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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 10 1926

DATE 2/18/22.

1. NAME BLANKS, Siner B. SERIAL No. 3170881
 RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. C 110th Inf. DIVISION 28th Div
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer., Romagne/s/Montfaucon, Meuse 1232, Sec.10
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

56 GRAVE Sec.10 ROW 2 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 50 Apremont(Ardenne).
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SE 277.7N 299.75E.

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Meuse Argonne 1232.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH Oct 8, 1918
 Tag on cross and body.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Va.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED F 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS
 hb DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/18/22. 30 20 B.
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

AUDITED BY
 M.M. E-
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Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)
 CEMETERY

AG O.
 MAR 17 1926
 WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert C. Davis,
 Major General,
 The Adjutant General
 By Eda MAR 18 1926

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blanks</i>	<i>BLA</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Siner B</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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	ROW <i>20</i>	2	<i>20</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Virginia</i>	2	<i>54</i>
RANK	<i>Cpl</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>28</i>	2	<i>28</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>110</i>	3	<i>110</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>Remarried</i>	1	<i>3</i>
NAME <i>Blanks</i>	<i>Bla</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Mrs Lena Peck</i>	STATE <i>Virginia</i>	2	<i>54</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Mecklenburg</i>	2	<i>59</i>
<i>Clarksville, Va</i>	CITY <i>Clarksville</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Stepmother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER <i>mother died before 1918</i> <i>father " 7-11-29</i>		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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ACCEPTANCE		1	

No reply re date of marriage case

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May 10, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Blanks, Siner B. (MA)

Mrs. Lena Peck Blanks,
Clarksville, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you are the stepmother of the late Corporal Siner B. Blanks, and in order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, may be determined it is requested that you furnish the date of your marriage to his father.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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and 5-27-18
Blanks, Siner B.

1232

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Father and mother living? - if not get date of death?

father died 8-17-29 - mother by Dec 1918

S. m. Lena Peck Blanks (no age
or date of
marriage)
Clarksville
Va

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QM 293 A-M
Blanks, Siner B. (MA)

October 28, 1931

Mrs. C. M. McClure,
American Trust Company,
345 Powell Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you remarried April 2nd, 1930.

Section 4 (b) of the Act of March 2, 1929, reads as follows: "The term 'widow' means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces."

In view, thereof, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible under the law to visit the grave of the late Corporal Siner B. Blanks at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blanks, Siner B. (M-A) W

September 29, 1931

Demanded
Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

*I notified the Gov. that
I was removed on
April 2-1930. which
pursue means I can
not go to Europe.*

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?	

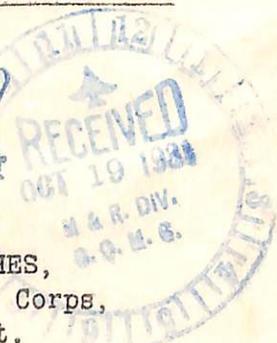
Wm. C. M. McClure
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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



Encl:
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QM 293-A-M
Blanks, Siner B. Cpl. 1232-W

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Corporal Siner B. Blanks is survived by a natural mother, stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him, and if so, the name, address and relationship of each.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosures:
Questionnaire
Act - Amendment
Envelope

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Blanks Simon B

I decline the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks

(Name)

Amer. Trust Co., 345 Powell St., San Francisco,

(Town or City)

California

(State)

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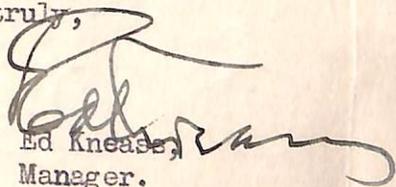
The Quartermaster General,
Cemeterial Division,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We return, herewith, your QM 293 A-C, - Blanks,
Siner B. - form sent us under date of October 2.
This was filled in today by Mrs. Blanks.

Yours very truly,




Ed Knease,
Manager.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blanks, Siner B 1232 -W

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co., 345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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.

