

DATE Sept. 29th 1921.

1. NAME BLACK, Robert P. SERIAL No. 1784227

RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION M. & Co. Co. E 315th Inf. & DIVISION - 79

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne, Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 Sec.94

CTY. NAME NUMBER

45 Sec.94 1

GRAVE ROW N. of Montfaucon (Meuse) PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Nothing of record c-238

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 279.01N 311.7E - 35 S.E.

CONCENTRATED TO 6-3-19 45 Sec. 94 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.

DATE OF DEATH - Sept. 29, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME - Pa

Data from Form 1

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

Robert J. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By OLVB

AUG 16 1926

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

M. B. BIRDSEY  
1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 29th 1921 21 37 F

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT Block

Rec'd World War Div.

3 APR 4 1928

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

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

AUDITED BY  
scps 4/30/23

Black, Robt. P.  
Sgt.

-23-(2nd Revision)

Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, JULY 22, 1931

Clearfield County

Name: Mrs. Katherine Black (M-5)

Address: O'Shanter, Pa. (Entrain at Tyrone, Pa.)

Route: Pennsylvania R.R. to New York, N.Y.

Lv. Tyrone Train No. 8	11.58 A.M., July 20
Ar. New York (Pennsylvania Station)	8.20 P.M., July 20

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Tyrone, Pa. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 8 Hours 22 Minutes

Abb.

cc

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Ar. New York (Pennsylvania Station)

5.20 P.M., July 20

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Tyrone, Pa. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed Time: 6 Hours 43 Minutes

*See Revised  
route sheet  
attached*

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Pennsylvania

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*See reverse sheet  
nothing attached*

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Route: New York Central R.R., Williamsport, Philadelphia & Reading Ry.,  
Tamaqua, Central R.R. of N.J., New York, N.Y.

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- ✓ Ar. Williamsport 3.40 P.M., July 18
- ✓ Lv. Williamsport P.&R. Train No. 14 10.45 P.M., July 18
- ✓ Ar. Jersey City C. of N.J. Train No. 120 6.08 A.M., July 19

Accommodations: Coach service from Mitchell's to Williamsport, Pa.  
Pullman Berth from Williamsport, Pa. to Jersey City, N.J.

Elapsed Time: 21 Hours 28 Minutes

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Party M  
Rochester N.Y.

**MEDICAL RECORD** Black, Robert P.

Sgt M. G. Co 315 Inf.  
Station: Hotel Ambassador Paris

Date: Aug 10, 1931

Name Black, K. Mrs.

Home address Ashanter, Clearfield Co. Penn

Address of Nearest friend or relative John Black (husband)

Religion Protestant

Age 66

History of Present complaint: Fell on steps of Invalides Aug 10 - 1931

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Bruised left knee <sup>won</sup>  
Stc.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) Aug 11, 1931. Seen by Dr. Merrill.  
Must heat to knee

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Black, Robert P.

Itinerary - Party "M" - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed July 22, 1931 on the S. S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. Captain J. W. Carroll in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 12:30 PM July 30th. Left at 2:54 PM for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 9:20 PM. Met by Officer in Charge and his staff.

- July 31st. Morning free. Ceremony held at Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Mrs. Mary Keibler placed wreath on Tomb of Unknown Soldier for party. Party then attended tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner.
- Aug. 1st. Visited Sacre Coeur in morning and Notre Dame in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 2nd. Free or church. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 3rd. Left Paris at 7:15 AM for Verdun via Porte de Pantin, Montmirail (rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant), Chalons s/ Marne (lunch Haute-Mere-Dieu). Arrived Verdun 5:45 PM. Quarters Hotel Nouvel.
- Aug. 4th, 5, 6, 7. Made daily visits to the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. Lunches at Cemetery. Dinners at Verdun.
- Aug. 8th. Left Verdun at 7:30 AM for Paris via St. Menshould, (rest stop Moderne Hotel), Suippes, Reims (lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal), Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme), Hill 204, Montreuil. Arrived Paris 7:00 PM. Dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 9th. Church or free. Lunch and dinner at hotel. Sight-seeing trip at nite.
- Aug. 10th. Visited Colonial Exposition in morning and Napoleon's Tomb in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel in Paris.
- Aug. 11th. Shopping or free. Visited Versailles in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel in Paris.
- Aug. 12th. Louvre or free. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 13th. Early lunch at Hotel in Paris. Entrained at Gare des Invalides about 12:30 PM. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON sailed at 7:30 PM. Arrived New York 9:20 AM August 21st.

