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JUN 1 - 1926

DATE 2/15/22

1. NAME BLEDSON, Bert SERIAL No. 148311

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K. 141st Inf. 8 DIVISION 36

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. ROMAGNE-ss- MONTFAUCON (Meuse) 1232

CTY. NAME NUMBER Sec. 17

171 Sec. 17 4

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 12 Plot 1, St. Etienne, Semide, Ardennes #720

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 NW 283.4 N 267.6 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/12/19 171 Sec 17 4

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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 cross and body

DATE OF DEATH Oct 14, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Okla

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 2/15/22 6 7 Block E. XXXX

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

AUDITED BY L.A. 2 3-19-23

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

CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General

WAR DIV 1926

Rec'd World War Div. APR 2 1928

JUN 10 1926

Place NEUFCHATEAUDate 12th May 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BLEDSOE BertNumber: 1483011Rank: UnknownOrganization: Unknown

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

12th April 1919.Grave #12 Battle Area CemeteryST ETIENNE, ARDENNES 35 NW 267.6 E 283.4 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

12th April 1919.Grave #171 Sec #17 Blot #4ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232ROMAGNE, MEUSE 35 NE 308.16 E 284.87 N

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

Burial good, buried in uniform, body slightly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

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. Grant.

cmf.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd. Lieut. Q.M. G.U.S.A.
 C.O. Group Unit

1232

CONFIRMED 11904
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BLEDSON, BERT

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 17, 1933

Grady County, State of Oklahoma

Name Bledsoe, Mrs. Bashia, (A-10)

Address Star Route, Alex, Okla.

Route going: CRI&P Chicago, ERIE New York

Return: Same route

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv	Alex	CRI&P	713	12:50 PM	May 12
	Ar	Chickasha	"	"	1:40 PM	" "
	Lv	"	"	30	6:40 PM	" "
	Ar	Chicago	"	10	8:45 PM	" 13
	Lv	"	Erie	8	11:10 PM	" "
	Ar	New York	"	"	4:50 AM	" 15
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See me before writing itinerary letter

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Accommodations: Coach Alex, Okla. to Chickasha, Okla. Standard sleeper Chickasha, Okla. To Chicago, Ill. and Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y. (Sleeper may be occupied at Jersey City until 8:00 AM)

Elapsed Time: 63 hrs: 2 3/4

Extra Fare:

MP

Bert Bledsoe

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

April 27, 1933

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger
list for:

CHANGE		PARTY	PAGE
	#19		

PRESIDENT HARDING - May 17, 1933

DELETE	Mrs. Bessie Bledsoe	OKLAHOMA	A - 10
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For The Quartermaster General,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
JAS. H. SAUNDERS
Captain, U. S. M. Corps,
Assistant.

PARTY "A"
May 1st, 1933

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe
Star Route
Alex, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

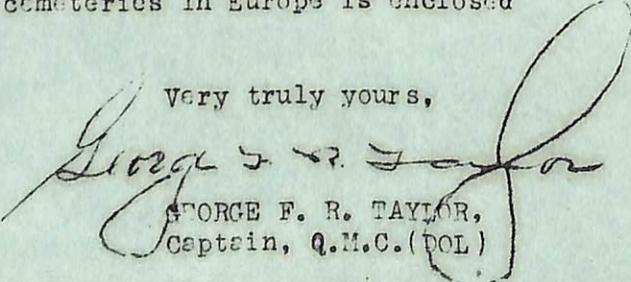
All mail intended to reach you between May 17th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and June 8th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
20 Rue Molitor,
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
Captain, Q.M.C. (POL)

7 Incls.:
2 Baggage Tags
4 Baggage Pastors
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

Pres. Harding

5-17-33

MA

Pvt. Bert Bledsoe

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✓

Declines by letter 4-17-33

I ~~accept~~ ----- the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe

(Name)

Star Route, Alex, Grady Co., Oklahoma

(Town or City)

(State)

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Bledsoe, Bert

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Handing 5/1/33

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

Wm. Bledsoe

(Signature or name of addressee)

A. J. 5-5-33

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery May 1, 1933

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Bledsoe - Bert

Post Office Department

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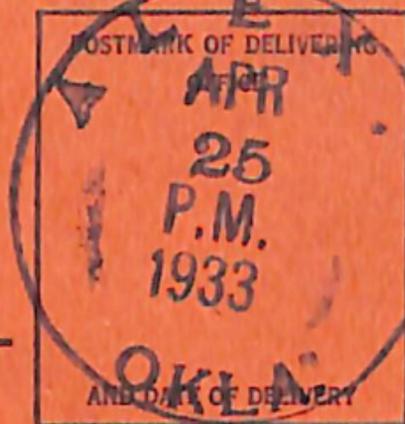
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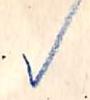
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(NAME OF OFFICE)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

WASHINGTON,

D. C.



HEADING	SUP-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bledsoe</i>	<i>Ble</i>	3	2 2 5
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>6</i>	2	06
	ROW <i>7</i>	2	07
<i>Eul. 5-28-18</i>	BLOCK <i>E</i>	1	5
STATE	<i>Okla</i>	2	42
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>36</i>	2	36
ORGANIZATION	<i>141</i>	3	141
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MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Bledsoe</i>	<i>Ble</i>	3	2 2 5
<i>Mrs. Bushie</i>	STATE <i>Okla</i>	2	42
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Bradley</i>	2	26
<i>Star Route</i>	CITY <i>Alva</i>	3	+++
RELATION	<i>Seymour</i>	1	3
OTHER	<i>Sister</i>	1	2
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. <i>Jan</i>	1	
	YR. <i>1933</i>	1	4
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No. Age</i>	1	

