

To The A. C. C.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 10 1926

DATE 2/28/22.

1. NAME BLAKE, Ezra SERIAL No. 1626841

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L. 109th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 14

27 Sec.14.

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated 1 Apremont, Ardennes

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 277.34 N 299.84 E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/5/19 27 Sec 14 1

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Sept 28/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Colo data F-1.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. BIRDSEYE 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/28/22. 5 29 Block B.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

AUDITED BY M.M.E. - 3-17-23

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. Meuse. CEMETERY

MAR 11 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert C. Davis, The Adjutant General, By [Signature] MAR 15 1926

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BLAKE, Ezra Number: 1626841

Rank: Unkn Organization: Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ From: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_  
5, MAY 1919 Grave# 1 ISOLATED GRAVES.

APREMONT, ARDENNES. Map 35 SE

E 299.84 N 277.84

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ in: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_  
5, MAY 1919 Grave# 27 Sec 14 Plot 1

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Body buried in uniform, and in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

*CONFIRMED No. D.*

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Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Grant.

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit C.I.S.A.

Pres. Roosevelt

Pvt. Ezra Blake

7-26-33

MA

*On account of Poor Health*

I *Decline* the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Martha Blake

(Name)

Plains, Meade Co., Kans.

(Town or City)

(State)

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blake</i>	<i>Bla</i>	3	2 2 1
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>5</i>	2	05
	ROW <i>29</i>	2	29
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	2
STATE	<i>Colo</i>	2	05
RANK	<i>Port</i>	1	91
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	28
ORGANIZATION	<i>109</i>	3	109
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Blake</i>	<i>Bla</i>	3	2 2 1
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Kansas</i>	2	18
	COUNTY <i>Meade</i>	2	60
	CITY <i>Plains</i>	3	XXX
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Poor</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No age</i>	1	2

*declined 8-17-32*  
*declined 8-17-32*  
*7-26-33*

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**NOV 21 1931**  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blake, Ezra, (MA)

Mrs. Martha Blake,

Plains, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

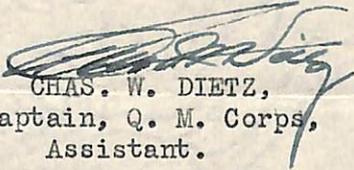
In reply to a recent questionnaire forwarded from this office you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Ezra Blake, during the summer months of 1933.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not you believe you will be able to make the trip next summer. This information is required at this time as hotel and steamship reservations must be made several months in advance in order to secure the best available accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

*Declined  
Roosevelt  
7-26-33*

*File  
7/26/33*

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1933

Plains Kansas

Sir,

In Regard to going overseas  
my health is Poor and I am losing  
my eye sight so I feel that I cant  
make the trip although I would love  
to go but I am not able to go  
I thank you very much for offering  
me the chance to go

Yours as ever

Mrs Martha Blake

Plains Kansas

Box 241



President Roosevelt

Blake, Ezra

Pvt

8-17-32

MA

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I Decline *Poor Health* the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Martha Blake

(Name)

Plains, Meade County, Kansas.

(Town or city)

(State)

*Answered 2-2-32*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blake, Ezra (M A)\*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Plains, Kansas

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?

Undecided  
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Martha Blake

QM 293 A-M  
Blake, Ezra (MA) M

February 6, 1932.

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Plains,  
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication declining the invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing August 17, 1932 on the President Roosevelt, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Ezra Blake.

It is regretted that ill health prevents you from making the journey. Your attention is invited to the fact that competent personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey, and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. During the past two years a number of women in poor health have made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to make a pilgrimage to Europe during the coming summer, it is requested you advise this office not later than June 17th, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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*per decline d.*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blake, Extra-1232 M

June 2, 1930.

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Springfield, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blake, Ezra 1232

January 25, 1930

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Springfield, Colo.

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 Pvt. Ezra Blake, Co. L, 109th 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.

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

Blake, Ezra Pvt. 1232-M

January 3, 1931

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Plains, Kansas.

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 mother 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?

*Yes. but not this year*

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

*No*

3. Please give your age and state your health.

*Age 55*

*Condition of Health Not Good.*

4. Do you speak English?

*Yes*

5. What other language do you speak?

*None*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
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*1932*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blake, Ezra Pvt 1232 M

October 10, 1930

Mrs. Martha Blake  
~~Springfield~~  
~~Colorado~~

*Plain, Kansas*

*Vet Single*  
*Serial*  
*#1626841*  
*73759*

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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Envelope

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON D. C.  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REASON FOR NO DELIVERY CHECKED  
Returned to sender  
Unknown  
Moved, Left no address  
Refused  
No such post office

WASHINGTON, D.C.  
OCT 10  
7-PM  
1930

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300  
YOUR MAIL  
TO  
STREET AND  
NUMBER

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Blake, Sara

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Springfield,  
Colorado.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Sara Blake, Co. L, 109th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Blake, Ezra, (MA)

November 22, 1932.

