

Bliss, William P. 785,176 ✓

(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number)

Corporal Co. E, 5th Sup. Train.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? Yes

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Mrs. Mattie P. Bliss

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Hammond, Calif.

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-5713

Letter sent to Mrs. Hettie P. Bliss,
311 E. 9th St.,
Hanford, Cal.

Noted by S.C.
Date 4-28-21
1232 Dec 36-20
Shawbury
O.K. 28-21

MAY 14 1926

DATE 12/15/21

1. NAME ^{rem} BLISS, William P. SERIAL No. 785176
 RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 5th Motor Sup. Tr. **5 DIV**
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 36
 CTY. NAME NUMBER
 117 Sec. 36. 3

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Septsarges, Meuse
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.
 COORDINATES Verdun 35 ^S NE 278.55N ⁶¹ 313.40 E ⁶¹

CONCENTRATED TO 6/9/19 117 Sec 36 3
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT
 Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body.

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 13, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Calif.

data F-1
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

ccg. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Received

MAY 20 1926

M. R. BRANCH

Q. M. G.

M. B. BIRDSEYE

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/15/21 11 26 D
 DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

M. M. E.
 4-4-23

Robert G. Davis

Major General

The Adjutant General

BY J. W.

MAY 19 1926

MAY 15 1926

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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 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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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bliss *785176* *H^m P.*
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Cpl *Co. E. 5th Motor Supply Train*
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: *Septevanges*

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct. 15, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *South on side of road*

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

near cross roads (Septevanges)

on Septevanges - Dammervaux road

GRAVE NUMBER: *One of two graves*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *Yes*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? *Yes*

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

Chaplain L. J. Carr 1st Lt.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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

Co. E, 5th ~~E~~ Sp. Tn.
5th Div.

Bliss, William P. - Corp. 785176
Home: 311 E. 9th St.,
~~Hanford~~ Hanford, Cal.

"On the morning of October 14, 1918, I was acting as assistant to Corp. Bliss. We were between Septsarges and Mantillois waiting for orders and at about 5:00 A. M. a shell burst about five feet from the truck on the side on which Corp. Bliss was sitting. I picked him up and assisted in getting him to a nearby first aid station but he did not regain consciousness and died about fifteen minutes after reaching there. He was struck by shrapnel in both arms, the right leg, chest and behind the right ear. He was ~~xxxxx~~ buried in Septsarges."

Informant: Brooks, William J. - Pvt. 1st Cl.
785214

Home: Co. E, 5th Sp. Tn.
19 Norwood St., Boston, Mass.
April 8, 1919.

Signed: Lewis, R. Arnold - Commanding Off.

Emergency Address:
311 E. 9th St.,
Hanford, Cal.

ABE

CODE SLIP

✓

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BLISS	3	2 2 9
BURIED	Wm. P.		
	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	11
	ROW	2	26
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	Calif	2	04
RANK	Cpl.	1	2
DIVISION	5	2	05
ORGANIZATION	5	3	005
ARM	Sup Tr.	1	7
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Bliss	3	2 2 9
RESIDENCE	Mrs. Hattie P.		
	STATE	2	04
	COUNTY	2	16
	CITY	3	028
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY			
RACE			
ENGLISH	yes		
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	(blind) Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	NO	1	
	age		

AUDITED

DEC 14 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Bliss, Wm. P. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

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

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<u>No</u> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: _____ Health: _____
3. Do you speak English?	_____
4. What other language do you speak?	_____

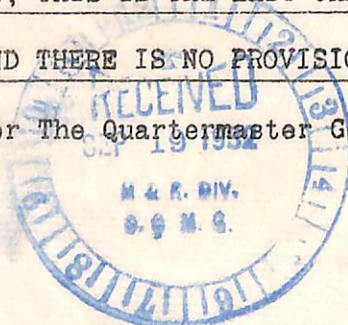
Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss Sign here *Bliss*
NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE
PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bliss William P (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Hattie P Bliss
521 N Redington St
Hanford Calif

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
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. Redington 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.