Revised Inv. 5-17-33

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Bledsoe, Bert - ma

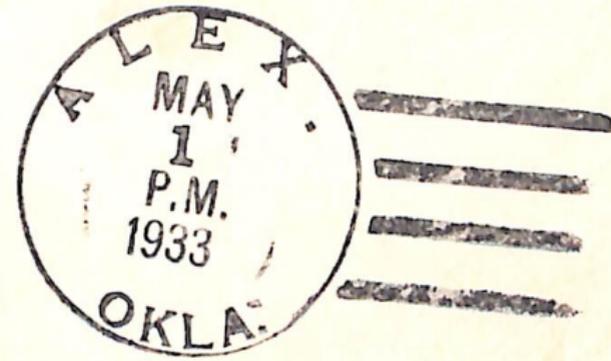
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THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Bert Bledsoe

MEMORIAL BRANCH

QM 293 A-M
Bledsoe, Bert (MA)

April 26, 1933

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 17th, advising that your health prevents your making a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Bert Bledsoe.

It is regretted you are not able to make the pilgrimage, sailing on the President Harding, May 17th. The reservation made for you has accordingly been cancelled.

Under recent date a check in the amount of \$16.50 was forwarded you to cover incidental expenses to New York. Inasmuch as you will not make the pilgrimage, it is requested the check be returned to this office promptly.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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Washington, D.C., April 27, 1933

Mr. H. W. Siddall, Chairman,
Western Military Bureau
516 W. Jackson Blvd
Chicago, Ill.

PRESIDENT HARDING MAY SEVENTEENTH PAGE TEN MISS BASHIA BLEDSOE ALIX

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

~~ON 502.01 AM~~
Western Military Bureau

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Bledsoe, Bert (ma)

Bledsoe, Bert - ma

Okla. Oklahoma

April the 17 - 1933

Quater Master. 293. Bledsoe Bert. M. a
I am very sorry to inform you on
about our my health and my husband
it is impossible for me to make this trip

respectfully yours

Bessie Bledsoe

May 17

changed from accept
to decline Harding
May 17-

ask for check
check # 151,837
\$ 16 50



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QM 293 AM

Bledsoe, Bert MA

April 10, 1933.

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court, Chickasha, Okla., taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have.
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years for the purpose of identification.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department, Washington, D. C. Your passport will be delivered to you aboard the ship. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Please advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application. If conditions have arisen which will prevent your making the pilgrimage on May 17th, it is requested that this office be advised in order that the reservations made for you may be cancelled. 0

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Bledsoe, Bert (MA)
Bledsoe, Mrs. Bashia
Star Route
Alex, Grady Co. Okla.
Pres. Harding May 17th

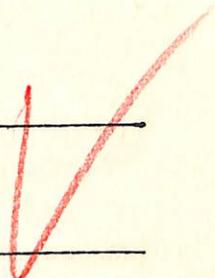
Sir:

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

Mr. A. L. Bledsoe
Name

Alex Oklahoma
Address

Husband
Relationship



Very truly yours,



Bashia Bledsoe
Your name

Alex Okla.
Your address

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bledsoe, Bert (MA) s

Sept. 8, 1932

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe
Star Route
Alex, Okla.

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")	<u>yes</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>54</u> Health: <u>Poor</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>none</u>

Bashia Bledsoe
Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.

*Copy. Corrected
11/30/32*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Bledsoe, Bert (M A) S

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Mex, Okla.

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) _____

November 22, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Blodsoe, Bert (MA)

Mrs. Bashia Blodsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire from this office you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Bert Blodsoe, during the summer months of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows, it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested you advise whether or not you believe you will be able to make the trip next summer. Should you make the journey you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare at all times.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 13, 1932

Bledsoe, Bert (M A) S

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Mox, Okla.

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?

Undecided
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Bashia Bledsoe

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bledsoe, Bert (M-A) SM

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bledsoe, Bert (MA) SM

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	<i>no</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>53</i> Health: <i>bad</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i>

Bashia Bledsoe
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl:
Env.



The other letter miss sealed
and I never could find it
Rustia Bledsoe

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bledsoe, Bert Pvt (M-A) SM

July 2, 1931

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Oklahoma.

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
Blédsoe, Bert 1232 SM Pvt.

August 12, 1930.

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

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.

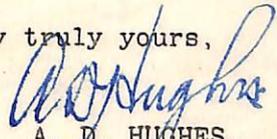
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

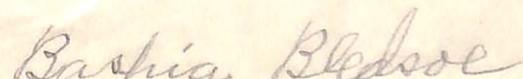
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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

(Write answer here)



(Sign here)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

John

IN REPLY REFER TO **QM 293 A-M**
Bledsoe, Bert - 1232 SM

August 23, 1930.

OK

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Information has been received in this office to the effect that you are the stepmother of the late Bert Bledsoe.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the Act of March 2, 1929, with an amendment, thereto, dated May 15, 1930, which provides for pilgrimages to be made by mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or were lost at sea.

In order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make a pilgrimage, it is requested that you furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of the late Bert Bledsoe?
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bledsoe at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bledsoe at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bledsoe is deceased, give date of his death.

July 23, 1902

yes
yes

See OK

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith an envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



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Father was apparently alive in 1929 as forms were sent to him then

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bledsoe, Bert - 1232 S

July 7, 1930

Miss Gillie Bledsoe
Alex, Okla.

