

G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

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AUG 30 1921

DATE Nov. 1, 1921.

1. NAME *Blondel* *OK* BLONDEN, Kamiel

SERIAL No. 2019877

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co.H, 7th Inf. *3 Div*

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne American Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, #1232

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

70

Sec. 82

2

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

*Nothing of record. Canal Meuse*

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES 286.05N 310.65E Verdun 35NE *OK*

CONCENTRATED TO 6-12-19

70

sec 82

2

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne

1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Data from Form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

ef.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

*Wm M. Cline*

Wm M. CLINE

Captain Q.M.O.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Nov. 1, 1921.

18

25

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

BLOCK PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery 1232.

Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY  
M. J. D. - 4-24-23.

A. G. O.  
AUG 31 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

APR 9/2/26



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.

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A circular postmark from the U.S. Navy. The outer ring contains the text "U.S. NAVY" at the top and "WASHINGTON, D.C." at the bottom. Inside the ring, the word "Received" is written in a large, stylized font. Below it, the date "SEP 3 28" is stamped. At the bottom of the inner circle, the text "M. &amp; R. BRANCH" is visible. There is also a small star symbol above the date.



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blondael 2018877 Kennill  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

Nov. 7, '18

PLACE OF BURIAL

On Canal -

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

Clery le Grand Rd  
(Montfaucon sector)  
about 1 Kilom from Canal

GRAVE NUMBER

1

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:

REPORTED BY:

Lt. Carr, 1st Lt. Chap. 5 Div. 1st  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



Date June 25 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BLONDEEL? Kamiel

NUMBER: 2018877

RANK: Unkn

ORGANIZATION: Unkn

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

12th June 1919

Isolated grave. CUNEL MEUSET35 NE 310.65E 286.05 N

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

12th June 1919

Grave #70 Sec #82 Plot #2ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good; buried in uniform; body decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? Yes

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

## Note:

If, upon disinterment, effects are found on 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 of identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt HanesLGGC.O. Group Unit



*Blondeel, K*  
*Pvt.*

CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING  
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

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

FILE NO.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JUNE 14, 1930

S. S. HARDING

No. 314

Name Mrs Eladie Blondeel  
Address 12820 Canfield Ave East  
From Detroit, Mich. To New York and return

Going Route

Penna RR to New York

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

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

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

Sleeping car from Detroit to New York

Elapsed time 17 Hrs 15 Min

3/4

*JS*



BLONDEEL, KAMIEL

Arrived NY 9:30 am June 13th. Met by Capt. Hanes  
and escorted to Lincoln Hotel. Room 1034  
with Mrs. M. Z. Artel

ITINERARY FOR MEUSE-ARGONNE GROUP

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

Arrived at Cherbourg some time during the night of June 21-22. Met by Major  
Bailey, Captains Saulnier, Ochs, Hallett, and Reynolds, Lieutenants Paquet,  
Freeman, Morin, Captain Kinderman (MC) Miss Rulon and 5 other nurses and 2  
civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 8:25 A.M. arriving at Gare des Invalides  
station in Paris at 2:30 P.M. Met by Colonel Ellis and members of his staff, -  
also interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel.

June 23rd - Transaction of personal affairs. Left hotel by motor bus at 3 p.m.  
and proceeded to the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the tomb of the  
Unknown Soldier by Mrs. E. E. Ponnill of Virginia who has been selected for the  
purpose by members of the party. Then conducted to the Restaurant Laurent where  
the usual tea and reception tendered by the U. S. Government was held. Prominent  
persons, including Ambassador Edge, were present and spoke to the pilgrims. To  
hotel for dinner and to pack for the trip to the cemetery.

June 24th - Departed at 7:15 for Montmirail-Chalons-sur-Marne-St. Menchould  
VERDUN

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

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

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

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

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

July 3rd - Visited Notre Dame -Versailles

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

July 5th- Train left station for Cherbourg at 2:12 P.M. Sailed on the PRESIDENT  
ROOSEVELT at 11:30 P.M. Captain R. E. Darrell in charge of Party.

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

Stop over in Europe

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel



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

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

Farty 6  
 Number 1205

*BLONDEEL, KAMIEL - M.A.*

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Eladio Blondeel

Name of Traveler

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

Detroit, Wayne County

Home Address

New York, to Detroit, Mich.

Mich.

