

OPINION

May 16, 1922 1922

CASE OF BLEVINS, 100695, Basil B, Pvt. Co. D, 168th Infantry.

GRAVE 138, Section J, Plot 3, Cty. 608, reburied same grave.

DECISION That body is that of Pvt. Basil B. Blevins.

DENTAL CHART

Date of Enlistment		Report on Disinterment			
A.G.O.	Dental Work	Emergency Address	Missing B.D.	Dental Work	Miss A.D.
Missing		Dental Work	None		
U.R.		No report			
None					
U.L.			None		
None					
L.R.			None		
None					
L.L.			None		
None					

Above discrepancies can be accounted for as follows:
No discrepancies.

BODY DESCRIPTION

A.G.O. Report	E/A Report	Report on Disinterment
Height 5ft. 9 ins.		Impossible to determine.
Weight 137 1/2 lbs.		Impossible to determine.
Hair brown	No report.	Impossible to determine.
Fractures None		Impossible to determine.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

Found on Body

Found on Cross

No

Yes

OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS

Found on Body

None

ORIGINAL BURIAL DATA

Body in this Grave concentrated from Presumably from Cty. 566. Board of Review Case. This man reported buried originally ~~Gr. 53, Cty. 566.~~ Gr. 53, Cty. 566. Organizations of other men buried around original location ~~at~~ 167th Infantry men.

→ Nothing to disprove identity (See other side). *Don A. Blevins*
Investigator

Concur: *Snowheller*

APPROVED: *Chas. W. Higgins* 5/27/22

Board of Review proceedings give the following:

"In grave #138, under the marker of Pvt. Basil B. Blevins, Co. D, 168th Inf. body was found bearing no means of identification and was reburied as Pvt. Blevins. Due to the irregularities existing in graves 137, 139, 141, identity in this case cannot be safely assumed without more thorough comparison of original burial records and teeth chart."

The body of Pvt. Blevins is to remain in Europe.

LB
INVESTIGATOR.

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Adjustment Made
File No. 21 1920

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

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

Date 12/13/20

File No. 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 ^{O.K.} Blevins
- ✓ b. Christian name ~~Basil D.~~ ^{O.K.} or (Basil B.)
- ✓ c. Serial Number 100695 ^{O.K.}
- ✓ d. Organization ^{O.K.} Co. D. 168th Inf.
- ✓ e. Rank ^{O.K.} Private
- ✓ f. Date of death ^{determined O.K.} 7/26/18
- ✓ g. Cause of death K/A ^{O.K.}
- ✓ h. Authority (C.O.#) 252
- ✓ i. Emergency address ^{O.K.} C. L Blevins
Summeston, Iowa
- ✓ j. Relationship father

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #3 of the Service Record)

- ✓ a. Age of enlistment 2 1/2 yrs 11 mo
- ✓ b. Color of eyes grey
- ✓ c. Color of hair brown
- ✓ d. Height 5 ft 9 inches
- ✓ e. Weight 137 1/2 lbs.
- ✓ f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks) none shown

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							

none missing

FILE

Was he ever a member of any other organization?

Co D. 3rd Inf Iowa N Yk.

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

Honnelly BOP
Pl. 1-8-22

BY: *[Signature]*
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.G.

B. Jones

CEMETERY NO: 608

SHEET NO: 266

TYPED BY: GAB

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Archives Branch, A. G. O.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
Hoboken, N.J.

Feb. 9, 1921 1921.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Blevins, Basil B. Ser. No. 100695
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 168th Inf.
Cemetery No. 608 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 266

Request shown below dated Feb. 5, 1921 is latest in this case:

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>Return to</u>	<u>Remain in</u>	<u>Special</u>
Widow <u>None</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>C. L. Blevins (Promise City, Iowa)</u>			
Mother _____			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body ~~to be shipped to~~ for interment in: a permanent Amer. cty.

R. E. SHANNON,
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER,
Capt., Quartermaster Corps,

1 inclosure.

Cable Letter Feb. 15, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Hoboken, N. J.

FEB 1 1921

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

To: Mr. C. L. Blevins, ^{Promise City} ~~Humeston~~, Iowa.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Basil E. Blevins, Ser. No. 100695, Co. D, 168th Inf.
Mrs. Mary L. Blevins, ^{Promise City} ~~Humeston~~, Iowa, has

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 delivered to her at Humeston, Iowa.