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.

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

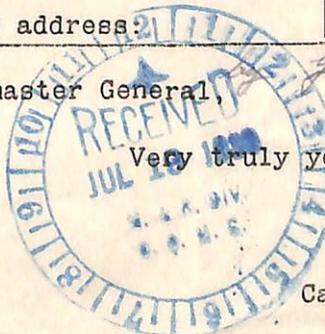
If so, give her name and address:

Bessie Bledsoe
Star Point
Alex Oklahoma
Gillie Bledsoe

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Bert M Bledsoe,

Veteran Single

Mother dead.

Sister, Miss Gillie Bledsoe

Alex

Okla.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

(Bledsoe, Bert)

Mr. A.L. Bledsoe,
Box 21, Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

*E-117364
vet single
mother dead*

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Bert Bledsoe, Co. K, 141st Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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



QM 293 A-M
Bledsoe, Bert (MA)

April 28, 1933

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 17th, advising that your health prevents your making a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Bert Bledsoe.

It is regretted you are not able to make the pilgrimage, sailing on the President Harding, May 17th. The reservation made for you has accordingly been cancelled.

Under recent date a check in the amount of \$16.50 was forwarded you to cover incidental expenses to New York. Inasmuch as you will not make the pilgrimage, it is requested the check be returned to this office promptly.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 AM

Bledsoe, Bert MA

April 10, 1933.

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe has not been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the United States District Court, Chickasha, Okla., taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches or less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have.
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years for the purpose of identification.

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The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department, Washington, D. C. Your passport will be delivered to you aboard the ship. No charge will be made for the application or passport.

Please advise this office at once if you have made application, giving the name given by you on the application. If conditions have arisen which will prevent your making the pilgrimage on May 17th, it is requested that this office be advised in order that the reservations made for you may be cancelled.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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November 22, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Bledsoe, Bert (MA)

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

In reply to a recent questionnaire from this office you advised that you were undecided about making a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson, the late Private Bert Bledsoe, during the summer months of 1933.

In order that the best available accommodations may be secured for the mothers and widows, it is necessary that hotel and steamship reservations be made several months in advance. It is therefore requested you advise whether or not you believe you will be able to make the trip next summer. Should you make the journey you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare at all times.

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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932

Bledsoe, Bert (MA) s

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe
Star Route
Alex, Okla.

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

July 13, 1932

Bledsoe, Bert (M A) S

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Mex. Okla.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bledsoe, Bert (M-A) SM

Oct. 13, 1931

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

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Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bledsoe, Bert (MA) SM

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

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,

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

Bledsoe, Bert Pvt (M-A) SM

July 2, 1931

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Oklahoma.

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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QM 293 A-M
Bledsoe, Bert - 1232 SM

August 23, 1930.

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Information has been received in this office to the effect that you are the stepmother of the late Bert Bledsoe.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the Act of March 2, 1929, with an amendment, thereto, dated May 15, 1930, which provides for pilgrimages to be made by mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or were lost at sea.

In order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make a pilgrimage, it is requested that you furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of the late Bert Bledsoe?
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Bledsoe at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Bledsoe at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him.
- (5) If Mr. Bledsoe is deceased, give date of his death.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith an envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUNTER,
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
Blédsoe, Bert 1232 SM Pvt.

August 12, 1930.

Mrs. Bashia Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

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)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bledsoe, Bert - 1232 S

July 7, 1930

Miss Gillie Bledsoe
Alex, Okla.

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.

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

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

(Bledsoe, Bert)

Mr. A. L. Bledsoe,
Box 21, Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Pvt. Bert Bledsoe, Co. K, 141st Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 69745

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLED SOE, Bert Ser. No. 1483011 TYP. B
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 141st Inf. CKR. 30
(c) Date of death 10-14-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 171 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 17 TYP. B

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. A. L. Bledsoe (father) Bradley, Okla.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Lafayette Bledsoe (b) Relationship father

(c) Address Alex, Okla, Star Point,

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

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

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

Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-26-1920

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

, dated

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-26-1920

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

father Lafayette Bledsoe Star Point, Alex, Okla, 11-15-20 desires body

I am returned, thereby cancels

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? request on card

Examiner's Initials PF Date 3-26-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232- Dec. 17 SHEET No. 14

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

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GENERAL DIVISION



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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 11 made _____, 1920.

Typed by _____, Checked by *J.M.*, *4-6-21*, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on *4/5/21*, 1920

Section # 17
Par # 1 - To be returned - AD

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Form # 100 sent to Mr. Lafayette Bledsoe, Star Route, Alex, Okla returned unclaimed. H. 5-2-21 aw. War Risk E/a. Lafayette Bledsoe (father) Alex, Okla., Star Route. H. 6-18-21 V/R. See you 4/28/21 - Lafayette Bledsoe - Alex - Okla. - No widow or children. Ship to Alex, Okla. H. 4/28/21, w/f

WAR DEPARTMENT
 QUARTERMASTER CORPS
 CEMETERY DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
 ROOM 350, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

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 File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Br.
 (Bledsoe, Bert)

H. M. ELDER,
 1st July 1921.

Mr. Lafayette Bledsoe,
 Alex, Oklahoma. (Star Route)

Dear Sir:

The records of this office indicate that your wishes with regard to the final disposition of the remains of the late soldier named below should be complied with and you are, therefore, informed that, pursuant to your request, the following instructions have been issued:

Remains of the late Bert Bledsoe, Private, Serial Number 1493011, Co. K., 141st Infantry, to be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Alex, Oklahoma.