\$ 63.8

New York, to Detroit, Mich.  
 Destination.

Via PENN to dest.

July 14th, 1930

Date of Departure

Ticket expires - Aug. 12/30

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV <u>Popr. sta.</u>	<u>ARR</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>7-14</u>	<u>515P</u>				
* AR <u>DETROIT</u>		<u>11</u>		<u>845A</u>				<u>638</u>
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TOTAL

Remarks:

STOP OVER - Europe

*Ticket sent to Wash D.C.*



Name BLONDEEL; Mrs:Eladie

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR, Boulevard H aussmann

Home address 13820 Canfield Ave., E: Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

Party G Group 1 Unit S/S HARDING

Date of arrival June 22nd , 1 930 Date of departure Returned to U.S.A. at own expense

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BLONDEEL; Kamiel

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H Inf:

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne



## REMARKS

Mrs. Blondeel to leave her Party on or about July 1st, to make a personal tour to Brussels, Belgium. Will return to U.S.A. at own expense. Ticket cancelled  
Passport 1006 given to Mrs. Blondeel. No visa required.





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1205

NAME BLONDEEL, MRS. ELADIO

S.S. ROOSEVELT JUL 13 1930

HOME Detroit  
Wayne County, Detroit, Mich.

R.R. Penn to dest

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Aug 12, 1930  
129 E

Expects to delay  
in Europe  
Stop over in Europe  
Return to Wash





G1205

Mrs ELADIE BLONDEEL

MICH.

State

City DETROIT

Train #69

Car

Your Berth is

E.S.T.

At 3:15PM

Train #69

Via PENN. RR.

PENN. STA.

Leave

At 8:45AM

"

"

DETROIT

Arrive At

At

Via

Leave

At

Arrive At

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Arrive At

STOP OVER - Europe



July 15, 1930

File No. 552.01 - Party "G"

SUBJECT: Return of railroad tickets.

TO: The Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

1. Enclosed herewith are six railroad tickets forwarded for redemption on account of pilgrims remaining in Europe and returning at their own expense:

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Railroad</u>	<u>Ticket No.</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Mrs. Mary E. Arteel	Penn.	A-18661	Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. Anna Bergstadt	C&NW	1374	Marinette, Wisc.
Mrs. Eladio Blondeel	Penn.	A-18653	Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. G. G. Gilson	C&NW	1401	W. Allis, Wisc.
Mrs. Leona Holewinski	C&NW	1377	Rhineland, Wisc.
Mrs. Marie E. King	CMSt.P&P	63836	Mazomanie, Wisc.

2. All the above pilgrims were members of party "G".

For the Officer in Charge:

Enc. 6 RR tickets.  
JFM:CRK

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
1st Lieut. Q.M.G. (DOL.)  
Assistant



File 519 - P.P.L. Party "G"

July 14th, 1930.

SUBJECT: Per Diem Checks - Party "G"

TO: The Finance Officer, U. S. A.  
New York General Depot.  
Brooklyn, New York.

1. There are transmitted herewith for cancellation, the following described per diem checks of member of Party "G" who left their party in Europe to travel at their own expense;

#815,914.....	Mrs. G. C. Gilson.....	\$12.50
#815,835.....	Mary E. Arteel.....	7.50
#815,800.....	Leona Holowinski.....	17.50
#815,888.....	Marie E. King.....	17.50
#815,913.....	Hannah Bergstadt.....	20.00
#815,756.....	Eladie Blondel.....	7.50

2. There is also transmitted for cancellation, the check of Mrs. J. D. Richardson #795,766 in the amount of \$15.00.

For Officer in Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut. Q. M. C. (DOL)

7 Encl:  
7 Per Diem Checks.

201 Honorable Mrs B



May 27, 1930

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel  
12820 Canfield Ave. East  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:  
2 tags.



CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blondeel,</i>	<i>B LO</i>	3	<i>2 2 0</i>
<i>Samuel</i>	CEMETERY <i>12 32</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>18</i>	2	<i>18</i>
	ROW <i>25</i>	2	<i>25</i>
	BLOCK <i>9</i>	1	<i>7</i>
STATE	<i>Mich</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>3</i>	2	<i>03</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>7</i>	3	<i>007</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>W</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Blondeel,</i>	<i>B LO</i>	3	<i>2 2 5</i>
<i>Mrs. Gladie</i>	STATE <i>Mich.</i>	2	<i>26</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Wayne</i>	2	<i>82</i>
	CITY <i>Detroit</i>	3	<i>022</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1930</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		<i>58</i>

*Amended*  
OCT 10 1931  
*MB*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blondeel, Kamel S.N. 2019877  
Pvt., Co. H, 7th Inf.  
Son

April 7, 1938

Mrs. Elodie Blondeel,  
12820 E. Canfield Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.  
Q. M. Depot.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.  
With instructions to furnish flag.

