



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

... **Blanche**.. **2032544** **Stephen**.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

... **Band Leader, Hdqs. 337th Infantry**.....  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:.... **Camp Hospital 52, LeMans**

CAUSE OF DEATH:.....

DATE OF BURIAL:..... **January 31st, 1919.**

PLACE OF BURIAL:.... **Grand Cimetiere, LeMans.**  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

..... **Plot 20** ..... **Section B**

GRAVE NUMBER: **#148**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** ..... Cross? **Yes**.....

Headboard? **No** ..... Bottle? **No**.....

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE: **Mrs. Elizabeth Bauman**

ADDRESS: **208 Ridgfield Park, New Jersey.**

RELATIONSHIP: **Sister.**

REPORTED BY:  
*Ray S. True*  
**1st Lt. (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)**

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

CODE SLIP

| HEADING      | SUB-HEADING                           | NO. OF COLS | CODE        |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| NAME         | <i>Blanche</i>                        | 3           | <i>2 21</i> |
|              | <i>Stephen</i>                        |             |             |
| BURIED       | CEMETERY <i>608</i>                   | 1           | <i>2</i>    |
|              | GRAVE <i>2</i>                        | 2           | <i>02</i>   |
|              | ROW <i>27</i>                         | 2           | <i>27</i>   |
|              | BLOCK <i>D</i>                        | 1           | <i>4</i>    |
| STATE        | <i>N. Y.</i>                          | 2           | <i>37</i>   |
| BANK         | <i>Bank Leader</i>                    | 1           | <i>2</i>    |
| DIVISION     | <i>85</i>                             | 2           | <i>85</i>   |
| ORGANIZATION | <i>337</i>                            | 3           | <i>337</i>  |
| ARM          | <i>Inf</i>                            | 1           | <i>1</i>    |
| MARTIAL      | <i>no</i>                             | 1           | <i>2</i>    |
| NAME         | <i>Lewis</i>                          | 3           |             |
| STATE        | <i>for Sister Mrs. Elizabeth</i>      | 2           |             |
| RESIDENCE    | <i>A. Lewis</i>                       | 2           |             |
|              | <i>(Incamp.) Fidelity Deposit Co.</i> |             |             |
|              | <i>of Md. Baltimore</i>               | 3           |             |
| RELATION     | <i>Widow</i>                          | 1           | <i>1</i>    |
| OTHER        | <i>no loco</i>                        | 1           |             |
| ELIGIBILITY  | <i>no S.M.</i>                        | 1           | <i>6</i>    |
| NATIVITY     |                                       | 1           |             |
| RACE         |                                       | 1           |             |
| ENGLISH      |                                       | 1           |             |
| ATTENDANT    |                                       | 1           |             |
| HEALTH       |                                       | 1           |             |
| NO. OF SONS  |                                       | 1           |             |
| DATE OF TRIP | MO.                                   | 1           |             |
|              | YR.                                   | 1           |             |
| ACCEPTANCE   |                                       | 1           |             |

**AUDITED**

AUG 6 1932  
RGO

RGM

PP 29/514/PJ

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blanche, Stephen - 608 S

July 7, 1930

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lewis  
Fidelity & Deposit Co.  
Baltimore, Md.

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?


If so, give her name and address:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

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

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WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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JUL 29 1930  
U. S. MAIL

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blanche, Stephen

3628338

August 5, 1929

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Baltimore, Maryland



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Write answers in space below:

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*Never married*

*No mother*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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(Sister) Ducompt + only relative -  
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lewis.

Gdn. Jos. A. Lewis  
Fidelity & Deposit Co  
of Maryland  
Baltimore  
Md.

x

UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU  
REHABILITATION DIVISION  
Form 107, a—Revised April, 1925

## Notice of Change of S

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, in  
of the United States Veterans  
that the person named below, i  
of the 'World War Veterans'  
in the particulars noted in ite

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(The effective date shall be the e

1. Name -----  
(Last.) (First.) (Seco

2. Residence -----  
(Where trainee lodges

3. NATURE OF CHANGE (state whether change o  
place of training, rate of maintenance allowanc

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4. FROM (state employment objective, and particula

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blanche, Stephen.

June 21, 1929.

Mrs. Joseph A. Lewis,  
2120 Jerome Ave.,  
New York City, N.Y.

XC-15-5-317

7/11/29

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Blanche,  
(Surname.)

Stephen  
(Christian name in full.)

2,022,544  
(Army serial number.)

Band Leader

Hdq Co 337 Infantry

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Sister

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Elizabeth Downman

400 East 1187<sup>th</sup> St. New York City

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowman,

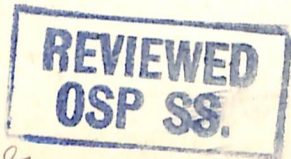
23 East 105 St.

