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DATE 12/3/21

1. NAME BLAINE, Thomas

SERIAL No. 2339195

RANK

Sgt.

ORGANIZATION Co.H., 4th Inf.

& DIVISION 3rd

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232. Sec. 33
CTY. NAME NUMBER

84 Sec.33

GRAVE

ROW

2

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION No record

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

No record

CONCENTRATED TO

6/7/19

84

33

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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 cross. Sgt. chevrons on uniform

data f-1/pfb

DATE OF DEATH Oct 15 18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. D. Dudgeon

M. D. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., 4th Inf. Corp., U.S.A.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/3/21

32 34 Block B.

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

AUDITED BY

B.W. 3-2F-23

A.G.O.
MAP 11 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

CEMETERY

Major General
The Adjutant General
By 8/10
MAP 11 1926

Date 23rd June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BLAINE Thomas FNumber: Unkn 2339195Rank Unkn Organization: Co H 4th Inf NSNDisinterment and Reburial made by Group UnitDisinterred (Date) 7th June 1919 From: (Give complete location) Isolated GraveCUNEL MEUSE 35NE 309.9E 284.6NReburied (Date) 7th June 1919 in: (Give complete location) Grave # 84b Sec 33 Plot 21232ARGONNE AMER.CTY:# 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good, burie in Uniform, body in Normal condition.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

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

Supervised by Lt. Stienr/sR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group _____

Unit _____

Blaine, Thomas.

Sgt.

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Pennsylvania

GOLD STAR MOTHERS PILGRIMAGE

S.S. ROOSEVELT, JULY 22, 1931

Allegheny County

Name: Mrs. Marie Blaine (M-4)

Address: 1014½ Second Ave., Coraopolis, Pa.

Route: Pittsburgh & Lake Erie R.R. to Pittsburgh, Pa., Baltimore & Ohio R.R. to New York, N.Y.

✓ Lv. Coraopolis P&LE Train No. 40	5.06 P.M., July 19
✓ Ar. Pittsburgh	5.25 P.M., July 19
✓ Lv. Pittsburgh B&O Train No. 24-12	6.00 P.M., July 19
Ar. Jersey City	8.25 A.M., July 20

Accommodations: Coach Service from Coraopolis to Pittsburgh, Pa.
Pullman Berth from Pittsburgh, Pa. to Jersey City, N.J.

Elapsed Time: 15 Hours 19 Minutes

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	S-U-B-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bla	3	291
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 32	2	32
	ROW 34	2	34
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Ohio	2	41
RANK	Sgt	1	2
DIVISION	3	2	03
ORGANIZATION	4	3	004
ARM	1	1	1
MARITAL	1 Yes	1	1
NAME	Bla	3	221
RESIDENCE	STATE Pa	2	44
	COUNTY Allegheny	2	02
(Mother dead)	CITY Coraopolis	3	063
RELATION	widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	02
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
29/514			

AUDITED

MAR 10 1932

G. L.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bla	3	2 2 1
Thomas	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE	2	
	ROW	2	
	BLOCK	1	
STATE		2	
RANK		1	
DIVISION		2	
ORGANIZATION		3	
ARM		1	
MARITAL		1	
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	dead	1	6
NATIVITY	No Loco or Sm.		
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blaine Thomas (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Marie Blaine
1014 $\frac{1}{2}$ Second Ave
Coraopolis Pa

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? NO

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Marie Blaine

Sacred Heart School
Dodge P. O. #3, 1932

A. D. Hughes, Captain, 2. M. Corps,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter
of March 22, I give the
information that Thomas
Blaine's Sgt (M-1) 2 M 2939-M
natural mother died in 1899.
His grandmother Mary Blaine
(died 1910) held the status of
loci parentis to him until
he was eighteen years of age.

Respectfully yours,
Sister Mary Felix

QM 293 A-M
Blaine, Thomas Sgt. (M-A) W

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ - 2nd Avenue,
Coraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine.

It is noted you were unable to make the journey in previous years because of your poor health, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many women who were in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your husband's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Blaine, Thomas Sgt. (M-A)

March 22, 1932.

