

G.R.S. Form #114 B

*Victor, K. D. - sig.*

DATE Oct. 14, 1921

*Source name*  
*Name also known as Blakely, Victor*

1. NAME BLAKELY, Victor D. SERIAL No. \_\_\_\_\_

RANK 2nd Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. A, 11th Inf.

**& DIVISION**

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, 1232, Sect. 108

CTY. NAME NUMBER

19 Sect. 108 1

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION No record

*Isolated #2. Romagne, Meuse C-380*

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES No record 35 NE E 308.99 N 284.2

CONCENTRATED TO 6/10/19 19 Sect. 108 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body

DATE OF DEATH Oct 15, 1918

data form F-1. STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Kansas

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By RUB

AUG 16 1926

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR M. B. Birdseye

**M. B. BIRDSEYE**

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 14, 1921 20 23 Block P

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

AUDITED BY Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

2075823  
Rec'd World War Div.

**AUG 11 1926**  
**WORLD WAR DIV.**

5 APR 4 1928

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Blakely, 1445134, Victor T.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*2d Lt.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *10/20/18*

PLACE OF BURIAL *near Canal*  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

*1500 yds. W. Canal.*

*Montepon 85-085*

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross? *yes*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? *yes*

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

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

REPORTED BY :

*J. J. Van Horn*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

*Chaplain 11th Inf.*  
This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

Co.A, 11 th Inf.  
5 th Div.

BLAKELY, Victor K.D. - 2nd Lieut.

Lieut. Blakely was killed morning of Oct. 14th, 1918 in the Argonne Forest about 1 1/2 kilometer from Cunel, he was buried the following morning.

Informant: Murphy A.T. - Sgt.  
Co.A, 11 th Inf.

Home : 1909 West 73rd St. Cleveland, O.

Signed : Kenton Wseiman - Capt.  
11 th Inf.

M.S.

Place NEUFCHATEAU  
Date 26th June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BLAKELY Victor K. D. Number 1445134

Rank sgt. Organization: O.M.C.

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

Disinterred (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ From: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

10th. June 1919 Isolated grave  
ROMAGNE MEUSE.  
35 NE. 308.96 E. 284.2 N

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ in: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_  
10th June 1919 Grave #19 Sec. 108 Plot 1

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY  
ROMAGNE MEUSE.

1232

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform, body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes  
What other means of identification were found upon the body? None

CONFIRMED No. 12195

Note:

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

APL

C.O. Group

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

MEMORANDUM TO FILES DEPARTMENT  
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*Blakely, Victor K. D*  
*Bladely, Victor K.*  
*Blakely, Victor K. D.*  
*city # 1732*

Identified as: - *Blakely, Victor K. D*

By *D. T. Doorn*

Section, *Ad*  
Dept.

Date *3-19-*, 192 *1*

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blakely</i>	<i>B la</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Victor K. D.</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>20</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	ROW <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	BLOCK <i>7</i>	1	<i>6</i>
STATE	<i>Kansas</i>	2	<i>18</i>
RANK	<i>2nd Lieut</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>5</i>	2	<i>05</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>11</i>	3	<i>011</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>W</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Blakely</i>	<i>B la</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Mrs. Mattie V. K. D.</i>	STATE <i>Kansas</i>	2	<i>18</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Shawnee</i>	2	<i>89</i>
<i>1434 Park St.</i>	CITY <i>Topeka</i>	3	<i>059</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
<i>29/514/PJ</i>	<i>Age</i>		<i>69</i>

**AUDITED**  
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*PMU*

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

## WAR DEPARTMENT

Blakely, Victor K. D. (MA) OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

**SPECIAL**

October 12, 1932.

Mrs. Mattie V.K.D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St  
Topeka, Kansas.

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 Mattie V.K.D. Blakely. 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  
Blakely, Victor K. D. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Mattie V.K.D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kans.