Remain in Europe

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.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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? No.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father	Mr. C. L. Blevins,	Promise City, Iowa.	
Mother	Mrs. Mary L. Blevins,	" "	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 Gail Blevins,	" "	
	2	" "	
	3	" "	
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 Elsie Blevins,	" "	
	2 Gladys "	" "	
	3 Mable "	" "	

FEB 15 1921 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM TO "EUROPE" TO REMAIN. 2/15/21 MFG

Signature C. L. Blevins
Relationship Father.

Date Feb. 5, 1921.
Address Promise City, Iowa.

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Promise City, Ia. Feb. 5, 1921.

I, the undersigned, am the father (Relationship.) and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz: that the body remain in Europe. (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 E. L. Blair



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING 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.

FEBRUARY 10, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Com.Div., Cor.Branch.
(BLEVINS, Basil B.)

Mr. C. L. Blevins,
Promise City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of executed shipping inquiry dated February 5, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late Basil B. Blevins, Private, Serial No. 100695, Company D, 168th Infantry, is acknowledged.

You are advised that your request that the remains of your late son be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery will be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General,

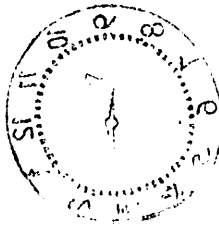
R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

F. C. PALLES,
Executive Assistant.

MAILED
FEB 11 1921
COR BR. G. R. S.

RECEIVED



G. R. S.
FEB 13 1921

FEBRUARY 10, 1921.

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R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

FF:LLK

By:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant. 



May 10th, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blévin^s
1929 N. Larrabee Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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. U.S. CORPS.
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags

arrived ny 5:40 PM - May 20
Train 8 - NYC
Capt Frank

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Blevins	BLE	3	2 2 5
BURIED	Basil B	CEMETERY 608	1	2
		GRAVE 36	2	36
		ROW 20	2	20
		BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Jowa		2	16
RANK	Prst		1	2
DIVISION	42		2	42
ORGANIZATION	168		3	168
ARM	Inf		1	1
MARTIAL	no		1	2
NAME	Blevins	Blev	3	2 2 5
RESIDENCE	Mrs. Mary	STATE Illinois	2	13
		COUNTY Cook	2	16
		CITY Chicago	3	0 2 8
RELATION	father		1	1
OTHER	1918		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes		1	R
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH	yes		1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH	Good		1	
NO. OF SONS			1	
DATE OF TRIP		MO.	1	
		YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	age	yes	1	2
				56

ASB

Audited
OCT 8 1931
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*Blevins, Basil B.
P.T.*

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

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

FILE No.

No. 211

From Chicago, Ill. To New York and return
Name Mrs Mary Blevins
Address 1929 North Larabee St.

Route

GT to Suspension Bridge
LV to New York

Train Schedule

Lv. Chicago 12:45 PM No. 8 May 19
Ar. New York 5:45 PM No. 8 May 20

Sleeping car from Chicago to New York

Elapsed time 29 Hrs *1 1/4*

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Party "D" - Itinerary - Oise-Aisne Group

Sailed May 21st on GEORGE WASHINGTON. Maj. F. D. Carlock in charge. General Cheatham accompanied as observer.

Arrived Cherbourg 11.30 pm, May 29th.

May 30th. Debarked. Maj. Dailey, Capt. Kinderman, Lt. Freeman, 9 nurses and other personnel went out to ship on tender. Met at dock by Col. Ellis. Arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, at 2.05pm. Met by Col. Bartlett and detail of officers, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel in bus.

May 31st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Visited Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Official wreath laid for party by Mrs. Eliza Wilson. Reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel.

June 1st. Morning free. Departed 1:40 pm for La Ferte and Soissons.

June 3rd. Visited Oise-Aisne Cemetery.

June 4th. Visited cemetery and Reims.

June 5th. Visited Reims Cathedral, departed via Chemin-des-Dames. Soissons - Compeigne.

June 6th. Visited Carrefour de l'Armistice - Compeigne - Chantilly - Returned to Paris.

June 7th. Visited Notre-Dame in morning and Versailles and Belle Cycliste in afternoon.

June 8th. Free - Church. Visited Sacre Coeur at nite.

June 9th. Morning free. Napoleons Tomb in afternoon.

June 10th Left hotel between 9 and 9.30am for Invalides Railway Station in Paris-entrained for Cherbourg. Accompanied by 8 conducting officers, Capt. Kinderman, 3 nurses, 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg 4.11 pm. Boarded PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT at 5.05 pm. Sailed at 6 pm. Arrived U. S. June 18th.

Mrs. Mary Blevins

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

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

Party "D"
 Number 530

BLEVINS, BASIL B. — O.A.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Mary Blevins
 Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Chicago, Cook County
 Home Address

New York, to Chicago

Ill

\$ 9.00

New York, to Chicago
 Destination.