Mrs. Katherine Black

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**PULLMAN IMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**  
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party H .....  
 Number 1225 .....

**REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.**

Black, Mrs. Katherine  
 .....  
O'Shanter, Pa.  
 .....  
 City Home Address County  
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 State

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.  
 New York, to Tyrone, Pa.

Destination of Ticket Tyrone, Pa.  
 via P.R.R. - Tyrone, Pa.

\$ 2.33. seat

Aug. 25, 1931  
 Date of Departure

Sept. 20, 1931  
 Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. <u>Perman to P.R.R.</u>		<u>25</u>	<u>9/23</u>	<u>800a</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>1027131</u>	
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*Capt Bensch*

Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total  
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 ..... Excess

*Name* ..... BLACK, Mrs. Katherine  
*Paris Hôtel* ..... HOTEL AMBASSADOR  
..... BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN  
*Home address* ..... O'Shanter, Clearfield, County, Pennsylvania  
*Party* ..... M ..... *Group* ..... *Unit* ..... SS. ROOSEVELT  
*Date of arrival* ..... July 30, 1931. ..... *Date of departure* ..... SS. WASHINGTON, August 13, 1931  
*Relationship* ..... Mother  
*Name of deceased* ..... BLACK, Robert P.  
*Rank* ..... Sgt. ..... *Organization* ..... M.G.Co., 315th Inf.  
*Cemetery* ..... Meuse-Argonne ..... G-21-F-R 37

REMARKS

Identity card found in Store Galeries Lafayette and forwarded to Pilgrim on Aug. 13th, 1931



Black, Robert P.

MA

Col. Pope

-23-(Revised)

Pennsylvania

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Replaced by  
Revised sheet

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1225

PARTY ... M ..... FILE NO. ....

NAME .BLACK, MRS. KATHERINE .....  
O'SHANTER, PA.

ROUTE OF TICKET

*Penn* ..... to *Lynne Pa.*  
..... to .....  
..... to .....

Expiration date *Sept 20, 1931*

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

Pennsylvania

*Replaced by  
new itinerary*

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WARDEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 544.3 A-M  
Pres. Roosevelt 7/22/31

July 3, 1931

SUBJECT: Quarters Together

TO: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation  
225 West 34th Street, Room 1211 Penna. Bldg.,  
New York City

1. The following pilgrims sailing on the President Roosevelt, July 22, 1931, have expressed a desire to be quartered together, and it is requested that every effort be made to comply with their wishes:

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Desires quarters with</u>	<u>Page</u>
Mrs. Jennie S. Wilbraham Atlantic City, N. J.	M-2	Mrs. Dorothy Stillwell Miami Media, Pa.	M-9
Mrs. Louise Wick Carlstadt, N. J.	M-2	Daughter (at own expense)	
Mrs. Katherine Black O'Shanter, Pa.	M-5	Mrs. Hannah Swanson Munson, Pa.	M-10
Mrs. Mary C. Blair Winters, Texas	M-6	Mrs. N. B. Singletary Ballinger, Texas	M-6

For The Quartermaster General.

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

copy



PARTY "M"  
July 2nd, 1931

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Penn.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Astor, 45th Street and Broadway, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between July 22nd, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and August 13th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,  
Paris, France.

*1 bag*

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

*George F. R. Taylor*  
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)  
Assistant.

7 Incl:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 523.091 A-M

Pilgrimage - Gold Star

July 1, 1931

SUBJECT: Revised Routing Sheet.

To: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation,  
225 West 34th Street, New York, N. Y.