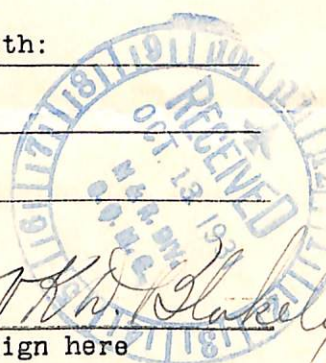
Dear Madam:

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")	No. ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

*Mattie V.K.D. Blakely*  
Sign here



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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Chas. W. Dietz*

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blakely Victor K D (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Mattie V K D Blakely  
1434 Polk St  
Topeka 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blakely, Victor K. D. (M-A) M

Oct. 27, 1931

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kans.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-M  
Blakely, Victor K.D. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>69</i> Health: <i>Not Seeing.</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	

*Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely*  
Sign here

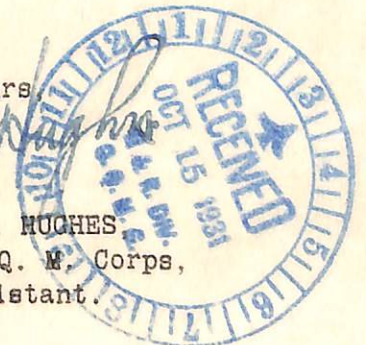
*Mattie Victor K. D. Blakely by G. G. Blakely, husband.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Blakely, Victor K. D. 2nd. Lt. (M-A) M\*

Mrs. Mattie V.K.D. Blakely,  
1454 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

QM 293 AM  
Blakely, Victor K. D. 1252 M

March 4, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
1454 Polk Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26, 1931, advising that because of bad eyesight you must decline the invitation to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Lieutenant Victor K. D. Blakely, sailing on the President Harding, August 5, 1931.

It is regretted that you feel that your physical condition will not permit you to make the journey at this time. However, it is believed that you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey inasmuch as competent personnel has been provided to care for the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage from the time of their arrival in New York City until they return thereto, and the railroad companies have assured this office that their employees will give special care and attention to the mothers and widows in traveling to and from New York City. A number of mothers and widows in poor health made the journey during the past summer and appear to have benefited therefrom. In the event you reconsider your decision and make the pilgrimage, it is suggested that you request your physician to furnish this office with a complete diagnosis of your condition in order that the proper attention may be arranged for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Blakely, Victor K. D.  
1232

Decline Harding  
aug 5-

Topeka, Kansas,  
February 26, 1931

The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have had several of your kindly letters  
in regard to my visiting my son's grave in  
France.

I appreciate more than I can say the  
generosity and great consideration of our govern-  
ment, unprecedented in the history of the world.  
However, on account of my bad eyesight I must  
decline your kind invitation. This is hard for  
me to do, knowing the many courtesies I should  
receive could I make the tour, and the satis-  
faction I should have.

Very sincerely,

Mattie VKD. Blakely  
Mattie VKD. Blakely.

QM 293 A-M

Blakely, Victor K. D. 1232-M

July 12, 1930

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
Columbian Building, c/o C. G. Blakely & Co.  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 8, 1930, relative to your desire that your husband or daughter-in-law accompany you when you make the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929, during the year 1931.

Competent personnel has been provided to care for the comfort and welfare of the pilgrims and you need feel no hesitancy about making the pilgrimage without a member of your family accompanying you.

However, in the event your daughter-in-law or husband accompanies you, it would have to be at personal expense. Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying a pilgrim nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government, or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If a member of your family desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested you write for complete information as to cost of transportation to the Steamship Company when you are notified as to the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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C. G. BLAKELY  
C. G. BLAKELY, JR

M. B. LODGE  
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TOPEKA, KANSAS

July 8, 1930.

*Reps -*  
*Blakely, Victor K. D.*  
*2nd Lt.*  
1232

Captain A. D. Hughes, Quartermaster Corps,  
Assistant Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Hughes:

I am late in answering your courteous  
letter, for the reason I am not seeing well enough  
to make the pilgrimage alone. I would go, had I a  
special attendant.