EM/vd

0570

38 APR - 7 - PM 3:34

OQMG M&R BR



424 - Stg.

1st Ind.

ac

Washington Quartermaster Depot, Washington, D. C., April 3, 1933. To The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

1. For necessary action.

For the Commanding Officer:



*John A. Russell*  
JOHN A. RUSSELL,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.



Mrs. Clodie Blondeel  
12820 East Canfield ave.  
Detroit, Mich.  
Mar. 31, 1933

War Department  
Washington, D. C.

(MA) down stairs  
file

Will you please send me  
the American flag you send to  
the Gold Star Mothers. My son  
✓ Garniel Blondeel was killed in  
action October 17, 1918 in France  
and was buried Meuse, France.

I have seen the big flag we  
are supposed to have and I would  
be very happy to receive one.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Clodie Blondeel



STATE

Mother

MICHIGAN

Blondeel, Kamel.

12820 Canfield Av East

NAME BLONDEEL, MRS. ELADIO

HOME ADDRESS Detroit

Wayne County

Mary Blondell

12820 Canfield Ave. E.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN

Detroit, Mich.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE

June 13

HOTEL

Luccombe

ROOM NO.

1034

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE

JUN 14 1930

VESSEL

S/S HARDING

CABIN NO.

129-E

DESTINATION

CHERBOURG. FRANCE

CEMETERY

MEUSE-ARGONNE



RETURN NEW YORK

DATE ..... 1930

Mother

12820 Canfield Ave. E  
Detroit, Mich.NAME Blondell, Mrs. Eladio HOME ADDRESS Wayne CountyRETURN ON S. S. S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. ....DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .....

ROAD ..... TRAIN ..... CAR ..... BERTH or SEAT .....

REMARKS .....

*Europe*



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## RETURN RECEIPT

1198 Harding - 14-30, 232

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

Elodie Blondel

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 4/22/30, 19030

Form 3811

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**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 927919

**INSURED PARCEL**

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

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



Return to **Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**



Blondeel, Kamiel Pvt. Co H. 7th Inf. Mich.

~~Widow 2~~

Single

XC-141765



1198-c Harding 6/14/30  
RETURN RECEIPT. 232

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

James Thorne  
(Signature or name of addressee.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5/29/, 1930

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

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

**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 926328

**INSURED PARCEL**

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



*Return to* Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,*

**MUNITIONS BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**



QM 293 A-C  
Blonde~~El~~, Kamiel 1232 M

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Elodie Blonde~~El~~,  
12820 Canfield Avenue, E.,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to make a stop-over in Europe when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Harding" June 14, 1930.

In this connection, you are advised that no extension of time can be granted to persons making the pilgrimage. The passport of each mother and widow will be limited to the duration of the pilgrimage.

While it is probable that a great number of persons making the pilgrimage may desire to take this opportunity to extend their visits in Europe, I am sure you can realize that such action would necessitate special arrangements to take care of the return trip, and result in confusion as to passports or travel documents, as well as in the arrangement of travel accommodations. The law contemplates that the pilgrimage will be made in groups throughout the trip, and in order to make the pilgrimage a success it will not be possible to grant requests for extensions of time or variations in itinerary, except upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation, will be borne from private funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL



QM 293-A-C

~~Blondell~~, Kamiel-1232M  
~~Harding~~ 6-14

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs;--

In reply to the inclosed letter, I wish to request a stop-over on this Pilgrimage. I desire to make the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe and remain with the pilgrimage until they are ready to sail home. I would like to leave the pilgrimage at Cherbourg, France and then go to Thielt and Aeltre, East Flanders, Belgium, to visit my brothers and sisters. I would like to remain in Belgium for two months and then return home.