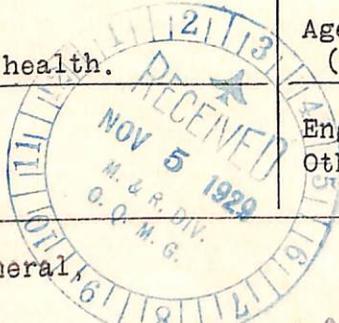
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes.</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<i>yes</i> (Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>31</i> Health <i>good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (<i>yes</i>) (No) Other language <i>no</i> (Specify language spoken <i>English</i>)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blanks, Siner B.

Oct. 2, 1929.

Mr. Post Powell,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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 may have information concerning the next-of-kin of the late Cpl. Siner B. Blanks, Co. C, 110th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

Yes.
Mrs. Siner B. Blanks
Post Powell, Pt.
American Trust Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blanks, Siner B.
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
Box #32,
Clarksville, Va.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 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?

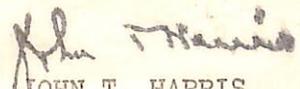
Write answers in space below

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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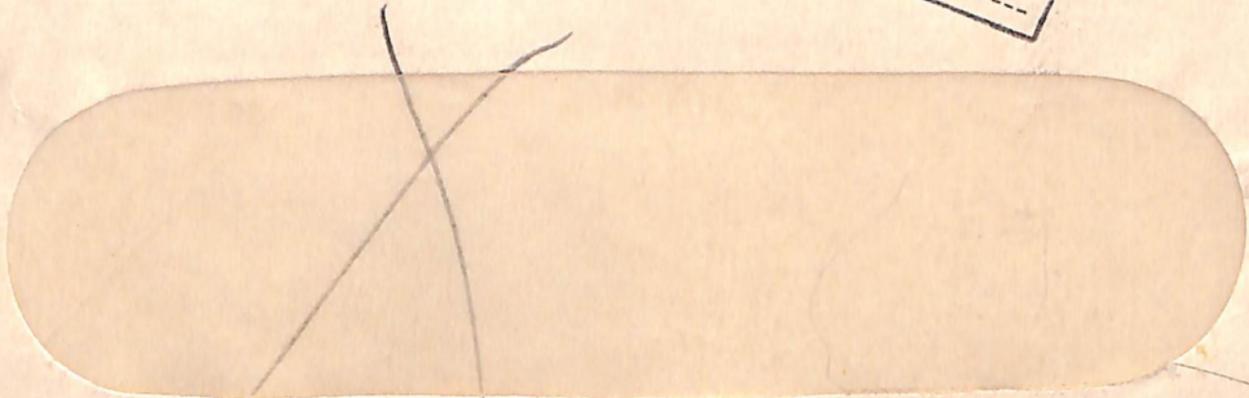
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Blanks, Siner B. *Married*

~~Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
Box 452,
Clarksville, Va.~~

*Post Powell Office
American Trust Co
345 Powell St
San Francisco*

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late **Corporal Siner B. Blanks, Co. C, 110th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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.

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QM 293 A-M
Blanks, Siner B. (MA)

May 10, 1932.

Mrs. Lena Peck Blanks,
Clarksville, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

Information has been furnished this office that you are the stepmother of the late Corporal Siner B. Blanks, and in order that your eligibility to make a pilgrimage to his grave in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, may be determined it is requested that you furnish the date of your marriage to his father.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Blanks, Siner B. (MA)

October 28, 1931

Mrs. C. M. McClure,
American Trust Company,
345 Powell Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, advising that you remarried April 2nd, 1930.

Section 4 (b) of the Act of March 2, 1929, reads as follows: "The term 'widow' means a widow who has not remarried since the death of the member of the military or naval forces."

In view, thereof, it is regretted to advise that you are not eligible under the law to visit the grave of the late Corporal Siner B. Blanks at the expense of the Government.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blanks, Siner B. (M-A) W

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

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,

Very truly yours,

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-AM
Blanks, Siner B. Cpl. (MA) W-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blanks, Siner B. Cpl. 1232-W

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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.