About ten days prior to the arrival of the body in the United States you will be notified by telegraph and requested to confirm the above shipping instructions. You should immediately reply to such telegram, to avoid delay in the shipment of the body.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

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"COR. BR. G. R. S."

By:

H. M. ELDER,
 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

JF.

"MAILED"

JUL 11 1921

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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PVT BERT BLEDSOE SER NUMBER 1483011 NO WIDOW OR

CHILDREN SHIP TO ALEX OKLA ON ARRIVAL UNITED STATES

LAFAYETTE BLEDSOE

*noted in
steps 8/21
M.K.S.*

*Rec'd
6/27/21
100 P.M.
m.m.m.*

Hoboken, N.J.

June 22, 1921.

J.F. BUIER, Captain, Infantry

Mr. Lafayette Bledsoe,
Star Route,
Alex, Oklahoma.

PLEASE WIRE THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY GOVERNMENT EXPENSE DEFINITE INFORMATION INDICATING WHETHER LATE PRIVATE BERT BLEDSOE SERIAL NUMBER ONE-FOUR-EIGHT-THREE NAUHEP-ONE-ONE IS SURVIVED BY WIDOW AND CHILDREN IF SO FURNISH NAMES AND ADDRESSES IF NOT STATE SPECIFICALLY THAT NONE ARE LIVING ALSO WHETHER YOU WISH BODY SHIPPED YOU UPON ARRIVAL UNITED STATES OR INTERRED NATIONAL CEMETERY ARLINGTON VIRGINIA NEXT OF KIN WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN BODY LEAVES EUROPE 05-643

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

File No. 293.8 Com. Div., Cor. Br.
(Bledsoe, Bert)

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

MONROE, N.J.

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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER
Bledsoe, Bert-Pvt.
CEMETERY NO.
1232-Sec.17-14
DATE
5/6/21

SERIAL NUMBER
1483011
ORGANIZATION
Co. K, 141st Inf.
Date of death
10/14/18

C 117364
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WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

FIFTY-SEVEN 50/100 DOLLARS \$57.50
NAME OF BENEFICIARY I-108410
LGE GDN OF GILLIE BLEDSOE
Address ALEX OKLA S A
RELATIONSHIP

Cor. Sec.
TWENTY DOLLARS ONLY \$20.00
LAFAYETTE BLEDSOE
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Copy forwarded to
Adjustment Department
Date 6-10-21

WAR DEPARTMENT.

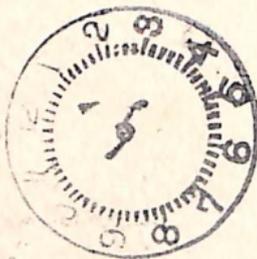
Graves Registration Service
Hoboken, N. J.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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



CEMETERIAL DIVISION



APR 25 1921

Mr. Layia,ette Bledsoe
Star Route,
Alexander, Okla.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The remains of the deceased soldier mentioned on the attached shipping inquiry are now buried in the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France, which is one of the permanent American Cemeteries. The body if left therein will receive constant care by our Government..

If the nearest of kin desires the body left in France, a telegram at Government expense must be sent to the Graves Registration Service, Pier #2, Hoboken, N.J. immediately, and this form, fully accomplished, sent by mail.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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1232 Sec. 17-14 el

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

APR 20 1921

To: Mr. Lafayette Bledsoe, Star Route Alex, Okla.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Bert Bledsoe, Ser. No. 1483011 Co. K, 141st Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Star Route, Alex, Okla.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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

Was soldier married? _____

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

*Noted 4/15/21
Unclaimed*

Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Relationship _____

Address _____ Relationship _____ 192

Date _____ Signature _____

I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

- 1. As stated on first page of this sheet.
- 2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____ (Name.)

_____ (R. R. station.) _____ (State.)

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

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

Signature _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name BLEDSON, Bert.
 2. No. 1483011.
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org Co. K, 141st Inf.
 5. D. D. 10-14-18.
 6. C. D. K-4.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 171. Sec. 17.
 8. Plot 4 Row -
 9. _____

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

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON.

20. Department or county Meuse.

21. Country France.

22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232- Sec. 17

23. Disinterred _____ (Date.) By _____

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name _____ Serial No. _____
 Rank _____ Organization _____

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? _____ On body? _____

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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Sec. 17. Cable Ref. No. 14.

(OVER)

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PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).....

27. Condition of body.....
28. Nature of burial.....
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date)..... By.....
31. Casket sealed by
- Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

SHIPMENT

(Show actual marking of box.) Box No.

32. Designation of body { Name **BLEDSON, Bert.** Serial No. **1483011.**
 Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. K, 141st Inf.**
33. CONSIGNEE—Name **Lafayette Bledson.**
 Address **Star Route, Alex, Okla.**
34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date)..... By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date)..... To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination..... (Date.) { B/L or Express Order No.
 Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

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In reply refer to:
293 C-R

Bledsoe Bert June 8, 1923.

Mr. A.L. Bledsoe,
Box #21, Star Route,
Alex, Okla.

Dear Sir;

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Private Bert Bledsoe, Company K, 141st
the permanent grave of
Infantry, is Grave 6, Row 7, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Stamp: *General Bledsoe*
Stamp: *RECEIVED*
Stamp: *JUN 10 1923*
Stamp: *B.O.C.*

Very truly yours,

RD
202

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

23/236/ARK

PAID

Place Romagne 1232.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 15, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF BLEDSON, Bert.

SERIAL NUMBER 148311

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. K. 141st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location) :

Feb 15, 1922

gr 171, sec 17, plot 4. Cty. 1232.

