

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.  
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(Number and street.)  
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*Miner Blinn*  
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(Name of person to receive remains.)  
(Express office.)  
(Telegraph office.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you  
wish them interred in a national cemetery?  
(Yes or no.)  
If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full informa-  
tion below as to where they should be sent:

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

State your relationship to the deceased  
*Wife*  
(Rank and organization.)

*Pvt. 496 Aero Sqn.*  
(Rank and organization.)

*Bliss, William*  
(Surname.)  
*298,823*  
(Christian name in full.)  
(Army serial number.)

Let sent to  
Mrs. Minnie Bliss  
3565 Grand Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois.

obs 7-2-19

Drawn by L. H.

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12-30-20

checked  
11-30-21  
M. M.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>BLISS</i>	<i>BLI</i>	3	<i>229</i>
<i>Wm. C.</i>	CEMETERY <i>84</i>	1	<i>6</i>
EURIED	GRAVE <i>33</i>	2	<i>33</i>
	ROW <i>7</i>	2	<i>07</i>
	BLOCK <i>73</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>Ill.</i>	2	<i>13</i>
RANK	<i>Prof.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Air serv.</i>	2	<i>44</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>469</i>	5	<i>469</i>
ARM	<i>Aeros</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bliss.</i>		3	
<i>Hannie (cousin)</i>	STATE <i>Ill.</i>	2	<i>13</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Cook</i>	2	<i>16</i>
<i>Brimfield, Ind.</i>	CITY <i>Chicago</i>	3	<i>128</i>
RELATION	<i>mother (1-26-23)</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY <i>NY</i>	<i>head</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
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Bliss, Wm. C. 34  
Pvt., 469th Aero Sq. Serial 298823

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Mother died 1-26-23

~~Widow~~ Single

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father died 3/22/15

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Cousin

Fannie Bliss

Brimfield Mt

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bliss, Wm. C. (SUR) M

September 29, 1931 ed

Mrs. Minnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bliss, Wm. C. Pvt. (Sur) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_  
Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

QM 293 A-M  
Bliss, Wm. C. Pvt. 34-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private Wm. C. Bliss was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosures:  
Questionnaire  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 298 A-C  
Bliss, William C

May 4, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Bliss,  
3568 Grand Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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 William C. Bliss, 498th Aero Squadron, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bliss, Wm. C. (SUR) M

September 29, 1931

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Mrs. Minnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bliss, William P. Cpl. (MA) M+

July 20, 1931.

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss,  
521 N. Hedington St.,  
Hanford, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_

Write answer here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Bliss, Wm. C. Pvt. (Sur) M-

July 9, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_

Write answer here

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Sign here

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QM 293 A-M  
Bliss, Wm. C. Pvt. 34-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Minnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

In order that your desires may be properly recorded and arrangements made for you accordingly, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Kindly advise as to whether or not the late Private Wm. C. Bliss was married and is survived by a widow and if so, her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bliss, Wm. C. Pvt. 34-M

April 4, 1931.

Miss Minnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930.

Bliss, Wm. C. Pvt 34 M

Mrs. Minnie Bliss  
3565 Grand Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bliss, William C.  
34

August 9, 1929.

Mrs. Winnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 4, 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  
Bliss, William C

May 4, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Bliss,  
3565 Grand Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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 William C. Bliss, 496th Aero Squadron, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, 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.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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FULL NAME ..... BLISS, William C. ✓

RANK ..... Pvt. ✓ SERIAL ..... 298823 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ..... 496th Aero Sqdn. ✓ *not Div.*

DATE OF DEATH ..... *Jan 3 - 1919*

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *Ill.*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 33 7 B  
Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes, #34

Cemetery

23/306/ARK

REC'D WORLD WAR DIV.  
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Do Fracture Skull 1/3/19  
419 510

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bliss <sup>299823</sup> William <sup>C</sup>  
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Unknown Unknown  
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Paris

CAUSE OF DEATH: Accident Fractured Skull

DATE OF BURIAL: Jan. 3, 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL: AEF Cemetery #34

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

Suresnes (Seine) Paris

GRAVE NUMBER: 1189

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? ~~333~~ No

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? ~~#48~~ No

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS: 20 East 45th St. Chicago #11

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

M. Walsh Chaplain Paris  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

This portion to be forwarded to Central Records Office, A. G. O., A. E. F.

Place Suresnes (Seine)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 9/1/21

1. REMAINS OF BLISS, William SERIAL NUMBER 293823

RANK Rvt. ORGANIZATION 496th Aero. Sqd.

