

KEEP 10 1926

DATE

1. NAME Blankenship, Charlie P SERIAL No. 2468004
 RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. I. 118th Inf
 GRAVE LOCATION Brit. Mil. Cty. St. Souplet (Nord) DIVISION 30 NUMBER 642
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

22 GRAVE 5 ROW A PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 14, Row C, Plot 1, Jackson Military Cty.
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Gambrai N.E. E.198.5. N.368.1

CONCENTRATED TO June 13, 1919 23 1 B
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Brit. Mil. Cty. St. Souplet (Nord) 642
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16 dated June 13, 1919, signed G.E. Braden, 2nd Lt. QMC., gives tag found on body. No other means of identification.

Form 16-A dated Feb. 12, 1921, signed E.W. Austin, Major, FA., gives two tags found on body corroded only - "ens" discernible. Tag on cross checks. Fracture of skull.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Feb 12 /21 22 5 A
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE OF DEATH Oct 16 /18 22 5 A
 STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME W. VA
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED 2 WW

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR LOUIS R. DICE, Major, CAC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/11/22 22 5 Block C
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By sl

FEB 13 1926
AUDITED BY
FR gsc

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 FEB 10 1926
 WORLD WAR DIV.
 Rec'd World War Div.
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blankenship 248004

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

Private 2nd Lt. J. H. [unclear]

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct 17 - 20, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Wickswood [unclear]*

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

*Washington [unclear] 574
57B [unclear] 41000
15 [unclear]*

GRAVE NUMBER *14 Row Plot 7*

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:

[Signature]
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Blankenship, Charlie

Grave Location Bank

Blankenship, W. B. 0004 Charlie

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Date of Burial Oct 7 9 - 18

Place - Jackson Cemetery

Barrigny 62 1/2 W 15 A - B. 9.

Grave No. 144 Row C. Plat 1

Cross yes

Table yes

Ident - Tags

With body yes

Marker yes

Chaplain Arthur J. Foster

Co I, II8th Infantry

BLANKENSHIP C.P. Pvt. 2468004

Killed October 17th 1918

- (a) Informant was eye witness .
- (c) Ground was held .
- (d) Death was instantaneous . Deceased was buried at Military Cemetery Map Ref. Wassigny 57A 57 B 62A 62B WI5 A89 I/40.000 near the village of La Haie Memneresse , France .
- (e) Informant did not know Christian name of deceased . Did know serial Number
- (f) No other man of same name in Company or Battalion .
- (g) Informant did not know of any nick name , or scars of deceased .
- (h) Officers opinion of informant's accuracy and intelligence -Very good.

I.- This man was killed instantly while advancing with the front line near La Haie Manneresse , France on the morning of October 17th 1918 by enemy shell fire . Death was instantaneous , deceased died before 1st Aid could be administered . "

Informant : McALLISTER William B. Sgt. I3II7I4
Co I, II8th Infantry
Home : 724 Orchard St. Toledo , Ohio
January 30th 1919

Emergency Address :-
Samuel Blankenship , (brother)
Boissedale , Va.

D;M. Morgan - Searcher .
1st Lt. II8th Infantry

BLANKENSHIP, 2468004 Charlie 10/17/18 10/19/18 Jackson Military Cemetery
Wassigny W 15 a 8.9

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: *Charlie P.*
BLANKENSHIP, ~~C.~~

Number: 2468004

Rank: PVT. Organization:

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group #2 Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) JUNE 13, 1919 From: (Give complete location)

GRAVE 14, ROW C, PLOT 1, JACKSON MILITARY CEMETERY, MAP RFS, CAMBRAI
N.E. EAST 198., 5, NORTH 368.1.

Reburied (Date) JUNE 13, 1919 in: (Give complete location) *(642)*

GRAVE 23, ROW 1, PLOT B, ST. SOUPLLET MILITARY CEMETERY, MAP RFS.
CAMBRAI N.E. EAST 198.9, NORTH 370.1.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
NO WRAPPING, CONDITION POOR

Was one identification tag found upon the body? YES.