By : Group 3

Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date) :

In (give complete location) :

Meuse Argonne Cty 1232 Feb 15 1922 Gr. 6B1 E, Row 7

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 ? no

corroded,

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

identified by cross.

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

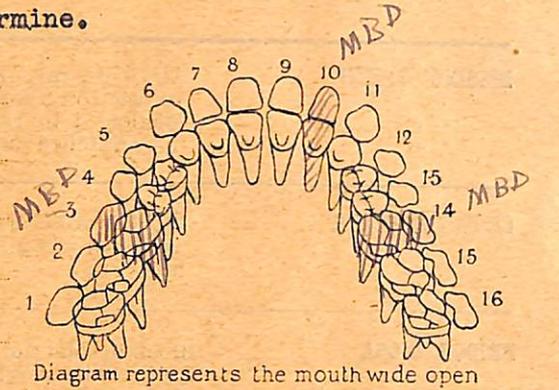


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

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

lower jaw fractured, skull shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by

H.E. Strong
H.E. Strong.

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

8. Reburial supervised by

W.B. Sheild
W.B. Sheild

Approved: A.E. Dewey
A.E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb 15, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT jc.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name	BLED SOE, Bert	10. Name	
2. No.	148311	11. No.	
3. Rank	Pvt.	12. Rank	
4. Org.	Co. K, 141st Inf.	13. Org.	
5. D.D.	Oct. 14th	14. (a) D.D.	
6. C.D.	KIA.	(b) D.B.	none.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No.	171	Sec.	17	15. Grave No.		Sec.	
8. Plot	4	Row		16. Plot		Rcw	
9.				17.		none.	
18. Cemetery	Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty.			19. Commune or town	ROMAGNE-SS-MONTEAUCON		
20. Dept. or County	Meuse			21. Country	France		
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No.	1232--Sec. 17						
23. Disinterred (Date)	Feb 15, 1922			By	H.E. Strong.		
24. Inscription on grave marker:							
Name	Bert Bledsoe.			Serial No.	148311		
Rank	Pvt.			Organization	Co. K, 141st Inf. corroded.		
25. Was identification disc found on grave marker?	no			On body?	yes.		

John H. Crawford
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J.G. Crawford.

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

identified by cross

27. Condition of body body decomposed, unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform.

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 15, 1922 By H.E. Strong.

31. Casket sealed by H.E. Strong.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

H.E. Strong
H.E. Strong.

AUDITED

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-22281**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Bert, BLEDSOE**

Serial No. **148311**

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co. K. 141st Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, ROMAGNE-ss-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Feb 15, 1922** By **H. E. Strong.**

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

F. Overheiser
F. Overheiser, Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

none.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Feb 15, 1922.**

To point of Concentration **Romagne Morgue.**

(Name)

Convoyer **W.J. Royed.** Signature Shipping Officer

G.F. Spann
G.F. Spann, Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred

Meuse Argonne Cty 1232 Feb 15 1922

42. Grave No. **6** Section

43. ~~Plot~~ Block **E** Row **7**

G.R.S. Representative

A.E. Dewey
A.E. Dewey 1st Lt Q.M.C.

FROM: C. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

WAR. DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington
Adjustment Made

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

APR 29 1921 Date 3-28-21

File No. Requisition File No. **69745** (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.

- NOTED FORM 115
DATE 4-4-21 6:30 AM*
- a. Surname **BLED SOE** *O.K.*
 - b. Christian name **Bert** *O.K.*
~~or (Bertie Mathero)~~
 - c. Serial Number **1483011** *O.K.*
 - d. Organization **Co. K, 141st Inf.** *O.K.*
 - e. Rank **Pvt.** *O.K.*
 - f. Date of death **10-14-18** *O.K.*
 - g. Cause of death **K.A.** *O.K.*
 - h. Authority (C.O.#)
 - i. Emergency address **a. L. Bledsoe, Bradley,**
 - j. Relationship **Father** *okld.*

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

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight

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

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) *Wounded. MV, Cul. Res. Sec. 10-8-3. 3-29-21.*

CW

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

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec.17

BY:

SHEET NO: 14
TYPED BY:

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

VH.

5/713/LML

*World War Div.
Date MAR 29 1921*

April 26, 1921.

FILE

293.8-Cem. File #69745 (Bledsoe, Bert, Pvt.)

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometorial Division)

Mr. Lafayette Bledsoe, Box 21, Star Route, Alex, Okla.

Permanent Burial in France.

1. In reply to your letter of April 18, 1921, requesting that the remains of your son, the late Private Bert Bledsoe, Company K, 141st Infantry, be permanently interred in France instead of being returned to this country for private interment, you are advised that instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with presuming that there is no one else entitled to direct disposition. If there is any such relative, using paragraph #5 of the enclosed bulletin as a guide, it is requested that you immediately advise the Officer in Charge, Graves Registration Service at Pier #2, Hoboken, New Jersey. That is a branch of this office, charged only with receiving and forwarding to destinations remains of military dead returned from overseas. All other correspondence on this subject should be addressed to this office.
2. The remains of the deceased are now interred in grave 171, Section 17, Plot 4, Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, which cemetery will be maintained as the National Cemeteries in this country are maintained.
3. Your request for the personal effects of the deceased will be referred to the Chief, Effects Bureau, Room 427, Pier #3, Hoboken, New Jersey, for further reply to you with reference to this matter.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

APR 26 1921

G.R.S.

CHARLES J. WYNN, *Wynne*
JV Captain, Q. M. C. MW

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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April 26, 1921.

