

G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

12

Apr 27 1926

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DATE 12/6/21

Father signs AGO card as Blankenship

1. NAME BLANKENSHIP, Richard

SERIAL No. 2225557

RANK Sgt. *Post. \**

ORGANIZATION Co.A., 47th Inf.

*8* DIVISION *4*

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232. Sec. 33

CTY. NAME NUMBER

203

Sec.33

4

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

*Isolated. Comm. Brioulles-sur-Meuse*  
*Nantillois, Meuse C-230*

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NE

GRAVE 35NE 283.2N

COMMUNE 313.4E

DEPT. *per J. 18*

283. N

312.9 E

CONCENTRATED TO

6/7/19

203

Sec 33

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DATE

GRAVE

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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.

GRS plaque on body.

DATE OF DEATH

*Sept 20/18 OK*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

*Leaf*

FOR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

ccg. \* *No record found of promotion to Sgt. at any times*

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*M. B. Birdseye*

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/6/21

12

34

Block C.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

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

CEMETERY

A. G. O.

APR 30 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

MAY 12 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

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*5-14-26*



AUDITED BY  
*702 3-23*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO WW/AI/1-208

SUBJECT: Verification

March 26, 1927

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

1. A reexamination of the records in the case of Richard Blankinship, army serial #2225557, shows that at the time of his death his correct grade was private.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*John Dalton*  
Adjutant General.

1 Inclosure  
GRS Form 114-B

*OK for H. L.*

Co. A. 47th Inf.  
4th Div.

BLANKENSHIP, Richard.- Sgt. 2225557.

Killed in action Sept. 26th, 1918 near Bois de Briculles, France.  
No burial report received.

We were advancing through the woods of Bois de Briculles and I was right beside Pvt. BLANKENSHIP when he fell over. He was shot in the forehead and died instantly without saying anything. It was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Sept. 26th, 18. I do not know when he was buried.

Informant: MARTIN, Walter F.- Cpl. 1255066.  
Co. A. 47th Inf.  
Home : Mayodan, N. Car.

Signed: Donald F. WILLIAMS,  
1st Lieut. 47th Inf.

I.C.

Date 24th., June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

## Remains of:

Name BLANKINSHIP, RichardNumber: 2225557Rank Unkn

Organization:

Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

7th., June, 1919ISOLATED.Map. 35 N. E. E. 312.9 N. 283.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

7th., June, 1919Grave #203 Sec. #33 Plot #4ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY. #1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good. Buried in uniform. Badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat 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 G.O. 170, G.H.Q. 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by Lt. Howlett.

ROSENTHAL  
and Lieut. Q. M. C. U. S. A.

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

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blankinsky B L A	3	221
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 12	2	12
	ROW 34	2	34
	BLOCK C	1	3
STATE	Texas	2	49
BANK	Pool	1	2
DIVISION	4	2	04
ORGANIZATION	47	3	047
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	Yes	1	
NAME	Blankinsky B L A	3	221
Mrs Ada	STATE Tex	2	50
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Hopkins	2	12
R. F. D. #1	CITY Sulphur Bluff	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	no age	1	2

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CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blankinship</i>	<i>Blas</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
BURIED <i>Richard</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>12</i>	2	<i>1 2</i>
	ROW <i>34</i>	2	<i>3 4</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Texas</i>	2	<i>4 9</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>5</i>
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	<i>0 4</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>47</i>	3	<i>0 4 7</i>
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NAME <i>Blankinship</i>	<i>Blas</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Mrs Bessie</i>	STATE <i>Texas</i>	2	<i>5 0</i>
	COUNTY <i>Red River</i>	2	<i>9 4</i>
	CITY <i>Bozata</i>	3	<i>X X X</i>
RELATION <i>R #2</i>	<i>Widow</i>	1	<i>5 -</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>Yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE <i>29/514/</i>	<i>no age</i>	1	<i>2 3 4</i>

*audited*  
**DEC 9 1931**  
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IN REPLY  
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

## WAR DEPARTMENT

Blankinship, Richard (MA)

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON**SPECIAL**

October 12, 1932.

Mrs Bessie Blankinship,  
Route 2,  
Bogata, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

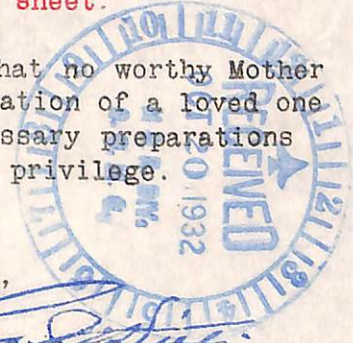
You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space no, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Bessie Blankinship. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



*Chas. W. Dietz*  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard MA

September 30, 1932.

