



Co. C, 38th. Inf.  
3rd. Division.

BLUM, Herman R.- Pvt. 2178264  
116 N. Walnut St.  
Kahoka, Mo.

About 12.30 A.M. July 15, 1918, Company C, 38th. Inf. was in dugouts in a wood southwest of Crezancy, France. At that time we were subject to severe shellfire. Blum must have been killed between 12 and 2 A.M. He was found dead in his dugout later that day. He had evidently been killed by shrapnel or shell for he was badly mangled when found. He was buried that day on a bank overlooking a small ravine about 100 yards back of the wood he had been killed in.

Informant: Dooley, James.- Cpl. 550013  
Co. C, 38th. Inf.

Home : 17 Seaview Ave.  
Greenville, N. J.

Signed : Cpl. James Dooley.

Emergency address:  
Mrs. A.E. Blum  
116 N. Walnut St.  
Kahoka, Mo.

EB.

John H. Ophar, Searcher.

Enquirer: A.T. Blum Kahoka Missouri. Mo.

Date June 18, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name HERMAN R. BLUM

Number 2178264

Rank Pvt.

Organization: Co. C. 38 Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) June 18, 1919

From: (Give complete location)

Grave # 4 Sketch # 25 Carr

608

Reburied (Date) June 18, 1919 in: (Give complete location)

*found in 58*  
*grave*

Grave # 56 Sec. R. Plot 2 Cem. # 608 Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

Map # 33 Soissons S.E.

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

Buried 4 feet deep. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None and one on cross.

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

**CONFIRMED R.D.**  
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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 Sgt. Darnell

1st. Lt. O. W. Forsberg

C. O. Group

Unit 304



Place Sevanges-et-Nesles, France.

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date April 12, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF Herman R. Blum SERIAL NUMBER 2178264  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co "C" 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): April 12, 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 58 Sec R Pt 2 Cem 608.

By: Group 2 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): April 12, 1921. In (give complete location): Grave No. 56 Sec R. Pt 2 Cem 608.

By: Group 2 Unit 1 Nature of reburial Pine box and burlap.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Uniform only. (No box) Entirely decomposed. Skeleton disarticulated. Features not recognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Grave marker read No. 56, but body found in grave No 58.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible

(b) Weight (estimated) to

(c) Hair—Color determine.

Quantity --

Characteristics --

(d) Hair on face—Color --

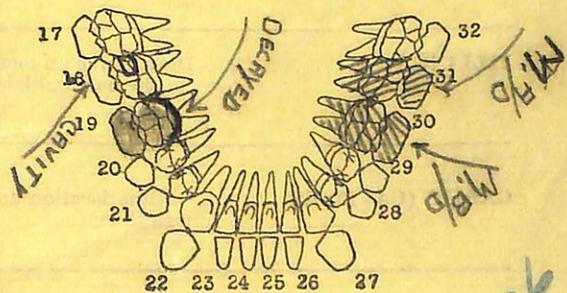
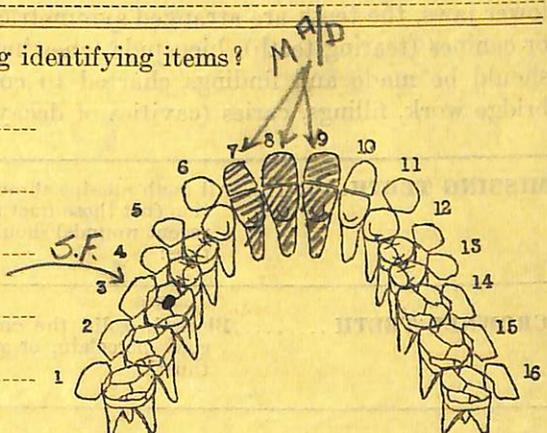
Location --

Quantity --

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

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

Bone of leg below knee. Skull fractured on right side and scapula fractured.



*D-32636*

7. Disinterment supervised by R. Richards, 1st. Lt., Q.M.C.

Approved: W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt., Q. M. C.  
(Title) Master of Section.