2. Disinterred (date): 9/1/21 From (give complete location):  
Gr. 955, Cem. 34. Suresnes.

By: Group 2 Unit F.S. #6

3. Reburied (date): 9/1/21 In (give complete location): Block B  
Gr. 33, Row 7, Cem. 34. (Suresnes)

By: Group 2 Unit F.S. #6 Nature of reburial Shipping case, and metallic casket and blanket.

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

Partially decomposed - features unrecognizable. In burlap and pine box.

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

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

No effects. Exhumed for burial in permanent cemetery at Suresnes.

Bottle record found on body states that the only means of identification was grave marker over respective grave. Identified by bodies

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp. to det.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to det.

(c) Hair—Color App. black

Quantity Medium

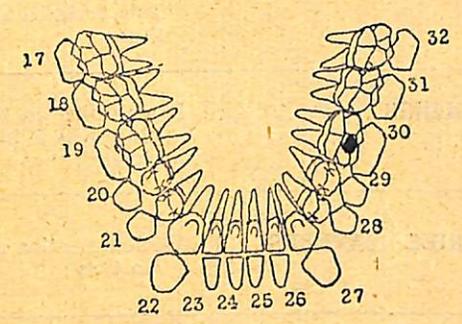
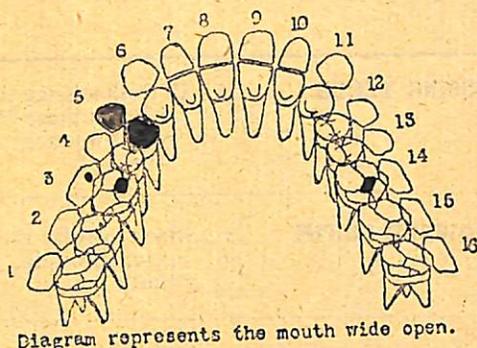
Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None visible

Quantity None visible

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Nos. 3, 14 & 30 Sil. Fil. #5 Gold crown.

Skull fractured left front. Left shoulder bandaged.

7. Disinterment supervised by J.A. Lee, S.E.

Approved: E.J. Riordan, Capt., QMC.

8. Reburial supervised by J.A. Lee, S.E.

Approved: E.J. Riordan, Capt., QMC.

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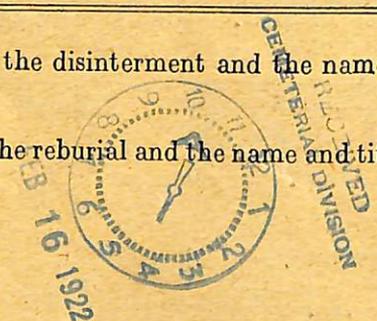
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A**

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

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
  
(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<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 :	
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> ..... 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 Suresnes (Seine)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 8th 1921

1. REMAINS OF Bliss, William SERIAL NUMBER 298823

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 496th Aero Sqd.

2. Disinterred (date): June 8th 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 1189 Cem. 34

By: Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): June 8th 1921 In (give complete location): Grave 955 Cem 34.

By: Group 1 Unit 1 Nature of reburial Wrapped in burlap in burial box.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wrapped in sheet in burial box. Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
No other means of identification other than grave marker over respective grave.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) estimated 5 feet 9 inches

(b) Weight (estimated) 170 lbs

(c) Hair—Color Dark brown

Quantity Plentiful

Characteristics Straight

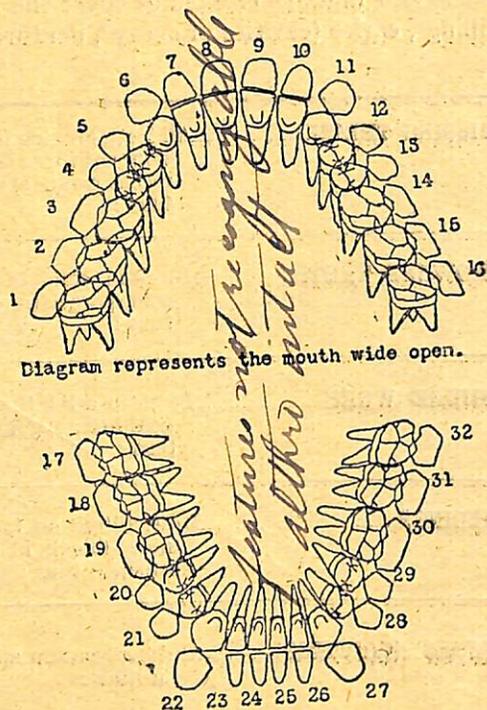
(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location None

Quantity None

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Wound visible in forehead



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7. Disinterment supervised by A. W. Taggart

Approved: R. Richards  
(Title) 1st Lieut. C.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. W. Taggart

Approved: R. Richards  
(Title) 1st Lieut. C.M.C.