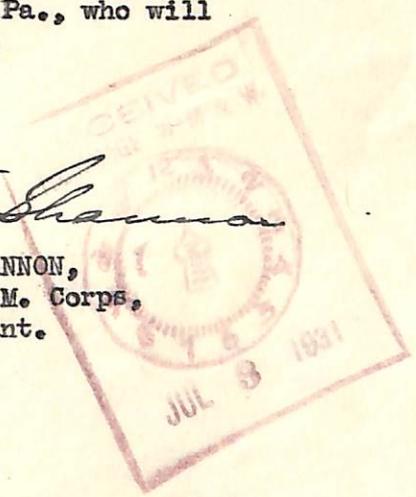
1. There is enclosed herewith revised routing sheet  
for Mrs. Katherine Black (M-5), O'Shanter, Pa., who will  
sail on the S. S. Roosevelt, July 22, 1931.

For The Quartermaster General.

*R. E. Shannon*

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

Encl.  
Routing Sheet.



J. F. M.

201 Black, Mrs. K.

Seanson, Oscar W. (St.M)  
Black, Robert P. (MA)

May 28, 1931

Mrs. Katherine Black  
O' Shanter  
Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Information has been received in this office to the effect that you desire to be quartered with Mrs. Hanna Swanson when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Robert P. Black, sailing on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT July 22nd, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York. In view of the fact that you are not to visit the same cemetery, however, it is regretted to advise that it will be impracticable to quarter you and Mrs. Swanson together in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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CC CAPT SHANNON  
CC NEW YORK

COPY



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Black</i>	<i>Bla</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Robert P.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>31</i>	2	<i>21</i>
	ROW <i>37</i>	2	<i>37</i>
	BLOCK <i>7</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RANK	<i>Sgt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>79</i>	2	<i>79</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>315-</i>	3	<i>315-</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Black</i>	<i>Res</i>	3	<i>221</i>
<i>Mrs Katherine</i>	STATE <i>Pa</i>	2	<i>44</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Clearfield</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	CITY <i>O'Shanden</i>	3	<i>XX X</i>
RELATION	<i>brother</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	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1931</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>

*Sold 1931*  
*July 21*

**AUDITED**  
 NOV 4 1931

*EBM*

*EM*

Xc 77 783    Black, Robert P.

Mother sailed

~~Widow ?~~

Single

Black, Robt. P.

1232

From LIAISON REPORT PARTY "M" WEST 1931

m-5

August 14 - Among those who suffered violently from seasickness:

- Mrs. Doyle
- Mrs. Ralph

Mrs. Ralph complained bitterly about her accommodations. She stated that she understood that cabin accommodations were to be given the pilgrims and that her room did not even have running water, and in addition was some distance from the bathroom. I explained to her that the ship (S S Washington) was not as modern as the S S President Roosevelt and on that account all the cabins did not contain running ~~water~~ water. I assured her however, that she did have cabin class accommodations.

The ship's surgeon visited:

- Mrs. Black
- Mrs. Swanson
- Mrs. Gunter

Mrs. Stroup afraid of attack of lumbago. Visited by ship's surgeon.

Mrs. Booty and Mrs. Rauch reported that their suitcases were damaged, the clasps having been broken. Baggage master notified to make repairs.

Requested (by radio) wheel chairs for Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Goldstein and Mrs. Blair, all cripples.

# MEDICAL RECORD

MA

Party: M Hotel ASTOR S. S. ROOSEVELT WASHINGTON Eastbound Westbound

Name Black, Mrs. Katherine, (Sgt. Robt. P. Black, 21, 37, F.)

Home Address O'Shanter, Pa.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mr. John Black,  
O'Shanter, Pa.

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age M

History of present complaint:

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 8/15/31 Intestinal Stasis

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 8/15/31 Hinkler Pills II

Disposition: (include dates)

9/19/31. OK. With W.D.

Remarks:

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party M

J. Rohex, R.N.

Station: Ambassador, Paris

Date: Aug. 10, 1931.

Name Black, Mrs. K.

Home address Dshanter, Clearfield, Pa.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Hubband, John

same address

Religion Prot.