Sister Mary Felix,
c/o Sacred Heart School,
Route #3,
Dodge, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

In order to complete the records of this office in the case of your brother, the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine, it will be appreciated if you will advise the date of death of his natural mother and whether or not he is survived by a stepmother or any other woman who may have held the status of loco parentis to him for a period of five years prior to his becoming eighteen years of age. If so, please furnish her name and address.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Blaine Thomas

Sgt Co. H, 4th Inf. Ohio

1232

A. L.

Widow's latest address?

main 1014 1/2 - 1st ave Coraopolis
Pa

X C120066

Mother? and father dead

Stepmother?

Loco? no record

Made widow & sister joint bnf.

"Sister" Mary Felix

9^o Sacred Heart School

RT-3- Lodge 941

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blaine, Thomas (M-A) W

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
~~1014½~~ Second Avenue,
Corona, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:

Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Blaine, Thomas Sgt. (M-A) W*

July 23, 1931.

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Avenue,
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

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(Signature or name of addressee)

Blaine
(Signature of addressee's agent)

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Roosevelt 7-22-31

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

Mrs. Marie Blaine
(Signature or name of addressee)



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QM 293 A-M
Blaine, Thomas (MA) W

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Avenue,
Caraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated July 2, 1931, enclosing check in the amount of \$7.50 and advising that you are unable to make the pilgrimage to Europe sailing on the President Roosevelt, July 22nd, to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine.

It is deeply regretted that your health prevents you from making the journey at this time. Accordingly, your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage during the summer of 1932, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MB

W

Dear Mr. Roosevelt
July 2, 1932

Check #648,338 Amt \$7,50
Recd 7-3-31
Hte

Pittsburgh, Pa. MPA
July 2, 1931.

Mr. J. D. Hughes:-

Returning check.

for expenses to New York.

Impossible

for me to take trip now.
as I am under the Doctor's
care.

Blaine

Thomas

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Thanking You

Mrs. Ward Blaine
QM 293 A-C.

Thomas Blaine Sgt. (M.A) W.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaine, Thomas M-A

June 30, 1931

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Ave.,
Coraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Coraopolis	P&LE	Train No.40	5.06 P.M. July 19
Ar. Pittsburgh	"	" " "	5.25 P.M. July 19
Lv. Pittsburgh	B&O	" " 24-13	6.00 P.M. July 19
Ar. New York	"	" " "	8.25 A.M. July 20
(Jersey City)			

Accommodations: Coach service from Coraopolis, Pa. to Pittsburgh, Pa. Pullman berth from Pittsburgh, Pa. to New York, N.Y.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARtermaster GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 25, 1931

Blaine, Thomas Sgt. (MA) W

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Ave.,
Coraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~648388~~ the amount of \$ ~~7.50~~ to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.

Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

June 24, 1931

Blaine, Thomas M-A W

Mrs. Matie Blaine,
1014½ 2nd Ave.,
Coraopolis, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

- (a) Have four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size.
- (b) Take these photographs, your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have to the Clerk of the Court as shown above.
- (c) Have someone who has known you for at least two years go with you to the Clerk to identify you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

Boston, Mass.	Custom House, State & Washington Streets
Chicago, Ill.	608 South Dearborn Street
New Orleans, La.	216 Post Office Bldg.
New York, N. Y.	Sub Treasury Bldg., Broad & Wall Streets
San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Roosevelt
7-22-31
1232

Blaine, Thomas

✓
Decline by letter 7-2-31

~~I accept by wife 5-22-31~~

I accept by wife 5-22-31
(Accept or decline)
the invitation extended
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of
the Government of the United States under the pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Marie Blaine

(Name)

1014 1/2 Second Ave, Coraopolis, Pa

(Town or City)

(State)

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293G S M=

RECEIVED YOUR INVITATION TO SAIL JULY TWENTY SECOND WILL

ACCEPT SAME=

MRS MARIE BLAINE 1014 1/2 SECOND AVE CORAOPOLIS PENN.

accept
Roosevelt
July 22-



293 - Blaine - Thomas
1232

Washington, D. C., May 14, 1931

MRS. MARIE BLAINE,
1021 STATE ST.,
CORAOPOLIS, PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY TWO NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2938GSM

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MRS MARIE BLAINES ADDRESS TEN TWENTY ONE STATE STREET
FORMERLY OF TEN FOURTEEN AND A HALF FIRST AVE=

POSTMASTER.