8. Reburial supervised by R. Richards, 1st. Lt., Q.M.C.

Approved: W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt., Q.M.C.  
(Title) Master of Section.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blum, Herman R. OA

September 6, 1932.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka,  
Missouri,

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")	<i>No</i>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>77 yrs 8 months</i> Health: <i>Poor</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>German</i>

*Augusta E. Blum*  
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,

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

Encl:  
Env.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE		
NAME	Blum	BLU	3	221 <sup>012</sup>	
	Herman R	CEMETERY	608	1	2
BURIED		GRAVE	31	2	31
		ROW	37	2	37
		BLOCK	a	1	1
STATE		mo		2	29
RANK		Pratic		1	2
DIVISION		3		2	03
ORGANIZATION		38		3	038
ARM		Inf		1	1
MARTIAL		no		1	2
NAME	Blum	BLU	3	221 <sup>012</sup>	
	Augusta E	STATE	mo	2	29
RESIDENCE		COUNTY	Clark	2	23
		CITY	Kahoka	3	XX
RELATION		mother		1	1
OTHER				1	
ELIGIBILITY		yes		1	1
NATIVITY				1	
RACE				1	
ENGLISH		yes		1	1
ATTENDANT				1	
HEALTH		Bad		1	2
NO. OF SONS				1	
DATE OF TRIP		MO.		1	
		YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE		no		1	
29/514/PJ		ap			

**AUDITED**

MAR 8 1932

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blum, Herman R. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka,  
Missouri.

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) \_\_\_\_\_

QM 293 A-M  
Blum, Herman R. (QA) M

March 17, 1932.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kahoka, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Herman R. Blum, in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It is noted you stated your health would not permit you to make the pilgrimage, and you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of pilgrims in very poor health made the trip and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blum, Herman R. O-A M-

October 2, 1931

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Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka, Missouri

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Blum, Herman R. PFC (OA) M

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blum, Herman R. 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum  
Kohoka, Mo.

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*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, C. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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

*yes, but not  
financially able*  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs Augusta E. Blum*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blum. Herman R.

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February 10, 1930

Mrs. Augusta Blum,  
160 N. Walnut St.,  
Kahoka, Clark Co.,  
Mo.

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 Pvt. 1st-class, Herman R. Blum, 3rd Div., 38th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
2. If so, give her complete address.
3. 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.

*no*

*by his own Mother*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

Kahoku Mo.

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1925

For the Quarter Master General  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir - Your communication  
of June Twenty first in regard  
to a pilgrimage to France to visit  
the grave of my son Private  
Norman R. Blum Co. C. 38<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
has been received, and I wish to  
express my thanks & appreciation  
for the invitation, and regret  
that I am not able to make the  
trip my greatest desire has been  
that I or one of my three remaining  
children might visit my dear  
sons grave, as he was never married  
hence leaves no widow.

Very truly Yours  
Mrs Auguste E. Blum

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June , 1929.

Blum, Herman R.

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Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late

**Private, first class Herman R. Blum, Co. C, 38th Inf., 3rd Division  
whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-  
et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

September 6, 1932.

Blum, Herman R. OA

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka,  
Missouri,

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Blum, Herman R. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka,  
Missouri.

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.

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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  
Blum, Herman R. (OA) M

March 17, 1932.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kahoka, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Herman R. Blum, in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in France.

It is noted you stated your health would not permit you to make the pilgrimage, and you are advised that personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years a number of pilgrims in very poor health made the trip and appeared to benefit by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave this coming summer, it is requested you so notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured that not only will the pilgrimage be made at the expense of the United States but everything possible will be provided for your comfort and welfare.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blum, Herman R. O-A M-

October 2, 1931

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Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka, Missouri

Dear Madam:

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

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

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2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
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Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Blum, Herman R. PFC (OA) M

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blum, Herman R. 608 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum  
Kohoka, Mo.

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.

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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)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blum. Herman R.

608

February 10, 1930

Mrs. Augusta Blum,  
160 N. Walnut St.,  
Kahoka, Clark Co.,  
Mo.

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".

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

Write answers in space below:

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried?
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The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blum, Herman R. 608 M.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka, Missouri.