Age 66

History of Present complaint: Fell on steps of Invalides Aug 10th.

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (*include dates*)

Bruised left knee, slight. A. W. H.

Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*)

Aug. 11th, seen by Dr. Merrill, Moist heat.

Disposition: (*include dates*)

Remarks: Aug. 13th to Cherbourg. Beach.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

M

STATE

MA

PENNSYLVANIA

M

Mrs. **Black, Katherine** ..... Address **O'Shanter** .....  
(Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

**Penn.** ..... **Clearfield.**  
(State) (County)

**Mr. John Black** ..... Address **O'Shanter** .....  
(Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

**Pennsylvania** ..... **Clearfield** .....  
(State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **PENN.** ..... Train No. **8** ..... Date **July 20, 1931 - 8:20 P. M.** .....

Hotel **Astor** ..... Room No. **468** .....

Roomed with **Mrs. Hannah Swanson** .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date **JULY 22, 1931** ..... Vessel **ROOSEVELT** ..... Cabin No. **201 A** .....

In Cabin with **Mrs. Hannah Swanson** .....

(Over Westbound)

**WESTBOUND**  
**ARRIVAL NEW YORK**

Date **AUG. 22, 1931** ..... Vessel ~~REPUBLIC~~ **WASHINGTON** ..... Cabin No. ~~XXXXX~~ **107&E**  
In Cabin with **Mrs. Hannah Swanson & Mrs. Jose Gunter** .....  
Hotel **Astor** ..... Room No. **248**  
Roomed with **Mrs. R. Swanson** .....

**DEPARTURE NEW YORK**

VIA. R.R. **Penn** ..... Train No. **25** ..... Space **S 20** ..... Car No. **65** ..... Date **8-22-31**

**REMARKS**

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(Over Eastbound)

M

NAME .. BLACK, MRS. KATHERINE.

ADDRESS ..... O'Shanter, Pa.

DATE .. *Aug 25 1931*

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

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs Katherine Black.*

5-125-C

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

~~S.S. Russell 7-22-31~~

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

Katherine Black

(Signature or name of addressee)

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

John A Black

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery June 26, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Black. R. P

5-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925784

INSURED PARCEL

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

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

MUNITIONS BUILDING  
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

WASHINGTON,

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE



AND DATE OF DELIVERY

U. C.

5125

1232

S. S. ~~Postmaster~~ 7-22-31

RETURN RECEIPT

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Katherine Black

(Signature or name of addressee)

John a Black

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

Jan 29, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 435721

INSURED PARCEL

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

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

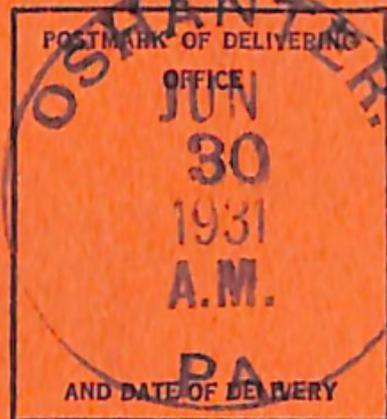
MUNITIONS BUILDING  
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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



QM 293 A-M  
Black, Robt. P. M. A.

July 10, 1931.

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter,  
Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S. S. President Roosevelt, July 22, 1931, you are advised that, due to change in train schedule, your itinerary has been revised to read as follows:

Leave Tyrone Penn. Train No. 8	11:58 A.M. July 20
Arrive New York (Penn. Station)	8:20 P.M. July 20

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Tyrone to New York.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Black, Robt. P. Sgt. (M-A) M

July 1, 1931

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

With reference to the pilgrimage to American  
Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. Roosevelt,  
July 22, 1931, in accordance with your request that you  
be allowed to entrain at Tyrone, Pa., instead of at  
Mitchell's, your itinerary and schedule have been changed  
to read as follows:

Lv. Tyrone Penna. #26 10:37 AM July 20

Ar. New York " " 5:20 PM " "

Parlor Car Seat from Tyrone, Pa. to New York, N. Y.

