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JUN 1 - 1928

G.R.S. Form #114-B

DATE 10-29-21

1. NAME BLANEY, Robert M.

SERIAL No. 1944161

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION & DIVISION

Co. B. 26th Infantry.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 52

CTY. NAME NUMBER

3 Sec.52.

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GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 45 BAC Exermont Ardennes

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SE 279.68N 302.28E

CONCENTRATED TO 5/8/19 3 52 1

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross/ DATE OF DEATH Oct 6, 1918 data f-1/pfb

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED Cited in #20#1 1st Pin

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BIRDSEVE 1st Lt., Q.M. Corp.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10-29-21 34 23 Block E.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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

CEMETERY The Adjutant General's Office BY A

AUDITED BY M.M.E. 4-13-23 WS 4/6/28

AG O 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

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**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blaney 1941161 Robert  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Chaudrons Farm

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

coordinates 79.75 - 02.25

Chaudron Farms, Exarmont Road

GRAVE NUMBER 45

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?  
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:

Chaplain King, 18th Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

/M/M/

Next of kin:  
No name nor address given.

Signed: Brown Lewis.  
Captain.  
26th. Infantry.

No information available.

BLANCK, Robert., Pvt.; - 1944161  
HOMER; No address given.

Co. #Bn 26th. Infantry.  
1st. Division.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BLANEY	3	221
	Robert M.		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	34
	ROW	2	23
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	Ohio	2	41
BANK	Port	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	26	3	026
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	W	1	2
NAME	Penke	3	854
	Mrs Magdalena		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	41
	COUNTY	2	18
	CITY	3	025
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	2 47

**AUDITED**  
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*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
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Cleveland Ohio

July 26th 1932

To Mr. Dietz

Dear Sir in not accepting the kind  
invitation of the Government  
i did not expect to receive  
any Benefit therefrom

Respectfully yours

Mrs Magdalena Benk



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blaney Robert M (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Magdalena Renk  
P O Box 470 Main Post Office  
Cleveland Ohio

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?

      No        
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Magdalena Renk

QM 293 A-M  
Blaney, Robert M. (MA)

January 4, 1932

Mrs. Magdalena Renk,  
PO Box 470, Main PO.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Robert M. Blaney. In reply to a questionnaire, you advised that you did not desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer of 1932.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor and in this connection you are advised that personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided, and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of mothers and widows in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

In the event you later decide to make the journey, it is requested that you so notify this office. Should you accept an invitation to visit your son's grave you are assured that the trip will not only be made at the expense of the United States but that everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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*[Handwritten initials]*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blaney, Robert M. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Magdalena Renk,  
P. O. Box 470 Main Post Office,  
Cleveland, Ohio

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? No

Write answer here

*Mrs. Magdalena Renk*  
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaney, Robert M. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Magdalena Renk  
P. O. Box 470, Main Post Office  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

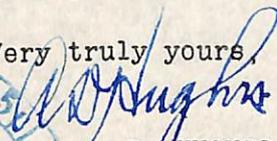
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

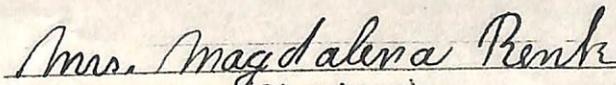
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No.

(Write answer here)

  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blaney, Robert M. 1232 M

Mrs. Magdalena Renk,  
P. O. Box 470, Main P. O.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

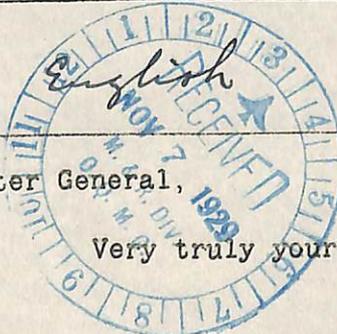
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No.</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No.</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>69</i> Health <i>Poor</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>English</i>	(No) <i>German</i> (Specify language spoken)

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

Blaney, Robert M.

August 9, 1929

Mrs. Magdalena Renk,  
P. O. Box 470, Main Post Office,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Robert M. Blaney, Co. B, 26th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

No.