807A.

copy of
address noted
RECORD ATTACHED XPTs.



293 -

Blaine -

- War Department -

May 13, 1931, Washington, D. C.

POSTMASTER
CORAOPOLIS PENNSYLVANIA

RE PILGRIMAGE TELEGRAPH COLLECT CORRECT ADDRESS OF MRS MARIE BLAINE
FORMERLY OF TEN FOURTEEN ONE HALF FIRST AVENUE. 2936 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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MRS MARIE BLAINE SGD DEWITT UNKN AT 1014 ONE HALF FIRST AVE

ALSO UNKN AT PO GBA ~~NO 17~~ GIVE BETTER ADDRESS.

CORAOPOLIS PENN 12.

QM GENERAL.
GSM 2935

RECORD ATTACHED



293
Blair - Thomas W.

Washington, D. C., May 12, 1931

MRS. MARIE BLAINE,
1014½ FIRST AVE.,
CORAOPOLIS, PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY TWO NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2935GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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MRS MARIE BLAINE SGD DEWITT UNKN 1014 1/2 FIRST AVE GBA 11=

CORAOPOLIS PENN MAY 8.

442PM.

#GIVE BETTER ADDRESS, TELEGRAM REMAINS UNDELVD.

ARMY MESSAGE CENTER,
MAY 9,2. B. 1200 6
el- State before
address a/c.11:15 am
5/9/31
mrs B

RECORD ATTACHED



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- 3 -
- Penn -

Lewins

Washington, D. C., May 8, 1931

MRS. MARIE BLAINE,
1014½ FIRST AVE.,
CORAOPOLIS, PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY TWO NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2920GSM

ADH

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Blaine, Thomas (M-A) W



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 3, 1930.

Blaine, Thomas -1232 W

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
~~1014½ First Ave.,~~
Craopolis, Pa.

1014½ Second Ave.

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?

Yes.
(Write answer here)

Mrs Marie Blaine
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

January 25, 1930

Blaine, Thomas 1232 W.

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ First Ave,
Coraopolis, Penna.
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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 Sgt. Thomas Blaine, Co. H., 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

*RECEIVED
FEB 2 1930
M. R. M.
1930*
Mrs. Marie Blaine
1014½ First Ave.
Coraopolis Pa.

No

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaine, Thomas

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014 1/2 First Avenue,
Caronopolis, 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 widow of the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine, Co. H. 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. 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. Have you remarried since the death of the above named veteran?

2. If not, do you desire to make the pilgrimage?

3. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

4. If so, give her name and complete address.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaine, Thomas.

Mrs. Agness Kepp,
347 Ayers St.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

*Widow
Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014 1/2 First Ave
Coronado, Pa.*

June 27, 1929.

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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 sister of the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine, Co. H. 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

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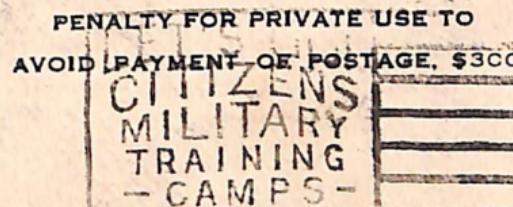


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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blaine Thomas (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Marie Blaine
1014½ Second Ave
Coraopolis Pa

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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Blaine, Thomas Sgt. (M-A) W

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ - 2nd Avenue,
Coraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine.

It is noted you were unable to make the journey in previous years because of your poor health, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many women who were in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your husband's grave during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the Government, but 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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Blaine, Thomas Sgt. (M-A)

March 22, 1932.

Sister Mary Felix,
c/o Sacred Heart School,
Route #3,
Dodge, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

In order to complete the records of this office in
the case of your brother, the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine,
it will be appreciated if you will advise the date of death
of his natural mother and whether or not he is survived by a
stepmother or any other woman who may have held the status of
loco parentis to him for a period of five years prior to his
becoming eighteen years of age. If so, please furnish her
name and address.

