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DATE 11/1/21

1. NAME BLAKE, Wilbur L. SERIAL No. 735328
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D, 11th Inf. & DIVISION
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232, Sec. 52
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated Etrayes Meuse
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 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
 CEMETERY Meuse Argonne 1232 CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body Oct 16, 1918 data f-1/ffb
 DATE OF DEATH
Ohio
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME
 MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11-1-21 1 40 Block A.
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
 Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

AUDITED BY
J.M. [unclear]
4-13-23

A. G. O.
FEB 19 1926
WORLD WAR DIV.

World War Cemetery
MAR 30 1928

Major General
The Adjutant General
By [unclear]

FEB 25 1926

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blake</i>	<i>BLA</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Wilbur L</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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DIVISION	<i>29</i>	2	<i>29</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>113</i>	3	<i>113</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Blake</i>	<i>BLA</i>	5	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Mrs Mary</i>	STATE <i>N.Y.</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE <i>3rd Floor front</i>	COUNTY <i>N.Y.</i>	2	<i>31</i>
<i>236 St. 19th St.</i>	CITY <i>New York</i>	3	<i>101</i>
<i>Born 5-3-60</i>	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
RELATION		1	
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>poor</i>	1	<i>2</i>
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ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
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AUDITED
DEC 2, 1931

declined Jan 6-28-32

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IN REPLY
REFER TO
QM 293 A-M
Blake, Wilbur L. (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary Blake
3rd Floor Front
236 W. 19th St.,
New York City

SPECIAL October 12, 1932

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blake, Wilbur L. (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Blake
3rd Floor Front
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blake, Wilbur L. (M A)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front, 256 W. 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

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) _____

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6-28-32
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Blake, Wilbur L.

I Declines by wire 4-4-32-ill health
(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 provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Blake
(Name)
3rd Floor Front
236 W. 19th St., NYC. NY Co. NY
(Town or city) (State)

Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at War Department Message Center,
Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

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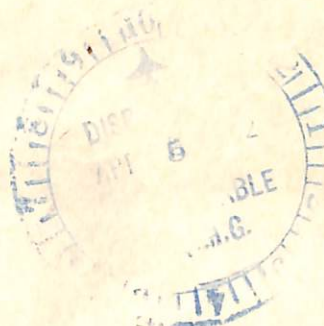
ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH DECLINE INVITATION TO SAIL JUNE 28.

MRS MARY BLAKE

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*Declines Levi
June 28*

RECORD ATTACHED



*293
Blake & Wilbur J.*

Washington, D. C., April 4, 1932

MRS. MARY BLAKE,
3RD FLOOR FRONT,
236 W. 19TH ST.,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 414CGSM

ADM

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Blake, Wilbur L. (M-A) M

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Washington, D. C., April 4, 1952

MRS. MARY BLAKE,
3RD FLOOR FRONT,
236 W. 19TH ST.,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY EIGHT NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 4140GSM

Adx
ADM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Blake, Wilbur L. (M-A) M

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QM 293 A-M

Blake, Wilbur L. MA M

February 15, 1932. gb

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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, as amended, sailing on the LEVIATHAN, June 28, 1932.

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 immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 16, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested 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

December 10, 1951.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM
re
Black, Wilbur L. (MA) M

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. 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
Black, Wilbur L. (MA) M

December 10, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records show that a questionnaire similar to the enclosed was mailed you on September 22, 1931, but has not been returned to this office. Inasmuch as it is necessary that the information called for on the questionnaire be available in order to assure you a satisfactory pilgrimage, it is requested that you complete the enclosed form and return it to this office promptly.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Form
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Blake, Wilbur L. Pvt. (MA) M

September 22, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. 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
Blake, Wilbur L. 1232 M

February 19, 1931

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front, 236 W. 19th St.,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 14th, declining the invitation to sail on the PRESIDENT HARDING May 20, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wilbur L. Blake.

