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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

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Edwin's sig.

2. OK

MAY 14 1926

DATE 12/17/21

1. NAME **BLEMING, Raymond T**

SERIAL No. **2986495**

RANK **Pvt**

ORGANIZATION **Co. D. 16th Inf. & DIVISION**

GRAVE LOCATION **Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Mont faucon, Meuse, 1232 Sec. 38**

35 Sec. 38
GRAVE

ROW

1
PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

Sommerance, Ardennes

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES **Verdun 35 NE 283.2 N 301.5 E**

CONCENTRATED TO

6/7/19

35

Sec 38

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body.

DATE OF DEATH

Oct 9-1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Mich

data F-1.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

*city of 901 1st Div
Jan 1-1920*

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

ccg.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

Middle name LaRay

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

12/17/21

12
GRAVE

22
ROW

D

Block

Robert C. Davis
Major General
The Adjutant General
By

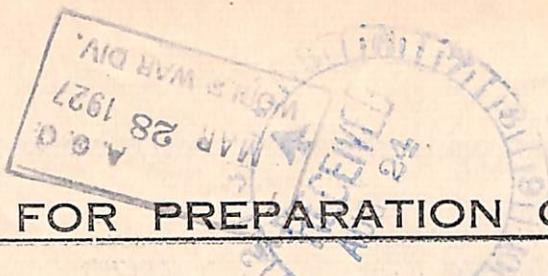
Meuse-Argonne American City. Romagne-sous-Montfaucou (Meuse) 1232
CEMETERY

Received
MAY 20 20
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G. O. M. G.

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MAY 18 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

AUDITED BY
B.W. 4-4



INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form 16, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bleming **2986495** **R.**
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. **D.Co.** **16th Inf.**
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **Oct 12/18**

PLACE OF BURIAL **near Cote De Maids**

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

Hill 272
Bugany 1-20000

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... **Yes**.....

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

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

ING Raymond T. Pvt. 2986495

tion was in action at the Argonne so unfortunate as to be hit by Company was shelled in a wood enemy when the fatal shell hit and killed him instantly. ed by every man of this company, reatest cause ever known, for

, Herman Pvt. 42580
Infantry
, Mont.

REPORTED BY:

Lieut George R. Carpentier
7th Inf. U.S.A.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

rall, Ist Lt.
try, Comdg. Co 1D.

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

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Co D. 16th Infantry
1st Division

BLEMMING Raymond T. Pvt. 2986495

" It was while this organization was in action at the Argonne Forest , France , that this soldier was so unfortunate as to be hit by a shell from an enemy 77 m/m gun . The Company was sheltered in a wood awaiting the command to advance on the enemy when the fatal shell hit in the shelter that Pvt. Blemming occupied and killed him instantly . He was a true and loyal soldier and loved by every man of this company , and died as any soldier would for the greatest cause ever known , for God and Country . "

Informant : Wallenmaier , Herman Pvt. 42580
Co D. 16th Infantry
Home : Valley Town , Mont.

Signed : William Warrall , 1st Lt.
16th Infantry , Comdg. Co 1B.

C.F.

*Blemming, R.L.
Pvt.*

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JUNE 14, 1930

S. S. HARDING

No. 315

Name Mrs Fannie M Blemming
Address 12770 Fournier St.
From Detroit, Mich. To New York and return

Going Route

Penna RR to New York

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Detroit 4:15 PM No. 68 June 12
Ar. New York 9:30 AM No. 68 June 13

Sleeping car from Detroit to New York

Elapsed time 17 Hrs 15 Min

3/4

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Arrived NY 9:30 am June 13th
1108 Lincoln Hotel by Capt. Hanes.

BLEMMING, FANNIE M.
Entered to Room
above

ITINERARY FOR MEDICAL-ARGONNE GROUP

Sailed on the SS PRESIDENT HARDING from Pier 4 Hoboken, N.J. on June 14th -
Captain Paak in charge of Party.

Arrived at Cherbourg some time during the night of June 21-22. Met by Major
Malley, Captains Saulnier, Cohe, Hallett, and Reynolds, Lieutenant Faquet,
Freeman, Marin, Captain Hinderman (MC) Miss Hulon and 5 other nurses and 2
civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 6:25 A.M. arriving at Gare des Invalides
station in Paris at 2:20 P.M. Met by Colonel Ellis and members of his staff, -
also interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel.