Enclosures:

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Blanks, Siner B. Cpl. 1232-W

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Corporal Siner B. Blanks is survived by a natural mother, stepmother or any woman who stood in loco parentis to him, and if so, the name, address and relationship of each.

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

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Questionnaire
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Q. M. C. M. DIV.
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DISPATCH

QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Blanks, Winor B. Cpl 1232 W

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks
c/o American Trust Co.
Dear Mrs. Blanks
345 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

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 in 1931, 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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blanks, Siner B. - 1232 W

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blanks, Sinar B. 1232-W

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blanks, Siner B. 1232 -W

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
American Trust Co., 345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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.

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blanks, Siner B.

Oct. 2, 1929.

Mr. Post Powell,
American Trust Co.,
345 Powell St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

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 ^{may have information concerning} the next-of-kin of the late Cpl. Siner B. Blanks, Co. C, 110th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blanks, Siner B.
1232

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
Box #32,
Clarksville, Va.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Blanks, Siner B.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
Box #32,
Clarksville, Va.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late **Corporal Siner B. Blanks, Co. C, 110th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the House-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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.

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

QM 293 A-C.

(Blanks, Siner B.)

August 19, 1927

Mrs. Laurence Wall,
129 Granite Street,
Henderson, N. C.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of August 16, 1927, The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the records show that the remains of the late Siner B. Blanks, Corporal, Company C, 110th Infantry, are buried in Grave 30, Row 20, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Information as to how to reach this Cemetery and the other permanent American military cemeteries in Europe may be obtained from the headquarters of the American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 20 rue Nolitor, Paris, France, where an information service is maintained for the purpose of assisting visitors to the graves of relatives and friends in the overseas cemeteries.

Enclosed is a card giving the permanent cemetery location of your brother's grave, which it is thought you will be pleased to retain.



ESM

Encl.
card



Hudson, N.J.
August 16, 1927.

Pass Registration Dept.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs,

I have a brother buried in France.
He was killed in action October 8, 1918.
He was Sgt. Siner B. Blonds and ~~was~~
was drafted into Camp Lee Va. His
home was Clarksville Va. but he was
living at the time of induction
in Trenton N.J. He had a wife
Mrs Ida Simon Blonds - to whom
all official information has gone.
I am planning a trip abroad and
would like to visit my brother's

293 Blonds Simon

grave. Could you help me find the
grave, and any other information
you could give us - my father & I -
We would be so very much obliged!

I am planning to go with the Legion.
So will appreciate your early attention

Respy.

Mrs Lawrence Wallace
^{nee}
~~Miss~~ Virginia Blackstone
129 Prairie Street,
Henderson, N.C.



Blanks

Siner B

3,170,881

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Corp

Co C 110 Inf

3,170,881

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Wife

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes. No.

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

Mr. Lucius Blanks

Clarksville

Clarksville

Va

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Eda J. Blanks

General Del

Lancaster

Pa.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

F.M.

checked - LOR
3-24-21

drawn by M.H.
1232 - Sep 10 - 20
3-23-21

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R

March 20, 1923.

Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
Box #32,
Clarksville, Va.

FILE

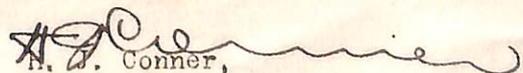
Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Corporal Siner B. Blanks, Company C, 110th Infantry, is Grave 30, Row 20, Block B, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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, 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. D. Conner,
Assistant.

In reply refer to:

293 ~~200~~

Blanks, Siner B.

43715

March 20, 1923.

Mrs. Ma J. Blanks,
Box #32,
Clarksville, Va.

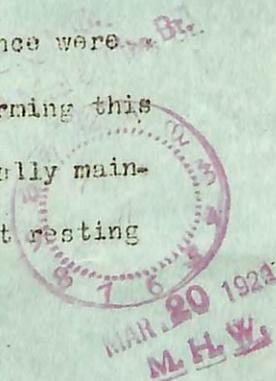
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Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



22/1423/46

C° C. 110th Inf.
28th Div.