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,

Encl.  
Act  
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 21, 1929.

Blum, Herman R.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka, Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private, first class Herman R. Blum, Co. C, 38th Inf., 3rd Division whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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Q.M.G.M.C.

QM 293 A-C

Blum, Herman R.

February 11, 1929.

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohoka,  
Missouri.

Dear Madam:

In order to conform to the plans for beautification of the permanent American Military Cemeteries in Europe it has been necessary to make a re-arrangement of the graves in these Cemeteries, which may be considered as permanent for all time.

The enclosed card gives the final resting place of your son, the late Herman R. Blum, Private, first class, Company C, 36th Infantry.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card

Q. M. G. M. - R. DIV.

FEB 11 1929

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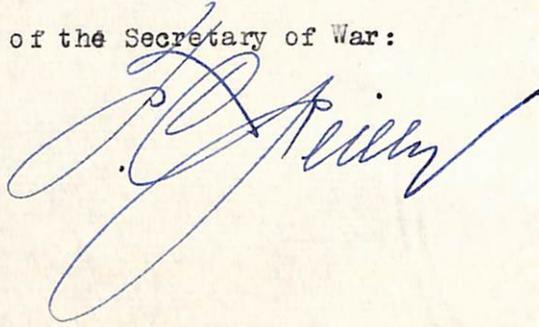
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War Department, A.G.O., March 12, 1928. To: The Quartermaster General.

The records of this office show that the correct army serial number of Herman R. Blum was 2178264.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Adjutant General.

no basic  
sent to file  
HB  
2-11-29

OK 07/11/28

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE January 11, 1928

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters. Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

- 1. Name BLUM, Herman R. *Mo.* 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. No. 2178<sup>2</sup>364 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Rank Pvt. *1cl.* 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Org. Co. C, 38th Inf. *3rd Div.* 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. D.D. July 15, 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. C.D. KIA. (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 51 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Plot Block A Row 23 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. Cemetery Oise-Aisne 19. Commune or town Seringes-et-Nesles

20. Dept. or County Aisne 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 608

23. Disinterred (Date) January 11, 1928 By P.N. McCabe

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BLUM, Herman R. Serial No. 2178364  
 Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C, 38th 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).

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

28. Nature of burial Pine box and burlap.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date January 11, 1928 By P.N. McCabe

31. Casket sealed by P.N. McCabe

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*P.N. McCabe*  
P. N. McCabe

William E. Moore, Superintendent.

G.R.S. Representative *William E. Moore*

Name: *BLUM, Herman R.*  
Serial No.: *2178264*  
Row: *37* Block *A* Plot *43*

Grave No.: *31*  
Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Reinterred: *January 11, 1928, Otse-Aisme American City.*  
G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

Conveyer \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
To Permanent Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Shipped from Railroad or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Received at Railroad or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Conveyer \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *Charles E. Spahn*  
Remarks: *Charles E. Spahn*

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

Casket boxed and marked (Date) *January 11, 1928* By *Charles E. Spahn*

Name of Permanent Cemetery: *Otse-Aisme, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisme*

Consigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: *Pvt.* Organization: *Co. C, 38th Inf.*

Name: *BLUM, Herman R.* Serial No.: *2178264*

Designation of body: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Place Oise-Aisne Cty. 608

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 11, 1928.

1. REMAINS OF BLUM, Herman R. SERIAL NUMBER ~~2178264~~ 2178364.  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.C, 38th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 11, 1928. From (give complete location): Grave 51 Block A Row 23  
 By: Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 11, 1928. In (give complete location): Grave 31 Block A Row 37  
 By: Group Cty. Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Metal Casket

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

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? \_\_\_\_\_ On grave marker? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Weight (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hair—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity 3 SF