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

No. Health will not permit.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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*Mother*  
IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaney, Robert M.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Magdalena Blaney,  
2407 Clark Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

*Mr. Magdalena Blaney  
PO Box 470 Main Post Office  
Cleveland Ohio  
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7-29-29m.*

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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,  
Assistant.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blaney Robert M (MA)

July 8 1932

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Cleveland Ohio

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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  
Blaney, Robert M. (MA)

January 4, 1932

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blaney, Robert M. Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931

Mrs. Magdalena Renk,  
P. O. Box 470 Main Post Office,  
Cleveland, Ohio

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Dear Madam:

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

Write answer here

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blaney, Robert M. 1232 M

June 7, 1930

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blaney, Robert M. 1232 M

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Cleveland, Ohio.

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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
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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-C

Blaney, Robert W.  
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Magdalena Reuk,  
Main Post Office, Box 470,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 9, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaney, Robert M.

August 9, 1929

Mrs. Magdalena Renk,  
P. O. Box 470, Main Post Office,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Robert M. Blaney, Co. B, 26th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
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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.

Blaney,

Robert M.

1,944,161

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co B 26th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*No. Set home Rest*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Magdalena Blaney Cleveland Ohio*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

ms 430-21

1232-sec. 52-10

checked by el

5-2-41

In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

Sept. 6, 1923.

Mrs. Magdalena Blaney,  
2407 Clark Ave.,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Madam: The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
the permanent grave of

Private Robert M. Blaney, Company B, 26th Infantry,  
is Grave 34, Row 23, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-  
sous-Montfauxon, Meuse, France.

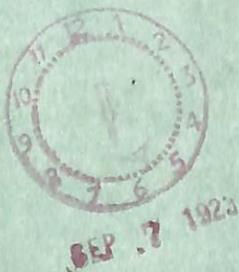
This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries  
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be  
marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with  
name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State  
from which he came. The headstones will 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 main-  
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting  
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CHEAL,  
H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

*H. H. Cheal*  
*W. J. Conner*



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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BLANEY Robert M.

Number 1944161

Rank: Unkn

Organization

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

from (give complete location)

6 8th May 1919.

Grave #45 B/A CEMETERY

EXERMONT, ARDENNES 35 SE 302.28 E 279.68 N

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

8th May 1919.

Grave #3 Sec #52 Plot #1

1232

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #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 the body?

No.

What other means of identification were found on the body?

None

10245

CONFIRMED No. 10245

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be placed first to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., and will be carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereon will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Wilson

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

cmf.

C.O. Group Unit

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #79251

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLANEY, Robert M. Ser. No. 1944161
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 26th Inf.
(c) Date of death 10/6/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EW
CKR.

Exhibit 8-22
for Central file
Museum Argonne 1282
att 2/27/22

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

(a) Grave No. 3 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 52 TYP. EW
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Magdalena Blaney (Mother) 2407 Clark Ave., Cleveland O.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Magdalena Blaney (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 2407 Clark Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No, let him rest.
(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 MB Date 7-30-21, 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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials MB Date 7-30-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 52

SHEET No. 10

MAY 27 1921

H.S.

checked by
25-2-21
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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct 28 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

<sup>non</sup> DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BLANEY, Robert M.  
 2. No. 1944161  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. B, 26th Infantry.  
 5. D.D. Oct. 6th. 1918  
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 5 Sec. 52  
 8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse.  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. Cty. 1232, Sec. 52.

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

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct 28 1921

By Ed Lavelle

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Robert M. Blaney  
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 1944161  
 Organization Co. B 26th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes (entirely corroded)

Rex M. Moody  
 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).

GRS plaque on body agrees with GRS records. Collar ornaments read "B Cross rifles 26"

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box, uniform.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct 28 1921 By Ed Lavelle

31. Casket sealed by Ed Lavelle

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) Ed Lavelle

AUDITED BY

This is recorded as a "Do not Disturb" Case.



# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 28, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLANEY ROBERT M. SERIAL NUMBER 1944161  
RANK 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. ORGANIZATION Co., B. 26th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 28, 1921. From (give complete location):  
Gr. 3 sec 52 pt 1 Cem., #1232.

By: Group five Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 29, 1921. In (give complete location):  
Row 23 Block E. Grave 34, 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, uniform, body badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No  
entirely corroded.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
tag on peg over body. collar ornament " B cross rifles 26" GRS plaque on body agrees with GRS record.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.