June 23rd - Transaction of personal affairs. Left hotel by motor bus at 5 p.m.
and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the tomb of the
Unknown Soldier by Mrs. E. R. Pennill of Virginia who has been selected for the
purpose by members of the party. Then conducted to the Restaurant Laurent where
the usual tea and reception tendered by the U. S. Government was held. Prominent
persons, including Ambassador Edge, were present and spoke to the pilgrims. To
hotel for dinner and to pack for the trip to the cemetery.

June 24th - Departed at 7:16 for Montmirail-Chalons -sur-Marne-St. Manchould
VEEDRE

June 25th - 26th- 27th-28th - Visited Cemetery

June 29th - Visited Cemetery -Sightseeing -Suippes -Reims

June 30th -Sightseeing Reims Cathedral - Lunch at Reims -then to Chateau Thierry
and on to Paris.

July 1st -Visited Fontainebleau and taken on night trip.

July 2nd- A.M. free or shopping -visited Napoleon's Tomb.

July 3rd - Visited Notre Dame -Versailles

July 4th - Visited Sacre Coeur and Louvre, also Serreses American Cemetery.

July 5th- Train left station for Cherbourg at 8:12 P.M. Sailed on the PRESIDENT
ROOSEVELT at 11:30 P.M. Captain R. H. Darrell in charge of Party.

Arrived New York 9:16 a.m. July 15th - Taken to the Madison Hotel - Those who
desired went on a sightseeing trip to Coney Island that evening.

Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming

WAR DEPARTMENT
 PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS
 -- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party 2
 Number 1204

BLEMING, RAYMOND L. — MA.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Fannie H. Blanning

Name of Traveler

Detroit, Wayne County

Home Address

Mich.

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York, to Detroit, Mich.

\$ 638

New York, to Detroit, Mich.

Destination.

Via PENN to coast.

July, 14th, 1930

Date of Departure

Ticket expires - Aug. 12/30

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
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TOTAL

Remarks;:

THRU CLAR

Name..... BLEMING, Mrs Fannie M.

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Home address..... BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN
I2770 Fournier St., Detroit , Wayne County, Michigan

Party..... G..... Group..... I..... Unit S/S HARDING

Date of arrival..... JUNE 22.1930..... Date of departure..... JULY 5.1930 S/S ROOSEVELT

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... BLEMING, Raymond L.

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization..... Co.D, 16th Inf.

Cemetery..... Meuse-Argonne..... Grave I2, Row 22, Block D.

REMARKS



12.

1204

NAME BLEMMING, MRS. FANNIE M.

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUL 13 1930

HOME Detroit
Wayne County, Michigan

R.R. Penn & West

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Aug 12, 1930
910 C

WAR DEPARTMENT
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS
225 WEST 34TH ST. N.Y., N.Y., ROOM 901

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

Blemming, Mrs Fannie M.

May 27, 1930

Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming
12770 Fournier St.
Detroit, Mich.

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer in uniform who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blenning</i>	<i>Ble</i>	3	2 2 5
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
	GRAVE <i>12</i>	2	12
	ROW <i>22</i>	2	22
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	4
STATE	<i>Mich</i>	2	26
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>1</i>	2	01
ORGANIZATION	<i>16</i>	3	016
AFM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARITAL	<i>Unmarried</i>	1	3
NAME <i>Blenning</i>	<i>Ble</i>	3	2 2 5
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Mich.</i>	2	26
	COUNTY <i>Wayne</i>	2	82
	CITY <i>Detroit</i>	3	022
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	1
	<i>Age</i>	1	70

June 14 1930

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OCT 10 1931
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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blemming	3	225
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	12
	ROW	2	22
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	Duch	2	26
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	16	3	016
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME		3	
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	
	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	no	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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NAME Blessing Mrs Fannie M.