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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), 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 :	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<b>CROWNED TEETH</b> .....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN</p>
<b>BRIDGE WORK</b> .....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLDBRIDGE</p>
<b>FILLINGS</b> .....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING &amp; GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING &amp; GOLD FILLING</p>
<b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b> .....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b> .....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.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #82644

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of <sup>✓</sup> William C. Bliss, Private, <sup>11/11</sup>  
496th Aero Squadron,

TO: <sup>Wong & Co</sup> Mrs. E. F. Bliss, 130 N. Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

*Belongs to Carlton Bliss, 2nd Lt*

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 33, Row 7, Block B, The Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

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

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

For the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

SEP 7 1922

G.R.S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARM.  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON D. C.

Directory Service Given  
Armour Station No. 2

Mrs. Minnie A. List,  
3119 So. Park Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON D. C.



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TO PAYMENT OF	
STREET AND	
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #82644

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of Private William C. Bliss,  
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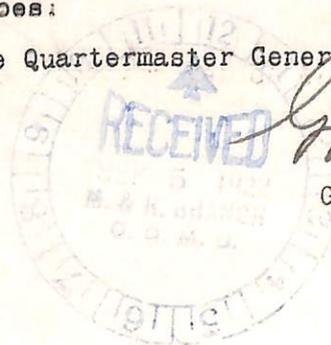
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*George H. Penrose*  
GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
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**MAILED**  
For the Quartermaster General:

**AUG 30 1922**

**G.R.S.**

GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Assistant.

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MS.

*File*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1922.

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JUN 15 1922  
G.R.S.  
GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME Bliss, William *518 card* SERIAL No 298823

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION 496th Aero Sqd.

GRAVE LOCATION Suresnes American Cty 34  
CTY. NAME NUMBER

955  
GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 1189 SURESNES Seine  
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Amer. Cem. #34

CONCENTRATED TO 6.8.21. 955  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Amer. Cty. #34. SURESNES, Seine.  
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER  
(Data from F.#16-A)

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

Only means of identification is cross over grave.

(Data from F.#16-A)

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS None.  
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH  
Lieut.-Col., Q.M.C., Chief, Operations Div.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 9-1-21. 33. 7. Block B.  
DATE GRAVE ROW ~~CEMETERY~~

SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34 (Seine) SURESNES  
CEMETERY

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*2/29/22  
Audited  
H.O.G.*

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## 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 I6, 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.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE 9/1/21

## 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 Bliss, William <sup>RC</sup> 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 298823 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. 496th Aero Sqd. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. 1.3.19 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. Killed in RR.acc. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 955 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery American 19. Commune or town Suresnes20. Dept. or County Seine 21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 3423. Disinterred (Date) 9/1/21 By J.A. Lee.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William Bliss Serial No. None  
 Rank Pvt. Organization 496th Aero. Sqdn.

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

William H. Warren  
 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).

No effects. Bottle record found on body which was attached to Form #114-A. Identified by bodies in adjacent graves.

27. Condition of body Partially decomposed - features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial In burlap and pine box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date 9/1/21 By J.A. Lee.31. Casket sealed by J.A. Lee.Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) J.A. Lee

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-4994

32. Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Bliss, William Serial No. 298823

Rank Pvt Organization 496th Aero Sqd.

33. Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permanent Cemetery Suresnes American Cty #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 9/1/21 By J.A. Lee.

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 E.J. Riordan,  
Capt., QMC.

36. Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Exhumed for burial in permanent cemetery at Suresnes.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 9/1/21

To point of Concentration Suresnes (Seine)  
(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 9/1/21  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 33 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block B Row 7 ( Cem. 34)

FR

G.R.S. Representative E.J. Riordan,  
Capt., QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 82644

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLISS, William (c) Ser. No. 298823
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization 496th, Aero Squadron.
(c) Date of death 1/3/19 (d) Cause of death Killed in Railroad accident.

TYP. EK
CKR

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

(a) Grave No. 1189 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Winnie Bliss (mother) 3565 Grand Blvd. Chicago, Ill.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Minnie Bliss (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 3565 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials L.G. Date 12-30-, 1920.