Mrs. Ada Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of September 6, 1932, stating that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Richard Blankinship.

The purpose of this pilgrimage is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of those whose sons or husbands gave their lives for their country. It is deeply regretted that you feel that your health will not permit you to take advantage of the offer of the Government at this time.

Should you reconsider and decide to make the journey it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you. You are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Ada Blankinship,  
RFD #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Tex.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

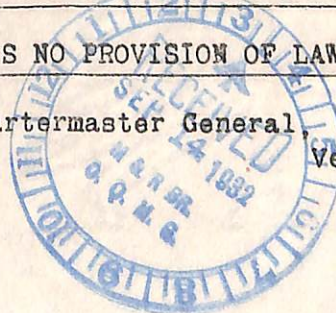
1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	no
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health: <i>not very good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	yes
4. What other language do you speak?	no

Mrs. Ada Blankinship  
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,



*Chas. W. Dietz*

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
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Route #2,  
Bogata, Texas.

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Sign here

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Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blankinship Richard (MA)

July 8, 1932

Mrs Bessie Blankinship  
Bogata  
Texas

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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R F D/1  
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Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard (MA)

December 14, 1931

Mrs. Bessie Blankinship,  
Route #2,  
Bogata, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>no</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>34</i> Health: <i>Bad</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>Yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

*Mrs Bessie Blankinship*  
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*

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



Encl:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blankinship, Richard (MA)W

January 13, 1932

Mrs. Bessie Blankinship,  
Route #2,  
Bogata, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard (MA)

December 14, 1931

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Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

All necessary expenses of a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private Richard Blankinship, will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided. Doctors and nurses are available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible for your comfort and care will be provided. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we know that. You can realize that in arranging all details for a trip for so many people it is necessary to have all information at once. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This letter is forwarded in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard (MA)

December 14, 1931

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Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Blankinship, QM 293-A (MA)

December 14, 1931

Mrs. Ada Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
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4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

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

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Blankinship, [redacted] d 1232  
Sgt., Co. [redacted] nf.

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~~Comp~~  
Widow

Bessie Blankinship

~~Loco~~

Rt # 2 - Bogata - Texas - 79102

~~Step-M~~

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Mother - Ada (no rec of death)

Son F. Richard Blankinship  
mt Vernon  
Texas

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Blankinship, Richard (M-A) M

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Mrs. ~~Blankinship~~ Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

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in 1932?

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of health:

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4. What other language do you speak?

Age:  
Health:

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Blankinship, Richard Sgt (MA) W-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Bes Blankinship,  
Bogata, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 298 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard Sgt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

*ada.*  
Mrs. ~~B~~ Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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


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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard Pvt 1232 M

January 18, 1931.

*ada*  
Mrs. ~~See~~ Blankinship,   
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Richard Blankinship was married and is survived by a widow. If so, please furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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here at Bayota Texas

This is not my name



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

Blankinship, Richard 1232 M

June 7, 1930

*ada*  
Mrs. ~~Blankinship~~ Blankinship  
R. F. D. #1  
Sulphur Bluff Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? no ✓

(Write answer here)

*Mrs. Ada Blankinship*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

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

Blankinship, Richard Pvt. 1232 W

February 2, 1931.

Mrs. Bes Blankinship,  
Bogata,  
Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the **widow** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Letter of general information sent 2-2-31

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blenkinship, Richard Sgt. 1232-W

February 2, 1931

Mrs. Bes Blenkinship,  
Bogata,  
Texas.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
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5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blankinship, Richard 1232 M

*add*  
Mrs. ~~Lee~~ Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

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.

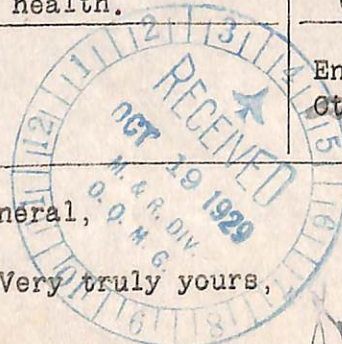
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<del>(Yes)</del>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <u>68</u>	Health <u>(Good)</u> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <del>(No)</del>	Other language <u>(Specify language spoken)</u>

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Blankenship, Richard  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Richard D. Blankenship,  
RFD #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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?