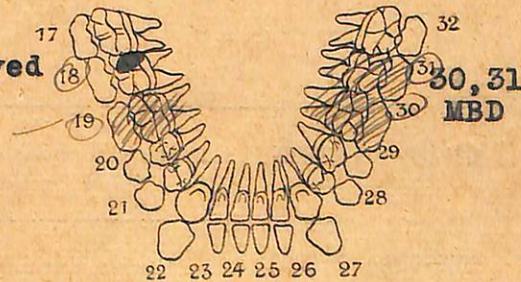
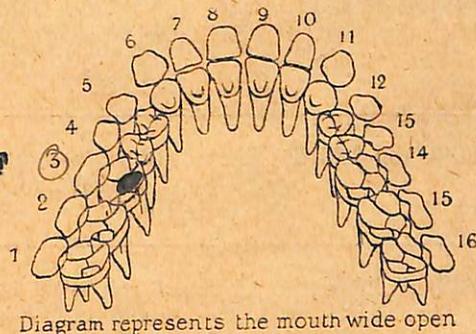
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts)  
18 Decayed  
19 MBD



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

**Bullet wound right temple. Right fibula fractured lower third.  
 Left humerus fractured lower third and left scapula fractured.**

7. Disinterment supervised by P. J. Mc Cabe Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Charles E. Fisher Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Title)

QM 293 A-C

BLUM, Herman R. - Pvt.

October 28, 1925

Mrs. Augusta E. Blum,  
Kohona,  
Mo.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

L.W. BEDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.G.,  
Assistant.

1-Incl.  
Record card.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 10863

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLUM, Herman R. Ser. No. 2178364  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C. 38th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 7/15/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK  
 CKR. J

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

(a) Grave No. 56 56 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. R TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Augusta E. Blum(mother) Kohoka, Mo.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file MA. 12-11-20

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

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

No correspondence

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

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes MA MA

Examiner's Initials MA MA Date 12-13, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 608 SHEET No. 271

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920

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Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED  
JAN 24 1921 - AP CARDED

Rev. 5-10-21 EP

checked 12-13-20

Investigation made by this office  
and great location shown on  
our records is correct. ~~with 2/2/22~~

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

ACTION TAKEN.	CHANGE OF ADVICE.

Body to be shipped to

Desires body be

IX. CORRECTIONS

Jan. 2 - Not to be returned (2341-17-21)

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

VII. FINAL ACTION:

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 10863

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLUM, Herman R. Ser. No. 2178364  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.C. 38th Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 7/15/18 Cause of death K/A

TYP BK

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

(a) Grave No. 5654 Row 1121122 Plot 2 Sect. R  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Augusta E. Blum(mother) Kohoka, Mo.

TYP BK

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR

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

*No also card in file.  
 No request for disposition (J211-17-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 1/15/1921)  
 (letter of transmittal on 1/15/1921)

*Par. 2. Not to be returned (J211)*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN. 26 1921 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. 5/3 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 608 SHEET NO. 271  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A August 1920  
 S-666/MB

JAN 24 1921 - *af*

PVT.

HERMAN R. BLUM.

CO. C, 38TH INF.

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLUM 2178364

Herman R.

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

Private Co C 38th Infantry

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... July 15, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL... On a hill south

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

Cruzancy, Dept Aisne.  
Near a wood.

GRAVE NUMBER.....

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

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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:

*with be returned*

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Blum 2178764 Herman R*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Pvt Co C 38 Inf*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

*Disinterred and reburied 10/10/18*  
DATE OF BURIAL.....

*Bois d'Armenon*  
PLACE OF BURIAL.....  
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

~~CMME. Crezancy (France)~~  
~~(C84) SIIT. 49 NE COORDS 190.3~~  
~~257.3~~  
*approximate*

GRAVE NUMBER... *4*.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

*Com. Crezancy (France)*  
*Map 49 NE*

REPORTED BY: *GROUP N° 2*  
*Unit 303 G.P.S.* ✓  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
8, AVENUE D'IENA, PARIS

July 19, 1921

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File No.

From: Chief,

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

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following  
correspondence from your office:

Letter )

dated: June 30, 1921

~~Indorsement~~ )

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. - #10863 - (Blum, Herman R.)

Subject: Grave Markers

Name: Pvt.Herman Blum  
Pvt.Christopher Hellmuth  
Pvt.Domenico Patti  
Pvt.Walter J. Scherer

FILE

DMK.