What other means of identification were found on the body? NONE.

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11163.

CONFIRMED N° D

Note: .

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Dept direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1913., 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: *James M. Simpson*

C. E. Brader AND LT. QMC

C.O. Group #2 Unit 302

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BLANKENSHIP, Charlie P SERIAL NUMBER 2468004

RANK PVT ORGANIZATION Co. I. 118th Inf

2. Disinterred (date): 2/12/21 From (give complete location): Gr. 23 Plot B Row 1

By: Group 3 Unit 7

3. Reburied (date): 2/12/21 In (give complete location): Gr. 22 Plot A Row 5

By: Group 3 Unit 7 Nature of reburial Box & blanket

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

O. D. UNIFORM BURIAL AND BOX. BADLY DECOMPOSED.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? YES (2) On grave marker? YES.

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

NONE. BODY TAGS CORRODED ONLY "---ENS---" DISCERNABLE. TAG ON CROSS CHECKS.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) CANNOT BE DETER

(b) Weight (estimated) DO

(c) Hair—Color DARK BROWN

Quantity SCANT

Characteristics STRAIGHT

(d) Hair on face—Color NONE

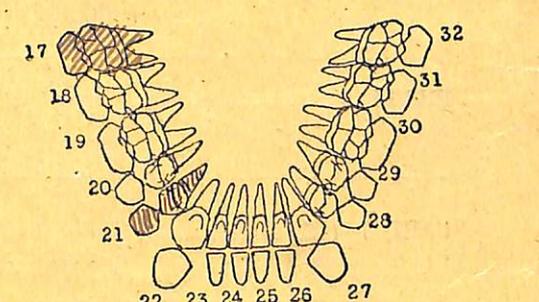
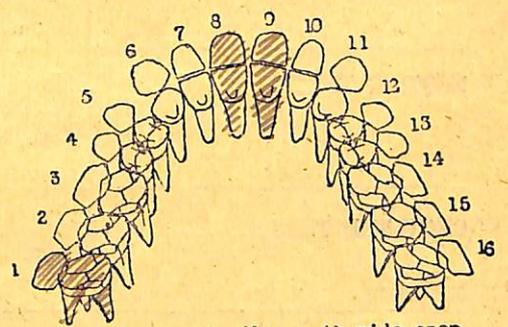
Location DO

Quantity DO

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) CANNOT BE DETER

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

DECOMPOSED: FRACTURE OF SKULL. 30134



1 mis. 8 & 9 mis. 17 & 21 mis.

7. Disinterment supervised by A. E. DEWEY 2nd LIEUT. Q. M. C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. E. DEWEY 2nd LIEUT. Q. M. C.

Approved: E. W. AUSTIN MAJOR, F. A. (Title)

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JJO/fh

Signal Corps, United States Army.

Telegram.

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no card

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Received at

CHIEF GRAVES REG. SERVICE A E F

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UNIT 302 G R S AND DETS 27 RETEL G SEVEN FIVE ONE E FORM NUMBER ONE

CHARLIE BLANKENSHIP READS JACKSON CEMETERY COMMUNE MOLAIN DEPARTMENT

AIISNE PERIOD OUR RECORDS SHOW ONLY ONE JACKSON CEMETERY AS ABOVE QUOTED

REFERENCE FORM ONE A TOMPKINS SEVEN THREE PAGE THREE PERIOD THIS IS

NOT AMERICAN PLOT IN BRITISH CEMETERY A A FIVE SIX

TOMPKINS

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Capt. J. F. TOMPKINS,
Graves Registration Service,
British Post Office,
S-26,
AMIENS.

MARCH 26th. 1919.

Form number 1 dash A comma Tompkins number 73 comma shows JACKSON American Military Cemetery period Should this not be American Plot in British Cemetery period Previous Form number 1 for Charlie Blankenship reads JACKSON American Cemetery La dash Haie dash Menneresse comma form number 1 dash A shows Commune of Molain period Wire correct Commune and Department period Is this the only Jackson Cemetery period G 751 E period

Copy to T & C

OFFICIAL

G R S

C. M. NOETZEL
1st. Lieut. C.M.C.

(CCH/nrj)

Sgt. Daly

CARSON

Original

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

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Samuel Blankenship, Boissedale, Virginia.
SUBJECT : Place of Burial,
Pvt. Charlie P. Blankenship, Co. I, 118th. Infantry.
Jackson Military American Cemetery at Molain, Aisne, France.