BLANKS, Siner B. Cpl 3170881

(Company Clerk)

The above named soldier was officially reported
killed in the Argone Drive around Sept. 29th 1918.

There is no further data.

Informant : Richart, George Cpl I627016
C° C. 110 Inf.

Home : Oakland, Calif.

Searcher : McMillan, M.G. 2nd Lt 110 Inf.

FILE

SAC
1-14-31

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 17, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BLANKS, Siner B. SERIAL NUMBER 3170881.
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. C. 110th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 17, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 56, sec 10, plot 2. Cty 1232.

By: Group Russell. Unit sec 1.

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 18, 1922, Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, gr 30, bl B, row 20
~~wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform~~

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 U.S. uniform. body decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Tag on body reads: "Siner B. Blanks 3170881 U.S.A."

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

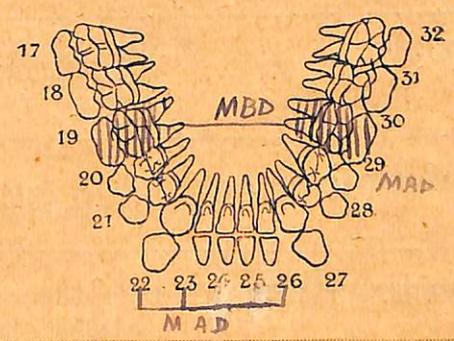
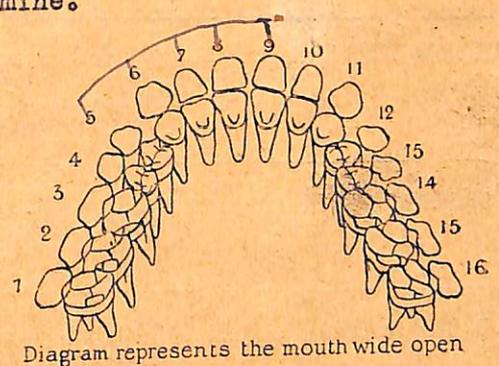
Location do

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 C. V. Russel
C. V. Russel.

Approved: F. Overheiser
F. Overheiser, Capt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Sheild
W. B. Sheild, #11111

Approved: A. E. Dewey
ACE. Dewey, 1st Lt, QMC.
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 17 1922

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 BLANKS, Siner B.
 2. No. 3170881
 3. Rank Cpl.
 4. Org. Co. C 110th Inf.
 5. D.D. Oct. 9, 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. 56 Sec. 10
 8. Plot 2 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer./

19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Mont faucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232, Sec. 10

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 17 1922

By C V Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Siner B Blanks
 Rank Cpl

Serial No. 3170881
 Organization Co C 110th Inf

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

Rex M Moody
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

Rex M Moody

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 identified by tag on body

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Wooden box US Uniform burlap

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 17 1922 By C V Russell

31. Casket sealed by C V Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C. V. Russell
 C V Russell

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-25232**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Siner B. BLANKS** Serial No. **3170881**

Rank **Cpl** Organization **Co. C 110th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. #1232, Romagne/a/Montfaucon, Meuse**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Feb 17 1922** By **G V Russell**

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 *[Signature]*

F Overheiser, Capt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Feb 17 1922** **cc**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**
(Name)

Convoyer **W J Royed** Signature Shipping Officer *[Signature]*
G F Spamm, Capt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery
(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Meuse Argonne Cty 1232, Feb. 18, 1922**
(Date)

42. Grave No. **30** Section

43. Plot Block **B** Row **20**

G.R.S. Representative *[Signature]*
A.E. Dewey, 1st Lt. QMC.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #43715 ✓

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLANKS, Siner R. ^{(3-29-21) E.M.} Ser. No. 3170881
 (b) Rank Corp. Organization Co. C, 110th Inf. } TYP. evs.
 (c) Date of death 10/8/18 (d) Cause of death K/a } CKR. 13.7.

