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To The A. G. O.

11213

AUG 30 1926

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME UNKNOWN-U-3518 BLANKENSHIP, Bert M.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 1448463

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Company F, 137th Infantry 35 Div

DATE OF DEATH Sept 26, 18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Kans.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none

Robert C. Davis,  
Major General,  
Adjutant General

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION	11-18-21	26	13	G
Date	Grave	Row	Block	

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery # 1232  
Cemetery

12 9/2

2. A.G.O.  
AUG 31  
WORLD WAR DIV.

24/292/EYS

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Blankenship 1448463 Bert*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt. Co. F. 137 Inf.*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *September 28, 1918.*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Dept. Meuse, S.E. of*

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

*Varennes, map, Vauquois (Verdun 5)*

*03.7-72.6 About 20 yds.*

*E. of the river.*

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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:

*Howard S. Fox, Chaplain, 137 Inf.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

*Blankship, B.M.*

# WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

## ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

*Pat.*

June 3, 1931, 1930

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY \_\_\_\_\_

Los Angeles \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_ California

Name Bay, Mrs Minnie M (F-2)

Address 922 Ramona St. San Gabriel, Calif.

Route going: So Pac El Paso, T&P Texarkana, Mo Pac St Louis, B&O ~~New York~~

Return: B&O Chicago, AT&SF Los Angeles, So Pac ~~San Gabriel~~

Stopover: Wichita, Kans.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	San Gabriel	So Pac	104	* 6:51 PM	May 28
	Ar	El Paso	"	"	7:55 PM	" 29
	✓ Lv	"	T&P	16	8:45 PM	" 29
	Ar	Texarkana	"	"	7:40 PM	" 30
	✓ Lv	"	Mo Pac	26	7:50 PM	" 30
	✓ Ar	St Louis	"	"	8:20 AM	" 31
	✓ Lv	"	B&O	4	9:10 AM	" 31
	✓ Ar	New York	"	6	2:08 PM	June 1
	Lv	(Jersey City)				
	Ar					
	Lv	* Special Stop				
	Ar					
	Lv					
	Ar					

Accommodations: Standard sleeper San Gabriel, Calif. to St Louis, Mo. and St Louis, Mo. to New York, NY.

Elapsed Time: 89 hrs: 17 min

Extra Fare:

*3 3/4*

*H&H.*

*aa*

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage

Stopovers on return

Name:

Bay Mrs Minnie M  
927 1/2 Panama St

Address:

San Gabriel, Cal.

Party:

7-2

Stopovers desired at:

Wichita, Kansas

Rail

Excess

None

Pullman

From

To

Class

Value

W. Y.	Wichita	L. B.	17.75
Wichita	San Gabriel	L. B.	18.00

Total:

35.75

Thru Pullman Fare:

32.63

Excess:

3.12

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Party F. Group I  
H. Markens.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Blankenships, Bert M.

Prof Co F, 137 Inf.

Station: Hotel Ambassador.

Date: June 15<sup>th</sup> 1931.

Name Bay Mrs. Minnie.

Home address 922 Ramona street. San Gabriel California.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Pratt. Bay Same address. (Husband)

Religion Baptist

Age 49.

History of Present complaint: <sup>June 15<sup>th</sup>.</sup> Menopause.

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Chloroform  
menorrhagia

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

June 15<sup>th</sup> Menstruation profuse. seen by Major Kerner.  
" 16<sup>th</sup> " " scanty.  
" 20<sup>th</sup> Veg. pills 3.

gr Ergot  $\frac{1}{2}$  temp. over 4<sup>th</sup> for 4 doses

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Jan 26 - To Cheshbourn - Beale

Party "Y" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

- Sailed June 3, 1931 on REPUBLIC. Capt. Edward Busch in charge. Arrived Cherbourg June 13th, 1:15 pm. Special tender arrived 2:00 pm, bearing Maj. F.M.Fitts; Capts. W.C.Louisell, M.J.Conway, and J.F.Lake; Lts. W.L.Barriger and H.C.Mowshaw; 2nd Lt. B.M.Grealey; five nurses and one civilian employee. Train left Cherbourg 3:45 pm, arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 9:50 pm. Met by Col. Bartlett and members of the staff of the Paris office.
- June 14th: Church or rest. Lunch at hotel. Paris sightseeing - Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel.
- June 15th: Conference with Conducting Officer. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe - wreath laid by Mrs. Mary Jane Grimesey. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- June 16th: Notre Dame. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- June 17th: Left for Verdun via Porte de Pantin to Montmirail (rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant) and Chalons (lunch Haute-Mere-Dieu). Quarters Verdun at Hotel Nouvel and Hotel Vauban.
- June 18th, 19th & 20th: Daily visits to Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. Lunch at cemetery and dinner at Verdun.
- June 21st: Left for Paris via St. Menchould (rest stop Moderne Hotel), Suippes, Reims (lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal), Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme). Dinner at hotel, Paris.
- June 22nd: Free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- June 23rd: Visited Colonial Exposition. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- June 24th: Louvre or free. Lunch at hotel. Visited Versailles in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- June 25th: Shopping or free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free.
- June 26th: Boat train for Cherbourg left 10:25 am, arrived 4:15 pm. PRESIDENT HARDING sailed 6:00 pm. Arrived New York July 3, 1931.

Mrs Minnie M Bay

BLANKENSHIP, B M

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party F.....

Number .638.....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Bay, Mrs. Minnie M......  
 Name of Pilgrim  
922 Ramona St. San Gabriel.....  
 City Home Address County  
California.....  
 State

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.

New York, to Los Angeles, Calif.

Destination of Ticket Los Angeles, Calif......

\$ 32.63 ✓

via B&O to Chicago, Ill. - AT&SF to Los Angeles, Calif......

July 5, 1931.....  
 Date of Departure

October 31, 1931.....  
 Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. <u>Chicago, Ill.</u>	<u>B&amp;O</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7/5</u>	<u>5 P.M.</u>				
Ar. <u>Chicago, Ill.</u>	"	"	<u>7/5</u>	<u>7:20 P.M.</u>	<u>Lower 6</u>	<u>A-2</u>		<u>9.00</u>
Lv. "	<u>Santa Fe</u>	<u>21</u>	"	<u>11 P.M.</u>				
Ar. <u>Wichita, Kans.</u>	"	"	<u>7/6</u>	<u>5:20 P.M.</u>	<u>Lower 6</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>WQ 1 026 201</u>	<u>8.25</u>
Lv. "	"	"	<u>Daily</u>	<u>5:35 P.M.</u>				
Ar. <u>Los Angeles, Cal.</u>	"	"	"	<u>5:45 P.M.</u>	<u>Lower</u>		<u>WQ 1 026 202</u>	<u>18.00</u>
Lv.								
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total 35.25  
 Stop Over Wichita, Kansas..... Through Rate 32.63  
 Excess 2.62

*Escorted to train by Capt Darrell*

*Bus leaves Hotel 4:12 P.M. EST  
 Leave Hotel 3:45 P.M. EST*

Blankenship, Bert M. 1232 M ~~Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage~~  
~~Stopovers on return~~

Name: Bay, Mrs. Minnie M.

Address: 922 Pamona Street,  
San Gabriel, Calif.  
Stopovers desired at:

Party: *7-2*

Wichita, Kansas.