It is regretted that your health will not permit you to make the journey at this time. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

Should your health improve, however, and you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date this summer, it is requested that you so advise this office, in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Signal Corps, United States Army

War Department Message Center,
Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

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DEWITT QUARTERMAST GENERAL

WASHINGTON DC

ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH DECLINE INVITATION TO SAIL

MAY BLAKE

950A 15TH

*Decline Harding
May 20
listed for 1932*

293 - Blake Miller &

RECORD



Harding

Blake, Wilbur L.

5-20-31

1232

I Decline by telegram 2-14-31-ill health
(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.

1932

Mrs. Mary Blake

(Name)

3rd Floor front

236 W. 19th St., New York, N. Y. C. N.Y.

(Town or City)

(State)

Washington, D. C., February 14, 1931

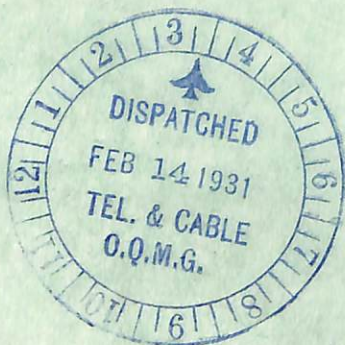
MRS. MARY BLAKE,
3rd FLOOR FRONT,
236 WEST 19th STREET,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTIETH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2634 GSM

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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A.D.N.

QM 293 A-M Blake, Wilbur L. 1232-M



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blake, Wilbur L. 1232-M

January 31, 1931

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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 "Harding" on May 20, 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 March 3, 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

Blake, Wilbur L.

1232-M

Mrs. Mary Blake
3rd Floor Front
256 W. 19th St.
New York, N. Y.

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.

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

Blake,

Wilbur Le Roy

735,328

(Surname.)

Pvt.

(Christian name in full.)

Co F 113 Inf

(Army serial number)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *No*
(Yes or no.) *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.) *15 W 20th St* (City or town.) *New York* (State.) *N.Y.*

(Sign here) *Mrs. Mary Blake*

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

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by HP
1232 Ac 52-9

4-30-21
Mrs. Mary Blake.

151 West 20th St.,

New York, N.Y.

checked - BR

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blake, Wilbur L. - 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blake
3rd Floor Front
236 W. 19th Street
New York, N. Y.

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.

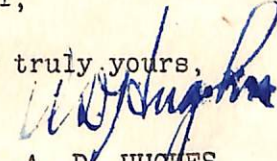
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

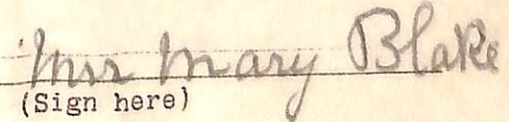
For The Quartermaster General,

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)


(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C

Blake, Wilbur L. 1252 M

May 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Blake
236 W. 19th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 11, 1930, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt", June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wilbur L. Blake, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In connection with your statement that, if *your* health permits, you are desirous of making the pilgrimage in September, you are advised that the last sailings this year are scheduled for the latter part of August. Accordingly your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

MS

Roosevelt
6/21/30
1232

Blake, Wilbur

I ~~accept~~ ^{declines by letter 5/12/30} the invitation extended ^{ans 5/14/30}
(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.

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Mrs. Mary Blake

(Name)

Mrs. Mary Blake

236 W. 19th St., New York, N. Y. County, New York

(Town or City)

New York

(State)

Kemp New York

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Wilbur Blake New York

1232-M

May 11th 1930
New York Co.

Office Quartermaster General -

Owing to an operation of a serious nature, which I am obliged to undergo, will not be able to sail on the S. S. Roosevelt, leaving this city June 21st, as my Physician tells me it will take me three months to recover from the same. This is the greatest disappointment of my life. If I should be in condition to undertake the journey in September, may I hope to be remembered among many other Gold Star Mothers whom you will try to arrange for?

Write this so that some

Other Wife or mother
can take my place.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Mary Blake

236 W. 19th street,
New York City,
N.Y.

Gold Star mother

cc. General Service Division
for 1931
Passport 6-21-33

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 12, 1930.

Blake, Wilbur I. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

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

Blake, Wilbur L.