If you are able to make these arrangements I would be pleased to take care of any added expense.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble, I remain,

Yours truly,



Mrs. Clodie Blondell  
12820 Canfield Ave., E.  
Detroit, Michigan. Wayne Co.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blondeel, Kamel 1232M  
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Ave., East,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Name

*Daniel J. Walters*

Address

*3465 Harding Ave - Detroit*  
*Michigan*

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blondeel, Kamel-1232 M  
Harding 6-14

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Avenue East  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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

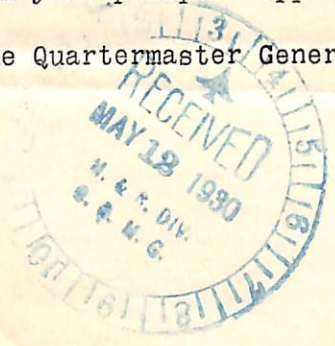
Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 15, 1930.

Blondeel, Kamiel 1232 M

Mrs. Eladie,  
12820 Canfield Ave., East,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Harding  
6/14/30  
1232 ✓

Mrs Elodie Blondeel  
2820 Canfield Ave East  
Detroit Mich.

Bondeel, Kimmel

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel

(Name)

12820 Canfield Ave., East, Detroit, Wayne County,

(Town or City)

Michigan

(State)





WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blondeel, Kamel 1232-M

April 9, 1930

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12620 Canfield Avenue East,  
Detroit, Mich.

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 "Harding" on June 14, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before April 26, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blondeel, Kamiel 1232 M

Mrs. Eladie, Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Ave., East,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <u>yes</u> (No) <u>no</u>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>yes</u> (No) <u>no</u>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <u>no</u> (No) <u>no</u>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years) <u>58</u> Health (Good) <u>Good</u> (Poor) <u>Poor</u>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <u>yes</u> (No) <u>no</u> Other language <u>Belgian</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Sec Elodie Blondeel*

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

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6-29-29

QM 293 A-C  
Blondeel, Kaniel

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Ave., East,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 24, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In response thereto you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929, does not contain any provision which permits of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of her family. The Act provides that the invitation for the pilgrimage shall be extended only the mothers and widows of members of the military and naval forces who are buried in the American cemeteries in Europe. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your son is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage with you.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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1232  
8/29/29  
and 8/31/29

12820 Canfield Ave., East

Detroit, Michigan.

August 24, 1929.

Dear Sirs;--

In reply to your letter under date of June 29,  
1929, in reference to QM 293 A-C Who was a private in  
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Blondeel, Kamiel

Company H-7th., Inf., and whose remains are now interred in the  
Meuse-Argonne, American Cemetery, France. I am the Mother  
of the late Kamiel Blondeel and now reside at #12820 Canfield  
Avenue, East., Detroit, Michigan, and would like to make the  
pilgrimage to France in 1930. Would it be possible to have  
my son Baziel Blondeel accompany me on this journey.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Eladie Blondeel



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blondeel, Kamiel

June 29 1929.

Mr. Charles Blondeel,  
RFD #3,  
Warren, Mich.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Private Kamiel Blondeel, Co. H, 7th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also 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.



Blondeel, K. 1232 M

May 26, 1930

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel  
12820 Canfield Ave.  
East Detroit, Michigan

Dear Madam:

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

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

Ar. New York 9:30 AM " " " 13

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



QM 293 A-C  
Blonde, Kamel 1232 M

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Elodie Blonde,  
12820 Canfield Avenue, E.,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date relative to your desire to make a stop-over in Europe when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the SS "Harding" June 14, 1930.

In this connection, you are advised that no extension of time can be granted to persons making the pilgrimage. The passport of each mother and widow will be limited to the duration of the pilgrimage.

While it is probable that a great number of persons making the pilgrimage may desire to take this opportunity to extend their visits in Europe, I am sure you can realize that such action would necessitate special arrangements to take care of the return trip, and result in confusion as to passports or travel documents, as well as in the arrangement of travel accommodations. The law contemplates that the pilgrimage will be made in groups throughout the trip, and in order to make the pilgrimage a success it will not be possible to grant requests for extensions of time or variations in itinerary, except upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage, including the return transportation, will be borne from private funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Q. M. G. H. R. DIV.

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*See Case 1111*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blondeel, Kamel 1232M  
Harding 6-14

May 10, 1930

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Ave., East,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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Name

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Address

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Env.