(b) Weigh, (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

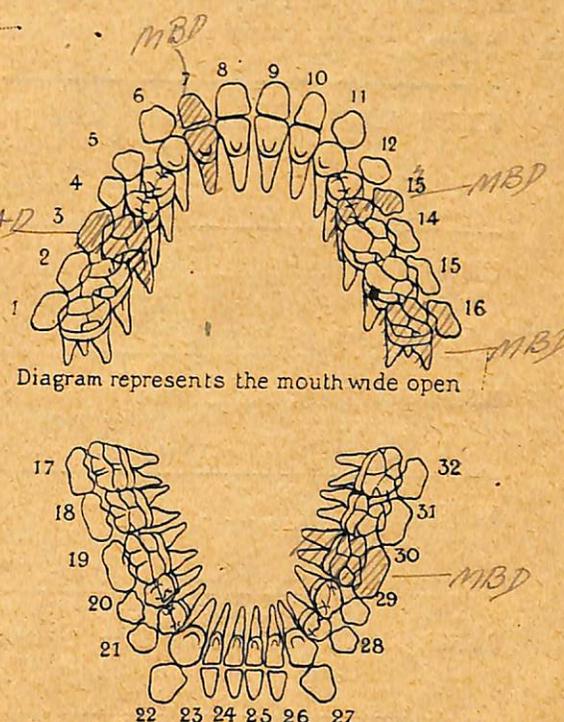
Location do

Quantity do

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

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

None visible



7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavelle  
Ed. Lavelle S. E.

Approved: F B Daniel  
F. B. Daniel 1st. Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault  
A. U. Dufault. concentration

Approved: Geo. C. Bland  
(Title) 1st. Lieut. QMC.

WS

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No.



JUL 21 1922

32. Designation of body:

Name BLANEY, Robert M.

Serial No. 1944161

Rank Pvt.

Organization

Co. B. 26th Infantry.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct 28 1921

By Ed Havelle

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

*F B Daniel*

F B Daniel, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct 28 1921

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To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer W J Royed

Signature Shipping Officer

*G F Sparr*

G F Sparr, Capt, QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Arg. Cemetery

1232

Oct. 29, 1921.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 34

Section

43. Plot Block E.

Row 23.

G.R.S. Representative

*Geo C Bland*  
Geo. C. Bland,  
1st. Lieut. QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #79251

See Form 115  
at 7/27/22

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(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 26th Inf. } TYP. EW  
(c) Date of death 10/6/18 (d) Cause of death K/A } *OB*

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

(a) Grave No. 3 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 52 TYP. EW

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Magdalena Blaney (Mother) 2407 Clark Ave.,  
Cleveland O.

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

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 5/12/21, 192

*Section # 52*  
*par # 3 - Not to be disturbed* *HD*

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1944161

3. **BLANEY** **ROBERT M**  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. \_\_\_\_\_ **American**  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. **EXERMONT** **ARDENNES**  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. **45** **13**  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

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.....  
..... Sketch No. 22

12. **279.9.N.502.1.E.Lambert (25) S.E**  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

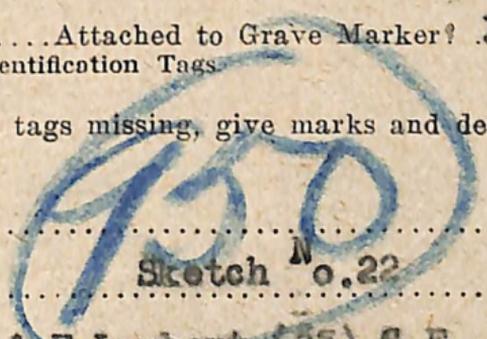
**Southedge of woods. 1K.S. of Exermont. 1K.N. of**

13. **Chaudron Pmc. 2K.N.E. Ploville, Varennes road**  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed **C.M. Daugherty**

Group **2** Unit **306** G. R. S.

P.P.  
1127



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF 075  
M

Blaney 1944161 Robert  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt Co B 26th Inf  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 10/11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Chaudrons Farm

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

coordinates 79.75 - 02.25

Chaudron Ferme, Exermont Road

GRAVE NUMBER 45

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

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:

Chaplain King, 18th Inf.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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5-2-21  
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 52

FORM 115 Sheet No. 10

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(Initials)

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Form No. 1011.

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