New York, N.Y.

Drawn by C.

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3-24-21



Imm. 3-25-21:

QM 293 A-C

April 29, 1924

**BLANCHE, Stephen Band Leader**

Mrs. Joseph A. Lewis,  
2120 Jerome Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

R. P. HARBOLD  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

MFK  
702

APR 29 1924

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 3, 1921.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BIANCH Stephen10. Name Blanche2. No. 2022544

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

3. Rank Band Leader

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Hq. Co 337th Inf.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. Jan. 30/19

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. Broncho-Pneumonia.

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 148 Sec. B

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot Amer. Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. No Discrepancy18. Cemetery Amer. Plot. Grand Cty.19. Commune or town LE MANS20. Dept. or County Sarthe21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #42923. Disinterred (Date) Dec 3, 1921By C. O. Handy.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Stephen BlanceSerial No. ----Rank BAND leader.Organization Hq Co. 337th Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes.Signature C. O. Handy  
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).

No effects found.27. Condition of body Decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box and Uniform29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? See item 10.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 3, 1921. By C. O. Handy.31. Casket sealed by C. O. Handy.

HEB.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor C. O. Handy)AUDITED BY  
1314 1-20-24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-17382

32. Designation of body:

Name Stephen BLANCE Serial No. 2022544

Rank Band Leader Organization Hq, Co 337th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne, Amer. Cty #608, SERINGES-et-NESLES (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 3, 1921. By C. O. Handy.

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 R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt. MC.

36. Remarks Tag on body reads 'Stephen Blanche, 2022544 USA.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 3, 1921.

To point of Concentration Lemans Morgue.

Convoyer A. DeWasch. Signature Shipping Officer R. F. O'Leary, 1st Lt. MC.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Dec 3, 1921.

By G.R.S. Representative W. A. Brown, Capt. MC.

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 12 DEC 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer Cty 608.

Convoyer DeWasch Signature Shipping Officer W. A. Brown, Capt. MC.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative G. F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred July 31, 1922 Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles (Aisne)

42. Grave No. 2, Blk. D. Row 27 (Date) Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative C. J. Blake  
Capt. QMC

Place Lemans Sarthe.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 3, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Blance, Stephen SERIAL NUMBER 2022544.

RANK Band Leader. ORGANIZATION Hq. Col 337th Inf.

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

Dec 3, 1921. Sec B. Cem 419 Gr 148.

By: Group 1 Unit Sec 6.

3. Reburied (date) Gr. 2, Blk. D. Row 27 In (give complete location):

July 31, 1922. Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne)

By: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Blanket and metallic casket Nature of reburial

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

Wooden box and uniform. Decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes. On grave marker? Yes.

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

None.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det. see it 4.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det. see item 4.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dark brown.

Quantity Medium head.

Characteristics Apparently straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible.

Location None visible.

Quantity None visible.

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

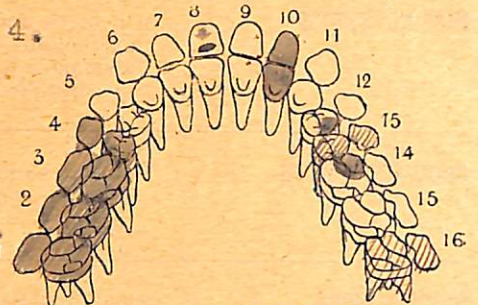
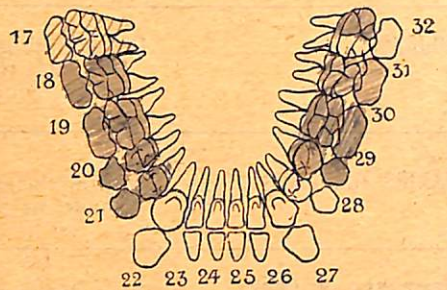


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

Skull posted.

Sil fill. 32.  
Gold bridge, 1, 2, 3, 4, 29,  
30, 31, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.  
Gold crown 10, Gold Fil 8,  
14. MBD 17, 18, 13.

7. Disinterment supervised by

C. C. Handy

Approved: R. F. O'Leary,

(Title) 1st Lt. QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by

L. D. Hays

Approved: C. J. Blake

(Title) Capt. QMC

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

*127 Examined  
for Concentration  
Camp - Aisne 608  
att 5/18/20*

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name Blanche, Stephen Ser. No. 2022544 )  
 (2) Rank Band Leader Organization Hdq. Co. 337th Inf. ) TYP. ILH  
 (3) Date of death 1-30-19 ) CKR. m.w.

B. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(4) Cause of death Broncho Pneumonia ) TYP. HDP  
 (5) Grave No. 148 Row - - Plot 20 Sect. B ) CKR. W.D.