Via I. V. TO SUSP. BR. G. T. TO DEST.

June 19, 1930
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV	<u>NY</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6/19</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>251</u>		<u>9.00</u>
AR	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>			<u>Wg-1020628</u>	
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TOTAL 9.00

Remarks: :

Extra FARE

1.20

Count - Copy checked

Date June 2, 19REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Basil B. BlevinsNumber: 100695Rank: Pvt.

Organization:

Co.D. 168th. Inf.Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit 304Disinterred (Date) June 2/19 From: (Give complete location)Grave ~~#####~~ 53 Cem.#566Reburied (Date) June 2/19 in: (Give complete location)Grave # 138 Sec. J Plot.#³1. Cem.#608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)Map #3.3 Soissons. SE

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

Buried 4 feet deep--- Body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on crossWhat other means of identification were found upon the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O.170, G.H.Q., 1918, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cpl F. Davidson1st. Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.C.O. Group Unit 304

CONTINUED No. D

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blivins *100693* *Basil B.*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Capt. C. D. 168 Inf.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *7-28-18*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Quadrant B. 7 Map*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER *149*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
Was one buried with body?
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY: *W. E. Roll*
Witch, Chap's 168 Inf.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

QM 293 A-M
Blevins, Basil B. 608 M.

July 9, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 Larrabee Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to have your letter of July 1, 1930, in which you express your appreciation of the pilgrimage you have recently made to the grave of your son, the late Basil B. Blevins in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you were pleased with the fine condition in which you found the cemeteries. I can assure you that the cemeteries in Europe will always be maintained in the same manner you found them, since it always has been and will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

Your inquiry relative to compensation has been referred to the U. S. Veterans Bureau as a matter pertaining to that office. You will no doubt receive a reply to your inquiry within a reasonable length of time.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments you expressed, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

bb

David B. Blewins
608
copy furnished
Sec. of War
7-8-30

July 1 1930

1929 Larrabee St Chicago Ill
Mr. A. D. Hughes

I am one of the gold star matters just returned from camp and I assure you I had a wonderful trip thanks to our government. everything was far from my expectations. The cemeteries are just beautiful. I think if some of our low breakers would just see and know what our government has done for our boys who gave their lives to protect them they certainly would have more respect for such a government than to do the things some do. for my self I can't find words to express my gratitude for such a wonderful trip.

Mr. Hughes I wanted to say this much of my trip there is also a matter reason I am willing to see if you can give me any information. you see it is & this I talked to quite a number of ladies who are getting there boys insurance also twenty dollars per month

compensation. I dont get either one
 my boy wrote me he had his insurance
 made out to me. and the government
 also wrote me first it was made
 to me and. Then in a few days they
 wrote again it was made to his
 father. So they sent it to him.

I tried they to get something for my
 self but I did not get anything
 it didnt matter so much at that
 time but for the last eight years
~~it~~ I certainly have had a hard
 time I know there are matters getting
 compensation that dont need it half
 so bad as I ~~to~~ twenty dollars a month
 would certainly mean a lot to me if I
 did not need it I certainly would not try to
 get it or ask for it would you please
 write me if there is the least chance for
 me to get it or and how to go about
 it to get it I certainly would
 appreciate all information
 plus and

Yours Resp Bro Mary Blewino

Elvins, Basil B. 608 M

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Mary Elvins
1929 N. Larrabee St.
Chicago, Illinois

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. Chicago G T No. 8 12:45 PM May 19

Ar. New York L V No. 8 5:45 PM May 20

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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blevins, Basil B. 608M

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 N. Larrabee St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 315077 in the amount of \$12.50, to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 5, 1930.

Blevins, Basil B. 608 M

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 N. Larrabee St.,
Chicago, Ill.

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.

Night Letter

Washington, D. C., April 1, 1930.

MRS. MARY BLEVINS,
1929 N. LARRABEE,
SEYMOUR, IOWA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTY ONE NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 110 GSM

DeWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

ADH
ADH
JTH

QM 293 A-C Blevins, Basil B.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blevins, Basil B. 608-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 N. Larrabee,
Seymour, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

In the event no reply is received from you before April 5, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blevins, Basil B. 608 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Blevins, ^{in A.}
1929 N. Larrabee,
~~Seymour, Iowa.~~ Chicago, Ill.