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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. Wilbur L. Blake, Co. F. 113th 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. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

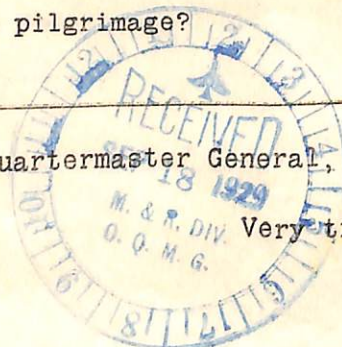
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2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes.

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
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

June 27 , 1929.

Blake, Wilbur L.

Mother
Mrs. Mary Blake, *3rd floor front,*
~~151 W. 20th St.,~~ *236 W. 19th St.,*
New York City, N.Y.

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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 mother of the late Private Wilbur L. Blake, Co. F., 113th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blake, Wilbur L. (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Mary Blake
3rd Floor Front
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blake, Wilbur L. (N A)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front, 236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

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

Blake, Wilbur L. MA M

February 15, 1932. gb

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th St.,
Dear Madam,
New York, N. Y.

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, as amended, sailing on the LEVIATHAN, June 28, 1932.

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 immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 16, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Black, Wilbur L. (MA) M

December 10, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records show that a questionnaire similar to the enclosed was mailed you on September 22, 1931, but has not been returned to this office. Inasmuch as it is necessary that the information called for on the questionnaire be available in order to assure you a satisfactory pilgrimage, it is requested that you complete the enclosed form and return it to this office promptly.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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December 10, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM
Black, Wilbur L. (MA) M

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Blake, Wilbur L. Pvt. (MA) M

September 22, 1931.

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.

Age

Condition of Health

2. Do you speak English?

3. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

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QM 293 A-M
Blake, Wilbur L. 1232 M

February 19, 1931

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front, 236 W. 19th St.,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 14th, declining the invitation to sail on the PRESIDENT HARDING May 20, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wilbur L. Blake.

It is regretted that your health will not permit you to make the journey at this time. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

Should your health improve, however, and you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date this summer, it is requested that you so advise this office, in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blake, Wilbur L. 1232-M

January 31, 1931

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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 "Harding" on May 20, 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 March 3, 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.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 1, 1930

Blake, Wilbur L.

1232-M

Mrs. Mary Blake
3rd Floor Front
236 W. 19th St.
New York, N. Y.

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.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blake, Wilbur L. - 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blake
3rd Floor Front
236 W. 19th Street
New York, N. Y.

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)

QM 298 A-C
Blake, Wilbur L. 1232 M

May 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Blake
236 W. 19th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

in case
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 11, 1930, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt", June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Wilbur L. Blake, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In connection with your statement that, if *your* health permits, you are desirous of making the pilgrimage in September, you are advised that the last sailings this year are scheduled for the latter part of August. Accordingly your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blake, Wilburg L. 1232-M
Roosevelt 6-21

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blake, Wilbur L. 1232H
Roosevelt 6-21

May 8 1930

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blake, Wilbur I. 1232 K

April 12, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

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

Blake, Wilbur L. 1233-11

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th Street,
Dear Madam,
New York, New York.

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

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

October 7, 1929.

Blake, Wilbur L. 1232 M

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor, Front, 236 West 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-G

Blake, Wilbur L.
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
238 W. 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 20, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blake, Wilbur L.

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Mary Blake,
3rd Floor Front,
236 W. 19th St.,
New York, N. Y.

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. Wilbur L. Blake, Co. F. 113th 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. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

June 27 , 1929.

Blake, Wilbur L.

Mrs. Mary Blake,
151 W. 20th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

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 Wilbur L. Blake, Co. F., 113th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

CROSS INDEX

O. Q. M. G.

B Series 777- 788 inclusive.

forwarded under letter of 2/21/1919 from J.H. Price, Director, Bureau of Prisoners, Information and Communication, forwarding Death Report #47, also copy of supplementary Report 115.