295.B-Gen. File #69745 (Bledsoe, Bert, Pvt.)

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cometorial Division) 116

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNN,

JE
Captain, G. M. C. HW

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APR 27 1921

Cemeterial Division
Overseas District Sub-Section

December 15, 1920.

293.8 Cem. File #69745 (Bledsoe, Bert Pvt.)

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From:

The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army.

To:

Mr. Lafayette Bledsoe, Star Route, Alex, Okla.

Subject:

Disposition of Remains.

1. In reply to your letter of November 15, 1920, referred to this office by The Adjutant General of the Army, you are advised that the records of this office contain your request that the remains of your son, the late Private Bert Bledsoe, Company K, 141st Infantry, remain permanently interred in France.
2. The remains of our soldier dead are returned at Government expense to this country either for interment in National Cemeteries or for private interment, where the legal next of kin of the deceased so requests. In this connection your attention is invited to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin No. 10-F-W.
3. The majority of our soldier dead whose bodies are returned to this country for interment in National Cemeteries are being interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, which is situated just outside of the city of Washington. The National Cemetery nearest to your home is the one at Fort Gibson, Okla.
4. In view of this information, it is requested that you advise this office whether you desire the remains of your son interred permanently in one of the American Fields of Honor in France, referred to in paragraph 9 of the above mentioned Bulletin, or returned to this country either for interment in a National Cemetery or for private interment. Upon receipt of advice from you, instructions will be issued that your wishes be complied with, provided there is no relative whose legal right to direct disposition has priority over yours.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED
DEC 15 1920

G.R.S.

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sa T
CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Colonel, U.S.A. hw
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By PM

Soldier's No 1483011 69143

Name : BLEDS, BERT

Rank : Co Reg

Date of Death : _____

Date of Burial _____

Cemetery : Battlefield

Commune of ST. ETIENNE-A-ARNES

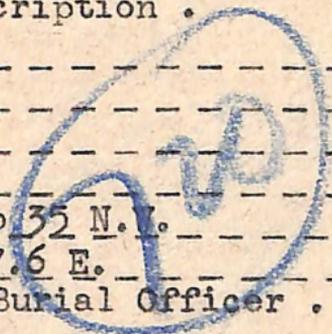
Grave No 12 Avery sketch No 31

How marked ? Cross, tag attached

If name un known and tags missing, give marks and description .

Map reference : Map 32 N. V.
283.4 N. 267.6 E.

Name of Chaplain or Burial Officer .



[Handwritten signature]
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Signed

Lt. J. F. Avery
Group One, Unit "B" G.R.S.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bledsoe 1483011 Bert
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

priv. Co K 141 Inf
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: .. action ..

DATE OF BURIAL: .. Oct 14, 1918 ..

PLACE OF BURIAL: .. 2.67.8 - 2.83.2 ..

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

Talmer Eschelle 16 Sept 18

Pyrlene Lambert 1-20000

GRAVE NUMBER: 1

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? .. Cross? yes ..

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

(0217) UNIT 35 MW COORD. E-2678 283.2

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mr. L. Bledsoe

ADDRESS: Bradley, Okla.

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY:

J. J. Smiley
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service

RECORDED

9 OCT 1918

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Journal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

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Bledsee, Bert, 1483911
O(?)

Pvt Co K 141st Inf.

DB Oct 14th, 1918.

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16th Sept 1918, Systems Lambert
1-20,000 (1)

Report of J J Morley
Hosp Chaplain Doherty

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~~COMM. St. Etienne - a. Amie (Hidamno)~~
~~(0217) - HIT. 35 MW~~
COORD E - 267.8
M - 283.2

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Richard, Wm., 183311
(1)

1st Co. 1st Lt. 1811

1st Co. 1st Lt. 1811

1st Co. 1st Lt. 1811
1-20,000 (1)

Report of J. L. Morley
1st Co. 1st Lt. 1811

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Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

Bledsoe,
(Surname.)

~~Bertie Matthews~~
(Christian name in full.)

1,483,011 ✓
(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co K 141st Inf
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you 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.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Raymond Bledsoe
Star Route Alex Okla

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

max

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Drawn by PF

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Chickadee

3-28-21

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

Date December 9, 1920.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME BLEDSOE, Bertie M.

Serial Number

RANK Private.

ORGANIZATION Co. K, 141st Infantry, 36th Division.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. No. BLEDSOE, Bert, #1483011, Co. K, 141st Inf.
2.	Date of Death.	2. 10/14/18
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Killed in action.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. 387
5.	Date buried.	5. Not given.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Confirmed: Grave No. 12, Plot 1, Amer. 371 Cty. #720, St. Etienne, Ardennes. Disinterred and Reburied 4/12/19. Grave #171, Section 17, Plot 4, Argonne American Cty 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	7.
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	8.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	9. Cross.
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. (a) Yes. (b) Yes.
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Mr. A. L. Bledsoe (Father) Bradley, Oklahoma.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. Yes. 1/13/19, 1/22/20 Rtd 2/17/20
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	13.
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14. D-7190 Released by Information Control Dept.
15.	Inquiry made by?Directory X.....Cards 5x8Cards 4x6
N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.		T/I&A.D.

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1135

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

INVESTIGATION & ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT.
 WAR DEPARTMENT
 OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
 WASHINGTON

Adjustment Made
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G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date December 4, 1920.

File No. 69745

Registration.