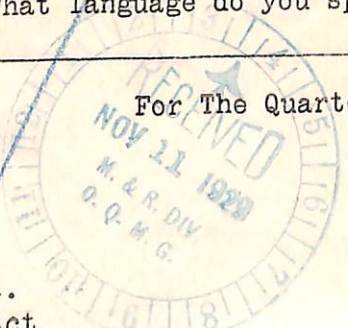
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Dear Madam:

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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No) <i>yes</i>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>no</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age Health (Years) <i>56</i> (Good) <i>good</i> (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>yes</i> (No) Other language _____ (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris
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

Blevins, Basil B.
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Sept. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
Seymour, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 30, 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:

no

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.

*Mrs. Mary Blevins
1929 N. Larrabee
mother*

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

yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blevins, Basil B.

July 30, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
Seymour, Iowa.

*1929 N Iowa
Lanabell, Iowa*

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Basil B. Blevins, Co. D, 168th Inf., 42nd Division, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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
Blevins, Basil B.

June 21, 1929.

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Mrs. Mary L. Blevins,
Promise City, Ia.

Mother:

Mrs. Mary Blevins
Seymour, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Basil B. Blevins, Co. D, 168th Inf., 42nd Division, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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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Envelope.

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



QM 293 A-M
Blevins, Basil B. 608 M.

July 9, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 Larrabee Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to have your letter of July 1, 1930, in which you express your appreciation of the pilgrimage you have recently made to the grave of your son, the late Basil B. Blevins in the Oise Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that you were pleased with the fine condition in which you found the cemeteries. I can assure you that the cemeteries in Europe will always be maintained in the same manner you found them, since it always has been and will continue to be the constant effort of the Quartermaster Corps to make these cemeteries fitting resting places for the heroes who are buried in them.

Your inquiry relative to compensation has been referred to the U. S. Veterans Bureau as a matter pertaining to that office. You will no doubt receive a reply to your inquiry within a reasonable length of time.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments you expressed, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DeWITT,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General.

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July 9, 1930.

QM 293 A-M
Blevins, Basil B. 608 M

SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: The Director, United States Veterans Bureau, Washington,
District of Columbia.

1. There is enclosed a copy of a letter from Mrs. Mary Blevins, mother of the late Basil B. Blevins, for attention to so much thereto as pertains to your office.

2. Mrs. Blevins has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General.

Enclosures:
Copy of letter

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

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Blevins, Basil B. 608 M.

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blevins
1929 N. Larrabee St.
Chicago, Illinois

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. Chicago G T No. 8 12:45 PM May 19

Ar. New York L V No. 8 5:45 PM May 20

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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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 5, 1930.

Blevins, Basil B. 608 H

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 N. Larrabee St.,
Chicago, Ill.

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.

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Night Letter

Washington, D. C., April 1, 1930.

MRS. MARY BLEVINS,
1929 N. LARRABEE,
SEYMOUR, IOWA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTY ONE NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 110 GSM

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QM 293 A-C Blevins, Basil B.



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Night Letter

Washington, D. C., April 1, 1980.

MRS. MARY BLAVINS,
1929 W. LARSEN,
SEYMOUR, IOWA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY TWENTY ONE NOT RECEIVED STOP
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WITH ANSWER 110 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 292 A-C Blavins, Basil B.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blevins, Basil B. 608-M

March 24, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 N. Larrabee,
Seymour, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

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

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

In the event no reply is received from you before April 5, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blevins, Basil B. 609-M

March 21, 1930

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 N. Larrabee,
Seymour, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1929.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blevins, Basil B. 608 M

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
1929 N. Larrabee,
Seymour, Iowa.

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

Blevins, Basil B.
608

Sept. 12, 1929.

Mrs. Mary Blevins,
Seymour, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated July 30, 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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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blevins, Basil B.

July 30, 1929.

**Mrs. Mary Blevins,
Seymour, Iowa.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Basil B. Blevins, Co. D, 166th Inf., 42nd Division, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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 21, 1929.

Blevins, Basil B.

**Mrs. Mary B. Blevins,
Promise City, Ia.**

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Basil B. Blevins, Co. D, 168th Inf., 42nd Division, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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 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,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

QM 293 A-C

BLEVINS, Basil B. - Pvt.

October 26, 1925

Mr. C.L. Blevins,
Promise City,
Iowa.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

L.W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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Record card.

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Co. D., 168th. Inf.
42nd. Div.

BLEVINS, Basil B. - Pvt. IO0695
Home: Humeston, Ia.

Pvt. Basil B. Blevins, IO0695, killed in action July 26,
1918, near Red Cross Farm, Chateau-Thierry Salient.

Pvt. Blevins, while making good use of his auto-rifle on
the Chateau-Thierry drive, was instantly killed by machine gun
bullet. Buried by Chaplain Robb, 168th. Inf. Grave No. I4. G.
Map of Condé-en-Brie.