Kindly follow this schedule when you entrain  
for New York on the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Black, Robert P. Sgt. (M-A)

June 29, 1951

Mrs. Catherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 22, 1951, in which you state that it will be necessary to use bus to Tyrone where you will entrain for New York prior to making the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1951.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Black, Robt. P. Sgt. (MA) M

June 25, 1931

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~648546~~ in the amount of \$ **10.00**, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

Clearfield Co.

C. S. Hunter Pa

(m-a)

Black Robert P.  
Sgt. M. I. Co., 315th

June 22/31

acc. Roosevelt

July 22, 1931

Subject: Form M 293A-M

In the last paragraph of this letter you state to name R. R. Station from which I wish to start. The local Station Agent has been removed and Curwensville P.R.R. will now be our local agent:

Since train connections are poor it will be necessary to take Bns to Tyrone, the rate being \$2.00. Therefore train ticket should be from Tyrone.

Yours Truly  
Mrs Catherine Black

QM 235 A-M

June 1, 1931.

Swanson, Oscar W. (StM) M  
Black, Robert P. (MA) M

Mrs. Hannah Swanson,  
Route 1, Box 66,  
Munson, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Honorable J. Mitchell Chase, Representative in Congress, has communicated with this office relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Katherine Black of O'Shanter, Pennsylvania, when you make the pilgrimage to Europe to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Oscar W. Swanson, sailing on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22nd.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York. In view of the fact that you are not to visit the same cemetery, however, it is regretted to advise that it will not be practicable to quarter you and Mrs. Black together in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Swanson, Oscar W. (StM)  
Black, Robert P. (MA)

June 1, 1931.

Honorable J. Mitchell Chase,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chase:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 27, 1931, supplementing your telephone conversation of the same date relative to the desire of Mrs. Katherine Black of O'Shanter, Pennsylvania, to be quartered with Mrs. Hannah Swanson, R. F. D. 1, Munson, Pennsylvania, when she makes the pilgrimage to Europe sailing July 22nd on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Please be assured that arrangements will be made to have these mothers share the same cabin aboard ship and the same hotel room in New York. However, it will not be practicable to quarter them together in Europe as Mrs. Black is to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery while Mrs. Swanson is going to the St. Mihiel American Cemetery.

Both Mrs. Black and Mrs. Swanson have been communicated with relative to this matter.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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May 28, 1931

Swanson, Oscar W. (St.M)  
Black, Robert P. (MA)

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter,  
Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Information has been received in this office to the effect that you desire to be quartered with Mrs. Hanna Swanson when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Robert P. Black, sailing on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT July 22nd, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel room in New York. In view of the fact that you are not to visit the same cemetery, however, it is regretted to advise that it will be impracticable to quarter you and Mrs. Swanson together in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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CC CAPT SHANNON  
CC NEW YORK

J. MITCHELL CHASE  
23d DISTRICT PA.

HOME ADDRESS:  
CLEARFIELD, PA.

WASHINGTON ADDRESS:  
428 HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.

SECRETARY:  
OLIVER F. JONES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

May 27, 1931.

Quartermaster General,  
War Department.

My dear Sir:

Referring to 'phone conversation today of my Secretary with  
your office:

I am obliged for the assurance that you will be able to meet  
the request of Mrs. Katherine Black, O'Shanter, Clearfield  
County, Pennsylvania, QM293AM, a Gold Star mother, who is to  
make the trip on the steamer "Roosevelt" July 22, 1931, that  
she be quartered with Mrs. Hannah Swanson, R. F. D. 1, Munson,  
Pa., who is booked for the same boat.

I shall appreciate it if you will officially notify both Mrs.  
Black and Mrs. Swanson to the above effect.

Sincerely yours,



*Mitchell Chase*

293 Black  
293 Swanson  
Chase, Mitchell

<sup>From</sup> Cong. Chase, Penns. (by telephone - 5/27/31 -  
10:30 am)

Mrs. Catherine Black, (M-5) <sup>Par</sup> M-A  
O'Shantel, Penns. Sgt Robt P. Black

Wants to be quartered with  
Mrs Hanna Swanson - - - (Pt M) (M-10)  
Rfd # 1, Munson, Pa. (Sgt Oscar W Swanson)

Boch sailing Roosevelt, July 22.  
(per Congressman)

Cong. Chase will write us confirming  
this conversation.