Rail

*BFO*

Excess N O N E

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York, N.Y.	Wichita, Kansas	L.B.	17.25
Wichita, Kansas	San Gabriel, Calif.	L.B.	18.00

Total: 35.25  
Thru Pullman Fare: 32.63  
Excess: 2.62

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*Name* ..... BAY, Mrs. Minnie M.  
HOTEL AMBASSADOR  
*Paris Hôtel* ..... BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN  
*Home address* ..... 922 Ramona St., San Gabriel, Los Angeles Co., California  
*Party* ..... F ..... *Group* ..... *Unit* ..... SS. REPUBLIC  
*Date of arrival* ..... June 13;1931 ..... *Date of departure* SS. PRES. HARDING, June 26,1931  
*Relationship* ..... Mother, age 49  
*Name of deceased* ..... BLANKENSHIP, Bert M.  
*Rank* ..... Pvt. ..... *Organization* ..... Co. F, 137th Inf.  
*Cemetery* ..... Meuse-Argonne ..... G-26-G-R-13

REMARKS



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UNITED STATES VETERA

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WASHINGTON, D

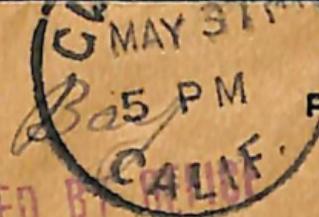
RETURN IF NOT DELIVERED IN FIFTEEN DAYS

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



1931

Mrs. Minnie M. Ba



FEE CLAIMED BY  
OF FIRST ADDRESS.

*Special Delivery*

*F.*

*% Pilgrimage Port of Embarkment  
225 West 34 St.*



**POSTMASTER:**  
This letter must be delivered to the address given or forwarded to the new address. If not deliverable, or in the event the payee is deceased, return to sender with statement of facts.  
**WARNING TO ADDRESSEE:**  
Acceptance of this check fraudulently is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.



*Republic June 3*

*very New York City  
N. Y.*

**TO POSTMASTER:** If addressee is deceased, return this envelope unopened with date of death in space below.

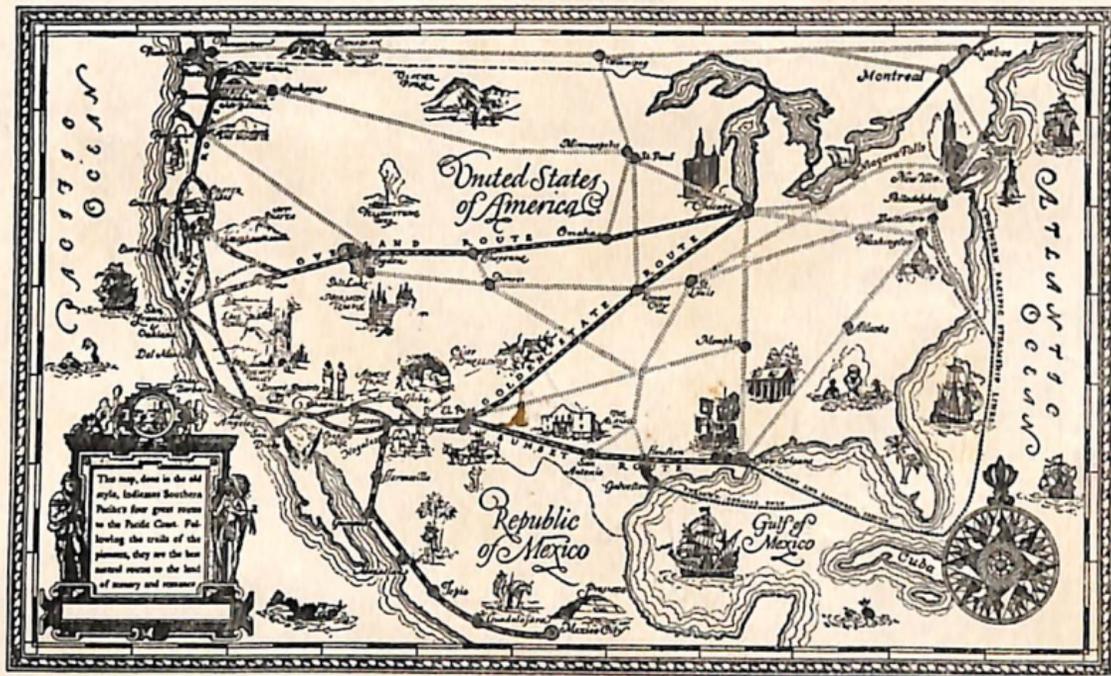
..... 19..... (Month) ..... (Day)



*Remitted*  
*Mrs Winnie M B...*

Bay, Mrs. M. M.

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## SOUTHERN PACIFIC TICKET

For Mrs Minnie M BayRailroad fare \$ Foot P.P.O.Address 922 Ramona St

Pullman fare \_\_\_\_\_

San Gabriel Calif.Your train leaves SAN GABRIEL. CAL. station at 5:51 P.M., May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1931.Your reservation is Lower 12 car #12

If you expect messages or telegrams on the train, please  
give your name and location to the conductor.

We hope you have an enjoyable trip. More than 100,000 Southern Pacific men and women are working every day to give the good service that is the basis of pleasant journeys. If you like our service we hope you will tell us and tell others about it. If anything goes wrong let us know so that we can prevent a recurrence.

Salesman.....

*E. Kaye*

Address.....

*245 S. Pine St*

*San Gabriel, California*

# THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE

42-285

FORM

1000-3

**PASSENGER'S CHECK**—To identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From.....

To.....

Accommodations..... Car.....

Line No..... Via..... R. R.

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1 2 3  
Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

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PARTY .. F ..... FILE NO. ....

NAME Bay, Mrs. Minnie M.  
922 Ramona St., San Gabriel, Cal.

ROUTE OF TICKET

..... to ..... *Bro* *Chicago Ill*

..... to ..... *a. T. V. B. Los Angeles Cal*

..... to .....

Expiration date ... *Oct 31-31* .....

The following stop overs are requested.

Wichita, Kansas ..... *NA* .....

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

T. M.

VIA WESTERN UNION

*Handwritten signature*

Mr. Hugh Bay  
922 Ramona St  
San Gabriel, California

July 3, 1931

MRS M M BAY WILL ARRIVE WICHITA KANSAS FIVE TWENTY  
P M JULY SIXTH VIA SANTEE FE RAILROAD.

COLONEL POPE

PP-55

3 Bags  
Hut by Capt Darrell

(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. \_\_\_\_\_

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark \_\_\_\_\_

385225

Fee paid \_\_\_\_\_ cents Class postage \_\_\_\_\_

Return Receipt fee \_\_\_\_\_ Spl. Del'y fee \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery restricted to addressee:

in person \_\_\_\_\_, or order \_\_\_\_\_

Accepting employee will place his initials in space indicating restricted delivery.