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

(a) Grave No. 56 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 10 TYP. evs.
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ida J. Blanks ^{(3-29-21) E.M.} ~~(Mother)~~ ^{Wife}, Box #32, Clarksville, Va.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. 13.7.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Mrs. Ida J. Blanks (b) Relationship wife
 (c) Address General Del., Lancaster, Pa
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at no

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mr. Lucius Blanks
Clarksville, Va.

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

Examiner's Initials MH Date 3/23, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials MH Date 3/23, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE shows as follows: Let. 6/1/20 - Mrs. Ida J.

Blanks (wife) Lancaster, Pa. Cancel request
on card & desire body to remain in France

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials MH Date 3/23, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232 -- Sec. 10 SHEET No. 20

Checked
 3-28-21
 (E.M.)



VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

RECEIVED.

APR 28 1921

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 3/3/21, 1920

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

Sec. 10. Blanks, Siner B.
Par. 2. Not to be returned (E.G.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *7/28/21 - Letter from Sen. Swanson encloses letter from Mrs. Lawrence Wall-Sister Weldon - A.C. in which she asks if bodies are being returned and if relatives could receive body - as Soldier left a widow - A.D. 8/10/21*
8/5/21 - Sen. Swanson is advised that widow has requested permanent ^{burial} in France and instructions have been issued to effect that end. States bodies are being returned only at request of N.Y. - A.D. 8/10/21

293.8 Cem. #43715 (Blanks, Siner B., Cpl.)

August 5, 1921.

Hon. Claude A. Swanson,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Swanson:

In reply to your letter of July 28th, enclosing letter of Mrs. Lawrence Wall, Weldon, North Carolina, you are advised that only in cases where it is requested by the legal next of kin are the remains of deceased soldiers returned to this country from France. Many bodies have already been returned to this country, and many others are being left to rest in permanent American cemeteries in France, where the graves will be perpetually cared for by the United States Government.

The files of this office contain the request of Mrs. Ida J. Blanks that the remains of her husband, the late Corporal Siner B. Blanks, Company "C", 110th Infantry, be permanently interred abroad, and the necessary instructions have been issued to effect this end.

Mrs. Wall refers to the return of a soldier's body contrary to the wishes of his parents and wife. I would appreciate being furnished the name, rank, company and regiment of the soldier. It is probably a change of request received too late for compliance, but I would like to investigate the matter.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

DS

BPM

Chief, Cem. Div.

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

AUG 5 1921

Cemeterial Division
General Post Office, Sub-Station

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 8/15/21 AD

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #43715

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(3-29-21) E.M.
B.

(a) Name BLANKS, Siner R. Ser. No. 2170081 } TYP. evs
 (b) Rank Corp. Organization Co. C, 110th Inf. } 13.7.
 (c) Date of death 10/9/18 (d) Cause of death K/a

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

(a) Grave No. 56 Row _____ Plot 2 Sec. 10 TYP. evs
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ida J. Blanks (Mother), Box #32, Clarksville, Va.
wife (3-29-21) E.M.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases _____ CKR. 13.7.

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

*G.R.S. Cor. - 6/1/20. Mrs. Ida J. Blanks (wife)
 82, Lancaster, Pa., requests body left
 in France. - ap. 4/5/21.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Sec. 10 Blanks, Siner B. { letter of transmittal on 3/31/21, 192
Par. 2. Not to be returned (EGS).

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 8 1921, 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. _____

4-5-21 EP

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

43715

Remains of:

Name: BLANKS, Siner B.

Number: 3170881

Rank: Unkn.

Organization:

Unkn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

5th, May 1919

From: (Give complete location)

Amer. B/A Cty. - Grave 50

APREMONT ARDENNES.

35 SE 277.7 N; 299.75 E.

Reburied (Date)

5th, May 1919

in: (Give complete location)

Grave #56 Sec. 10 Plot 2.