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

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

Blaine, Thomas (M-A) W

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Avenue,
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Blaine, Thomas Sgt. (M-A) W*

July 23, 1931.

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Avenue,
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

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.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

QM 293 A-M
Blaine, Thomas (MA) W

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Avenue,
Coraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated July 2, 1931, enclosing check in the amount of \$7.50 and advising that you are unable to make the pilgrimage to Europe sailing on the President Roosevelt, July 22nd, to visit the grave of your son, the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine.

It is deeply regretted that your health prevents you from making the journey at this time. Accordingly, your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage during the summer of 1932, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaine, Thomas M-A

June 30, 1951

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Ave.,
Coraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Coraopolis	P&LE	Train No.40	5.06 P.M. July 19
Ar. Pittsburgh	"	" " "	5.25 P.M. July 19
Lv. Pittsburgh	B&O	" " 24-12	6.00 P.M. July 19
Ar. New York	"	" " "	8.35 A.M. July 20
(Jersey City)			

Accommodations: Coach service from Coraopolis, Pa. to Pittsburgh, Pa.
Pullman berth from Pittsburgh, Pa. to New York, N.Y.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARtermaster GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 25, 1931

Blaine, Thomas Sgt. (MA) W

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ Second Ave.,
Coraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~648378~~ the amount of \$ ~~7.50~~ to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

June 24 1931

Blaine, Thomas M-A W

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ 2nd Ave.,
Coraopolis, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court nearest your home or to the Clerk of the Court at your County seat. The following action must be taken by you now:

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(a) Have ~~4~~ four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper (unmounted) not more than ~~5~~ x 3 inches or less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
(b) Take these photographs, your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you ~~may~~ have to the Clerk of the Court as shown above.
(c) Have ~~2~~ someone who has known you for at least two years go with you to the Clerk to identify you.

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The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the proper office. Passports will be delivered to you aboard the boat. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Persons living in or near the following cities will take the steps shown in (a), (b) and (c) above, and go to the U. S. Passport Agent at the address nearest their home shown below and not to Clerks of Courts:

Boston, Mass.	Custom House, State & Washington Streets
Chicago, Ill.	608 South Dearborn Street
New Orleans, La.	216 Post Office Bldg.
New York, N. Y.	Sub Treasury Bldg., Broad & Wall Streets
San Francisco, Cal.	Custom House, Washington & Battery Streets
Seattle, Wash.	1008 White Bldg., 4th Avenue & Union Street
Washington, D. C.	State Department, 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue

Advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington, D. C., May 14, 1931

MRS. MARIE BLAINE,
1021 STATE ST.,
CORAOPOLIS, PA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY TWO NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2938GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Blaine, Thomas (M-A) W



QM 293 A-M
Blaine, Thomas 1252-W

March 30, 1931

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ First Ave.,
Coraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "President Roosevelt" on July 22, 1931.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before May 5, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 1, 1930

Blaine, Thomas

1232-W

Mrs. Marie Blaine
1014½ First Ave.
Caronopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 3, 1930.

Blaine, Thomas -1232 W

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ First Ave.,
Carnaopolis, 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,
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
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaine, Thomas 1232--W

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ First Ave.,
Caracopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give ³⁵ your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
	English - (Yes) (No)	
5. What language do you speak?	Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

January 25, 1930

Blaine, Thomas 1232

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014½ First Ave,
Caronopolis, 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 widow of the late Sgt. Thomas Blaine, Co. H., 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Rémagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blaine, Thomas 1232

September 9, 1929

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014 1/2 First Avenue,
Caraopolis, Pa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaine, Thomas

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Marie Blaine,
1014 1/2 First Avenue,
Caronopolis, 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 widow of the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine, Co. H. 4th 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Blaine, Thomas.

Mrs. Agness Kepp,
547 Ayers St.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

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 sister of the late Sergeant Thomas Blaine, Co. H, 4th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
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In reply refer to:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1925.

2013 Blaine, Thomas
Mrs. Agnes Kepp,
347 Ayers St.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

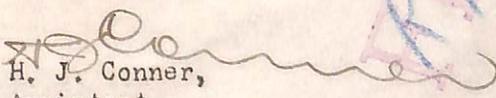
The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Sergeant Thomas Blaine, Company H, 4th Infantry, is Grave 32, Row 34, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

RD


H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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347 Ayers St.,

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In reply refer to:
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July 6, 1923.