5/27/31  
quarters noted  
on cards & inv. lists -  
and on Mrs Van Pelt's list.  
yep's.

Mar Britt

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

*July 22*

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

Black, Robert P. 1232 Pema. Clearfield County

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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

*Mr John Black*  
Name

*O'Shanter, Cfd Co, Pa*  
Address

Very truly yours,

(Your name)

(Your address)



President Roosevelt

7-22-31

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Black, Robert P., Sgt.

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Katherine Black

(Name)

O'Shanter, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania

(Town or City)

(State)

P. M.  
Clearfield, Pa.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Black, Robert P. -1232 M

June 3, 1930.

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

*Mrs Katherine Black*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

January 25, 1930

Black, Robert P. 1232

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sgt. Robert P. Black, M.G. Co., 315th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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|--|--|
| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?  |  |
| 2. If so, give her complete address.   |  |
| 3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite. |  |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Black, Robert P.

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'S hunter, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you 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  
Black, Robert P.

*Mother  
Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter,  
Pa.*

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. E. M. Black,  
1345 S. 29th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

*XC-77783  
7-29-30*

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sergeant Robert P. Black, M. G. Co., 315th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

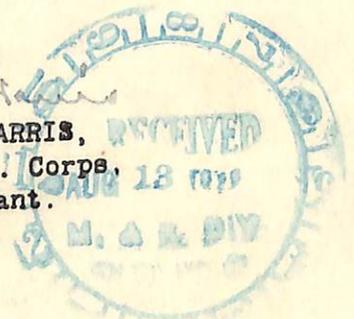
For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



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

Quarter Master General  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

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I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of  
my beloved son Name of Deceased Robert P. Black  
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased Shanter Pa.  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Serg 315<sup>th</sup> Inf. Machine Gun Co. 79<sup>th</sup> Div.  
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at Camp Meade Maryland.

Lost at Sea Among the Missing Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death at Montfaucon Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1918

Where Buried Montfaucon Cemetery

Name of Mother Mrs Catherine Black

Address Shanter Pa.  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

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

Respectfully yours,

*See  
Mrs Black  
10/9/31*  
Mrs Catherine Black

QM 293 A-M  
Black, Robt. P. M. A.

July 10, 1931.

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter,  
Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S. S. President Roosevelt, July 23, 1931, you are advised that, due to change in train schedule, your itinerary has been revised to read as follows:

Leave Tyrone Penn. Train No. 8 11:58 A.M. July 20  
Arrive New York (Penn. Station) 8:20 P.M. July 20

Accommodations: Parlor Car Seat from Tyrone to New York.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Black, Robt. P. Sgt. (M-A) M

July 1, 1951

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

With reference to the pilgrimage to American  
Cemeteries in Europe, sailing on the S. S. Roosevelt,  
July 22, 1951, in accordance with your request that you  
be allowed to entrain at Tyrone, Pa., instead of at  
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For The Quartermaster General,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Black, Robert P. Sgt. (M-A)

June 29, 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 25, 1931

Black, Robt. P. Sgt. (MA) M

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~64834~~ in the amount of \$ **10.00** to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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For The Quartermaster General,

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

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Check No.

QM 293 A-M

June 1, 1931.

Swanson, Oscar W. (StM) M  
Black, Robert P. (MA) M

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Route 1, Box 66,  
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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Black, Robert P. (MA)

June 1, 1931.

O. Q. M. G. 293  
Black, Robert P.

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House of Representatives,  
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Both Mrs. Black and Mrs. Swanson have been communicated with relative to this matter.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Swanson, Oscar W. (St.M)  
Black, Robert P. (MA)

May 28, 1931

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Pennsylvania.

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CC CAPT SHANNON  
CC NEW YORK

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293 Black, Robert P.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Black, Robert P. -1232 M

June 3, 1930.