I am sure that you will pardon the use of a form letter such as we are sending you to-day, when you try to realize under what great stress this office is working in order to give as prompt advice as possible concerning facts which are of such very vital importance to our sorrowing friends, whose brave men have suffered martyrdom on battle-fields within our sphere of European operation.

It is with great sorrow that I am writing you, and only the urgency of your desire to know, prompts me to push forward this notification when my note is required to be so formal because of the great number to which my name has to be signed.

You have probably already received official advice concerning the death of the one whom you gave to your country and the world for the saving of civilization.

You will be comforted in knowing that his body lies buried in a spot which is under our care and control, and that there will be no danger of its loss or neglect.

We are sending you, herewith, a note which gives general answers to a number of questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are anxious to understand.

Please be sure of our earnest desire to guard your interests in every possible way, and our satisfaction in being able to care for the resting places of our dead.

CCP/BR.

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

293.3 - Blankenship, Charlie P.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

1. PHOTOGRAPHY OF GRAVES is entirely controlled by the Chief of the Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces, France. No Photography of graves should be taken except by the special photographers of this Service, who, under the operation of military orders, are assigned to the Staff of its Chief, by the American Red Cross.
2. An Officer of the American Red Cross, designated as Director of Photography, is assigned to the Staff of the Chief, Graves Registration Service, for this work, under his direction, and funds are provided through the War Chest contribution Service, the Red Cross, or individual officers for this purpose from any private source.
3. Operators are now photographing graves in France, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain and Ireland, and it is expected that within a very few months the finished photographs will be transmitted to the relatives of our dead.
4. Owing to the difficulties of obtaining the necessary technical staff, and the inadvisability of setting up a large photographic laboratory in France, it has been decided to distribute these photographs through the Bureau of Communication, American Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and all applications for pictures should be filed there, as soon as notification of the location of grave has been received by a relative from the Chief, Graves Registration Service.
5. The photographers work under route instructions issued by the Chief, Graves Registration Service, and in the interest of economy and labor-saving, it has been decided that these operators will not be able to make special trips to distant points to take individual photographs in response to urgent request received from the United States or elsewhere. The time so consumed would prolong the period of waiting on the part of many others.
6. It is the desire to furnish the best possible service to sorrowing friends at home, and with this end in view, it is earnestly requested that relatives of our dead will be so patient as possible in awaiting these photographs. It will be appreciated that if requests are forwarded directly to the Graves Registration Service of the Army in France, it will only add to the burden of the work, without achieving the end in view; as, for reasons given above, appeals for priority, precedence or favoritism in the listing of claims cannot be considered, and photographs can only be forwarded from Washington.

By direction of Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Pierce,
Chief, Graves Registration Service:

MAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross,
Director of Photography,
Graves Registration Service.

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

G.R.S.)
BULLETIN)
NO. 10-B)

INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF OUR DEAD.