I am now writing to ask you if some  
arrangement could be made by which my husband or  
my daughter-in-law( wife of my son Charles G. Blakely,  
Jr., who is a World War veteran) would be permitted to  
accompany me, going with the Government conducted  
pilgrimage.

Thanking you for an early reply, I  
am

*Listed Jan 19 31*

Very sincerely yours,

*Mattie V. K. D. Blakely.*



President Harding  
8-5-21  
1232

Blakely, Victor K. D.  
2nd Lt.

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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mattie V.K.D. Blakely

(Name)

1434 Polk St., Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blakely, Victor K. D. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely  
1434 Polk Street  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

*Mattie V. K. D. Blakely*

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blakely, Victor K. D. 1232 M

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

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) <input type="checkbox"/> (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/> (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/> (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 67 Health Good except loss of sight (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/> Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
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Envelope

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TOPEKA, KANSAS.

July 23, 1929.

QM 293 A-C

Major John T. Harris,  
Quartermaster Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 29th:

The mother of ~~Victor K. D. Blakely, Company A,~~  
11th Infantry, ~~whose remains are now~~ interred in  
the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-  
Montfaucon, Meuse, France, is Mrs. Mattie V.K.D.  
Blakely, who resides at 1434 Polk Street, Topeka,  
Kansas. No widow survives, since Victor was  
not married.

We shall be pleased to have further  
information in regard to the proposed pilgrimage  
of the mothers and widows of deceased soldiers,  
whose remains are interred in France.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. BLAKELY,

*C. G. Blakely*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

Blakely, Victor K. D.

Mr. C. G. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late 2d Lieut. Victor K. D. Blakely, Co. A, 11th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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-M  
Blakely, Victor K. D. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Mattie V.K.D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kans.

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.

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blakely Victor K D (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Mattie V K D Blakely  
1434 Polk St  
Topeka 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? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blakely, Victor K. D. (M-A) M

Oct. 27, 1931

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kans.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that 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-M  
Blakely, Victor K.D. (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

July 22, 1931.

Blakely, Victor K. D. 2nd. Lt. (M-A) M\*

Mrs. Mattie V.K.D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

QM 293 AM  
Blakely, Victor K. D. 1232 M

March 4, 1931.

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk Street,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 26, 1931, advising that because of bad eyesight you must decline the invitation to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Lieutenant Victor K. D. Blakely, sailing on the President Harding, August 5, 1931.

It is regretted that you feel that your physical condition will not permit you to make the journey at this time. However, it is believed that you should feel no hesitancy in making the journey inasmuch as competent personnel has been provided to care for the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage from the time of their arrival in New York City until they return thereto, and the railroad companies have assured this office that their employees will give special care and attention to the mothers and widows in traveling to and from New York City. A number of mothers and widows in poor health made the journey during the past summer and appear to have benefited therefrom. In the event you reconsider your decision and make the pilgrimage, it is suggested that you request your physician to furnish this office with a complete diagnosis of your condition in order that the proper attention may be arranged for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Blakely, Victor K. D. 1232-M

July 12, 1930

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
Columbian Building, c/o C. G. Blakely & Co.  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 8, 1930, relative to your desire that your husband or daughter-in-law accompany you when you make the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929, during the year 1931.

Competent personnel has been provided to care for the comfort and welfare of the pilgrims and you need feel no hesitancy about making the pilgrimage without a member of your family accompanying you.

However, in the event your daughter-in-law or husband accompanies you, it would have to be at personal expense. Under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying a pilgrim nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government, or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If a member of your family desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested you write for complete information as to cost of transportation to the Steamship Company when you are notified as to the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing.

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

Blakely, Victor K. D. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely  
1434 Folk Street  
Topeka, Kansas.

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)

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(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Blakely, Victor K. D. 1232 M**

**Mrs. Mattie V. K. D. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kansas.**

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,

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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 29, 1929.

Blakely, Victor K. D.