Death report 47
Supplementary-Report-115-- lists;

"List of December 21, 1918, from Mr. Husband, ARC rep at Berlin states that-- --- fell in the battle of the 16-24 October, 1918. In the Forest of Consenvoys.--was buried by ~~X/Company/67~~ an Infantry Regiment in the Forest of Estray. Reg. No 29491-F"

-115-

D.R. 47- X

			rec. from
1----	BLAKE: Wilbur L	735 Pvt. Co. D 11th Inf.	326.45--282.07
4----	GOULET: Arthur	366440	326.41--282.07
6----	KIRCH: JOSEPH ET	1277630	326.4--282.08
8----	SAMPLES: WILLIAM L.	2249797	
9----	STORR: Harold E.	1275865...	327.00--282.00
10----	STURGILL: Joe	2000176*	*326.4 282.08
10----	WALKER: ARLA	2000184	326.4 282.08
11	Zenski, Peter	387022	321.2 --275.7

D.R. 45

4	Rudolph, Albert P	2036680- Pvt F 115th	321.2---275.7
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All of the above men mer of Company F 115th Infantry.

except Blake

Blaker
W. H. ...

*File
etc
2/6/24*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Form 8 W-A

Date 11-16-28

SUBJECT: Information required for the Comatorial Division.

TO: Office of The Adjutant General, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Blake g. Date of death 10-16-18
- b. Christian name Wilbur Leroy Cause of death KIA
- c. Serial number 435328 i. Date of discharge _____
- d. Rank at time of death Pvt j. Place of death _____
- e. Organization Co. 7, 113 Inf k. Place of burial _____
- f. Emergency address Mary Blake, mother, 151 W-20 St, NYC, NY l. Date enlisted _____ Inducted Jan 2/18
- m. Place of enlistment or induction Youngstown Ohio
- n. List of organizations with which he served Co D 332 Inf, Co D 11 Inf, Co 7 113 Inf
- p. All ranks held during service Pvt

BODY DESCRIPTION

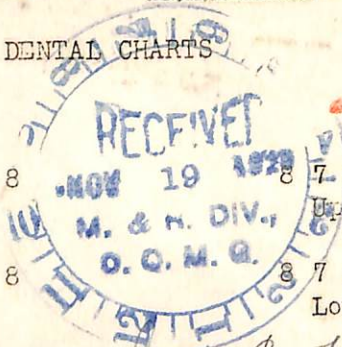
- a. Age at enlistment 23 ⁹/₁₂ c. Height 64 e. Weight 140
- b. Color of hair dk brown d. Shoe size 7C f. Fractures none noted

DENTAL CHARTS

At camp

By Local Board

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right	upper left
<u>no record</u>	
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right	Lower left



7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right	Upper left
<u>none missing</u>	
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right	Lower left

Statements of Comrades WMH Large Sgt Co 7 113 Inf states
KIA Oct 16/18 Caught in our own barrage

27/789/ ELC
norme 2106

NOV 20 1928
M. & N. DIV.

For The Quartermaster General:

JML
per K

In reply refer to:
OM 293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Aug. 31, 1923.

Mrs. Mary Blake,
151 W. 20th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you be informed that the permanent grave of Wilbur L. Blake, Company F, 113th Infantry, is Grave 1, Row 40, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagnous-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. H. CHEAL,

Assistant.

LN



23/584/ARK

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name **BLAKE, Wilbur L.**
(Unknown American)

Number: **735**

Rank **Unkn** Organization: **Co D 11th Inf**

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) **12th June 1919** From: (Give complete location)
Isolated Grave ETRAYE MEUSE
35 NE E 326.45 N 282.07

Reburied (Date) **12th June 1919** in: (Give complete location) **1232**
Grave No 203 Sec 52 Plot 4
ARGONNE AMER CEMETERY NO 1232
ROMAGNE MEUSE

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon body? **No**

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

12268

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by C.O. 170, G.M.C., 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 Kellough

JMB

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

ADDY. E. ROSENTHAL
Lieut. G.M.C.U.S.A.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #98663

*Examined 7/12/22
for Identification
Museum-Argonne 1232
att 7/24/22*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAKE, Wilbur I. Ser. No. 735328
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 113th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10/16/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EW
CKR. [initials]