1232

ARGONNE AMER CTY. #1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body?

None

CONFIRMED No D 10524

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G. O. 170, G.H. 2, 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. Peters

R. H. ROSENTHAL

C.O. Group 2nd Lieut. Unit M. C. U. S. A.

G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

43715 -Inquiry
War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service.
Washington, D.C.

June 10, 1920.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- ✓(c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Corporal Siner B. Blanks,
#3170881, Co. C, 110th Inf.

Grave Location:

Grave #56, section 10,
plot 2, Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-suos-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

- ✓(a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- ✓(b) Permanent Burial in France,
- ✓(c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave,

has been made by: Mrs. Ida J. Blanks,
Lancaster, Pa.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES E. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L

DS

No 3170881

43715

Name BLANKS SNER

Rank Unknown Co Unknown (Corp) Unknown (Regt) Unknown

Date of Death Oct. 4th. 1918

Place APREMONT, MEUSE

Cause Killed in action

Date of Burial Oct. 7th. 1918

Grave No 8 Plot 2

Sketch 15
D.B.Sk
150

Cemetery

Identified By Tags

Map Ref 1/2K.S.W. Apremont; 97yds.W.of road to hospital & 5yds.S.of road running W.

S.E. Verdun 35,299.6 E x 277.7 N.

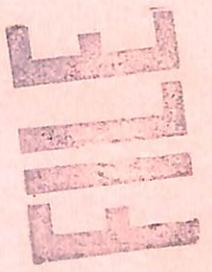
Field record made by

Q.M. Sgt. Sr. Gr.

Group 3 Unit 305 G.R.S

For additional data use reverse side.

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OSPES CTY. NO. 1232

cc 10. case no 20 *ber*

293.8 Cem. #4715 (Blanks, Siner B., Cpl.)

43715

August 5, 1921.

File O.S.P.

8/10/21 RD

FILE

1232-10-20

Hon. Claude A. Swanson,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Swanson:

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Sincerely yours,

Mailed
8/10
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DS

W.R.
H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

BPM

C.W.

Chief, Cem. Div.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 8/10/21 RD

Copy filed in O.S.P.
[Signature]

CLAUDE A. SWANSON,
VIRGINIA.
ARCHIBALD ODEAN,
SECRETARY.

COMMITTEES:
FOREIGN RELATIONS
NAVAL AFFAIRS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

United States Senate,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Recorded
File 293.8 #43715

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July 28, 1921.p

Maj.Gen. H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General, U.S. Army,
Washington.

My dear General Rogers:

I enclose you herewith a letter I have just received from Mrs. Lawrence Wall, Weldon, N.C., with regard to the disposal of the body of her brother, which fully explains itself.

I will appreciate it very much indeed if you will read this letter, look into the matter, and advise me fully in the premises so I can make proper reply to Mrs. Wall.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,
Claude A. Swanson

enclosure

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 8/15/21 ASD

Blanko, S. Bernard

in case the Government is
bringing it on.

Will you please look into the
matter for me. I presume you
will have to have his no -
etc. This Div. 28- Reg 110- to

"C." I will write to my father
Mr L. P. Blanks at, Clarksville
Va. for any other information
you may need. We have
gathered very little, however, only
the official statement of his
death. His wife received
that, if you need



Weldon, N.C.
July 27, 1921.

Senator Claude C. Swanson,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Printed on Form No. 115
Date 8/15/21 #

I am Mrs Lauren
Wall, of Weldon, N.C. Mrs.
Miss Virginia Blanks of
Clarksville, Va, and I am
writing you regarding
my brother Corp. P. Bernard
Blanks, or Angus B. Blanks,
who was killed in action on

43715 Encl.

October 8th, 1918 - as official
stated, altho' his friend, another ^{home boy.}
states he was killed Sept. 28 - 1918.

now - the question I want
answered, were the bodies to re-
turn to the U.S. unless they
are specifically asked not to?
we have been led to believe that
only when requested, were they
returned.