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ADDRESS 12770 Fournier St. Wayne Co. Detroit Michigan

DATE _____

TO: OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) Mrs Fannie Blessing

RPB-3-17-30-7M

STATE

Mother MICHIGAN BLESSING, RAYMOND L.
12770 Fournier St
Detroit
NAME BLESSING, MRS. FANNIE M. HOME ADDRESS Wayne County
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs. V. McGinn 12770 Fournier St.
Detroit, Mich.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE June 12 HOTEL Lucifer ROOM NO. 1108

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUN 14 1930 VESSEL S/S HARDING CABIN NO. 110-c
DESTINATION CHERBOURG, FRANCE CEMETERY MEUSE-ARGONNE

WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



ADDRESS	_____
YOUR MAIL	_____
TO	_____
STREET AND	_____
NUMBER	_____

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

RPB-3-17-30-7M

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE ... JUL 13 1930

Mother

NAME ... **Bleming, Mrs. Fannie M.** HOME ADDRESS **12770 Fournier St. Detroit, Mich. Wayne County**

RETURN ON S. S. **S/S. ROOSEVELT** HOTEL **MCALPIN** ROOM NO. **679**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE ... **7/14**

ROAD **Peru** TRAIN **69** CAR **181** BERTH or SEAT **27**

REMARKS

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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



REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926327

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

Post Office Department

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REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927915

INSURED PARCEL

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Return to Q. M. GENERAL
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

1197-c Harding 6/14/30 1232
RETURN RECEIPT

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

1- Franne Blum

(Signature or name of addressee.)

2- Violet Mc Mahon

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5/28, 19230
Form 3811

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1197... RETURN RECEIPT 1232

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

Harding 6/14/30
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(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5/22, 19230
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blemming, Raymond L. 1232M
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs Violet McMahon
Name

12770 Fournier St Detroit Mich
Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
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-C

April 8, 1930.

Blemming, Raymond L. 1252 M

Mrs. Fennie M. Blemming,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Harding
6/14/30
1232

Blemming, Raymond
L.

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. Fannie M. Blemming
(Name)

12770 Fournier St., Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan
(Town or City) (State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1929

*Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming
12770 Fournier St. Detroit - Mich*

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Detroit, Mich.

*Detroit-Mich
Dec. 13th 1929*

War Department-

*In closed
find Blank filled in and
would say my sons widow
has remarried this is the
first-letter we have received*

Respt-

*Mrs Fannie M. Blemming
12770 Fournier
Detroit
Mich.*

Blemming Raymond



#1232

QM 29S A-C
Blemming, Raymond T.

December 11, 1929.

Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming,
12770 Fournier Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 4, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

On August 20, 1929, a copy of the above Act was sent you together with a letter requesting that you advise whether your son, the late Raymond T. Blemming was survived by a widow who had not remarried, her complete address, and if you would make the pilgrimage. To date, no reply has been received to that letter.

In order that your eligibility to make this pilgrimage may be determined, it is requested that you complete and return the attached questionnaire. A copy of the Act is also enclosed.

If your son is survived by a widow who has not remarried, it is requested that you advise her full name and address, as she is eligible to make this pilgrimage providing she has not made a previous visit to her late husband's grave.

Any arrangements any friend or relative desires to make to visit the grave of your son, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France at the same time you make the pilgrimage, must be made by such friend or relative personally. You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit such person to communicate with the steamship company in an effort to secure accommodations on the same boat.

No data has been assembled by this office relative to the probable cost to individuals making the trip at their own expense. It is therefore impossible to advise you what the cost of the trip will be.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

SC:LS
3 Encls.
Quest. - Act. - Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blemming, Raymond L. 1232 M

Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Sailed

JUN 14 1930

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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (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?	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 70 Health (Years) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Good) <input type="checkbox"/> (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <input type="checkbox"/> Other language (Specify language spoken)	

RECEIVED
 DEC 30 1929
 Q. M. G.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

Encl.
Act
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blesning, Raymond T.

August 20, 1929

Mrs. Fennie Blesning,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Mich.

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. Raymond T. Blesning, Co. D. 16th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucou, 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

June 29, 1929.

Blemming, Raymond T.

Mrs. Fannie Blemming,
~~55 State St.~~, 12770 Fourrier St.,
Detroit, Mich.