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

(a) Grave No. 203 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 52 TYP. EW
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Blake (Mother) 151 W. 20th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ////////// CKR. [initials]

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Mary Blake (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 15 W. 20th St., New York City, N. Y.
(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 HR Date 4-30, 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: _____

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? no

Examiner's Initials HR Date 4-30, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec.52 SHEET No. 9

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE XXX Nov. 1, 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 <u>BLAKE, Wilbur L.</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>735328</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co. D, 11th Inf.</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>About Oct. 16th</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>KIA</u>	(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>203</u> Sec. <u>52</u>	15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot <u>4</u> Row _____	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. <u>No discp</u>
18. Cemetery <u>Meuse-Argonne Amer.</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Romagne/s/Montfaucon</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>Meuse</u>	21. Country <u>France</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>Cty. #1232, Sec. 52</u>	

23. Disinterred (Date) 11-1-21 By E. J. Renouard

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>Wilbur L. Blake</u>	Serial No. <u>735328</u>
Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>Co. D. 11th Inf.</u>

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

John W. Crawford
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Tag from cross placed on body.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap and pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No discp.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 11-1-21 By E. J. Renouard

31. Casket sealed by E. J. Renouard

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E. J. Renouard

AUDITED BY

REGISTRATION SER.



JUL 21 1922

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-14098

32. Designation of body:

58. Name BLAKE, Wilbur L.

Serial No. 735328

58. Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. B, 11th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232, Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 11-1-21

By E. J. Renouard

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

Geo. C. Bland
Geo. C. Bland, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 11-1-21

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer W. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer

G. F. Spann
G. F. Spann, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Arg. Cemetery. 1232 (Date) Nov. 1, 1921.

42. Grave No. 1. Section

43. Plot ~~Block~~ Block A. Row 40.

G.R.S. Representative

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

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov 1, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLAKE, Wilbur L. SERIAL NUMBER 735328

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. D. 11th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov 1, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 203, sec 52, plot 4.

By: Group Renouard. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Nov 1, 1921. In (give complete location): Row 40. Block A. Grave 1., Cem. 1232.

By: Group Reburial S. Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment: wooden box 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:

tag from stake placed on body.

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

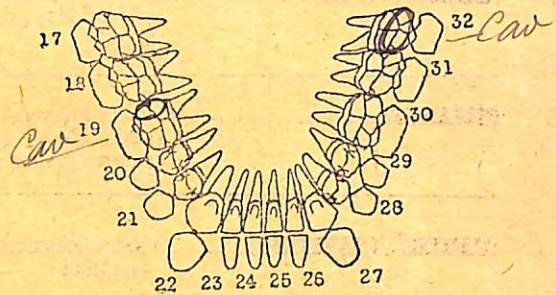
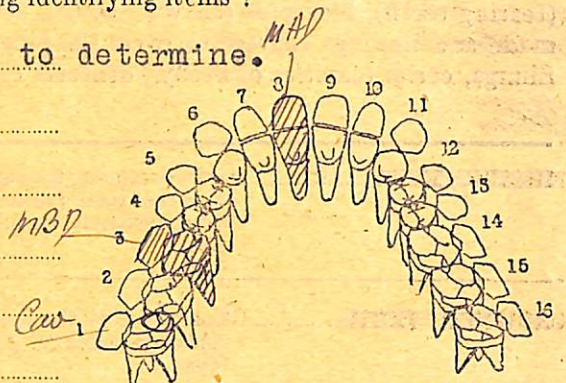
(d) Hair on face—Color co

Location do

Quantity co

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

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



7. Disinterment supervised by E. J. Renouard. Approved: Geo. C. Bland

(Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault. Approved: James W. Younger

(Title) Captain, Q.M.C.,

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

See Form 115
att 12/27/22

File #98663

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAKE, Wilbur L. Ser. No. 735328
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F, 113th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10/16/18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. BW
[Signature]

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

(a) Grave No. 203 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 52 TYP. BW
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Mary Blake (Mother) 151 W. 20th St.,
New York City, N. Y.
CKR. *[Signature]*

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Section 52 letter of transmittal on 5-12-, 192
Par. 2 - Not to be returned (JEH)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

G. R. S. Form S-W-A
Information required of A. G. O.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Cty. #1232

File No. 98663 Registration.