A body of an ex-soldier was
found here last Sunday, and
his parents ^{and} wife did not
ask for its return.

My brother has a ~~son~~ wife,
who of course, has the right
to say. She tells us that she
asked for it at first, and later
asked that it be left there. She
is in the West, and we do not
know her address - and
know of no way to get in
touch with her. Now - I do
not know if we could have
the body or not - if it is being
brought over, but I would not
like it to go unidentified,

If you prefer to correspond
with my father, rather than
with me, as I am in
another state. Now. Why alright.
He asked me to write you
and I hope you will
fit to do this for us.

Very Resp'y.

Mrs Lawrence Wall.

Weldon. N.C.

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JUL 29 1928

CEMETERIAL
DIV. Q.M.G.

293.8 Cem. #43,15 (Blanks, Siner B., Cpl.)

43715

1232-10-20

August 5, 1921.

File O.S.P.
8/15/21 ATD

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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

DS

BPM

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 8/15/21 ATD

Copy filed in O.S.P.

Chief, Cem. Div.

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

AUG 5 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

FROM: O.Q.M.G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 3/24/21.

File No. Requisition

(SPECIAL)

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 *O.K.* Blanks
- b. Christian name *O.K.* ~~Siner B.~~ (Siner B.)
- c. Serial Number 3170881 *O.K.*
- d. Organization *O.K.* Co. C, 110th Inf.
- e. Rank *O.K.* Cpl.
- f. Date of death *O.K.* 10/8/18
- g. Cause of death *O.K.* K/A
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address *O.K.* ~~John J. Blanks, Box 32, Clarksville, Va.~~
- j. Relationship *O.K.* wife

NOTED FORM 115
DATE 3-30-21 5:17

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

Adjustment Made

- 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

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								upper right	upper left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								lower right	lower left							

APR 5 1921

File No.

43715

Donnelly, W. Eul. Pers Sec.
W-8-3, 3-25-21.

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

Rec'd 5 & 5 Div.

MAR 25 1921

CW
CEMETERY NO: 1232 - Sec. 10.

SHEET NO: 20 *Rec'd World War Div.*
TYPED BY: JBC *Date MAR 25 1921*

S/713/LML

43715 -Inquiry (Blanks, Siner B., Cpl.)

June 10, 1920.

Hon. W. W. Crist,
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 2, 1920, enclosing letter of Mrs. Ida J. Blanks, you are advised that notation has been made of Mrs. Blanks' desire to cancel her former request that the remains of her late husband, Corporal Siner B. Blanks, Company C, 110th Infantry, be returned to the United States for final burial, and record has been made of her present wish that the remains of this soldier be permanently interred in France. Instructions have been sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to have her wishes complied with.

Very truly yours,

DS H. LL ROGERS, BPM
Quartermaster General, U.S. Army.

1 encl.

Chief, Cem. Div.

June 10, 1920.

FILE

S. Y. B.

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Quartermaster General, U.S. Army.

GW *9/11/20*

1 encl.

Chief, Cem. Div.

*Mailed
6/11
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REGISTRATION SECTION.
 GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

File No.
 OSPSS Ref. NO.
 Follow-up No. *C343*

TO: Inquiry Section .
 From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by:) (date

Data sent Overseas
 Operations to commence (approx.)
 Operations to be completed (approx.)
 Bodies shipped from European Port
 Bodies arrived at Hoboken

II. CASE OF *Blanks, Siner B, Cpl Co C 110 Inf # 3170881*

The following information was abstracted (Date) from:

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards			Shppg. Inquiry (sent.....)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To.....		
G.R.S. corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp (see Remarks.)		