Mrs. Agnes Kepp,
347 Ayers St.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that ~~Sergeant Thomas Blaine, Company H, 4th Infantry,~~ the permanent grave of is Grave 32, Row 34, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

RD

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Very truly yours,

H. J. Connor,
Assistant.

23/236/ARK

COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 54710

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	BLAINE, Thomas	Ser. No.	2339195	<div style="display: inline-block; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 2px;">TYP. B</div> <div style="display: inline-block; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 2px;">CKR. 30</div>
(b) Rank	Sgt.	Organization	Co. H, 4th Inf.	
(c) Date of death	10-15-18	(d) Cause of death	K/A	

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

(a) Grave No.	84	Row	-	Plot	2	Sec.	33	TYP. B
(b) Emerg. Address	Agnes Kept (sister) RFD #1, Edensburg, Pa.							
A.Y.O. 301- May 21, 1920 confirming (61-29-21)								

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases *1/1/1/1/1/1/1* CKR. 30

No card in file. 4-28-21 G.C.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____

(c) Address _____

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S. ? _____

(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 _____ Date _____, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from _____, dated _____, confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: *Rec'd 3-19-19 Mrs. Agnes Kepp
sister [near address] 347 Ayers St., Youngstown, Ohio.
asks for location of grave.*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

COUNTRY	FRANCE	CEMETERY No.	1232-Sec.33	SHEET NO.	15
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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **MAY 10 1921**, 1920

See

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED

ap.

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____ _____	_____
Body to be shipped to _____ _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Location Index.....

..... 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

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checked
H.S. 10/1
H.S. 10/1
H.S. 10/1

COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 54710

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

BLAINE, Thomas	2339195	B TYP. <i>30</i>
(a) Name	Ser. No.	
Sgt.	Co. H, 4th Inf.	
(b) Rank	Organization	
10-15-18	K/A	
(c) Date of death	(d) Cause of death	

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

84	2	33	B
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(a) Grave No.	Row	Plot	Sec.	TYP.
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Agnes Kept (sister) RFD #1, Edenburg, Pa.				
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(b) Emerg. Address	193 P. 201- May 21, 1920, Cynwyd, Pa. (E 14. 21)			
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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases	CKR. <i>30</i>
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IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by	cable on	, 192
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letter of transmittal on	MAY 10 1921	, 192
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<i>Sec. 33.</i>	PARACODE 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED	<i>ap.</i>
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VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J.,	, 192
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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
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COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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

FRANCE

3-8020

1232-Sec. 33

15

Concentration,

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 3, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLAINE, Thomas. SERIAL NUMBER. 2539195.

RANK. Sgt. ORGANIZATION. Co. H. 4th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Dec. 3, 1921. gr 84 sec 33, plot 2, Cty. 1232.

By : Group. 3 Unit. sec 1

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

Dec. 3rd, 1921. Grave 32, Row 34, Block B, Cemetery 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 and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

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

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

G.R.S. plaque on box and found in grave check. Sgt. chevrons on uniform.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

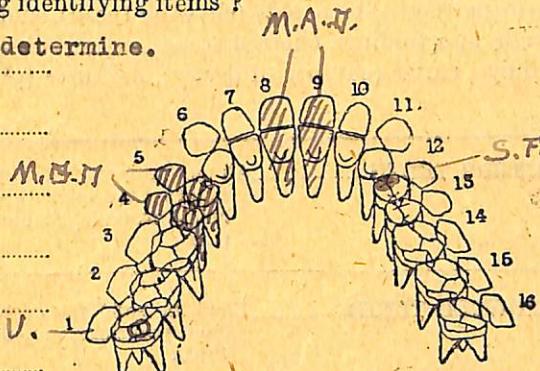
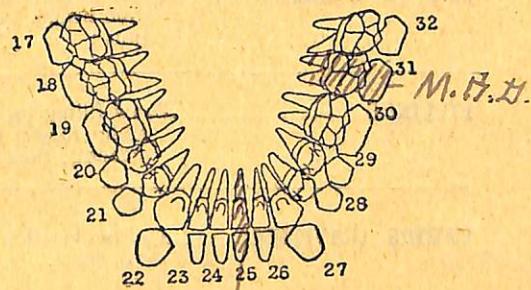