H. F. RETHERS,  
Colonel, Q.M.C.

FILE UNDER NO.

10863, Blum, Herman R.

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# INDEX SHEET

## SYNOPSIS

See Board of Review Proceedings for Cty. 608, Sec. R, Plot 2, and also Cty. Corr. Cty. 608 for Board of Review letter to Europe.

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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June 30, 1921.

293.8 Cem. Div. -#10863 -(BLUM, Herman R.)

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

Mr. R. Barnett, Jewish Welfare Board, 149 - 5th Avenue,  
New York City.

Grave Markers.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 14th, 1921 relative to grave markers erected over the graves of Private Herman R. Blum, Private Christopher Hellmuth, Private Dominick Pattie, Private Harry Reinhold, Private Walter I. Scherer, Corporal James E. Shuster, and Private John W. Zenewich.

2. Your letter has been forwarded to our Graves Registration Service forces in France for necessary action.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General :

Inv & Adj

BG

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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GRA 7 REGISTRATION SERVICE

17th Jan. 1919.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

Chief, G.R.S., HQ. S.O.S., A.E.F.

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1. With reference to the attached memo. from your office, it is that that the burial information received covers the case of HERMAN R. BLUM, #2178364, Pvt., Co. C, 38th Inf., KIA 7-15-18, reported in C.C.#232, as the Sub-Casualty Section has entered burial information on the above soldier's master card, and it agrees with the information mentioned in your memo.

*Albert Hoffecker*  
ALBERT HOFFECKER  
SGT.1-cl. Q.M.C.

C.B.S.  
S.O.S. HQ  
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June 30, 1921.

295.8 Com. Div. - #10863 - (BLUM, Herman R.)  
The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division).  
Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Paris, France.  
Grave Markers.

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1. Information from the Jewish Welfare Board  
is to the effect that the graves of,

Private Herman BLUM, #2178364, Co. C, 38th Inf.,  
Buried in Grave #56, Section R, Plot #2,  
American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, (Aisne).

Private Christopher HELLMUTH, #3282333, 6th Battery, P. A.,  
Buried in Grave #6, American Cemetery #29, Le Courneau,  
(Gironde).

Private Domenico PATTI, #49501, PFC Co. A, 23rd Inf.,  
Buried in Grave #143, Plot #4, Section D, American  
Cemetery, #1764, Belloan, (Aisne).

Private Walter J. SCHERER, #2156398, Co. K, 130th Inf.,  
Buried in Grave #70, Section #49, Plot #2,  
Argonne American Cemetery, #1232, Romagne-sous-  
Montfaucon, (Meuse).

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are marked with the Jewish, "Star of David" and that these  
soldiers were not of the Jewish faith. Therefore, it is  
requested that the Jewish "Star of David" markers now  
erected over these graves be substituted by the regulation  
crosses and that photographs be taken showing correct  
markers.

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

Inv & Adj

BG

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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G. R. S.

June 24, 1921.

Letter to JEWISH WELFARE BOARD, 149 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City in reply to their communication of June 14, 1921,  
advising that the grave markers which were marked with the "STAR  
of David" on the following will be removed and crosses will be  
changed accordingly.

*File #* 10863 | BLUM, Herman R. #2178364 Pvt. Co. C, 38th Inf.  
45081 | Hellmuth, Christopher #3282333, Pvt. ~~in Pvt~~ 6th Bat.F.A.R.R.  
4380 | Patti, Dominick #52053, Pvt. Co. L, 23rd. Inf.  
54496 | Reinhold, Harry #1950995 Pvt. Co. D, 105 M.G.Bn  
45764 | Scherer, Walter I, #2156398, Pvt. Co. K, 130th Inf.  
11584 | Smuster, James E. #1241684 Cpl. Co. L, 110th Inf.  
91286 | Zenewich, John W. #2309715, Pvt. Co. C, 125th Inf.

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*M. J. Anderson*  
INVESTIGATOR.

*Cross reference  
under Blum.*

LETTER TO EUROPE FOR CHANGE OF CROSSES.