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blondeel, ~~Kathleen~~ - 12820 W  
Harding, 6-14

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Eladio, Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Avenue East  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blondeel, Kamel 1232 M

April 15, 1930.

Mrs. Eladie,  
12820 Canfield Ave., East,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blondeel, Kamel 1232-M

April 9, 1930

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Avenue East,  
Detroit, Mich.

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 "Harding" on June 14, 1930.

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

In the event no reply is received from you before April 26, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Blondeel, Kamiel 1232-M

March 26, 1930

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Avenue East,  
Detroit, Michigan  
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.

Blondeel, Kamiel 1232 M

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Ave., East,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



QM 298 A-C  
Blondeel, Kamiel

August 30, 1929.

Mrs. Eladie Blondeel,  
12820 Canfield Ave., East,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 24, 1929, relative to the pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers and Widows to Europe.

In response thereto you are informed that the Act of March 2, 1929, does not contain any provision which permits of the mother or widow being accompanied by any member of her family. The Act provides that the invitation for the pilgrimage shall be extended only the mothers and widows of members of the military and naval forces who are buried in the American cemeteries in Europe. It is therefore regretted to have to advise that your son is not eligible under the law to make this pilgrimage with you.

Within a reasonable time prior to the beginning of the pilgrimage (May 1930), blanks will be furnished you upon which to make application for the journey. Space will be provided thereon for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

You are assured that competent personnel will be assigned by the War Department to provide for the needs and comfort of those mothers and widows making the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blondeel, Kamel

June 29 1929.

Mr. Charles Blondeel,  
HFD #3,  
Warren, Mich.

Dear Sir:

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 father of the late Private Kamel Blondeel, Co. H, 7th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

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



In reply refer to:  
QM - 293 C-R

September 22, 1923.

Mr. Charles Blondeel,  
R.F.D. #2,  
Warren, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of

Private Kamel Blondeel, Company H, 7th Infantry,  
is Grave 18, Row 25, Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-  
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

H. H. GHEAL



SEP 22 1923

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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Blondeel,

(Surname.)

Kamiel

(Christian name in full.)

2,019,877

(Army serial number)

Pvt

Co H, 7th Inf.,

(Rank and organization)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father and Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Yes.

(Yes or no.)

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

No

(Yes or no.)

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

Henry Van Lanenburgh Detroit

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

Detroit

(Telegraph office.)

584 17th Elliott

(Number and street.)

Detroit

(City or town.)

Michigan

(State.)

(Sign here)

B. F. S. #3 Elsie Blondeel

(Number and street or rural route.)

Royal Oak

(City, town, or post office.)

Mich

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713



checked 24/11

5-4-21

Drawn by F.L.  
1232-sec, 82-15-

5-3-21



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Blondeel 2018877 Kamill*  
 (Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

*Nov. 7, 1958*

PLACE OF BURIAL

*on Canal*

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

*Clery le Grand Rd about  
1 Kilom from Canal  
(Montfaucon Sector)*

GRAVE NUMBER

*1*

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:

*CMME Canal (Munster)  
(249) - IT 35ME*

*COORD 310.7*

*M. 286.0*

*approximate*

REPORTED BY:

*1st Lt. Chaplain R. H. ...*  
 (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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





249-762

Communal List No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_



G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records

Liaison.

Card Sec #3

March 1, 1920

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname:

~~Blondell~~ *Blondeel*

Number:

2109877 *2019877*

First name:

Kamiel

Rank:

Pvt. ✓

Company:

H ✓

Organization:

7th Inf. ✓

Date of death:

~~10-17-18~~ *10-21-18*

Cause:

k.a. ✓

Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "

Class " "

Emergency address

*Charles Blondeel*  
*R.R. #3, Royal Oak,*  
*Mich*

Relationship:

Authority:

Cablegram No:

Telegram from:

403 SP 68 ✓

dated:

Reported to Washington:

C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

ESM

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

NS-3404/MB

Rec'd World War Div.

Date

*3/4/20**N.S.*  
*3-8-20*



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

Hq. G. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 2018877

3. Blondeel

Kamiel

Surname (in block letters)

First Name and Initials

4. Rank

Company

Regt. or Corps

5. Date of Death

Cause, if known

6. Date of Burial

Isolated

Cemetery

7. Cunel

Meuse

Town or Commune

(in block letters)

Department

8. 1615

Grave No.

Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? 1 Cross? 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.