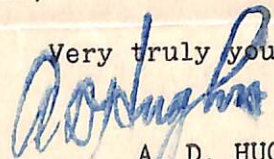
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or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

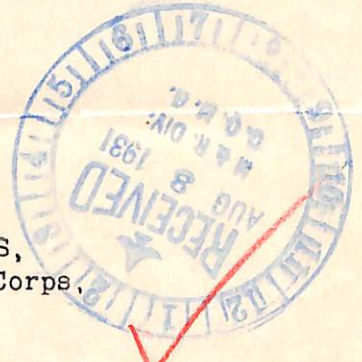
This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

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? No.
Write answer here

Hattie P. Bliss
Sign here

*Signed for the reason
is blind.*

Republic

6-3-31

1232

Bliss, Wm. P.

I Cancelled-no reply 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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss

(Name)

521 N. Redington St., Hanford, Kings Co.

(Town or City)

(State)

Calif.

QM 293 A-M
Bliss, William P. 1232-M

March 17, 1931

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

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the "REPUBLIC" on June 3, 1931 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Washington, D. C., February 24, 1931.

MRS. HATTIE P. BLISS,
521 N. REDINGTON STREET,
HANFORD, CALIF.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE THIRD NOT RECEIVED

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2739GSM

DEWITT
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Bliss, William P. 1232 M

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QM 293 A-M

Bliss, William P. 1232-M

February 10, 1931

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss,
521 N. Redington St.,
Dear Madam:
Hammond, Calif.

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Republic" on June 3, 1931.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before March 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Bliss, William P. - 1232 M

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss,
521 N. Redington Street,
Hanford, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Bliss, William P.-1232 M

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Georgia B. Bargez,
521 North Redington Street,
Hanford, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 17, advising that your mother is unable to accept the invitation to sail on the steamship "Roosevelt", May 28, 1930, to visit the grave of her son, the late Corporal William P. Bliss, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your mother's name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the journey in 1931. In the event she desires to make the journey during the coming summer, it is requested you notify this office immediately as to the time she desires to make the pilgrimage in order that arrangements may be made for her.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not a companion could accompany your mother, you are advised under the law providing for this pilgrimage the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying any mother or widow authorized to make the pilgrimage, nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for a companion to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations your mother and companion could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if they could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If a companion desires to accompany your mother under these conditions it is suggested you write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give you complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO

TELEPHONE 269

OUR NUMBER

Hanford, California

March 17,
1930.THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Munitions Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith the invitation to Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss, 521 N. Redington St., Hanford, Kings County, California, which she has been compelled to decline for the reason that she must have an operation performed on her eyes during the month of April or May, 1930. She respectfully ask if she could go at a later date, and if, the expenses are paid by her, could she have a companion accompany her. If so, how much would be the cost to her.

Assuring you that we would appreciate an answer herein, I remain,

Yours very truly

(Mrs) Georgia B. Bergez
521 N. Redington St
Hanford California

Daughter of Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss
521 North Redington St.,
Hanford, California.



*Declines invit for
Roosevelt 5/28/30
card will be punched
1931*

293 Blue, William +

Roosevelt
5-28-30
1232

Bliss, Wm P.

I decline 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. Hattie P. Bliss
(Name)

521 N. Redington St., Hanford, Kings Co., Calif.
(Town or City) (State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bliss, William P. 1232 M

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss,
521 North Redington St.,
Hanford, California.

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) Yes
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	Yes (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) No
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 63 Health Good, but eyesight (Years) (Good) (Poor) bad.
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language No (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Bliss, Willia, P/
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Hattie B. Bliss,
311 E. 9th St..
Hanford, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 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:

Deceased was unmarried.