1. THE GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, a branch of the Quartermaster Corps, is the official organization of the War Department, charged with the acquisition and control of cemeteries in every country embraced within the Field of Operations. It is also responsible for the marking and preservation of all graves. No other organization shares this authority, or has power to effect arrangements or make promises concerning this work. It must be remembered also that this Service does not bury the dead, but confines its operations to the location and control of graves. It is not prepared to give information on other subjects.
2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH. The Graves Registration Service does not receive information relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of soldiers, and inquiries under this heading should be addressed to the chaplain of the organization in which the soldier was serving at the time of his death.
3. OUR FIELD FORCE operates within all areas, and every effort is made to perfect identifications and to guard the resting places of our dead. The Government has undertaken to do everything which is humanly possible, in view of the extreme difficulties involved in the stress or consequence of the greatest war in the history of the world.
4. THE EXACT LOCATION OF A GRAVE is communicated, whenever possible, to the person whom the soldier had previously registered as the proper one to be addressed, in case of casualty. The great mass of information to be gathered, verified, and transmitted, will generally account for delays in notification.
5. FLOWERS, FLAGS, ETC. We are frequently asked to accept commissions to place flowers, flags and other gifts on separated graves, but such requests must necessarily be denied because of the wide extent of our territory, the exhausting nature of the work, and the impossibility of reaching a thousand or more burial places under the difficult conditions which obtain. Such requests are also discouraged for the reason that there should be no inequality in the treatment of our nation's dead.
6. MONUMENTS. For the same reason, in addition to the fact that the Government would eventually be obliged to transport monuments with bodies to designated places of final burial, it is not at present permitted to erect any permanent monument; all graves being temporarily marked with a cross or the regulation headboard, such as is used in National Cemeteries in the United States. No other markers can be authorized until the final disposition of the dead has been made.
7. PERSONAL EFFECTS. Personal effects are not handled by this Service. Inquiries concerning the same should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.
8. DISINTERMENTS. The exhumation of bodies is at present prohibited by the laws of the countries in which we are operating. No exception can be made until the War Department shall have completed its plans for the shipment of bodies to the States. This applies also to disinterments for emplacement in metal caskets; such action, for military reasons, having been disapproved.

9. RETURN OF BODIES to the U.S. will be made in due time, except in cases where a specific request to the contrary is made; which request should be addressed to The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C., who will issue proper instructions. Due announcement of the return of bodies will be made, and the time cannot be hastened by appeals for priority, precedence, or favoritism in the listing of claims. The final disposition of bodies will be considered and executed as an entire project, at such time, probably after the conclusion of peace, as the vastness and difficulty of this almost inconceivable task may make possible.

10. While some of these restrictions may seem unreasonable to friends in the first outburst of their sorrow, experience has shown the same to be necessary and our people are asked to accept the sacrifice which they impose, in the same spirit in which our men on the world's battle-field have offered up themselves, viz.: for the good of a great cause.

By Authority:

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

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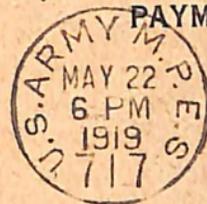
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

American Expeditionary Forces

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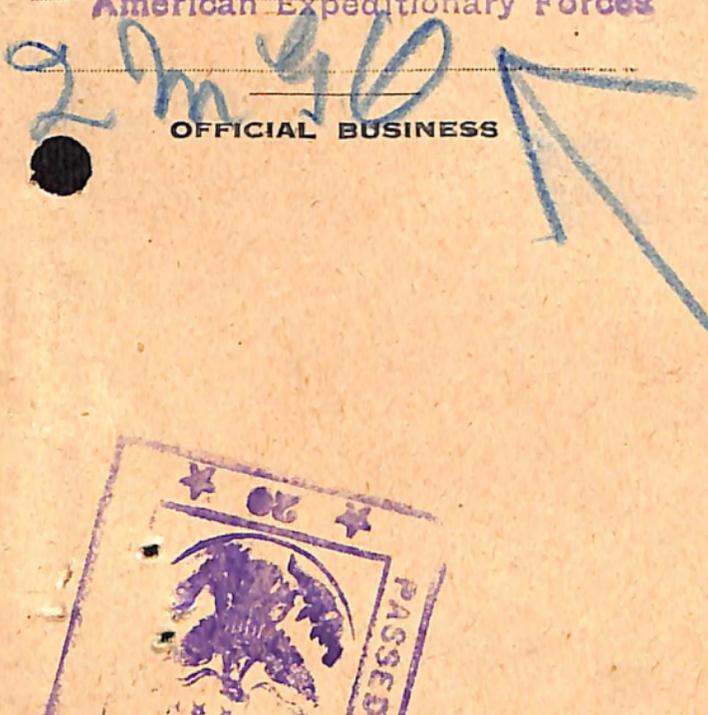
Mr. Samuel Blankenship,

Boissedale, Virginia,

U.S.A.