Mr. C. G. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late 2d Lieut. Victor K. D. Blakely, Co. A, 11th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Blakely, Victor Kenney Dodge

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Second Lieut. Co. A. 11th Infantry

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Father

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

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

G. G. Blakely Smearna Western Union  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

1434 Polk St. Topeka Kansas  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) G. G. Blakely

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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Later may want remains brought home; hence

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OVERSEAS PROGRAMS SECTION



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November 3, 1923.

Mr. C.G. Blakely,  
1434 Polk St.,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of **2nd Lieutenant Victor K. D. Blakely, Company A, 11th Infantry, is Grave 20, Row 23, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.**

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

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

O.Q.M.G.  
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R.L. POSTER  
Assistant.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

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I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 52196 - 10-5-19-21

(a) Name BLAKELY, Victor, K. D. Ser. No. ---  
 (b) Rank 2nd. Lieut. Organization Co. A. 11th Inf. } TYP. hmp  
 (c) Date of death 10-15-18 (d) Cause of death k/a } CKR. CB

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

(a) Grave No. 19 Row ---- Plot 1 Sec. 108 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. C. G. Blakely, father, 1434 Polk St., Topeka, Kansas.

III. Files of soldiers/dying from contagious diseases/----- CKR. CB

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt 5-3-21

(a) Name B. G. Blakely (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address -----  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no *bottom of card, later may want remains brought in, hence lack data!*  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. B. G. Blakely, 1434 Polk St., Topeka, Kans. Amer. Exp. - W. U. Tel.  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -----

Examiner's Initials B.G. Date 5-16-, 1921

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from -----

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

Examiner's Initials ----- Date -----, 192

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

Let. of 4-26-20 from B. G. Blakely (father) 1434 Polk St., Topeka, Kans. No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials B.G. Date 5-16-, 1921 ✓

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 108 SHEET No. 21

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

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

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on **MAY 31 1921**, 192

*Sec. 108*

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned (*egg*)

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REMARKS

*G.L.B. gives as C.A.*

*Chas G. Blakey, (yacht)*

*1434 Oak St., Topeka, Kans*

*L.G.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 16. 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 BLAKELY, Victor <sup>K.</sup>D.
- 2. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank 2nd Lieut.
- 4. Org. Co. A, 11th Inf.
- 5. D.D. Oct. 15th 1918
- 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 19 Sec. 108
- 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_

- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. no discrep.

- 18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.
- 20. Dept. or County Meuse
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sect. 108

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

- 23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 15. 1921

By Owen L. Barnshaw.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Victor. K.D. Blakely  
 Rank 2nd. Lt.

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization Co. A. 11th Inf.

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

Archie Pope  
 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)

K.D. Blakely Hq. 35 Div. #1445134 U.S.A. Tags found on body reads "Victor K.D. Blakely 14445134 Sgt. 1cl. Det. MC. 35th Div."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed Unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Pine box, 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 Sept. 14. 21 By Owen L. Barnshaw

31. Casket sealed by Owen L. Barnshaw.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Owen L. Barnshaw



Place Romagny-sous-Montfaucon, France.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 15th, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Blakely, Victor D. SERIAL NUMBER None.  
 RANK 2nd Lieut. ORGANIZATION Co. A, 11th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 15th, 1921; Gr. 19; Sec. 108; Pt. 1; Cem. #1232. From (give complete location):  
 By: Group Earnshaw Unit Sec. #1.

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 14, 1921 In (give complete location): Row 23, Block F, Grave 20.  
 By: Group Reburial Squad Unit Unlined Nature of reburial Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box; U.S. uniform and burlap.  
Body badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes (three) On grave marker? Yes  
Tags on body read: "Victor K. D. Blakely, #1445134, Sgt. 1/cl. Det. Q.M.C. Hq. 35th Div."  
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
G.R.S. burial plaque gives name, org. and number.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown.

Quantity Very small.

Characteristics Straight.