CM 101  
(C-49) SHIT 357 E COORD E 310.95  
28.616

12. "A" sketch 74

Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed Lt. Caswell

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







June 8, 1921.

File No. 293.6 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: Blondeel, Kamel, Pvt.,  
Serial Number 2019877,  
Co. H, 7th Infantry.

Mr. Charles Blondeel,  
R.F.D. #2,  
Warren, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Your shipping inquiry dated May 31, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C., for necessary action.

It is requested that any further communications concerning the disposition of the remains be addressed to that office for reply.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

P. C. HALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

WCH/ER

MAILED

JUN 8 1921

COR. BR. G. R. S.



G.R.S. FORM 129  
Transmittal Supplementary Advice  
Hoboken to Washington

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N. J.

June 6, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Officer, Hoboken, New Jersey.  
To: Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning:

Name Blondeel, Kamiel Ser. No. 2019877  
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 7th Inf.  
Cemetery No. 1232 Sec. 82 Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 15

Request shown below dated June 2, 1921 is latest in this case:

Name of Relative	<u>Return</u>	<u>Remain</u>	<u>Special</u>
	to	in	
		France	

Widow None

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Father Charles Blondeel, R.F.D.#2, Warren, Michigan.

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Brother \_\_\_\_\_

Sister \_\_\_\_\_

Others \_\_\_\_\_

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

maf

Cable 6/14/21  
~~Letter~~ 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

S-744 EB

Recorded, Cemeterial Div. O. O. M. G.  
File # 293.8-#90129

*Blondeel, Kamiel*

*B.7*



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Overseas Project Sub-Section

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Cemeterial Division  
Overseas Project Sub-Section



WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON

This is not a notice that  
body has arrived in U.S.

MAY 23 1921

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

To: Mr. Charles Blondeel, R #3, Royal Oak, Mich.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Kamiel Blondeel, Ser. No. 2019877 Co. H, 7th Inf

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier  
~~be returned to the United States and shipped to Henry Van Laberghe~~  
~~at 584 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, Mich.~~ *Remain in Europe 6/4/21*

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest next of kin may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) body to remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General. *6/14/21 - Europe advised by proposed call # 323*  
*not to return body. LPO - 7/13/21* GEORGE H. PENROSE,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS  
DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL  
LIVING.

Was soldier married? no

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <u>none</u>			
Soldier's children. { 1 <u>none</u>			
(Name oldest first.) { 2			
{ 3			
Father <u>Charles Blondeel</u>	<u>R F D #2</u>	<u>Warren</u>	<u>Michigan</u>
Mother <u>Elodie Blondeel</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Brothers. { 1 <u>Cheriel Blondeel</u>		<u>Detroit</u>	<u>"</u>
(Name oldest first.) { 2 <u>Edmark Blondeel</u>	<u>R F D #2</u>	<u>Warren</u>	<u>Mich</u>
{ 3 <u>Leon Blondeel</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Sisters. { 1 <u>Mrs. Augusta Kolman</u>	<u>108 Bellevue Ave</u>	<u>Detroit</u>	<u>"</u>
(Name oldest first.) { 2 <u>Mario Blondeel</u>	<u>R F D #2</u>	<u>Warren</u>	<u>"</u>
{ 3 <u>Magrieta Blondeel</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>

Date May 31, 1921

Signature Charles Louis Blondeel

Address Warren, Mich. R F D #2

Relationship father



Address: *WATER, NEW YORK*

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

May 31, 1921

I, the undersigned, am the father (Relationship.) and nearest living next of kin of the within-named soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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MAIL UNIT

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1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

(Name.)

Cemeterial Division

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_

National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature *Charles H. Monroe*

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper **MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER** shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest next of kin in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the **LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN** of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If **YOU** are not the nearest next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If **YOU** are not the nearest living next of kin and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper **AT ONCE** and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper **AT ONCE** in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

**NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS** will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 90199

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLONDEEL, Kamiel Ser. No. 2019877  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 7th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 10/21/18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. mso  
 CKR. 13. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 70 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 82 TYP. mso  
 (b) Emerg. Address Charles Blondeel, (Father), RR #3, Royal Oak, Mich.