U.S.A. C. C.
CEM. BR.
Rec'd

JUN 27 1919



CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blankenship		
	<i>Charlie P.</i>		
	<i>Blk</i>	3	2 ⁰ 21
	CEMETERY	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE	2	11
	ROW	2	05
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	<i>West Va.</i>	2	57
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>30th</i>	2	30
ORGANIZATION	<i>118th</i>	3	118
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>Ho</i>	1	2
NAME	Blankenship		
	<i>Samuel Patten</i>		
RESIDENCE	<i>Devils Fork, WVa</i>		
	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>father</i>	1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>no loco</i>	1	6
	<i>no SM</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO.	1	
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ACCEPTANCE	<i>Read</i>	1	3

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AUDITED
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, Charlie P. - 636 F

July 7, 1930

Mr. Samuel Patten Blankenship
Devils Fork, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

no

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

If so, give her name and address:

no

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

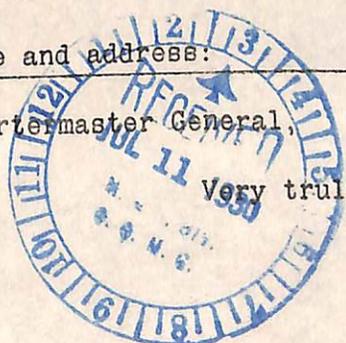
If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, C. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



Devils Fork, W. Va. May 23 1929

The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D C.

Dear Sir:

RE- QM 293 A-C
Blankenship, Charlie P.

Replying to the above communication will say that
the mother of Charlie P. Blankenship is dead and he was never
married, therefore no widow survives.

Yours truly

Samuel Patton Blankenship

by *J. Penner*



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The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Private Charlie P. Blankenship, Company I, 118th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

March 14, 1927.

BLANKENSHIP, Charlie P. - Pvt.
Company I, 118th Infantry.

Mr. Samuel Patten Blankenship,
Devilsfork, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

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,

1 Incl.
Record card.

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col. Q. M. G.
Assistant.

MM

25/560/EYS



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File # 54711

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLANKENSHIP, Charlie P. Ser. No. 2468004
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 118th Inf. TYP. EN
(c) Date of death 10-16-18 (d) Cause of death K/A CKR. L.S.

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

(a) Grave No. 23 Row 1 Plot B Sect. - TYP. DB
(b) Emerg. Address Samuel Blankenship, (Brother) Boissedale, Va.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: NO CARD CKR. A.S.K.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt No card in file - A.E.S. - 8-16-20
(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
(c) Address _____
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____

*No card found
3/24/20*

OK at

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. _____

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____ 1920

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

dated _____, confirmed request in Par. IV. item _____, above, or requesting that

✓ No correspondence

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 8-16- 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HW

Examiner's Initials HW Date 8-17- 1920

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY NO. # 642 SHEET NO. 14

G.R.S. Form #115
Amended April 6, 1920
FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

Make Form #114

*rechecked
2mm 8-21-20*

GENERAL DIVISION



FEB 14 1921

VII. G. R. S. FORM 28. 114 made _____, 1920

Typed by _____ Checked by _____

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VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____ 1920
(letter on 8/9/1920

Par. # 2 Not to be returned (marks)

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	
Body to be shipped to	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*9/9/20 MR & Mrs
Samuel Patten Blankenship, father
Devils Fork, West Va*

COMPILED BY: _____ DATA

File--54711

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLANKENSHIP, Charlie P. Ser. No. 2468004 } TYP LN
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. 1, 118th Inf. } LS
 (c) Date of death 10-16-18 Cause of death K/A } LM

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

(a) Grave No. 23 Row 1 Plot B Sect. -- TYP DB

(b) Emerg. Address Samuel Blankenship (Brother) Boissedale, Va.