*der Blankenship  
mother*

*no sir notable to  
make the trip  
on account bad health*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*J. 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, Richard

June 29, 1929.

Mr. Richard D. Blankenship,  
RFD #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Sergeant Richard Blankenship, Co. A., 47th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard MA

September 30, 1932.

Mrs. Ada Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to office letter of September 6, 1932, stating that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Richard Blankinship.

The purpose of this pilgrimage is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of those whose sons or husbands gave their lives for their country. It is deeply regretted that you feel that your health will not permit you to take advantage of the offer of the Government at this time.

Should you reconsider and decide to make the journey it is requested that you notify this office and arrangements will be made for you. You are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 6, 1932.

Blankinship, Richard (MA)

Mrs. Ada Blankinship,  
RFD #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Tex.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

Mrs. Bessie Blankinship,  
Route #2,  
Bogata, Texas.

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blankinship Richard (NA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Ada Blankinship  
R F D#1  
Sulphur Bluff Texas

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blankinship Richard (MA)

July 8, 1932

Mrs Bessie Blankinship  
Bogata  
Texas

Dear Madam:

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Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blankinship, Richard (MA)W

January 13, 1932

Mrs. Bessie Blankinship,  
Route #2,  
Bogata, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blankinship, Richard (MA)

December 14, 1931

Mrs. Bessie Blankinship,  
Route #2,  
Bogata, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard (MA)

December 14, 1931

Mrs. Bessie Blankinship,  
Route #2,  
Bogata, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces. The purpose of the Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

All necessary expenses of a pilgrimage to the grave of your husband, the late Private Richard Blankinship, will be borne by the Government and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided. Doctors and nurses are available and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible for your comfort and care will be provided. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we know that. You can realize that in arranging all details for a trip for so many people it is necessary to have all information at once. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will complete the questionnaire enclosed herewith and return it to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

This letter is forwarded in a final effort to obtain your wishes, inasmuch as previous letters relative to the pilgrimage have remained unanswered.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard (MA)

December 14, 1931

Mrs. Ada Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard (MA)

December 14, 1931

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R. F. D. #1,  
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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blankinship, Richard (M-A) W

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Des Blankinship,  
Bogata, Texas.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Blankinship, Richard (M-A) M

Mrs. Dee Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM  
Blankinship, Richard Sgt (MA) W-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Bee Blankinship,  
Bogata, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard Sgt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Dee Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankinship, Richard 1232-W

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Bes Blankinship,  
Bogata, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age

Condition of Health

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankinship, Richard Sgt. 1232-W

February 2, 1931

Mrs. Bes Blankinship,  
Bogata,  
Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankinship, Richard Pvt. 1232 W

February 2, 1931.

Mrs. Bes Blankinship,  
Bogata,  
Texas.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the <sup>widow</sup> of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Letter of general information sent 2-2-31

QM 293 A-M  
Blankinship, Richard Pvt 1232 M

January 18, 1931.

Mrs. Dee Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Richard Blankinship was married and is survived by a widow. If so, please furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankinship, Richard 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Dee Blankinship  
R. F. D. #1  
Sulphur Bluff Texas.

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  
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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blankinship, Richard 1232 M

Mrs. Dee Blankinship,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.  
Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blankenship, Richard  
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Richard D. Blankenship,  
RFD #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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,

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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, Richard

June 29 1929.

• Mr. Richard D. Blankenship,  
RFD #1,  
Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Sergeant Richard Blankenship, Co. A., 47th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

July 6, 1923.

Mr. Richard D. Blankinship,  
R.F.D. #1, Sulphur Bluff,  
Texas.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General Richard Blankinship, Company 17th  
the Infantry, is Grave 161, Row 34, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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Blankinship, Richard 2,225,557  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

Sgt. Co. A, 47th Inf.  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased father

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

If  remains are brought to the United States, do you } yes  
wish them interred in a national cemetery? } (Yes or no.)

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

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(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

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(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Richard D Blankinship

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(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)


Noted

by S.C.

Date

4-28-21

1232 Sec. 33-16

checked by 

4-28-21





COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 30512

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLANKENSHIP, Richard Ser. No. 2225557
(b) Rank Sgt. Organization Co. A, 47th Inf. TYP. B
(c) Date of death 9-26-30-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 203 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 33 TYP. B
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Richard D. Blankinship (father) Sulphur Bluff, Texas. RFD #1

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR.