June 24, 1921.

r  
Letter to Europe requesting that the Crosses on the following graves which are now marked with the Cross of David be changed to the regulation graves markers as these soldiers are not of Jewish faith and <sup>bodies</sup> are not to be returned to United States.

- File # 10863* BLUM 2178364 Herman R, Pvt. Co. C, 38th Inf. K/A 7-15-18.  
Grave 56, Sec. R, Plot 2,  
Amer. Cty., #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne.
- " *4508* HELLMUTH 3282333 Christopher, Pvt. 6th Battery, F.A. DD 9-18-18  
Gr. 6, Amer. Cty., #29, Le Courneau, (Gironde).
- " *4380* PATTI 49501 Domenico, PFC Co. A, 23rd. Inf. K/A 6-20-18.  
Gr. 143, Plot 4, Sec. D, Amer. Cty., #1764, Belleau, Aisne.
- " *45764* SCHERER 2156398 Walter J, K/A 10-14-18.  
Gr. 70, Sec. 49, Plot 2, Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232,  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

*M. M. M. M. M.*  
INVESTIGATOR.

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Cases to be referenced to Herman Blum.

*1921*

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Central Conference of American Rabbis  
 Council of Y. M. H. & W. Association  
 Independent Order B'nai B'rith  
 Jewish Publication Society of America

Agudath Ha-Rabbonim  
 Council of Jewish Women  
 Independent Order B'nai B'rith  
 Jewish Chautauqua Society

Order B'nai Abraham  
 United Synagogue of America  
 National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods  
 New York Board of Jewish Ministers

Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
 Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations  
 Independent Order B'nai Shalom  
 Women's League of the United Synagogue  
 of America

# JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

National Headquarters



149 Fifth Ave.  
 New York City

Phone Ashland 7770

June 14, 1921.

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William Rosenau

Morris Rothenberg

Mortimer L. Schiff

Bernard Semel

Israel Unterberg

Morris Wolf

Chief, Cemeterial Division  
 War Department  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Our investigations have disclosed that the following soldiers who lie buried in France were not of the Jewish faith:

Blum, Herman R. #2178364 Pvt. Co. C, 38th Inf.  
 Mrs. Augusta E. Blum, 116 N. Walnut St.,  
 Kohoka, Mo.  
 Gr. 56, Sec. R, Pl. 2, Seringes-et-Nesles

45081 Hellmuth, Christopher, #3282333, Pvt. 6th Bat. F.A.R.R.  
 Mrs. May Hellmuth, 2921 Warsaw Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
 Gr. 6, Le Courneau, (Gironde)

4380 Pattie, Dominick #52053, Pvt. Co. L, 23rd Inf.  
 Angelo Patti, Tisno, Italy  
 Gr. 145, Sec. D, Pl. 4, Belleau Woods

*Dead file  
 Pitt*

Reinhold, Harry #1950995, Pvt. Co. D, 105 M.G.B.  
 Helen Reinhold, 834 Jason Ave., Akron, Ohio  
 Gr. 20, Pl. 32, Row C, Lijssenthoek, Belgium

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ADMINISTRATION 45764 1  
 Harry L. Glucksmann, Executive Director  
 Scherer, Walter I. #2156398, Pvt. Co. K, 130th Inf.  
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Chief, Cemeterial Division

June 14, 1921.

From photographs of the graves of these soldiers received from our representative in France, copies of which we enclose, you will see that these graves are marked with the "Star of David". We have no doubt that the families of these soldiers would prefer to have these grave markers substituted by the regulation cross markers.

Yours very truly,  
JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

*R. Baruch*  
Graves Registration Bureau

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

**CEMETERIAL DIVISION**

**WASHINGTON**

**Hoboken, N. J.**

**FEB 1 1921**

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

**To:** Mrs. Augusta E. Blum, Kohoka, Mo.

**SUBJECT:** Remains of Pvt. Herman R. Blum, Ser. No. 2178364, Co. C, 38th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above named  
no request has been made for the disposition of his remains.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

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

Was soldier married? .....

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow .....			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Father .....			
Mother .....			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....		

Date ..... Signature .....

Address ..... Relationship .....

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.) \_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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.