POSTMASTER, per \_\_\_\_\_

(MAILING OFFICE)

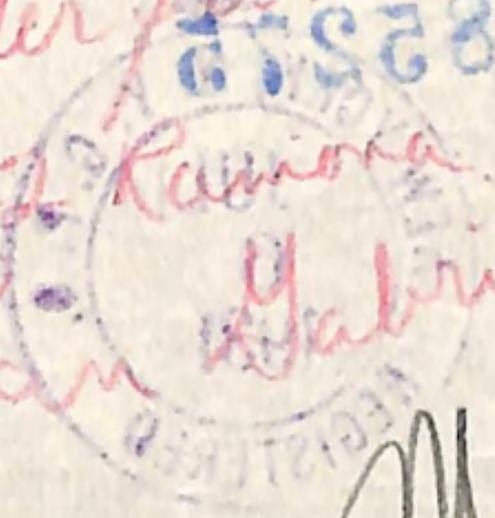
The sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

Registry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic registry fees range from 15 cents for indemnity not exceeding \$50 up to \$1 for indemnity not exceeding \$1,000. The fee on domestic registered matter without intrinsic value and for which indemnity is not paid is 15 cents. Consult postmaster as to the specific domestic registry fees and as to the registry fees chargeable on registered parcel-post packages for foreign countries. Fees on domestic registered C. O. D. mail range from 25 cents to \$1.20. Indemnity claims must be filed within one year (C. O. D. six months) from date of mailing.

Letter from  
382519

927 Ramona

San Gabriel



Street  
Calif

Mrs

Mrs  
San

Gabriel  
Calif

1119 - 1087

Blanchard, B. M.  
Ma

PARTY "F"  
May 20th, 1931

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway and 34th Street, New York City.

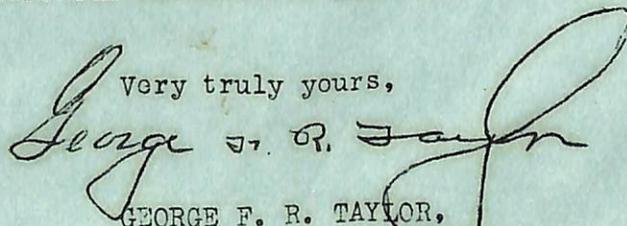
All mail intended to reach you between June 4th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and June 26th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,  
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

  
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

7 Incl:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

CODE SLIP

✓

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blankenship	3	2 0 1
BURIED	Bert M.	1	1
	CEMETERY 1232	2	26
	GRAVE 26	2	13
	ROW 13	1	7
	BLOCK 4	2	18
STATE	Kansas	1	2
RANK	Priv.	2	35
DIVISION	35	3	137
ORGANIZATION	137	1	1
ARM	Inf	1	2
MARTIAL	No	3	21 12 5
NAME	Minnie M. Bay	2	04
RESIDENCE	Bay	2	19
	STATE Calif	3	076
	COUNTY Los Angeles	1	1
	CITY San Gabriel	1	1
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP		1	
	MO.	1	
	YR. 1931	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	
29/514/PJ.	Age 49	1	49

*Failed June 3, 1931*

**AUDITED**  
1931  
RS

*om*

Blankenship, R. M. -  
(ma-#)

From Narrative Report Party "F" EAST

Republic June 3, 1931

7,2

BAGGAGE

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay, San Gabriel, California, left San Gabriel without her baggage, and had it forwarded to her on a later train. However, her baggage arrived before sailing time.

Mrs. Hattie Altman, Bellingham, Washington, arrived in New York with a suitcase that was in such poor condition that it was considered necessary to replace it, and a suitcase was purchased for this pilgrim.

One bag, the property of Mrs. George J. Mathews, Los Angeles, California, was struck by one of the busses at the steamship pier. The bag did not appear to be damaged, and the damage to the contents, if any, is not known.

6M 292 A-M  
Blankenship, B.M. PVT (MA) M

July 16, 1951.

Mrs. Winnie K. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, California.

Dear Mrs. Bay:

The letter of recent date addressed to the Officer in Charge, Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage in New York, which you and other pilgrims sent in appreciation of the journey you recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me for reply.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

It is gratifying to know that the mothers and widows were pleased with the arrangements made for their welfare throughout the trip and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant time. I feel however that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

You may rest assured that the American cemeteries in Europe will be forever maintained in the fine condition in which you found them as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make them fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General,

MB  
EP

ADH  
WRG

ADH  
WRG

# MEDICAL RECORD

MA

Party: ..... F ..... Hotel **MCALPIN** ..... S. S. ..... REPUBLIC HARDING ..... Eastbound Westbound

Name ..... Bay, Mrs. Minnie M. (**Pvt. B.M. Blankenship 26, 13, G.**)

Home Address ..... 922 Ramona St., San Gabriel, California.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend ..... Mrs. L.R. Allen,  
..... 4378 Cherokee St., San Diego, Calif.

Religion ..... Age ..... 49-M

History of present complaint: **Westbound: June 27th; Weakness & debility. J.P.I.**

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

**Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)**

June 8, 1931. no disease (apparent)

**Treatment and Progress: (include dates)**

June 8, 1931. Consultation; advice.

Westbound: June 27th; Brandy ounces 2. J.P.I.

**Disposition: (include dates)**

**Remarks:** O.K. J.P.I. #

Party F,  
N. Martens,

# MEDICAL RECORD

Station: Hotel Ambassador

Date: June 15, 1931.

Name Bay, Mrs. Minnie

Home address 922 Ramona St., Sagabree 1, Calif.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, H. Bay,

same address

Religion Prot. Age 49

History of Present complaint:

June 15 th, menopause.

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (*include dates*)

Climacteric

Menorrhagia

A.W.K.

Treatment and Progress: (*include dates*)

June 15th, Fl.Ext. Ergot  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp q 4 h for 4 doses. A.W.K.

15th, Menstruation profuse, Seen by Maj. Kenner.

16th, scanty

20th Veg. pills iii

Disposition: (*include dates*)

Remarks: June 26th, to Cherbourg, Beach.

WAR DEPARTMENT

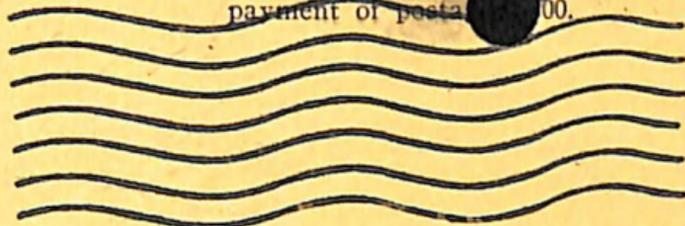
Q. M. CORPS PILGRIMAGE,

WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS, N. Y. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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payment of postage 00.



**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NAME: BAY, MRS. MINNIE M.

ADDRESS 922 Ramona St., San Gabriel, Calif.

DATE July 17

TO: Officer-In-Charge,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs Minnie M Bay

PARTY

F

EASTBOUND

STATE

GROUP

M A

.....CALIFORNIA.....

Mrs. Bay, Minnie M...... Address 922 Ramona St...... San Gabriel  
 (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

.....California..... Los Angeles.....  
 (State) (County)

.....Mrs. L. R. Allen..... Address 4378 Cherokee St San Diego  
 (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

.....California..... Los Angeles.....  
 (State) (County)

## ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. B&O..... Train No. 6..... Date June 1, 1931 2:08 P. M.  
 Hotel Mc Alpin..... Room No. 1469  
 Roomed with Mrs. Minnie Smith.....

## DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date JUNE 3, 1931..... Vessel REPUBLIC..... Cabin No. 316-A.....  
 In Cabin with ~~Mrs. Hazel H. Rowe~~ Mrs. Minnie Smith.....  
 (Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

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Date ..... July 4, 1931 ..... Vessel ..... HARDING ..... Cabin No. 238 C .....

In Cabin with ... Mrs. Anna E. Bardsley, Mrs. Ruby E. Taylor & Miss Mildred E.