Informant: Hanrahan, Yrean - Sgt. IO0726
Co. D., 168th. Inf.
Home: Centerville, Iowa.

Signed: Paul C. Davis - Sgt.
Co. D., 168th. Inf.

Emergency address:
Ed. Blevins,
Humeston, Ia.

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Blevins, Basil B (Christian name in full.) 100,695 (Arrival serial number.)
Pvt Co D 168th Inf (Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Mother

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

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

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

Mrs Mary L. Blevins, Humeston Ia Humeston
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

HUMESTON, IOWA
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Mrs Mary L. Blevins

Rfd #2 (Number and street or rural route.) PROMISE CITY (Post office.) IOWA
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(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5-8- 1930

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1930

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Date of delivery, 5-14-, 1930

NAME Blevins, Mrs Mary D
ADDRESS 1929 N. Larrabee St. Chicago, Illinois
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 Mary Blevins

RPB-3-17-30-7M

STATE

Blevins, Basil B

ILLINOIS

BLEVINS, BASIL B.

1929 N. Larrabee St.
Chicago
Cook County

Mother
NAME Blevins, Mrs. Mary HOME ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mr. C. Blevens 929 Larabee St.
Chicago, Ill

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE 5/20/30 HOTEL McAlpin ROOM NO. 667

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE May 21st, 1930 VESSEL S/S "Washington" CABIN NO. 413 ALV

DESTINATION Cherbourg, France CEMETERY Oise-Aisne

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

RPB-3-17-30-7M

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RETURN NEW YORK

DATE *JUN 18 1930*

NAME *Belovins, Mrs Mary* HOME ADDRESS *1929 N. Lawrence St. Cook County Chicago, Illinois*
RETURN ON S. S. *S/S ROOSEVELT* HOTEL *CALPIN* ROOM NO. *673*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *6/19*
ROAD *Lv* TRAIN *3* CAR *251* BERTH or SEAT *Lv*

REMARKS

Name..... BLEVINS, Mrs. Mary

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL LUTETIA
BOULEVARD RASPAIL

Home address..... 1929 N. Larrabee, Seymour, Cherokee County, Iowa

Party..... D..... Group..... 2..... Unit..... S.S. WASHINGTON

Date of arrival..... May, 30 1930..... Date of departure..... S.S. ROOSEVELT-June 10-1930

Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... BLEVINS, Basil B.

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization..... Co. D, 168th Inf.

Cemetery..... Oise-Aisne

REMARKS



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G.R.S. Form #14-B

To The A. G. O.

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JAN 7 - 1926

FULL NAME BLEVINS, Basil B. ✓

RANK Private ✓

SERIAL 100695 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Company D, 168th Infantry ✓ 42 ✓

DATE OF DEATH.....

July 26, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.....

Iowa ✓

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED:

Not of record ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

Date

Grave

Row

Block

608

Cemetery

mother

Rec'd World War Div.
MAR 12 1928

A. G. O.
7 1926
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1918-29*

Robert O. Davis,
Major General
The Adjutant General
AUDITED BY
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23/306/ARK

*Iowa 7/3
1-9-26*

Signal Corps, United States Army

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Room 3441, Munitions Building,
Washington, D. C.

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Apr 1st

OM 293 A-C Blevins, Basil B.

293 - Blevins - Basil B.

Reversed Attached



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FIELD RECORD.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bleoins 100695 Basil B. (Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Private Co. B, 168th Inf. (Rank) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL Approximately Aug. 5/18. Reburied Battlefield Cemetery 8/11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Battlefield Cemetery in Foret de Pere. (Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Battlefield Cemetery 1/8 kilometer west of La Croix Rouge Fme. Conde-en-Brie Map 1:20000 at cross-point of coordinates 267.90 - 192.60 335E

Cmme Feil en Tardenois Field sketch No. 4-Wynne.

GRAVE NUMBER 53 Row C.

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:

Killed in action.

REPORTED BY: Charles J. Wynne, 2nd Lt. Inf. U.S.A. Com'd'g. Group #1 Unit 304 Graves Reg. Ser. (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blivins 100695 Basil B. (Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

1st Lt. Co. D. 168th Inf. (Rank) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL 7-28-18

PLACE OF BURIAL Conde-en-Brie Map. (Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

Cmme Bernades-49N6

E 192.55 @ 267.55

GRAVE NUMBER 148

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle? None

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: (58) SIT 49N6 (COORD 6-192.55)

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY: W.E. Rollins (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF *Rcu.*

ALURIN. 100695 Basil B.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. Co. D. 168th Infantry
(Rank). (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Near Red Cross Farm

Chateau Thierry

CAUSE OF DEATH: Machine Gun

DATE OF BURIAL: 28. July 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

Place: 5½ kilos East & 2½ North

of Epieds. Map of Conde-en-Brie

GRAVE NUMBER: # 14-b

HOW MARKED: Name 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? *(disne)*

53 33 S.E. *Person Tardenois*

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mr. C. L. Blevins

ADDRESS: Humeston, Iowa

RELATIONSHIP: father

REPORTED BY:

W. Frase
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Correct name of this man
is Blevins, 100695, Basil B. pvt



Entered on list

France

B L E V I N S, Basil B.

Private Co. D, 168th Infantry.

Killed in action, March 20, 1918.
Sub. Par. A.A. Cable #252.

G.R.S. FORM NO. 12

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL
TO : C.O., Co. "D", 168th Infantry
SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.

26 MARS 1918

G. H. Q. A. F.

Note: *Stat* 26 MAR 1918
G. H. Q. A. F.

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Mr C. L. Blevins

Relationship: **father**

Address: **Humeston, Iowa**

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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NAME BLEVINS, MRS. MARY

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUN 19 1930

HOME CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

R.R. *2 U S Exp Box - GT to desk*

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **5.16.21**

1. REMAINS OF **BLEVINS, BAZIL B.** SERIAL NUMBER **100695**
RANK **PVT** ORGANIZATION **CO. D. 168th. Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date): **5.16.21** From (give complete location): **Gr. 158th. Sec. J. Pt. 3**

By: Group **Kelly** Unit **FIELD SECTION # 7**

3. Reburied (date): **5.16.21** In (give complete location): **Gr. 158th. Sec. J. Pt. 3**

By: Group **Kelly** Unit **FIELD SECTION # 7** Nature of reburial **HB BURBAP & PINE BOX**

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
BADLY DECOMPOSED **FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE**
Uniform, burlap and pine box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **NO** On grave marker? **YES**

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
NONE

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

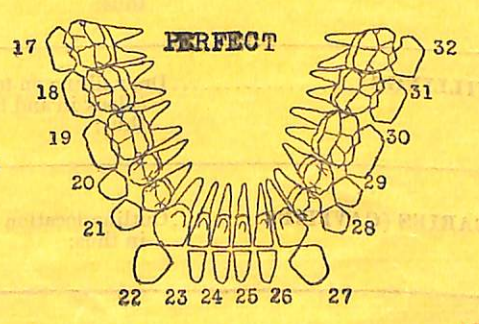
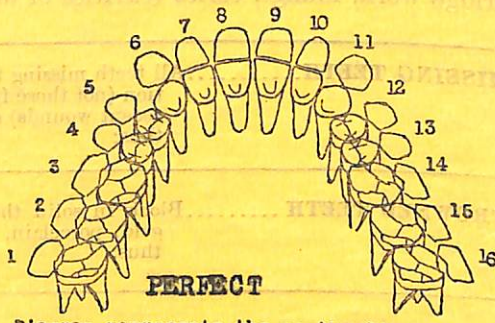
(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location _____

Quantity _____

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) **IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE**

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



Both legs fractured above the knee, head shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by **F. G. KELLY, SUP. EMB.** Approved: **A. E. DEWEY, 1st. LT. QMC.**

8. Reburial supervised by **F. G. KELLY, SUP. EMB.** Approved: **A. E. DEWEY, 1st. LT. QMC.**

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

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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.

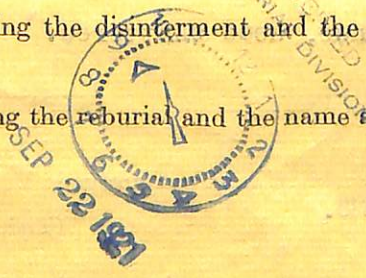
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There 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 align="center">TOOTH MISSING TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p>CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:</p>	 <p align="center">GOLD CROWN PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<p>BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:</p>	 <p align="center">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p>FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:</p>	 <p align="center">SILVER FILLING GOLD FILLING</p> <p align="center">GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING</p>
<p>CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:</p>	 <p align="center">CAVITY DECAYED DECAYED</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."

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.



Place SANGES ET NESLES (AISNE)
CTY 600

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 5.16.21

1. REMAINS OF BISVIUS, BAZIL B. SERIAL NUMBER 100695

RANK PVT ORGANIZATION Co. D. 168th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): 5.16.21 From (give complete location): Gr. 138th. Sec. J. Pt. 3

By: Group Kelly Unit FIELD SECTION # 7

3. Reburied (date): 5.16.21 In (give complete location): Gr. 138th. Sec. J. Pt. 3

By: Group Kelly Unit FIELD SECTION # 7 Nature of reburial MB BURBAP & PINE BOX

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE
Uniform, burlap and pine box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? NO On grave marker? YES

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
NONE

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

Location _____

Quantity _____

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

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

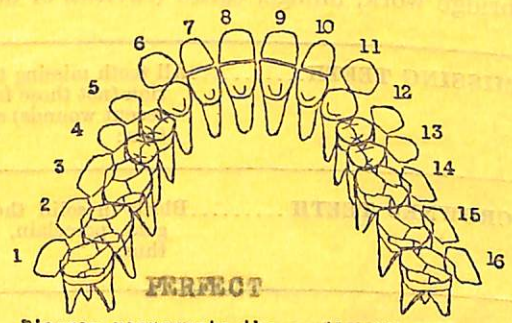
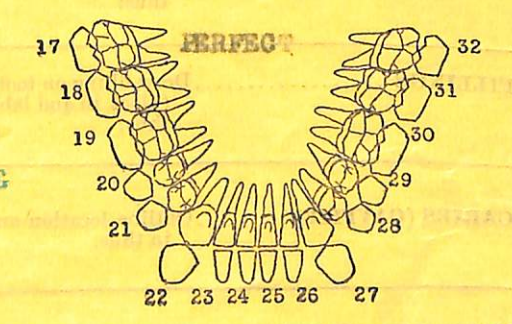


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



Both legs fractured above the knee, head shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by F. G. Kelly Approved: A. E. Denny
F. G. KELLY, SUP. EMB. (Title) A. E. DENNY, 1st. LT. MC.

8. Reburial supervised by F. G. Kelly Approved: A. E. Denny
F. G. KELLY, SUP. EMB. (Title) A. E. DENNY, 1st. LT. MC.

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 19, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name BLEVINS, Basil B. Iowa 10. Name _____
- 2. No. 100695 11. No. _____
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
- 4. Org. Co. D, 168th Inf. 42nd Div 13. Org. _____
- 5. D.D. July 26, 1918 14. (a) D.D. _____
- 6. C.D. KIA. (b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 36 Sec. _____ 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
- 8. Plot Block B Row 20 16. Plot _____ Row _____
- 9. _____ 17. _____

- 18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608

23. Disinterred (Date) January 19, 1928 By H.E.N. Stine

24. Inscription on grave marker:

- Name BLEVINS, Basil B. Serial No. 100695
- Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 168th Inf.

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

H.E.N. Stine
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).

27. Condition of body _____

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap

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 January 19, 1928 By H.E.N. Stine

31. Casket sealed by H.E.N. Stine

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.E.N. Stine
H.E.N. Stine.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body: _____

Name **BLEVINS, Basil B.** Serial No. **100695**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. D, 168th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Oise-Aisne Cty., Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **January 19, 1928** By **C.E. Spahn**

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 _____

C. E. Spahn
C. E. Spahn

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) _____

To point of Concentration _____

(Name)

Convoyer _____

Signature Shipping Officer _____

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 **January 19, 1928, Oise-Aisne American Cty.**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **36**

Section _____

43. Plot **Block B**

Row **20**

G.R.S. Representative _____

William E. Moore

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **Jan. 19, 1928.**

1. REMAINS OF **BLEVINS, Basil B.** SERIAL NUMBER **100695**
RANK **Pvt.** ORGANIZATION **Co. D, 168th Inf.**

2. Disinterred (date): **Jan. 19, 1928.** From (give complete location): **Grave 36 Block B Row 20**

By: Group **Cty.** Unit _____

3. Reburied (date): **Jan. 19, 1928.** In (give complete location): **Grave 36 Block B Row 20**

By: Group _____ Unit _____ Nature of Reburial **Metal Casket**

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Pine box & burlap

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? **Al. strip** On grave marker? **Al. strip**

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

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

(a) Height (actual measurement) _____

(b) Weight (estimated) _____

(c) Hair—Color _____

Quantity _____

Characteristics _____

(d) Hair on face—Color _____

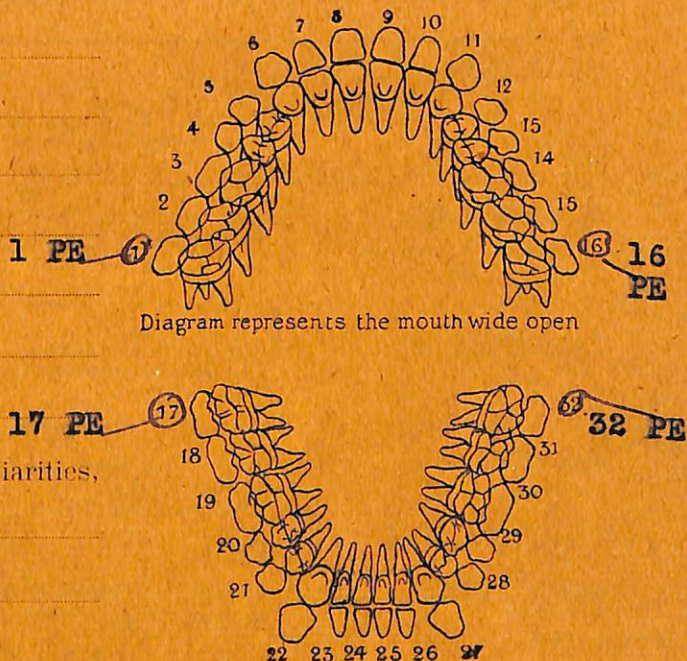
Location _____

Quantity _____

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) _____

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

Right & left femur fractured upper third. Base of skull fractured.



7. Disinterment supervised by *H. E. ...* Approved: _____

(Title) *W. E. ...*

8. Reburial supervised by *...* Approved: _____

(Title) _____

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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.

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MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
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"	

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.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLEVINS, Basil W. B. (12-16) Ser. No. 100695 } TYP. vhb
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. D, 168th Infantry } CKR. E. M.
 (c) Date of death 7-26-18 (d) Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 138 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. J TYP. vhb
 (b) Emerg. Address C. L. Blevins (father) Humeston, Iowa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR. Li

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt -----

(a) Name Mrs. Mary L. Blevins (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address Princeton City Iowa P.O. #2
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? Yes
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No.

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Mrs. Mary L. Blevins
Humeston, Iowa.
Capt + Tele Office Humeston, Iowa.
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -----

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-11, 1920.

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

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

No comm.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 12-11, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. E. M.

Examiner's Initials E. M. Date 12-13, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 266

CARDED

1/22/21. P.L.

checked 12-17

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made 12-14, 1920. **RECEIVED**
 Typed by MS, Checked by MCH, 12-14-1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:
 Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
 letter on 1-15-, 1920

Blevins, Basil B.
Par #1 To be returned (ECS) 1-17-21

IX. **CORRECTIONS**

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2-5-21 J#120 C L Blevins father m. to
Promise City Iowa wishes body left in
Europe H. 2-8-21 ECS

FEB 15 1921 PROPOSED CABLEGRAM TO EUROPE - BODY
TO REMAIN. 2/15/21 MCH

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.

FEB 13 1921
Letter 3/3/21 from Europe states return has been
cancelled as per cable. 3/24/21 CP

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLEVINS, Basil B. (12-16) Ser. No. 100695 } TYP vbb
 (b) Rank Private Organization Co. D, 168th Infantry } 21
 Cause of death
 (c) Date of death 7-26-18 death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 138 Row -- Plot 3 Sect. J TYP vbb
 (b) Emerg. Address S. L. Blevins (father) Humeston, Iowa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR S.

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

A.G.O. Card: Mrs. Mary L. Blevins (mother) Promise City, Iowa R.F.D. #2, requests body returned to U.S. and shipped to her at Humeston, Iowa. (EGS) 1-17-21

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192 / letter of transmittal on 1-15-192 /

Par #1 To be returned (EGS) 1-17-21

JAN 26 1921

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<i>Feb 9, 1921 Form 129</i>	<i>Father (2-5-21) C. L. Blevins</i>	<i>Remain in France</i>	FEB 15 1921 OVERSEAS ADVISED <i>by proposed cable 207</i> <i>Waldytk remain 2-15-21</i> <i>1119</i>

Letter 2/3/21 from Europe/States return has been cancelled as per cable. 2/24/21 CP

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 12 1921** 192

G.R.S. Form No. 101-A (Information Blank)

File Number

2/2/20

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

Date

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

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

BLEVINS, Basel B.

Serial Number

NAME

Co D. 168th Inf.

RANK

ORGANIZATION

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. Basil D. Blevins. # 100695
2.	Date of Death.	2. 7/26/18
3.	Cause and place of death	3. k/a
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	
5.	Date buried	
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. Original burial : Grave 53 American B/A Cemetery # 566 Fere-en-Tardenois, Aisne <i>Disinterred and reburied in Amer. City 608 Services - Et-Nodes, Aisne</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	
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.?	
15.	Inquiry made by?	

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* Cards 5 x 8

* Cards 4 x 6

Form 16 No record

bb- 2/2/20

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

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