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Plains, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire forwarded from this office you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Ezra Blake, during the summer months of 1933.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise whether or not you believe you will be able to make the trip next summer. This information is required at this time as hotel and steamship reservations must be made several months in advance in order to secure the best available accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Blake, Ezra (M A)\*

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Flains, Kansas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

QM 293 A-M  
Blake, Ezra (MA) M

February 6, 1932.

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Plains,  
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication declining the invitation to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing August 17, 1932 on the President Roosevelt, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Ezra Blake.

It is regretted that ill health prevents you from making the journey. Your attention is invited to the fact that competent personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey, and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. During the past two years a number of women in poor health have made the pilgrimage and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to make a pilgrimage to Europe during the coming summer, it is requested you advise this office not later than June 17th, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

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

Blake, Ezra Pvt. 1232-M

January 3, 1931

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Plains, Kansas.

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 **mother** 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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QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Blake, Ezra Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Martha Blake  
Springfield  
Colorado

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left ~~therefor~~ and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
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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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Amendment  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blake, Ezra-1252 M

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Springfield, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blake, Ezra 1232

January 25, 1930

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Springfield, Colo.

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 Pvt. Ezra Blake, Co. L, 109th 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Q. M. G. M. DIV.  
50 JAN 27 1930  
DISPATCH

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blake, Ezra  
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Springfield,  
Colorado.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Blake, Ezra

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Springfield,  
Colorado.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Ezra Blake, Co. I, 109th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Blake,

Ezra

1,626,841

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co L 109 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

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 remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Martha Blake  
Buster Colorado*

(Number street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this

Drawn by - BGR

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Checked  
3/26/21  
JH

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

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June 14, 1923.

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
Springfield, Colo.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. Ezra Blake, Co. L, 109th Infantry is No. 5. Row 29, 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,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

MM

C  
23/236/ARK

Co. L. 109th Inf.  
28th Division.

BLAKE, Ezra - Pvt. 1626841

Pvt. Ezra Blake and myself were kneeling in a small dugout when the Germans made the counter attack on the morning of Sept. 30th, 1918. He was struck in the throat by a machine gun bullet and instantly killed. This happened about 5.30 A.M. on the above date. We were afterwards relieved so do not know where he was buried.

Informant; Brown, Leslie C. - Pvt. 1628296  
Co. L. 109th Inf.  
Home: Walworth, Neb.

Searcher: Garlerd W. Greer - 1st. Lt.  
109th Inf.

G/P.

**FILE**  
**FILE** 1/14/20  
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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

File #30480

(a) Name BLAKE, Ezra Ser. No. 1626841 } TYP. DMA  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 109th Infantry } CKR. 30  
 (c) Date of death 9/28/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 27 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 14 TYP. DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Martha Blake (mother), Springfield, Colo.

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

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

Date of receipt \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Name Mrs. Martha Blake (b) Relationship mother  
 (c) Address Buena Vista  
 (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 bor Date 3-26, 1920.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_  
 confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_  
no correspondence

Examiner's Initials bor Date 3-26, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials bor Date 3-26, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 14 SHEET No. 15

**CARDED**

**FORM 115- A COMPLETED**

*checked 4-7-21 EMM*



**nem**  
To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE **Feb 28 1922**

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 <b>BLAKE, Ezra</b>	10. Name
2. No. <b>1626841</b>	11. No.
3. Rank <b>Pvt.</b>	12. Rank
4. Org. <b>Co. L. 109th Inf.</b>	13. Org.
5. D.D. <b>Sept. 28th, 1918</b>	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. <b>KIA</b>	(b) D.B. <b>none</b>

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <b>27</b> Sec. <b>14</b>	15. Grave No.	Sec.
8. Plot <b>1</b> Row	16. Plot	Row
9.	17.	<b>none</b>

18. Cemetery <b>Meuse-Argonne Amer.</b>	19. Commune or town <b>Comagne-sous-Montfaucon</b>
20. Dept. or County <b>Meuse.</b>	21. Country <b>France</b>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <b>1232 - 14</b>	

23. Disinterred (Date) **Feb 28 1922** By **Roy M Perry**

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <b>Ezra Blake</b>	Serial No. <b>1626841</b>
Rank <b>Pvt</b>	Organization <b>Co L 109 Inf</b>

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

*E. J. Rasch*  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

**E J Rasch**

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).

**None**

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable**

28. Nature of burial **Box US Uniform, burlap**

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 **Feb 28 1922** By **Roy M Perry**

31. Casket sealed by **Roy M Perry**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *Roy M Perry*  
**Roy M Perry**)

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No **C-21754**



32. Designation of body:

Name **BLAKE, Ezra** Serial No. **1626841**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. L. 109th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Feb 28 1922** By **Roy M Perry**

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

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Feb 28 1922** **cc**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne** (Name)

Convoyer **T T Wynn** Signature Shipping Officer *G F Sparr*

**G F Sparr, Capt. QMC**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Feb. 28, 1922**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **5** Section

43. ~~Plot~~ **Block B** Row **29**

G.R.S. Representative *A E Dewey*

**A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.**

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BLAKE, Ezra SERIAL NUMBER 1626841  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. L. 109th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 28, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 27, sec 14, plot 1. Cty. 1232.  
 By: Group 6 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 28, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 5, bl B, row 29 In (give complete location):  
 By: Group Reburial 5 Unit unlined casket Nature of reburial

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

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

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

Tag on body inscribed "Ezra Blake 1626841."