II. FILES EXAMINATION

A. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No card

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Sister  
 (7) Name Elizabeth Bowman  
 (8) Address 400 East 187 St, New York City  
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No  
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (11) If brought back, what shipping instructions? \_\_\_\_\_

*aa-4-19-20*

C. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE Date of communication \_\_\_\_\_

(12) Does correspondence Change or qualify request as made on A.G.O. card? If so, specify such information.

No Correspondence

(13) A. G. O. Files EXAMINED by EWG (Date) 4-19-20

D. (14) G. R. S. Files - Correspondence. (Has reference been made to File No. Cancellation memos.?) No Does such correspondence, if containing request for disposition, reconcile with that of A. G. O.? M.A.O. (Specify "Yes or "No".) If "No", give date of communication, the name, address, and relationship and substance of request.

No request for disposition, grave location blank only.

*m.a.o 4/19/20*

(15) G. R. S. Files EXAMINED by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*Rechecked, 7.m.m.3-25-21*

III. FINAL ACTION

A. MEMORANDUM to D. M. O. in E. made (Date) .....

(16) Removal of Remains (within custody of G.R.S.) to .....

(17) Instructions that remains be left undisturbed .....

(18) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

B. G. R. S. FORM NO. 114 made (Date) .....

(19) Typed by ..... Checked by ..... (Date) .....

C. SUSPENSION REMARKS (Nearest of kin)

*7-21-20 Form 120. Sister now Mrs Joseph  
A. Lewis, 2120 Jeround Ave., N.Y.C. Requests  
body remain in France. A-18-20-F.P.  
H*

APR 24 1920

D. Dispatched (Date) ..... (Let. Trans. No. ....)

Approved by .....

(Date) .....

G. R. S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

tvh

APR 24 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.  
TO: Elizabeth Bowman, 400 East 187th St., New York City, N.Y.  
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Band Leader, Stephen Blanche

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be ~~not returned to United States~~ interred

~~Shipped to~~

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.

The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in France.

You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Colonel, U. S. Army.

| NAME OF                      | NO. & STREET   | TOWN        | STATE |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| Widow                        | <i>2nd, 20</i> | <i>sent</i> |       |
| Children (Name oldest first) |                |             |       |
| Father                       |                |             |       |
| Mother                       |                |             |       |
| Brothers                     |                |             |       |
| Sisters                      |                |             |       |

Date..... Signature.....

Address..... Relationship.....

JUL 16 1920

G.R.S. Form #120  
Shipping Inquiry  
(Revised)

419-46

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.

*Rush Answer*

TO: ~~Elizabeth Bowmann, 400 East 187th St., New York, N.Y.~~  
*Mrs. Joseph A. Lewis, 2120 Jerome Ave., N.Y.C.*

SUBJECT: Remains of ~~Band Leader, Stephen Blanche.~~

*no change*

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body  
not returned to U. S.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U.S.A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

*Widow married* *no*

| NAME OF                                   | NO. & STREET  | TOWN | STATE            |
|---|---|------|------------------|
| Soldier's Widow                           | <i>none</i>   |      |                  |
| Soldier's Children<br>(Name oldest first) | 1. <i>none</i><br>2. <i>none</i><br>3. <i>none</i>            |      |                  |
| Father                                    | <i>Deceased</i>   |      |                  |
| Mother                                    | <i>Deceased</i>   |      |                  |
| Brothers<br>(Name oldest first)           | 1. <i>none</i><br>2. <i>none</i><br>3. <i>none</i>            |      |                  |
| Sisters<br>(Name oldest first)            | 1. <i>Elizabeth Bowman Lewis</i><br>2. <i>2120 Jerome Ave</i> |      | <i>N.Y. City</i> |

Date *July 21 1920*

Signature *Mrs. Joseph A. Lewis*  
*(Formerly Elizabeth Bowman)*  
*400 E 187th St*

Address *2120 Jerome Ave*

Relationship *Sister*

AGO-2/2/24.

Name spelled-BLANCHE, Stephen

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.. Blanche... 2022544... Stephen.....  
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Band Leader, Hdqs. 337th Infantry  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: ... Camp Hospital 52, Lemans ..

CAUSE OF DEATH: .....

DATE OF BURIAL: ..... January 31st, 1919. ....

PLACE OF BURIAL: .... Grand Cimetiere, Lemans. ....  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department). Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Plot 20 Section B

GRAVE NUMBER: # 148

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? No Bottle? No

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:

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs. Elizabeth Bauman

ADDRESS: 208 Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

RELATIONSHIP: Sister

REPORTED BY:

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

Ray J. ...  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

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Blanche Stephen #2022544

Band Leader Hdq. 337th. Inf

DD 1/30/19

DB 1/31/19

Buried American E.F.Cty. #419  
Le Mans

Sec. B Grave 148

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