XC-90101

7-29-3m

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. Raymond T. Blemming, Co.D. 16th 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 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 remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

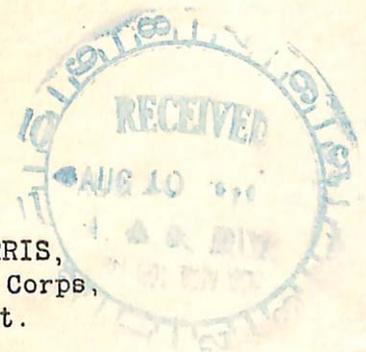
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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John T. Harris

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



Blenning, R. L. 1232 M

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Fannie M. Blenning
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Detroit 4:15 PM No. 68 June 12

Ar. New York 9:30 AM No. 68 June 13

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Blenning, R. L. - 1232

May 21, 1930.

Mrs. Fannie M. Blenning,
12770 Fearnier St.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cometeries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, C. I. Corps,
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO
Blemming, Raymond D. 1232M
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blenning, Raymond L. 1250 M
Harding 6-14

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Fannie M. Blenning,
12770 Mournier Street
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 8, 1930.

Blemming, Raymond L. 1232 M

Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

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

Blemming, Raymond L. 1232-M

March 26, 1930

Mrs. Fannie M. Blemming,
12370 Kearnier St.,
Dear Madam:
Detroit, Michigan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

QM 293 A-C
Blanning, Raymond T.

December 11, 1929.

Mrs. Fannie M. Blanning,
12770 Fournier Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 4, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act of March 2, 1929.

On August 20, 1929, a copy of the above Act was sent you together with a letter requesting that you advise whether your son, the late Raymond T. Blanning was survived by a widow who had not remarried, her complete address, and if you would make the pilgrimage. To date, no reply has been received to that letter.

In order that your eligibility to make this pilgrimage may be determined, it is requested that you complete and return the attached questionnaire. A copy of the Act is also enclosed.

If your son is survived by a widow who has not remarried, it is requested that you advise her full name and address, as she is eligible to make this pilgrimage providing she has not made a previous visit to her late husband's grave.

Any arrangements any friend or relative desires to make to visit the grave of your son, in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France at the same time you make the pilgrimage, must be made by such friend or relative personally. You will be advised the date of your sailing and the name of the vessel far enough in advance, it is believed, to permit such person to communicate with the steamship company in an effort to secure accommodations on the same boat.

No data has been assembled by this office relative to the probable cost to individuals making the trip at their own expense. It is therefore impossible to advise you what the cost of the trip will be.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blesming, Raymond L. 1232 M

Mrs. Fannie M. Blesming,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blanning, Raymond T.
1232

September 10, 1929.

Mrs. Fannie Blanning,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Mich.

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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blenning, Raymond T.

August 20, 1929

**Mrs. Fannie Blenning,
12770 Fournier St.,
Detroit, Mich.**

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. Raymond T. Blenning, Co. D, 16th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty, Remagen-sous-Montfaucou, 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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 1929.

Blanning, Raymond T.

Mrs. Fannie Blanning,
55 Stair St.,
Detroit, Mich.

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. Raymond T. Blanning, Co. D, 16th 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 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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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 21, 1923.

Mrs. Fannie Blemming,
55 Stair St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Raymond T. Blemming, Company D, 16th Infantry, is Grave 12, Row 22, Block D, 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 headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

H. S. Conner
H. S. Conner, *r*
Assistant.

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293 Blemming, Raymond T.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DO NOT REMAIN IN THIS ENVELOPE OR WRAPPER AGAIN

Mrs. Fannie Manning
55 Stair St.
Detroit, Mich.

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In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 21, 1925.

Mrs. Bonnie Blomming,
55 Btair St.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

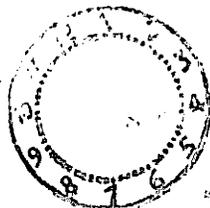
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This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and 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.

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Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



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Detroit Mich
Jan 3-1919

Graves Registration Service:-

Dear Sir:-

We have had official notice that Private Raymond Le Roy Blemming was killed in action Oct 9. We are unable to get further information about him. He was in the 85th Div but when arriving overseas he was transferred to Co D 16 Infantry. Have you got him listed on your records as dead. We certainly will appreciate your kind attention to this matter.

Yours Truly.