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

C. F. Bliss, 130 W. Wells St., Chicago, Ill., dated 10-21-19

confirming request in Par. IV., item as to the necessity of preventing removal of brother's remains from their present resting place.

Examiner's Initials L.G. Date 12-30-, 1920.

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

S.E. Knight, Secy. State Bank of Chicago, La Salle & Wash. St., 3-4-19—says they need notice sent Mrs. Minnie Bliss, 3565 Grand

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials b.B.P. Date 1-3-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 34

SHEET No. 74

no card

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(over)

SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED MAR 1 1921

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APR 20 1921

CORRECTION DIVISION  
OVERSEAS FREIGHT SUBSIDY

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_,

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on **JAN 21 1921**, 1920

**Par. 2 Not to be returned.** (MCH)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. and as she now lives in Norway they are mailing it to her. Her address is: Mrs. Minnie Bliss, Eilert Sundts Gate # 13 Christiania, Norway. BEP - 1-3-21

*B.A.H.R. Mrs. Minnie Bliss (Mother)  
3119 So. Park Ave. Chicago, Ill. (2-24-21)*

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(2-21-21) <sup>g</sup> File # 82644  
 (a) Name ..... Ser. No. .... TYP. ....  
 BLISS, William C. 298823  
 (b) Rank ..... Organization ..... EK  
 Pvt. Cause of death 496th, Aero Squadron.  
 (c) Date of death 1/3/19 death

II. REGISTRATION CARD. - (Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc. <sup>Killed in Railroad accident.</sup>)

(a) Grave No. .... Row ..... Plot ..... Sect. .... TYP. ....  
 1189 -- -- -- -- EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address ..... <sup>ok. A.S.O. (A-24-21) 744</sup> EK

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases <sup>Mrs. Minnie Bliss (mother) 3565 Grand Blvd. Chicago, Ill.</sup> CKR

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

*A.S.O. Card: Minnie Bliss, Mother, 3565 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., desires body to remain in France. (45-3-1-21)*

*Home address: Mrs. Minnie Bliss, Ederb-Sundts Gade #13, Christiania, Norway.*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on ..... 192  
 (letter of transmittal on <sup>JAN 21 1921</sup>)

**Par. 2 Not to be returned. (CKR)**

**MAR 10 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

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

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

CEMETERY NO.

SHEET NO.

S-666/MB

France

34

74

Concentrated into P. A. C. 34

MAR 1, 1921 J. L.

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

*Bliss*

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

*C 195 390*

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Bliss, William, Pvt.

34 - 74

2/9/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

298823

496th Aero Sqd.

Date of death - 1/3/19.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

*Copy fwd. to Ady. Dept.*

DATE

(2-24-21) "M"

NAME OF BENEFICIARY

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Minnie Bliss

Mother

Address

3119 So. Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

S/709/LML

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Card Section

Is there a card in "No" file for Pvt. William Bliss, # 298823, 496<sup>th</sup> Aero Sqdn. Sig C.

Mic 2.201

10-31-19

Card is in "No" file for Wm Bliss (298,823) Pvt. 496 Aero Sqdn signed by Minnie Bliss (mother)

File  
mhw

11/14/19

1177/19  
Rec'd Cas. Div.  
OCT 29 1919  
O.S.

Each clerk will stamp his surname to slip taken by him, adding his room number. Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

c3-6556

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

Casualty

Can you identify from information furnished?

Demot Rec.

FTM

10/27/19 - 2-201

Demot. Rec. Div. —

Records show:

Lot. William Bliss # 298823

496<sup>th</sup> Aero Sqdn Sig Co

Jan 3/19 Killed in railroad accident  
(cc 419-64-117/19)

Ed Minnie Bliss (Mother)

3565 Grand Boulevard  
Chicago, Ill.

10/29/19

Cas. Div.  
E. L. Newland

REC'D RECORDS OCT 30 1919

*[Handwritten signature]*  
mhw  
11/14/19

82644

**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

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

Unknown Unknown  
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Paris

CAUSE OF DEATH: Accident Fractured Skull

DATE OF BURIAL: Jan. 3, 1919

PLACE OF BURIAL: AEF Cemetery #34

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

Suresnes (Seine) Paris

GRAVE NUMBER: 1189

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Vas one buried with body? No

Vas one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? No

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

NAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS: 20 East 45th St. Chicago Ill.

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

M. Walsh, Chaplain, Paris  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

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

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

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

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

Date 2/9/21.