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

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name C. Blondeel Eldin Blondeel (b) Relationship Father + Mother  
 (c) Address R. 3. Royal Oak, Mich.  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S. ? Yes  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at No

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. Henry Van Laberghe  
584 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, Mich.  
(Capt. + Del. Detroit.)  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. —

Examiner's Initials P. L. Date 5-3-21, 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:

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes. P. L.  
 Examiner's Initials P. L. Date 5-3-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232, Sec. 82. SHEET No. 15

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

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Make Form No. 114

CARDED

MAY 16 1921 - ap



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MAIL UNIT

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by *sm*, *5-12-* 1920.

JUN 9 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

MAY 19 1921

Cemeterial Division

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_

1920

Project Sub-Section

letter on \_\_\_\_\_

*5-12-21*, 1920

*Sec. 82.*

*Par. 1 To be returned (EES)*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 129 to hold body Fwd Wash. 6/6/21 B.7.*  
*6/14/21- Europe advised by proposed Cable # 323 not*  
*to return body. LPA- 7/5/21.*  
*Letter from Europe 8/17/21 states return cancelled*  
*as per cable 11/19/21*





SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-10907**

32. Designation of body:

Name **BLONDELL, Kamel**

Serial No. **2019877**

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co.H, 7th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne American #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **June 17th 1921** By **P. L. Kaslin**

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

**Geo. C. Bland, 1st. Lt. QMC.**

36. Remarks

I certify that the information in paragraphs 15, 17, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, and 36, has been taken from the form 168a and is correct and also that the signatures of the Inspector, Supervisor Embalmer, Technical Assistant and Shipping Officer, cannot be obtained due to the fact that they (he) are (is) absent from this station.

**D. E. Lowery, 1st. Lt. QMC.**

37. Shipped from point of operation

To point of Concentration **Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232.**

(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 **Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232** **Nov. 1, 1921**  
(Date)

42. Grave No. **18** Section

43. Plot **Block G** Row **25**

G.R.S. Representative

**A. E. Downey, 1st. Lt. QMC.**

Jt.





SHIPMENT

(Show actual marking of box.)

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By **F. L. Knolin**

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

**Geo. C. Bland, 1st. Lt. QMO.**

marks

**none**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **June 17th 1921**

To point of Concentration **Meuse-Argonne Cemetery # 1232.**

(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 **Meuse-Argonne Cemetery # 1232** **Nov. 1, 1921**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **18** Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot **Block C** Row **25**

G.R.S. Representative **A. E. Dowey**

**A. E. Dowey, 1st. Lt. QMO.**

Jt.



To be prepared in triplicate

DATE June 17th 1921

Jw.

## 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 BLONDELL, Kamel 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 2019877 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. Co. H, 7th Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. Oct. 21/18 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. KIA (b) D.B. no discrep

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7. Grave No. 70 Sec. 82 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. no discrep

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18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne American 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon  
 20. Dept. or County Meuse 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. # 1232 - Sec. 62  
 23. Disinterred (Date) June 17th 1921 By F. L. Kaolin  
 24. Inscription on grave marker: \_\_\_\_\_

Name BLONDELL, Kamel Serial No. 2019877  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 7th Inf.

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

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).  
none

27. Condition of body wooden box and burlap and full uniform

28. Nature of burial badly decomposed features not recognizable.

29. Discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? no

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date June 17th 1921 By F. L. Kaolin

31. Casket sealed by F. L. Kaolin

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) F. L. Kaolin



Place Romagne # 1232.

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 17th 19211. REMAINS OF BLONDEL, Kamel SERIAL NUMBER 2019877RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co. H. 7th Inf.

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

June 17, 1921Gr. 70 plot 2 Sec 82By: Group 4 Unit 2

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

Nov. 1 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr. 18 block G row 25unlined casket.By: Group Re-burial S Unit  Nature of reburial 

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

wooden box and burlap and full uniform.badly decomposed features not recognizable.5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes

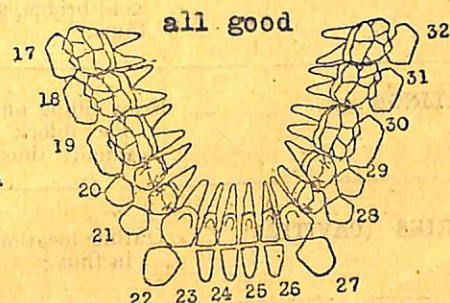
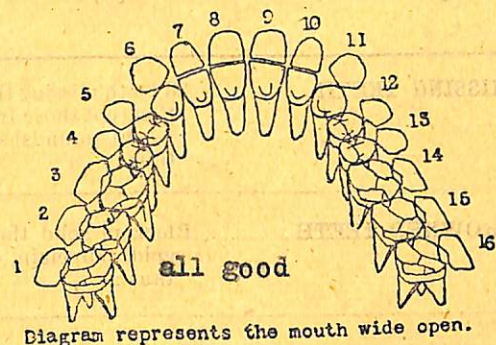
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Body tag checks

