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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAR 10 1926

DATE 2/10/22.

name

1. NAME BLASZKIEWICZ, Leo SERIAL No. 1763872

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 311th Inf. & DIVISION 78

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 1232 - 14

78 Sec.14. 2

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Isolated 5 Chevieres, Ardennes

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NW 282.2 N 294.1 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/10/19 78 Sec 14 2

Meuse Argonne 1232

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body and cross.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 22/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

data F-1. MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/10/22 24 24 Block B.

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

AUDITED BY M.M.G. 3-17-23

AG O. MAR 11 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

Robert G. Birdseye, Major General, The Adjutant General, By J.A. MAR 15 1926

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

1763872

Blaszkiwicz *Leo*
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private *Co 14 311 Inf 7 Div*
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct 73 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *La Bessing 941*

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) *85* Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER *7*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *Cross*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: *✓*

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *Yes*

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

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Berge 311 Inf
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. C

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blaskiewicz Bla	3	2 2 1
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 34	2	24
	ROW 24	2	24
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	ny	2	37
BANK	Prft	1	2
DIVISION	78	2	78
ORGANIZATION	311	3	311
ARM	Dry	1	1
MARTIAL	Mo	1	2
NAME	Blaskiewicz Bla	3	2 2 1
Mrs. Frances	STATE ny	2	37
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Erie	2	15
	CITY Lancaster	3	081
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

BLASZKIEWICZ, LEO (MA)

D. C.

RETURN RECEIPT

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Francis Blaszkiwicz

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery *1-9*

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

✓ QM 293 A-M
Blaskiewicz, Leo (MA)

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz,
R.F.D.#2 - C/o M. Grell,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, N. Y.

January 5, 1933.

Dear Madam:

During the past three years, numerous communications have been forwarded you relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

Under the law, 1933 is the last year you may make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government, and it is imperative that this office have an expression from you as to whether or not you desire to take advantage of the opportunity afforded you.

It is requested therefore you answer the following inquiry, sign your name, and return this letter to this office.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 1933?

No
(Yes) or (No)

Frances Blaskiewicz
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.:
Env.



QM 293 A-M

Blaskiewicz, Leo (MA)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz
RFD 2, 7 M. Grell
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N. Y.
Dear Madam:

October 12, 1932

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 _____, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here _____. 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,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blaskiewicz, Leo (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N.Y.

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,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Blaskiewicz, Leo (M A)*

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N.Y.

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) _____

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6-28-32

M-A ✓

Blaszkiewicz, Leo Pvt.

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. Frances Blaskiewicz.....

(Name)

.....
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell, Clinton St., Lancaster, Erie Co.

(Town or city)

(State)

New York

QM 293 A-M

December 10, 1931.

Blasskiewics, Leo (MA) M

Mrs. Frances Blasskiewicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

Dear Madam:

The records show that a questionnaire similar to the enclosed was mailed you on September 22, 1931, but has not been returned to this office. Inasmuch as it is necessary that the information called for on the questionnaire be available in order to assure you a satisfactory pilgrimage, it is requested that you complete the enclosed form and return it to this office promptly.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in returning the form.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO ^{QM 293 A-M} QM 293 AM
Blaskiewicz, Leo. (MA) N M

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the ^{mother} of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 AM

Blasskiewicz, Leo Pvt. (MA) M

September 22, 1951.

Mrs. Frances Blasskiewicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, New York

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the ^{mother} of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Blaszkiwicz, Leo Pvt. (MA) M*

July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Frances Blaszkiwicz,
R. F. D. #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N. Y.

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

February 25, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Blaszkiwicz, Leo 1232-M

Mrs. Frances Blaszkiwicz,
R.F.D. #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication declining the invitation to sail on the PRESIDENT HARDING, May 20, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Leo Blaszkiwicz.