Mrs Fannie Blemming
55 Stair St.
Detroit Mich

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

Burial information for the American Red Cross.
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Soldier's name : **Blenning Raymond T. (2986495)**
Rank : **Private**
Organization : **Co. D., 16th Inf.**
Date of Death : **10-9-18**
Place of Burial : **Commune of Jametz, Department
of the Meuse.**

UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION

Reference number : **43718**

(All communications regarding this Grave location should quote the above reference number and be addressed to : -
Chief, Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply
Office of the Chief Quartermaster
American E. F. .
France.)

CHARLES C. PIERCE

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

Bureau of Communication for Mrs. L. G. Bradley, 247
Willbridge Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Paris.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

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Remains of :

NAME: BLENDING, Raymond
RANK: Unkn

NUMBER: 2986495
ORGANIZATION: Unkn

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERRED (Date):
7 June 1919

FROM: (Give complete location)
Isolated Gravy FLEVILLE ARDENNES
35 NE E 301.5 N 283.2

REBURIED (Date):
7 June 1919

IN: (Give complete location)
Grave #35 Sec. 38 Plot 1

1232

Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Burial good, buried in uniform. Body decomposed.

Was any identification tag found upon the body? No

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

UNCLASSIFIED No. D. 1070

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Note: If, upon disinterment, effects are found on bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot, direct, as is required by G. C. 270, G.H. 2, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Capt. Edwards.

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bleming (Surname.) 6405 (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. D. Co. 2nd Inf. (Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 21

PLACE OF BURIAL near base of ridge

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

Hill 272

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GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? X

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:

CMME. Jametz (Munze)
255 35 NE COORD E. 331.7
255 N. 293.9

REPORTED BY: Sgt. Lieut. George R. Carpentier
2nd Inf. U.S.A.

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Communal List No. _____

Daily Report No. _____

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

March 5, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mrs. Fannie Blennings, 55 Stair Street, Detroit, Michigan.
SUBJECT: Private Raymond J. Blennings, Co. D. 16th Inf.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in COMMUNE of JAMBLE, in the DEPARTMENT of the MEUSE. This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took place in the commune above named. The records here show that Private Blennings was killed in action October 9, 1918.

By direction

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

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/im.



Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

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G. R. S. Corr

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Checkers

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Name

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Remarks

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 43718 ✓

(a) Name BLEMING, Raymond T. Ser. No. 2986495
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization CO. D, 16th Inf. } TYP. IBM
 (c) Date of death 10-9-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } CKR. 13. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 35 Row ----- Plot 1 Sec. 38 TYP. IBM
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Fannie Blemming (mother), 53 Stair St., Detroit, Mich.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying in France~~ CKR. 13. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: 1-3-19 Mrs. Fannie Blemming (mother)

55 Stair St., Detroit, Mich. wishes to know if son is listed
on records as dead?

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes P.L.

Examiner's Initials P.L. Date 4-29-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 1232-Sec. 38 SHEET NO. 12

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. B. J.

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
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Sec. 38 **PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** AP.

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VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

Place Romagne Sous-Montfaucon

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec. 16, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLEMING RAYMOND T. SERIAL NUMBER 2986495
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., 4, 16th Inf.

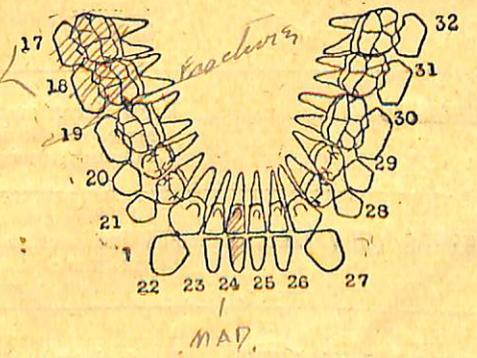
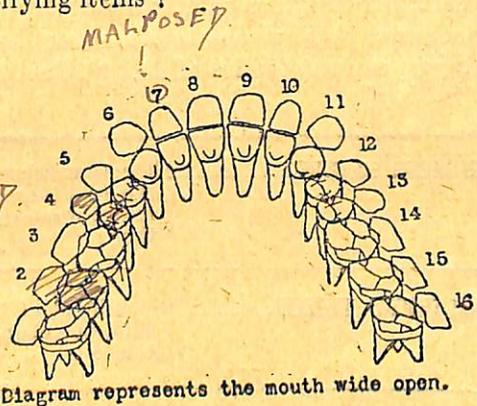
2. Disinterred (date): Dec. 16, 1921. From (give complete location):
Gr. 35 sec 38 pt 1 Cem., #1232.
By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec 17, 1921, Grave 12, Block D, Row 22, Cemetery 1232. In (give complete location):
By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
decomposed unrecognizable. uniform, burlap and box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
body tag reads: "XXXX Ra - - ond Bleming 2986495.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to det.
(b) Weight (estimated) do
(c) Hair—Color do MAA7
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) one visible
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) lower jaw fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by H. H. Foster Approved: F. B. Daniel Capt. OMC (Title)
8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault concentration Approved: James W. Younger Captain O.M.C. (Title)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