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) indiscernable due to(b) Weight (estimated) decomposition(c) Hair—Color indiscernable due toQuantity decompositionCharacteristics none(d) Hair on face—Color none discernableLocation noneQuantity none(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) indiscernable due to decomposition

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

none indiscernable

7. Disinterment

supervised by Sgt. F. L. KaelinApproved: Sgt. Geo. C. Bland 1st. Lt. QMC

(Title)

8. Reburial

supervised by W. B. ShefferApproved: A. E. Dewey, 1st. Lt. QMC

(Title)

A TRUE COPY






I. H. JOFFEE, 1st. Lt. QMC. jt.



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

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

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

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





# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 90199

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLONDELL, Kamel Ser. No. 2019877  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 7th Inf. } TYP sc  
 (c) Date of death 10/21/18 (d) Cause of death k/a } 13. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 70 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. 82 TYP. mse  
 (b) Emerg. Address Charles Blondeel, (Father), RR #3, Royal Oak, Mich.

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 5-12-21, 192  
Sec. 82  
Par. 1. To be returned (E&S)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MAY 17 1921, 192

## VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<u>6/6/21</u>	<u>Father (6/2/21)</u>	<u>Body to</u>	<u>6/14/21</u>
<u>Form 129</u>	<u>Charles Blondeel</u>	<u>remain Europe advised</u>	<u>by proposed cable</u>
		<u>#323 not to</u>	
<u>Letter from Europe 8/17/21 states</u>		<u>return body.</u>	
<u>return cancelled as per cable</u>	<u>att 11/19/21</u>	<u>mes 6/24/21</u>	

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COUNTRY

CEMETERY No.

SHEET No.

G. R. S. Form 115-A  
August, 1920

3-8020

FRANCE

1232, Sec. 82.

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5-12-21

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name	BLONDELL, Kanial	10. Name	
2. No.	2019877	11. No.	
3. Rank	Pvt.	12. Rank	
4. Org	Co. H, 7th Inf.	13. Org	
5. D. D.	10-21-18	14. (a) D. D.	
6. C. D.	K/A	15. (b) D. B.	

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No.	70	Sec.	82	15. Grave No.		Sec.	
8. Plot	2	Row	--	16. Plot		Row	
9.	--			17.			

18. Cemetery	Argonne American.		
19. Commune or town	ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONTFAUCON.		
20. Department or county	Meuse.		
21. Country	France.	22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No.	1232-Sec. 82
23. Disinterred	(Date.)	By	
24. Inscription on grave marker	Name	Serial No.	
	Rank	Organization	
25. Was identification disk found on grave marker?		On body?	

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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

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Sec. 82-Cable Ref. No. 16.

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(OVER)



PREPARATION

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

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27. Condition of body \_\_\_\_\_

Cemeterial Division

Overseas Project Sub-Station

28. Nature of burial \_\_\_\_\_

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket \_\_\_\_\_

(Date.)

By \_\_\_\_\_

31. Casket sealed by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

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

32. Designation of body { Name Kamiel Blondeel Serial No. 2019877  
Rank Pvt. Organization Co. H, 7th Inf.

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Henry Van Laberghe,  
Address 584 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, Mich. (Exp. & Tele.)

34. Casket boxed and marked \_\_\_\_\_

(Date.)

By \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of G. R. S. Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

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

37. Shipped from cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

(Date.)

To \_\_\_\_\_

(Point of concentration.)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at point of concentration \_\_\_\_\_

(Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from point of concentration \_\_\_\_\_

(Date.)

To \_\_\_\_\_

(Port.)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received European port \_\_\_\_\_

(Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Shipped to \_\_\_\_\_

(U. S. port.)

On \_\_\_\_\_

(Boat.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received \_\_\_\_\_

(Date.)

By G. R. S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination \_\_\_\_\_

(Date.)

{ B/L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_

{ Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_