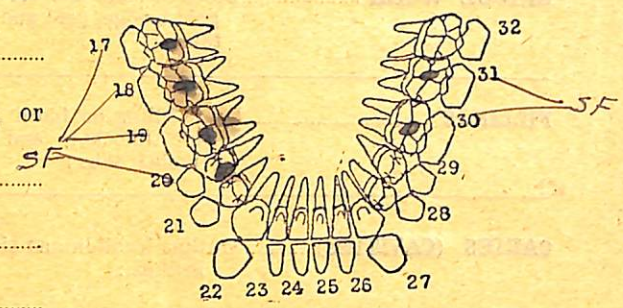
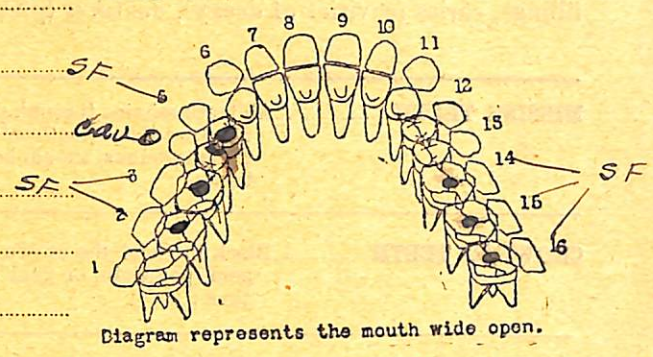
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible.

Location None

Quantity None

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Bullet hole through both sides of skull.



7. Disinterment supervised by Sup. Emb. Approved: H. S. Harpole  
 (Title) H. S. Harpole, 1st Lt., QMC

8. Reburial supervised by W. E. Sheffield Approved: James W. Younger  
 (Title) Captain, QMC.

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 52196

(a) Name BLAKELY, Victor, K. D. Ser. No. ---  
 (b) Rank 2nd. Lieut. Organization Co. A. 11th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10-15-18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP  
hmp  
*SB*

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

(a) Grave No. 19 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 108 TYP. hmp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. C. G. Blakely, rather, 1434 Polk St., Topeka, Kansas

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases \_\_\_\_\_ CKR. *(SB)*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on MAY 31 1921, 192

*Sec. 108*  
 Par. #2, Not To Be Returned *(Els)*

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. \_\_\_\_\_

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK. 52196

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blakely, 1445134, Victor J.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

2d Lt.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/20/18

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

1500 yds. N. Cuneel  
Montfaucon 85-08.5

~~CMME. (C- ) SIT. COORD~~

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross?    
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :  
Was one buried with body?    
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?    
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here :

~~CMME. Romagne sous Montfaucon (Mouse)  
(C-280) SIT. 35 NE. COORD E. 308.5  
N. 285.02~~

REPORTED BY :  
J. Van Horn  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)  
Chaplain 11th Army

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

REGISTERED

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GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

BLADELY, Victor K.

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

2nd Lt. Co. "A", 11th Infantry

(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Cunel, Dept of Meuse, France

CAUSE OF DEATH: kia

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct. 15, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: On Romagne-Cunel road

500 yards SW of Cunel

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

Map Montfaucon 1-50,000

CMME.

FILE

249

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GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross? Yes

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?  Yes

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

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

Chas. B. Bladely

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS: 1434 Polk St. Jopoka

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

J. J. [Signature] Capt US Army

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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Name appears on



1ST BURL. CEM

*Cumel (Messe)*



For further data see Casualty Files

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., Co. "A", 11th Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis  
Adjutant General.

Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

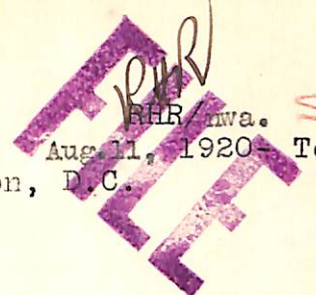
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5th Ind.

File. No. 293 Blakely, Victor K.D.

HdQRS. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 8 Ave. d'Iena, Paris, Aug 11, 1920 - To:  
Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.



1. Returned, accomplished.

2. The Photographic Section, these headquarters, have been notified of this change in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with the corrected inscription.