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

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

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

- | | | | |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| ✓ a. Surname | BLEDSOE ^{O.K.} | ✓ f. Date of death | 10/14/18 ^{O.K.} |
| ✓ b. Christian name | Bert or Bert M. ^{O.K.} | ✓ g. Cause of death | K/A ^{O.K.} |
| ✓ c. Serial number | 1483011 ^{O.K.} | ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) | 387 ^{O.K.} |
| ✓ d. Organization | Co. K, 141st Inf. ^{O.K.} | ✓ i. Emergency address | Mr. A. L. Bledsoe ^{O.K.}
Bradley, Okla. |
| ✓ e. Rank | Pvt. ^{O.K.} | ✓ j. Relationship | Father. |

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at 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 |

*Bonnely - M. V. Enl. Rec. Sec.
 W-8-3. 12-8-20.*

Return to Mr. Wilson.

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

BY:
 N

H. J. Conner
 H. J. CONNER, ^x

1st Lieut. ~~Captain~~ Q.M.C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
INQUIRY SECTION.

File No. _____

Date 12-1-20

Time _____

TO REGISTRATION SECTION,
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION.

Attention of Mr Good

*Bert Bledsoe or
Bert M. Bledsoe*

FOR VERIFICATION OF

_____	Grave location	_____	Spelling of
_____	(a) original	_____	(a) first name
_____	(b) reburial	_____	(b) last name
_____	Serial number	_____	Date of
_____	File number	_____	(a) death
_____	Organization	_____	(b) burial or reburial
_____	Cause of death	_____	Condition of Body
_____	Emergency Address	_____	Burial of Body
_____	Identification <i>JB</i>	_____	Other burials in same vicinity
_____	Rank	<u><i>M B M</i></u>	

REGISTRATION SECTION
INVESTIGATION SUB-SECTION

Date _____

Time _____

TO INQUIRY SECTION:

Attention of: Supervisor

- _____ No action to be taken by this office.
- _____ REPLY and 109-a to be returned to Inv. & Adj.
- _____ REPLY and return to Inv. & Adj. for investigation.

Examiner

Remarks:
See other side.

File Number 69745,

Date 12-1-20

TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G. R. S.

FROM: INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

NAME: Bledsoe, Bertie M., Serial Number _____

RANK: Pvt. ORGANIZATION: Co. K, 141st Inf.

No.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with records?	(1) no Bledsoe Bertie, Pvt., Co. K, 141st Inf., 1483011.
2.	Date of death.	(2) 10-14-18.
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K-A.
4.	Number of casualty cablegram.	(4) 387.
5.	Date buried.	(5) no record.
6.	Grave location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	(6) Grave #12, Plot 1, Amer. Cty. #720, St. Etienne-a-Arnes Ardennes.
7.	Who reported burial?	Reburied: 4-12-19.
8.	Confirmed by G. R. S.?	Grave 171, Sec. 17, Plot 4, Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.
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) Mr. A. L. Bledsoe (father) Bradley, Okla.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date.)	
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record.)	(12) 1-13-19, 1-22-20 — 107.
14.	What is the photograph number?	(14) D-7190
15.	Inquiry made by.	

RELEASED BY INFORMATION CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

Confirmed.

Unconfirmed.

N. W. L.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON



Bledsoe

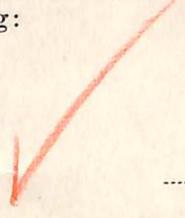
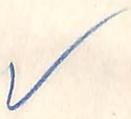
ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY 12-1-20

- Change of Address.
(G. R. S. Form 106.)
- Monument.
(Par. 10, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Discrepancies in Inscription.
(Par. 11, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Personal Effects.
(Par. 13 (a), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)
- Accrued Pay.
(Par. 13 (b), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)
- Maintenance.
(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Liberty Bonds.
(Par. 13 (c), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)
- War Risk Insurance.
Par. 13 (d), Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 111.)
- "Zone of the Interior."
(Par. 5, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Instructions for Disposition of Remains.
(Par. 7, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Photographs.
(Par. 12, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Permanent Burial in—
(a) France.
(G. R. S. Form 106.)
- (b) Other Countries.
- Return of Bodies from—
(a) France.
(Par. 4, Bul. 10-F-W.)
(G. R. S. Form 106.)
- (b) Other Countries.
- Expenses of Shipment.
(Par. 6, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Conveying Bodies from Hoboken.
(Par. 8, Bul. 10-F-W.)
- Permanent Cemeteries.
(Par. 9, Bul. 10-F-W.)

Remarks:

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.



Jew

Analysis Clerk.

Date 11-23-20

Blackman

FOLLOW UP NO 3792

DATE 11/30/20

CTJ 1232

- TO:
1. Inquiry Branch for reply:
 - ~~(a) Forms 124 not necessary.~~
 - (b) Form 124 attached.
 2. Miss Barry (Statistics Group.)
 3. Mrs. Cairns (Supplementary & Corrective Letter Group.)
 4. Miss Critchett (Form 120 Follow-up Group.)
 5. Mr. Good (Investigation and Adjustment Group.)
 6. Mr. Grant (Inquiry Branch.)
 7. Mrs. Landman (Compilation Depot.)
 8. Lieut. Noetzel.
 9. Miss Olenin (Control Group.)
 10. Mr. Peck.
 11. Mrs. Ruth (Compilation Depot.)
 12. Mr. Saxton (Cemeterial Branch.)
 13. Miss Schlegel (Form 124 Group.)
 14. _____

Bledsoe

G. R. S. Form #124
Disposition Status -
OFFICE MEMORANDUM. -

REGISTRATION SECTION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

File No. 69745-
OSPSS Ref. No. 1232
Follow-up No. 3792

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. ¹²³² (furnished by: FS) (date 11-26-20)