Parker Date 4-18-21

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

a. Surname. ^{o.k.} Blake,
b. Christian name. ^{o.k.} Wilbur L.
c. Serial number. ^{o.k.} 735328
d. Organization. ^{o.k.} Co. 7-113 Inf.
e. Rank. ^{o.k.} Pvt.

f. Date of death. ^{o.k.} Oct. 16, 1918.
g. Cause of death. ^{o.k.} Killed in action.
h. Authority (C. C. No.) ^{o.k.} 474 + 482-134.
i. Emergency address. ^{o.k.} Mrs. Mary Blake,
151 West 20th St., New York, N.Y.
j. Relationship. ^{o.k.} Mother.

BODY DESCRIPTION.

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

- a. Age at enlistment.
- b. Color of eyes.
- c. Color of hair.
- d. Height.
- e. Weight.
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

DENTAL CHARTS.

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment.)

a. Strike out teeth missing:

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Upper right Upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Lower right Lower left

FILE

Doucally. M. Col. Pers. Sec.
7-873, 4-19-21.

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

By

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.

1st Lt.

Jr 203
Sec. 52

APR 19 1921

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Was this man formerly of Co. D 11th. Inf?

yes.
986603

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Cty. #1232
Parker

Date 4-26-21

File No. 98663 Registration.

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To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- a. Surname. Blake, *O.K.*
- b. Christian name. Wilbur L. *O.K.*
- c. Serial number. 735328 *O.K.*
- d. Organization. *Co. 7-113 Inf. formerly of Co. 8-11 Inf.*
- e. Rank. *Private*
- f. Date of death. *Oct. 16, 1918*
- g. Cause of death. *Killed in action*
- h. Authority (C. C. No.) *474 + 484 - 134.*
- i. Emergency address. *Mrs. Mary Blake, 157 West 20th St., New York City, N.Y.*
- j. Relationship. *Mother.*

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a. Strike out teeth missing:

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Upper right								Upper left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower right								Lower left							

FILE

Douneley - Mrs. Cul. Pers. Sec. 7-3, 4-29-21.

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.,

By

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q. M. C.
1st Lt.

Rec'd World War Div.
Date APR 28 1921

APR 27 1921

98663

FROM: O.Q.M.G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

1147

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records
Card Section #3 Liaison.
Feb. 24, 1920

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

✓ Surname:	Blake ✓
✓ Number:	735328 ✓
✓ First name:	Wilbur L. ✓
✓ Rank:	Pvt. ✓
✓ Company:	F ✓
✓ Organization:	113th Inf. ✓
✓ Date of death:	10-16-18 ✓
✓ Cause:	K a ✓
✓ Place:	A. E. F.

Location of hospital:

✓ Number	"	"	—
✓ Class	"	"	—
✓ Emergency address	Mary Blake 151 - W. 20 th St. New York, N.Y.		
✓ Relationship:	mother.		
✓ Authority:			
✓ Cablegram No:	482 SP 134 ✓		
✓ Telegram from:			

dated:
Reported to Washington:
C.C.Nos.



(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks: *Bolan 2-25-20*

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

78663

Blake Wilbur L. #735

Pvt. Co. D. 11th Inf.

From report of ARC- 2/20/19

List of December 21/18, received from Mr. Husband, ARC. rep. at Berlin, states that Blake fell in the battle of the 15-24, Oct. 1918, in the Forest of Consenvoys. He was buried by an Infantry Regt. in the Forest of Etraye. Reg. No. 29491-W.



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WAR DEPARTMENT.

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Wilbur, L. Blake

735

98663

FILE

Classification

Adjustment _____

CEMETERY DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date April 30, 1920

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative		X
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		X
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files P.B. 5-3-20

~~O.K. Organization Files~~ _____

~~O.K. State Files.~~ _____

Cemetery Audit Department
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.
 By Robert R. Myers

1 Cards attached.