*Charles A. Luomon*

H. F. RETHERS,  
~~Major~~ Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.



Recorded, Cemeterial  
File # 293 S  
52/156  
W.V. O. O. M. G.

*Blakely, Victor K.D.*

File No. 2nd. Ind. HW.emb.  
Suspended -  
Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 7, rue Quentin Bauchart,  
Paris, July 22, 1920. - To: Supervisor, Area #1, A.G.R.S.  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse)

1. Forwarded for compliance and report by indorsment hereon with the least practicable delay.

By direction:

*I. G. Myers*

I. G. MYERS,  
Capt., Q.M.C.  
Executive Assistant.

RECORDED Z. of F.  
FILE NO. 314607-1118

3rd Ind.

*JAF*  
JAF wjc

Supervisor, Area #1 Z. of F., AGRS, QMC in E., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. July 31, 1920. To: C.O., Z. of F., AGRS, QMC in E., Paris.

- 1. Returned. The directed changes have been completed.
- 2. The Red Cross Photographic Section has not been notified.

*James A. O'Neill*

James A. O'Neill  
1st Lieut., Inf.  
Adjutant.



For and in the absence of:

W. R. MANN  
Capt., Inf.

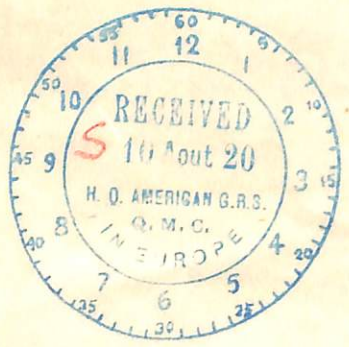
293.

4th Ind.

*HW*  
HW/egg

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E. 7 rue Quentin Bauchart, PARIS. Aug. 9, 1920. To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, 8 Ave. d'Iena, PARIS.

- 1. Attention is invited to preceding Indorsement.



*L.A. Shipman*  
L.A. SHIPMAN,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Commanding

1st Ind.

RHR/mt.

1/293. Blakely, Victor K.D.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, July 20, 1920.

To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

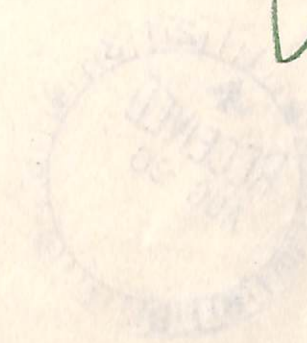
1. Referred for compliance and report by indorsement hereon when completed.

2. Please change your Records which now show Sgt. 1/c. Victor K.D. Blakely, 1445134, Hqrs., 35th Division buried in this Grave.

By direction:



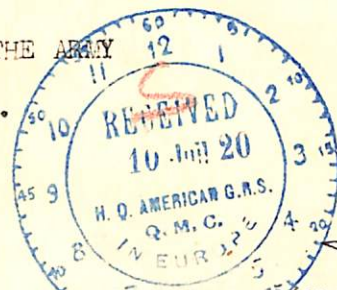
*Chas. A. Morrow*  
CHARLES A. MORROW,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer.



G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1920.



RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE NO. 293. Blakely, Victor K. D.

File No. ~~293.8~~-52196 Registration.

From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief, Cemeterial Division, (GRS)  
Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected  
over grave # 19, plot 1, section 108, Cty. # 1232,

Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show  
2d Lieutenant Victor K. D. Blakely, Company A, 11th Inf.

Date of death 10-15-18

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic  
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with  
the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CMN/ms  
Inv.S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.  
FW

Address Reply To  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

WAR DEPARTMENT *INV*  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

G.R. S. Form 8-W-A  
Information requested of A.G.O.

June 17, 1920.