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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

January 25, 1930

Black, Robert P. 1232

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Penna.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sgt. Robert P. Black, M.G. Co., 315th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress  
Envelope

U.S. M.G. CO. 315th INF. DIV. 1  
DISPATCH  
JAN 27 1930

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Robert P.  
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shanter, Pa.

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 serviceman 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:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Robert P.

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Katherine Black,  
O'Shenter, Pa.

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3. Will you 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

June 29, 1929.

Black, Robert P.

Mrs. E. M. Black,  
1345 S. 29th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Sergeant Robert P. Black, M. G. Co., 315th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

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

U.S. M. G. DIV.  
929 JUL 2 PM 12 55  
D.L.

Black, Robert P. 1,784,227  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Sgt. M. G. Co 315th Inf.  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father

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

If remains are brought to the United States, do you 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person to receive remain's.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) John Black

Oshantre Clearfield Co Pa  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

**Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.**

100  
No. 95. C.

Date 5-10-21

1232 Sec. 94-11

checked  
7/11/21  
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October 4, 1923.

Mr. John Black,  
Oshanter,  
Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of **Sergeant Robert P. Black, Machine Gun Company, 315th Infantry, is Grave 21, Row 37, Block F, 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. 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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. CHEAL  
Assistant.

O.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Bldg.



OCT 11 1923  
H.B.

Date 19th June 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

30507

Remains of :

NAME: BLACK Robert P.

NUMBER: 1784227

RANK: Ukn.

ORGANIZATION: UKH

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

4th June 1919.

Grave ISOLATED.

T

MONTFAUCON - MEUSE.

35 SE. E 311.7 N 279001.

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

4th June 1919.

Grave 45 Sec 94 Plot 7

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY. # 12325

ROMAGNE - MEUSE

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

Burial good. Badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? NO

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

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Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

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. Q, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Stein.

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.  
G.O. Group Unit

LPB.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

File # 30500 ✓

(a) Name BLACK, Robert P. Ser. No. 1784227  
 (b) Rank Sgt. Organization M.G. Co. 315th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 9-27-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. hmp  
 CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 45 Row ---- Plot 1 Sec. 94 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. E.M. Black, (mother) 1345 S. 29th St.,  
Phila. Pa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/ / CKR. 36

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

Date of receipt None

(a) Name John Black (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address O'shante, (Clearfield Co.) Pa.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials S. C. Date 5-10, 192 1

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

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 192 \_\_\_\_\_

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

7-22-20 John Black, father,  
O'shante, Clearfield Co., Pa. asks for  
location of grave.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials S. C. Date 5-10, 192 1

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 94 SHEET No. 11

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on **MAY 24 1921**, 192

*See 94*

*Par. 2 Not to be returned. LPW*

IX.

**REMARKS**

WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 22, 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 BLACK, Robert P. 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 1784227 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Sgt. 12. Rank SECTION  
 4. Org. M. G. Co. E 315th Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. 9-27-18 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. K.I.A. (b) D.B. No discrepancies

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 45 Sec. 94 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. No discrepancies  
 18. Cemetery Argonne, Amer. 19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Montfaucon  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 94  
 23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 22, 1921 By E. J. Renouard  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:  
 Name Robert P. Black Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank Sgt. Organization Co. E, 315th Inf.  
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? no

C. J. Hughes

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 peg over body reads: "Robert P. Black, 1784227." No effects or other means of identification found.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box in uniform and burlap.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 22, 1921 By E. J. Renouard31. Casket sealed by E. J. RenouardSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E. J. Renouard

AUDITED BY

E. J. Renouard

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 06533

32. Designation of body: Sept. 22, 1921

Name BLACK, Robert P. Serial No. 1784227

Rank Sgt. Organization Co. E 315th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne, Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 22, 1921 By E. J. Renouard

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 Geo. C. Bland

Geo. C. Bland,  
1st Lt, QMC

36. Remarks none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 22, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne (Name) Montfaucon

Convoyer W. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson  
Capt. CAC bee

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 22 SEP 1921

G.R.S. Representative Geo. C. Bland, Morgue Supt

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Dept. (Date) 1921

42. Grave No. Gr 21 block F row 37 Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger  
James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

jjt.