Hotel ..... Mc Alpin ..... Hughes, friend of Mrs. Bardsley ..... Room No. 1293 .....

Roomed with ... Mrs. M. Smith .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

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**Return to** Q. M. GENERAL

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**WASHINGTON,**

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
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1931  
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Blankenship, Bert M. 1232 M Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Bay, Mrs. Minnie M.

Address: 922 Panama Street,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Party:

Stopovers desired at:  
Wichita, Kansas.

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Rail

Excess NONE

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Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
New York, N.Y.	Wichita, Kansas	L.B.	17.25
Wichita, Kansas	San Gabriel, Calif.	L.B.	18.00

Total: 35.25  
Thru Pullman Fare: 32.05  
Excess: 2.00

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Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, B. M. M-A

May 11, 1931

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay,  
922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, California

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. San Gabriel	SoPac	Train	No. 104	6.51 P.M.	May 28
Ar. St. Louis	MoPac	"	" 26	8.20 A.M.	May 31
Lv. St. Louis	B&O	"	" 4	9.10 A.M.	May 31
Ar. New York (Jersey City)	"	"	" 6	2.08 P.M.	June 1

Accommodations: Standard sleeper San Gabriel, Calif. to St. Louis, Mo. and St. Louis, Mo. to New York, N.Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1931

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blackship, B. M. Pvt. (MA) M

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, California.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~617499~~ in the  
amount of \$ ~~40.00~~ , to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED  
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on  
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be  
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, Bert M. MA

April 18, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of recent date, also money order in the amount of two dollars and sixty two cents (\$2.62) covering difference in Pullman fare account of stopover at Wichita, Kansas upon your return from the pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France, sailing from New York City on the S.S. Republic, June 3, 1931. *Noted*

Your transportation has been arranged accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Mrs. Minnie M. Bay  
922 Remona Street  
San Gabriel, California.

Washington, D. C. April 14, 1931

TELEGRAPH IMMEDIATELY COLLECT IF STOP OVER WICHITA KANSAS DESIRED AND DATE

FORWARDING MONEY ORDER

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, Bert M. M-A

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, Bert M. 1232

March 20, 1931.

Mrs. Minne M. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, California.

Dear Madam:

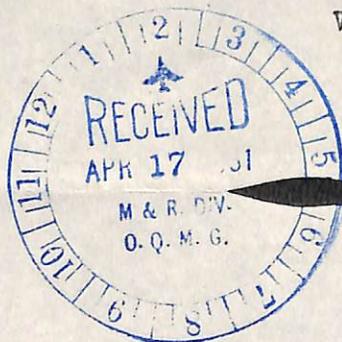
This office has no record of receiving a reply to letter of February 9th, relative to a stopover at Wichita, Kansas on your return from the pilgrimage to the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S.S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

Transportation is now being issued and it is requested that you advise this office at once whether or not you desire this stopover, and if so, please forward money order immediately in the amount of two dollars and sixty-two cents (\$2.62), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., covering difference in pullman fare to be paid by you.

The self-addressed envelope enclosed, herewith, is for your convenience in replying and requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

very truly yours,



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

QM 393 A-M  
Blankenship, Bert M. 1232

February 9, 1931.

Mrs. Minne M. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Referring to office letter of February 6th apprising you that there is an additional charge of two dollars and sixty-two cents required for pullman fare.

Paragraph two requested a money order in the amount of three dollars and sixty-two cents which is in error. If you desire to visit Wichita, Kansas, please forward money order in the amount of two dollars and sixty-two cents, payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. Upon receipt, this office will make necessary arrangements.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

HJF

Bay Mrs Minnie M  
922 Ramona St San Gabriel Los Angeles Co Cal  
Blankenship Bert M Pvt 1232 M

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find  
the name and address of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. L. R. Allen  
Name

4378 Cherokee St.  
Address  
San Diego San Diego Cal.  
Very truly yours,

(Your name)

(Your address)



Mrs Minnie M Bay  
922 Ramona St  
San Gabriel  
Calif

Bay Mrs Minnie M  
922 Ramona St San Gabriel Los Angeles Co Cal  
Blankenship Bert M Pvt 1232 M

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE  
PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS  
OFFICE

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American  
Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the  
following point, or points, for the number of days shown  
after the name of the town:

<u>City where I desire stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<u>Wichita Kans</u>	<u>4 days</u>
<del>_____</del>	_____
_____	_____

Very truly yours,

(Your name)

(Your address)



*Mrs Minnie M. Bay*  
*922 Ramona St*  
*San Gabriel Calif*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, Bert M. 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

*M.*  
Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

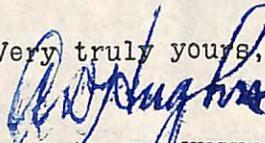
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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

Yes ✓  
(Write answer here)

Mrs Minnie M Bay  
(Sign here)



**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
 Blankenship, Bert M 1232 -M

October 31, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
 922 Ramona St.,  
 San Gabriel, California

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" 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)	(No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age      Health (Years) <u>49</u> (Good) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,  
 Q. Q. M. G.

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

Encl.  
 Act  
 Envelope

Oct 2/1929.

W M 293, AC

Dear Mr. John Harris

I am answering your  
letter of Oct 2.

I would like to make  
Pilgrimage in 1931

Mrs Minnie M Bay,

922. Romana st

San Gabriel  
Calif

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, Bert M.

Oct. 2, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 137th 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?

Yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, Bert M.  
1232

September 4, 1929

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
Arcadia, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

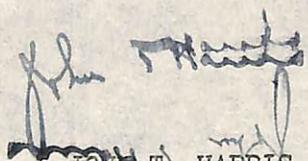
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

Republic

6-3-31

1232

Blankenship, Bert M.

I <sup>Accepted</sup>  
~~Accept~~----- 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. Minnie M. Bay

-----  
(Name)

922 Ramona St., San Gabriel, Los Angeles Co., Calif.

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(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blankenship, Bert M. *Singee*

June 29, 1929.

~~Mrs. Minnie Bay, mother~~  
~~Aradia, Calif.~~

922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, Calif

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 Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 157th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

X C. 65620

9-21-29

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT



YOUR MAIL TO WASHINGTON D. C.

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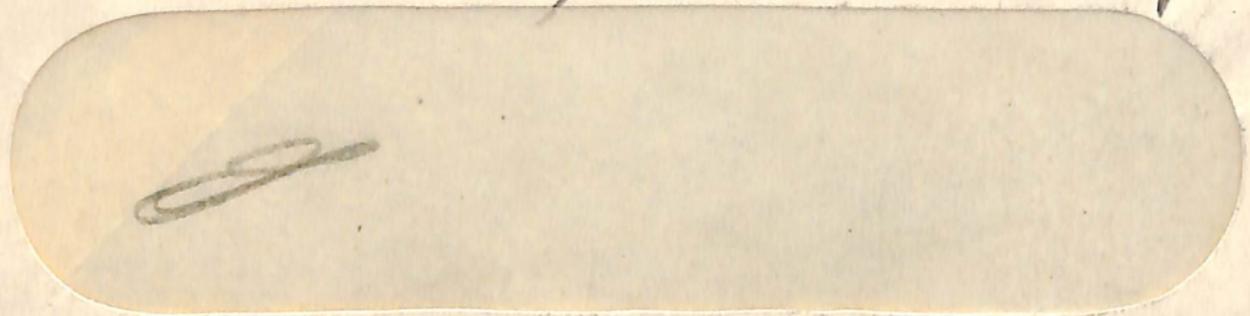
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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1929

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

YOUR MAIL TO  
KEEP AND NUMBER

*Temple city Calif*



REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY  
CHECKED UNKNOWN  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, B. M. (son)  
Pvt., Co. F, 137th Inf.