It is regretted that you are unable to accept an invitation at this time. However, in accordance with your wishes, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

In the event you should desire to make the pilgrimage at a later time this coming summer during the months of June, July or August, it is requested that you advise this office in order that proper arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Harding
5-20-31
1232

Blaszkievicz, Leo

Will you kindly tell me if I
can go some other year? I can't
go this year.

ans 2-25-31

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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Frances Blaszkievicz,

(Name)

1932

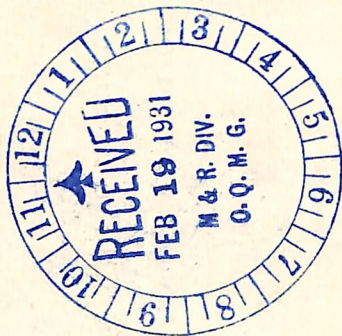
R.F.D. #2, c/o M. Grell, Clinton Street, Lancaster, N.Y.

(Town or City)

(State)

Erie County

P. M.
Buffalo, N. Y.



Washington, D. C., February 14, 1951

MRS. FRANCIS BLASKIEWICZ,
R.F.D. #2, c/o W. GRILL,
CLINTON STREET,
LANCASTER, NEW YORK.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTYFIFTH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2627 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

A.D.H.

QM 293 A-M Blaskiewicz, Leo. 1252-M

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaszkiewicz, Leo 1232-M

January 31, 1931

Mrs. Frances Blaszkiewicz,
RFD. #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Harding" on May 20, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 3, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaszkiwicz, Leo - 1232 M

June 18, 1930

**Mrs. Frances Blaszkiwicz
R. F. D. #2
C/o M. Grell
Clinton Street
Lancaster, N. Y.**

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)

QM 395 A-C
Blaskiewicz, Leo 1232-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Francis Blaskiewicz,
c/o M. Grell., R. F. D. #2,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, declining invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Leo Blaskiewicz, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

CB

Roosevelt
6/21/30
1232

Blaszkiewicz, Les

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. Frances Blaszkiewicz

(Name)

1931

RFD #2, Clinton St., Lancaster, Erie Co., N. Y.

(Town or City)

(State)

Buffalo, N Y

4-23-30

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blasskiewicz, Leo 1232-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Francis Blasskiewicz,
c/o Mrs. Grell, R.F.D.#2,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaszkiewicz, Leo
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Francis Blaszkiewicz,
c/o M. Grell,
R. F. D. #2,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 20, 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:

Never Married.

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.

*Mother Surviving
Mrs. Frances Blaszkiewicz*

*R. F. D. #2 Clinton Str.
Lancaster N. Y.*

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

Yes.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaskiewicz, Leo

August 20, 1929

**Mrs. Francis Blaskiewicz,
c/o H. Grell,
R. F. D. #2,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, N. Y.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Pvt. Leo Blaskiewicz, Co. H, 511th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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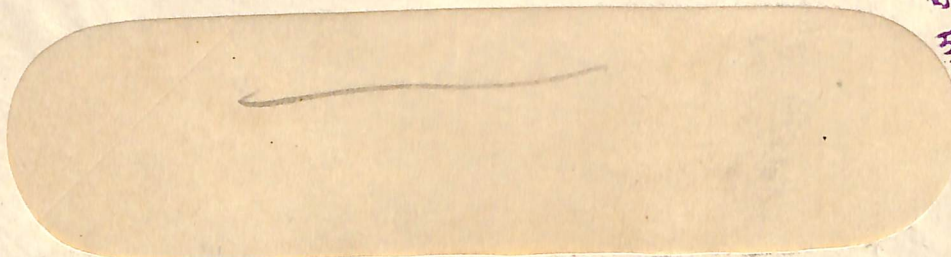
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 27, 1929.

Blaszkievicz, Leo.

Mrs. Francis Blaszkievicz,
~~77 Gibson St.,~~ *Clinton St., R.F. #2,*
~~Buffalo, N.Y.~~ *1/2 M. Yell,*
Lancaster, N.Y.