W. R. 9-9-20 " P. " (father) Devils Fork, West Va. CKR JCH

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases no card

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

*No card in file - no request for disposition
 no correspondence - whatever.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by ^{(cable on} 8-21-1920 ¹⁹²
 (Letter of transmittal on 8-21-1920)

Par. 2. Not to be returned (MacB)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S.Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 12 1921** 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 France
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August 1920

CHEMISTRY NO. 642

SHEET NO. 14

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 17, 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 Blankenship, Charlie P
 2. No. 2468004
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. I. 118th Inf
 5. D.D. Oct. 16 1918
 6. C.D. KIA

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 22 Sec. _____
 8. Plot A Row 5
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery Brit MilCty.
 20. Dept. or County Nord.
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 642

19. Commune or town St. Souplet
 21. Country _____

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 17, 1921

By H.K. Tabler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Charlie P. Blankenship
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. I. 118th. Inf.

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

Bernard J. Black
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant
 Bernard J. Black

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).
Body previously reburied by Field Section. Metal strips and bottle record agree with form 114-A

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wrapped in blanket and in pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? _____

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 17, 1921 By H.K. Tabler

31. Casket sealed by H.K. Tabler

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

H.K. Tabler
 Signature

Sup
3/29/25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1657

32. Designation of body:

Name Blankenship, Charlie P Serial No. 2468004

Rank Pvt Organization Co.I.118th Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery American Cemetery #636, Bony (Aisne)

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 17, 1921 By N.K. Tabler

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 17, 1921

To point of Concentration Roisel, Somme

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 17, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 17, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 17 OCT 1921

G.R.S. Representative J.R. [unclear]

41. Reinterred Oct 16-22. Somme American Cty. Bony, Aisne.

42. Grave No. 12. Blk. C. (Date) Section

43. Row 5.

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC.

Place St. Souplet (Nord)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 17, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLANKENSHIP, Charlie P. SERIAL NUMBER 2468004

RANK Evt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 118th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 17, 1921, Gr. 22, Pl. A, Row 5, Brit. Mil. Cem. 642, St. Souplet, France.
From (give complete location) :

By : Group 1 Unit F.S.8

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 19-22. In (give complete location) Gr. 12. Blk. C. Row. 5.
Somme American Cty. Bony Aisne.

By : Group Re-burial. Unit ----- Nature of reburial Lined Casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box. Badly decomposed. Features un-
recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
Body previously worked by Field Section. Metal strips and bottle record
agrees with form 114-A.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weigh, (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

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

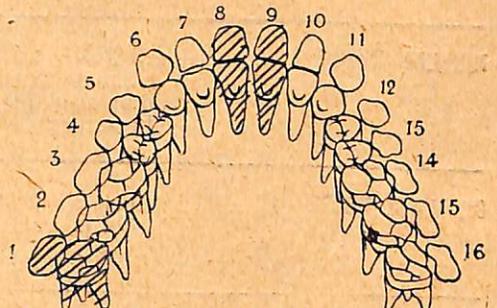
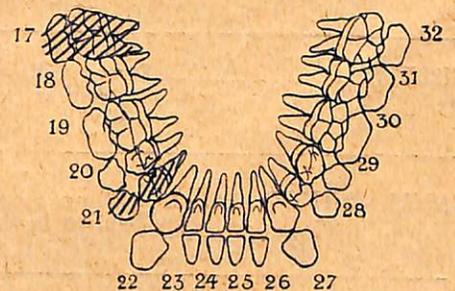


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



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

None visible

7. Disinterment supervised by N.K. Tabler

B.J. Black, Checker.

Approved ; R. S. Williams

N.K. Tabler, Sup. Emb.

(Title) 1st Lt. OMC

8. Reburial supervised by B.A. Bradford

Approved : D.E. Lowry

(Title) 1st Lt. OMC. el.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

FILE

January 9 1922

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. I. 118th Inf.

ORGANIZATION (Old)

BLANKENSHIP 2-60004 Charlie P. 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.			D-
1st. Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	2/12/21	642	D-30134
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss Lamson

Card.,
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By K.B.
S/3324/LML

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Grave Location Book

Blankenship, 2468004 Charlie

Date of Burial Oct 29-12

Place - Jackson Cemetery

Barrigey 62 1/2 W 15 A - S. 9.