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. Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss

521 N. Redington St. Hanford
California.

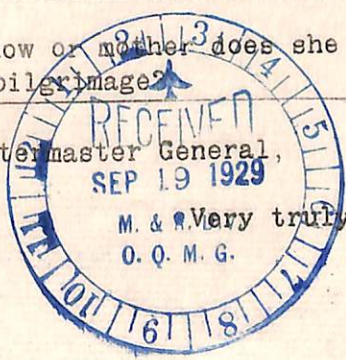
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

Yes.

For The Quartermaster General,

M. & V. Very truly yours,
O. Q. M. G.

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope


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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June ²⁹, 1929.

Bliss, William P.

Mrs. Hattie B. Bliss,
311 W. 9th St.,
Hanford, Calif.

See letter

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 **Opl. William P. Bliss, Co.E. 5th Sup.Tr., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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-M
Bliss, Wm. P. (MA)

Sept. 6, 1932.

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

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Bliss William P (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Hattie P Bliss
521 N Redington St
Hanford Calif

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Bliss, William P. 1232-M

March 17, 1931

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

Dear Madam:

The invitation which was extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe sailing from New York on the "REPUBLIC" on June 3, 1931 has been withdrawn due to the fact that no acceptance has been received from you.

If you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you communicate your wishes to this office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Washington, D. C., February 24, 1931

MRS. HATTIE P. BLISS,
521 N. REDINGTON ST.,
HANFORD, CALIF.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE THIRD NOT RECEIVED
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2730 GSM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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QM 293 A-M

Bliss, William P. 1232-M

February 10, 1931

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss,
521 N. Redington St.,
Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Republic" on June 3, 1931.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before March 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Bliss, William P. - 1232 M

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss,
521 N. Redington Street,
Hanford, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

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

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Bliss, William P.-1232 M

March 25, 1930

Mrs. Georgia B. Bargez,
521 North Redington Street,
Hanford, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 17, advising that your mother is unable to accept the invitation to sail on the steamship "Roosevelt", May 28, 1930, to visit the grave of her son, the late Corporal William P. Bliss, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your mother's name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the journey in 1931. In the event she desires to make the journey during the coming summer, it is requested you notify this office immediately as to the time she desires to make the pilgrimage in order that arrangements may be made for her.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not a companion could accompany your mother, you are advised under the law providing for this pilgrimage the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of a relative or friend accompanying any mother or widow authorized to make the pilgrimage, nor can it make any arrangements for them. This must be entirely a personal matter.

It may be possible for a companion to secure accommodations on the same ship and possibly at the same hotels in New York and Paris, but in view of the limited accommodations your mother and companion could not travel to the cemetery together, and it is doubtful if they could secure accommodations in the same town near the cemetery. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If a companion desires to accompany your mother under these conditions it is suggested you write for further information to the United States Lines, 1027 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., who will no doubt be able to give you complete information as to cost of transportation. This company is a commercial line which owns and operates the vessels upon which reservations have been made for all mothers and widows making the pilgrimage. It is understood that they have arranged with some of the tourist agencies to take care of any relatives or friends and make all arrangements for their accommodations while in Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Bliss, William, P. 1232-M

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss,
621 N. Redington St.,
Hanford, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Bliss, William P. 1232 M

Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss,
521 North Redington St.,
Hanford, California.

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

Bliss, Willia, P/
1232

Sept. 4, 1929.

Mrs. Hattie B. Bliss,
311 E. 9th St..
Hanford, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 29, 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

June 29, 1929.

Bliss, William P.

Mrs. Hattie B. Bliss,
311 E. 9th St.,
Hanford, Calif.

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 Opl. William P. Bliss, Co.E. 5th Sup.Tr., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 13, 1923.

Mrs. Hattie B. Bliss,
311 East 9th St.,
Hanford, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Corporal William P. Bliss, Company E, 5th Supply Train, is Grave 11, Row 26, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

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O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bn



JUL 13 1923

Date June 23, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BLISS, Wm ENumber: 785176Rank: Cpl.

