a picture of the grave of the above mentioned soldier. Kindly note that this grave has not yet been registered at these Headquarters. Immediately the grave is located, the nearest relative will be informed and it will be in order for you to promise a photograph. The name of the applicant is not given.

By direction:

CHARLES C. PRANCE  
 Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.G., AEF

DEC 29 1918

File  
*[Handwritten signature]*

per Maurice B. Dix,  
 Captain American Red Cross  
 representative assigned to  
 Graves Registration Service.

MBD/VK

Surname BISHOP, Number \_\_\_\_\_

Christian name Chester

Regiment Co. B, 139th Infantry,

Washington reports -

Killed in action September 28th.

Enquirer - Washington.

Request for photograph of grave.