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

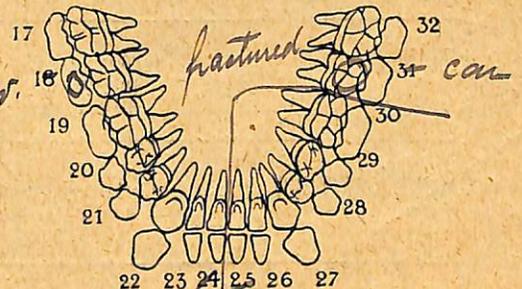
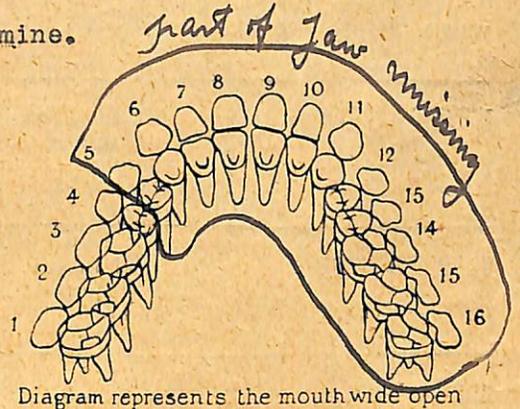
Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities con. or missing parts) CO

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

skull shattered, both jaws fractured. part of upper jaw missing.



7. Disinterment supervised by Roy M Perry  
R.M. Perry.

Approved: Geo. C. Bland  
 Geo. C. Bland 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Sheild  
W.B. Sheild

Approved: A.E. Dewey  
 A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.  
 (Title)

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IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:

A. G. O. Card - Mrs. Martha Blake (mother)  
Buister, Colo. requests body not returned  
to U. S. nos 4-7-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on 4/5, 1921  
Sec. 14  
Par. 2. Not to be returned. nos 4-7-21

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 13 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. APR 29 1921, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Form No. 1009

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

*Please Push*  
*C-73759*

Harlow, C.W.  
NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

1232 - Sec. 14 - 15  
CEMETERY NO.

3/28/21.  
DATE

Blake, Ezra, Pvt.  
SERIAL NUMBER

1626841  
SERIAL NUMBER

Co. L, 109th Inf.  
ORGANIZATION

9/28/18  
DATE OF DEATH

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department

Date 5/17/21 C.M.

DATE April 12, 1921.

Mrs. Martha Blake,  
PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

Mother  
RELATIONSHIP

Springfield, Colo.

ADDRESS

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

COPY

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Original Forwarded

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to Hoboken

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DATE

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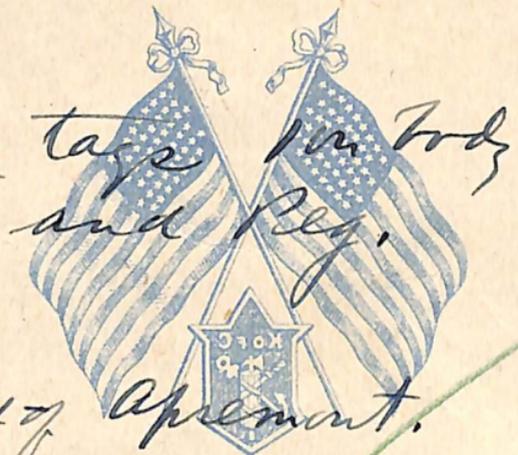
Home location

Points of Columbus  
OVERSEAS SERVICE 30480

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH

Blake

A.P.O. 162684109A2



tags in box  
and Pkg.

Buried 10.8.18

Location - off road west of Apremont.

Map - Montblainville, 1:10,000

00.7 x 77.8

COMB. APREMONT (MEUSE)

(C-293) SHT. 35 S.E. 000AD {E-300.0  
N-277.8}

1st Lt. N. Wolfe  
Capt. 5th Inf. Brig

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No 1626841

Sketch No 34

Name BLAKE

EZRA

Rank *Prvt.*  
X

Co *L*  
X

(Corp) *109 Inf*  
(Regt) X

Date of Death Oct. 4th, 1918

Place APREMONT MEUSE

Cause Killed in action

Date of Burial Oct. 7th, 1918

Grave No 1 Plot 1

Cemetery MEUSE, APREMONT (ARDENNES)  
(C-293) SHT 35 SE COORD E 299.9  
N 277.8

Identified By,

Map Ref, 5yds. E. of road to hospital, 100yds. S.W. of Apremont.

S. EV Verdun 35,299.9 E x 277.8 N.

Field record made by, *Carl S. Gatt*  
Q.M. Sgt. Sr. Gr.

Group 3 Unit 305 G.R.S.

For additional data use reverse side.

*W. J. ...*

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FILE

OSPSS CtY. NO. 1232

Sec. 14 case no 10-  
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