Organization:

Co E Sup.Tr 5th Div.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919Grave 1 Septsarges Meuse.355E 278.61N 513.51E

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919Grave 117 Sec 36 Plot 3Argonne American Cty 1232Romagne Meuse.1232Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Burial good. Badly mutilated.

Was one identification tag found upon the body?

yes

What other means of identification were found upon the body?

none

Note:

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

Supervised by Lt ZamaR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

BM

C.O. Group

Unit

CONFIRMED No. D-11398

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #47751

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLISS, William P. Ser. No. 785176
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. E, 5th Sup. Tr.
 (c) Date of death 10-13-18 (d) Cause of death K/4

TYP. als
 CKR. 13

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

(a) Grave No. 117 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 36 TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Hattie B. Bliss, (Mother) 311 E. 9th St., Hanford, Cal.

III. ~~Files of/soldiers dying from contagious/diseases /~~ CKR. 13. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Hattie P. Bliss (b) Relationship Mother
 (c) Address Hanford, Calif.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at yes
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-28-21, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-28-21, 1920.

COUNTRY

FRANCE

CEMETERY No.

1232-Sec. 36

SHEET No.

20.

*3/14/22
 3/14/22
 In Concentration
 Mess - Argentine
 4/3/20/22
 1232*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 12, 1921.

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 P.

10. Name

2. No. 785176

11. No.

3. Rank Cpl.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. E. 5th Motor Sup.Tr.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 13th. 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA(b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 117 Sec. 36

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 3 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse.21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - 3623. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 12, 1921.By Edmo Maire.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William P. BlissSerial No. 785176Rank Cpl.Organization Co. E, 5th Motor Sup.Tr25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

C. Smyth O'Meara.

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).

Brass plate on body reads, "William P. Bliss, Cpl. Co.E, 5th Div. Sup. Train K-1-A Oct. 13".27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and pine box.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 12, 1921. By Edmo Maire.31. Casket sealed by Edmo Maire.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

Edmo Maire.

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18928

32. Designation of body:

Name William P. BLISS. Serial No. 785176

Rank Cpl. Organization Co.E. 5th Motor Sup Tr.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 12, 1921. By Edmo Maire.

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 G. F. Spann, Captain, QMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 12, 1921. d

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole
(Name J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer (Name
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred, MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 Dec 15th 1921

(Date

42. Grave No. 11 Section

43. Block D Row 26
Plot

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger, Capt QMC

jt.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 12 1921

1. REMAINS OF BLISS, William. P. SERIAL NUMBER 785176
 RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co E 5th Motor Sup Tr.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 12 1921 From (give complete location):
G r. 117 Sec. 36 Plot 3 Jan 1232

By: Group Maire Unit DSection 1

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Dec 15th 1921 House Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 11 block D row 26

By: Group re-burial 8 Unit Nature of reburial casket

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

US Uniform, burlap and pine box

Body badly decomposed features unrecognizable

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

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

Brass plate on body reads "William P. Bliss, Cpl, Co E, 5th Division Supply
train, K&I.A. Oct 13 "

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

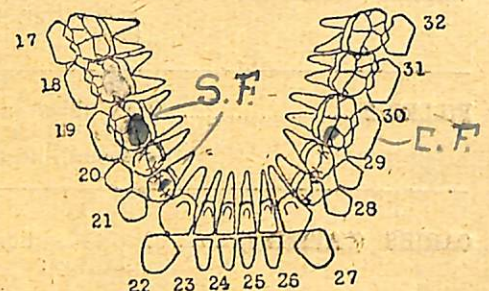
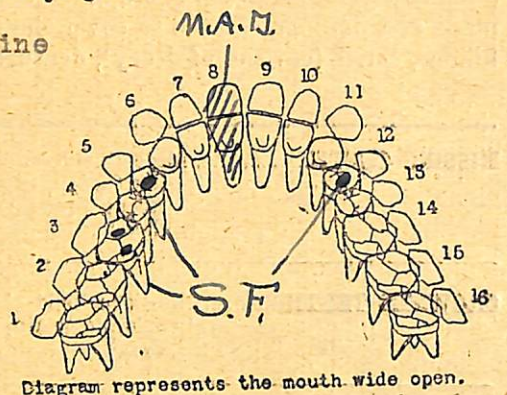
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Hole in right side of sku;;