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 Bliss <sup>O.K.</sup>
- b. Christian name William <sup>O.K.</sup> *c. (a. 50)*
- c. Serial Number 298823 <sup>O.K.</sup>
- d. Organization 496th Aero Sqd. <sup>O.K.</sup>
- e. Rank Pvt. <sup>O.K.</sup>
- f. Date of death 1/3/19. <sup>O.K.</sup>
- g. Cause of death Killed in railroad accident. <sup>O.K.</sup>
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address *Minnie Bliss*  
*3565 Grand Boulevard,*  
*Chicago, Ill.*
- j. Relationship *Mother*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

*Sweeney - Mrs. Cal. Res. Sec.*  
*W-8-3, 2-10-21*

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

C.W.  
CEMETERY NO: 34

SHEET NO: 74  
TYPED BY: I.W.

S/713/LML

*World War Div.*  
*Date FEB 10 1921*

FEB 10 1921

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HAIR  
WOOL  
FELTS  
BLENDS  
WOOLENS  
RETARDERS

# TANNERS PRODUCTS COMPANY

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LOUISVILLE  
WILMINGTON  
NEWARK  
PEABODY  
PORT CLINTON  
WEBSTER CITY

FILE  
FILE

CHICAGO

COPY-

November 14 1919

From : The Adjutant General of the Army

To: E F Bliss, 130 N Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

Subject: Disposal of remains of William Bliss, #298,823  
Private, 496th Aero Squadron.

1. Replying to your letter of October 21st in which you state that you do not desire the remains of your brother, above named, to be returned to the United States, you are advised that the card to this effect, signed by the mother of the above named soldier, Mrs Minnie Bliss, is on file in this office and will be referred to at the time of the general transfer of bodies.

2. Your attention is invited to the second paragraph of the enclosed memorandum of information regarding the bodies of soldiers buried in England.

3. It is desired to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained in the death of your brother.

P C Harris,

Per L B

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C.Q.M., Hq. S.O.S., American B.F. - 26 March 1919 - To: Cndg. General, S.O.S.

1. Forwarded, requesting reference to The Adjutant General of the Army, in accordance with the provisions of par. 7a, Sec. IV, G.O. 30, G.H.C. 1918.
2. The writer of this communication has been advised of this reference.

Incl.

J. M. CARSON  
Brigadier General, Q.M. Corps  
Deputy Chief Quartermaster.

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TO:- REGISTRATION B... CH, G.R.S.

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FROM:-

DATE:

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Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME

BLISS, WILLIAM

NUMBER

298823

RANK

PUT.

ORGANIZATION

496 AERO SQ.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① yes
2.	Date of Death.	② 1-3-19
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ Killed in Railroad Accident
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ 419
5.	Date buried.	⑤ 1-3-19
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ Cty 34, grave 1189 Cty (Amer) Suresnes (Paris) (Seine)
7.	Who reported burial?	⑦ M. WALSH, CAP. PARIS
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.?	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ N.P. and Cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ 0
11.	Who is nearest relative?	(mother) ⑪ Mrs. Minnie Bliss 3565 Grand Blvd. Chicago Ill.
12.	Has N/R been notified?	⑫ 2-2-19
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

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

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STATE BANK OF CHICAGO

La Salle and Washington Streets.

Chicago.

82644  
March 4th, 1919.

Chief, Graves Registration Service,

Headquarters Services of Supply

A.P.O. 717, American B.F., France.

Dear Sir:-

We have just received notice from Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Pierce, Q.M.C., U.S.A., of the death of Private William Bliss, of the 496th Aero Squadron, who was reported to have died January 3rd, 1919 and to have been buried in the American Cemetery at Paris, Suresnes, Seine, France. This notice was addressed to his mother, Mrs. Minnie Bliss, 3565 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Bliss has not been in Chicago for quite a number of years. She went to Norway to live a number of years before the beginning the war. Her address is: Eilert Sundts Gate #13, Christiania, Norway. We are today mailing to her the notice received from Lieut. Colonel Pierce and we are certain that she would be desirous of having further information concerning grave location, etc.

2 It is also quite important that this Bank, as Trustee under a Trust Agreement for the mother, have more definite proof of the death of Private Bliss, as he is contingently interested in certain property which this Bank holds under a Trust Agreement with his deceased father and his mother. We will, therefore, thank you if you will furnish us with further proof of death and also request that you send us a photograph of Private Bliss.

Thanking you in advance for any additional information and evidence of death that you can furnish, we are

Yours respectfully,

S.E. Knight.  
Secretary.