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on , 192
letter of transmittal on MAY 10 1921 , 192
Sec. 33 PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED - ap

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.

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., , 192

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BLANKENSHIP, Richard. SERIAL NUMBER 2225557  
RANK Sgt. ORGANIZATION Co. A. 47th Inf.

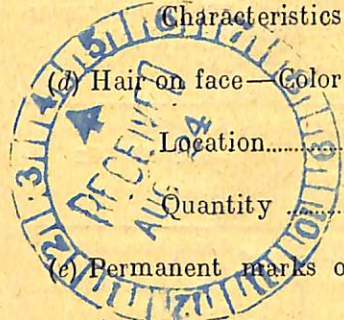
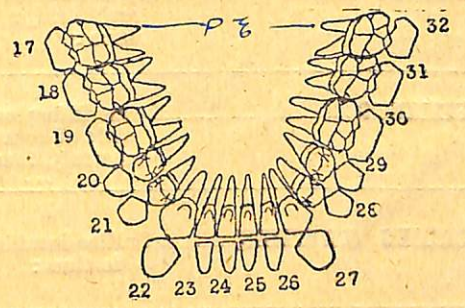
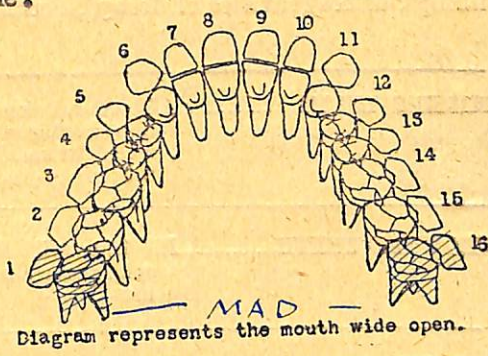
2. Disinterred (date) : Dec 5, 1921 From (give complete location) : gr 203, sec 33, plot 4. cty. 1232.  
By : Group 3 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) : Dec. 6th, 1921. Grave 12, Row 34, Block C, Cemetery 1232. In (give complete location) :  
By : Group Reburial S Unit Unlined Casket Nature of reburial

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :  
wooden box and burlap and uniform, badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? no On grave marker ? no  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :  
G.R.S. plaque on body checks.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.  
(b) Weight (estimated) do  
(c) Hair—Color do  
Quantity do  
Characteristics do  
(d) Hair on face—Color do  
Location do  
Quantity do  
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do  
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by J. L. Hary Approved: H. J. Harpole  
H.S. Harpole 1st Lt. Q.M.C.  
(Title)  
8. Reburial supervised by A.U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger  
James W. Younger  
(Title) Captain Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 5, 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, Richard  
 2. No. 2225557  
 3. Rank Sgt.  
 4. Org. Co.A., 47th Inf.  
 5. D.D. Sept. 26-30th.  
 6. C.D. KIA

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



Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 203 Sec. 33  
 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

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

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232.Sec.33

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

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 5, 1921.

By J. L. Haky

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Richard Blankenship  
 Rank Sgt.

Serial No. 2225557  
 Organization Co. A, 47 Inf.

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

*John H. Crawford*  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
 John H. Crawford.

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).

GBS plaque on body checks.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and box.

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 Dec. 5, 1921. By J. L. Haky

31. Casket sealed by J. L. Haky

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor J. L. Haky)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18031

32. Designation of body:

Name Richard BLANKENSHIP Serial No. 2225557

Rank Sgt. Organization Co. A., 47th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 5, 1921. By J. L. Haky

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 H. S. Harpole, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 5, 1921.

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole  
(Name 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. Dec. 6th, 1921.

(Date

42. Grave No. 12 Section

43. Plot, Block. C4 Row 34

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

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James W. Younger  
Captain Q.M.C.

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1. R. S. Form No. 1. 2225557 Hq. G. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 222555

3. Blankinship Richard  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Sgt. A. 47th Inf.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Isolated  
Date of Burial Cemetery

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

8. 595  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? 1 Headboard? Bottle? ..  
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? 1 ..  
Identification Tags

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

CMME. Brioules-sur-Meuse (Meuse)

230 INT. 35 N.E. COORD { E 312.75  
N 282.85

12. "A" sketch 90  
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

282.85 N. 513.55 E

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

GROUP No. Signed Sgt. Baker

PROV UNIT "A" Group ..... Unit ..... G. R. S.