7. Disinterment supervised by Edmo Maire
Edmo Maire

Approved: G. F. Spann
 (Title) Capt. D.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger
 (Title) Capt QMC.

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.

MISSING TEETH.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus:



CROWNED TEETH.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus:



BRIDGE WORK.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus:



FILLINGS.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus:



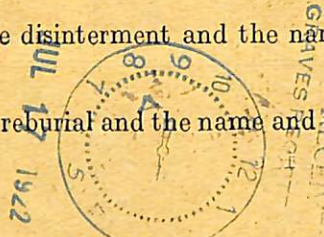
CARIES (CAVITIES).....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:



DENTURES (PLATES).....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."

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

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



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #47751

See Form 115
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I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLISS, William P. Ser. No. 785176
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. E, 5th Sup. Tr. } TYP. als
 (c) Date of death 10-13-18 (d) Cause of death K/A } 13. J

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

(a) Grave No. 117 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. 36 TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Hattie B. Bliss, (Mother) 311 E. 9th St., Hanford, Cal.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases /~~ CKR. 13. J

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 5/11/21, 192

action # 36
par # 2 - Not to be returned - RD

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

CEMETERY No.

SHEET No.

47751 GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bliss 785176 Wm P
(Surname) (Number) (First Name and Initials)

Cpl. Co. E. 5th Motor Supply Train
(Rank) (Organization)

PLACE OF DEATH: Septsarges

CAUSE OF DEATH:

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 15, 1918

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

road near cross roads
(Septsarges) on Septsarges -
Dankewitz road
GRAVE NUMBER: One of two graves

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

Septsarges (Meuse)
(C-159) SHIT 35 SE COORD E 313.5 N 278.5

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

G. J. Carr Chaplain 8-4
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

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

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1.

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 285176

3. Bliss Wm. P.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Corp E. 25th Div. Sup. Tr.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial Isolated Cemetery

7. Septsarges Meuse
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 246
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? 1 Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker 1
Identification Tags

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

CMME. Septsarges (Meuse)
(C-159) SHIT 35 SE COORD E 313.5 N 278.5

12. "A" sketch 56
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery
278.5 N 313.5 E

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

GROUP No. 2 Signed Sgt. Horsley

PROV. UNIT "A" G.R.S. Group Unit G. R. S.

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Daily Report No. _____



Co. E, 5th M Sp. Tn
5th Div.

Bliss, William P. - Corp. 785176
Home: 311 E. 9th St.,
~~Hanford~~ Hanford, Cal.

File # 47751
FILE

"On the morning of October 14, 1918, I was acting as assistant to Corp. Bliss. We were between Septsarges and Mantillois waiting for orders and at about 5:00 A. M. a shell burst about five feet from the truck on the side on which Corp. Bliss was sitting. I picked him up and assisted in getting him to a nearby first aid station but he did not regain consciousness and died about fifteen minutes after reaching there. He was struck by shrapnel in both arms, the right leg, chest and behind the right ear. He was ~~buried~~ buried in Septsarges."

Informant: Brooks, William J. - Pvt. 1st Cl.
785214

Co. E, 5th Sp. Tn.
Home: 19 Norwood St., Boston, Mass.
April 8, 1919.

Signed: Lewis, R. Arnold - Commanding Off.

Emergency Address:
311 E. 9th St.,
Hanford, Cal.

ABE

47751

4-28-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 36

FORM 115 Sheet No. 70

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(Initials)

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Form No. 1011.

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