December 28, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay,  
922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

COPY FOR: Commanding Officer,  
Washington Q.M. Depot,  
20th & C Sts., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.  
FOR INFORMATION & COMPLIANCE.

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1931 DEC-28- PM 5:02

OCMG M&R BR  
ESM:LS

# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son

SON OR DAUGHTER

Name of Mother Mrs. Minnie M. Bay

Address 922 Ramona St. San Gabriel Calif.

NUMBER

STREET

CITY

STATE

Name of Deceased Deft Major Blankenship

Army, Navy, Marine Private 137 Inf. F

RANK

REGIMENT

COMPANY

Stationed at Camp Donipon Okla.

Lost at Sea Killed in Action

Among the Missing

Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death Argonne Forest Sept 26 1918

Where Buried Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay

QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, B.M. Pvt (MA) M

July 16, 1951.

Mrs. Minnie M. Day,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, California.

Dear Mrs. Day:

The letter of recent date addressed to the Officer in Charge, Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage in New York, which you and other pilgrims sent in appreciation of the journey you recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me for reply.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

It is gratifying to know that the mothers and widows were pleased with the arrangements made for their welfare throughout the trip and that the personnel as a whole rendered such satisfactory and commendable service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the trip might have a comfortable and pleasant time. I feel however that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

You may rest assured that the American cemeteries in Europe will be forever maintained in the fine condition in which you found them as it will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make them fitting resting places for the heroes buried there.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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WRG

✓ X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, B. M. M-A

May 11, 1931

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay,  
922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, California

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

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Ar. New York (Jersey City)	"	"	" 6	2.08 P.M.	June 1

Accommodations: Standard sleeper San Gabriel, Calif. to St. Louis, Mo. and St. Louis, Mo. to New York, N.Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, Bert M. MA

April 18, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, California.

Dear Madam:

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Your transportation has been arranged accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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MSG TO SANGABRIEL CALIF=

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DEAR SIR I HAVE SENT MONEY FOR STOPOVER IN WICHITA KANS ON  
MONDAY THE THIRTEENTH=

MRS MINNIE M BAY.

*Blanchard slip - Best Mr.*

RECORD ATTACHED

DISPATCHED  
APR 15 1931  
TEL. & CABLE  
O.O.M.C.

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay  
922 Ramona Street  
San Gabriel, California.

Washington, D. C. April 14, 1931

TELEGRAPH IMMEDIATELY COLLECT IF STOP OVER WICHITA KANSAS DESIRED AND DATE

FORWARDING MONEY ORDER

GSM 2089

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, Bert M. M-A

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QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, Bert M. 1232

March 20, 1931.

Mrs. Minne W. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, California.

Dear Madam:

This office has no record of receiving a reply to letter of February 9th, relative to a stopover at Wichita, Kansas on your return from the pilgrimage to the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S.S. REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931.

Transportation is now being issued and it is requested that you advise this office at once whether or not you desire this stopover, and if so, please forward money order immediately in the amount of two dollars and sixty-two cents (\$2.62), payable to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., covering difference in pullman fare to be paid by you.

The self-addressed envelope enclosed, herewith, is for your convenience in replying and requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Blankenship, Bert M. 1232

February 9, 1931.

Mrs. Minne M. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Referring to office letter of February 6th apprising you that there is an additional charge of two dollars and sixty-two cents required for pullman fare.

Paragraph two requested a money order in the amount of three dollars and sixty-two cents which is in error. If you desire to visit Wichita, Kansas, please forward money order in the amount of two dollars and sixty-two cents, payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. Upon receipt, this office will make necessary arrangements.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Blankenship, Bert M. 1232

February 6, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie M. Bay,  
922 Ramona Street,  
San Gabriel, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Wichita, Kansas on your return from the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

There is an additional charge of two dollars and sixty-two cents required for pullman fare. If you wish to visit Wichita, Kansas, please forward money order in the amount of three dollars and sixty-two cents, payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. Upon receipt, this office will make necessary arrangements.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
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

Blankenship, Bert M. 1232-M

May 26, 1930.

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October<sup>31</sup>, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blankenship, Bert M 1232 -M

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, California

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.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Age</td> <td style="border: none;">Health</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">(Years)</td> <td style="border: none;">(Good)</td> <td style="border: none;">(Poor)</td> </tr> </table>		Age	Health		(Years)	(Good)	(Poor)
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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

Blankenship, Bert M.

Oct. 2, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
922 Ramona St.,  
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 137th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, Bert M.  
1232

September 4, 1929

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
Arcadia, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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,

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  
Blankenship, Bert M.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Day,  
Arcadia, Calif.

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 Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 137th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Musee Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Musee, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

BLANKENSHIP, Bert M. - Pvt.

April 1, 1926

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
Arcadia,  
Calif.

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

L.W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C.

Blankenship, Bert M. Pvt.  
Co. F, 137th Inf.

Dec. 10, 1925

SUBJECT: Grave of Private Bert M. Blankenship.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.,  
in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, (16<sup>eme</sup>), France.

1. You are advised that Unknown U-3518 has been identified as the late Private Bert M. Blankenship, grave 87, section 89, plot 2, Cemetery 1232. Advice as to disposition of the body will be communicated to you later.

By order of The Quartermaster General:



*L. W. Redington*

L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

293 Blankenship, Bert M. 1st Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France,  
Jan. 9, 1926. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D.C.

1. Inscription on grave marker and all records have been changed in accordance with above instructions. It is recommended that disposition advice be forwarded in order that the records of this office may be complete.



*See letter Jan 19/26 WSM*

*W. O. Smith*

Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

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*293 Blankenship, Bert M.*

293 Blankenship, Bert H.

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Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

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FM 293 A-C.

Blankenship, Bert M. Pvt.  
Co. F, 157th Inf.

Jan. 19, 1926

SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Private Bert M. Blankenship.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.,  
in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, (16 ems), France.

1. Referring to letter of this office of December 10, 1925, advising of the identification of Unknown U-5518 as the remains of the late Private Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 157th Infantry, you are informed that the remains will be permanently buried in France.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

Noted by Statistical Clerk.

Date 1/25/26 PA



L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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Wichita St

Jan 13 1924

Mr. E. W. Redington Mayor, G. P. O.

Dear Sir

In regards to Blankenship Bert M Pvt  
Co F 137th Infantry my sons  
remains I wish you to have them  
cared for. ~~with his~~ with his  
courage - for several reasons -  
I did want my sons remains -  
and would get but I never could find  
show - for every thing came so defeat  
of his death and I waited so patiently  
until the 23. then he was sent then I  
made inquiries why and I got word  
he couldnt be located so then  
I gave up. so now I know that  
if he is in a national Semetary he  
would get better care then I could  
give. for I have fare both  
and half to travel and cant  
stay any place long

O.O.M.C. 1993 - Blankenship, Bert M



Yours

Mrs Minnie M Bay

Arcadia

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 295 A-C.

Blankenship, Bert M. Pvt.  
Co. F, 137th Infantry.

Dec. 10, 1925.

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
1341 Witchita St.,  
Witchita, Kansas.