Place Magne sous Montfaucon.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 22nd 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLACK, Robert P. SERIAL NUMBER 1784227

RANK Sgt ORGANIZATION M. G. Co. 315th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): September 22nd 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 45. Sect. 94. Plot 1. Cem. 1232.

By: Group 4. Unit F.S. 2.

3. Reburied (date): Sept 29th 1921 In (give complete location): Musee Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 21 block F row 37

By: Group re-burial S Unit S Nature of reburial unlined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: Uniform burlap and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? No Tag on peg over body? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: Tag on peg over body reads, " Robert P. Black. 1784227. No effects or other means of identification found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 1-30-Silver filling. 3-12-16-20-31-

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine. Cavities

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color Light brown.

Quantity Small

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color Impossible to deter.

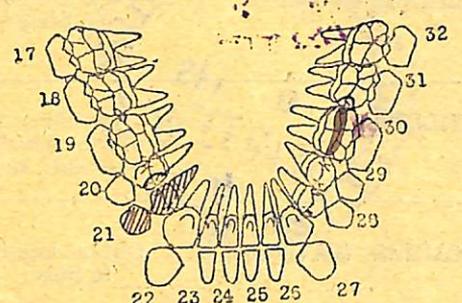
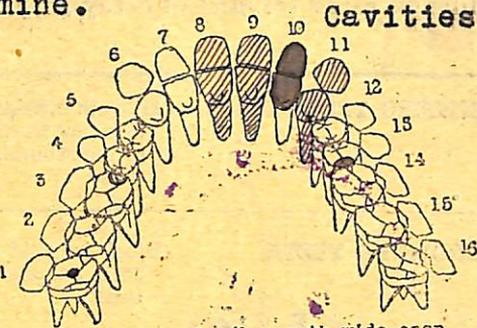
Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 8-9-11-21-Missing. 10-Gold crown cement filling.

Left pelvia left femur left tibia left fibia right femur right fibia and right tibia fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Renouard

Approved: Geo. C. Bland  
(Title) Geo. C. Bland, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. ewr

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields

Approved: James W. Younger  
(Title) James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

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Phila. Pa.

III. Files of soldiers /dying from contagious diseases / CKR. 306

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  
by 94 { letter of transmittal on MAY 24 1921, 192  
Par. 2 Not to be returned. APW

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. \_\_\_\_\_

THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLACK 1784227 Robert P.

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

Sgt. MG Co., 315th Infantry

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: .. I. kilometer N. of Montfaucon

CAUSE OF DEATH: Shell fire

DATE OF BURIAL: Sept 29 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: at place of death

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

No cemetery single grave;

Montfaucon I/50,000 II, 6-79; Q

GRAVE NUMBER: unknown

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?

Montfaucon (Meuse)

NEAREST RELATIVE: 238 3556 E 311.6 N 279.0

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Fred W. Lucas Capt 315th Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).



Communal List No. 738-7645  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

O'Shanter

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> / 1920

Colonel Pierce,

Dear Sir ~~We~~ we have received from  
the American Red Cross a  
photograph of my son, Sergt.

Robert P. Black grave, grave No 45  
the only information I have regard-  
ing his grave is that he was buried  
where he met his death near  
Montefaucon if his remains  
have been moved I would like  
to know to which Sematary  
they have been removed

Thanking you for any information  
you may be able to give me

John Black

O'Shanter

Clearfield Co

Pa ✓

G. R. S. Form No. 113,  
Reply to G. L. Inquiry.

File # 3050X

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 1, 1920.

Mr. John Black,  
O'Shanter,  
Clearfield Co.,  
Pa.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: Sgt. Robert P. Black, #1784227  
M. G. Co. 315th Inf.

Place of burial: Reburied: Grave #43, Sec. #94, Plot #1,  
Argonne American Cemetery Honagne-Sous-  
Montfaucon, Department of Meuse.

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.