Grave No. 14 Row C Plot 1

Cross yes

Balls yes

Inter-Tags

Body yes

Marker yes

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REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Chaplain Arthur J. Foster

FILE

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William Allen B. Jones

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blunkenship, 2468004, Charlie
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Priv Co 2-118 Inf
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct 17-20, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Jackson Cem*

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

Washington Parts of 57a
57B, 62a, 62B 1/4 5000
W 15 a 8.9

GRAVE NUMBER *14 Row C Plot 1*

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? *Taken by GRS*

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

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REPORTED BY: *Adolf J. Jorgensen*
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

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Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2468004

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

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 10/17/18 K.I.A.
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. 10/19/18 Jackson Mil.
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. La Haie Minneresse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 14 c 1
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.
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12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

Wassigny W 15 a 89

Foster

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed. J. J. Jackson

Group 79 Unit 302 G. R. S.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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RETURN TO WRITER

Samuel Blankenship

Boissedale, Va.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 2-1-21

File No. Registration

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- a. Surname **BLANKENSHIP,** ^{O.K.}
- b. Christian name **Charlie P.** ^{O.K.}
~~(Charlie)~~
- c. Serial Number **2468004** ^{O.K.}
- d. Organization **Co. I, 118th Inf.** ^{O.K.}
- e. Rank **Pvt.** ^{O.K.}
- f. Date of death **10-16-18** ^{O.K.}
- g. Cause of death **K/A** ^{O.K.}
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

2/9/21

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

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

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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W-8-3, 2-3-21.*

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

BY:

H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut., Q.M.G.

CEMETERY NO: 642

SHEET NO: 14

TYPED BY: *none*

S/713/LML

DB

World War Dept.
Date FEB 2 1921

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

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March 4th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div. Cor. Br.
(Blankenship, Charlie P.)

Mr. Samuel P. Blankenship,
Devils Fork, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Kindly advise this office at your earliest convenience whether or not the late Charles P. Blankenship, Private, Serial No. 2468004, Company I, 118th Infantry, is survived by widow or children, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is necessary in order that the legal next of kin of the late soldier may have an opportunity of expressing his wishes regarding disposition of the remains.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above, please state this fact and also whether you desire the body left in France and buried in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, or interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Officer in Charge.

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Mailed-O.F.D.

MAR 7 1921

BY:

me
F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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Officer in Charge.

BY:

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F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.
To: Mr. Samuel Patten Blankenship, Devils Fork, W. Va.
SUBJECT: Remains of Private Charlie P. Blankenship -- Co. I, 118th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body ~~not be returned~~ not expressed you
wish as to the disposition of the body

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

WAS SOLDIER MARRIED?	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

....., 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the and nearest living relative of the within-named
(Relationship.)
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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General Dir. of
Cemeteries

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to
(Name.)
.....
(R. R. station.)
(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

*Please
Rush*

C-163922

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Blankenship, Charlie P., Pvt.

642 - 14

Aug. 31, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

2468004

Co. I, 118th Inf.

Date of death - 10/16/18

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

(Handwritten initials)

DATE Sept. 9, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mr. Samuel Patten Blankenship

Father

Address:

Devils Fork, West Virginia

(Handwritten mark)

WAR DEPARTMENT.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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RETURN TO
From
WASHINGTON, D. C.
STATE

Samuel Blankenship,

Boissedale, Va.

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JOR

Shipping Inquiry.
(Revised)

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

Rush Answer!

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

642-14

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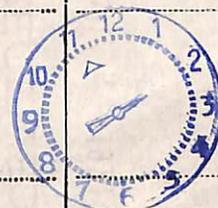
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Soldier's Children	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		
Sisters	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3.		

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION



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Date.....

Signature.....

V.A.H.

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

IMPORTANT:- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

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1920.

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living relative of the within
(Relationship)
named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired).

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to _____
(Name)

(R.R. Station) (State)

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Signature _____

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Central Division
Cemetery Project Section

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