*Special*

Date

File No. 107644 Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., 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 Blakely *OK*
- b. Christian name Victor K.D. *OK*
- c. Serial number *1445134*
- d. Organization Co. A, 11th Inf. *OK*
- e. Rank 2d Lt. *OK*
- f. Date of death 10-15-18 *OK*
- g. Cause of death K/A *OK*
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 313-13 *OK*
- i. Emergency address C.G. Blakely 1434 Polk St., Topeka, Kans. *OK*
- j. Relationship Father. *OK*

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 CHART

(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

*Reviewed  
Annexed  
AD 7-331 6-14-20*

*Williams*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

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

*12*



C. G. BLAKELY

C. G. BLAKELY, JR.

QUAIL Ins. Dept.  
Rec'd

M. B. LODGE

C. G. BLAKELY & CO.  
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE,  
RENTALS AND LOANS  
MULVANE BUILDING.

APR 30 1920

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ACCIDENT  
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FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS

TELEPHONES 737 AND 738

# 107644

TOPEKA, KANSAS, April 26, 1920.

Colonel Charles C. Pierce, Chief,  
Graves Registration Service,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:-

Through the American Red Cross I am today in receipt of three photographs of the grave of my son Victor K. D. Blakely, for which I and my wife are grateful.

I observe a mistake in the inscription which I should be pleased to have corrected. The name is correct, but his rank is given as "Sgt. 1cl. Q. M. C." His rank at the time of his death was 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. He was commissioned on the 25th of September, as the records at Washington will show, and was with Company "A", 11th Infantry, 5th Division, when he fell in the Argonne. Battle.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Blakely

Residence - 1434 Polk Street.

Topeka Kansas



6/17/19.

Comm. # 280

107644  
Records Liaison

Memo. For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: BLAKELY ✓  
 ( ) Number: 1445134 ✓  
 ( ) First Name: Victor K.D. ✓  
 ( ) Rank: Sgt, 1/c ✓  
 ( ) Company: NY Troop ✓  
 ( ) Organization: ~~SMC~~ Hd. 35 Div. ✓  
 ( ) Date of Death: ~~unknown~~ ✓  
 ( ) Cause: Killed in action ✓  
 ( ) Place: Oct. 15, 1918 ✓

Location of hospital: OVER

Number " "

Class "Emergency" address:

- ( ) Relative: C.G. Blakely ✓  
 ( ) Relationship: Father ✓  
 ( ) Address: 1434 - Polk St.  
 Toledo - Kans. ✓  
 ( ) Authority: S/R ✓  
 Cablegram No.: 313-13-1 ✓  
 Telegram from: — ✓

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:  
 C.C. Nos:

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

- ( ) Remarks:  
 ( ) Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter: A

New case.

Crime # 280  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)  
Rept. by GRS.

JUN 26 1919

S/R shows soldier "discharged  
9/30/18 at Army Candidates  
School American C. F., France  
to accept commission as  
2nd Lt. Inf. per S. O. 272  
par 1, G. H. Q., A. E. F. dated  
9/30/18"

Belen 4-8-3  
12-29-19

1-31-518

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

Reference-52196.

March 5, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: R. E. Condon, Aide to The Hon. Henry White, Commissioner  
Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, Paris.  
SUBJECT: Lieut. Victor D. Blakely, Co. A, 11th Infantry,  
American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the  
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-  
quarters he is buried in Commune of ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONTFAUCON, Department  
of the MEUSE; the above is regarded as unconfirmed burial information,  
as the grave has not as yet been visited by the field inspectors of  
this Service. There is every reason to believe, however, that the  
grave location, as given above, is correct.

By direction

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

(Enclosures-2)

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

MBD-dn

*Handwritten signatures and scribbles in brown ink, including a large 'S' and 'D'.*

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1-13-19

COMMISSIONER PLENIPOTENTIARY  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Paris 3 January, 1919.

Chief Graves Registration,  
S.O.S.,  
Tours, France.

Please furnish any information obtainable regarding the exact burial location and so forth of 2nd Lieut. Victor K.D.Blakely, Co. A, 11th Infantry, killed in action on or about October 15, 1918.



*R. E. Condon*  
R. E. Condon,  
Aide to The Hon. Henry White.

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