Data sent Overseas none
Operations to commence (approx.) —
Operations to be completed (approx.) —
Bodies shipped from European Port —
Bodies arrived at Hoboken — 1483011

II. CASE OF Bledsoe, Bert Pvt Co K 141st Inf

The following information was abstracted (Date) from:

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>FS</u>	<u>yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u>no</u>)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To <u>—</u>		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

ago card

DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father <u>Layfayette Bledsoe</u>			<u>✓</u>	
Mother <u>Star Route</u>				
Brothers <u>Alex, Okla.</u>				
Sisters				

11-26-20

Body to be shipped to —
was shipped (Date) —

REMARKS Qty 1232 Int audited - J.P. 11-26-20

O.R. - H.C.H.

Nov 15th 1920
War Department

The adjutant general's Office

City 1232 Washington, D.C.

not audited
11-26-20 P. M. #8
I am writing you a
gain regard to my son that

that was killed in action in the
world war Oct the 14th 1918

you have a record of it I written
you a bout June the 6th 1919

I so the government shipping them
back to washington if is possible

like have him shipped back
his name was Bert M. Bledsoe

late private of company B 141
Infantry 36 Division

address Lafayette Bledsoe
Star Route, Alex, Okla

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Cemeterial Div., D. O. M. G.
File # 11-26-20 P. M. #8

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Feb the 15th 1919

D Form .004.5 forwarded April 25, 1948

Alex Oklahoma

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Chief of graves registration

Service A. K. O. 717

FILE

American. S. H. France

Please when convenient send me
photograph of my son

Bert^m Bledsoe's grave he was

killed in action October the 14th

he belonged to Co. K. 141. Infantry

36 Division A. K. F

address A. L. Bledsoe

Alex

Oklahoma

April the 18th 1920

Box 21 Star Route
Alet. Ala

Charles C Price Major U.S. Army
Chief Cemeterial Division
Washington, D. C.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., U. S. Army
File # 2938
1920

in regard to the remains of son
Bert Bledsoe Pvt. Co K. 1st

Infantry I have decided to ^{leave} them
remain in France

would ^{like} to have had them home
if I could have got them earlier

but have studied ^{the} matter ~~of~~ ^{over}
and decided it best to leave

him in France but if possible
would like to have the name

and location of the cemetery
where he rests that's one thing

that all ways worried I never
^{could} get any information only the

Bledsoe Bert

he government report that
was killed in action
I wrote the red cross at Washington
D. C. soon as I got the report
They answered by saying they
^{wanted} get all the infirmation they
could get for me but I never
heard from them any more
I wrote concerning his personal
affects and that office said
they didnt recieve any of
his ^{personal} affects so I guess it is
the best any one us can do
so thanking you for past
favors I remain respectfully
yours

Lafayette Bledsoe

5/12/21

Europe advised by proposed cable 295 - To Remain

5/12/21 242

OSPSS Cty. NO. 1262

Sec. 17 case no 14

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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RETURN
TO
WRITER

Mr. A. L. Bledsoe

~~Beaumont, Texas~~

FILE.

69945

Removed
Present address
unknown

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 69745

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLEDSON, Bert ^{(4-4-21) E.M.} Ser. No. 1483011
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 141st Inf. } TYP B
 (c) Date of death 10-14-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 370

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

(a) Grave No. 171 Row - Plot 4 Sec. 17 TYP. B
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. A. L. Bledsoe (father) Bradley, Okla. ^{at (4-4-21) E.M.}

8-W-A confirming 12/4/20 MCH 3-28-21
 III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 CKR. 370

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

*G.P.S. Correspondence - Lafayette Bledsoe (father)
 Star Route, Alex, Oklahoma, 11-15-20,
 requests body of son returned to U. S.
 thereby cancelling request on G.O. Card
 - at 4/8/21*

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

*Section # 17
 par # 1 - To be returned - FD*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., APR 12 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<i>April 18, 1921 Letter</i>	<i>Father Lafayette Bledsoe</i>	<i>To Remain in France</i>	<i>5/12/21 Europe advised by proposed Cable 295 - To Remain 5/12/21 BMS</i>
<i>Let. from Europe per cable</i>	<i>6/20/21 att 11/13/21</i>	<i>states return cancelled</i>	<i>as per cable</i>

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

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: M.V.M.) (date 4/23/21)
Data sent Overseas Body to be returned, Let. Trans. 4/5/21.
Operations to commence (approx.) June 1921
Operations to be completed (approx.) _____
Bodies shipped from European Port _____
Bodies arrived at Hoboken # 1483011

II. CASE OF Bledsoe, Bert Pvt. C.V. 1412 Inf

The following information was abstracted (Date) 4-23-21 from:

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE	Shppg. Inquiry (sent.....)	CLK.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>none</u>	<u>yes</u>	To.....		
A.G.O. Corresp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.					

G.R.S. Corresp. 11/15/20 DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN		REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt. Int.		
Widow				
Children (Name oldest first)				
Father <u>Loufayette Bledsoe</u>				
Mother <u>Star Route</u>				
Brothers <u>Ally</u>				
Sisters <u>Akla</u>				

Advise sent Overseas based on G.R.S. Letter 11/15/20, of Father requests body to U.S.

Body to be shipped to _____
was shipped (Date) _____

REMARKS Chg 1232-17 Audited, 7/11/15 find Not-4/12/21.
Operations begin June 1921
4/23/21 J.R.