XC-82420
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Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Leo Blaszkievicz, Co. H. 511th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

John T. Harris

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



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blaskiewicz, Leo (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N.Y.

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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blaskiewicz, Leo (M A)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz,
RFD #2, C/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N.Y.

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) _____

QM 293 A-M

December 10, 1931.

Blaszkiwicz, Leo (MA) M

Mrs. Frances Blaszkiwicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

Dear Madam:

The records show that a questionnaire similar to the enclosed was mailed you on September 22, 1931, but has not been returned to this office. Inasmuch as it is necessary that the information called for on the questionnaire be available in order to assure you a satisfactory pilgrimage, it is requested that you complete the enclosed form and return it to this office promptly.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in returning the form.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO **QM 293 A-M**
QM 293 AM
Blaskiewicz, (co.) (MA) M M

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Groll,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the *mother* of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. 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 AM

Blaszkiewicz, Leo Pvt. (MA) M

September 22, 1931.

Mrs. Frances Blaszkiewicz,
RFD #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, New York

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and have expressed your desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during 1932 in his honor.

In order to assure a satisfactory journey, 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. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
2. Do you speak English?	
3. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Blaskiewicz, Leo Pvt. (MA) M*

July 14, 1931.

Mrs. Frances Blaskiewicz,
R. F. D. #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N. Y.

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

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February 25, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Blaszkievicz, Leo 1232-M

Mrs. Frances Blaszkievicz,
R.F.D. #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication declining the invitation to sail on the PRESIDENT HARDING, May 20, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Leo Blaszkievicz.

It is regretted that you are unable to accept an invitation at this time. However, in accordance with your wishes, your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

In the event you should desire to make the pilgrimage at a later time this coming summer during the months of June, July or August, it is requested that you advise this office in order that proper arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C., February 14, 1931

MRS. FRANCIS BLASKIEWICZ,
R.F.D. #2, c/o M. CHELL,
CLINTON STREET,
LANCASTER, NEW YORK.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTIETH NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2627 OSM

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QM 293 A-M Blaskiewicz, Leo. 1232-M



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blasskiewicz, Leo 1232-M

January 31, 1931

Mrs. Frances Blasskiewicz,
RFD. #2, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Harding" on May 20, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 3, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

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-C

Blaszkiwicz, Leo - 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Frances Blaszkiwicz
R. F. D. #2
C/o M. Grell
Clinton Street
Lancaster, N. Y.

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)

QM 293 A-C
Blaskiewicz, Leo 1232-M

April 30, 1930

Mrs. Francis Blaskiewicz,
c/o M. Grell., R. F. D. #2,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date, declining invitation to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" June 21, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Leo Blaskiewicz, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

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

Blasskiewicz, Leo 1232-M

April 11, 1930

Mrs. Francis Blasskiewicz,
c/o Mrs. Groll, R.F.D.#2,
Clinton St.,
Lancaster, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Roosevelt" on June 21, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 3, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C
Blaszkiwicz, Leo 1232-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Frances Blaszkiwicz,
RFD #3, c/o M. Grell,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, New York.

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.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blasskiewicz, Leo 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Frances Blasskiewicz,
R. F. D. #2, c/o M. Groll,
Clinton St., Lancaster, N. Y.

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 Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blaskiewicz, Leo
1252

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Francis Blaskiewicz,
c/o M. Grell,
R. F. D. #2,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 20, 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

Blaskiewicz, Leo

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Francis Blaskiewicz,
c/o M. Grell,
R. F. D. #2,
Clinton Street,
Lancaster, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Leo Blaskiewicz, Co. H, 311th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blaszkiwicz, Leo.

June 27 1929.

Mrs. Francis Blaszkiwicz,
77 Gibson St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the Private Leo Blaszkiwicz, Co. H, 51th 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 widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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In reply refer to:
293 C-R

Blaszkiwicz, Leo

June 13, 1923.

Mrs. Francis Blaszkiwicz,
77 Gibson St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Pvt. Leo Blaszkiwicz, Co. H, 311th Inf., is No. 24, Row 24, Block B, 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.

Stamp: JUN 14 1923
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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.

23/236/ARK

Place Romagne 1232.

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A

Date Feb 10, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BLASZKIEWICZ, Leo. SERIAL NUMBER 1763872
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. H. 311th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb 10, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 78, sec 14, plot 2. Cty. 1232.
 By: Group Russell. Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Feb. 10th 1922 In (give complete location): Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 24 block B row 24
 By: Group Re-burial 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? no

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
tag on body reads: Leo-----, rest of tag corroded, collar ornament H. 311th Inf.

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 CO

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

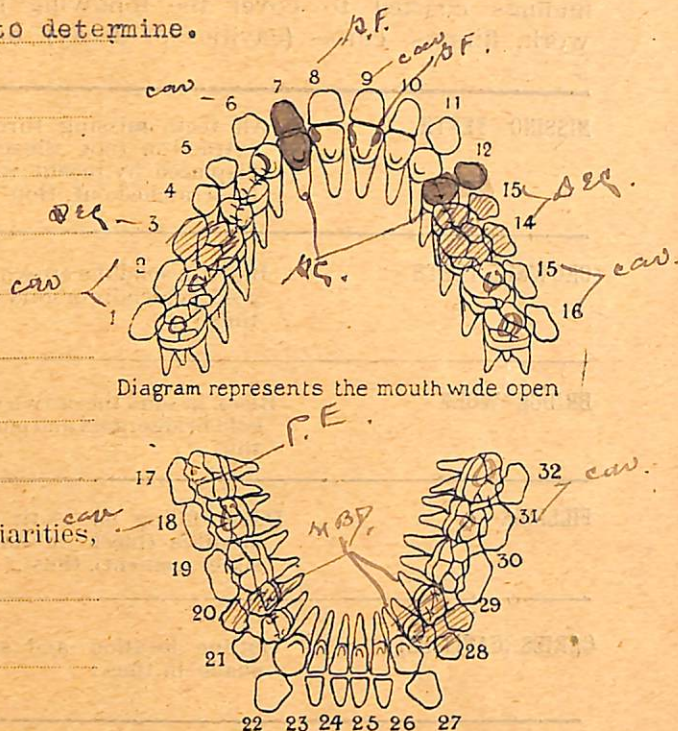
Location do

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. Russell
C.V. Russell.

Approved: [Signature]
H. Richards. 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W. B. Shields
W. B. Shields

Approved: [Signature]
L. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. Q.C.
 (Title) jt.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 10 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 BLASZKIEWICZ, Leo 10. Name _____
 2. No. 1763872 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Co. H. 311th Inf. 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. Oct. 22nd. 1918 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. KIA (b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 73 Sec. 14 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot 2 Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. None
 18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
 20. Dept. or County Meuse. 21. Country France
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. _____ 1232 - 14
 23. Disinterred (Date) Feb 10 1922 By C. V. Russell
 24. Inscription on grave marker:
 Name Leo Blaszkiewicz Serial No. 1763872
 Rank Pvt Organization Co H 311 Inf
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No 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).

Tag on body partly corroded collar ornament H 311 Inf27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable28. Nature of burial Wooden box US Uniform burban29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb 10 1922 By C. V. Russell31. Casket sealed by CV Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

*C V Russell*C V Russell

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-21755



32. Designation of body:

Name Leo BLASZKIEWICZ.

Serial No. 1763872

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. H. 311th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb 10 1922

By C 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

R Richards 1st Lt. CMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb 10 1922

00

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer W J Royed

Signature Shipping Officer

Geo C Bland 1st Lt. CMC

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 Cemetery 1232, Feb. 10th 1922.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 1161

Section

Block

43. 1161

Row 30

G.R.S. Representative

A. E. Royed, 1st Lt. CMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #43717

(a) Name BLASZKIEWICZ, Leo Ser. No. 1763872
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.H, 311th Infantry
 (c) Date of death 10/22/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. DMA
 CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 78 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 14 TYP. DMA
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Francis Blaszkiewicz (mother) 77 Gibson St., Buffalo, N.Y.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name Francis Blaszkiewicz (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address 77 Gibson St Buffalo, N.Y.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials HV Date 3-25-, 1920

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

_____, dated _____
 confirming request in Par. IV., item _____, above, or requesting that _____
No correspondence

Examiner's Initials HV Date 3-25-, 1920

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

No request for disposition
yes HV
 (a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials HV Date 3-25-, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec.14

SHEET No. 16

G. R. S. Form No. 115
 Amended April 6, 1920

3-7729

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

H. S. 4-8-21

checked HV 3-25-21

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

A.G.O. Card - Frances Blaszkiewicz (mother) 77 Gibson St., Buffalo, N.Y. requests body not returned to U.S. 1084-721

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 4/5/21, 192

Sec. 14 Par. 2 Not to be returned. 1084-721

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 13 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. APR 29 1921, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Number: 1763872

Name: BLASZKIEWICZ, Leon

Rank: Unkn

Organization: Unkn

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Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

10th., April, 1919

Grave #5. ISOLATED MARCQ, ARDENNES

Map. 35 N. W. E. 294.1 N. 282.2

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1232

10th., April, 1919

Grave # 78 Section # 14 Plot # 2.

Amer. B.A.C. #1232, ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

Map. 35 N. E. E. 308.16 N. 284.87

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

Burial poor. Body 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. 0
10790
10790

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.C. 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: Shelton, 2nd. Lt.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

763872

Blankiewicz Leo

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

Private

Co K 311 Inf 21st

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

Oct 73 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

La Beuvry 941

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

~~CMME MARCO (ARDENNES)~~

~~(C-254) SITE 35 NW COORD E 294.1 N 282.1~~

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *Cross*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Was one buried with body? *yes*

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? *yes*

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

27 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain Bergs 311 Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Annual List No. 754-2742
Daily Report No. _____

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

2. Soldier's No. ~~1763872~~ 1763872

3. BLASZKIEWICZ LEO
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. X X X
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. X X
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. X Isolated Battle area
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Near CHEVIERES ARDENNES
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 5 Sketch No. 16
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

0254

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

CMME. Marca (Ardennes)
(C-254) SHT. 35NW. COORD (E 294.1
(N 282.2

12. 282.2 N -- 294.1 E Verdun 35 NW
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. X
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Wilbur L Smith

RBH
1479

Group Hdqrs Unit 305 G. R. S.

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FILE

OSPPC CTY. NO. 1232

Sec 14 case no 16

YD

Blaskiewicz,

Leo

1,763,872 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt *Blaskiewicz Leo* Co H, 311 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

No

(Yes or no.)

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

Francis Blaskiewicz

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

77 Gibson

(Number and street.)

Buffalo

(City or town.)

New York

(State.)

(Sign here)

Francis Blaskiewicz

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

checked by FW
3-26-21

drawn. H. 3-25-21- 1232-14-16

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G.H.Q., American E.F.
Adjutant General's Office.

FROM : Adjutant General.

To :

SUBJECT : Burial report.

I. Your report of the burial of

requires completion or correction as follows :

You have failed to state

- (a) Disposition of both tags.
- (b) Grave marking.
- ✓(c) Map reference. 1/50000
- ✓(d) Commune in which grave is located.
- ✓(e) Department in which grave is located.
- (f) Soldier's number.
- ✓(g) You have not sent a reliable sketch of the place of burial, as required by G.O. 30, G.H.Q , 1918.

An immediate completion of your report on reverse side hereof, will be sent to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. 717.

By Command of General Pershing :

ROBERT C. DAVIS,
Adjutant General.

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94.1
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- (e) Department in which grave is located. *near*
Cherish
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