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



M.A. II

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

none visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by J. L. Haly

Approved: H. S. Harpole, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger, Captain Q.M.C.
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 3, 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 BLAINE, Thomas

10. Name

2. No. 2339195

11. No.

3. Rank Sgt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.H., 4th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 15th, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 84 Sec. 33

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. none.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 33

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 3, 1921

By J.L. Haky.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Thomas Blaine.

Serial No. 2339195

Rank Sgt.

Organization Co. H. 4th Inf.

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

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

R.W. Leemans.

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).

G.R.S. plaque s found on box and in grave checks. Sgt. chevrons on uniform.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and 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 Dec 3, 1921 By J.L. Haky.

31. Casket sealed by J.L. Haky.

AUDITED BY Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.L. Haky

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2. Soldier's No.

3. Blaine Thomas F.

Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Sgt. H. 4th. Inf.

Rank

Company

Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

Date of Death

ISOLATED

6. Date of Burial Cemetery

Date of Burial

Cemetery

7. Cunel Meuse

Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 614 Plot No. or Letter

Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? 1. Cross? Headboard? Bottle? Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? 1. Attached to Grave Marker? 1. Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

C-249. CMME of CUNEL. (MEUSE)

"A" sketch 37

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

35NE. 284.7 N 309.9 E

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed... Lt. Caswell

GROUP No. 4 Group..... Unit..... G. R. S.

PROV. UNIT "A" G.R.S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

MBR-imt
1-210

IN REPLY REFER TO 201 (Blaine, Thomas) WW
Subject: Correct date of death.

May 21, 1920.

PK
adj made
5/25/20
HRC

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,
Washington, D.C.

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained that the date of death of Sergeant Thomas Blaine, #2,339,195, Company H, 4th Infantry, heretofore communicated to you is erroneous, and that he was killed in action October 15, 1918.

2. For purpose of identification you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted February 24, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: Mrs. Agnes Kept (sister), R.F.D. #1, Edenburg, Pa.

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.
Per: RRC



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

Reference-54710.

April, 10th 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mrs Agnes Kepp, 347 Ayres St, Youngstown, Ohio, U.S.A.
SUBJECT: Sgt. Thomas Blaine, Co., H, 4th Infantry, American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records of the
quarters he is buried in ~~Grave No. 614, Isolated command post~~
in the Department of the MEUSE.

By direction

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

(Enclosures G.R.S.:)
(10-B, .004.5)

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

MBD-cb

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

FILE NUMBER

54 710

FROM:- J. R. e

DATE:

3/22/17

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BLAINE, THOMAS

NUMBER

RANK SGT.

ORGANIZATION

Co. A. 4th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 10-13-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ KIA
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ C C # 318
5.	Date buried.	⑤ NO DATE.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ C N M E # 249672 V R # 614 ISOLATED C N M E of CUNEL (M EUSE)
7.	Who reported burial?	SH# 35 NE JE 309.9 N 284.7
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑦ PRS office
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑧ Yes
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑨ N.P.
12.	Has N/R been notified?	⑩ 1 Jag with body 1-46 marked
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.		
⑪ AGNES KEPPEL (sis) RELDST-EDENBURG PA		
⑫ Yes 12-2018		
DPS		

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Chief Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Services of Supply. v.
A.P.O 717.

American E. F. France

Dear Sirs:-

Would like to know
the location, of my brother
grave, who gave his life for
a good cause. I had three
brothers, that enlisted, but I
only hear of one, living.
I would also, like to have
Photographs of my brother.
Serg. Thomas Blaine Co H. 4th
Infantry, Died Oct 18, 1918
France

Serg. Thomas Blaine
Co H. 4th Infantry
Died Oct. 13, 1918

I have changed my address.
which was Mrs. Agnes Kipp
Edenburg Pa. P. O. D #1

But now is.
347 Ayers St. Youngstown
Ohio. U. S. A.

Yours Truly
Mrs. Agnes Kipp