DESIRES as to Disposition.

ago card

Name of Relative	RETURN.			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.			
<i>Widow Mrs. Ida J. Blanks, General Delivery, Lancaster, Pa.</i> Children (Name oldest first)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Father					
Mother					
Brothers					
Sisters					

Body to be shipped to *Mr. Lucius Blanks, Clarksville, Va.*

was shipped (Date)

REMARKS *By 1232 has not been reported by the Audit Dept; 23813 6/9-20*

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME **BLANKS - Lemur B.** Serial Number **3170881**
 RANK **Cpl.** ORGANIZATION **Co. C, 110th Infantry.**

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1) Middle initial "R"
2.	Date of Death.	2) 10-8-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3) K m a.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4) 304
5.	Date buried.	5) 10-8-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6) Disinterred from Grave #50 Am. Base 739 - Apremont, Ardennes - Reburied 5-5-19 - Grave 56 - Sec. 10 Plot 2 - Argonne Am. Cty 1232 - Romagne - sous Montfaucon - Meuse. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10) a) yes b) yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11) Mrs. Ida J. Blanks Mother - Box #32 Clarksville - Va.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12) 4-17-19 11-26-19-107 ✓
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	13) 10-10026 ✓
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

Released by Information Control Dept.
 Directory
 Cards 5x8
 Cards 4x6

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

Handwritten initials and signature

WAR DEPARTMENT
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
WASHINGTON

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Blank

6/5

_____ Circumstances of Death
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Liberty Bonds
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Flowers, Flags, etc.
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ War Risk Insurance
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Monument
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Photographs
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Discrepancies in Inscription
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Permanent Burial In
 (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

_____ Personal Effects
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ (b) Other Countries

_____ Accrued Pay
(G.R.S. Form 111)

Return of Bodies From

_____ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)
_____ (b) Other countries

_____ Maintenance
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: *Y.L.*

*Congressional
Cancellation former request*

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

[Signature]

Analysis Clerk.

W. W. GRIEST
(9TH DISTRICT)
LANCASTER, PA.

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

June 2, 1920.

Graves Registration Bureau,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

RECEIVED
INQ. BRANCH
JUN 5 1920
6 9 30
GENERAL
Dir. Q. M. G.

Dear Sirs:-

It is understood that some time ago Mrs. Ida J. Blanks, whose post office address is General Delivery, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, gave notification in writing to the War Department expressing desire to have the remains of her husband, Siner B. Blanks, Corporal #3170881 Company C, 110th Infantry removed to the United States.

After consideration of this matter, Mrs. Blanks has changed her decision and now is desirous to have her husband's body remain in France, as indicated in the enclosed communication which she addressed to me on the subject.

If practicable at this time, would you kindly arrange to have the wishes of my correspondent complied with, and advise me in the premises.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Griest

✓

Corporal. Siner B. Blantes, 3170881 Co. C. 110th. Infantry.

Place of Burial. { Disinterred and Reburied in
Grave #56, Section 10. Plot. 2,
Argonne American Cemetery, 1232,
Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Lancaster, Pa.

Honorable W.W. Grist,
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Some time ago I filled out
a card for the War Department stating it was
my desire to have my husband's body removed
from France to this country. Since that time
I have reconsidered the matter and ^{under} present
conditions think it best that it remain ^{where}
it is. If it is not too late I would be very
thankful to you if you would use your
influence in ^{changing} the body remain where
it is.

Oblige me.

Mrs. Ida J. Blantes
General Delivery
Lancaster, Pa.

Cpl. Siner Bernard Blantes
Co. C. 110th. Inf.

G.R.S. Form No. 8; Central Records Liaison.
 Memo. For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

() Surname: **Blanks**
 () Number: **3170881**
 () First name: **Siner B.**
 () Rank: **Cpl.**
 () Company: **C**
 () Organization: **110th Inf.**
 () Date of death:
 () Cause:
 () Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

(✓) Relative: **Mrs. Ida J. Blanks**

(✓) Relationship: **Wife**

(✓) Address: **P.O. Box 32, Clarksville, Va.**

() Authority:

Cablegram No:

Telegram from:

dated:

() Reported to Washington:

C.C. Nos:

() (Underscore the "official" C.C.)

() Remarks:

() Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter: