

21931

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bliss 2202779 John  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co.B. 355 Infantry  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL: ~~XXXXXX~~ Sept. 20, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Toul  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER: 133-A

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes  
Headboard? No Bottle? No

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:

9  
REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY: C. Olaf Jensen, 2nd Lt. G.M.C.U.S.A.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

21931

1. S. Form No. 1. Hq. G.P. File

2. Soldier's No. 2202779

3. Bliss John  
Surname First Name and Initials

4. Pvt. B. 355 Inf.  
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Sept. 19, 1918  
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Sept. 20, 1918 Toul  
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. Toul M et M.  
Town or Commune Department

8. 134 133-A  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

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

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

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

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed

Group Hqs Unit 301. G.R.S.

26 SEP 1918

DEC 18 1925

DATE

1. NAME BLISS, John M. *artin's* SERIAL No. 2202779

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B 355th Inf.  
*DIVISION 89*

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty., Toul, M-et-M 91  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

133-A 1 B  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 133-A Toul (M et M)  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 69 NE. E.361.4 N.209.15

CONCENTRATED TO Hospital Burial 133-A 1 B  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Toul (M et M) 91  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross. DATE OF DEATH Sept 19, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME S. Dak

Data Form 1-A MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED No rec

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I.H. JOFFE, 1st Lieut., OMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 21, 1922. 9 27 Block D  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

St. Mihiel American #1233, Thiaucourt, M et M.  
CEMETERY



*Major General*  
*The Adjutant General*  
REC 23 1925

## 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.

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REPORTED BY: J. Olaf Jenson  
J. Olaf Jenson, Lt. Col. U.S.A.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

*Bliss, John Martin  
Port.*

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 23, 1930

Beltrami County, State of Minnesota

Name Bliss, Mrs Carrie (M-14)

Address Pennington, Minn. (RR Station Cass Lake)

Route going: MStP&SSM Chicago, NYC&StL Buffalo, DL&W ~~New York~~

Return: Same route

Transportation request covering sleeping car accommodations should be drawn on MStP&SSM Ry.  
Auto Pemington, Minn to Cass Lake, Minn. Fare four dollars (\$4.00) each direction. Separate transportation request drawn on MStP&SSM Ry should be issued ~~for this part of the journey.~~

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Cass Lake	MStP&SSM	188	10:47 AM	July 19
	✓ Ar	Superior	"	162	4:25 PM	" "
	✓ Lv	"	"	18	5:55 PM	" "
	✓ Ar	Chicago	"	"	8:05 AM	" 20
	✓ Lv	"	NYC&StL	2	11:00 AM	" "
	✓ Ar	New York	DL&W	"	3:30 PM	" 21
	Lv	(Hoboken)				
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Accommodations: Coach Cass Lake, Minn to Superior, Wis. Standard sleeper Superior, Wis to Chicago, Ill and Chicago, Ill to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 51 hrs:43 min. 2 1/4

Extra Fare:

*HGZ.  
cc*

Bliss, John Martin (St. M)

Party "A" - Itinerary - St. Mihiel Group

Sailed July 23, 1950 on SS GEORGE WASHINGTON. Capt. J. A. Cistaro and 1st Lt. H. R. Emery in charge. Arrived Cherbourg at day break on July 31st. Tender arrived 5.50 am, bearing Major Bailey and 9 other officers; 6 nurses and 3 civilian employees. Tender returned to dock at 7.30 am. Train left at 8.28 am. Arrived Invalides in Paris at 2.20 pm. Met by Col. Ellis, Members of his Staff and a detail of interpreters and nurses.

August 1st. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Left hotel by autobus in the afternoon for Arc de Triomphe where Mrs. Mary Sabos placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mrs. Grace Forbes and Mrs. Martha Stewart each in turn also placed a wreath on the Tomb. After this ceremony, tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner.

August 2nd. Sightseeing - Paris Louvre and Notre Dame.

August 3rd. Left 8.30 am Via Porte de Vincennes. Arrived Rezozy-en-Brie 10.20 am. Rest stop Hotel du Sauvage. Left 10.50 am. Arrived Sezanne 12.30 pm. Lunch Hotel de France. Left 2.30 pm. Arrived Vitry-le-Francois 4.30 pm. Rest stop Cafe Moderne. Left 5.00 pm. Arrived Bar-le-Duc 6.30 pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel de Metz.

August 4th. Left 9.30 am and arrived Thiaucourt 11.30 am. Lunch Hotel de Metz. 1.30 pm depart for Saint Mihiel Cemetery. Left 4.30 pm and arrived Nancy 6.15 pm. Dinner and sleep Grand Hotel.

August 5th, 6th. Daily trips from Nancy to St. Mihiel American Cemetery.

August 7th. Left 8.00 am Via Toul. Arrived Neufchateau 10.00 am. Rest stop Hotel Moderne. Left 10.30 am Via Chaumont. Arrived Bar-sur-Aube 1.15 pm. Lunch Hotel du Commerce. Left 3.15 pm. Arrived Troyes 5.00 pm. Dinner and sleep Grand Hotel.

August 8th. Left 8.30 am. Arrived Sens 10.15 am. Rest stop Hotel de Paris. Left 10.45 am and arrived Fontainebleau 12.30 pm. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Left 4.00 pm and arrived Paris 6.00 pm. Dinner at Hotel.

August 9th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at Hotel.

August 10th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at Hotel. Sightseeing Night Trip.

August 11th. Morning free. Lunch at Hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

August 12th. Versailles. Visit Chateau. Lunch at Belle Cycliste. Afternoon free. Dinner at Hotel.

August 13th. Left Hotel between 8 & 8.30 am for Invalides Railway Station. Train left at 9.22 am and arrived Cherbourg 3.08 pm. The departure of the train was witnessed by Col. Ellis and Members of his Staff. Transferred to tender and arrived alongside the SS REPUBLIC at 6.00 pm and sailed shortly thereafter. Capt. Cistaro and Lt. Emery in charge. Arrived New York August 22nd.

Mrs. Carrie Bliss

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

VIA WESTERN UNION

MORRILL ROSS  
Captain F. A. (DOL)  
August 22, 1930

Mr. John Bliss  
Pennington, Minn.

YOUR WIFE ARRIVED SAFELY IN NEW YORK WILL BE IN CASS TAPE MONDAY AT FOUR  
FIFTY PM VIA SOO LINE RR

COLONEL WILLIAMS

Carrie Bliss, Party "M", Hotel McAlpin

Name..... BLISS, Mrs. Carrie

Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL DE PARIS

Home address..... BOULEVARD DE LA PINE  
Pennington, Beltrami County, Minnesota

Party..... M..... Group..... 3..... Unit SS. WASHINGTON

Date of arrival..... July-31-1930..... Date of departure SS. AMERICA-Aug-13-1930

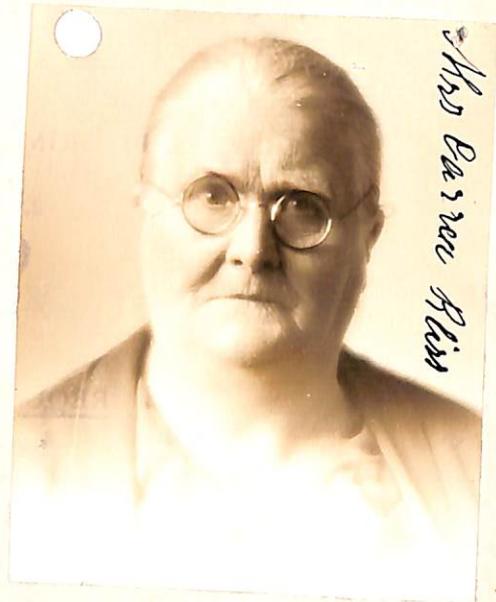
Relationship..... Mother

Name of deceased..... BLISS, John Martin

Rank..... Pvt..... Organization..... Co. B, 355th Inf.

Cemetery..... St. Mihiel

REMARKS



Mrs Easner Allen

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Bliss, John Martin — ST. M.

Party ..... M .....  
 Number 2368 .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. CARRIE BLISS ..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

PENNINGTON, BELTRAMI COUNTY, ..... New York, to ..... CASS LAKE, MINN. ....  
 Home Address

MINN. ..... \$ 13.50 .....

New York, to ..... CASS LAKE, MINN. ....  
 Destination

Via ..... D L & W TO BUFFALO - NYC & ST L TO CHI - SOO LINE TO CASS LAKE. ....

LIMIT - SEPT 17-30 ..... AUGUST <sup>3</sup> 24, 1930 .....  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date Aug.	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	HOBOKEN	DL&W 5	24	220 P	L 9	X 61		\$9.00
AR	Chicago	Nk.Pl. 1	25	450 P				
LV	"	SooLine 17	25	530 P	L 10	47		4.50
AR	Duluth	" " 17	26	805 A				
LV	"	" " 163	26	1035 A			W.O. 1,023,240	
AR	Cass Lake	" " 189	26	450 P				
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TOTAL \$13.50....

Remarks:

*Escorted to train by Capt. Richard H. Darrell*



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NAME BLISS, MRS. CARRIE

S.S. AMERICA

AUG 23 1930

HOME PENNINGTON, BELTRAMI COUNTY, MINN

R.R. D. & W. K. Cuffley -

STATION <sup>at west side of lake</sup>  
Soo line to Cass Lake.

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Sept. 17-31

Mr John Bliss

Pennington

Minnesota

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Bliss, John M. <i>Bliss</i>	3	2 2 9
BURIED	CEMETERY 1233	1	3
	GRAVE 9	2	09
	ROW 27	2	27
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	S. Dak.	2	47
RANK	Priv.	1	2
DIVISION	89	2	89
ORGANIZATION	355	3	355
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Mrs Carrie Bliss <i>Bliss</i>	3	2 2 9
RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Illinois</i>	2	27
	COUNTY <i>Peoria</i>	2	04
	CITY <i>Peerington</i>	3	XXX
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR. 1930	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>Yes</i>	1	
	<i>Age 64</i>		64

*1930*

**AUDITED**  
OCT 5 1931  
*RS*

*MT*

*29B*

29/514/PJ

QM 293 AM  
Bliss, John Martin, Pvt. 1233 M

August 29, 1930.

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington, Minn.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 23rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the officers and personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

MDT

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JTH  
WRG

STATE

MINNESOTA

Bliss, John Martin

M

NAME Bliss, Mrs. Carrie HOME ADDRESS Pennington, Beltrami Co.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN John Bliss SAME

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 22 HOTEL Gov. Clinton ROOM NO. 1314

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE July 23 VESSEL Washington CABIN NO. 114E  
DESTINATION CHERBOURG CEMETERY ST. M.

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 22 1930

M

NAME Bliss, Mrs. Carrie HOME ADDRESS Beltrami County Pennington, Minn.

RETURN ON S. S. S/S REPUBLIC HOTEL MCALPIN ROOM NO. 997

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUG 23 1930

ROAD Steamer TRAIN 5 CAR X61 BERTH or SEAT 29

REMARKS

NAME Bliss, Mrs. Carrie

M

ADDRESS Pennington, Minnesota

DATE Aug 25 1930

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) Carrie Bliss

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RETURN RECEIPT. / 233

Washington 7-23-30

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

My Carrie Bliss

(Signature or name of addressee.)

John Bliss

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Form 3811

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RETURN RECEIPT. / 233

Washington 7-23-30

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Mrs. Carrie Bliss

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Char Bliss

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 6-28, 1930

Form 3811

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WAR DEPARTMENT

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 923558

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_



POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

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Bliss, John Margin, 1233 M

June 21, 1930.

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington, Minnesota.

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:

Auto Pennington to Cass Lake.

Leave Cass Lake	MSTP&SSM	Train No. 188	10:46 AM	July 19
Arrive Superior			4:25 PM	July 19
Leave Superior	MSTP&SSM	Train No. 18	5:55 PM	July 19
Arrive Chicago			8:05 AM	July 20
Leave Chicago	NYC&STL	Train No. 2	11:00 AM	July 20
Arrive New York (Hoboken)			3:30 PM	July 21

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bliss, John Martin 1233M  
Washington 7-23

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington, Minn.

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.

John Bliss  
Name  
Pennington Minn  
Address *noted*

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.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 23, 1930.

Bliss, John Martin 1233 M

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington, Minn.

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.

Washington  
7/23/30  
1233



*Bliss, John Martin*

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. Carrie Bliss  
(Name)

Pennington, Beltrami Co., Minn.  
(Town or City) (State)



*James, Thomas*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bliss, John Martin 1233 M.

October 8, 1929.

*Sailed*  
*JUL 23 1930*

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
1115 North Phillips Ave.,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

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) <u>yes</u> (No) <u>no</u>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>yes</u> (No) <u>no</u>
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) <u>no</u> (No) <u>no</u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <u>64</u> Health <u>good</u> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English <u>yes</u> (Yes) (No) Other language <u>norwegian</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

RECEIVED  
OCT 28 1929  
M. G.

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

August 28, 1929.

Bliss, John Martin  
1233

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
1115 North Phillips Ave.,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

*none*

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

*mother*

*Benington, Minn*

*Carrie Bliss*

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

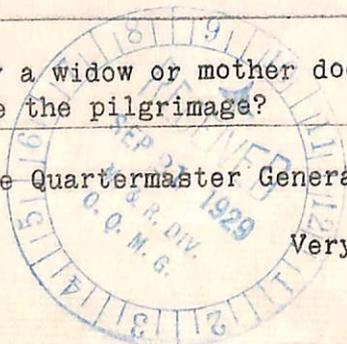
*Yes*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bliss, John Martin

May 27 1929.

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
1115 North Phillips Ave.,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

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 John Martin Bliss, Co. B, 355th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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,

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

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QM 293 AM  
Bliss, John Martin, Pvt. 1233 M

August 29, 1930.

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington, Minn.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you have recently made to the cemeteries of Europe, which you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the SS George Washington July 25rd, were so kind as to send me.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army, the nurses, and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps, which is charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, has expended every effort that those making the pilgrimage might have a comfortable and pleasant journey. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks concerning the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the officers and personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

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

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U.S. ARMY  
QUARTERMASTER DIV.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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carefully the suggestions June 12, 1930.  
Bliss, John Martin - 1233 Mill add greatly to your comfort and will assist the Government in carrying out the plan for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being  
Mrs. Carrie Bliss, and widow who has accepted the invitation to visit the grave of her son at Pennington, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

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

Bliss, John Martin 1233M  
Washington 7-23

May 14, 1930

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington, Minn.

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.

Encl.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Bliss, John Martin 1233-M  
7-23

May 7, 1930

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington, Minn.

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 23, 1930.

Bliss, John Martin 1233 M

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington, Minn.

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

Bliss, John Martin 1233-M

March 31, 1930

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
Pennington,  
Minn.

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,

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

L. M. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

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B. HUGHES

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 8, 1929.

Bliss, John Martin 1233 M.

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
1115 North Phillips Ave.,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

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

August 28, 1929.

Bliss, John Martin  
1233

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
1115 North Phillips Ave.,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 27, 1929.

Bliss, John Martin

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
1115 North Phillips Ave.,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

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 John Martin Bliss, Co. B, 355th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

BLISS, John Martin Pvt.

February 27, 1924

Mrs. Carrie Bliss,  
1115 North Phillips Ave.,  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Dear Madam: 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,

1-Incl.  
Record card.

Assistant, <sup>MFK</sup> <sup>721</sup>  
R. L. POSTAL MAIL ROOM



FEB 27 1924  
B. O. C.

Bliss, John Martin 2,202,779 ✓  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number)

Pvt Co B, 355 Infantry  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *father*

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:

*John Bliss, American Western Union*  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

*1115 N. Phillips, or Sioux Falls, S.D.*  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) *John Bliss*

*1115 N. Phillips, or Sioux Falls, S.D.*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by *eth*  
91-7F  
11-22-20

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

AKK 11-23-20

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# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #21931

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLISS, John Martin Ser. No. 2202779  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 355th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 9/19/18 (d) Cause of death Pneumonia

TYP. HB

CKR.

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St. Michael 1233  
att 5/25/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 133-A Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. HB  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Carrie Bliss (mother) North Philip Ave., Soux Falls, S.D.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name John Bliss (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address 1115 N Phillips Ave, Soux Falls S D  
(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. John Bliss Pension  
1115 N Phillips Ave, Soux Falls S.D.  
American Exp - Western Union Trade Office  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

Examiner's Initials SH Date 11/22, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

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

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials SH Date 11/22, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials SH Date 11-22, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 91

SHEET No. 78

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended Apr. 16, 1920

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Make Form No. 115

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

CARDED

*checked  
one 11/23/22*

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made Nov. 24th, 1920.

Typed by V.A.B., Checked by C.B., Nov. 24th **RECEIVED**, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 12/17, 1920

FEB 18 1921

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

*Par. #1 - To be returned. (jck)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *2-5-21 #120 John Blinn father m.k. 1115 N. Phillips Ave, Sioux Falls S.D. wishes body left in France H. 2-12-21 E.C.S.*

**FEB 24 1921** PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 215 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN *2/26/21 III 9*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY BROKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

**FEB 15 1921** *MY*

*4/6/21 Letter from Europe states return has been cancelled as per cable of 5/3/21*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

Form 115  
5/25/22  
att

File #21931

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLISS, John Martin Ser. No. 2202779 HB  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 355th Inf. TYP  
 (c) Date of death 9/19/18 Cause of death Pneumonia

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

(a) Grave No. 133-1 Row Plot Sect. HB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Carrie Bliss (mother) North Philip Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D. TYP

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases. CKR 1

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

*A. G. O. Card - Father (John Bliss, 1115 North Phillips Ave, Sioux Falls, S. D.) desires body returned to him at above address. (jpk)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 12/17 1920  
 (Letter of transmittal on 12/17 1920)

*Part # 1 - To be returned. (jpk)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **JAN 8 1921** 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
<i>Feb 14, 1921 Form 129</i>	<i>Father (2-5-21) John Bliss</i>	<i>Remain in France</i>	<i>FEB 24 1921 OVERSEAS ADVISED not to return body 2/24/21</i>
<i>4/21 Letter from Europe states return has been cancelled as per cable. Op 5/3/21</i>			

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. **FEB 13 1921** 192

IX. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 12/17 1920  
 (Letter of transmittal on 12/17 1920)

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August 1920

France

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*acp 1-5-21*

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Febr. 21, 1922

1. REMAINS OF BLISS, John Martin SERIAL NUMBER 2202779

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. B. 355th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): \_\_\_\_\_ From (give complete location): \_\_\_\_\_

Febr. 21, 1922. Grave. 133-A. Amer. Cem. No. 91. Toul (M-et-M)

By: Group Osgood Unit F. S. 8

3. Reburied (date): July 21, 1922. In (give complete location): \_\_\_\_\_

gr 9, row 27, block D. Cty. 1233, Thiaucourt, France.

regulation casket.

By: Group reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial \_\_\_\_\_

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

In U.S. uniform and in pine box.

Body badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Disc found on body checks with Form 114-A,

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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

missing parts) none visible

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

none visible

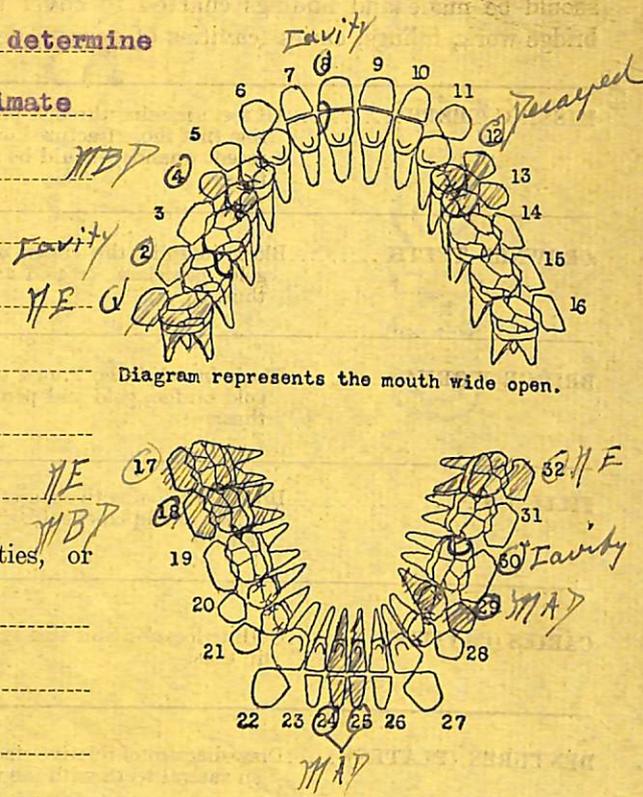
Checker, E. A. Bradford,

7. Disinterment supervised by G. J. Osgood, S. E.

Approved: J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. I.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H. L. Kramer,  
H.L.Kramer.

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

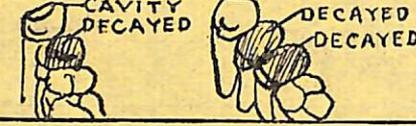


## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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), bicuspid (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.

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

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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 Febr. 21, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT, COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.	Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body
1. Name <u>BLISS, John M. <i>artin</i></u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>2202779</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Pvt</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co. B 355th Inf.</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>9/19 - '18</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>Pneumonia</u>	(b) D.B. <u>no discrep.</u>

	Discrepancy found upon disinterment
7. Grave No. <u>133-A</u> Sec. _____	15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
8. Plot <u>B</u> Row <u>1</u>	16. Plot _____ Row _____
9. _____	17. <u>This Cemetery is not divided into Plots or Rows at the present time.</u>

18. Cemetery <u>Amer.</u>	19. Commune or town <u>Toul</u>
20. Dept. or County <u>M-et-M</u>	21. Country <u>France</u>
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. <u>91</u>	
23. Disinterred (Date) <u>Febr. 21, 1922</u>	By <u>G. J. Osgood</u>

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name <u>John M. Bliss</u>	Serial No. _____
Rank <u>Pvt.</u>	Organization <u>Co. B. 355th. Inf.</u>

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

*C. J. Osgood*  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
G. J. Osgood,

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).  
None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial In U. S. uniform and in pine box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Disc on body agrees with Form 114-A. Rank is not shown and Org. shows only "U.S.A". See also no.17 above.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Febr. 21, 1922 By G. J. Osgood

31. Casket sealed by C. J. Osgood

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor *C. J. Osgood*  
C. J. Osgood

*10.4. 8-29-22*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-24552

32. Designation of body:

Name John M. BLISS Serial No. 2202779

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B 355th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. #1233, Thiaucourt, M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Febr. 21, 1922 By C. J. Osgood

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 J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. MC

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Febr. 21, 1922

To point of Concentration Toul (Meat-M)

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer J. J. Powers, 1st. Lt. MC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Febr. 21, 1922

By G.R.S. Representative L. B. Massie, Captain, MC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Amer. No. 1233, St. Mihiel, Thiaucourt (M-et-M)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer L. B. Massie, Captain, MC

40. Received: Date 2 MAR 1922

G.R.S. Representative G. D. GAMBLE, Captain, Q. M. C.

41. Reinterred July 21, 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 9 Section

43. Plot block D Row 27

G.R.S. Representative A. E. Dewey, 1st Lt. Q. M. C.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name BLISS, John M. 10. Name .....
- 2. No. 2202778 11. No. ....
- 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank .....
- 4. Org Co. B, 355th Inf. 13. Org .....
- 5. D. D. 9-19-18 14. (a) D. D .....
- 6. C. D. Pneumonia 15. (b) D. B .....

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 133-A Sec. --- 15. Grave No. .... Sec. ....
- 8. Plot -- Row -- 16. Plot ..... Row .....
- 9. -- 17. ....

- 18. Cemetery American
- 19. Commune or town TOUL
- 20. Department or county M-et-M
- 21. Country France 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 91
- 23. Disinterred ..... By .....
- 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name ..... Serial No. ....  
Rank ..... Organization .....
- 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? ..... On body? .....

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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

Cable Ref. Number 78

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

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27. Condition of body.....

CENETERNAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

28. Nature of burial.....

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....

31. Casket sealed by .....

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

32. Designation of body { Name BLISS, John M. Serial No. 2202779  
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 355th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name John Bliss,  
Address 1115 N. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D. (Amer. Expr. Western Union Teleg. Off.)

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G. R. S. Inspector.....

36. Remarks.....

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

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

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

Signature Receiving Officer.....

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

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

Signature Shipping Officer.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feb. 15th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Br.  
(Bliss, John M.)

Mr. John Bliss,  
1115 N. Phillips Ave.,  
Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of Shipping Inquiry Form, dated  
February 5th, 1921, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your wishes instructions  
have been issued to leave the remains of  
your late son, John M. Bliss, Private, Serial  
No. 2202779, Company B, 355th Infantry, in France  
for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

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 renewed  
assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Mailed-O.F.D.

FEB 16 1921

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CRS FORM 129  
Transmittal Supplementary Advice  
Hoboken to Washington.

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

February 14th, 1921. 1921.

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

Name Bliss, John M. Ser. No: 2202779  
Rank Private Organization Company B, 355th Infantry.  
Cemetery No 91 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 78

Request shown below dated Feb. 5/ 21. is latest in this case:

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>Return to</u>	<u>Remain in</u>	<u>Special</u>
<u>Widow None</u>		<u>France.</u>	
<u>Children</u>			
<u>Guardian</u>			
<u>Father John Bliss, 1115 N. Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.</u>			
<u>Mother</u>			
<u>Brother</u>			
<u>Sister</u>			
<u>Others</u>			

Body ~~to be shipped to, or~~ for interment in: France, in a permanent  
American Cemetery.

(clb)  
MMM

R. B. SHANNON,  
Graves Registration Officer,  
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.

Cable Letter Feb. 24, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched 1921.

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*R. 2/19/21 /K*

FROM: O. Q. M. G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room 1109

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

21931

Investigation & Adjustment Dept.,  
Investigation Unit

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

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY**  
WASHINGTON

File No. 21931 Registration.

Date 2/5/21

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., 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. <sup>O.K.</sup> **Bliss** f. Date of death. <sup>O.K.</sup> **9/19/18**

b. Christian name. **John Martin (a.k.)** ✓ g. Cause of death. *Pneumonia lobar.*

c. Serial number. <sup>O.K.</sup> **2202779** ✓ h. Authority (C. C. No.) *262.*

d. Organization. <sup>O.K.</sup> **Co. B, 355th Inf.** ✓ i. Emergency address. *Mrs. Carrie Bliss, North Phelps Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.*

e. Rank. <sup>O.K.</sup> **Private** ✓ j. Relationship. *Mother.*

**BODY DESCRIPTION.**

(See page 2 of the Service Record.)

a. Age at enlistment. *29 yrs. 5 mos.*

b. Color of eyes. *Blue*

c. Color of hair. *Light*

d. Height. *5 ft. 7 3/4 in.*

e. Weight. *157 lbs.*

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks.)

*Scars back of left wrist, left shoulder, rt. knee, left ankle.*

JLW

**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.

*Soundly - M. Col. Res. Sec. U-83, 2-8-21.*

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

By

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
*1st Lieut.*  
1st Lieut.,

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date FEB 7 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON  
Hoboken, New Jersey.

JAN 26 1921

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

To: Mr. John Bliss, 1115 N. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. John M. Bliss, Ser. No. 2202779 Co. B, 355 Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named be returned to the United States and delivered to you at 115 N. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls, S.D.

*Remain in France*

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.

**FEB 24 1921** PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. *215* TO EUROPE BODY TO REMAIN *2-26-21 III 9.*

Was soldier married? *no*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>none</i>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>none</i>		
	2 <i>none</i>		
	3 <i>none</i>		
Father <i>John Bliss</i>	<i>1115 N. Phillips Ave.</i>	<i>Sioux Falls S. Dak</i>	
Mother <i>Carrea Bliss</i>	<i>1115 N. Phillips Ave.</i>	<i>Sioux Falls S. Dak</i>	
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>—</i>		
	2 <i>—</i>		
	3 <i>George H. Bliss</i>	<i>1115 N. Phillips Ave.</i>	<i>Sioux Falls S. Dak</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>—</i>		
	2 <i>—</i>		
	3 <i>Margie Gaylor</i>		<i>Catawba Wis</i>

Date *Feb 5, 1921*

Signature *John Bliss*

Address *Sioux Falls S. Dak*  
*1115 N. Phillips Ave.*

Relationship *Father*

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

Date Feb 5 1920, 1920

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: (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 John Bliss

**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.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

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.

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