My dear Madam:

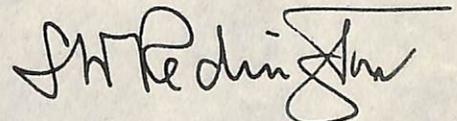
The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the investigation instituted in the case of your son, the late Private Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 137th Infantry, to locate his remains, has finally been successfully concluded.

There is on file a request from you that the body be returned to this country for private interment. As some time has elapsed since the request was made, this letter is to inquire whether it is still your desire that this action be taken.

Please understand, it is not the policy of the Department to attempt to influence relatives as to the disposition of their dead, but to endeavor to carry out their wishes so far as is humanly possible. On the other hand the Department is honored when relatives entrust the remains to its care and intends to administer that trust in a manner befitting the service the soldier rendered his country and humanity. If agreeable to you, this office will be glad to receive your permission for burial of the remains of your son among his comrades in a beautiful American Cemetery, where the grave will be tenderly cared for by a grateful nation.

As action is suspended pending your decision, it is requested that a reply be submitted as soon as possible. There is enclosed an envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,



L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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QM 295 A-C.

Blankenship, Bert M. Pvt.  
Co. F, 137th Inf.

Dec. 10, 1925.

1st Lieut. Howard S. Fox,  
339th Inf. Res.,  
5653 Stanton Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Lieutenant:

In response to your request contained in your letter of October 12, 1925, that you be informed as to the progress made to locate the grave of the late Private Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 137th Infantry, The Quartermaster General desires you be advised that the remains of Private Blankenship have been identified in grave 87, section 89, plot 2, Cemetery 1232. The mother of this soldier, Mrs. Minnie Bay, 1341 No. Wichita St., Wichita, Kansas, has been advised of the successful conclusion of the investigation and requested to make known her present wishes whether the body shall be returned to this country or remain in Europe.

Very truly yours,

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L. W. HEDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

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QM 295 A-C.

Blankenship, Bert M. Pvt.  
Co. F, 137th Inf.

Dec. 10, 1925

**SUBJECT:** Grave of Private Bert M. Blankenship.

**TO:** Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.,  
in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, (16 eme), France.

1. You are advised that Unknown U-3518, has been identified as the late Private Bert M. Blankenship, grave 87, section 89, plot 2, Cemetery 1232. Advice as to disposition of the body will be communicated to you later.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

*as needed*  
*[Signature]*  
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QM 295 A-C.

Blankenship, Bert M. Pvt.  
Co. F, 157th Infantry.

Dec. 10, 1925.

Mrs. Minnie Bay,  
1541 Witchita St.,  
Witchita, Kansas.

My dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the investigation instituted in the case of your son, the late Private Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 157th Infantry, to locate his remains, has finally been successfully concluded.

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As action is suspended pending your decision, it is requested that a reply be submitted as soon as possible. There is enclosed an envelope which requires no postage.

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L. W. REDINGTON, MCL  
Major, Q.M.G., GS  
Assistant. WFR

*as per list*  
*MG*

*remarked to Box 386 a R.F.D #1  
Arcadia, Calif 12/29 AMK*

Nov. 27 1925

Mr. McLaughlin

1. Advise Europe of identification of U 3518  
as Bert M. Blankenship, grave 87 section 89 plot 2,  
Cty 1232 and <sup>that</sup> disposition of body. *will follow.*

2. Advise relatives that body has  
been located + determine her wishes. *S-87*

3. Notify Howard Fox of  
identification also.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 30511

~~UNKNOWN SOLDIER~~

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name Blankenship, Bert Sr ~~UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER~~ <sup>7-3518</sup> Ser. No. 1448463  
(b) Rank Pos. ~~unknown~~ Organization unknown Co. H. 137 Inf TYP. b  
(c) Date of death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of death X/a CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 87 Row unknown Plot 2 Sec. 89 TYP. b  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Minnie Bay (Mother) Quaspar, Okla.  
1940 N. Market St., Wichita, Kansas

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

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

(a) Name Mrs. Minnie Bay (b) Relationship Mother  
(c) Address Quaspar, Okla.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Webb City Undertaking Co.  
Webb City, Missouri. - 114 East Dawson St.  
Express + telegraph office. Webb City, Missouri  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

Mrs. Minnie Bay (Mother)  
1341 North Wichita St., Wichita, Kansas dated March 22, 1919

confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that son's body  
be sent to Steel Undertaking Co. - Webb City, Mo.

Examiner's Initials PD Date 12/1/25, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 89 SHEET No. 87

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

UNKNOWN SOLDIER

File -- 30511

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ~~UNKNOWN AMERICAN SOLDIER~~ Blankenship, Art M Ser. No. 1448463 } b  
 (b) Rank ~~unknown~~ Pvt. Organization Co. H-137 4 Inf } TYP.  
 (c) Date of death 9/26/18 (d) Cause of death KIA } 30

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

(a) Grave No. 87 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 89 } b  
 TYP.

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Minnie Bay (Mother) Quapaw, Okla.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR 27

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  
 Section - 89 { letter of transmittal on 4-19-1921  
 Car-3 - Unknown dead (J E O Y)

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.

AP 4-22-21

Blankenship, Bert M. 1,448,463  
(Surname) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Co F 137 Inf  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased. *Maternal*

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

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? *No*  
(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:

*Webb City Undertaking Co. Webb City, Missouri.*  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

*Webb City, Mo. Webb City, Mo.*  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *Webb City Undertaking Co.*

*114 E. Saw. St. Webb City, Missouri*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

156 *copy.*

30511



Date 1, July 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name *Det M Blankenship*  
~~UNKNOWN~~ AMERICAN SOLDIER.

1448463

Number: ~~Unkn~~

Rank ~~Unkn~~ *Int*

Organization: ~~Unkn~~ *Co. F 137th Inf.*

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

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

24, June 1919

Grave# 4 VARENNES,

Map 35SE E 303.5 N 272.6

Reburied (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ in: (Give complete location) \_\_\_\_\_

24, June 1919

Grave# 87 Section 89 Plot 2

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE

1232

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

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No

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

Note:

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

Supervised by Lt. Grant.

C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME Bert M Blankenship  
~~UNKNOWN AMERICAN U-3518~~ DATE Nov. 18, 1921.  
 RANK Inf ORGANIZATION C 7 137th Infantry  
 GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne /s/ Montfaucon 1232 sec 89  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER  
87 sec 89 2  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Varennes en Argonne  
 GRAVE COMMUNE (Meuse) 1/2 DEPT.  
 COORDINATES 35-S.E. 272.6-N. 303.5-E.  
 CONCENTRATED TO 6.3.19. 87 89 2.  
 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.

No effects.

Data form 16a.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/18/21 26 B Block C  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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

AUDITED BY  
 1/29/23

Duplicate

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Bert M Blankenship SERIAL NUMBER U-3518 1448463

RANK 1st Lt ORGANIZATION Co 7 137

2. Disinterred (date) : Aug. 18, 1921, Gr. 87, Sec. 89, Pt. 2, Cem. #1232,  
From (give complete location) :

By : Group 6 Unit Sec. 1.

3. Reburied (date) : Nov. 18th, 1921, Grave 26, Block G, Row 13, Cemetery 1232,  
In (give complete location) :  
Sent to Morgue Area #1, Aug. 17, 1921,

By : Group 6 Reburial S Unit Lined Casket  
Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
Pine box, uniform and burlap, badly decomposed, skeleton  
disarticulated.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
Size of shoe 7E.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to ascertain,

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate,

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

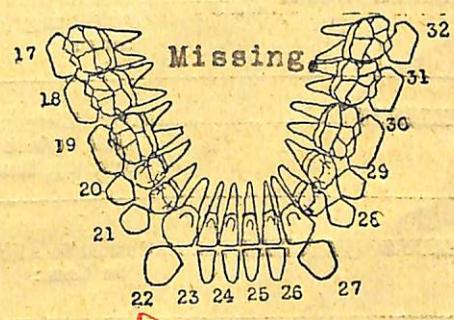
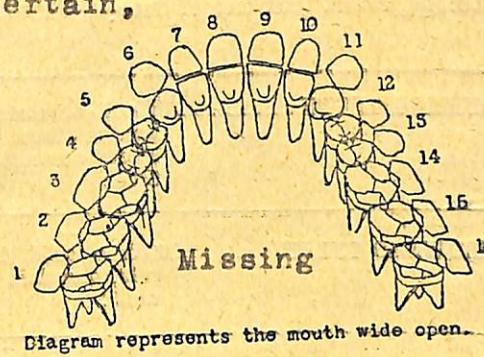
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to determine.



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) D-30863

Skull shattered, jaws missing and left ulna and radius

fractured in lower third, right femur and fibula fractured.

7. Disinterment supervised by Sgd. W.J. Logan, W.J. Logan, Sup. Emb. Approved : Sgd. S.D. Archer, S.D. Archer, 1st Lt. QMC, Inspector,  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Sgd. A.U. Dufault, A.U. Dufault, Approved : James W. Younger, James W. Younger, Captain, Q.M.C.,  
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE August 18, 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 UNKNOWN AMERICAN V-3518  
 2. No. 144 8463  
 3. Rank Priv  
 4. Org. Co, F., 137th Inf  
 5. D.D. 9/26/18  
 6. C.D. K/A

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 87 Sec. 89  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town Romagne-s/Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232

sec 89

23. Disinterred (Date) August 18, 1921

By W. J. Logan

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Unknown U. S. Soldier U-3518

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

Warner J. King Lee  
 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).

Size of shoe 7B.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, skeleton disarticulated.

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 Aug. 18, 1921 By W. J. Logan

31. Casket sealed by W. J. Logan

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J. GERALD COLE  
Captain, C. A. G.

RECEIVED BY  
W. J. Logan  
9/23/21

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-6820**

32. Designation of body:

Name **UNKNOWN AMERICAN** Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Argonne Amer. 1232 Romagne/s/Montfaucon**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **August 16, 1921.** By **W. J. Logan**

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 **J. Gerald Cole** *for and in absence of*  
**J. GERALD COLE** **S. D. Archer, 1st Lt. U.S.A.C.**  
**Captain, C. A. C.**

36. Remarks **Skull shattered, jaws missing and left ulna and radius fractured in lower third, right femur and fibula fractured.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **August 16, 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Morgue, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery**

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Signature Shipping Officer **J. Gerald Cole**  
**J. GERALD COLE**  
**Captain, C. A. C.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

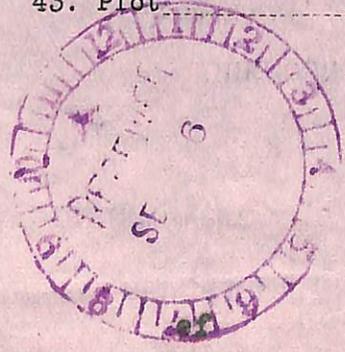
40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232. Nov. 18th, 1921.**

42. Grave No. **26** (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot **Block G,** Row **13,**



G.R.S. Representative **JEL** **James W. Younger,**  
**Captain U.S.M.C.**

5653 Stanton Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.  
October 12, 1925.

QM 293 A-C  
Blankenship, Bert M.

Subject: Case of Pvt. Bert M. Blankenship, Co. F, 137th Inf.  
To: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

1. This replies to Major Redington's letter of Oct. 5.

2. I do not believe that at this length of time I could furnish a sketch of the location of this soldier's grave that would be valuable, unless I had for reference a copy of the map (Vauquois, Verdun 5) showing the district. If, however, a copy of this map could be procured and loaned to me for this purpose, I might be able to correct my co-ordinates. I remember that I could not quite reconcile the map with the terrain; and that is why I put down the note, "About 20 yds. E. of the river." Since then I have had some further practice in map-reading, and as I remember the location fairly well, I might be able, on the basis of the map to furnish a sketch or give better co-ordinates.

3. Upon search of my war-time papers for something that might be of value, I have discovered a note-book which I carried at that time. This contains the following entry - -

*Andrews 85548*

5248	Harold Red	Andrews,	1,	449,	348
12096	Walter McKinley	Blackledge	1,	449,	320
12096	June Max	Snider	2,	181,	319
	Bert M	Blankenship	1,	448,	463

*gr 84-108-2-1232*

This entry consists of the names and serial numbers of four men whom I buried at the same time and place. I caused a shell-hole to be enlarged to a depth of about four feet, and the four bodies were wrapped in blankets and placed therein, side by side. If, then, any one of these other three bodies has been found, that of Pvt. Blankenship should be in the same location.

4. Request that I be kept informed, by carbon copies of correspondence or otherwise, of the further progress of this search, which has aroused my active interest.

*Howard S. Fox*

HOWARD S. FOX.  
1st. Lt. 339th Inf. Res.  
Formerly 1st. Lt. Chaplain, 137th Inf



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Co. F. 137th Inf.  
35th Div.

BLANKENSHIP, Bert M. - Pvt. 1448463  
Home: Jefferson, Okla.

Pvt. Blakkenship was last seen with a group in front of a machine gun nest. He was hit by a machine gun bullet on top of the right shoulder, the bullet passing downward through his body. He died within an hour, being unconscious most of the time after being hit.

This was on Sept. 26, 1918.

He was buried near that spot, about one mile southeast of Varennes the following day.

Informant: Denison, Earl J. - Pvt. 1448537  
Co. F. 137th Inf.  
Home: Alva, Okla.  
Feb. 17, 1919.

Emergency address:  
Miss Irene Blankenship (Sister)

Searcher: Bigelow, Albert S. - 1st Lt.  
137th Inf.

K.E.

Shelby Johnson 1449465  
Independence Kans

plot A 790

70.  
QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, Bert, M.

Oct. 5, 1925.

✓ 293 - Ref. Howard S. Fox,  
5653 Stanton Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that your attention be invited to the inclosed copy of report from the European Office, with reference to the search made for the remains of the late Pvt. Bert M. Blankenship.

Will you please furnish, if possible, the additional information requested by that office, in order that a further search may be made for the grave of this soldier.

Kindly return inclosure with your reply. For same, you may use the inclosed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

LN  
CS  
WPR

3 incl.  
Incl. 1-c/1st. Sept. 16  
• 2-c/G. L. Blank  
• 3-envelope



Howard S. Fox  
captain  
see 24 -

5653 Stanton Ave  
Detroit Mich

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~~Wm J. Murphy~~

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

IN REPLYING  
PLEASE ADDRESS:  
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES  
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE  
20 RUE MOLITOR

FILE NO. 293 Blankenship, Bert M.

PARIS, FRANCE Sept. 16, 1925.

Subject: Case of Pvt. Bert M. Blankenship, Co.F, 137th Inf.

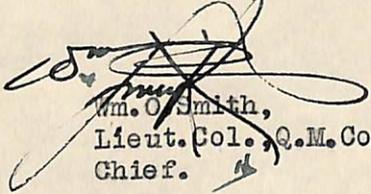
To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Based on copy of Grave Location Blank and G.R.S. Form 1 signed by Pvt. George L. Forrest, Group 5, Unit 306, G.R.S., physical search was made for the remains of the above named soldier. Report of Field Investigator who made the search is as follows:

"Physical search instituted for the recovery of the above mentioned deceased soldier failed to recover same.

"Practically all the ground around reported burial place has been plowed, which makes it difficult to locate burial place. It is requested that sketch #32 be forwarded to this office, and with the assistance of sketch another search will be made to recover these remains."

2. It is recommended that sketch #32 mentioned be furnished, so that further search can be made. This sketch is noted on bottom of Form 1 signed by Pvt. Forrest. There is no dental information or body description of record here on this soldier and it is requested that any on file in Washington be transmitted to this office for use in investigating Unknowns.

  
Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.



Q.M.C.  
293-Blankenship, Bert M.  
SEP 28 1925  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blankenship 1448463 Bert  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt Co. H. 137 Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL September 28, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Dept. Meuse, S.E. of

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

Varennes, map Vauquois (Verdun 5)

03.7-72.6 About 20 yds E.

of the river

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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:

CMWB VARENNES-EN-ARGONNE (MEUSE)

(C-156) HT. 355 E COOR E 303.7 N 272.6

REPORTED BY:

Howard S. Fox, Chaplain, 137 Inf.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

3054  
1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 148463

3. Blankenship Bert m  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Private F- 137th Inf  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. - -  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. - - Isolated  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Varennes Meuse  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 3 -  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

$\frac{1}{4}$  K S of Varennes. 20 ME of  
Aire River.

12. 35 SE. 272.8 N. 303.8 E.  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Varennes (Meuse)

13. 156 35 E. E 303.8  
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer N 272.8

Signed Pvt. George L. Forrest

Sketch #32 Group 5 Unit 306 G. R. S.

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R (Blankenship, Bert M.)

✓ 201 Ayres, W. A.

March 30, 1923.

Honorable W. A. Ayres,  
Representative in Congress,  
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated March 24th 1923, addressed to The Secretary of War and forwarded to this office for consideration, requesting information regarding the case of the late Private Bert M. Blankenship, Company F, 137th Infantry, you are advised that the records of this office do not as yet show a confirmed grave location for this soldier. The remains were reported buried in the Commune of Varennes, Meuse, France, but at the time searching parties of the Graves Registration Service tried to locate them, they could not be found in the recorded grave location.

The case is under investigation and there is reason to believe that the remains are buried among the "Unknown" in one of the permanent American Cemeteries in Europe. Every effort will be made to establish an identification and should the investigation be successfully concluded, the remains will be returned to this country for final burial in accordance with the wishes of the mother.

In the event of any favorable developments, you will be informed.

Very truly yours,

O.Q.M.G.  
Central Mail & Files Br.



MAR 31 1923

H. H.

W. H. HART,  
Quartermaster General.

F. W. V. D.

MAR 30 1923

LN

*Em*  
*W. H. H.*  
*ME*



Req No.

1414

File 30511

BLANKENSHIP, Bert M.

Pvt Co F 137th Inf 25th Div

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

5-2-23  
~~4-3-23~~

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

Date

File No. Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Graves Registration Service,  
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 *Blankenship* f. Date of death *Sept 26, 18*
- ✓ b. Christian name *Bert M.* g. Cause of death *killed in action*
- ✓ c. Serial Number *1448463* h. Authority (C.O.#) *Cable 274-26-18*
- ✓ d. Organization *Co. F, 137 Inf.* i. Emergency address
- ✓ e. Rank *Pvt.* j. Relationship

293 Blankenship Bert

**BODY DESCRIPTION**  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

**DENTAL CHARTS** *Bachel B. + mobil. check*  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- ✓ a. Age of enlistment *18 yr*
- ✓ ~~Date~~ *Feb. 21, 1916*
- ✓ b. Color of eyes
- ✓ c. Color of hair *Brown*
- ✓ d. Height *5 ft 6 in*
- ✓ e. Weight *130 lbs*
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) *None*

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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MAY 2 1923 3 31 PM  
WAR DIVISION  
5/1/23

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

CEMETERY NO:  
SHEET NO:  
TYPED BY:  
S/3310/LML

RECEIVED  
MAY 3 1923  
M. & R. BRANCH  
O. Q. M. C.

BY: Charles J. Wynne,  
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
*Robert C. Davis*  
*The adjt. Gen.*  
*by WS*

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

April 1919  
April 22, 1919.

FROM : Chief, GRS., Hq. SOS., A.E.F., A.P.O. No. 717.  
TO :  
SUBJECT : Mrs. Minnie Bay, 1341 North Wichita St., Wichita, Kansas.  
Return of body to the United States.

1. Replying to your letter of \_\_\_\_\_, it is regretted that no requests for the transfer of the bodies of our dead can be favourably considered at the present time. <sup>March 23, 1919</sup>

2. Our present instructions are to the effect that nothing will be done until the matter of removal shall have been taken up as an entire project with a view to its execution as an entire project; and that the bodies will remain in the custody of the G.R.S., until the policy shall have been determined and announced.

3. Notation of your request has been made, and action will be taken as nearly in accordance therewith as may be possible in accordance with the instructions received from Washington relative to the procedure governing the disposition of bodies after the war.

4. There is enclosed herewith G.R.S. Bulletin #10-B entitled, "Information for the Friends of Our Dead", which will answer some of the questions that are likely to arise in your mind.

ANG/

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

1. 2 AVRIL 1919

NAME

Beet M Blankenship

FILE NUMBER

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RANK

Pvt

ORGANIZATION

Co. F

SERIAL NUMBER

137th Inf. 25th Div

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	
2.	Date of Death	
3.	Grave Location:	
4.	Who reported burial?	
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)
Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)	Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19& 22)
Disinterrments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21& 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20& 22)
Photograph requested (File 004.5)	Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23)
Grave Location	(b) Remain in France (Form 24)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks:

Aug 1919

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Wichita Kans

March 22, 1918

Chief, Graves Registration Service  
Headquarters Services of Supply  
A. P. O. 777

American P. O. France

Dear Sir

I am answering a letter  
I received in regards of the Body  
of Private Bert M Blankenship  
Co. F 137th Ainf 25th Division  
Who is my son. I want my son  
body sent to Webb City Mo. in care  
of the Steel Undertaking Co Webb  
City Mo. Jasper County.

Respectively Yours, Mrs. Minnie Bay  
1341 North Wichita St. Wichita Kans

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

**FILE**

March 4 1922

MEMO FOR: Cards Department.

1. CASE OF:

Co. F., 137th Inf.,  
ORGANIZATION (Old)

BLANKENSHIP 1448463 Bert M., Pvt.,  
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.		C-156	D- Unc.,
1st. Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

**FILE**

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.,  
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.  
S/3324/LML

ADDRESS REPLY TO

WAR DEPARTMENT

PURCHASE, STORAGE, AND TRAFFIC DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE

WASHINGTON

Division  
DIRECTOR OF STORAGE  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

No :

From :

248-77-6a8

To :

Subject :

Helma 7

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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RECEIVED  
MUNITIONS BUILDING