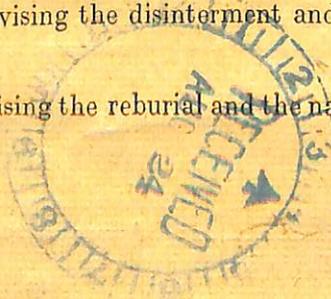
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<p>MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	
<p>DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

CHIEF OF BUREAU
GENERAL INVESTIGATOR

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BLEMING, Raymond T

10. Name

2. No. 2986495

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. D. 16th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 9 - 19

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 35 Sec. 38

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse Arg. Amer

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 38

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 16 1921

By H H Foster.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Raymond T Blemming

29 86495

Rank Pvt

Serial No. Co D 16 Inf

Organization

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

John H. Crawford
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

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

Body tag reads RA-----OND, Blemming, 2986495

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and box

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 16 1921 By H H Foster.

31. Casket sealed by

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor H H Foster.

ADMITTED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18489

32. Designation of body:

Name Raymond T. BIEMMING Serial No. 2986495

Rank Pvt Organization Co.D.16th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 16 1921 By H H Foster.

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 B Daniel
F B Daniel Capt USA

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 16 1921 cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne (Name J. Gerald Cole)

Convoyer W. J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer (Name) Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232, Dec. 17, 1921.

42. Grave No. 12 (Date) Section

43. ~~1166~~ Block D Row 22

FR

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
James W. Younger,
Captain Q.M.C.

PFB

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

FILE NUMBER

FROM:- A. R. C.

DATE: 2/6/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BLEMMINGS, RAYMOND L. NUMBER:RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 16th INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) Raymond T. Blemming 2936495 Pvt. Co. D. 16th. Infantry.
✓ 2.	Date of Death	2) October 9, 1918.
✓ 3.	Cause and place of death	3) Killed in action
✓ 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	4) C.C.# 305
5.	Date buried	
✓ 6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(5) Grave No. none Grave # 255 Janetz (Meuse) SHP 35 N.E. E. 351.7 N. 293,9 C.L. 255-622
7.	Who reported burial	
✓ 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ No ✓
✓ 9.	Report as to Grave Marker	(9) Grave Marker Cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) February 6, 1919
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the photograph No.?	GBL/
	M.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.	

RAY
2/15/19

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

FILE NUMBER 43718

FROM:- A. P. E.

DATE: 3/8/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BLEMING, RAYMOND L, NUMBER

RANK PVT, ORGANIZATION Co, D, 16th INF.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) BLEMING 2986495 RAYMOND T. PVT Co D 16th INF.
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 10-9-18
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) K/A
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	(4) #305
5.	Date buried.	(5) 10-12-18
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	(6) CMM 255 JAMETZ (Meuse) SHT 35 N.E, E 331.7 N. 293.9.
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	(8) No
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) GRAVE MARKER. CROSS.
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	(10) ONE TAG BURIED WITH BODY ONE TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER.
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) 0
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No?	

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS. EVIT



Graves Registration Service, APO 717,

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Paris,.....:.....:.....:

Name of Soldier: Raymond L. Blemming,

Rank: Pvt.

Company: D

Regiment: 16th Inf.

Forward Burial Report to
"Bureau of Communication" for
Enquirer - Mrs. L.C. Bradley,
247 Lillibridge Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Burial report required for Paris.